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2010 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Deb Taylor



We had a wonderful Setting the Pace conference in Saratoga Springs this year. Prior to the conference as I was leaving Kinko's, I was greeted with a double rainbow which embraced my feelings that a wonderful conference was in store for those of us who were planning to attend. We had many national ENA leaders in our presence: Diane Gurney, our 2010 National ENA President, AnnMarie Papa, our President-Elect and Gail Lenehan, our Secretary-Treasurer. Their leadership and friendship inspire me to lead our state into the future and to represent all of you who make our organization and profession extraordinary.



National ENA President
Diane Gurney



ENA President-Elect
AnnMarie Papa

We also had a wonderful response to the national state challenge and I would like to personally thank all who donated and supported education and research scholarships. New York was second in the nation for donations. Our next state meeting is August 14, 2010 in Newburgh. At this meeting we will discuss the bylaw amendments and resolutions that will be presented at the General Assembly in San Antonio in September. I hope that all delegates representing New York State will attend this meeting so that discussion of these topics will be productive.

The delegate application for San Antonio is online on the nysena.org website. Select Library from the headings, select Forms and download the application. For information on the point system, please refer to the General Assembly Delegate Application Worksheet. When completed with all the necessary information and verification, please send it to my home, Deborah Taylor, 6 Eleanor Place, Batavia, NY 14020. I should receive our delegation numbers by the end of June.

Please EMBRACE your knowledge and your profession as we lead into the future of the New York State ENA. You are all amazing professionals.



ASSEMBLY BILL 3103

Debra Dibartolo, RN, CEN, CPEN, SANE-A, SANE-P
Mark Twain Chapter

There was some buzz at the New York State Emergency Nurses Association meeting in April about Assembly Bill 3103 (A3103). What is it about? Is it important to nurses? In addition, if someone feels that it is important to nurses and their nursing practice, what can be done to support passage of legislation this term?

A3103 is legislation that "Adds Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses to assaults of emergency medical professionals and provides for (a charge of) Class C and D felonies for physical injury (to nurses)". A conviction of a class C felony in New York State carries a prison sentence of 5-15 years and a Class D felony carries a sentence of 2 1/3 – 7 years in state prison. This legislation has passed in the New York State Senate and is currently in a committee in the Assembly called Codes Committee.

A committee does the groundwork and assesses the importance of a bill before it is brought before the entire Assembly for a vote. The Codes Committee is charged with considering issues and legislation regarding the state's criminal and civil justice system. Most of the legislation in this committee amends Criminal, Penal, Civil and Executive laws and rules.

I recently spoke with John Joyce, a legislative assistant, in Assemblyman Koon's office regarding A3103. The time for passage of this bill is running out and if a citizen wants to assist in the passage of this legislation, now is the time to advocate for this bill. This year's assembly session ends in June. It is important that this bill is passed out of Codes Committee in the next few weeks, so it can be brought before the Assembly for a vote. If passed it would be sent to Governor Patterson for signature prior to the end of this year's session.

Supporting this bill would only take a few minutes of your time with a few simple steps:

1. Call/ write/ or e-mail your local Assembly person and encourage him/her to sign on to Assemblyman Koon's bill as a sponsor.
2. Include in that letter some anecdotal information about assaults on staff in your emergency department.
3. Let him/her know that this is important protection for professional nurses.
4. Contact members of the Codes Committee, especially if one of the members is representing your district, and share this information with them as well.

Finding your Assemblyperson is very easy:

1. Google New York State Assembly and click on the first entry, which is the Assembly home page.
2. Scroll down and look to the right side of the page below a box that says "ETHICS REFORM" It is labeled "Your Assemblymember". Just enter your zip code and your representative's web page will come up on the screen.

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THANK YOU TO THE 2010 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Thank you for planning and presenting a very successful conference. The speakers were great, the topics were interesting and educational, the vendors provided an interesting number of products, Saratoga Springs was beautiful with all the spring flowers and a good time was had by all.

