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Message from Missouri State ENA Council

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Have you ever been asked: "What do you like most about being an emergency nurse?" Your answer may vary from being in the role of an educator, department manager, trauma coordinator or being a bedside nurse. Whatever your role as an emergency nurse, I want to invite and encourage you to attend your local Chapter and State Council meetings. Missouri ENA, both at the local Chapter and State Council, offer many opportunities for you to become involved and share your experience.

As ENA celebrates its 38th year anniversary, it seems appropriate to remember where we have been and consider where we have yet to go.

Emergency departments across the state are looking at ways to be more efficient and improve patient flow, by using hand-held computers, computerized charting, bedside registration and observation units. Psychiatric patients and those with substance abuse issues continue to be seen in our emergency departments in greater numbers, posing clinical and placement challenges. As a member, you can be part of meeting the challenges that face Emergency Departments in 2008. Let's celebrate emergency nursing in 2008 - all it is now and all it can be.



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This year holds many educational and networking opportunities for emergency nurses; ENA Leadership Conference 2008 in Honolulu, Combined Clinical Conference August 12 - 15, 2008 at Tan-Tar-A Resort, and Scientific Assembly in Minneapolis, MN.

Please feel free to contact me either by phone (573) 979-3322 or by email butlerbrenda@charter.net.



Course Operations Report

by Helen Sandkuhl, Chairperson, Course Operations

At present there are 245 active TNCC Instructors in the state of Missouri. To date, we have had 185 TNCC Instructors register for the 6th Edition TNCC Update Course. We also have assisted Oklahoma, Kansas and Illinois in updating their instructors in border states. Missouri has one of the largest pools of instructors in the country compared to similar states our size. Kansas has 142 active instructors and Illinois has 169.

There are still a few courses available for instructors who have not registered. Time is running out, so if you are interested in one of the remaining Missouri Update Courses, please contact Helen Sandkuhl at 314-577-8774 or helen.sandkuhl@tenethealth.com.

The following TNCC Update Courses are still available:

February 16, 2008 St. Louis University Hospital

St. Louis, Missouri

March 8, 2008 Boone County Hospital

Columbia, Missouri

March 9, 2008 Lake Regional Medical Center

Osage Beach, Missouri

Watch our website:

www.missouriena.org

for TNCC and ENPC Instructor Courses in 2008.

**Thanks to all of the Missouri Instructors
for disseminating TNCC/ENPC/CATN
throughout our state!**

**Because of you we have one of the most
active states in the nation!**



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“NOTICE A NURSE”

The Missouri State ENA Council are trying something new...we are going to highlight one members in our state and there positive influence on our profession. Nominations welcome.

Linda Meyer, RN MAEd (aka “Suzie the Clown”)

Linda is married to a wonderful farmer, mother of eight children and grandmother of twenty children. Two of her daughters are RN’s.

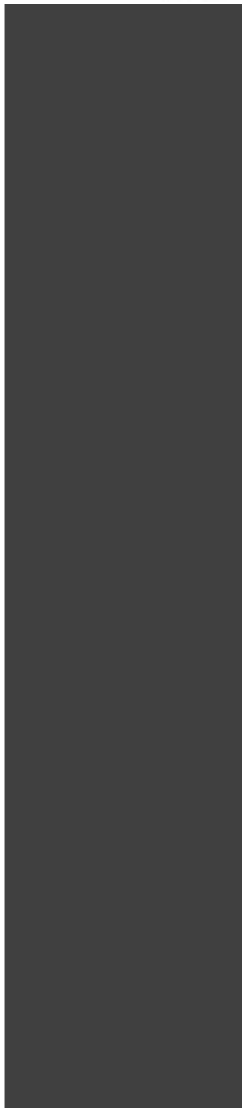
She first began working in the healthcare field in 1967 as a Nurse Assistant at St. Mary’s Health Center, graduating with an AD from Forest Park Community College in 1968, a BSN from Maryville College in 1990, and a MAEd from Maryville University in 1992. She currently is Working fulltime as one of the night Charge Nurses at Hermann Area District Hospital in Hermann, Missouri which services the surrounding community with a three room ER.

