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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Mary R. Hayes, RN, MSN, CEN
1997 NY State Council President

I would like to extend warm holiday wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season to all our ENA members, family, and friends. Plans are in the making for an exciting and fun 1997. I hope to meet many of our members in the coming year. Our first 1997 State Council meeting will be at the Hotel Thayer, West Point, NY. On Friday, January 31, from 0800-1130 a New York State Council Leadership Orientation Program will be held for all Chapter Officers, Chapter Representatives, and any new council attendees. It is vital that each chapter be represented for this Leadership Orientation. We will be reviewing the workings of the council — committee charges, parliamentary procedures, chapter officer and representative responsibilities, and how to become a delegate to the Annual Meeting. All New York Emergency Nurses are invited to attend.



This is a great opportunity to learn how the State Council represents Emergency Nurses in New York. I am looking forward to networking with all of you and making certain the Council meet your needs and interests. Your input is always appreciated. I hope we see you in West Point!

To receive more information about upcoming meetings, and notices contact Ann Marie Tyrell, State Secretary

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES!!

Susan Strauss, RN, CEN
1996 NY State Council President

1996 has given me an even deeper admiration for the Emergency Nurses of New York. The commitment to constantly improve emergency nursing practice, and advocate for patients is a testimony to the dedication to our profession. We, as the Emergency Nursing organization in New York have made great strides in legislation, community prevention program, and efforts to strengthen our state council and local chapters. I would like to thank the Board of Directors, committee chairs, and state council representatives, for their insight, support, and humor. It was an honor and a privilege to serve you as President of the New York State Council

ELECTION NEWS

NYSCENA elections were held at the November meeting in Rochester for the positions of President-elect, Treasurer, and Director-at-Large. Margaret (Peggy) Burke, RN, CEN was elected President-elect, and will assume the responsibility of President in 1998. Peggy has served as our treasurer for the last two years. Suzanne (Anne) Wall, RN, MS, CEN, was elected for a two year term as Treasurer. Anne has served for chair of the Finance Committee for the last year. Arline Reinking-Hanf, RN, MS, CCRN, CEN, LMT, was elected to serve a two year term as a Board-at-Large member. Arline has been the Research Committee Chair this past year.

Congratulations to our newly elected officers. They join Mary Hayes, the 1997 President, Ann Marie Tyrell, Secretary; and Cathy Lind, Director at Large. 1997 promises to be an action-filled year! Please contact any of these officers should you have any questions, ideas or concerns.



Newly Elected 1997 Officers

Mary Hayes, President; Peggy Burke, President-elect;
Anne Wall, Treasurer

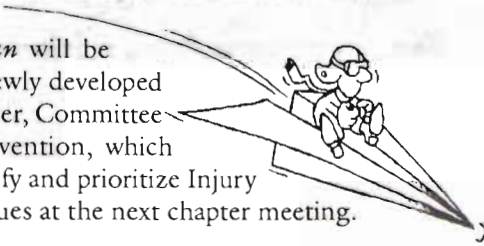
Submitted by Michelle Silliker, chair Nominations Committee

1997 NY STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS

January 31-February 1	Hotel Thayer West Point
April 17-19	State Conference Triphammer Inn, Ithaca
August 1-2	Radisson Hotel Niagara Falls
November 14-15	Gideon-Putnam Hotel Saratoga Springs

CHAPTER NEWS

- 2 hospitals in **Western Chapter** have recently held open house for their newly renovated Emergency Departments. Congratulations to the staff of Erie County Medical Center and Buffalo General Hospital on their new units!
- *Debbie Uhlman* will be chairing the newly developed Western Chapter, Committee on Injury Prevention, which will help identify and prioritize Injury Prevention Issues at the next chapter meeting.
- Parkridge Hospital, Rochester, of the **Genesee Valley Chapter** recently honored 2 outstanding Emergency Nurses. *Susan Crawford* was nominated for the NYS Nurse of Distinction, and *Ellen Raetz* has retired after 22 years of emergency nursing.
- *Gwen Williams* has been elected to the Monroe-Livingston Regional EMS Council Executive Committee for 1997.
- Crouse-Irving Hospital, Syracuse, of the **Central Chapter** has celebrated the opening of their new free-standing Urgent Care Center in a shopping mall outside Syracuse.
- Congratulations to the nurses of St. Joseph's Hospital who have worked so hard to give their facility the best cardiac surgery survival rate in New York!
- *Debra Caiola*, 1996 President of the **Southern Tier Chapter**, has been elected President of the New York Chapter of the Rural Nurse Organization (RNO), and is a member of the Board of Directors of the National RNO. The New York chapter is the first chartered chapter for this organization, which began in the early 1990's. Congratulations Deb, and best of luck to you and the RNO.
- October 17th was the **Adirondack Chapter's** Fall Teaching Day. Featured speaker was ex-Senator Hoblock from Albany County. He addressed upcoming health care issues and *Violence in the Emergency Department bill*. Also featured was David Hill, farm-medic, who addressed farm-related injuries.
- Chapter officers were elected at the **Nassau-Queens** chapter meeting December 11, 1996. *Mary Schmidt-Roth* will succeed *Virginia Daly* as 1997 Chapter President. *Virginia Daly* has been appointed Co-chair of the National Government Affairs Committee, and will succeed *Barbara Foley* as chair in 1998. A TNCC Instructor program is tentatively scheduled for March 1, 1997. Contact Cathy Lind for details.
- *Barbara Carlstrom* will remain as 1997 president for the **Suffolk Chapter**. *Joanne Messina* will be Secretary, and *Erin Nathan*, Treasurer. An ENPC instructor program will be presented in March, followed by an ENPC Provider course.



