

Who's New on the Board of New York State Council ENA?

by Susan F. Strauss, RN, CEN, CCRN, Editor

Mary Ellen Wilson, RN, BA, BSN, CEN



Mary Ellen (Mel) Wilson, a member of ENA since 1984, is the New York State Council's newly sworn in president-elect for 1992. She has been a committed member of the Genesee Valley Chapter with leadership roles in both membership and education.

She recently demonstrated her educational leadership on a state level as chairperson of the very successful "Setting the Pace 1991" Conference in Binghamton. Mel was the recipient of the NYSCENA Award for Education in 1990 for her enthusiastic work to enhance the education of her peers. She graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BSN from Nazareth College in Rochester and is a charter member of the Nursing Honor Society of Nazareth College.

Mel is presently a night nursing supervisor and staff emergency department nurse at The Genesee Hospital in Rochester. She has shown continuing dedication to ENA serving as a delegate to the National General Assembly since 1987. "The Emergency Nurses Association has been a guiding force in my professional career as an emergency nurse," she said. "I have felt privileged to be a member of this Association. As president-elect of the NYSCENA, I will serve to the best of my ability, promote the NYSCENA goals and objectives, and endeavor to be a resource to the membership at large in New York State."

Michelle Silliker, RN, CEN, EMT



Michelle has taken on the challenging position of secretary for the New York State Council. After relocating to rural western New York from New England, Michelle searched for information to aid her in her position as an emergency

nurse. ENA provided answers. Since then, she has been an active member of ENA. Michelle served two years as the NYSCENA Chair of the Membership and Newsletter Committee. Her commitment has remained strong on a local level as well. She is presently President of the Chatt Chapter.

In the pre-hospital care arena, Michelle works as a ski patroller and is an EMT instructor. Currently, she is working on a committee with Cattaraugus County to promote enhanced 911. Michelle received her nursing diploma from the Falls River School of Nursing and will soon complete her baccalaureate degree from SUNY's external degree program. As NYSCENA's new secretary, one of Michelle's goals is to return to the membership some of the valuable information she has gained from ENA. ✦

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President's Message

by Gwen Williams, RN, BSN, CEN
1992 NYSCENA President

1992! At the beginning of each year we reflect back on what we accomplished over the past year and plan ahead for the future.

1991 was an exciting year for NYSCENA with the development and implementation of the five-year Strategic Plan. Fran Sikso, 1991 president, and Sonia Liberatore brought this idea to the Council and prioritized the Association's plan for the 1990s.

1992 promises to be another exciting year for the Council. Let me emphasize, *You are the Association* — the members working in emergency departments across the state that share the vision of what emergency nursing is and can be, the members who work shifts — weekends, nights, evenings and days — to bring quality emergency nursing to their patients.

We all have seen firsthand the dramatic changes in health care in the 1980s and 1990s. The emergency department has become the home for the homeless, the uninsured, the psychiatric patients, the drug abuser and the "direct admission," all everyday occurrences in our professional lives.

As an active member of ENA, every emergency nurse has the opportunity to influence the forces that affect us. At chapter and council meetings, emergency nurses gain valuable knowledge about issues and the power to effect change. I have brought this "empowerment" back to my hospital, serving on committees and voicing the concerns of emergency nurses. If we do not stand up for emergency nursing, who will?

For 1992, the Council has planned realistic goals that reflect the needs of the membership. They include:

1. The New York State Council will serve as a resource to chapters and members on policy and procedure issues.
2. Chapters will be strengthened by encouraging the membership to become more active on the local level. The newsletter will include the dates of chapter and council meetings. All NYSCENA members are encouraged to attend the quarterly State Council meetings.
3. State Council Committees will be strengthened through active participation of committee members. You do not have to be a council member to become a committee member. If you have an interest in Government Affairs, Trauma, Nurse Practice, Education or Membership, plan to attend the Council meetings and network with the experts.

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4. The newsletter will continue to be of high quality and reflect the visions and values of the NYSCENA. Please submit articles on practice or clinical issues to the newsletter editor for publication (see page 1).