INJURY PREVENTION

Listed below are references for

General Motors Vehicle Safety Information:

- Center for Disease Control
- CDC Motor Vehicle Safety Overview
- Emergency Nurses Association
- ENA Injury Prevention Resources
- ENA Injury Prevention Programs
- Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA)
- <http://ghsa.org/>
- Kids and Cars
- www.kidsncars.org
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)
- www.nhtsa.gov
- National Safety Council
- <http://www.nsc.org/Pages/Home.aspx>
- Safe Kids USA

For more information on Injury Prevention programs, please contact Judy Jax by email at JJax@winthrop.org or call 516-663-8708.

NATIONAL NURSES WEEK 2010

"Nurses: Caring Today for a Healthier Tomorrow"
Congratulations to all our nursing colleagues who celebrated National Nurses Week May 6-12, 2010,
"coming together to build power, lead change."

Congratulations to our EMS colleagues

who celebrated EMS Week May 16-22. You are here for us
"Anytime. Anywhere. We'll be there."
Thanks for all you do for the sick and injured in our communities.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Please submit any ideas, suggestions, or articles to:

Editor: Phyllis Parker www.nysena.org (click Contact Us)
pparker39@optimum.net

You can contact us via the website:

www.nysena.org. Click on Contact Us.

Deadlines for the 2010 newsletters:

Sept. 3 and Nov. 5, 2010

ENA IS GOING GREEN!

This newsletter is now printed on recycled paper.
Paper contains 30% post-consumer recycled fiber.
Do you have a clinical question?

Send it to us.

One of our expert clinicians will answer it in a future newsletter

GENESEE VALLEY CHAPTER ADDRESSES EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VIOLENCE

Joy Doser, RN, BSN, 2010 President • Genesee Valley Chapter

I feel honored to be able to bring topics of interest to the Genesee Valley Chapter of the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA). On March 10, 2010 a dinner meeting was held at the Shanghi Restaurant, which proved to be an interesting and excellent time for area nurses to network. Nurses came from as far as Clifton Springs and the Batavia area to join us. It is always exciting for me to be with nursing professionals from various hospitals.

Our guest speaker was Mr. Richard Dollinger. Mr. Dollinger served as a Monroe County legislator from 1988 to 1992. He was then elected to the NY State Senate, where he served four terms, until 2002. Mr. Dollinger is the first appointed Claims Court Judge to serve as an acting State Supreme Court Justice in the Seventh Judicial District. Mr. Dollinger is also currently teaching a Nursing law course.

Violence in the Emergency Department(ED) was the topic of the meeting. Mr. Dollinger reviewed the ENA findings on violence and noted that the types of violence and the types of patients most likely to be violent in the emergency department were not included. He also noted the lack of nurses reporting incidents of violence, as well as the over-all acceptance of violence by the nurses.

What we need to do in our departments is to define violence. What does your ED consider to be violent behavior? What kind of behavior is not tolerated in your ED?

Violence as defined by the ENA is an act of aggression directed toward persons at work or on duty that ranges from offensive or threatening to homicide. Workplace violence is commonly understood as any physical assault, emotional or verbal abuse, or threatening, harassing, or coercive behavior in the work setting that causes physical or emotional harm.

I will be discussing this with my co-workers. I will be setting up a team to assist me in working toward a non-violent work place. In my ED there will be signage placed in the department, listing behaviors that will not be tolerated, such as spitting, hitting, or harming the medical personnel providing care, and noting that violations will be prosecuted. We are implementing policies and protocols to reflect the intolerance of any violence. We also are ensuring all nurses, doctors, technicians, radiology staffs, security, administration and any other personnel with direct patient contact are on board with zero tolerance of violence in the workplace.

We, as ED team members, need to start training in de-escalation techniques to deal with violent or out of control individuals and/or stressed families. We need to involve all personnel that deal with the patient, including physicians and security. Every team member must agree that violence in the workplace is not acceptable. Each person involved in an incidence of violence must record and report the incident, what happened, what kind of patient was involved and what was done about the incident. This information must be taken to our administrators, our district attorneys and our law enforcement officers.

Did you know that in January, 2010, the NYS Senate passed a code in penal law that adds Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses to assaults of "emergency medical professionals" and provides for class C and D felonies for physical injury to them? The next step is for the NYS Assembly to pass the bill.