GROUP BUYING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

- *Rena Rovere* and *Shari Mantini* from the **Adirondack Chapter** report that a group buying discount is available for products from the National ENA Office. In response to budget cuts to the Emergency Care portion of the Capital Region Critical Care Consortium, they were able to mobilize 5 hospitals in their chapter to each purchase the Competency-based Orientation program for substantial savings. Product catalogs are available from the National ENA Office at **847/698-9400** along with information about bulk discounts.
- *Colleen Vesely*, shift manager at Bassett Healthcare in Cooperstown, and a member of the newly organized **Mohawk Chapter**, was hailed as the 1996 Otsego County Hospital Staff Person of the Year. Colleen was nominated by Otsego County EMS, who honored her at the 1996 EMS Appreciation Dinner.
- The **Brooklyn-Staten Island** Chapter recently collaborated with the New York City Fire Department in developing an injury prevention program for the community. *Jean Gordon* has been elected President for 1997, *Denise Harris*, President-elect, *Gloria Williams*, Secretary, and *Barbara Soppett*, Treasurer.
- *Arline Reinking-Hanf* of the **Manhattan-Bronx** chapter is currently conducting research on the effects of massage therapy on patients undergoing open heart procedures.

Do you have any Emergency nurse or institution you would like to recognize? Drop a line to Cathy Lind, Mary Roth, or Anne Wall.

STATE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS 1997

Awards	Peggy Burke	716-663-2247
1997 Conference	Susan Knapp	315-524-4883
1998 Conference	Mary Lou Killian	
Education	Diane Castro	914-354-1003
EMS	Michele Forness	716-373-2612
Finance	Mary Ellen Wilson	716-244-5085
Gov't Affairs	Rita Anderson	914-783-2384
Injury Prevention	Shari Mantini	518-283-8627
Membership	Joanne Messina	516-472-4957
Nurse Practice	Ramona Sowers	607-734-7518
Newsletter	Cathy Lind	718-634-6765
	Mary Schmidt-Roth	516-766-2784
	Anne Wall	716-242-8974
Pediatric	Susan McAllen	914-496-8429
Research	Arline Reinking-Hanf	914-667-6980

COMMITTEE NEWS

NURSE PRACTICE

- The Nurse Practice Committee would like information from **ANY** Emergency Nurse who has suffered from severe or systemic latex allergies. Please contact Ramona Sowers if you would like to share your story, and help other Emergency Nurses.
- What effect are new reimbursement patterns having upon your departments, and how you plan your staffing? Contact Ramona Sowers if you have any information to share.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

- The 1998 Conference Committee, as well as the EDUCATION COMMITTEE, are issuing a call for speakers. Individuals who are interested are invited to submit lecture proposals. Lectures may vary in length from 60-90 minutes, though other formats may be considered. If you, or your colleagues are interested, please contact Sue Knapp for more information. The EDUCATION COMMITTEE is also developing a plan for a statewide continuing education offering, which will reach nurses in their own communities.

CHINESE AUCTION 1997

- By popular demand the Chinese Auction will be returning to the NYSCENA "Setting the Pace" Conference. Please start thinking about what you would like to donate to the Auction. Chapter and Individual contributions are all welcome! *Any questions? Call: Mel Wilson 716/244-5085 or 716/275-0891 (w)*

TRAUMA COMMITTEE

- A schedule of dates for the Trauma Nurse Core Course (TNCC) for 1997 is being developed. To answer your questions and to expedite your registration, please call one of NY ENA's key contacts for a local program

REGION	KEY CONTACT	PHONE
Suffolk County	Jeanette Barth	516-667-6430
Nassau-Queens	Cathy Lind	718-634-6765
Brooklyn-Staten Island	Jean Gordon	718-876-3044
Manhattan-Bronx	Arline Reinking-Hanf	914-667-6980
Lower Hudson	Rita Anderson	914-783-2384
Mid-Hudson	Diane Castro	914-354-1003
	Sue McAllen	914-496-8429
Adirondack	Shari Mantini	518-283-8627
Mohawk Valley	Anna Giannico	315-798-8289
Central	Judy Hoysack	315-470-7801
Southern Tier	Maureen Mooney	607-763-6183
	Diane Higgins	607-547-3980
Mark Twain	Mary Ann Wylie	607-737-4100
Genesee Valley	Mel Wilson	716-244-5085
Western	Ann Marie Tyrell	716-636-7508
Chatt	Michelle Silliker	716-373-0735

Dates for the Course in Advanced Trauma Nursing: A Conceptual Approach (CATN) are being selected. Key Contacts for information regarding this exciting and stimulating new course are:

