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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sue Chalupa Breese



ENA Practice. *What about your practice?*
The Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) is the national association for professional nurses dedicated to the advancement of emergency nursing practice.

The history of ENA began in 1968 when two nurses by the names of Anita M. Dorr, RN, and Judith C. Kelleher, RN, working on opposite coasts of the United States, perceived a need for nurses involved in emergency health-care to pool their resources in order to set standards and to develop improved methods of effective emergency nursing practice. They wished to provide continuing education programs for emergency nurses as well as to provide a united voice for nurses involved in emergency care.

By 1970, Ms. Dorr had formed the Emergency Room Nurses Organization on the East Coast and Ms. Kelleher had formed the Emergency Department Nurses Association on the West Coast. The two groups joined forces and the association was initially incorporated as the Emergency Department Nurses Association (EDNA) in Rochester, New York on December 1, 1970. The first National Association meeting was held in Buffalo, New York in 1971.

In 1985 the association name was changed to Emergency Nurses Association (ENA), recognizing the practice of emergency nursing as role-specific rather than site-specific.

ENA's mission statement states "The mission of the Emergency Nurses Association is to advocate for patient safety and excellence in emergency nursing practice."

What about your practice?

The ENA scope of emergency nursing practice states "Emergency nursing practice is independent and collaborative in nature. The practice of emergency nursing also includes the delivery of compassionate, competent care to consumers through education, research and consultation." It further states "Emergency nursing practice is systematic in nature. The nursing process includes: inquiry, analysis, scientific thinking, and decision making. Professional behaviors inherent in emergency nursing practice are the acquisition and application of specialized core body of knowledge and skills, accountability and responsibility, communication, autonomy, and collaborative relationships with others."

As emergency nurses, we are passionate about our work and the caring we give to so many, whether during a single encounter or over the life time of our careers. We do change the future, not just for our patients but for our junior nurses and for ourselves. We do this through membership in our professional organization, educational endeavors, and/or communicating and networking with each other.

How are you accomplishing this? Are you a mentor or coach in your facility? When was the last time you shared your expertise knowledge, skills, and experiences? What avenue are you using to expand your peers educational experiences? Are you using your place of employment, recreational outlet or community volunteer facility? How are you staying ahead of the game and enhancing your personal autonomy of learning to realize your professional goals?

This may take place within local chapters, state chapters or national/ international conferences and meetings. Networking with other Emergency nurses

and colleagues may help to broaden your horizons. Think about the upcoming Setting the Pace conference that is being held in Saratoga Springs. It is organized by your peers, for your benefit and continuing education. Attending these conferences allows you to keep current on skills and informational topics that are continuously changing.

Another area of ENA focus is Safe Practice and Patient Safety. Both begin with your initiative to learn all you can in your collection of cutting edge information for today's professional practice. This will decrease risk of harm and ensure that quality care is being given by a well rounded emergency nurse who advocates for the patient.

See you in Saratoga Springs, Reno, Baltimore, at chapter meetings or the council meetings!

Remember to learn something new every day and teach it to another nurse, colleague or patient.

You can "SOAR"! Aspire to New Heights! You are Emergency Nurses!

AN UPDATE ON THE 501 (c) (3) STATUS

The advantages of changing to a 501 (c) (3) Tax Exempt Corporation are:

- Qualifying the organization for grant funding; this would help New York State (NYS) ENA secure money for teaching and other programs.
- Allowing donations to the organization to be used as a tax deduction on personal taxes.
- Allowing sharing of funds with other 501 (c) (3) organizations, which is not allowed with a 501 (c) (6).
- Permitting lobbying for a cause as long as less than 20% of the total budget is used, which is not a problem for NYS ENA. It does not permit endorsement of a specific candidate.

Where is the state with the process of becoming a 501 (c) (3)?

Laura Giles and Judy Jax have worked diligently to attempt to get NYS ENA changed before 2009.

The paperwork is well underway and, thanks to the help from Mike West, NYS ENA should be official by the middle of February. The paperwork is in the judge's chambers in Monroe County awaiting a signature. If there is a delay, Mike West will be calling the court clerk to expedite the issue.

The paperwork will then be filed at the State Department. The change will go into effect from the date of the postmark to the state.

The NYS chapters will be kept up to date on the process and will be notified of the next steps with Mike's guidance.

I would like to thank Judy Jax for keeping the financial books in such good order, which is making my transition to Treasurer easier. I will still be calling her for input.