So I ask all nurses to write to their assemblypersons to let them know what passing this bill means to each and everyone that has ever suffered physical or verbal abuse or violence. The bill is A3103 and the web site for the assembly is <http://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/?sh=main>.

A study by the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) found that more than one-half of emergency nurses reported experiencing physical violence on the job. One in four has experienced such violence more than 20 times in the past three years. Just as alarming, one in five nurses has experienced verbal abuse more than 200 times during the same period.

I am not just sitting back and saying that nobody cares and nobody does anything about the violence we deal with in the workplace. I am standing up and moving forward. I encourage every nurse to do the same. I invite everyone to get involved, read the studies, and gather information regarding this very important issue. A starting place would be to visit the Emergency Nurses Association website www.ena.org and look for the ENA Study on Violence against Nurses in U.S. Emergency Departments.

For more information please contact me at Joydoser@rochester.rr.com.

Editor's note: Please read Debra Dibartolo's article regarding Assembly Bill 3103 in this issue.



Mr. Richard Dollinger



911 RAFFLE A SUCCESS!

Jacquie Glendinning



Mickey Forness and I would like to thank all of those whose generous donations made our 911 raffle extremely successful. We raised a record \$2731 for the ENA Foundation's 911 scholarship and could not have done it without you, our dedicated members.

We received many beautiful gifts and baskets from our chapters and from individual members.

Each year, we hope to increase our donation; 2010 far exceeded our dreams!!



Thank you so much.
Proud to be an emergency nurse!!



COURSE SCHEDULE

COURSE	DATE	PLACE	CONTACT
TNCC	June 2-3	Bassett, Cooperstown	coleen.vesely@bassett.org 607-547-4812
TNCC	June 4 & 11	Central Chapter	cnyena.org
TNCC	June 5-6	Montefiore Med. Center	lkosits@montefiore.org
TNCC	June 14 & 16	StonyBrook Hospital	smasciello@notes.cc.sunysb.edu
TNCC	June 15	Plattsburgh	Ann J. Heywood aheywood@cvph.org 518-562-7378
TNCC Re-verification	June 23	Winthrop	Judy Jax 516-663-8708
TNCC	July 14 -15	Southern Tier	Alice C. Sturckler alice_sturckler@uhs.org 607-762-2545
TNCC	Aug. 21 & 28	Brooklyn-Staten Island	Jenifer Mondesir 718-250-8075 • mondyrn175@yahoo.com
TNCC	Sept. 10-11	Winthrop	Judy Jax 516-663-8708
TNCC	Sept. 18-19	NY Presbyterian	barryma@nyp.org
TNCC	Oct. 13-14	Western	westernnewyorkena@verizon.net
TNCC	Oct. 28-29	Bassett, Cooperstown	coleen.vesely@bassett.org 607-547-4812
TNCC	Nov. 13-14	Rochester	rknapp5@rochester.rr.com
TNCC	Nov. 20-21	Lincoln Hospital	lkosits@montefiore.org
TNCC	Dec. 1 & 8	St. Francis Hospital	jwalsh@sfhmc.org
TNCC-Instructor Course	Aug. 13	Mount Saint Mary College, Newburgh	coleen.vesely@bassett.org
ENCP	June 12-13	Rochester	Rknapp5@Rochester.rr.com
ENCP	June 19 & 26	Stony Brook Hospital	smasciello@notes.cc.sunysb.edu
ENPC	August 4-5	Bassett, Cooperstown	coleen.vesely@bassett.org
ENPC	Sept. 16 & 23	Mid Hudson	Marylou Killian mlk724@yahoo.com
ENPC	Sept. 29-30	Western	westernnewyorkena@verizon.net
ENPC	Nov. 22-23	Southern Tier	Alice C. Sturckler alice_sturckler@uhs.org
ENPC	Oct. 2-3	Montefiore Med. Center	lkosits@montefiore.org
ENPC	Oct. 16-17	Rochester	rknapp5@rochester.rr.com
ENPC	Dec. 15-16	Southern Tier	alice_sturckler@uhs.org
ENPC-Instructor course	Aug. 13	Mount Saint Mary College, Newburgh	coleen.vesely@bassett.org
Trauma Conference	June 4	St. Elizabeth's, Utica	ftalerico@stemc.org
Annual Education Day	June 9	Immaculate conception Center Queens	Judy Jax 516-663-8708
CEN Review	Aug. 25-26	Stony Brook	Barbara Clasen bclasen@optimum.net
CEN Review	Sept. 11-12	Rochester	Rknapp5@rochester.rr.com
Teaching Day	Oct. 6	Southern Tier	alice_sturckler@uhs.org 607-762-2545
EMS Trauma Conference	Nov. 5	Bassett	coleen.vesely@bassett.org
CEN Review	Nov. 19-20	Central Chapter	CNYENA.org