Nassau-Queens	Ginny Tufarro	516-663-0333
Mid-Hudson	Diane Castro	914-354-1003

RESEARCH COMMITTEE

- The research committee is investigating a potential multi-site study on the use of **medlocks/saline wells** in the ED. Members are collecting data on the frequency of use of devices of this type in the ED. Anyone with information to share (published or unpublished) is asked to contact Arline Reinking-Hanf at 914-667-6980. If you or your facility are interested in more information, please contact Arline

INJURY PREVENTION COMMITTEE

- NYSCENA will be offering a National Highway Traffic Safety Authority (NHTSA) Crash Course in Injury Prevention on **January 30, 1997** at West Point from 8am-4pm. The course is open to all interested emergency nurses for a \$35 fee. Participants must register and pay in advance. Deadline for registration is January 10, 1997. Contact Shari Mantini at 518-283-8627 evenings.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

- A task force has been formed to examine the newsletter format, printing, and visions for the future. Cathy Lind, Mary Schmidt-Roth, and Anne Wall have been appointed to undertake this task, as well as search for a newsletter editor. Please feel free to contact any of them to provide input and ideas. Your help will be appreciated.

HAVE AN IDEA? CREATE A THEME!



National ENA is looking for a theme for 1997 Emergency Nurses Day. Got an idea?? Send your ideas for proposed themes to Kris Miller, Senior Coordinator Marketing, fax 847-698-9406 or phone 847-698-9400 ext. 3390.

NEWSLETTER TASK FORCE

Please submit any ideas, suggestions, or articles to:

Cathy Lind 718-634-6765

Mary Schmidt-Roth 516-766-2784

Anne Wall 716-242-8974
AWall54@aol.com

ATLANTA, GEORGIA HERE WE COME!!!

It is time to start planning to attend the 1997 Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. The General Assembly will be held September 3-4, 1997. The Scientific Assembly will be September 5-7, 1997.

There are 132 courses proposed for the 1997 Annual Meeting. The courses will cover whole spectrum of topics, including: Innovations/Challenges in Clinical Practice, New Horizons in Technology, and Professional Opportunities. One topic generating much excitement is Mind/Body/Spirit. We have selected some courses to help re-energize ourselves and balance the stress overload that we all tend to experience. Once again, there will be courses for flight nurses and advanced practice nurses as well.

Social events are planned for the meeting. The President's Party will be Wednesday, September 3, and the Opening Reception will be Thursday, September 4. The planned theme for this opening gala will be "Atlanta ENAfest." Once again, The Emergency Nursing Foundation will hold its popular Silent Auction on Friday evening, September 5.

So, circle the dates in your calendar, look for upcoming information from ENA, and we'll see you there!

Submitted by Mel Wilson For more information on how you can serve as a NY delegate to the General Assembly, contact Mary Hayes

NATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Once again New York Emergency Nurses are well represented on National Committees. New York members are well respected for their ability to have a global emergency nursing focus, bring fresh ideas, and meet goals and deadlines. Please feel free to talk with any of the members of these committees about their charges and goals for 1997.

- Ivy Budhai-Henry (Brooklyn-Staten Island) Diversity Task Force
- Laura Casey (Lower Hudson) Award of Excellence Review Panel
- Kathy Conboy (Southern Tier) Nurse Managers Committee
- Joanne Fadale (Western) Hall of Fame Honors Panel
- Mary Hayes (Nassau-Queens) TNCC International Faculty
- Kathy Kelly (Mid-Hudson) Hall of Fame Honors Panel
- Paul Maxwell (Genesee Valley) Uniformed Personnel Special Interest Grp
- Arline Reinking-Hanf (Manhattan-Bronx) Research Committee
- Susan Strauss (Mid-Hudson) Emer. Nursing Found. Board of Trustees
- Anne Wall (Genesee Valley) Nurse Practice Committee
- Mary Ellen Wilson (Genesee Valley) Annual Meeting Committee
- Mary Ann Wylie (Mark Twain) National Highway Traffic Safety Authority (NHTSA) Project Committee

NY STATE ENA/EMS AWARD

Virginia Hens of Buffalo was presented the 14th Annual NYS Council Emergency Medical Services Award. Ginny has narrowed the gaps in the traditional roles and enthusiastically marshaled the multiple disciplines of EMS, physicians, and nurses to work collaboratively toward the provision of excellent quality emergency care for all citizens of NY. As former president of NYSCENA, Ginny initiated the first EMS Committee on a state level. Ginny's insight and advocacy for a better emergency medical system with active participation by emergency nurses on EMS Councils. Ms. Hens is currently the Executive Director of Western Regional Emergency Medical Services (WREMS).



Submitted by Susan Strauss

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OPPORTUNITY!!

Barry Gell, from the DOH-Bureau of Injury Prevention, has invited representatives of ENA to participate in a training session on safety features of automobiles. Completion of this program will qualify the participant to educate auto dealers on proper use of safety features for differing models of autos. This training will be during **February 1997** in the Cortland/Onondaga County are. Interested? Contact Susan Strauss at rstrauss@prodigy.com or 914-473-7341.

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