5. The state conference, *Setting the Pace 1992*, is April 10-11, 1992, at the Albany Marriott and will offer a quality educational program designed to meet the needs of the state membership. ❖



Meet Your 1992 State President

Gwen Williams, RN, BSN, CEN, is the 1992 President of the New York State Council of ENA. She is from Rochester, New York, and is a member of the Genesee Valley Chapter.

Ms. Williams has been a member of ENA since the 1970s and became active on the New York State Council in 1987 as a chapter delegate. From 1988-90, she was the New York State Council Secretary. Gwen served as the Chairperson for the State Government Affairs Committee in 1991. She has also been a State Delegate to the ENA National General Assembly since 1987.

Gwen is a Clinician I in the Emergency Department at Rochester General Hospital. She has been an emergency nurse since 1974. Ms. Williams is a BLS Instructor Trainer and an ACLS Instructor/Coordinator at her hospital. In addition, she is active on the Standards of Care Committee, the Nurse Council and the Clinical Career Ladder at Rochester General Hospital. She received the M. Jeanne VanNeil Award for Excellence in Nursing at her hospital in 1991.

We as ENA members are proud to have a person of Gwen's caliber serving as our president in 1992. ❖

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Stress in Emergency Nursing

Identifying and Addressing Emergency Stressors for Nurses

The alarm sounds. Your heart beats faster. People run. Information comes in bits and pieces. Who? What? Where? How serious? You pace and twitch. The ride to the scene lasts forever. Your palms sweat. Adrenaline pumps furiously. Sights, smells, sounds bombard your brain. You feel nauseous, yet you must help. Your emotions shut down. You have a job to do.

So begins a critical incident and the bodily reactions to stress. Sweaty palms, nausea and an increased pulse rate are the overt signs of the body's exposure to trauma. Yet the emotional reactions to the sights and sounds of broken bodies, blood and death are usually suppressed.

This conscious effort by the body to block out the horrifying reality of an incident is a natural, human response. Yet when the emotional stress is so internalized, each new incident has a compounding effect and begins to take its toll. Until, incredibly fatigued, the emergency worker can no longer respond.

Critical Incident Stress (CIS) occurs when an emergency worker is overwhelmed by the experience they have encountered. The ability to cope weakens and the worker suffers physical, cognitive and/or emotional problems.

Join us at the New York State Council ENA Conference, *Setting the Pace 1992*, April 10-11 at the Albany Marriott, to learn more about how stress affects us at home and at work. Grady Bray, a pioneer in Critical Incident Stress Debriefing, will present *Identifying and Addressing Emergency Stressors for Nurses*. ❖



Jeanette Barth, winner of the ENA EMS Award, with members of the Dix Hill Rescue Squad. Left to Right: Capt. Hal Hughes, Linda Hotchkiss, Lt. Michael Gatto, Jeanette Barth, James Branigan.

NYSCENA Treasurer Receives 1991 ENA EMS Award

The annual NYSCENA Awards Banquet was held November 23, 1991, in conjunction with the New York State EMS Conference, *Vital Signs*. The 1991 ENA EMS Award was presented to Jeanette Barth, RN, BSN, CEN, AEMT, from the ENA Suffolk Chapter.

Mrs. Barth is currently a Clinical Nurse III at the North Shore University Hospital Emergency Department. Her work responsibilities include triage and direct patient care. She is also a graduate student at the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Mrs. Barth is an AEMT for the Dix Hills Fire Department Rescue Squad and was named Rescue Person of the Year in 1990. Her activities in EMS include precepting EMTs and AEMTs at North Shore University Hospital and the training of fire and rescue personnel.

Jeanette has been an active member of ENA since 1980 serving as a national and chapter delegate and local chapter president. Mrs. Barth is currently serving her second term as the treasurer of the New York State Council. Jeanette brings her professionalism and enthusiasm to the New York State Council meetings. She is a wonderful resource on EMS-related issues. ❖

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The Clinical Side

by Susan F. Strauss, RN, CEN, CCRN, Editor

What's New in Pain Control for Laceration Repairs?