NYS COUNCIL CONSIDERING ONLINE NEWSLETTER

In the interest of going "green", the NYS Council is considering sending our quarterly newsletter via email to members who would prefer receiving it online rather than receiving a hard copy by USPS.

As most of you know, the newsletter is currently posted on the nysena.org website, which would continue.

If you would prefer to receive a hard copy of our newsletter, please complete the information below and send it to Phyllis Parker, 5 Willow Street, Centereach, NY 11720 or email the information to pparker39@optimum.net.

If choosing the online option, please verify that National ENA has your correct email address.

Check future newsletters for updates on our decision.

I would prefer to receive my NYS newsletter, "Setting the Pace" by USPS.

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ADDRESS _____

CALL FOR 2010 NYS ENA COUNCIL CANDIDATES

The New York State Council is looking for candidates for officers for 2010. All of these positions provide leadership and networking opportunities that may not be available to an emergency nurse in the course of his/her regular employment. As a member of the Board of Directors, you can help to shape the future of emergency nursing practice.

Qualifications for all positions:

Must be a member in good standing of the New York State Emergency Nurses Association (NYSENA). It is recommended that the candidate have been active within their Chapter or at the State Council level.

The positions to be voted on are:

PRESIDENT -ELECT (THREE YEAR COMMITMENT)

The President-Elect is a one-year term, with the commitment to continue on as President and then as Immediate Past President.

The responsibilities of the President-Elect include:

Serve as a parliamentarian for the quarterly State Council meetings.

Serve as Chairperson for the Awards Committee.

Assist the President in the day-to-day running of the organization.

Attend at least 75% of the State Council meetings and Board of Director meetings.

Be available to advise chapters and serve as liaison between chapters, committees and the State Council.

TREASURER (TWO YEAR COMMITMENT)

As Treasurer, the individual would be expected to:

Manage the financial records for the organization.

Meet with the accountant as needed.

Chair the Finance Committee.

Attend at least 75% of the State Council meetings and Board of Directors meetings.

Assist the President in the day to day running of the organization.

Publish a financial statement for the membership.

DIRECTOR AT LARGE (TWO YEAR COMMITMENT)

As Director at Large, the individual would be expected to:

Attend at least 75% of the State Council meetings and Board of Directors meetings.

Assist the President in the day to day running of the organization.

Be available to advise chapters and serve as liaison between chapters, committees and the State Council.

May serve as Chairperson of a State Council Standing Committee.

All members are encouraged to nominate candidates. To nominate yourself or someone else, please contact Sue Chalupa Breese @ 585-425-4753, email at sbreese@rochester.rr.com or by slow mail at 48 Winding Brook Drive, Fairport, NY 14450-2655.

GINNY HENS EMS AWARDEE HELPS HAITIANS AFTER EARTHQUAKE

Thomas Sampson, who was the recipient of this year's Ginny Hens EMS Award, is a nurse at Olean General Hospital's ED. When he heard that a local pastor was organizing a medical mission trip to Haiti through World Hope International, he knew he had to say "yes."

Tom spent seven days with the mission group performing medical clinic work in the tent cities outside Port-au-Prince. The group brought donated medications and saw 765 patients in the week they were there. Tom worked in the role of a nurse practitioner, often treating patients with simple ailments on his own.