Thanks again.
Rosa T. Waldroff
New York State ENA Treasurer
1/20/2009

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Nursing students are invited to attend the New York State ENA annual conference, Setting the Pace 2009 on April 23 and 24 at the Saratoga Springs Holiday Inn. In addition to the educational offerings, the conference is an opportunity to network and be introduced to emergency nursing.

The New York State Council ENA provides a limited number of scholarships to nursing students who wish to attend this conference. The scholarship covers the registration fee. To apply for the scholarship, a student must send a letter indicating his/her interest in the conference and in emergency care. The student also needs to send a letter from a faculty member indicating that the student is a good candidate and would benefit from attending the conference. Both letters should be mailed to Laura A. Giles, 50-21 39th Place, Sunnyside, New York 11104-4716 or emailed to lauraagiles@verizon.net by **March 30th**. A committee will review all candidates and awardees will be notified by mail/phone. Please pass this information to any students you know who might be interested.

EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

If you or someone you know plans to enroll or is enrolled in a nursing program, you are encouraged to check the ENA website for educational scholarships. The ENA Foundation is offering 37 scholarships for 2009. For information and/or applications, log onto ena.org, select ENA Foundation/ENAF and then select Scholarships. You can also contact the Foundation at 800-900-9653, Ext. 4103 or by email at Foundation@ena.org.
The deadline for 2009 scholarships is June 1, 2009.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Please submit any ideas, suggestions, or articles to:

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(click Contact Us)
pparker39@optimum.net

You can contact us via the website:
www.nysena.org.
Click on Contact Us.

Deadlines for the next newsletters:
May 2, August 22 & November 21, 2009

Do you have a clinical question?
Send it to us.
One of our expert clinicians will answer it in a future newsletter

Setting the Pace Registration

Setting the Pace 2009 Conference and Pre-sessions

(please print)

NAME ENA#

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

EMPLOYER

EMPLOYER CITY/STATE

PHONE EMAIL

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NYSENA

Please note: no refunds after April 15th.

MAIL TO: SUSAN KNAPP

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If you require special materials or services as covered under the Americans with Disabilities Act please notify registration coordinator Susan Knapp. Notices must be received in writing by April 14, 2009.

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APRIL 23RD & 24TH—CONFERENCE AND PRE-SESSIONS

Includes all materials, breaks, and awards luncheon.

PRE-SESSION, THURSDAY APRIL 23RD, MORNING (fill in amount)

SELECT ONE: CEN REVIEW TEEEX—DISASTER PLANNING (FREE)

ENA MEMBER (CEN REVIEW) \$60.00

NON-ENA MEMBER (CEN REVIEW) \$70.00

CONFERENCE: THURSDAY APRIL 23RD AND FRIDAY APRIL 24TH

ENA MEMBER (postmarked by March 24) \$150.00

NON-ENA MEMBER (postmarked by March 24) \$170.00

ENA MEMBER (postmarked after March 24) \$170.00

NON-ENA MEMBER (postmarked after March 24) \$190.00

3 OR MORE REGISTRANTS \$140.00 EACH

Must be mailed together with one check before March 24.

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

UNDERGRADUATE/DIPLOMA NURSING STUDENT \$120.00

TOTAL REGISTRATION FEE ENCLOSED

SETTING THE PACE 2009

Meeting Today's Challenges While Preparing for the Future

Join us for fun and learning in Saratoga Springs on April 23 and 24. Our speakers and topics promise to be enlightening and entertaining! Keynote speaker is Bill Briggs, RN, MSN, CEN, FAEN, who is the 2009 president of ENA. Closing speaker is Terry Foster, RN, MSN, CCRN, CEN, who has presented at many national ENA meetings. Many other well-versed speakers will speak on a variety of topics, including The Impaired Nurse, Trauma, Cardiac Cases, Renal Patients, Risk Management and much more. Pre-sessions include a CEN Review and TEEEX-Planning and Implementing for Disaster.

Other activities include the Anita Dorr Awards luncheon, meeting with exhibitors to see the latest products available and our traditional basket raffle, which is always a lot of fun.

Saratoga Springs offers restaurants, pubs, spas, mineral baths, history and SHOPPING!

The Saratoga Springs Holiday Inn is located at 232 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Call 518-584-4550 for reservations before March 24 to assure the \$129.95 per night rate.

