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## Upcoming Events

**August 23** Delegate training

**August 24** NYS Council Meeting

**Sept. 28-29** General Assembly, Austin  
Texas

**Sept. 30-Oct 2-** Emergency Nursing 2019  
in Austin, Texas

**Oct. 26** NYS Council Meeting  
**2020**

**April 23-24** Setting the Pace, Saratoga  
Springs, NY

**April 23** Anniversary Gala, Saratoga  
Springs, NY

**September 8-11** ENA Annual Meeting and  
Conference, Las Vegas

**October 14** Emergency Nurses Day!

\*\*Light up NYS with purple and white!

Ceremony recognizing ENA co-founder Anita Dorr  
in Buffalo, NY\*\*

## Have you been the victim of workplace violence?

NYSENA wants to help support you and to  
work together to end these terrible events.  
Please contact our Government Affairs  
chair Sandi Tetler at

[governmentaffairs@nysena.org](mailto:governmentaffairs@nysena.org) to  
share your experiences. Sadly there  
continues to be more violence in our  
workplaces and NYSENA is committed to  
working with national efforts such as [Raise  
your Hand](#) and [Silent no More  
Foundation](#) to combat this.

## President's message



**2019 NYSENA President**

**Mary Ann Teeter**

Talk about coming full circle! My first  
“Setting the Pace Conference” was in 1983  
at Saratoga Springs, and the topics  
included trauma, legislative issues and  
computers in the ED. The social event was  
“A Night at the Races”. It was exciting,  
rejuvenating and fun.

Fast forward to April when the NYS ENA  
“Setting the Pace” 2019 conference was  
recently held in Saratoga Springs. It  
continued to be exciting, rejuvenating and  
fun. ENA 2019 President, Patricia Kunz  
Howard, opened the conference with  
“Current Issues Impacting Emergency  
Nurses”.

This conference provided a variety of  
topics presented by state and national  
speakers. The social event, “A Night at the  
Races” included games, a best  
hat/fascinator contest and a graffiti wall for  
sharing why you became an emergency  
nurse. And, we had 68 first time attendees,  
including 5 scholarship sponsored student  
nurses!

It was rewarding in so many ways to speak  
with these attendees, provide them the  
opportunity to speak with the 2019 ENA  
president and 2020 ENA President and  
listen to their issues and concerns as  
emergency nurses in these constantly  
changing and challenging times. Many  
shared that they plan to come back next  
year for the 2020 NYSENA “Setting the  
Pace” conference and the 50th Anniversary  
Gala and we hope that you are making  
plans to join us as well.



Roseann Mohny RN,  
CEN, CPEN  
**Anita Dorr Award**



Stephanie Malchak MSN, RN,  
PHRN, EMT-P  
**Ginney Hems EMS Award**



Linda Yonkin MSN, RN, CEN  
**Special Recognition Award**



Michelle Castiglione BSN, RN,  
CEN  
**Rising Star Award**



Barbara Ruvolo BSN RN, CEN,  
CPEN, SANE-A, NYSAFER  
**Education Award**

Each year at Setting the Pace, NYSENA recognizes ED nurses throughout the state for their contribution to emergency nursing.

The awards luncheon is always a favorite event at the conference and a great way to say "Thank you" to everyone who works so hard everyday. CONGRATULATIONS to all of our 2019 recipients

[LEARN MORE ABOUT AWARDS](#)

## We went Off to the Races in Saratoga Springs!

### Race day reception party!

We closed day one of our Setting the Pace conference with an amazing "Off to the Races" celebration. Party goers were decked out in their best "derbywear" and enjoyed food and drink while having fun with a stick horse race and best derby hat competition. Party goers really got into the spirit of the event and it was a festive and joyful event for all. Make sure you plan to attend next year's event our 2020 50th Anniversary Gala!

[See more of the fun](#)







## WINNER'S CIRCLE A GREAT SUCCESS!



**What an amazing event!**  
This year's basket raffle netted **more than \$2500** for the ENA Foundation. If you weren't there you missed a chance to win some amazing items such as 2 beautiful quilts, a Coach bag, an Instapot and, of course, a gorgeous lilac bush. Once again, Mickey Forness and her membership team did a great job with this fun event

Congratulations to **Genesee Valley Chapter** for being voted "best in theme basket". They will receive a year's membership to ENA for one of their members. There were a variety of colorful baskets that were donated by our NYS Chapters and individuals who wanted to join in the fun while raising money for the ENA Foundation.

