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2008 PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Laura Giles



2008 will be a year of decision making for our country as we will be choosing a new president and new legislators. Through the election process, it is also an opportunity for emergency nurses in New York State to actively participate in decisions that affect our practice.

As the 2008 NYSCENA President, I urge every one of you to become more involved in the decision making process EVERYWHERE in your lives. This means contacting your legislators regarding issues that are important to you even if you just make a phone call. Legislators want to hear from their constituents (especially in an election year) and you would be amazed to discover how much influence you can have.

I am also challenging you to become more involved in decision making in your work place. Most health care organizations have Practice or Shared Governance Councils, which provide an opportunity for you to participate in decisions which influence practice and affect the operation of your hospital or department. Even if you don't have these kinds of councils, you can speak with your institutional or departmental leadership and ask to become involved. There are opportunities to work on performance improvement committees, to participate in research or to work to improve patient satisfaction in every Emergency Department.

Participation in decision-making is essential to your growth as a professional. Being a professional means staying engaged in lifelong learning and continuous advancement of our profession. As professionals we have an obligation to improve our profession by influencing patient care decisions and the practice of nursing. If you are reading this, it means you are already interested in your professional life, so kick up that interest and make some moves towards active engagement!

The New York State Council of ENA welcomes your involvement in ENA activities.

On January 22, 2008 we will hold our biannual Legislative Breakfast in Albany. Join us and meet your state legislators at breakfast in an informal setting. There will be other meetings in New York during 2008; I hope to see you at one of them!

2007 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sue Prezzano



As my term comes to a close, I can only say that it went by much too quickly! I have enjoyed the privilege of representing New York Emergency Nurses. Thank you for this incredible opportunity!

From New York to Utah we have held our heads high and represented this state with pride. As I walked across the stage at the National Convention, I was overwhelmed with emotion. I can't describe the feeling as I stood with all of the other state presidents and thought of the great association to which we belong. Throughout my career I have depended on the Emergency Nurses Association for strength and courage to make it through the day. When I needed help as a manager, I knew I could make a call and get the answers. When I had questions during this year, ENA was only a call away. I encourage all of you to embrace your specialty and let ENA guide you by networking and collaborating with your peers.

New York State ENA is moving forward with a change in our tax status. We will be converting from a 501(c) 6 to a 501(c) 3 organization. You may wonder what this means to you. This change will put New York State ENA under the umbrella of the national ENA and will provide liability coverage for our Board of Directors and insurance for our State Conference. With insurance rates high, this is a valuable benefit. To complete this process, we are required to change our Bylaws accordingly and to add a rider to our Articles of Incorporation. This newsletter is serving as public notice that 30 days after publication, the New York State Council will vote on these changes. This vote will take place at the January 21, 2008 meeting in Albany. Should any member have questions, please feel free to contact a member of the Board. *

The January meeting will be combined with our Bi-Annual Legislative Breakfast. This is our chance to speak directly to our legislators about issues pertinent to Emergency Nurses. We plan to discuss issues from our Strategic Plan, Patient Safety Concerns and the problem of Overcrowding in our Emergency Departments. The American Trauma Society will be co-hosting the event and will address Injury Prevention and Trauma Funding. Anyone interested in participating can contact Deb Taylor or Laura Giles.

Good-bye for now.
I will be around next year in my "Past President" seat.
Sue.

*Board members and their contact information are listed in this newsletter.