Her first introduction of EMS was through Chief Frank Rucker with the Ballwin Fire Protection District. Chief Rucker began the first female volunteer Ambulance Attendant group in St. Louis in 1975 by sending a group of local nurses to FPCC to obtain our EMT license. From this introduction to EMS she had the opportunity to work in the ER at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Kirkwood, Missouri Baptist Medical Center, St. John’s Mercy Medical Center and Hospital University of Missouri Medical Center, St. Anthony’s Medical Center and now Hermann Hospital. She has been an Emergency Department Staff Nurse, Charge Nurse, and Educator in these positions.

She says that she is so old that:

- She went to Forest Park Community College before the building was completed.
- She remembers reusing stainless steel bed pans.
- She remembers when the original heart monitor console was 4ftX8ft.
- She remembers using the “Red Rooster” for CPR.
- She remembers doing hyperdermaclysis.
- She remembers when NaBicarb was “in”.
- She remembers when ACLS had a central line IV station.
- She remembers being in the Trial of “intercaths”.
- She remembers being in the “TIMI” trials.
- She remembers using the rotating tourniquet machine.
- She remembers working with Dr. Hobie Hansen at SMHC.

As she gets older and wiser, her interest in healthcare has grown to include wholistic therapies. She now realizes that to be healthy requires more than just medications and demands us to Balance the body, mind and spirit. She is a Massage Therapist, Hypno-Therapist, Energy Practitioner, and Clown. She looks forward to her retirement years and hopes to enjoy more Mission trips with Dr. Pat Cook to Pineapple, Alabama, clowning for St. Agatha’s and the International Institute, volunteering for the Exceptional Equestrians, to practice wholistic, And dig in her garden.



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Committee Reports

Injury Prevention Report

Lori Davis, Co-Chair, Injury Prevention Committee

For over the Last 6 months the Highway Safety Division has been working hard to develop a resource and tool that will help engage the youth of our State. They are pleased to announce that the Missouri youth web site, www.saveMOyouth.com has completed it's first phase of development and has been launched. The site is geared to attract young drivers and those who work on youth safety programs throughout Missouri. It incorporates many videos for teens to watch, encourages teens to get involved, to stay safe on Missouri roads while encouraging their peers to do the same. Please take some time visit the website. They hope you enjoy it.

www.saveMOyouth.com



Membership

by Ginny Myerscough

The Membership Committee is proud to announce that we now have 610 members in our state, which met our goal to top 600 by the end of 2007. We had 135 new members last year. Way to go!!

When this committee sent out questionnaires last year to 450 members, 50 responded, with a report to be compiled and given at the March state meeting. New members will be receiving cards with opportunities to receive scholarships for the Combined Clinical Conference.

Everyone, please try and remeber to recruit new members who are EMS, paramedics, LPN's or student nurses. Their membership is free!!

The National ENA is in the process of changing to a new system of assigning chapters. It will be done by zip code. Please note that members can still belong to whatever chapter they chose. They will need to contact ENA to make any adjustments. The anticipated "Go Live" date is January 31, 2008.



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Combined Clinical Conference
Tantara August 13, 14, and 15, 2008



by Carol Pettit

We are in the planning stages for our 22nd annual Combined Clinical Conference in partnership with MEMSA and ACEP. We are extremely excited our scheduled speakers including:

Terry Foster who was a featured speaker at this year's General Assembly in Salt Lake City.

Denise King, our National ENA President!

Pat Clutter, our very own state ENA leader for many years!

You won't want to miss the opportunity for a beautiful vacation for you and your family and a fantastic ED conference!

Government Affairs

by Carol Pettit

ENA has three bills that are very important to Emergency Medicine. We need to ask our congressional delegation to support funding of HRSA's Emergency Medical Services for Children's Program, part of the appropriations for the Department of Health and Human Services, at \$25 million for fiscal year 2009. We need to ask them to co-sponsor H.R. 2464 and S. 60 bills (a.k.a. the Wakefield Act). Many hospitals and EMS services, although caring for pediatric patients, do not have specialized training in pediatrics or the special equipment and supplies needed to care for these children. These bills help fund education and equipment needed.

Ask you Senators and Representatives to restore HRSA's Trauma-EMS Systems Program and fund it as part of the appropriations for the Department of Health and Human Services, at the authorized level of \$10 million for FY 2009. The Trauma-EMS Systems Program has not received money over the past three years. It is felt that once again it will be passed over so it will be incumbent upon your members of Congress to insert the program into the House and Senate Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bills for FY 2009.

