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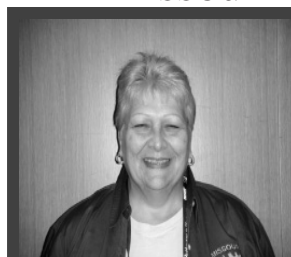
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## Message from Missouri State ENA Council President

*Helen Sandkuhl, RN MSN CEN TNS FAEN*



ENA State President  
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Volunteering is the practice of people working on behalf of others interested in promoting good or improving human quality of life. I would like to take this time to identify a group of health care workers who went above and beyond their personal duty to help others. Many of these volunteers worked tirelessly without the time to take a breath or have a good cry.

On Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 4:53 PM CST, the island nation of Haiti was struck by a 7.0 magnitude earthquake. This was the country's most severe earthquake in 200 years with a death toll reaching approximately 200,000.

MO-1 DMAT (Missouri One Disaster Assistance Team) was deployed to Port-au-Prince, Haiti on January 23rd. They were the second wave of DMAT help just eleven days after the tragedy. Thirty -five members were stationed at GHESKIO Field Hospital which was the most sophisticated hospital in operation on the island. This was an historic occasion as it was the first time in the history of NDMS that teams were deployed internationally.

The team was comprised of physicians, mid-level providers, nurses, medics, respiratory therapists, mental health workers, communication specialists and logistics experts. They were unsure of what lay ahead and were brave to enter a foreign country where malaria and tetanus is a part of life. These volunteers are specifically trained in the area of medical and emergency care which was desperately needed at that time.

Many of these nurses are active members of the Missouri Emergency nurses Association. I am sure they have many heart breaking as well as encouraging stories to tell. The members do this type of work because they get personal satisfaction from helping others. They are not looking for a pat on the back even though they deserve one!

On behalf of our organization, I would like to extend my best wishes to all of the team that served in Haiti. If you get the chance, please do the same. Thanks for your consideration, Helen



**Voting for National ENA Candidates will be May 13 – June 11, 2010.**

**Please check out your National Candidates on the ENA website and exercise you right to vote!!**

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# “Notice a Nurse”

It is the goal of Missouri ENA to notice 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](http://www.missouriena.org).



When CNN shouts “6.9 earthquake in California” or “category 4 hurricane strikes Tampa” Phyllis Kessler quickly organizes equipment, checks uniforms and packs the big deployment bags. As a small town girl who thought she’d like nursing, she never imagined she would be the person who dashes into adventure!

She has proven that nursing is ever-changing—from skilled care to school nursing, OB, hospice, infectious disease, burn care, ICU, and tents. When her daughter was born in 1980, she decided that nursing was something that she loved and used to do. She became a volunteer including Wildlife rehab, outdoor education through the Missouri Botanical Gardens, and even did marketing at McDonald’s for a while. With her husband she built a plastic bottle business and managed a dive shop.

On 9/11, she realized she had gotten so far from nursing that her BLS had lapsed and she didn’t know where to go to help if there were a crisis here in St. Louis. That was a bad feeling, but she thought she had been out of nursing far too long to find the way back! After a serious burn in 2002, she was recuperating at home and saw an ad for volunteers who had experience in ICU, CCU, and burn care! That was it! She called the number and later applied for a position on the Missouri I Disaster Medical Assistance Team. She was pleased that her husband Bob was also able to join the team to help with logistics. He would assure supplies, showers, and bathroom facilities. After renewing BLS, ACLS, rusty skills and shaking out the cobwebs, she discovered a lot of useful knowledge remained! She became a substitute school nurse with the rush and hurry of little boo boo’s and bigger emergencies. With the disaster team, She worked at fairs and air shows and practiced and prepared for real disasters. A friend on the team, Carol Messner told her to come back to the hospital! She would love the ED! SLU’s Fast Track would be a perfect fit. She had doubts, but Carol continued to poke her. She convinced her to sign up for a CEN class in May of 2007. After passing the exam and receiving her CEN, she realized she was ready to go back to hospital nursing. Helen Sandkuhl, another nurse on the disaster team who is also Director of the ED at SLU, agreed to let her come and shadow the Fast Track nurse and arranged for her visit. Carol was right, she loved it! Now she balances time between Bob and the kids, the ED at SLU, and the next disaster that may be around the corner.