Please check the conference brochure for additional information. It can be found on the nysena.org website. Select Conference from the menu. You may also contact Susan Knapp, whose contact information is located on the registration form printed in this newsletter.

ALL ATTENDEES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE NYS ENA COUNCIL MEETING ON APRIL 25. PLEASE CONTACT CHERYL MARCEL AT cherylmrancel@verizon.net OR CALL 716-773-3292 IF PLANNING TO ATTEND.

Speakers



Bill Briggs, RN, MSN, CEN, FAEN

(Keynote Speaker)

Briggs is the 2009 president of ENA. He is the Trauma Program Manager at Tufts Medical Center in Boston, Massachusetts and a per diem staff nurse in the emergency department of Lowell General Hospital in Lowell, Massachusetts — a position he's held for over 22 years. In addition to his work with ENA, Briggs is a member of the Metro Boston Critical Incident Stress Management Team. He has been an instructor and instructor-trainer in first aid and home nursing for the American Red Cross and is currently an instructor for ENA's Trauma Nursing Core Course (TNCC) and Emergency Nursing Pediatric Course (ENPC).

Terry M. Foster, RN, MSN, CCRN, CEN

(Closing Speaker)

Foster is a critical care clinical specialist from Saint Elizabeth's Medical Center in Kentucky. He is an accomplished author with several publications, serves as a legal nurse consultant for law firms and hospitals, and has extensive teaching and lecturing experience. His unique style of presenting, with well-timed and appropriate humor, distinguishes him as an acclaimed speaker.

SAVE THE DATE

The next biannual Legislative Breakfast will be held on January 26, 2010 in Albany.

All NYS ENA members are invited to attend and meet with their legislators to discuss topics of importance to Emergency nurses.

The better the attendance, the more influence we have as an organization. Watch for more information in future newsletters.

COURSE SCHEDULE

COURSE	DATE	PLACE	CONTACT
TNCC	March 11&18	Syracuse	Ann Ryan 315-464-2982
TNCC	March 14-15	Rochester	sbreese@rochester.rr.com
TNCC	March 14-15	St. Luke's, Manhattan	lkosits@montefiore.org
TNCC	March 16 & 23	Albany Medical Center	R. Rovere
TNCC	March 23-24	Southern Tier	education@adironackena.org
TNCC	March 26	Brookhaven Mem. Hosp. MC	alice_sturckler@uhs.org
TNCC	April 1-2	Winthrop University Hospital	607-762-2545
TNCC	April 4-5	Rochester	B. Clasen 631-687-4093
TNCC	April 16&23	Stony Brook U. Hosp.	jjax@winthrop.org
TNCC	April 29	Plattsburg	516-663-8708
TNCC	May 2-3	Rochester	sbreese@rochester.rr.com
TNCC	May 5-6	Cooperstown	Connie Kraft 631-444-9074
TNCC	May 7-8	Sleepy Hollow	ahewood@cvph.org
TNCC	May 8-9	Mark Twain	518-562-7378
TNCC	May 11-12	Albany Medical Center	sbreese@rochester.rr.com
TNCC	June 6-7	Montefiore Med. Cen.	Coleen.Vesely@Bassett.org
TNCC	June 16-17	Buffalo	Helen Keating efkhk@msn.com
TNCC	June 25-26	Southern Tier	mteeter@aomc.org
TNCC	August 5-6	Cooperstown	607-733-9242
TNCC	August 27-28	Winthrop University Hospital	R. Rovere
TNCC	Sept. 2 & 9	Syracuse	education@adironackena.org
TNCC	Sept. 26-27	Sleepy Hollow	lkosits@montefiore.org
TNCC	Sept. 12-13	Rochester	Joanne Fadale 716-574-7336
TNCC	Sept. 29-30	Albany Medical Center	tjmf40@aol.com
TNCC	Oct. 14-21	Buffalo	Alice_sturckler@uhs.org
TNCC	Oct. 17-18	Rochester	Coleen.Vesely@Bassett.org
TNCC	Nov. 2-3	Albany Medical Center	jjax@winthrop.org
TNCC	Nov. 4-5	Southern Tier	516-663-8708
TNCC	Nov. 21-22	New York Presbyterian	Ann Ryan 315-464-2982
TNCC	Dec. 5-6	Rochester	Helen Keating efkhk@msn.com
ENPC	April 2-3	Southern Tier	sbreese@rochester.rr.com
ENPC	May 2-3	Sleepy Hollow	R. Rovere
ENPC	May 15-16	Winthrop University Hospital	education@adironackena.org
ENPC	May 18-19	Buffalo	alice_sturckler@uhs.org
ENPC	May 28, June 1	Brookhaven Mem. Hosp.	607-762-2545
ENPC	June 3	Plattsburgh	Coleen.Vesely@Bassett.org
ENPC	June 4-5	Cooperstown	Joanne Fadale 716-574-7336
ENPC	June 8-9	Albany Medical Center	tjmf40@aol.com
ENPC	August 27-28	Southern Tier	B. Clasen 631-687-4093
ENPC	Sept. 3-4	Cooperstown	ahewood1@charter.net
ENPC	Sept. 8 & 15	Buffalo	Coleen.Vesely@Bassett.org
ENPC	Sept. 9 & 16	Syracuse	Ann Ryan 315-464-2982
ENPC	Sept. 26-27	Rochester	sbreese@rochester.rr.com
ENPC	Oct. 3-4	Children's Hosp. Mont	lkosits@montefiore.org
ENPC	Oct. 15-16	Watertown	Steve Olsen 315-493-1005 x3371
ENPC	Nov.30, Dec. 7	Albany Medical Center	R. Rovere
ENPC	Dec. 3-4	Southern Tier	education@adironackena.org
CATN	March 24-25	St. Francis Hospital Poughkeepsie	alice_sturckler@uhs.org
Trauma Teaching	April 25	Southern Tier	Mary Lou Killian - 845-454-3202
Education Day	May 13	Brooklyn	alice_sturckler@uhs.org
Teaching Day	Oct.14	Genesee Chapter Rochester	607-762-2545
			Denise Harris 718-250-8278
			gwilli1@rochester.rr.com

