



NYSENA-Pacer

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Message from the President

~ Martha Reid

It is the start of a new year and with that comes a renewed energy to set new goals, affect change, and help move us forward in our mission. I am humbled that I have been given the honor to lead the New York State Council this year as President and am excited to work with both our Executive Board and our membership to promote Emergency Nursing, Safe Patient Care, and advocate for our patients and ourselves. Our state council is stronger and more motivated than ever, and we are already off to a great start.

Late last year, we voted on two things that have already had an impact on 2018 and have gotten us jumpstarted forward already. First, we voted that we would offer all our 2018 Officers the opportunity to attend State and Chapter Leadership Orientation (SCLO). This is a wonderful opportunity to help both inform and grow new leaders as well as to energize and redefine and energize more seasoned leaders. We also encouraged all the NYS Chapters to consider sending representatives as well. January 18-20 eleven of us met in New Orleans for SCLO, along with 300 other Emergency Nursing Leaders from all over the US and even beyond. Despite cancelled and delayed flights, boil water advisories, and severe cold that basically shut down the city of New Orleans, it was a very successful event and we all brought back new ideas and new energy for the upcoming year.

The second thing that we had agreed upon for the upcoming year, is to actively promote the National Stop the Bleed campaign as our Injury Prevention initiative for 2018. To assist our chapters in this endeavor, the New York State Council purchased training kits for each state, an investment of more than \$1000 per kit. January 27, we held our annual orientation session in Binghamton for new officers and members and provided one more train the trainer Stop the Bleed session. At our state council meeting the next day, we asked the local Channel 12 news come and do a story to help to let the public know about this important training. I am excited to see how NYS ENA members can join with other healthcare professionals to help to educate the public in this important lifesaving skill. We have many other activities underway for this year, such as our annual Setting the Pace conference in Saratoga Springs April 19-20, Day on the Hill May 5 and work has begun on our new strategic plan to help guide us for the next few years as well. It is surely going to be an exciting and busy year and I invite you all to join us in making Emergency Nursing stronger, whether it be at the local, state or national level.



Follow the Flame

~ Tammy A. Ophardt, MSN, RN, CEN, CCRN

Each State has obtained a lantern from National ENA. National ENA's President Jeff Solheim would like the lantern to represent the excellence-in-nursing spirit which our ED nurses attain everyday. He would like the lantern to showcase the work we do.

As of the January meeting, the New York State ENA's lantern was on its way to begin its journey first through New York City. The lantern will be making its way to all the chapters in NYS. As part of the plan for Follow the Flame, the NYS ENA would like each chapter to take pictures of their emergency nursing efforts in their communities. Members are encouraged to post photos to various media sites and send copies of the pictures to ecomunications@ena.org. Use hashtag #followtheflame when posting pictures on media sites. (Please also send your pictures to the President to be posted on our website or Facebook page.)

The collection of pictures accumulated will be displayed in September at the National ENA Conference in Pittsburgh, PA.

You are encouraged to please read the [Follow the Flame Planning Guide](#) for the Do's, Don'ts, and suggestions for the pictures.



Stop the Bleed

~ Tammy A. Ophardt, MSN, RN, CEN, CCRN



25 more people participated in the "Stop the Bleed" campaign on Friday before the State meeting. The State also handed out Stop the Bleed training kits for all of the chapters. These Kits cost \$1000 and were donated to the chapters from NYS ENA to continue the efforts of teaching Stop the Bleed in the communities of NYS.

Channel 12 came from the area and interviewed our President Martha Reid, Mary Ann Teeter, and Suzanne Bakiewicz from Herkimer Industries. They explained the importance of the Stop the Bleed campaign, how the kits will be used, who makes the kits, and where to obtain more information on the campaign.

Stop the Bleed day is March 31. Consider planning an event for your community in the spring.

Remembering . . .

~ Gwen Williams & Sue Chalupa-Breese

The Genesee Valley Chapter received their original chapter charter (chapter code 020) in the early 1970's along with eleven other state chapters and became the first ENA chapter in New York State. The chapter initially represented emergency nurses from 13 hospitals in Monroe, Wayne, Livingston, and Ontario Counties. The organization and chapter were supported by area emergency nurses, EMS and physicians. Dr. David Kluge, a general surgeon at The Genesee Hospital, was active in early trauma and highway



safety initiatives. He encouraged emergency nurses to meet and is considered the "founding father" of the chapter.