Title VIII-Nursing Workforce Development Programs...we need to ask our congressional to support at least \$200 million to fund. We are facing the largest shortage of nurses ever. Approximately half of the nursing workforce is expected to reach retirement age in the next ten to fifteen years. By the year 2014, the health care system will require more than 1.2 million new nurses. In 2005, approximately 92,000 prospective nurse were turned away due to lack of faculty necessary to teach. It is imperative that this funding is made available to provide training for entry level and advance degree nurses to encourage more nurses to become faculty to teach the additional nurses needed.



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Chapter Reports

Central Chapter

by Gordon Rogers, President

The Central Missouri Chapter had been inactive since March 2007 and met to get reactivated again in December and January. The December meeting was a small meeting to plan for the January meeting, which was a big success. Joan Eberhardt, Helen Sandkuhl and Ginny Myerscough came in from St. Louis to be resources for the chapter. We had excellent attendance at the meeting. We discussed goals for 2008. There was interest expressed in doing injury prevention outreach to the high schools in southern Boone County and also repeating our chapter's Emergency Nursing Update seminar. We established an e-mail list to send meeting reminder notices and other announcements. Our next meeting will be at University Hospital on Thursday, February 21, 2008.

Officers for 2008:

Gordon Rogers, President

John McNeeley, Secretary

Staci Walters, Treasurer

Donna Pond, President-Elect

Preliminary minutes of the meeting are on the Central Missouri Chapter page of the Missouri ENA website.

Crescent Chapter

by Chris Hoag-Apel, President

The chapter discussed the first 6th Edition TNCC provider class held in Joplin. The class provided insight on the necessity of continuing to encourage the students the READ THE BOOK. The fail rate was discouraging for the instructors. Hopefully a learning experience that can be shared. Not only reading the book but also encouraging the students who fail the test to take it at a later date. Giving them an opportunity to "read the book" and be better prepared to take the test.

Officers for 2008:

Chris Hoag-Apel, President

Sandy Woods, President Elect

Tony Mitchell, Treasurer

Sharon Trumbly, Secretary

Both hospitals were surveyed and will continue a Level II Trauma Centers in our section of SW Missouri.



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Chapter Reports

Kansas City Chapter

by Teresa Coyne, President

The Kansas City chapter is gearing up for our annual Educational Conference. "Spring Training" will be held March 7th at Liberty Hospital. We start after rush hour with an 8:30-9:00 registration and end at an easy 3:30. Our seminar this year includes discussion on violence in the ED, with Cathy Homeyer from the Ozark Chapter coming up to help us out, disaster preparedness and therapeutic hypothermia. The food is free and the company couldn't be better! Don't forget our door prizes....which includes a drawing for a free ENA membership. If you haven't ever been here, we would love to have you. If you have been here before, bring a friend and come again!

Officers for 2008:

Teresa Coyne, President

Mike Curry, President-Elect

Cie Spaeth, Secretary/Treasurer

Ozark Chapter

by Jim Gillam, President

The Ozark Chapter is having a Bowl-a-rama on March 17, 2008. Great fun and excitement. For information contact Mary Tuel-Gillam at 417-844-2937. We are holding a CEN Review Course on March 13 and 14, 2008. Anyone interested can call Gail Carroll at 417-269-8185 or 417-269-4094.

St. Louis Chapter

by Carol Pettit, President

We are looking forward to a busy year. One of our top priorities will be to develop a quarterly newsletter with the first issue to be sent out in April. If there is anyone who would like to contribute, please contact Jeanne Fogarty at jeanne.fogarty@tenethealth.com.

Our meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at Des Peres Hospital. Please contact me at 636-931-3626 or carolpettit@aol.com with any questions.

Officers for 2008:

Carol Pettit, President

Joan Eberhardt, President-Elect

Jeanne Fogarty, Secretary

Virginia Myerscough, Treasurer



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NATIONAL NEWS

By Tiffany Stever

Hello, from your 2008 board liaison. Many of you know me as I was once member of the Missouri State Council. I was going to mention the weather in Arizona, but realized it's winter...so, I won't gloat. First, I want to thank those of you who supported me in my goals at not only the state but the National level. Second, I want to hear from you with questions, concerns, and suggestions. ENA is a member driven organization and as your board liaison, it's my job to carry your voice forward.

