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Message from Missouri State ENA Council President

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ENA State President
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I would like to extend warm wishes for a Happy New Year to all of our members! First, I would like to briefly recap MOENA successes in 2009. The largest success was our membership drive. Missouri came in at #12 nationwide for new members, surpassing not only 38 other states here in the U.S. but beating out our international members as well! While this achievement was made possible by the hard work of many of our members, I would like to acknowledge two very hard-working members from both sides of the state who went above and beyond to ensure that Missouri met its goal. It has long been an ambition of Ginny Myerscough, our membership chairperson of many years, to see that every ER nurse in Missouri becomes an MOENA member. She has worked most recently with ER nurses at St. Anthony's Medical Center in St. Louis and with the support of their management team and staff, they have dramatically increased the St. Louis membership numbers for 2009. On the other side of the state, Teresa Coyne, our Kansas City Chapter President, has led a membership drive in the Kansas City area which far exceeded our annual membership goals for that area. Kudos to Ginny and Teresa for jobs well done!

The Missouri State Council is made up of representatives from the six chapters in the state. While small in number, this group of volunteers have given generously of their personal time and have worked tirelessly to represent emergency nurses in their areas and to promote the art of emergency nursing. Thanks to all of the members of the Missouri State Council for what they do.

We also had a wonderful awards dinner cruise in August at the Lake of the Ozarks to celebrate the achievements of our members statewide. Reservations were made for 100 persons and 101 showed up for what turned into a memorable celebration which honored some of our shining stars from throughout the state.

Although the numbers of H1N1 cases being seen in Missouri have dwindled, many MOENA nurses were instrumental in developing programs to deal with the possibility of a pandemic outbreak. Thanks to all of our members who shared their programs with others.

Elections were held in November with the following results: Joan Eberhardt will remain as Immediate Past President; Tony Mitchell is President-Elect; Joann Coogan will remain as Treasurer for another term; Lori Davis is our new Secretary, and I would like to thank the state council for re-electing me to a second term as President. These members make up the Executive Board. Please feel free to contact any one of them regarding any questions, concerns or ideas that you may have to make our organization better. Contact information is on our website.

The St. Louis Chapter wrote a grant to help provide updated equipment for STLFD-EMS. Working with the St. Louis Blues Alumni, they were able to raise \$50,000 at a Hockey for Life game which was held at Scott Trade Center in St. Louis this past November. The Missouri State Council worked behind the scenes to enhance emergency care within the state by stepping up to the plate and donating \$1,500 for this worthy cause.

Our Compliance Committee has worked hard all year to update our Bylaws and Standard Operating Procedures. They are now approved, you may access them on our website. Thanks to all on the Compliance Committee.

Many of our members were involved in the Time Critical Diagnosis (Stroke-STEMI-Trauma) meetings that have been held throughout the state. Anyone who has participated knows the time and dedication required to get this accomplished for the citizens of Missouri.

MOENA has been asked by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services to assist in disseminating ENPC (Emergency Nurse Pediatric Course) to the 36 critical access hospitals in Missouri. They have received a \$25,000.00 grant to train nurses in emergency pediatric care. We have 4 programs planned statewide. The grant has to be completed by February 28, 2010. Again, a big thanks to the Course Operations members who are making this happen! These just represent highlights of MOENA successes for 2009 and are not meant in any way to diminish the many accomplishments achieved by our members which were not mentioned.

Emergency Nurses are a special breed of nurses. They must get personal satisfaction from what they do. ER nursing is a job where you do not get a pat on the back every day or routinely get to develop a rapport with patients and families. Depending on where you work, you may get verbally abused, threatened and actually injured. The ED is a prime place for a crime.....we have 24 hour access, hostages and drugs! Why do we do it? Because we love our jobs and that makes us special. Thanks to all Missouri Emergency Nurses for what you do! Everyone may not know how important you are until they need you!

Happy New Year!