Terndrup TE, Dire DJ, Madden CM, et al. A Prospective Analysis of Intramuscular Meperidine, Promethazine, and Chlorpromazine in Pediatric Emergency Department Patients. *Ann Emerg Med*, 1991, 20:54-58.

The "DPT shot" (Demerol, Phenergan and Thorazine), has been used since the 1950s for sedation in children. Its safety and effectiveness have been well demonstrated. This article studied its usefulness in the emergency department (ED) setting.

The authors used a variety of monitors to assess children less than 16 years old requiring a procedure in the ED. They gave an IM injection of D-P-T consisting of 2-1-1 mg/kg respectively. They then observed for complications and effectiveness.

Sixty-three children with an average age of 3½ years were entered into the study. The most common procedures were lacerations (76%) and fracture reductions (13%).

| The average time of/until: | Hours |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Onset (sleep) | 1/2 |
| Sleep duration | 1 |
| ED stay | 5 |
| Eating at home | 11 |
| Normal behavior | 19 |
| Active playing | 20 |

There were no "serious" complications defined as cardiac arrest, ventilatory support, anaphylaxis, O₂ sat 90%, seizures, aspiration or dystonia. A few children had moderate complications including change in vital signs (25%), and one with an O₂ sat of 91%. Several children had injection site soreness (16%), emesis (11%), and prolonged sleepiness (11%).

Though 29% were insufficiently sedated, the authors concluded that this is a safe and effective method of sedating children in the ED. The authors then reviewed other literature using DPT shots in children. These were primarily for sedation associated with CT scans, cardiac catheterizations, endoscopies and pre-op. The authors concluded that the results were consistent with their findings.

Editor's Note: *It is important to find methods of decreasing pain and anxiety associated with procedures such as laceration repair. However, the DPT shot in the ED leaves much to be desired. There is pain associated with the shot itself. Several patients had injection site soreness. It was only effective in 70% of cases. Stays in the ED were prolonged, averaging 5 hours. Recoveries were unacceptably prolonged with the average patient requiring 20 hours before normal active play. These problems*

may be acceptable for patients undergoing endoscopy, CT scan or pre-op, but are the benefits to ED patients worth it?

Music and the Savage Beast

Menegazzi JJ, Paris P, Kersteen HC, et al. A Randomized, Controlled Trial of the Use of Music During Laceration Repair. *J Emerg Med*, 1991, 20:438.

The purpose of this study was to determine if music reduced the pain and anxiety associated with laceration repair in the ED. Thirty-eight adult patients requiring simple laceration repair were chosen. Nineteen were given headsets and a choice of music. The remaining 19 patients were treated without the use of music. All patients were given intradermal lidocaine. Pain and anxiety were determined by using a questionnaire, the Spielberger State Trait Anxiety Inventory, and a visual analog pain scale.

The music group described significantly lower pain scores for the procedure. Both groups showed reduced anxiety scores at the conclusion of the procedure. Eighteen out of 19 members (95%) of the music group believed that they benefited from the music. All nineteen (100%) of the music group reported that they would use music again if they were to have another procedure done. One of the respondents to the questionnaire stated, "The music was soothing and helped relax me. It also helped relieve the boredom of waiting." Though pain is a difficult variable to assess, it was clear in this study that the patients' perceived pain was diminished.

Editor's Note: *Though this small study is not without its limitations, I feel that the use of music is a safe and inexpensive adjunct to pain management in the emergency department. Incidentally, three of the five authors are emergency nurses. ❖*

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Address _____ Apt/Suite/Dept _____
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Social Security Number _____ RN Registration Number _____

I, _____ hereby apply for membership in the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) and enclose \$ _____ as my annual membership dues for the year _____. The **Journal of Emergency Nursing** subscription price for one year (\$12) is included in the membership dues, and members may not deduct subscription price from dues.