CEN CERTIFICATION OFFERS WIN WIN SCENARIO IN UPSTATE NEW YORK

Samantha Vining, RN, MS

In September of 2008, Columbia Memorial Hospital in Hudson, NY, applied for and received grant funding from the Potts Foundation, which was created to support respiratory care and staff education. When deciding how to use this money to educate the ED staff, Barbara Brady, the Director of the Emergency Department, took into consideration the needs and wants of her staff. She eventually chose a Certified Emergency Nurse (CEN) initiative since the preparation for the exam fulfilled the educational requirement of the grant and the staff would be rewarded with a nationally recognized certification. Ms. Brady states that her hospital administration, understanding the value of the CEN, has backed this initiative from the very beginning.

Ms. Brady chose the CEN over other educational alternatives because certification provides staff with "professional satisfaction, a learning opportunity, and validation of their education." She likes the fact that based on their learning style, nurses would be able to choose to participate in an on-line review, offered through the Emergency Nurses Association, or to attend classroom style courses.

Columbia Memorial Hospital is currently preparing to educate the Emergency Department nursing staff. After passing the CEN exam, about half of the RNs in the Emergency Department will be certified, including nurses who are currently certified. Ms. Brady states that the ED staff "is very excited about the opportunity to learn and to further develop their skills."

When asked if she plans on advertising the fact that many of the ED nurses at Columbia Memorial Hospital will hold national Certification in Emergency Nursing, she answered with a resounding "For sure!"

Good luck CMH! You're a role model for the rest of us.

2009 NEW YORK STATE ENA COUNCIL MEETINGS

All ENA members are invited and encouraged to attend Council meetings. **March 4-8 is the ENA Leadership Conference 2009 in Reno, Nevada.**

Setting The Pace 2009 will be held on **April 23-24 at The Holiday Inn in Saratoga Springs.** The Council meeting will be held on **April 25th at the hotel.** All attendees at the conference are encouraged to attend.

Call 518-584-4550 or 888-465-4329 for reservations.

More information and directions can be found in the conference brochure.

The August 15th meeting is to be held at the Holiday Inn Express, Stony Brook, Long Island. Call 631-471-8000 for reservations.

The group code is ENA.

October 7-10

is the 2009 ENA Annual Conference in Baltimore, Maryland.

The November 14th meeting is scheduled to be held at the Lodge at Woodcliff in Fairport, NY. Call 585-248-4800 for reservations.

Please notify the State Secretary, Cheryl Marcel at cherylmarcel@verizon.net or call 716-773-3292 if attending.

More information on the August and November meetings can be found in future newsletters.