Many thanks to our vendors who support our conference each year. Our attendees get lots of time to visit our exhibit hall, while enjoying refreshments, to see the newest products and services and talk to the vendors first hand. Do you know a vendor or nonprofit who would like to reach NYS Emergency nurses? Contact our vendor chair at [vendors@nysena.org](mailto:vendors@nysena.org) See our [2019 Vendor list](#).



*Mickey Forness, NYSENA member and 2019 ENA Foundation Chairman Speaking to State and Chapter Leaders at*

## Thank You NYSENA

*Mickey Forness*

It is my great honor to serve as the ENA Foundation Chairman for this year. We have set a lofty goal of \$190,000 for the State Challenge. The NYS Council, many of our Chapters, and individuals made very generous donations to support this campaign. At the Setting the Pace Conference and the Council meeting, over \$15,000 was raised. There are truly no words to express my pride and thanks to this group of people. Just know that the many nurses who receive the scholarships these donations fund will have a very positive change in their lives. Again Thank You New York State!

## Government Affairs: advocating for legislative and regulatory issues affecting safe practice of emergency nursing and healthcare for all.



Wendy Allen-Thompson ( Genesee Valley Chapter), Mary Harwood ( Suffolk), Jessica Jimenez (Queens) and Sandi Tetler 2019 GA Chair representing Day on the Hill 2019 in Washington, DC.



Wendy Allen-Thompson (Genesee Valley Chapter) and Jessica Jimenez(Queens) meet with Representative Chris Collins(R) from NYS 27th Congressional District.

### Government Affairs Committee working to advocate for NYS ED Nurses

#### Day on the Hill, May 20,21, 22, 2019

Day on the Hill is an annual event sponsored by national ENA where emergency nurses through out the country meet in Washington D.C. to meet with federal legislators to discuss current healthcare legislation that is before Congress and the House of Representatives.

This year we sent four NYSENA council members to Washington to participate in this event. Two bills that they discussed with the legislators for support and co-sponsorship are:

Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act (H.R. 1309/ S. 851)

Emergency Medical Services for Children Program Re-authorization Act (H.R. 776/ S. 1173)

As emergency nurses, our voice is strong and we must use it to facilitate change for safe practice and safe care. We encourage you to become involved. If you are interested in learning more about how you can become an advocate for emergency nursing please email NYSENA government affairs chair Sandi Tetler at [governmentaffairs@nysena.org](mailto:governmentaffairs@nysena.org).

#### Current state council activities have focused on two current issues.

1) *Patient care protocols in the emergency room.* Many states allow for practice protocols to assist in providing patient care. Patient care protocols assist in the provision of an efficient and more streamline assessment of the patient who presents to the ER for care. In these instances, timing and immediate diagnosis is crucial for positive patient care outcomes. NYS nursing scope of practice regulations prohibit their use. Patient specific orders must be ordered by a physician, it is out of a nurse's scope of practice to do so. We are looking to address this issue.

2) *"STOP the BLEED"* campaign is a national campaign to educate the public to act in any traumatic bleeding emergency as an immediate responder to control life-threatening bleeding until EMS arrives. Although the public has been enthusiastic in learning this skill, resources may not be available to do so. NYS ENA council is seeking to change current legislation to include bleeding control kits and mandate the kits available for public access like Automatic Electronic Defibrillators.

### Suffolk Chapter in ENA Connection

Suffolk Chapter was recently featured in the ENA Connection April issue for their "Water





"Watcher" program that encourages safety for families by giving them a bracelet with a card attached that helps remind them of how to be safe with kids around water. Also attached is a whistle to blow in case of an emergency. Great job Suffolk Chapter.

[Read the article](#)

## Why did you become an ED Nurse?

"I wanted a job that would inspire me every day, test my limits, and make me strive higher! Nailed it!"