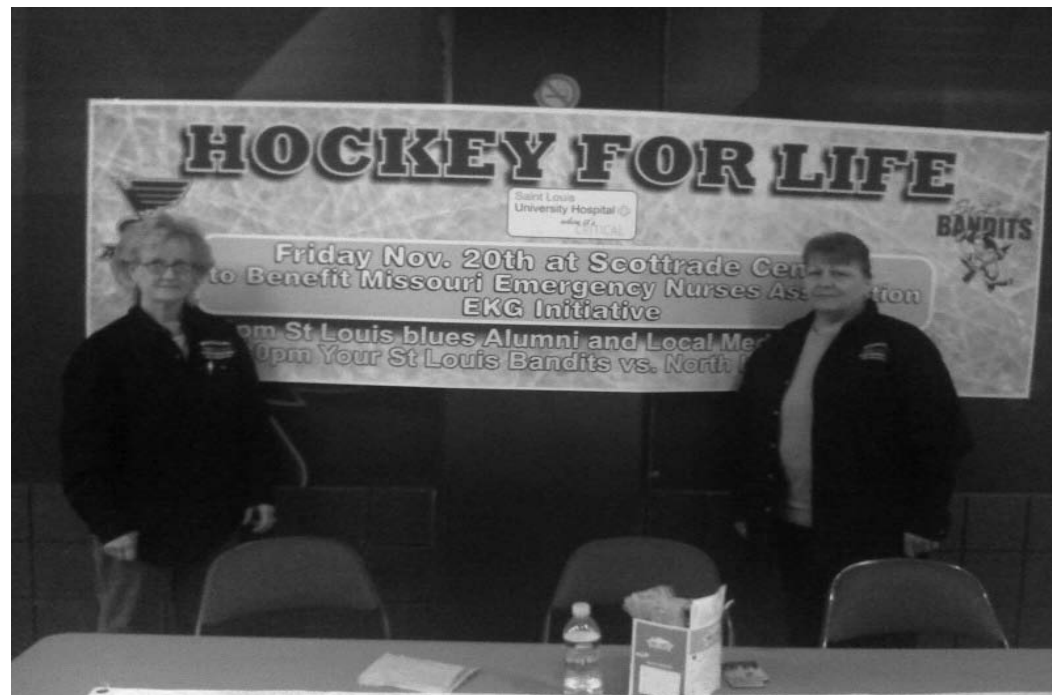


NURSE EYES UPGRADES IN AMBULANCES

Exerpts taken from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch 11/12/09 By Michelle Munz

Outfitting St. Louis ambulances with machines that save precious minutes for heart attack patients would be one of Helen Sandkuhl's biggest accomplishments in her 36-year-career as an emergency room nurse — ranking with saving a newborn's life and comforting a scared family member. Her campaign started three years ago, when St. Louis Fire Department chief of paramedics, Monroe Yancie asked for her help in getting new electrocardiographs. Sandkuhl is the director of emergency nursing at St. Louis University Hospital, where the paramedics transport a chunk of their patients. The department's machines are antiquated, Yancie said. The cost for new machines in each of the 13 ambulances and training to use them? About \$325,000 — just too much for the cash-strapped department, Yancie said.

He found a sympathetic ear in Sandkuhl, who worked at the former City Hospital, Homer G. Phillips Hospital in north St. Louis and St. Mary's Hospital in East St. Louis. She knows what it's like to work with limited resources. "We have paramedics wanting to do the best job they can, and this will help them do it," she said. The for-profit hospital couldn't raise the money. So Sandkuhl turned to the local chapter of the Missouri Emergency Nurses Association, of which she is now president. The chapter has raised small amounts of money for education efforts, but never anything like this. With the group's blessing, Sandkuhl joined forces with Lim and led the charge to get donors. They did not make much headway. However, they kept searching, knowing the importance. Then, "like a miracle," Sandkuhl said, they heard from Kelly Chase with the St. Louis Blues Alumni Association and owner of the St. Louis Bandits, a junior hockey league team. The groups wanted to donate the proceeds from alumni and Bandits games to be played Nov. 20. For various prices, fans can also play in a game, drive the Zamboni, even sing the national anthem. Said Chase, "When we choose things to support through Blues Alumni and the St. Louis Bandits, we want to make sure that we are trying to do something to benefit as many people as we can in the community." At every Blues home game the past month, Sandkuhl has staffed a booth, asking hockey fans to buy tickets to the event. (See picture below) Yancie and his fellow paramedics appreciate her efforts: "Helen was the first one to take the bull by the horns and really try to help us out. She loves EMS, and she knows what's best for the community."