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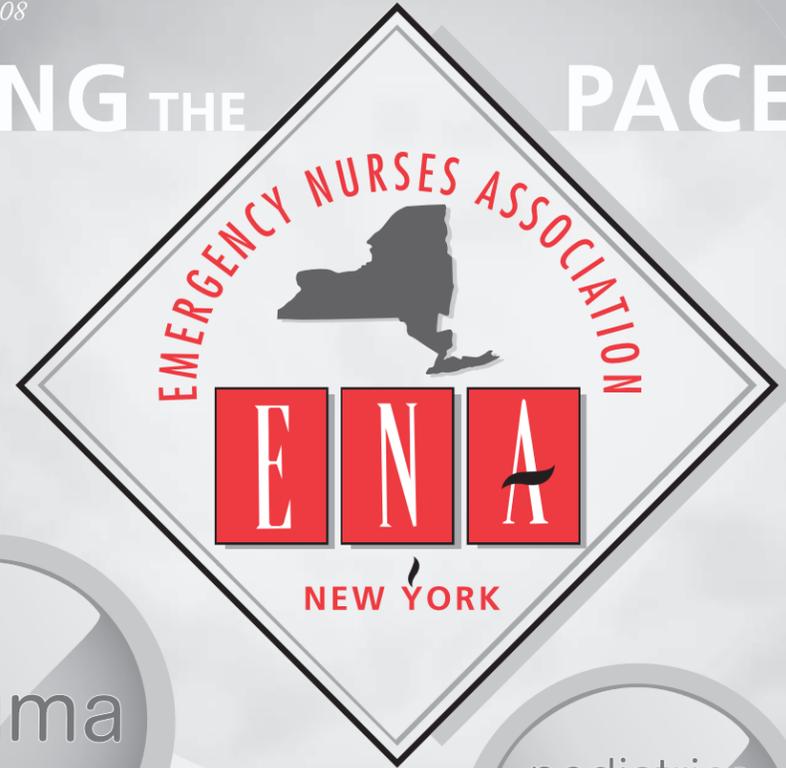
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January 31, 2008

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APRIL 24TH & 25TH—CONFERENCE AND PRESESSIONS

Includes all materials, breaks, and awards luncheon.

PRESESSION, THURSDAY APRIL 24TH (fill in amount)

SELECT ONE: TRIAGE CEN REVIEW

ENA MEMBER \$60.00

NON-ENA MEMBER \$70.00

CONFERENCE, FRIDAY APRIL 25TH

ENA MEMBER (postmarked by March 24) \$140.00

NON-ENA MEMBER (postmarked by March 24) \$160.00

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3 or more registrants—\$130.00 each.

Must be mailed together with one check before March 24.

Fee is the same for ENA and non-ENA member.

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COURSE SCHEDULE

COURSE	DATE	PLACE	CONTACT
TNCC	Jan. 3/8	Brookhaven Memorial Hospital	Education Dept. 631-687-4093
TNCC	Jan. 18/19	EMSTAR (Mark Twain Chapter)	Mary Ann Teeter mmat217@aol.com
TNCC	Feb. 2/3	NY Presbyterian/Columbia	Meg Barry barryma@nyp.org
TNCC	March 13/14	Good Samaritan Hospital (Mid Hudson)	Sue Prezzano 845-876-5497
TNCC	March 20/21	Winthrop University Hospital	jjax@winthrop.org 516-663-8708
TNCC	April 5/6	Penfield Ambulance	Sue Knapp rknapp5@rochester.rr.com
TNCC	August 7/8	Winthrop University Hospital	jjax@winthrop.org 516-663-8708
TNCC	December 12/13	Winthrop University Hospital	jjax@winthrop.org 516-663-8708
ENPC	Feb. 2/3	Penfield Ambulance	rknapp5@rochester.rr.com
ENPC	April 5/6	NY Presbyterian/Columbia	Meg Barry barryma@nyp.org
ENPC	April 25/26	Winthrop University Hospital	jjax@winthrop.org 516-663-8708
ENPC	October 17/18	Winthrop University Hospital	jjax@winthrop.org 516-663-8708
CEN Review	May 3	Highland Hospital	rknapp5@rochester.rr.com
Education Day	May 14	Brooklyn/Staten Island	IBUDHAIHEN@aol.com

FROM THE CHAPTERS

Adirondack Chapter had a very successful Teaching Day.

Elected officers for 2008 are: President-Sara Seiler, President-Elect-Samantha Berry and Secretary-Treasurer-Yvette Savaria.

Brooklyn-Staten Island Chapter-Dr. Audrey Sealey was reelected President of the Chapter. A meeting was held on Nov. 28 with Dr. Sealey speaking on the topic of MRSA Infection.

Letters and tote bags were sent to members for Emergency Nurses Day. Please check their website at www.bsiena.com.