Active Members (RN)* (check one) (check one) **Method of Payment**
One Year: \$80.00 Bill Me
Three Years: \$200.00 Check payable to ENA enclosed
Five Years: \$300.00 VISA or MasterCard
Lifetime: \$1,000.00
Affiliate Members (LPN, LVN, EMT...)* Number _____
One Year: \$47.50 Expiration Date _____

International Members Signature _____
One Year: \$50.00 Sponsored By (optional) _____

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 Enclosed is a \$1.00 voluntary contribution to the Emergency Nursing Foundation. J0891

Return completed application to Emergency Nurses Association, 230 East Ohio, Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60611-3297, Phone: 312-649-0297, Fax: 312-649-9430

Where Do My Dues Go?

by Gwen Williams, RN, BSN, CEN, 1992 NYSCENA President

ENA is a national membership association of professional nurses committed to excellence in emergency care. The current National ENA membership is 20,943. The New York State membership is 1,680. New York ranks second in state membership with California as number one with 2,000 members.

Members often ask about their membership benefits. "What does my \$80 membership do for me?" I will briefly outline the activities supported by your membership dues. Of the \$80 sent to National, \$5 is returned to the State Council and \$5 is returned to your local chapter. These dues reimbursements to the state and local levels are the base of the treasuries.

National benefits include:

- A subscription to the *Journal of Emergency Nursing*.
- A subscription to the ENA newsletter, *ETcetera*.
- Reduced fees to the Scientific Assembly.
- Reduced fees for the CEN exam.
- Reduced fees for the TNCC course.
- A national network for emergency nurses working to promote the specialty, including lobbying efforts in Washington.
- Access to ENA professional resource material.

State dues are used to support:

- The annual New York State Council ENA Conference. Reduced registration fees to this conference for members of ENA.
- The quarterly state council meetings.
- The quarterly NYSCENA newsletter, *NYSCENA News*.

- The partial funding of delegates to the national General Assembly. These delegates from your local chapters represent New York State on a national level. In 1991, 32 state delegates received partial funding to attend the national General Assembly.
- State Committee Activities – Government Affairs, Nurse Practice, Trauma, Education, and Membership.
- Liaison activities between the New York State Council and the Emergency Medical Services Council, the New York State Chapters of the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP), American Heart Association (AHA), American Trauma Society (ATS), and many other state nursing organizations.

Local dues are used to support:

- Educational programs and conferences.
- Chapter delegate funding to the state council meetings
- TNCC courses and instructors.
- Chapter newsletters and other mailings to members.
- Local professional liaison efforts – i.e., legislative receptions.

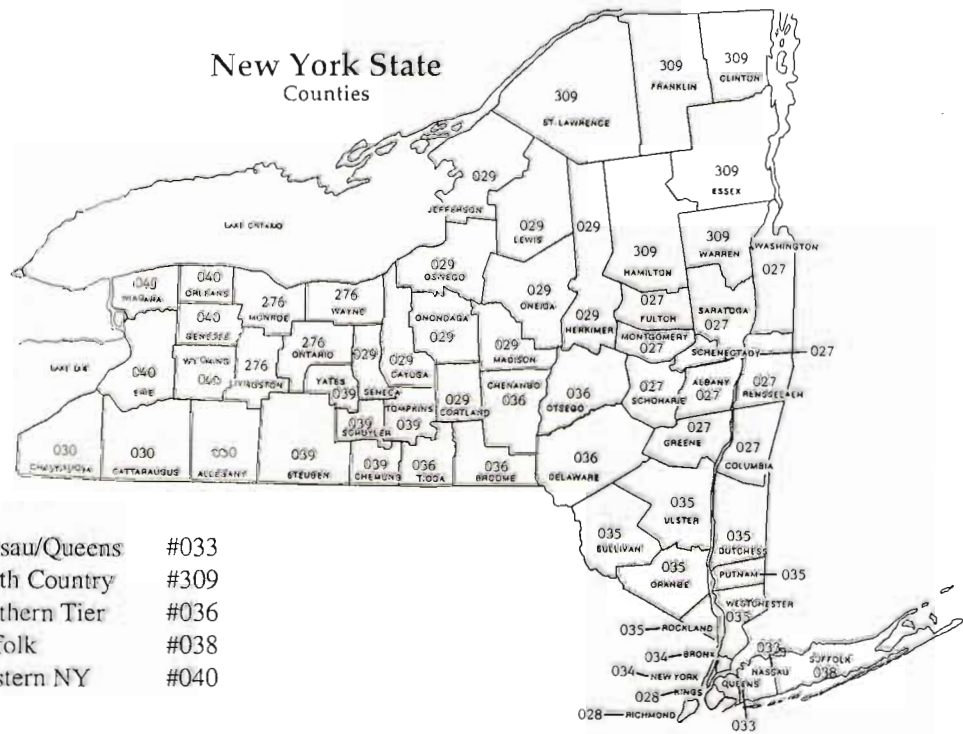
I encourage you to renew your 1992 ENA membership and to contribute your time and energies as an active member of ENA. Leadership opportunities exist at chapter, state and national levels for officers and committee members. Attend your local chapter meetings and participate in the decision making policies of your organization. ENA is a reflection of its membership — a vision of the best that emergency nursing has to offer. ✦