CHAPTER REPORTS

SEMO Chapter

by Angela Selzer, Secretary

The SEMO chapter is looking forward to an exciting opportunity to provide education, injury prevention, and networking to emergency department nurses. Some of this years topics will include hypothermia therapies, acute cardiovascular disease, neurological emergencies, and caring for the patient that has been sexually assaulted. Julie Dale MSN RN assistant nurse manager at Southeast Missouri Hospital will be our president for 2010 and Kristi Williams RN is a SANE certified nurse which will serve as our president elect.

We will continue to provide educational programs to provide injury prevention to our community. Our first meeting is Feb 8 2010 please contact me for details we meet every other month always the second Monday. Aselzer@sehosp.org.

"Notice a Nurse"



It is the goal of Missouri ENA to notice a special Emergency Nurses in each of our newsletters. This recognition is rotated among each of our 6 chapters. If you are interested in recognizing special ER nurses, please contact the chapter president in your area. Contact information may be found on our website at www.missouriena.org.

Chad A. Rollins, BSN, RN, CEN-SEMO Chapter

Submitted by: Julie A. Dale, MSN, RN, CEN, President ENA – SEMO Chapter

Chad was born and raised in Kennett, Missouri. He has been employed at Southeast Missouri Hospital, since 2002, most recently as a charge nurse and educator in the Emergency Department. He earned his BSN from Southeast Missouri State University in 2007. He plans to begin pursuing a MSN in the Fall of 2010, with an end goal to become a doctoral prepared family nurse practitioner.

Chad has been married for 9 years to Stacey. They have no children, but they enjoy their five cats and one greyhound. Chad is very active and loves hiking, backpacking, hunting, and camping. He is an avid swimmer, cyclist, and runner, and has competed in several triathlons and half-marathons. He aspires to run a full marathon and complete an ironman triathlon in the future.

Chad states, "I chose Emergency nursing because of the fast paced environment that is constantly changing. I enjoy the autonomy and having to think fast on my feet. I also am in need of immediate gratification, so the ER is a perfect fit. There are few other places where you can see almost immediately the difference that your care makes."

Chad recently joined ENA and obtained his CEN. He loves holding a leadership role in the Emergency Department. He states, "I feel that I have learned a lot in my role as a staff nurse and a charge nurse, and I have a good working relationship with the staff in the department. When the educator position became available I felt that it was a good opportunity to use the relationships that I have built in the department to share the knowledge this job has provided me."



CHAPTER REPORTS

Crescent Chapter

by Sharon Trumbly, Secretary

We are very happy that the state of Missouri has awarded a grant to support Pediatric Trauma education for rural and critical access hospital in Missouri. The Crescent Chapter will hold an ENPC course January 20-21st, 2010 in Carthage Missouri to support this effort. McCune Brooks Hospital has graciously donated space and meals for the course. We currently have 29 participants from several rural and critical access hospitals in Southwest Missouri. These hospitals include Cedar County Memorial Hospital, El Dorado Springs; St. Johns, Aurora; Nevada Regional Medical Center; Cox Monett, and McCune Brooks. Active Crescent Chapter members will teach the course.

Courses scheduled for 2010:

<u>TNCC</u>	<u>ENPC</u>	<u>CATN</u>
Jan. 26-17	Jan. 30-31	Aug. 26-27
Apr. 28-29	Feb. 24-25	
Jul. 28-29	May 26-27	
Sep. 29-30	Oct. 27-28	
Nov. 17-18		

Freeman Health System is sponsoring an Emergency/Trauma Symposium Saturday, March 6, 2010 at the Downstream Casino. The keynote speaker is David E. Hogan, DO, FACEP, Adjunct Professor, Emergency Medicine, Oklahoma State University. His topic will be Disaster Medicine: Basic Principles and Operations. Dr. Hogan is co-editor of Disaster Medicine, a comprehensive disaster preparation textbook. He is well versed in disaster medicine and has written several articles and given several presentations on the subject. There will also be a pediatric trauma component presented by Brock Carney, MD, General Surgeon, Freeman Health System. Other topics include Obstetrical Trauma by Angela Langer, MD; Oncologic and Hematologic Emergencies by Elizabeth Kent, MD; and Emergency Ultrasound by Eric Hogan, DO. Please contact Sharon Trumbly (417-347-3045) or Chris Hoag-Apel (417-347-6298) for further information.