Chatt Chapter has 14 members.

Genesee Valley Chapter has 110 members plus 10 new members. They had 67 participants for their Teaching Day. Chapter members were sent a gift for Emergency Nurses Day.

See the Course Schedule in this newsletter for their courses.

Newly elected officers for 2008 are: President-Gwen Williams, President-Elect-Wende Tefel, Secretary- Sue Chalupa-Breese and Treasurer- Ginny Hebda.

Manhattan-Bronx Chapter-A TNCC class was held on November 10th and 11th at Lincoln Hospital in the Bronx with 25 candidates.

The 2007 Fall Education Gala, "Teamwork: Keep It Circulating" was held at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York City.

Mark Twain Chapter-Eighteen candidates successfully completed a TNCC course in Oct. The next course will be held on January 18th and 19th. Elections were held in November.

Mid-Hudson Chapter-A representative from NovoNordisk spoke on "Coagulopathy in Trauma Patients" at the October meeting.

An ENPC course was given in October with 8 attendees and a TNCC course was held on Nov. 29 and 30.

St. Francis held their 10th Annual Trauma Conference on November 10th. New members were recruited at this event.

The Christmas meeting was held on December 11 at Coppola's in Highland.

Nassau-Queens Chapter is holding an ENPC class December 13th and 14. A Holiday Party is scheduled for December.

Suffolk Chapter held their holiday dinner/meeting at the Sonoma Grill in Holbrook on Dec. 3. Each Emergency Department in the county was sent a tray of cookies for Emergency Nurses Week.

Western Chapter-Two TNCC and 2 ENPC courses are scheduled for next spring. Dates will be posted when confirmed.

United Memorial Hospital in Batavia has received a grant from Disaster Management and plans to hold TNCC and ENPC classes for all Emergency Department nurses.

CALL FOR DONATIONS FOR REVERSE RAFFLE

SETTING THE PACE 2008 SARATOGA SPRINGS

We will be conducting our Annual Reverse Raffle at the Setting the Pace 2008 conference and are currently asking for donations. Suggestions include items such as jewelry, gift certificates, and gift baskets. It is fantastic fun to bid and maybe win a gift and a great way to support New York State ENA.

For donations or more information, please contact **Janice M. Francischine-Syers at RNJANICE@msn.com or by phone at 1-516-769-5501 or 1-516-873-6598.**

Congratulations to 2008 State Council Committee Chairpersons

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Please contact chairpersons if you have any suggestions, questions and/or concerns.

SETTING THE PACE 2008 "Meeting Today's Challenges, Preserving the Future"

NYS ENA conference will be held April 24-25, 2008 in Saratoga, New York. Featured keynote speaker will be Gail Pisarcik Lenehan, RN, EdD, FAAN, FAEN. For registration and further information, please see registration in this newsletter or refer to our website, www.nysena.org. You may also contact Janice Francischine-Syers at RNJANICE@msn.com or by mail at 5 Birchwood Court, Apt. 4, Mineola, New York 11501.

Conference Preessions Meet Emergency Nursing Needs

Emergency Nurses and Nurse Managers!!! Take advantage of the opportunity to attend and/or send your staff to the CEN Review or Triage Review. Preessions will be held on Thursday, April 24.

Preessions at Setting The Pace 2008 include:

- CEN Review by Margaret Barry, RN, MSN, CEN
This course will discuss study methods and test taking strategies as well as review some key testing content. Upon completion, the attendee will have a strong foundation to take the CEN exam.
- Triage Utilizing the Emergency Severity Index Level 5 System by Nichola Gilboy, RN, MS, CEN, FAEN
This presentation will address the reasons for changing to a valid and reliable 5 level triage system. The ESI v4 algorithm will be reviewed paying special attention to the subtleties in application. Practice cases will be used to illustrate points and implementation strategies will be addressed. Learn from a member of the ESI Triage Research Team!