Are You Confused?

Chapter boundaries are based on a county map. If you are confused as to which chapter you belong, here is a quick reference for you.

Below are the chapters and their correlating numbers:

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| Adirondack | #027 | Nassau/Queens | #033 |
| Brooklyn | #028 | North Country | #309 |
| Central | #029 | Southern Tier | #036 |
| Chatt | #030 | Suffolk | #038 |
| Genesee Valley | #276 | Western NY | #040 |
| Manhattan/Bronx | #034 | | |
| Mark Twain | #039 | | |
| Mid-Hudson | #035 | | |



Committees Update . . . Committees Update . . .

Government Affairs Report

by *Gwen Williams, RN, BSN, CEN*

Proposed Article 30 Revisions (A. 7605)

In 1991, the appropriations for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) training and regional services were too small to meet the basic needs of EMS. Governor Cuomo's proposed budget for EMS training included only \$3,001,500, a reduction of \$500,000. However, subsequent legislation restored \$385,600.

The governor proposed no funding for EMS regional services. The Legislature added \$424,000. The Health Department originally proposed no funding for the regions through the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant. After several meetings with legislators, the Health Department added \$450,000 in block grant funding, making the total appropriation for EMS regional services \$874,000.

In response to this chronic underfunding of EMS and the widespread and growing demand for standards, Assemblyman Richard Gottfried (D-Manhattan), Chairman of the Committee on Health, introduced a bill (Assembly Bill #7605) that would provide a stable source of funding as well as make changes in Public Health Law Article 30.

The bill will levy a \$1.50 per vehicle surcharge on vehicles insured in New York State. This surcharge would raise more than 10 million dollars a year to fund basic and advanced level training and regional EMS services. The Governor has supported a version of the bill that would place a seven cent surcharge on all phone lines. This proposal would raise a dedicated \$7 million.

Along with this commitment of public funds will come the responsibility of improving EMS. The proposed Article 30 revision contains provisions to ensure that personnel responding to emergencies have demonstrated minimum training skills. There would have to be a certified first responder on every ambulance run by 1995 and an emergency medical technician by 1998. The bill also provides for quality assurance programs and a medical standards committee to develop statewide treatment protocols.

Tom Nitido from Assemblyman Gottfried's office was at the January NYSCENA meeting to update us on the progress on this bill. He discussed some of the support and opposition that it was receiving. The NYSCENA will be writing letters to the governor, Senator Michael Tully (R-Nassau, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Health) and our local assemblyman urging them to support designated funding for EMS and minimum standards for EMS personnel. ✦

Trauma Committee News

by *Mary Hayes, Chair, NYSCENA Trauma Committee*

A successful TNCC instructor course was held in November in Albany. Eight candidates passed the instructor course. There are tentative plans for another course in 1992. Anyone interested in the TNCC-I course can submit their C-V, letter of intent (committing to teach at least one TNCC-P course a year) and a letter from your chapter president. Instructors are very much needed in the North Country area.

The Trauma Committee is also trying to assist the Trauma Coordinators across the state in networking.