She continues to deploy with the disaster team both near and far. Deployments include ice storms in Springfield, Missouri and Sikeston, to Louisiana for Hurricane Gustav where they arrived at the same time as the category 3 hurricane! This year, Mo1DMAT responded to the earthquake in Haiti. They worked with the International Surgical Response Team in a field hospital that was set up in GHESKIO clinic’s courtyard. She was the triage nurse for a few nights and then worked in the Major Injury tent where she cared for post-op patients including amputees, gun shot victims, etc. They were also the designated Labor, delivery, and post-partum unit. She was working nights and sleeping days with her cot and mosquito netting set up under the porch of the building next to two beautiful palm trees. At about noon one day, voices invaded her dreams. One of the voices seemed familiar, but her dozing brain couldn’t identify it. Rolling over sleepily, she opened her eyes to find someone sitting busily texting to arrange evacuation for some of the patients. It was Sean Penn, sitting at the head of her bed!

Nobody can ever take your nursing away from you; if you are not part of the solution you are part of the problem; and you never know where it will lead you next.

## Missouri State Council ENA 2010 Missouri ENA Annual Awards Nomination Form

Nominator’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Category: (Circle One) 1) Clinical Practice 2) Leadership 3) Community Service  
4) Educator 5) Rookie 6) Nurse of the Year 7) ER Physician 8) Forensic Award  
9) APN 10) Paramedic or EMT

Nominee’s Employer & Position:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name/Phone Number of Supervisor:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please share why you are nominating this person for an award:  
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Does this individual know they have been nominated? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

You will be notified prior to the ceremony if the nominee has been selected. Will you be able to assure the nominee’s attendance at the awards ceremony? Yes: \_\_\_No: \_\_\_

Nomination form can be downloaded from our website, [www.missouriena.org](http://www.missouriena.org).  
Nominations must be postmarked no later than midnight, July 15, 2010.

Mail to: Virginia Myerscough, 307 Calvert, Webster Groves, Missouri 63119

Awards will be presented at the Thursday, August 12, 2010 Annual Emergency Nurses at Tan-Tar-A on the evening cruise.

**Criteria for 2010 Missouri State ENA Awards:**  
CV/Resume, type written nomination information (preferred)  
Things to include: credentials, years worked as RN, years in practice, years in ED, contributions to the department, ENA Member (not necessary to win award), professional organizations, why the person deserves the award





## Missouri Loses Trauma Manager and Beloved Friend

*The following is excerpts of correspondence from Samar Muzaffar, MD, MPH*

It is with profound sadness that I write to inform all of you of the loss of Paula Adkison, an integral member of our team and a much loved friend and colleague. Paula passed away Saturday, March 6th, 2010 at Capital Region Medical Center.

Paula was a Health Facilities Nursing Consultant and the Trauma Manager within the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services in the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. Formerly, she dedicated 25 years at Capital Region as an Emergency Room Manager and four years with Corrections Medical Service. Her role in the Bureau, her efforts on behalf of trauma and TCD, and her contributions to the trauma system and the TCD process were critical to both augmentation of the current structure of the trauma system as well as to the incredible progress that we have made thus far with TCD. She worked tirelessly and selflessly to move the system forward. She was one to always anticipate what needed to be done. One never had to ask Paula for anything, it was just done. And when one did ask her for guidance or help with how something needed to be accomplished, her assistance was immediate. Being the loving and kind person that she was, she nurtured this system and all of us along, providing support and guidance rather than a stern voice. On both a personal and professional level she made our lives better.

We will all miss Paula immensely. She was a dear friend and we were blessed to have her in our lives.



## Missouri State delegates at 2010 ENA Leadership Conference in Chicago

Pictured from left to right are Faye Ann Hughes (KC), Teresa Coyne (KC), Kevin Myers (KC), Jami Blackwell (Ozark), Joan Eberhardt (St. Louis), Pat Clutter (Ozark), Deena Brecher, (Board Liason) Helen Sandkuhl (St. Louis), and Jo Ann Coogan (St. Louis)



## INJURY PREVENTION COMMITTEE

*by Tony Mitchell, Chairperson*

This is the beginning of a great time of the year in Missouri: Spring and summer!