Despite the suffering and devastation, most of the Haitians still managed to have a positive outlook and were very thankful for those who came to give care, Tom said. He said the poor conditions they lived in were even worse than what was shown on television.

"It was a very rewarding experience to go there," Tom said. He encourages others to consider joining a medical mission group. "A medical aid trip is something everyone should do at least once in their life."

TNCC, ENPC and CATN UPDATES

If you have a question about TNCC, ENPC or CATNII, you can dial 1-800-942-0011 to reach the Course Operations Department directly. Please continue to use the general 800 number when you need to reach other departments within ENA, which remains 1-800-900-9659.

Twice a year Course Operations sends the State Chair a copy of the Instructor Quality Assurance reports for instructors that have scores of less than 3.0. If no instructors have a score of less than 3.0 they send an email to the State Chair advising them that all of their instructors are currently at 3.0 or higher. I urge every Course Director to review the evaluations for your courses. If you have an instructor that seems to be struggling, speak to him/her and offer suggestions to help with his/her lecture presentation and/or content. Buddy him/her with another instructor and use a team teaching approach for the skill station if that is where the low scores occur. If you need guidance with this, let me know. Don't let your students down by being inattentive to their evaluations and comments to make courses better. I recently received reports for ENPC and TNCC and am happy to report that only one instructor for each course fell below 3.0 and those scores were based on one course.

Course Operations will also email an individual instructor's report directly to that instructor upon request. You can either call Course Operations at 1-800-942-0011 or email them at courseops@ena.org to make that request.

The ENA web site is now updated on a nightly basis with all new course applications that have been processed. This information had been updated on a weekly basis prior to this change. The Course Director will receive an email confirmation the evening of the day that their course application has been processed into the system. That course will appear on the ENA web site by the following morning after receipt of the confirmation email.

To keep with the "Go Green" philosophy I ask that when you do your post-course reports do them on your computer and send them via email to me. This will save trees, postage and storage space.

To contact me or to send the post-course paperwork, please use the following email and snail mail address:

Coleen.vesely@bassett.org

Coleen Vesely, RN, BSN, CEN, CPEN, MEP
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PLEASE NOTE THE CORRECT SPELLING OF MY NAME. If you misspell it the email will not work. Snail mail will still be delivered.

2011 ENA NATIONAL ELECTIONS

The New York State Council encourages all members to vote for our national officers. All ENA members with an e-mail address on file at the ENA National Office should have received voting instructions by e-mail. All others should have received a paper ballot.

If you have not received either a paper or electronic ballot, please contact the National Office at 800-900-9659, extension 4095 or by email at execoffice@ena.org.

Biographies of candidates can be found online at ena.org, in the May 2010 ENA Connection and are available with the electronic ballot. Candidates can be asked questions by email by clicking on Meet the Candidates at the top of ENA's homepage.

Voting ends Friday June 11, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. Central time.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

FROM THE CHAPTERS

Adirondack is planning a Nursing Wellness Day in June. Check their website www.adirondackena.org for information.

Brooklyn-Staten Island held their Education Day on May 26th. An Injury Prevention program is planned for July 24th.

Central will have a chapter meeting in June and a Critical Care Conference is being planned for September. Please check their website, www.cnyena.org. Syracuse Upstate University Hospital began a "No Diversion" pilot. Other hospitals may follow.

Chatt held chapter meetings on March 2nd and May 4th. An Injury Prevention program, "Kick Off to A Safe Summer" will be held on June 5, 11am to 4 pm.

Genesee has scheduled a "Violence in the ED" presentation at 6 pm on September 13th. "Central Lines" will be presented in October. Helmet Safety is their Injury Prevention focus.

Lower Hudson purchased 10 scholarships and offered them to 14 hospitals in their chapter. Their website, www.lowerhudsonena.org is up and running.

Mark Twain provided two scholarships to the Setting the Pace 2010 conference. Cayuga Medical Center has begun to use the SBIRT program. One chapter member is participating in the EMINENCE program in the Academy.