San Antonio, Texas, September 2010

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PRESENT OPPORTUNITIES & FUTURE POSSIBILITIES

St. Louis Chapter

by Carol Pettit, President

The St. Louis Chapter joined with St. Louis University in a program to raise money to get new EKG monitors for city EMS. An event was held with the St. Louis Blues alumni in a hockey game and they met with the attendees, signing autographs. All proceeds from the game will go towards the \$300,00.00 goal. Helen Sandkuhl, coordinator of the program, represented Missouri State ENA and Carol Pettit represented the St. Louis Chapter were on the ice to receive a check for \$50,000.00. For the donations made by ENA State Council and St. Louis Chapters, we were recognized on the scoreboard for the crowd to see.

In 2010 officers taking office in January are President Joan Eberhardt, President-Elect Jeanne Fogarty, Secretary Jan Kaminsky, Treasurer Ginny Myerscough and Immediate Past President Carol Pettit.

committee

2010 STATE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

COMBINED CLINICAL CONFERENCE ON EMERGENCY CARE (CCCEOC)

Chair: Joan Eberhardt Co-Chair: Carol Pettit

Members: Dianne Epple, Jo Ann Coogan, Lori Davis, Pat Clutter

COMMUNICATIONS

Chair: Lori Davis Co-Chair: Gordon Rogers

Members: Teresa Coyne

COMPLIANCE

Chair: Gail Carroll Co-Chair: Joan Eberhardt

Members: Teresa Coyne, JoAnn Coogan, Gordon Rogers, Larry Faulkner, Ginny Myerscough, Jeanne Fogarty

COURSE OPERATIONS

Chair: Chris Hoag-Apel

TNCC Co-Chair: Gail Carroll ENPC Co-Chair: Cheryl Phillips CATN Co-Chair: Sharon Trumbly
Members:

Jan Kaminsky, Judy Marlow, Jeanne Fogarty, Larry Faulkner, Donna Pond, Helen Sandkuhl, Joan Eberhardt, Lori Davis, Tony Mitchell

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair: Jo Ann Coogan

Members: Larry Faulkner, Joan Eberhardt

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Chair: Larry Faulkner Co-Chair: Gail Carroll

Members: Helen Sandkuhl, Joan Eberhardt

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair: Jo Ann Coogan

Members: Larry Faulkner, Joan Eberhardt

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Chair: Carol Pettit Co-Chair: Cheryl Phillips

Members: Dianne Epple, Jan Kaminsky

INJURY PREVENTION

Chair: Tony Mitchell Co-Chair: Teresa Coyne

Members: Lori Davis

MARKETING/PUBLIC RELATIONS

Chair: Dianne Epple Co-Chair: Teresa Coyne

Members: Ginny Myerscough, Larry Faulkner

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Chair: Ginny Myerscough Co-Chair: Jo Ann Coogan

Members: Dianne Epple, Jan Kaminsky, Gail Carroll, Larry Faulkner, Joan Eberhardt, Teresa Coyne, Jeanne Fogarty

NURSING AND ADVANCED PRACTICE

Chair: Jan Kaminsky Co-Chair: Helen Sandkuhl

ARCHIVES AND RECORDS

Chair: Joan Eberhardt



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

by Ginny Myerscough, Chairperson



Another year is here. This is the 40th anniversary celebration for our association and we hope to have 40,000 members by the end of 2010. There will be new incentives each month from National ENA for new membership. Watch the ENA Connection or go to www.ena.org for updates. One of the newest incentives recruitment drive is that the state with the largest percentage growth, and has met and retained their goal during the year, will receive a Celebrity VIP Package to the National ENA Leadership or Scientific Assembly for 2011. The Celebrity VIP Package usually includes: Hotel, Limo Service to and from the airport to hotel, special seating at keynote sessions, ENA Gift package and a few more “goodies”. It will be determined by the state president who would receive the VIP Package.