With the weather comes involvement in water sports in the many lakes and rivers in our state. Unfortunately, along with the activities come the injuries. As with any sport activity, common sense and learning go hand in hand with injury prevention.

For those of you who have not met them, I would like to introduce you to the Missouri State Water Patrol (MSWP). The MSWP is an Accredited Law Enforcement Agency. Their mission is ...to protect and serve the public through law enforcement and education so that citizens and visitors can safely enjoy the waters of the state. They are involved in boating training, diving, swimming, and many other water safety programs. Below you will see a small portion of their activities.



Flood Duty - The Water Patrol provides rescue and recovery assistance during flooding conditions. The division works closely with the State Emergency Management Agency and various other state and local agencies requesting flood assistance. The Water Patrol is one of the few agencies with the proper equipment and experience to work in flooding conditions.

Dive Team - Every year, members of the Water Patrol Dive Team conduct an average of 40 dive operations to recover drowning or boating accident victims, or to recover criminal evidence in felony cases. Dive team members are fully trained with a combined 91 years of experience with the team..

Assistance - As a police agency, the Water Patrol often assists other agencies in emergency situations. These situations include searches for fugitives and missing persons, felony criminal investigations, drug eradication and specialized enforcement activities. The Water Patrol offers specialized departmental resources including personnel for these coordinated activities

This information was collected from their website <http://www.mswp.dps.mo.gov> . I would encourage you to visit it and see the many other injury prevention activities they are involved with. Yes, it is a great time of year in Missouri, water sports abound....with the proper training and common sense, we can make them injury free!



# CHAPTER REPORTS

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

by Ginny Myerscough, Chairperson

Our membership drive is underway but, off to a slow start. If anyone has any questions, please call me at 314 968-0785 or email me at [Myerscough@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Myerscough@sbcglobal.net). We now have 742 members in the state with 7 new members the month of March and 22 memberships that expired. We need 765 members to reach the National Ruby Level or 823 to obtain Diamond Level. Several of our state chapters have membership drives in progress, so we are hopeful this will increase our numbers and help reach our National goal of 40,000 members.

You may contact your chapter President or Erin Kabot for information on group memberships at [ekabot@ena.org](mailto:ekabot@ena.org) or 1-800-243-8362 x4015. She will be happy to assist you.

We are asking members to complete a survey regarding membership. You may find this on our website at [www.missouri.ena.org](http://www.missouri.ena.org).

Each year we randomly chose new members from each chapter to receive a complete registration to our Combined Clinical Conference at TanTara in August.

The 2010 Combined Clinical Conference Winners

Kimberly Pfeiffer Central  
Christa Lee Gilpin St. Joseph  
Monica Summa Ozark  
Rebecca Spencer St. Louis  
Jason Potts Kansas City

There were no eligible members from the SEMO or the Crescent chapters.



## Missouri State Council Meetings 2010

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, Stategic Planning Session, Lake Regional Hospital, Osage Beach, Mo. 10:30am

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

## Kansas City Chapter (continued)

by Teresa Coyne, President

The KC chapter was well represented at the National ENA Leadership conference in Chicago: We had 9 attend the Leadership Conference with 3 attending the Chapter & State Leadership Training on 2/18. (Kevin Myers and Todd Fullerton from St. Luke's; Faye Ann Hughes, Stephanie Droppelmann, Linda Parrett, & Tammy Braley from NKC; Andrew Battles from Carondelet Health; Janie Schumaker from T-systems & Lawrence Memorial & Teresa Coyne from Truman Lakewood. Teresa attended the national board meeting on 2/17 and Teresa, Kevin, and Faye Ann (current officers) attended the State & Chapters Leadership Program 2/18.) Please check [www.ena.org](http://www.ena.org) to connect to the Leadership blog, twitter, & flicker (pictures) sites. You can find information on speakers, events, as well as pictures from the convention.



