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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Sue Prezzano, CEN



As I sit here gathering my thoughts for my third President's message, I am amazed that it is September! Where does the time go? This has been a great year for our Council so far.

With the November meeting nearly here, we are looking for nominations for next year's officers. Elections will be held on Nov. 3 at Poughkeepsie. All of you have so much to offer the New York State Council. I encourage everyone to get involved. Having the support and availability of networking with your colleagues is invaluable. It doesn't take special experience or education. All you need to qualify is being a member of New York State ENA. Contact Carole West at e-caw@verizon.net with your nomination. (See Call for Candidates article.)

The Trauma Committee has been busy this summer preparing for the TNCC updates. Four of our council members went to Chicago for the updates and will teach the NY update. All instructors must attend an update before the new course can be taught. We will be having 3 classes this November at St. Francis Trauma Center in Poughkeepsie, NY. The dates are November 2, 3, and 4. The classes are slated for 8-hour days. Be sure to register early with Joanne Fadale tjmf40@aol.com. Classes are sure to fill up fast. There are improved testing stations, new chapters and a new text. New York State has 112 TNCC instructors. We hope to update at least 60 in November with the remainder in the following months prior to April, 2008.

Plans are underway for our Legislative Breakfast in January. This is your opportunity to speak one on one with your representatives about issues that affect our emergency health care. Come to the November 3 Council Meeting at the Poughkeepsie Marriott Courtyard to hear more.

I have great memories from Salt Lake City, Utah. Our 30 delegates representing 1900 New York State ENA members made a difference with their votes on resolutions and bylaw changes. They were strong and vocal in support of positive change. We increased our network of friends throughout the country and took advantage of the many great educational offerings. Lots of social events added to our enjoyment. Maybe next year some of you will want to get in on this great experience and join us at the National Convention in Minneapolis.

Your President,
Sue Prezzano

SETTING THE PACE 2008

Setting The Pace 2008, "Meeting Today's Challenges, Preserving The Future" will be held April 24-25, 2008 in Saratoga, New York. The featured speaker will be Gail Pisarcik Lenehan, RN, EdD, FAAN, FAEN, who served as Editor in Chief of the Journal of Emergency Nursing for 25 years. Also speaking will be noted author and lecturer Susan M. Hohenhaus, MA, RN, FAEN" who will tell us how we can be "Preparing for Safe Pediatric Emergency Care" and will close the conference with "It's a Beautiful Day for Emergencies: Stories From an ED Nurse on the Road".

For registration, speaker proposals, exhibitor packets or other information, please contact Janice Francischine @ RNJAN-ICE@msn.com or by mail at 5 Birchwood Ct., Apt. 4, Mineola, NY 11501.



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



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

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- Services relating to emergency nursing.
- recruitment advertising for emergency nurses

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**Deadlines for 2007:
November 10**

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

NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL AWARDS FREE MEMBERSHIPS

To celebrate Emergency Nurses Week this year, the New York State Council ENA awarded a free one-year membership to one ENA member from each chapter in the state. The names were randomly selected by computer.

Congratulations to the following winners:

**Timothy Michael Renna, Troy • Blossom Jackson, Brooklyn • Barbara S. Cangelo, Jamesville • Michelle Forness, Olean
Johanna Bannert-Sica, Queens Village • Catherine P. O'Leary, Bronx • Diane I. Palmer, Washingtonville
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Stacy Lynn Palma, Rochester • Beth A. Pfeifer, Yorktown Heights • Phyllis Ellis, New Hartford**



August State Council Meeting

BURN CONFERENCE A SUCCESS

Sandi Tetler

On August 10, 2007, Stony Brook University Medical Center and the Suffolk County Chapter of the Emergency Nurses Association sponsored an Advanced Burn Life Support course. Thirty people from surrounding hospitals participated in the class and were successfully certified. The class was funded by a grant provided by the Regional Resource Center for Emergency Preparedness at Stony Brook.

The first half of the day consisted of lectures, which were presented by educators from Brockport Hospital, CT and Stony Brook University Medical Center. The latter part consisted of various practice skill stations and testing much like a TNCC or ENPC course.

A big thank you goes to Connie Kraft who organized the course. The day ran smoothly allowing all to learn while having fun.