GENESEE VALLEY CHAPTER

Sue Chalupa Breese

Genesee Valley Chapter is located in upstate New York. The chapter is known for the lilac bush that they donate to the raffle at the state conference, Setting the Pace, each year.

Genesee Valley membership has increased to 160. Many hospitals in the area have clinical ladders and there are 3 Magnet hospitals, which aids in chapter enrollment. The chapter holds monthly meetings on the 2nd Monday of the month, beginning at 5 pm. and rotates to area hospitals in which the members work. The February 9th meeting will be held at Rochester General Hospital and the March 9th meeting is at Lakeside Memorial Hospital in Brockport. We would love to have all members attend. For questions, please contact President Wende Tefel at 585-275-1773 Wende_Tefel@urmc.rochester.rr.edu.

The December meeting featured a holiday dinner at the Breese's residence. The seven-plus-course meal was prepared by Sue's husband, who is known as an "ENA husband" and is fondly called Mr. Breese. While the members were being wined and dined, much planning was accomplished for the coming year.

The chapter will be having TNCC, ENPC, Injury Prevention and CEN classes. The chapter is also working on a CATN course, hopefully to be held when the New York State Council meets here in beautiful Upstate NY in November. The Pediatric CEN was a topic that was discussed as well.

Members who enjoyed the December meeting: Ginny Hebda, Pat Fyles, Rosa Waldroff, Joy Doser, Peggy Doyle, Sue Knapp, Wende Tefel, and Mr. Breese!



Ginny Hebda, Wende Tefel, Joy Doser, Gwen Williams
Congrats to the New Officers for GVCENA 2009
President - Wende Tefel - SMH ED • President Elect - Joy Doser - Lakeside Hospital
Secretary - Gwen Williams - RGH ED • Treasurer - Virginia Hebda - Thompson Health ED
NYS Council Representatives - Wende Tefel - SMH ED, Susan Knapp - Highland Hospital
The Website for Genesee Valley Chapter is: <http://gvc.ena.googlepages.com/>

NYSCENA 2009 OFFICERS

New state officers who were elected at the November 15, 2008 meeting were installed at the January 17, 2009 meeting in Poughkeepsie.

Congratulations to Treasurer Rosa T. Waldroff, Board Member Maggie Miller and President-elect Deb Taylor. Also installed was Sue Chalupa Breese, the 2009 President.

The 2009 state officers are:

President • Sue Chalupa-Breese • Genesee Valley
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Director at Large • Ivy Budhai Henry • Brooklyn-Staten Island
347-228-7533- ibudhaihen@aol.com



Board Members (L to R) Cheryl Marcel, Deb Taylor, Sue Chalupa Breese, Rosa T. Waldroff, Laura A. Giles



New Board Officers Rosa Waldroff, Deb Taylor, Maggie Miller with Pres. Sue Chalupa Breese



Board Member Ivy Budhai-Henry, 2nd from right, with friends

NYS ENA MEMBER ACCEPTS RECRUITMENT CHALLENGE

Jill McLaughlin

I recently took up the task of an ENA membership recruitment campaign, with the support and encouragement of my ED Director, Colleen Minnock.

Erin Kabot, Group Membership Coordinator at ENA sent me a kit with applications, flyers, and past issues of JEN and ENA Connections. She was very helpful with any questions that came up and very easy to work with.

I placed the materials in the break room and began talking to my coworkers about the many benefits of ENA membership. One benefit in particular, the substantial discount of \$140 when applying to take the CEN exam, attracted attention. Our new hospital, Orange Regional Medical Center will be completed in 2011, by which time many of us hope to add CEN to our names. The review questions for the exam in each issue of JEN and educational materials available will also be helpful towards achieving that goal.

The campaign was successful and our ED now has 20 new ENA members!

Editor's note: Congratulations, Jill! As a result of her recruitment efforts, Jill will receive a complimentary registration to the Scientific Assembly in Baltimore. For more information on group membership recruitment, contact Erin Kabot, 915 Lee Street, Des Plaines, IL 60019. The information is also printed in the Winter 2008 newsletter.

NEW YORK STATE ENA 2009 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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CALL FOR AWARDS

Is there someone who you believe is a shining star for ENA? Why not let that person know how much he or she is valued by nominating him/her for one of the New York State Emergency Nurses Association awards?

The awards will be presented during the annual conference, "Setting the Pace" on April 24th in Saratoga, NY. Nominations for the following awards are welcomed.