## SEMO Chapter

by Julie Dale, President

SEMO Chapter held a sponsored dinner meeting in February. The featured speaker was Dr. Vincentio Galati, who offered a presentation relating to urological emergencies. Our next meeting will be held on April 12, 2010. Featured speakers will be Kristi Williams, RN, CEN, a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner for Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau, and Kathy Blevins, APRN, WHNP-BC, SANE-A, SANE-P, SAFE/CARE Provider, co-founder of the Southeast Missouri Network Against Sexual Violence, which provides counseling, examinations and support for victims of sexual violence.

TNCC class was held February 13-14, with good attendance. Another TNCC class is being planned for May 13-14, 2010. SEMO Chapter will also be sponsoring two scholarships for members to be TNCC instructors.

We have acquired the S.T.O.P. Injuries CD-ROM, which is used for training new ENCARE providers. SEMO Chapter will be distributing bicycle helmets in April at a health and safety fair being held at Healthpoint Fitness in Jackson, Missouri. We are presenting a Choices For Living Program at Fredericktown High School as part of their pre-prom festivities in April. We will also be ordering ATV helmets to be distributed through Southeast Missouri Hospital Emergency Department and at local safety events.

SEMO Chapter will offer CEN scholarships in April and October. Successful candidates will be selected based on written essays explaining why they would benefit from taking the test and what their plans are as a professional nurse.

We recently created a Facebook page in an effort to enhance communication with members and to help attract new members. As a result of an ongoing membership drive, SEMO Chapter is experiencing an increase in membership and interest in meeting attendance.



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## Kansas City Chapter

by Teresa Coyne, President

Cheryl Phillips organized the ENPC Instructor Course held Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> – 5 people attended and passed the course which was held at Liberty Hospital. Cheryl also organized our Critical Access ENPC Course for the Northwest area hospitals held Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> held at Cameron Regional Hospital. We had 24 students from 8 different hospitals attend with a 100% pass rate. Most successful! Thank you to Cheryl Phillips for her leadership to organize & present this ENPC course and to Tasha Crawford, from Liberty, who assisted Cheryl with paperwork, planning, and lecturing. Other instructors who contributed their time & expertise were Angelique Pursell from Liberty; Kevin Myers & Karen Mollus from St. Luke's; Bev Shaw & Sheila Kirwan (pictured here) from NKC Hospital. Cheryl verified Teresa Coyne, from TMC- LW, as an instructor during this course.



Spring Training Conference March 26<sup>th</sup> – With education as a goal the KC Chapter provided a free pass to Spring Training for each of the northland critical access hospitals who attended our ENPC course this Feb. Fliers to “save the date” were sent out early, we had beautiful weather and an excellent turn out with 55 in attendance! 2 contact hours per Stroke, Cardiac, & Trauma categories were given to those who attended. Jocelyn Shively from Providence won a drawing for a free ENA membership, Courtney Gooding from Liberty won free attendance to our September CEN Review, and Pat Neibergall from Liberty won a free pass to next years Spring Training Conference. Special thanks to Cheryl Phillips & Tasha Crawford who coordinated our Spring Training Conference, Liberty Hospital for hosting the conference, and Gary Lewis with Lovenox who provided a delicious BBQ lunch for our event!



We have a TNCC instructor course coming up June 17<sup>th</sup> & a CEN Review with Pat Clutter Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>. The 2010 Membership Drive is underway and KC is actively involved in recruiting new members: \$56.00 for first 40 to send in a check with a downtime ENA membership form. We are offering a membership renewal discount this year. (Must fill out the downtime form and send a check for \$86.00.) Further details, brochures, & chapter information are available on the Kansas City ENA chapter page at [www.missouriena.org](http://www.missouriena.org). The KC chapter now has a Local Chapter Facebook Group: ENA - Kansas City MO Chapter #160. Please invite your fellow emergency room nurses to join, post, & add photos.