This year the group membership has changed. In 2010, there will be the following guidelines:

New Members: Minimum group of 5 will receive the \$10.00 discount

Renewing members: Minimum group of 10 to receive the \$10.00 discount.

Call 1 800-243 8362 at the National ENA office and speak with Erin Kabot for more information.

In addition, there will be a different incentive each month of the year.. In January, for each new member you recruit, your name will be placed in a drawing for a \$50.00 gift certificate to ENA Market Place.

The state will also have a membership drive and that will be announced at our February meeting. I hope to have one similar to the one we had last year.

We have 721 members as of December 18, 2009. We will be having a busy year and any suggestions are welcome to increase and maintain members.

Missouri State Council Meetings 2010

Saturday, February 27, Lake Regional Hospital, Osage Beach, Mo. 10:30am

Saturday, May 15, Lake Regional Hospital, Osage Beach, Mo. 10:30am

Thursday, August 12, At Combined Clinical Conference, Tan-Tar-a, 4pm

Friday, November 5, Strategic Planning Session, Lake Regional Hospital, Osage Beach, Mo. 10:30am

Saturday, November 6, Lake Regional Hospital, Osage Beach, Mo. 10:30am



Kansas City Chapter

by Teresa Coyne, President

For the 3rd year in a row the weather was cold with snow and ice still on the ground for our annual Christmas party/meeting. We had 10 brave souls attend and a full agenda to review & discuss. We reviewed 2009 strategic plan and began setting goals for 2010. Education for our emergency nurses is a primary goal & objective for our chapter and with that in mind we began working on our budget & goals for 2010. 7 out of 10 at our December meeting will be attending the Leadership Conference this Feb. 17-21 in Chicago – a good start toward our education goal! Faye Anne Hughes, our secretary/treasure & Kevin Myers, our president-elect, will receive scholarships for registration to attend the Leadership Conference from the chapter.

Preparations for our annual Spring Training Conference March 26th were discussed. This year we are having a Stroke/Cardiac/Trauma Theme and will award 2 contact hours per category. With education as a goal we voted to provide a free pass to each of our northland critical access hospitals to attend our Spring Training Conference.

ENA received grant money from the Missouri Department of Health to hold ENPC provider courses for critical access hospitals. Our challenge: we found out in November and the money had to be used by Feb. 28th of 2010. Cheryl Phillips, DON from Liberty Hospital took the lead and organized an ENPC provider course Feb. 4th & 5th for northland area critical access hospitals at Cameron Medical Center. We have instructors from many of our Kansas City hospitals and will easily fill our class. Thank you Cheryl for all your hard work!

In our membership survey we had last year a suggestions were made to increase communication, for a “network group for non-managers”, and to provide more information. Word of mouth is the best advertisement and to attract more active members Stephanie Droppelmann agreed to spearhead M&M (meetings & mixers). This will be for fun and as recruitment tool to enhance membership for the Greater KC Chapter ENA.

2010 ENA Greater Kansas City Chapter Goals

- Support emergency nursing and emergency care through education
- Promote membership recruitment, retention, activity and organizational visibility.
- Encourage and support injury prevention activities locally
- Enhance members’ knowledge and participation in Government affairs.

FYI: The 3rd Annual Forensic Investigations Conference will be held March 24, 25, 26, 2010 at the Kansas City Marriott – Downtown, 200 W. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri. This conference is designed to provide a multidisciplinary interactive and joint educational opportunity regarding promising practices when working with victims of violence. Topics will include working with multidisciplinary teams and learning to consider all of the forensic implications on the street, in healthcare settings, and in the court room. Since violence is a health care crisis, we will focus on approaching forensic issues in a collaborative, coordinated, compassionate, competent, caring, victim-centered process. For more information contact Connie Brogan @ cbrogan@centurytel.net

Calendar
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Events



CHAPTER REPORTS

Ozark Chapter

by Larry Faulkner, Secretary

The Ozark Chapter of the Emergency Nurses Association hopes everyone has a happy and joyful holiday season. From our families to yours, we want to wish you the very best in 2010. As an effort to help those who need to get home safely after, let us just say, a little too much holiday cheer, our chapter is proud to participate in the annual "One For the Road" Campaign again this year. Last year we joined three other sponsors and had a very successful campaign. This year we are excited to participate again and glad we can help provide cabs for those at local businesses who need a safe ride home after drinking. In November, our chapter elected new officers for 2010. We are proud to announce our new leaders that will guide us through the new year.