Education Award: Recognizes an ENA member who has demonstrated excellence in the education of nurses or others in the area of emergency nursing.

Special Recognition Award: Presented to the individual who has demonstrated commitment to NYS ENA and helps to promote the ideas of ENA through various special projects and efforts.

Anita Dorr Award: Presented to the emergency nurse recognized by peers for consistently being knowledgeable in emergency nursing and for presenting him/herself as a caring professional individual reflective of the integrity and commitment of the woman in whose memory this award is given ... the co-founder of the Emergency Nurses Association, Anita Dorr.

Ginny Hens EMS Award: Awarded to an ENA member who promotes collaboration between pre-hospital care providers and NYS ENA through various activities and projects.

Certificates of Appreciation: These certificates are to recognize non-members who have assisted ENA by giving their time and effort to various ENA activities (i.e. family members who act as models for TNCC courses, exhibitors who donate year after year).

If there is someone you would like to nominate for an award, please send the following information to the address below, no later than April 1, 2009.

1. Nominee's name and a brief biographical sketch.
2. A letter stating why the person should be considered for the award.

Mail to Deborah Taylor, 6 Eleanor Place, Batavia, NY 14020 or email to ddt1027@verizon.net.

REQUEST FOR RAFFLE DONATIONS SETTING THE PACE 2009 SARATOGA SPRINGS

The Setting the Pace 2009 Conference Committee is requesting donations for the Reverse Raffle. All chapters are requested to donate a basket or item to the raffle to make it the best ever. Members are also encouraged to donate items. All proceeds are contributed to the ENA Foundation for scholarships and grants. Donations should be available for display by 1 pm on Thursday, April 23.

For more information, please contact Mickey Forness at mickeyforness@yahoo.com.

WHAT THE NYS EXECUTIVE BUDGET MEANS TO YOU!

Samantha Vining, RN, MS

As Emergency Department nurses, we help miracles happen every day. We are there to answer the call for any need. Now, it appears, we need a miracle of our own. Governor Paterson has proposed a budget that will seriously impact the ability for us to deliver safe care to our patients by reducing funding for Medicaid and Health by \$3.5 billion (representing over 25% of Executive Budget). The following issues would directly impact care delivered in the emergency departments across the state:

- Deficit reduction plan (\$538 million): By proposing to increase assessments on hospital income, decrease reimbursement, reduce funding for recruitment and retention, and eliminate trend factors, New York State is putting thousands of New York lives at risk.
- Insurance companies (\$366 million): By proposing to increase assessments and surcharges on insurance companies, the State of New York is guaranteeing that these increases will get passed on to consumer premiums and co-pays, making the cost of having health insurance nearly impossible for millions of New Yorkers.
- Prescription drugs, the American Red Cross, laboratory fees, and physician education and registration are other areas that may be impacted.

The first two actions combined have a serious and direct impact on the care that emergency nurses can provide. As hospitals are forced to further streamline costs, staff and necessary equipment may not be available. Similarly, as insurance premiums and co-pays are sure to increase, more New Yorkers will no longer be able to afford health insurance, forcing them to obtain the majority of their health care through Emergency Departments. This double blow being served by Governor Paterson will force ED nurses to do more with less, compromising patient safety.

A potential rescue comes in the form of President Obama's Economic Stimulus package. New York would potentially receive \$5 billion per year for the next two years. These funds could significantly offset any cuts by New York State.

Please contact your local representative and tell them that you, a constituent and an Emergency Department nurse DO NOT SUPPORT Governor Paterson's health care budget proposals. If, however, the proposed budget is passed this spring, please tell your representatives to use a large portion of the federal stimulus money to help off-set the effects of these cuts. Remember, the lives of your patients (and their constituents) are in their hands! If you want to learn more, contact vinings@adironackena.org.



J. Glendenning (l) and M. Forness raffle an item in 2008

NEW TNCC AND ENPC INSTRUCTORS NEEDED

Joanne Fadale, RN, BSN, FAEN • NYS Trauma/Pediatric Chair

As the demand for more TNCC and ENPC classes increases, the need for more NYS TNCC and ENPC instructors also increases. If you are a current provider of either course and have a desire to teach, the time is now. The New York State Council will be sponsoring a course in Buffalo, NY, on May 1, 2009.