Mid Hudson sponsored two scholarships to the Setting the Pace 2010 conference. The chapter also sponsored the handouts at the conference. Their scheduled TNCC classes are full and cannot accept more students. The chapter meets bimonthly, with the next meeting June 18th. At the last meeting a SANE presented an in-service on "Strangulation/Sexual Assault." The chapter is hosting Teddy Bear clinics and Victim Impact meetings. Members have benefitted by \$10,000 in scholarship money in the past 2 years. Their website www.midhudsonena.org is online.

Mohawk's next meeting is on June 9th with Genentech providing education and food. Coleen Vesely has been asked to sit on the County Government Traffic Safety Board.

Nassau Queens held their first chapter meeting of the year on March 9th at Winthrop Hospital. Guest speaker, Cheryl Spencer, professor at Queensborough Community College and Doctoral Candidate, spoke about "The Emotional Care of Pediatric Emergencies in Long Term Care." The topic of their Education Day on June 9th is "Violence in the ED". A chapter meeting will follow the conference. They are investigating the ENA S.T.O. P. program.

Southern Tier held a regular meeting on May 12th. Their Teaching Day will be held on October 6th. The newsletter will be available on the web and sent by email. Lourdes Hospital is opening a new ED in June.

Suffolk is sponsoring a two-day CEN Review on August 25th and 26th. A Teddy Bear clinic was held on April 26th and a chapter meeting was held on May 20th with a CPI presentation.

Western is sponsoring a raffle for the National ENA Conference at their June meeting. Topics at their meetings: April-SMART-Volunteer Emergency Response to Disaster; June 9th-Compartment Syndrome sponsored by a Stryker grant; August 1st-Using Simulators to Evaluate ACLS; October 13th-Ocular Emergencies.

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3. Under his/her picture on the left hand side of the page is contact information.

Finding Members of the Codes Committee:

1. On the NYS Assembly webpage, about one half way down on the left side is a box that says "Committees, Commissions and Task Forces". Click on it and select Codes Committee, then select Members.
2. A list of committee members will appear as well as the committee chair person, Joseph R. Lentol (from Kings County).
3. Click on each assemblyperson's name and his/her assembly web page appears with all contact and district information.

Our assemblypersons and their staff rely on constituents' mail and phone calls to understand the importance (or lack of importance) an issue is in their district. If this is an important bill for you and your practice, please take a moment and call or write. Do not let another year pass without nurses who are victims of assault getting the support they deserve from the law.

If you are running in to any problems or need some help, please e-mail me at debra_dibartolo@yahoo.com. I will be glad to assist in any way that I can.

Editor's note: For more information on this legislation, please see the May 2010 issue of ENA Connection, Washington Watch column, "New York Senate Passes Nurse Protection Bill" topic, page 7.

SAVE THE DATES

August 13, 2010

TNCC Instructor Course/ENPC Instructor Course
Mount Saint Mary College,

330 Powell Avenue, Newburgh, NY 12550-3412

Contact Coleen Vesely at coleen.vesely@bassett.org

August 14, 2010 • NYSCENA meeting

Hilton Garden Inn, 15 Crossroads Court, Newburgh, NY

Call 845-567-9500 for reservations. Room rate \$129/night (ENA Code)

September 21-25, 2010 • ENA Annual Conference

San Antonio Convention Center, San Antonio, TX

For information, see conference brochure or check www.ena.org website

October 23, 2010 • NYSCENA meeting

The Holiday Inn, Batavia, NY

Call 585-344-2100 for reservations. Room rate \$70/night (ENA Code)

April 7 & 8, 2011 • Setting the Pace 2011

Saratoga Springs, NY

Contact Kathy Conboy at kconboy@verizon.net for information

Please contact the NYSCENA secretary, Sandi Tetler if attending a Council meeting. enasandi@tetler.net

All New York State members are welcome to attend

NYSCENA meetings.

Bring a friend!



THANK YOU!!!

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STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

Mary Ellen Jennison

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NYSCENA 2010 AWARD WINNERS!