- President- Jami Blackwell Email: president @ozarkena.org
- President- Elect- Lisa Gilmore Email: presidentelect@ozarkena.org
- Secretary- Pat Clutter Email: secretary@ozarkena.org
- Treasurer- Larry Faulkner Email: treasurer@ozarkena.org

Our Trauma, Pediatric and Stroke Educational Conference will be held March 5, 2010 at 7:30 am at St. John's Hammon Heary Institute, Springfield, Missouri.

Central Chapter

by Donna Pond, President

Central Chapter held their last meeting on December 3, 2009. The meeting minutes are posted and awaiting approval on the Missouri ENA website. We were pleased to have representation from Columbia Regional Hospital, Audrain Medical Center, Harry S. Truman VA Hospital and University of Missouri Healthcare in attendance. Discussion of delegates resulted in the decision to do an email election of interested parties and expect this to be completed prior to the January 21, 2010 meeting.

We completed our first injury prevention outreach. Doreen Goldsmith and Donna Pond (pictured below) visited Rockbridge High School in Columbia. Information regarding seatbelt safety and the effects of alcohol on driving were distributed, not to mention the chocolate kisses. Plans are in progress to take this to other high schools in the area with the next designated high school being Booneville High School prior to prom season.

Strategic planning for an educational offering in the fall was initiated with various colleagues suggested as speakers.

Ideas for fund raising were discussed and investigation of a program with Subway is in progress.



INJURY PREVENTION COMMITTEE

by Tony Mitchell, Chairperson

Winter Sports Injury Prevention

People spend much of their recreation time during the winter months on activities ranging from sledding, snow skiing, and tobogganing to ice hockey, ice skating, and snow boarding. According to the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS), however, if the proper precautions are not taken to ensure warmth and safety, severe injuries can occur. Winter sports injuries get a lot of attention at hospital emergency rooms, doctors' offices and clinics. Injuries include sprains and strains, dislocations and fractures. In 2007, the U.S Consumer Product Safety Commission reported:

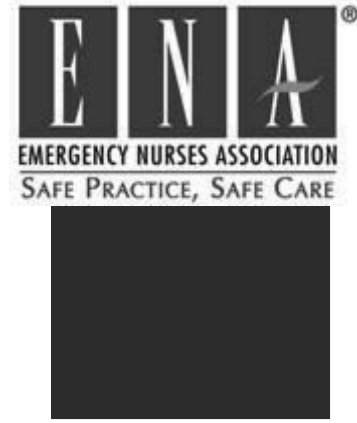
- *139,332 injuries from snow skiing,
- *164,002 injuries from snow boarding,
- *133,551 injuries from ice skating,
- *53,273 injuries from ice hockey,
- *160,020 injuries from sledding, snow tubing, and tobogganing,
- *34,562 injuries from snowmobiling

Many winter sports injuries occur at or near the end of the day, when people "over-do-it" to finish that one last run before the end of the day. A majority of these injuries can easily be prevented if participants prepare for their sport by keeping in good physical condition, staying alert, and stopping when they are tired or in pain.

The AAOS urges children and adults to follow these tips for preventing winter sports injuries:

- *Never participate alone in a winter sport. Keep in shape and condition muscles before participating in winter activities.
- * Warm up thoroughly before playing. Cold muscles, tendons and ligaments are vulnerable to injury.
- *Wear appropriate protective gear, including goggles, helmets, gloves and padding.
- *Check that equipment is in good working order and used properly.
- *Wear several layers of light, loose and water and wind resistant clothing for warmth and protection.
- *Wear proper footwear that provides warmth and dryness, as well as ankle support.
- *Know and abide by all rules of the sport in which you are participating.
- *Take a lesson (or several) from a qualified instructor, especially in sports like skiing and snow boarding. Learning how to fall correctly and safely can reduce injuries.
- *Pay attention to warnings about upcoming storms and severe drops in temperature to ensure safety.
- *Seek shelter and medical attention immediately if you, or anyone with you, is experiencing hypothermia or frostbite.
- *Drink plenty of water before, during, and after activities.
- *Avoid participating in sports when you are in pain or exhausted.