The chapter area has a long and rich history with ENA. The Emergency Room Nurses organization on the east coast and the Emergency Department Nurses Association on the west coast joined forces and the Association was initially incorporated as the Emergency Department Nurses Association (EDNA) in Rochester, NY on December 1, 1970.

Genesee Valley Chapter ENA was deactivated by in July 1983 due declining membership and membership involvement. In 1984, a group of emergency nurses at Rochester General Hospital under the leadership of Angela Karnes, RN, BS, contacted National ENA in an attempt to reorganize the chapter. A group of 7 nurses met, reorganized the chapter, elected officers and delegates and petitioned National ENA to reactivate the chapter. National ENA granted a second charter to the chapter in November 1984 with chapter code # 276. The chapter members began to attend the NYS ENA meetings in 1985 in Binghamton, NY and the National ENA Conferences as delegates representing the nurses of the region. Chapter dues were set at \$25. The monthly chapter meetings were held at Rochester General Hospital and as membership increased from area hospitals, the meetings were rotated between the area hospital emergency departments. This change in venue attracted more nurses to join the organization and the membership numbers quickly increased. Since 1984, the chapter membership has steadily grown and maintains representation from all area hospitals.

The NYS ENA newsletter was published in Rochester in the 1990's and the state PO Box remains in Rochester. The chapter has a long standing association with the NYS ACEP whose offices are located now in Webster, NY. Three NYS ENA conferences were held in Rochester in 1992, 2009, and 2015. The Board of Certification for Emergency Nursing (BCEN) has maintained a testing site in Rochester since the 1980's.

The chapter has been in the forefront of education for emergency nurses. Local chapter member Suzanne Wall attended the first TNCC Instructor Course in 1985, returned from the National Conference and began teaching TNCC provider courses in the region. Janice Rogers, from the Pediatric Emergency Department at the University of Rochester, was instrumental in developing the curriculum for the first ENPC courses in 1991-1992.

Several NYS ENA Presidents have been members of the chapter including Virginia Hebda, Susan Chalupa-Breese, Susan Knapp, Mary Ellen (Mel) Wilson, and Gwen Williams. Mel Wilson went on to become the National ENA President. Local chapter members have served on both State and National Committees/Task Forces including Communications, Education, Government Affairs, Professional Development, Advanced Practice and Advocacy. Local chapter members are also involved in professional community organizations including the Monroe-Livingston Regional EMS Council, Regional Emergency Advisory Council, Study of Trauma and Emergencies Project (STEP) and the Alliance of Professional Nursing Organizations.

The chapter has developed a robust website under the direction of Gray Goose Graphics, Sue Chalupa Breese, Dawn McMullen and Tammy Ophardt. Chapter members are kept informed of activities and ENA updates through the website and Constant Contact.

In 2009, Sue Chalupa Breese, NYSENA president also began the ENA NY State website using Grey Goose Graphics.

Currently, the chapter has 190 active members. The chapter officers represent area 11 hospitals and facilities that impact emergency nursing in the region. In 2018, the chapter will sponsor 5 TNCC courses, 1 ENPC course, a Trauma Certified Registered Nurse (TCRN) Review Course and a Certified

Emergency Nurse (CEN) Review Course. A Certified Pediatric Emergency Nurse (CPEN) is planned in collaboration with Rochester General Hospital with Sue Chalupa Breese being the instructor. 1 ENPC instructor course and 1 TNCC instructor course is being offered in 2018. Chapter business meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the month at Gates Volunteer Ambulance at 1700. Educational sessions are planned for every other month following the chapter business meetings. Chapter income, from dues and courses, support initiatives that include scholarships to the annual NYS Conference in April and the Emergency Nurses Day celebration in October.



The path to 2020 and Remembering . . .

~ Tammy A. Ophardt, MSN, RN, CEN, CCRN

Be on the lookout for a schedule for when the history of your chapter is due in the next newsletter. The goal is to have all of NYS's chapters histories represented in all of the newsletters by the anniversary in 2020. Joanne Fadale has been working hard by providing us numerous articles of the history of ENA and she would like the chapters to contribute with writing an article on their development as a chapter within NYS. So before you archive any of your chapter history, please save some of that material to write an article for the history of NYS ENA.