We asked attendees at this year's Setting the Pace conference "why did you become an Emergency Nurse?" We had a variety of answers, that were sometimes entertaining as you can imagine. We will continue to highlight this question as we go through this year and collect answers. Didn't get a chance to share your why? Email President Mary Ann Teeter at [president@nysena.org](mailto:president@nysena.org) and share yours today!

everything,  
trauma, adrenaline,  
caring,  
inspiring  
teamwork,  
helping,  
fastpace, needed, exciting,  
challenges,  
variety, noble  
camaraderie,

## Top 10 Reasons you should attend SBIRT Training

*Renee Sylvies*

**Screening, Brief intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)** for substance use disorders is a structured practice model that can help emergency nurses identify and connect patients with resources for alcohol and substance abuse treatment.

ENA and several other organizations have put the tools together for providers and emergency nurses being on the front line can help bridge the gap. SBIRT is a comprehensive, integrative public health approach to screen for, assist with brief intervention and referral to treatment

1. Screening quickly assesses the severity of substance use and identifies the appropriate level of treatment

2. Brief intervention focuses on increasing insight and awareness regarding substance use and motivation toward behavioral change.

3. Referral to treatment provides those identified as needing more extensive treatment with access to specialty care (SAMHSA, 2012)

4. Nurses, especially emergency nurses

5. RN's are the single largest group of professionals and continue to be most trusted (Gallup, 2012)

6. ENA has adopted the SBIRT method and provide the education and training

7. Substance use disorders is a public health crisis

8. Most people are not aware of the alcohol use guidelines.

9. The Joint Commission and Substance abuse and mental health services administration (SAMHSA) have measures to meet accreditation requirements

10. Providers can bill (CMS) for SBIRT services provided.

That said, anyone interested in attending this 4 hour training session should contact Renee Sylvies at [rsylvies@gmail.com](mailto:rsylvies@gmail.com) with interest. The plan is to offer this at the October NYS council meeting. A reasonable number of attendees to support the class is needed. Support and more information to follow upon request.

[More information about SBIRT](#)



## Jessica Castner new JEN editor-in-chief

NYSENA is thrilled to announce that one of our members, Dr. Jessica Castner has been appointed to be **Editor-in-chief of the Journal of Emergency Nursing**. Jessica has been an active and involved member of both our NYS Council and also the Western chapter for many years. We are all so proud of Jessica and wish her well in her new position.

[ENA announcement](#)  
[Press release](#)



## Western Chapter Celebration

Roseann Mohney

April 3, 2019 Western Chapter Meeting celebrated and recognized the National achievement of our Chapter member, Dr. Jessica Castner, for her selection as Editor - in -Chief of the Journal of Emergency Nursing (JEN). Our chapter is honored and proud to have Dr. Castner as a chapter Member.

## "What's your excuse?"

*Jamla Bergman*

At a quarterly state meeting, I looked around the room to find that I was the youngest member there. I don't mean by a few years either. Now let me start off by saying, I have the utmost respect for the men and women that were sitting around the room. They are the reason I have stayed passionate about the ENA all the years. However, I realized that many of these nurses are retired or are ADPN and are coming to these meetings to keep the chapters alive, and then I started to wonder where the nurses like me were?

Nurses are a force to be reckoned with. A Senator in Washington State learned this after a comment she made regarding our profession. We have so much passion for what we do, that we united, took a stand, and let the memes on social media begin...If we can do this in response to a comment, then this is proof that we can do so much more...

I got bitten by the ENA bug when I was a new grad in 2010. I went to my first state conference and meeting and I was hooked. I was in awe of the topics that were being discussed and the passion that the nurses from throughout NY had. I admired them. I looked up to them. I wanted to be like them. Since then, I have been a chapter Secretary, Treasurer and President; State Government Affairs Chair and Secretary, delegate for National conferences, representative for Day on the Hill, and the recipient of the Rising Star Award. All this and there is still so much more I want to do.

At the end of the meeting I got to wondering why "younger" nurses don't come to meetings and so I went back to my ED and started asking and this is some of the reasons I was given:

"A lot of us are going for our NP so we don't see the need for joining or coming."

"I don't have the time. I mean, maybe I'm lazy, I just have other things to do on my days off."

"Nobody has time because hospitals are now requiring us to have our BSN so we are all busy going back to school for that."

"I used to be a member and worked paid for it, then the funding lapsed and I didn't have the money at the time to renew and I haven't since."

"Haven't really thought about it."

"I have too many other things to focus on."