Winter is a great time for family fun. Winter sports provide a great way to stay in shape. With just a few important precautions, you and your loved ones can stay healthy and safe.



COURSE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Chris Hoag-Apel , RN, MSN, TS, Chairperson

The end of a wonderful year in our proud state. The instructors in Missouri have been busy beavers, teaching 55 ENPC classes and 101 TNCC classes. They all need a pat on the back. Our Committee has been active helping to spend a Missouri State Pediatric Grant. Joan Eberhardt and Donna Pond are working in the Northeast corner of the state, Gail Carroll in the Southeast, Cheryl Phillips in the Northwest and Chris Hoag-Apel in the Southwest. With the funding that was made available, each area was challenged to provide ENPC to Critical Care Access hospitals, 24 participants per area, at no cost to the nurses. Our own State Council assisted us with up-front money to purchase the books in a timely fashion. Allowing us a grace period to repay the council. A lot of time, effort and spirit was put forward to get this project off the ground. Further details will be made available on our website and in the next newsletter.

I want to thank all my committee members and the executive members of the State Council for all the advise and assistance they have provided me. There is no way that I could have survived this year without their help.

As a Committee we will continue to make available TNCC/ENPC/CATN courses in our state. Current state faculty information is found on our website.

I hope that everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank all of you for a wonderful year.



GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Carol Pettit, RN, Chairperson

A summary of several issues ENA followed in 2009 were successful on passage of the Wakefield Act which reauthorizes the Emergency Medical Services for Children program and increasing funding for Title V111 Nurses Workforce Development Program. \$500,000,000 has been agreed on for health professions training programs. As we hear everyday the legislature is far from agreeing on a health care reform package. Missouri Nurse Advocacy Day will be held in Jefferson City Feb. 24 2010. This is a day to increase the understanding of the legislative process and provides participants with the tools needed to advocate for their patients and practice. The state council will pay for one member from each chapter to attend. As soon as information is available I will forward it to each chapter. Several issues we will be following this year are Governor Nixon's crack down on drunk drivers, watch for helmet law again and Primary Seatbelt becoming a local issue.



Committee Reports

2010 Combined Clinical Conference on Emergency Care

Joan Eberhardt, RN, BSN, MA, FAEN

Can you believe it? The August Combined Clinical Conference is only eight months away - **August 11 through 13, 2010**. The planning process for the conference, including speakers is moving along with MOCEP, MEMSA and MOENA. The Missouri Ambulance Association (MAA) is also assisting with the planning process. We've had an initial day-long meeting and multiple email communications as we prepare for 2010 and our focus to improve the conference process.

I know some of you have heard, and want to share with all of our Missouri ENA members, that a major administrative change will occur this year. Jim Tune, our current executive director who has been with the conference since its inception is resigning, but will continue with the CCC through this year's conference. He has a new job that requires a great deal of travel which makes it difficult to give the time needed to the program. I know he has mixed feelings about leaving, but has shared it's in the best interest of both the CCC and his new job. We wish him the best of luck! Jim has been a strong backbone for the conference these many years and will be missed.

A new executive director job description is being developed and once approved by the Combined Clinical Conference executive board will be placed on-line, along with a job application for any who might be interested or know of someone interested in taking on this vital role. Program planning experience will be required. Things are moving along to possibly place an interim director until the new director is officially on board.

If you have any thoughts for speakers, please contact Carol Pettit, Pat Clutter or myself. While most of the speaker slots are filled, we still have a few openings. And also keep in mind that 2011 will be the **25th** Annual Combined Clinical Conference and a big 25 year celebration is planned. The 2011 conference will be held in Branson, Missouri and we hope you will all be there to celebrate with us.



Your State ENA Officers and committess are hard at working planning for the future!