COURSE SCHEDULE

COURSE	DATE	PLACE	CONTACT
TNCC	Oct. 18/19	Winthrop Hospital	Judy Jax 516-663-8708 jjax@winthrop.org
TNCC	Oct. 20/21	Penfield Amb.	Sue Knapp rknapp5@rochester.rr.com
TNCC	Oct. 24/25	Wilson Hospital, Johnson City	Alice_Sturckler@uhs.org 607-763-6022
TNCC	Nov. 10/11	Manhattan	Meg Barry barryma@nyp.org
TNCC	Nov.15/16	Mohawk Valley, Utica	Fil Talerico Ftalerico@Stemc.org
TNCC	April 5/6, 2008	Genesee Valley Chapter	rbreese1@rochester.rr.com
ENPC	Nov. 1/2	Wilson Hospital, Johnson City	Alice_Sturckler@uhs.org 607-763-6022
ENPC	Nov. 10/11	Penfield Amb.	Sue Knapp rknapp5@rochester.rr.com
ENPC	Dec. 13/14	Winthrop Hospital	Judy Jax 516-663-8708 jjax@winthrop.org
ENPC	Feb. 9/10, 2008	Genesee Valley Chapter	rbreese1@rochester.rr.com
TeachingDay	Oct. 10	Rochester, NY	Gwen.Williams@viahealth.org
TeachingDay	Oct. 19	Century HouseLatham, NY	Csalvador@nycap.rr.com Adirondack Chapter
EMS Teaching Day	Nov. 2	Cooperstown	Coleen.Vesely@Bassett.org
CEN Review	May 3, 2008	Genesee Valley Chapter	rbreese1@rochester.rr.com

ENPC/TNCC News

Joanne Fadale, RN, BSN,
NYSC Trauma and Pediatric Chairperson

The following information about the new TNCC Rollout, the new administrative procedures and some reminders of items that need to be submitted to the State Chair at the completion of courses is being provided for ENPC/TNCC instructors.

REMINDERS FOR ENPC/TNCC INSTRUCTORS:

1. At the completion of any ENPC/TNCC course the Course Coordinator **must** send a copy of the **Summary Performance Report** to the State Chairperson as well as to National.
2. A **Conflict of Interest** statement **must** be completed by all instructors teaching at a course. The COI are to be maintained by the Course Coordinator for **seven years**.
3. At the end of each course, individuals that have been identified as potential instructors should have a **Letter of Potential Instructor Candidate** sent to the State Chair. This will allow the state to determine where and when instructor courses are needed and to be able to plan in advance for them.
4. The new national administrative procedures will apply to both ENPC and TNCC courses. TNCC instructors attending the TNCC update will receive the new procedures with the new instructor manual. It will not be necessary for ENPC only instructors to attend the TNCC update to receive the new administrative procedures, as they will be distributed separately to ENPC instructors.

TNCC UPDATE

The new 6th edition of TNCC is completed and printed. All TNCC instructors will be required to attend an update course before April 30, 2008.

A few highlights of the changes:

Lectures- Initial Assessment

Airway and Ventilation

Ocular, Maxillofacial, and Neck

Transition of Care

Disaster Management

Skill Stations- Trauma Nursing Process

Airway & Ventilation Interventions

Spinal Protection, Helmet Removal, and Splinting

Administrative Procedures- Course Organization Structure

Responsibilities of Involved Parties

Criteria for Participants, Instructors and Faculty

Crossing State Lines

At the instructor update, all instructors will be required to return a demonstration of the new Spine and Airway Station, test and pass the new Trauma Nursing Process Station and complete and pass the new written examination. Upon successful completion each instructor will receive a letter authorizing the instructor to purchase the new instructor manual.

The fee for the TNCC Provider Manual Sixth Edition will be \$45.00. All TNCC current instructors are required to purchase the new provider manual as soon as possible. It will provide you the information needed to successfully complete the update course. Manuals are available through National ENA on the web site.

The fee for the TNCC Instructor Manual will be \$47.50. (New York State instructors attending and successfully completing a NYSC update will receive their instructor manual compliments of the New York State Council.) Instructor manuals cannot be distributed until an instructor completes an update course and receives a letter of authorization from the update coordinator.