## NURSING PRACTICE COMMITTEE

by Jan Kaminsky, Chairperson



The nursing profession has many different dimensions of “practice”. Whether you are an ED Nurse who provides direct patient care, works in ED Management, or in Education we are all accountable for making our specific area of “practice” the best it can be. A great resource provided by National ENA is their website. If you have not accessed this website recently, you may be surprised by its new look for it has recently been upgraded. Three new tabs you will see are: IQSIP Injury Prevention, IQSIP Practice, and IQSIP Research. So what is IQSIP? In early 2010, ENA announced the formation of the Institute for Quality, Safety and Injury Prevention (IQSIP). The Institute merges three key areas of Emergency Nursing: Quality Care (nursing practice), Patient/Staff Safety, and Injury Prevention into one Institute within ENA. According to ENA Leadership, “the purpose of the IQSIP is to provide resources that *empower* emergency nurses to *integrate* quality, safety and injury prevention into *everyday practice* and to *be leaders* within their *institutions and communities*. The word “integration” is key. The IQSIP integration is central to ENA’s Safe Practice, Safe Care nexus.

I encourage everyone to visit the new ENA website and spend time searching the various tabs. There are many excellent resources that can be utilized in your “Practice”. There is also a tab that connects you to your Missouri State ENA website. The Website address is: [www.ena.org](http://www.ena.org).

## GOVERNEMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

by Carol Pettit, Chairperson



This is a summary of ENA’s Health Care Reform Platform sections included in the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010.

1. Emergency and Trauma Care Systems: Funds available in 2011 for research in emergency medicine to evaluate new models for emergency care systems. Mandate and fund integrated trauma system throughout the nation.
2. Health Care Workforce: Increase funding to meet the current and future needs for nurses and nursing faculty, providing loan repayment and retention grants.
3. Insurance Coverage: Provides an affordable insurance for the uninsured and underinsured and requires a minimum level for everyone.
4. Preventive Health Care: Increase funding for preventive health care education, focusing on wellness and healthy lifestyles.
5. Funding: to encourage the development of primary care workforce to meet the needs of the nation.
6. Reimbursement: Stabilize and increase reimbursement to providers and hospitals sufficient to meet costs.

Complete details can be found on ENA’s website.



## COURSE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

*by Chris Hoag-Apel, Chairperson*

As a group we completed our grant initiative. We were able to bring ENPC to 78 nurses who otherwise would not have had the opportunity to attend this class. Two areas were plagued by the weather. Southeast and Southwest corners of the state experienced the vengeance of winter. Freezing rain and sleet followed by a record snowfall decreased attendance. The students that attended were prepared and very hungry for knowledge. It was a great experience for all the instructors throughout the state. As Gail Carroll so elegantly put it "it renewed by faith in nursing".

Review of the conference call from National: There was an article in the Connection promoting justifying ENPC or PALS. Comparison to assist educators on promoting ENPC in their facility.

ENPC is in its first revision. Chapters have been submitted and are being evaluated. The new course will not be out until the end of 2011 or the beginning of 2012.

Those students wanting to challenge a one day class have to go to be a provider who is recerting and cannot not be a first timer.

18 months and teaching one class is a requirement to maintain your instructorship. No grace period, UNLESS you are a current provide, than you can be remonitored.

Concern over Test A for TNCC being on line was discussed. The test that is on line is not the same. Maureen Howard stated she did not feel that test A was compromised because test scores were not high in any area through out the states. She saw no reason to switch and felt Test A was appropriate.

CATN will also be revised in 2010. Encouraging ICU staff to take the course was mentioned. General consensus was that since we were boarding patients in the ED, including ICU patients this course was appropriate for the ED nurses also.

Test Anxiety: Reading the test to the provider who is challenged is OK as long as the test and environment remains secure. Staffing to accommodate this would be course specific.

Thanks again to all the Course Directors and instructors that participated in the grant. Great Job.

## COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

*by Gail Carroll, Chairperson*

As you are all aware, the compliance committee was charged with several projects for the coming year. We met Saturday, the 27th at Lake Regional Hospital 6 hours and got quite a bit accomplished. We have started revising the State Bylaws and SOP'S (Standard Operating Procedures). They will be presented and voted on at our May meeting. Also, we need all the financial records for 2009 from your chapter, as we will be doing an informational gathering audit. We will be looking for receipts for all expenses paid, checking to be sure that the receipt was paid with in 30 days, and that every expense was justified. Hopefully this will tell us what we need to do to be more compliant as a Not-For-Profit Organization. I would like to thank all of my committee members for giving up another one of their Saturdays to make our organization better!