The Instructor Course is a 7.5 hour course with additional time required for reverification of provider status either as a TNCC Provider or ENPC Provider. The Instructor Course is designed to prepare providers with instructor potential to become instructors. The TNCCI/ENPCI courses emphasize appropriate teaching strategies as well as correct evaluation methods.

Participant Requirements:

Must be a Registered Nurse with a current license, who is currently verified as TNCC/ENPC Provider. An Instructor Candidate may attend only one of the courses, either TNCCI or ENPCI.

Instructor Course Admission Requirements:

1. A letter furnished by a Provider Course Director stating that the Course Director will assist the participant with the mentoring necessary for completion of Instructor Candidate requirements.
2. A copy of current TNCC/ENPC Provider status.
3. A letter of recommendation from the TNCC/ENPC Provider Course Director indicating instructor potential.
4. A copy of current RN license.
5. Registration fee.

Pre Course Test Requirements:

Instructor candidates must reverify as a TNCC/ENPC Provider achieving at least 90% on the Provider exam and 85% of the total points on the Provider skill stations. Candidates for the TNCCI are required to be current as a provider in the TNCC 6th edition.

Achievement of Instructor Candidate Status requires that the participants demonstrate their ability to lecture, teach and evaluate selected psychomotor skill stations. To become a fully recognized instructor, the Instructor Candidate must be successfully evaluated at a subsequent Provider Course. The evaluation must be done by a current member of the State Trauma or Pediatric Faculty.

Maintenance of Instructor Status:

An instructor who has completed the course remains verified as an instructor and a provider by participating as an instructor in at least one (1) Provider Course every 18 months and maintaining an average QA score of 3.0 or greater. Instructors are personally responsible for carefully monitoring the dates of their last course taught to maintain eligibility to teach.

Bridging Instructors:

Instructor bridging is the process whereby an instructor in one course can become an instructor in the other course by meeting eligibility criteria.

Eligibility criteria for instructors bridging from one course to another:

1. Instructor status must be current.
2. Provider status must be current in the course to which they are bridging.

Course fee:	ENA member	\$250.00
	Non ENA member	\$350.00

RN potential Instructor Candidates should submit all required materials identified in the Instructor Course admission requirements above to:

Joanne Fadale-Course Coordinator
4026 Sheldon Rd.
Orchard Park, NY 14127
716-574-7336
tjmf40@aol.com

DEADLINE IS APRIL 1, 2009

Candidates meeting the eligibility requirements will be notified. Directions to the course facility and materials will be sent to the candidates.

NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS

Adirondack Chapter has 171 members. A lecture on Eye Injuries is scheduled for March 18. Please check their website, www.adirondackena.org for more information.

Brooklyn-Staten Island held an Emergency Management Course on January 9 at KCHC. The January 28 meeting topic was Disaster Preparedness. Audrey Sealey will present Poison Control Updates at the March meeting. Grandparent Safety Days will be held on February 19 at KCHC and on February 20 at Brookdale Hosp, co-sponsored by DOT and Safe Kids.

Central Chapter is planning a CEN Review in the fall. **Genesee Chapter** has 110 members. Please see their article in this newsletter.

Lower Hudson Chapter has 111 members. They are planning a CEN Review class for April 3, 4 and 5. Their last meeting was held on January 29.

Manhattan Bronx is planning their Fall Gala in Oct. or Nov. Please check future newsletters for more information.

Mark Twain has 55 members.

Mid-Hudson Chapter is sponsoring a CATN Course on March 24 and 25. See Course Schedules for contact info.

Mohawk Chapter sponsors an EMS educational presentation on the second Saturday of each month.

Contact Coleen.Vesely@Bassett.org for topics. Three CEU's are given for each lecture.

Nassau Queens Chapter has 285 members. Check Course Schedules for courses.

Southern Tier has 52 members. Their Trauma Teaching Day is scheduled for April 25.

Suffolk Chapter has 283 members. The January meeting was held at Brookhaven Mem. Hosp. with a Hypothermia presentation. They are participating in Teddy Bear Clinics. The 2009 meetings are scheduled for March 9 (Stony Brook University Hospital), May 4, August 3, October 5 and December 7.

Western Chapter has 96 members. They had a Therapeutic Hypothermia presentation at their last meeting. A dinner meeting is scheduled for Feb. 11 with a membership drive, offering a \$10 discount and targeting nurse managers. They are also sending meeting announcements to physicians and have received a \$50 donation.