The one day format is 8 hours which includes:

Review of the DVD lecture content (the DVD will be sent prior to the update course and must be viewed by the instructor to be updated)

Time for questions

Skill station review with return demo of Spine and Airway

TNP testing

Written exam

A few Key points:

- There can be no co-mixing of 5th edition instructors with 6th edition instructors to teach a 6th edition course.
- All instructors for a 6th edition course must have attended an update.
- The 5th edition course may be taught until May 1, 2008, and after that the 6th edition is required.
- Instructors from the state that attended the national rollout in Chicago are the **ONLY** faculty for the purposes of the rollout.

The first updates will be held in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. November 2, 3, & 4, 2007. The number of participants will be limited. For those instructors that attended the ENPC update a few years ago, the requirements are different. A ratio of 6:1 student/instructor must be maintained. All courses will be the one-day format.

ATTENDANCE AT THE NOVEMBER UPDATES WILL BE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS. The deadline for registration was Sept. 15, 2007. If any instructor has not registered and wishes to attend one of the upcoming updates contact the State Trauma Chair immediately to find out if space is available.

ENA CELEBRATES EMERGENCY NURSES WEEK OCTOBER 7-13, 2007

Denise Harris

- The woman about to deliver in the taxicab parked in your ambulance bay
- The child who stuck peas in his nostril
- The skateboarder who broke his wrist doing a fancy flip
- The man with crushing chest pain
- The parents of a police officer critically wounded by gunfire
- A nursing home resident with pneumonia

In all these instances, an emergency nurse was there.

This year's theme for Emergency Nurses Week, October 7-13, 2007 and Emergency Nurses Day, October 10, 2007 is **"Stepping into their lives when they need you the most"**. During this time, give yourself a much deserved pat on the back, celebrate your accomplishments, praise your colleagues for their endless dedication, and encourage the new grad to hang in there; it will get better.

The New York State Council ENA congratulates all emergency nurses for the work you do and the lives you save every day!

SAVE THE DATE

Denise Harris and Deb Taylor

The New York State Council ENA in conjunction with American Trauma Society will be sponsoring a Legislative Breakfast on January 22, 2008 at the Legislative Office Building in Albany, New York from 8am to 11am.

Come meet one on one with your state legislators to discuss issues related to emergency care in our state. Potential topics will include Trauma Funding, the Effects of Nursing Shortage/ED Overcrowding on Patient Safety and Protecting the Nurse Practice Act.

Contact your legislators to invite them to this event. There will be a dinner and presentation the evening of January 21, 2008 at the Crowne Plaza in Albany to educate participants on how bills become laws in NYS and how to effectively present our issues to legislators.

Please RSVP to Deb Taylor, 585-344-1553 or 585-943-0993 or email her at ddt1027@verizon.net.

You may call Deb for more information and watch for additional information in the next newsletter.

FROM THE CHAPTERS

Adirondack recently had 2 very successful CEN classes. The annual teaching day is Oct. 19.

Brooklyn-Staten Island has a new web page up and running. It's b-sienachapter.com.

Central New York's next meeting is to be held at Phoebe's in Syracuse in November. The guest speaker will be Dr. Lodi speaking on the stroke response of University Hospital with a new clot retrieval device he is using. This device will change the allowed treatment time from the current three-hour window to 12 hours after onset of symptoms. Check the web site at CNYENA.org for more info.

ENPC classes were held on Oct. 3 and 10.

The chapter is planning a 5K run for gun amnesty in Syracuse in the spring, 2008. More info will follow.

Manhattan-Bronx is having a Fall conference on Nov. 6 in the evening.

Southern Tier is hosting a CEN exam on Oct. 16.

Suffolk is planning a meeting and holiday party for Dec. 3.

Western New York requests that CEN survey results be sent to Deb Taylor, 6 Eleanor Place, Batavia, NY 14020.

NOVEMBER MEETING TO BE HELD IN POUGHKEEPSIE

The November NYS Council Meeting and TNCC updates will be held in Poughkeepsie. The Council meeting will be held on **Nov. 3 and the updates will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 2, 3 and 4.**

We hope to update 60 of our 112 instructors this weekend. The updates will be held at St. Francis Hospital.