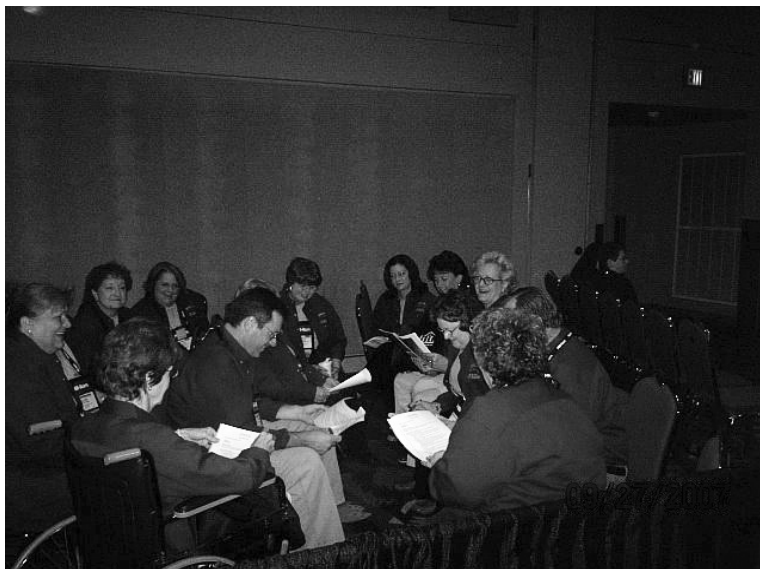
There are many things occurring at the National level. As an organization we are approved to review and support other organizations standards of practice and position papers. ENA is asked to participate in many projects. One organization we work closely with is the ACEP. Right now, the Board is undertaking the strategic plan for 2009-2011. The Board members just spent 2 full days in Chicago setting the ground work and hope to have a preview for members who will be attending Leadership in Hawaii. There is a great set of speakers and activities planned.

Well, I'm going to close for now but again I encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities the ENA offers. Those opportunities may be at the local, state or national level. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you in Hawaii or at a state meeting.

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Your Missouri State ENA Delegates hard at work caucusing at the National ENA Convention in Slat Lake City...



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2008 National ENA Committee/Work Team Rosters

The Missouri State Council would like to recognize the following persons from our state currently serving on these Teams and Committees at the National Level.

Forensic Nursing SIG Facilitator-Kathleen A. Hitchcock, RN, SANE-A

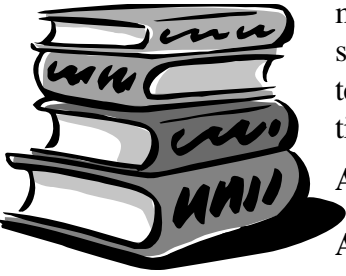
Nominations Committee-Virginia C. Myerscough, RN, BSN, CEN

JEN Editorial Board-Cindy Lefton, RN, PhD

Research--Jennifer Williams, RN, MSN, APRN-BC, CEN, CCRN, CNS

Recognition Work Team-Jeffrey L Eye, RN, BSN

Education Committee-Rose Utley, RN, PhD



“Cultural Competence is an important part of our everyday life now. Our country is made up of so many different ethnic and religious groups. When we care for our patients, it is important to understand and respect their cultural differences. Here are a few questions to see how “culturally competent” you are. Contact Pat Clutter RN MEd CEN FAEN at prclutter@gmail.com if you have questions about the questions! The answers will appear in our next issue!”

A person who looks at culture from an Emic point of view would see it from

- A. an outsider point of view.**
- B. a close friend’s point of view.**
- C. his/her personal point of view.**
- D. his/her ancestor’s point of view**

An elderly Vietnamese male is in the ED with a headache and back pain after a fall. The nurse reaches out to palpate his head and the family rushes to his side for protection. Why would they feel that to be necessary?

- A. They fear the evil spirits will be transferred to the nurse.**
- B. It is inappropriate for the female nurse to touch him.**
- C. They are concerned his head will be tender and he will resist.**
- D. The head is considered the source of strength and should not be touched.**



Missouri State Council Meetings 2008

March 15,2008 Lake Regional Hosptal;
Osage Beach, Mo 10:30 am

May 17, 2008 Lake Regional Hospital
Osage Beach, Mo. 10:30 am

August 14, 2008 Tantara at Combined Clinical Conference
Osage Beach, Mo 4pm

November7, 2008 Strategic Planning Session
Lake Regional Hospital, Osage Beach, Mo. 1030am

November 8, 2008 Lake Regional Hospital
Osage Beach, Mo. 1030am



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