The NYSCENA annual Awards Luncheon was held on Friday, April 23rd during the Setting the Pace conference. Mickey Forness, the Council's President-Elect presented the following awards:



ANITA DORR AWARD RECIPIENT WAS SUE CHALUPA BREESE. Sue has been active at the state and chapter level for many years. Sue was president of the NYSCENA last year. Her accomplishments included changing our website to be user friendly and interactive, reviewing our bylaws and the revision of our Policies and Procedures. She is the conference registration coordinator and has presented at conferences in the past. Sue's enthusiasm, dedication, perseverance, loyalty and overall performance truly emulate Anita Dorr's passion and vision for the Emergency Nurses Association.



NURSE EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR WAS AWARDED TO LISA KOSITS. Lisa is Clinical Inservice Instructor at Montifiore Hospital, as well as teaching CEN Review classes, TNCC, ENPC and Five Tier Triage classes for many other organizations. Lisa has obtained a DNP and the CPEN certification. She presented a CPEN Review class and a Triage class at the conference. Lisa is very knowledgeable as well as entertaining. She has been Council Secretary and a delegate to the General Assembly many times.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD WAS PRESENTED TO CHRISTINE MARTIN, CNS from the Northeast Health Emergency Departments in Troy. Christine meets the education needs of both EDs and served as the Interim Director of the Education Department for the past year. Chris is available anytime, offering her support to the staff and assisting with patient care if needed. She is "wonderful" to new grads and supports the preceptors. She is intelligent, approachable, caring, even tempered and confident. Her staff feels lucky to have her, a giant wrapped in a small frame.



GINNY HENS EMS AWARD WAS AWARDED TO TOM SAMPSON FROM OLEAN GENERAL ED. He precepts and mentors EMS providers at all

levels. He is Captain of the Houghton Volunteer Ambulance squad, a member of the Allegany County EMS Council and will begin his term as the Chairman of the Southwest Regional Council this year. Tom is a flight nurse and an ACLS, PALS, PEPP and ITLS instructor. Tom was unable to attend and accepted his award from Chatt chapter President Jacquie Glendinning.



SETTING THE PACE 2010 WRITING FOR PUBLICATION WORKSHOP

Lisa Kelly

Numerous times I have read articles in newspapers and journals and thought, "I could have written that!" This is the same thought that inspired Gail Lenehan, RN, MSN, EdD, FAEN, FAAN. Ms. Lenehan is currently the Secretary/Treasurer for the ENA, an editor of American Nurse Today, a psychiatric clinical nurse specialist in the Massachusetts General Hospital Emergency Department and former Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Emergency Nursing for 25 years.

Ms. Lenehan hosted the "Writing for Publication Workshop" at this year's "Setting the Pace" at Saratoga Springs, NY on April 22nd. Together with numerous other participants, I decided to attend this workshop to learn aspects of the writing and publication process. We wrote imaginary "Query Letters" to editors "pitching" our story ideas for publication. Personal ideas for stories were discussed as we helped one another perfect these ideas. Of course, a "writer's oath" was also discussed—not to write an article about someone else's idea that was discussed in the class. At the end of the workshop, an original First Edition of the Journal of Emergency Nursing was raffled off and all the attendees were awarded JEN lapel pins to help "inspire" the writer in all of us!



Rebecca Bacon was chosen to receive the ENA Student Scholarship for Setting the Pace 2010. Rebecca is finishing a Baccalaureate Accelerated Track Program at Binghamton University in May, 2010. The program, also known as the BAT program, is an intensive one year nursing program for students who are looking for a different career and have already completed a Bachelors Degree in another field. Rebecca has maintained a 4.0 average throughout her educational endeavors. She is active in her school organizations as well as in her community, volunteering for the local Crime Victims Assistance Center. Here is what Rebecca had to say about the conference:

Dear NYS ENA:

I would like to thank you for the opportunity in providing me a scholarship to attend your recent conference, "Setting the Pace 2010." I thoroughly enjoyed every session from the beginning "Everyday Heroes" to the closing remarks on "Stretcherside Chats." I will be able to take what I learned and apply to my future practice.

It is so powerful to observe a group of people so obviously passionate about what they do and then take the next step to share their knowledge with their peers (and any lucky students)! I feel privileged to have been a part of your inspiring event.

Thank you again for allowing me to attend and I hope to be able to join you again. But next time I hope it's as an emergency nurse!

Rebecca Bacon