Hotel Information:

Marriott Courtyard

2641 South Road

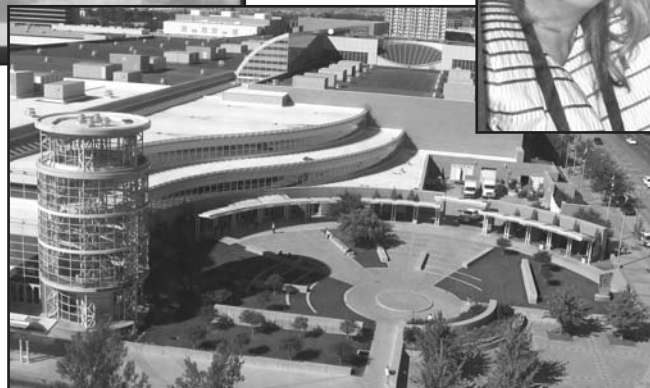
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

845-485-6336

Room rate is \$99 for a double bed room and \$89 for a king bed. Rooms are blocked until Oct. 4.

State that you are with Emergency Nurses Association. Be sure to register with Joanne Fadale separately for the update. (Ed. Note: See Joanne's article for more information.)

Agenda items for the meeting will be taken until October 20. Contact Sue Prezzano at tnc136@aol.com. The chief topic of this meeting will be devoted to the smooth running of our Legislative Breakfast in January.



OUR SPIRITS WERE LIFTED!

Mary Schmidt Roth

This year's ENA General Assembly and Annual Conference was held in Salt Lake City. The theme "Lift Your Spirit" was reflected in outgoing President Donna Mason's speech to the national delegates. She gave a light hearted and interesting account of ENA's achievements in 2007. Among them are the updated Trauma Nurses Core Course, the ED orientation online course and a revised Core Curriculum. Incoming President Denise King presented her goals for 2008. Her focus will be on leadership and mentoring new leaders, so that ENA can "grow beyond our expectations."

The national delegates debated and voted on changes in the Nominations Committee and on requirements for national office. They voted to increase resources for pediatric emergency care and for disaster preparedness; and to endorse five level triage scales.

The Scientific Conference was a success with many great speakers and exhibits. Attendees praised the classes on Documentation and Liability, Toxicology, Chest X-ray Interpretation, Lessons Learned in Baghdad and Forensic Medicine among others. Nurses upgraded their CPR skills, tested their knowledge of drugs, learned new computer systems, and could take rides on stretchers while viewing the exhibits. Some took home prizes of I pods, DVD players, stethoscopes and gift baskets, along with pens, ACLS cards and other goodies.

The conference was also a social success. Donna Mason invited everyone to an Oktoberfest in the mountains. Stryker treated attendees of the Opening Reception with lively music and dance and the Beatles were featured at the ENA Foundation Party. Some explored the national parks, such as Arches, for their spectacular beauty. Others took a dip in the Great Salt Lake and some visited with the bison and antelopes. The local microbreweries provided samples, food and fun.

The 2007 convention in Salt Lake did lift our spirits, enlighten our minds, and gave us energy to bring back to our EDs!



Opening Reception



ENA group photo



Time For Relaxation



Caucusing at General Assembly



Dancing With Our Stryker Friend

CALL FOR 2008 NYSCENA COUNCIL CANDIDATES

The State Council is looking for candidates for officers for 2008. 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:

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 parliamentarians for the quarterly State Council meetings.

Served as Chairperson to 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.

Secretary (Two year commitment)

As Secretary, an individual would be expected to:

Attend State Council meetings and Board of Directors meetings.

Maintain records of the meetings and the directory of officers.

Disseminate information to officers and chapters as directed by the President and Board.

Serve as chapter liaison as directed by the President.

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.



Candidate Deb Taylor



Candidate Sue Knapp



Candidates Sue Breese, Gwen Williams and Cheryl Marcel



Candidate Ivy Budhai Henry

Thus far, the following persons have agreed to be candidates:

President-Elect: Sue Chalupa-Breese

Secretary: Sue Knapp and Cheryl Marcel

Director at Large: Ivy Budhai Henry, Gwen Williams and Deb Taylor

All members are encouraged to nominate candidates. To nominate yourself or someone else, please contact Carole West at e-caw@verizon.net. Plan to attend the Nov.3 meeting in Poughkeepsie to vote for the candidate of your choice.