Information or questions concerning the TNCC courses or the Trauma Coordinator Network can be addressed to Mary Hayes, 31 Lincoln Walk, Breezy Point NY 11695-1709. ✦

Trauma Nurse Support Group Meets

by *Jean Welch, RN, MS, Trauma Nurse Coordinator, Acting Co-Chair of the Trauma Nurse Support Group*

The first meeting of the Trauma Nurse Support Group was held at the Albany Marriott November 15, 1991, to begin dialogue regarding a state-wide trauma nurse coordinator network. ENA's plan for 1992 is to bring subspecialty groups together, such as trauma coordinators, to collaborate on issues with ENA in the areas of education, research and quality improvement to name a few.

Future goals of this group include compiling a directory of trauma nurse coordinators from throughout the state, promoting education and research in trauma and defining the components that make a trauma patient.

It is the goal of this support group to establish a strong working relationship with the NYSCENA Trauma Committee, the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) and the American Trauma Society (ATS).

The next meeting will be held April 9, 1992, at the Albany Marriott. For further information about the Trauma Nurse Support Group, contact: Sonia Libertore, Emergency Department, Strong Memorial Hospital, 601 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester NY 14642-0001, or Diane Higgins, Emergency Department, M.I. Bassett Hospital, 1 Atwell Road, Cooperstown NY 13326-1399. ✦

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Emergency Medical Services Report

by Ruth Perrone, RN, Liaison to the EMS Council Excerpts from the September and November EMS Meetings

Executive committee

New York State Department of Health regulations regarding HIV testing, education, etc., for health care providers will include certified EMS personnel.

Medical Standards Committee

The process of reviewing and revising the statewide BLS protocols has begun. Any suggestions for additions, deletions or revisions should be sent to Dr. Lawrence Mottley, New York State Department of Health, EMS Program, 74 State Street, 4th Floor, Albany NY 12207-2512, as soon as possible. The first draft is available for comment.

The issue of "Do Not Resuscitate" versus "Do Not Treat" was discussed. The committee agreed to develop a Palliative Care Protocol as part of the forthcoming revisions of the State BLS and ALS Protocols.

Two million dollars annually has been appropriated for the next three years for "Trauma Q.A. Demonstration Projects." Regional Trauma Centers will be the focus for these projects. Components of the grant include data acquisition, analysis and education of each component of the integrated trauma systems. The grant will also provide for supplies and equipment support.

Legislative Committee

The newest draft of Article 30 includes dedicated funding derived from a surcharge on each automobile insured in the state. Also included are:

1. Minimum staffing standards for Certified First Responders (CFR) to Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT).
2. QA – including confidentiality, discovery, protection of individuals and information.
3. Certificate of need and territorial integrity issues.
4. Development of medical control, medical standards and the State Emergency Medical Advisory Committee.

Legislation to permit cat intubation as a model for pediatric intubation training is still being considered. Letters of support should be sent to your local legislators.

1992 State EMS Council Officers Nominations

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| Chairperson | William Huffner, MD |
| Vice Chairperson | Arnold Becker |
| Secretary | Randy McCray, RN ❖ |

A Note from the Past President

by Fran Sikso, Past President, NYSCENA

I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made this an unforgettable year — my co-officers, the committee chairpersons, delegates and every member of New York State Council ENA.

I am sure that the coming year will hold many challenges for the incoming officers. They will need the continuing support of all state ENA members to face these challenges. Please become active in your chapters and be an advocate for the patients for whom you care. ❖

Call for Awards

Nominations for the New York State Council Emergency Nurses Association Awards are due March 15, 1992. Three annual awards will be presented at the New York State Conference Awards Banquet, April 10, 1992. They are:

Anita Dorr: This award is given to an emergency nurse recognized by his/her peers for their knowledge in emergency nursing and for their caring and professional approach to patient care. These qualities are reflective of the dedication, integrity and commitment of the woman in whose memory the award is given. Anita Dorr was the co-founder of what is now national ENA.

Education Award: This award is presented to the RN-ENA member who has been recognized for excellence in the education of nurses or others in the area of emergency nursing.

Special Recognition Award: This award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated a commitment to NYSCENA and has helped to promote the ideas of ENA through various special projects/efforts.

Any association member or chapter may submit nominations for these awards. Please submit the following typewritten information by March 15 to Mary Ellen Wilson, 65 Clovercrest Drive, Rochester, NY 14618-2530.