NOTED SPEAKERS AT SETTING THE PACE 2008

Gail Pisarcik Lenehan, RN, EdD, FAAN, FAEN served as Editor in Chief of the Journal of Emergency Nursing for 25 years, worked on countless national ENA committees and task forces, is currently a member of the Massachusetts State Council Board of Directors and was recently elected to the 2008 national ENA Board of Directors. She has spent her career in emergency nursing as an ED staff nurse and ED Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialist at many large teaching hospitals and currently works per diem on special projects for the Director of Emergency Nursing at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Well-respected among her peers, Ms. Lenehan has been a passionate advocate for the homeless, for sexual assault victims, and for nurses with occupational illness and injury. She has received numerous awards for advocacy and sustained contributions to emergency nursing, but is best known for encouraging and mentoring emergency nursing colleagues to fulfill their full potential.



*Gail Pisarcik Lenehan,
RN, EdD, FAAN, FAEN*

Susan N. Hohenhaus, RN, MA, FAEN is president of Clinical Human Factors Nurse Researcher, Wellsboro, PA and of Hohenhaus & Associates, Inc. She is Coordinator of Emergency Medical Services for Children, Office of Emergency Medical Services, Raleigh N.C. and has been project manager of a Duke University Health System project to improve Emergency Medical Services for Children.

Sue is an author and speaker on the topic of Pediatric Care in the Emergency Department as well as Institute of Medicine (IOM) topics. She began her speaking career to talk about the crazy things that happened to her at work, so "others could learn what works and what doesn't."



*Susan M. Hohenhaus,
MA, RN, FAEN*

Congratulations to THE 2008 STATE OFFICERS

New state officers were elected at the November 3 NYSCENA meeting in Poughkeepsie. Carole West, 2007 Immediate Past President installed the newly elected secretary, board member and president-elect as well as the 2008 president. The 2008 state officers are:

President- **Laura Giles** –Manhattan- Bronx-718-392-8895-lauraagiles @verizon.net

President Elect- **Sue Chalupa-Breese** –Genesee Valley –585-341-0497 rbreese1@rochester.rr.com

Secretary- **Cheryl Marcel**-Western –716-773-3292- bmarcel@cs.com

Treasurer- **Judy Jax**-Nassau-Queens- 516-663-8708- jjax@winthrop.org

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Director at Large- **Helen Keating**- Lower Hudson-914-237-9231- efkhk@msn.com

Director at Large- **Ivy Budhai Henry**-Brooklyn-Staten Island- 718-773-3292- ibudhaihen@aol.com



*President Laura Giles
with Carole West*



*President-Elect Sue Chalupa Breese
with Carole West*



*Secretary Cheryl Marcel
with Carole West*



*New Board Member Ivy Budhai Henry
with Carole West*



*2008 State Officers (left to right)
Sue Prezzano, Cheryl Marcel,
Ivy Budhai Henry, Laura Giles,
Sue Chalupa-Breese, Judy Jax, Helen Keating*

ENA LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

Deb Taylor

ATTENTION: New York State ENA Members

You are invited to join your colleagues on **Tuesday, January 22, 2008** for our bi-annual Legislative Breakfast. We will meet with our legislators from 8:00 - 11:00 am in the Legislative Office Building in Albany. The New York State Trauma Association will join us to present issues that affect emergency departments in New York State.

There will be a dinner meeting and presentation on Monday at 6 pm at the Crowne Plaza Hotel to review the legislative process and to discuss the talking points of the topics that we are presenting, so that everyone feels well prepared to speak with their representatives. Please contact your elected representatives to let them know you are coming and would like to speak with them.

The State Council quarterly meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, State and Lodge Streets, Albany, NY 12207 on Mon., January 21, beginning at 10 am. We will be leaving for the Legislative Breakfast from the hotel Tuesday morning.

For room reservations, call the Crowne Plaza Hotel at 1-800-227-6963.
The reservation code is Emergency Nurses Association and the Booking code is EMA.
Rates are \$159 per night if reserved by December 30.

The dinner meeting cost if not attending the State Council meeting is \$30.
RSVP to Deb Taylor at Home: 585-344-1553, or by email at ddt1027@verizon.net by December 30.

Please contact Deb Taylor if any questions or for more information.

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