File Boxes

~ Tammy A. Ophardt, MSN, RN, CEN, CCRN

You may be wondering how file boxes can be news. Well, it is important news for you chapter. The NYS ENA has obtained space for storage of important materials from you chapter. Some chapters have already obtained their boxes from Martha to fill and bring them to her to place in storage.

What can go in the boxes? Anything your chapter feels they need to keep and store in one place. Examples are not limited to financial papers, historical items, pictures, etc. You will receive two file size storage boxes to put items in for your chapter. They can be obtained from Martha. Please let her know when you would like to pick them up from her. She can probably bring them to Saratoga Springs for the next meeting. Those of you that have boxes, please notify her if you will be bringing them to her in Saratoga to see if she will have room to take them then.



Important information to note about the storage: you cannot come and go to get items out here and there, so if you need anything on and off it is best not to place it in storage. If your chapter will need any items to write your history of your chapter for the newsletter in the future, it would also be best not place it in storage yet. Any questions you may have on the storage boxes can be directed to the NYS ENA President.

Basket Raffle

~ Tammy A. Ophardt, MSN, RN,
CEN, CCRN

News from our Basket Raffle Bunnies for the
Basket Raffle at Setting the Pace April 2018:

This year's theme is "Green". Bring items you
would like to have raffled off as a donation for
the ENA Foundation during the State
Challenge. Green can mean anything from
money to emeralds to plants to whatever you
think is GREEN!



We look forward to seeing your ideas of Green in Saratoga Springs for the NYS Setting the Pace
Conference in the Spring!



There is also a challenge for the chapters to bring a check to make a donation to the Foundation at
the time of the conference. Bring those checkbooks and help the Foundation with a lot of GREEN
from your chapter!

A Day on the Hill

~ Tammy A. Ophardt, MSN, RN, CEN,
CCRN

Day on the Hill is May 8-9, 2018. Registration
opened on January 29. NYSENA will be sending
the government affairs chairperson and one other
person on the board. There is a possibility of one
to two other seats available. They are also
looking for alternates who would be available to go on a 2-3 week notice. Those interested in
attending were to send a letter to the NYS ENA President with your name, chapter affiliation, and
why you wanted to go by February 10 to president@nysena.org. One of the topics to be lobbied for
on the Hill is to have Stop the Bleed kits to be included alongside AEDs in all schools, businesses,
etc.



NYS ENA Brand Shop

~ Tammy A. Ophardt, MSN, RN, CEN, CCRN

COMING SOON!

The NYS ENA brand shop will be up and running soon.
You will be able to order the NYS ENA logos on shirts,
sweaters, etc.

Look for an upcoming contact blast from NYS ENA when
you can start shopping!



Board Positions Available

~ Tammy A. Ophardt, MSN, RN, CEN, CCRN

We are recruiting early for members to starting thinking about running for a board position. The positions we will have available are:

- President-elect
- Director at Large



Please consider running to be part of the NYS Board of Directors.

Nominations are to be sent to Ivy at immediatepastpresident@nysena.org by June 30. Elections will be held in July and new members will be installed at the October NYS ENA State Council meeting.

Commemorative Bricks

~ Tammy A. Ophardt, MSN, RN, CEN, CCRN

National ENA Foundation is selling commemorative bricks to be placed in the courtyard at the new ENA site. \$250 for a 4 x 8 block and \$500 for an 8 x 8 block. Consider a donation and have your Chapter's name written in stone. Contact Mickey for more information.



Upcoming dates to Save

NYS Council Meetings 2018:

April 21	Saratoga Springs Holiday Inn
July 28	Binghamton Double Tree
October 20	Binghamton Double Tree

2018 Meeting Raffle Chapter List:

April 2018	Manhattan/Bronx	Mark Twain
July 2018	Mohawk	Nassau/Queens
October 2018	Southern Tier	Suffolk
January 2019	Western	Adirondack

Newsletter Deadline Dates 2018:

May 5
August 11
November 3

Other 2018 Events:

April 19 & 20	Setting the Pace Conference, Saratoga Springs, NY
May 7 & 8	Day on the Hill, Washington, D.C.
September 24-29	National ENA Conference, Pittsburgh, PA



Add event to your
Calendar

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