1. Category of award
2. Name, address and phone number of nominee
3. Professional achievements of nominee
4. Curriculum Vitae of nominee
5. Letter of nomination which includes the rationale for the nomination.

New York State Council ENA will notify all nominees by mail of their nomination. Nominees who are unable to attend the State Conference will be asked to designate a representative to accept the award on their behalf. ❖

Resolution Alert

by Fran Sikso, RN, Past President, NYSCENA

Enhanced 911 as National Phone Number

The popularity of the TV program "Rescue 911" has created a sense of a nationwide access system, which in fact is only a scattered reality.

Enhanced 911 is a computerized version of the 911 service. Primary features include selective routing of calls to the Public Safety Answering Point that is responsible for emergencies at the address of the telephone placing the call. Enhanced 911 also provides an Automatic Location Identification. This displays important information to the dispatch center including the address of the calling telephone number, number of handicapped persons at the address and other medical problems.

ENA is encouraging its membership to take affirmative action and inform and educate the general public of the value of a nationwide enhanced 911 system. Research your area to see if enhanced 911 is planned. Support legislation that will speed implementation of the system. For more information call the National Emergency Number Association (NENA): 1-800-332-3911. ❖

Upcoming TNCC Courses

| DATE | LOCATION | CONTACT |
|-----------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| February | | |
| 22-23 | Elmira | Mary Ann Wylie, 607-733-9242 |
| 25,27,29 | Suffolk | Dottie Walker, 516-669-6162 |
| 29-1 | Rochester | Anne Wall, 716-275-4814 |
| March | | |
| 16,18,21 | Queens | Mary Hayes, 718-634-9424 |
| 28-29 | Olean | Michelle Silliker, 716-373-0735 |
| 28-29 | Westchester | Maryanne Portono, 914-735-2164 |
| 28-29 | NYC | Arline Reinking-Hanf 914-667-6980 |
| April | | |
| 20,22,25 | Queens | Dotty Walker, 516-669-6162 |
| May | | |
| TBA | Binghamton | Mary Anne Wylie, 607-733-9242 |
| June | | |
| 8,11,13 | Suffolk | Dotty Walker, 516-669-6162 |
| TBA | Queens | Mary Hayes, 718-634-9424 |

Additional TNCC course information may be obtained by writing Mary Hayes, 31 Lincoln Walk, Breezy Point NY 11697-1709. ✦

New Address

Effective December 1, 1991, the New York State Council ENA has a new address:

NYSCENA

PO Box 23451

Rochester NY 14692-3451 ✦

Nurse Managers

There will be a meeting of the Special Interest Group for Nurse Managers Thursday, April 9, 1992, from 9 AM-12 noon at the Albany Marriott, Wolff Rd. If you are interested in attending or need any additional information, contact Barbara Kirby, PO Box 204, Fayetteville NY 13066-0204, 315-392-5171. ✦

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Rochester NY 14692-3451

Calender of Events 1992

FEBRUARY

- 15 CEN Examination
- 20 Genesee Valley Executive Committee Meeting
- 23-24 New York State Nurses Association Legislative Workshop, Albany, NY

MARCH

- 19 Genesee Valley Executive Committee Meeting

APRIL

- 9 New York State Council Meeting, Albany, NY
- 10-11 New York State Council ENA Annual State Conference, Albany, NY

- 16 Genesee Valley Executive Committee Meeting

MAY

- 15 CEN Application Deadline

- 21 Genesee Valley Executive Committee Meeting

JUNE

- 18 Genesee Valley Executive Committee Meeting

Certified Child Abuse Course

The Genesee Valley Chapter will hold Certified Child Abuse Courses, required for renewal of New York State licensure, on a monthly basis through August. For information on class dates and times, contact Mary Ellen Wilson, 65 Clovercrest Drive, Rochester NY 14618-2530, 716-244-5085. ✦

Presentation of the HIV Client

The Manhattan-Bronx Chapter is sponsoring an educational offering on "Presentation of the HIV Client" by Lisa Martin. Learn how to identify beyond the obvious and how you can make the difference with your nursing diagnosis and treatment. This educational event will be held March 2, 1992, at 5:30 PM at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital. ✦

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