"I can't really give you a good reason."

Some chapters hold meetings at restaurants with an educational component attached to it so there is food and continuing education credit, but that still isn't enough to entice people to come. When I mentioned this to some of my nursing colleagues, their response was:

"I work nights and I don't have time to go to the meetings."

"I work days and when I get out of work I just want to shut everything off and go home."

When I look over all these reasons, I wonder how I managed to stay active all the years and travel and go to school full time as well as work in Emergency Departments all over the states. I say this not in a condescending way, but it is an attempt to understand what can be done to encourage more nurses to join this organization. There are so many issues that affect how we deliver patient care and a lot of it is discussed at these meetings and we need nurses who are at the bedside to have a say.

There are so many advantages to becoming an ENA member, from scholarships and awards to research grants, to networking with nurses and potential employers.

Want to recognize a peer? ENA can help with that with many achievement awards to choose from.

Want to get some money to pay for school? The ENA can help with that too, with numerous scholarships to choose from.

Need a fun way to get CE credits for your certifications? States have yearly conferences and National has one every year with the opportunity to obtain CEs.

I personally challenge everyone reading this to reach out and tell us what the ENA can do for you. Have questions or want to know more about joining or need more reasons to belong?

Reach out to your local chapter or state leadership, or, email me

@jamlabergman@gmail.com, and I will personally answer EVERY email. Come to National, represent New York, and meet me. I will do everything I can to help you get the "bug."

Jamla Bergman, Central NY Chapter ENA member

## Anne Ryan Scholarship

Anne was a long term NYSC and Central Chapter member, serving as both ENPC State Chair and the Central Treasurer in this past year. Her dedication to Emergency Nursing, particularly to pediatrics, as well as her quick wit and brilliant smile will always be remembered. We will miss you Anne!

A scholarship has been set up to honor and remember Anne by the ENA. Donations are gratefully accepted at: ENA Foundation, 930 East Woodfield Road, Schaumburg, Illinois 60173. Note on check :Anne Ryan Scholarship.

[Read more about Anne's life](#)



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## Preserving our past..... CHATT CHAPTER

*Joanne Fadale, ENA Historian*

On October 10, 1975, Anna Mae Erickson, then president of the Emergency Department Nurses Association (EDNA) signed the chapter charter for the establishment of the CHATT Chapter. The most south western counties Chautauqua, Allegany and Cattaraugus encompass the geographical design of this chapter.

The name CHATT was created from the letters in the name of the three counties. Originally the members were part of the Western New York chapter but due to the many months of inclement weather and the rough terrain between Buffalo and the southern portion of western New York it was

determined that the members would be best served by this new chapter. The chapter has been one of the smallest since its inception. To serve its community best, it decided that the educational offerings they would provide would be topics of interest to all Emergency Medical Service (EMS) providers. The once a year offering covered topics such as burns, orthopedics, multiple trauma and disaster management. They were very successful with 80-100 participants annually for over 10 years. The chapter attracted many occupational health nurses over the years. This resulted in a great opportunity for the emergency nurses to visit area factories to view some of the machinery that caused injuries seen in the ED's

[Read more about Chatt's history](#)

## Let's get ready to Celebrate! ENA TURNS 50 in 2020!



### Help us recover some of our history!

- [Past conference brochures](#) from 1986, 1988, 1989, 1999, 2003, and/or 2004 you will receive free raffle tickets for the Gala basket raffle.
- Old newsletters. You can check for the gaps at [nysena.org/library/newsletters](https://nysena.org/library/newsletters).
- Photos from ENA activities over the past 50 years that you may have

### Save the Date

October 14, 2020 is Emergency Nurses Day. We want to light up the State with Purple and White to recognize emergency nurses!! Reach out through your chapters to local government, institutions, even your house!!

### Other Key Dates and events

April 23 Anniversary Gala, Saratoga Springs  
October 14 Emergency Nurses Day!  
Ceremony recognizing ENA co-founder Anita Dorr in Buffalo, NY

We plan to invite all past presidents to the gala so we need your contact information. There may be other surprises coming your way as well. If any member knows of an individual who was there in the beginning years from your chapters, send me the info so we can add them to our invitation list.

I am open to all ideas and suggestions. E-mail me any time but please use ENA 50 in the header.

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