## Crescent Chapter

*by Sharon Trumbly, Secretary*

The March Crescent Chapter meeting was held at Freeman Health Systems Cafeteria with six members present. Chris reviewed the highlights of the Missouri ENA meeting for our chapter members.

Chris and Sharon attended the EMS-C grant funded pediatric trauma lecture in Jefferson City on February 18<sup>th</sup>. The speakers were excellent and presented timely topics. Chris encouraged the rest of the members to consider attending this annual conference in 2011. Members will be notified of the conference when details become available.

Members were encouraged to become involved in state activities and to attend the state meetings. The next Crescent Chapter meeting will be May 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m. at St. Johns Regional Medical Center. Scheduling and conducting a seat belt check will be discussed.

Courses scheduled for 2010:

TNCC April 28 & 29, July 28 & 29, Sept. 29 & 30, Nov 17 & 18

ENPC May 26 & 27, Oct 27 & 28

CATN August 26 & 27

Freeman Health System held an Emergency/Trauma Symposium Saturday, March 6, 2010 at the Downstream Casino. It was well attended by nurses and physicians. The keynote speaker was David E. Hogan, DO, FACEP, Adjunct Professor, Emergency Medicine, Oklahoma State University. He presented a very informative talk on Disaster Medicine: Basic Principles and Operations. Several other local physicians presented lectures on Obstetrical Trauma, Oncologic and Hematologic Emergencies and Emergency Ultrasound. Planning has already begun for the 2011 Symposium.

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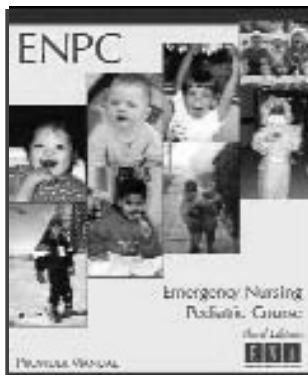
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## Central Chapter

*by Donna Pond, President*

The Central Missouri Chapter is continuing to hold monthly meetings with good attendance from at least three area hospitals at most meetings. We recently had another injury prevention effort handing out safety fliers at a local high school event, and we will continue to do similar work with area high schools using fliers tailored to the season or to approaching holidays as we have done in the past.

We are still working toward our fall seminar which is scheduled for September 16. Our goal is to make the seminar one of the most affordable and informative ones in the state. Our chapter also plans to help staff an injury prevention booth at the State Fair this summer (in conjunction with other organizations), and we are working on a coordinated theme to present there.





**Committee  
Reports**

**2010 COMBINED CLINICAL CONFERENCE  
ON EMERGENCY CARE COMMITTEE**

*by Joan Eberhardt, Chairperson*

The August Combined Clinical Conference on Emergency Care is only five months away, so be sure to mark your calendar for **August 11 – 13, 2010** at the Tan-Tar-A Resort in the Lake of the Ozarks.

MOENA will have outstanding speakers for the nursing breakout sessions. Presenting this year will be the 2011 National ENA President-elect, Ann Marie Papa, and National ENA members Jeff Solheim and Mary Otting. All three have presented at nationally recognized conferences. In addition, we are very excited to share that our National ENA President, Diane Gurney will be present and plans to attend the general membership meeting and awards cruise on Thursday, August 12.



MOENA will again sponsor the free Annual Awards Dinner Cruise on Thursday, August 12, which boards at the Tan-Tar-A dock. 100 cruise tickets will be available and may be picked up at the MOENA booth in the vendor area of the conference. The tickets are rarely available longer than one day, so be sure to stop by and claim yours early. This is great opportunity to share an evening of fun with ENA colleagues and friends. And just a reminder, do consider nominating a colleague for one of the many the ENA awards that will be presented on the cruise.

# CHAPTER REPORTS

## Ozark Chapter

*by Pat Clutter, Secretary*



The Ozark Chapter held their first annual “Spring Into Emergency Care” conference held in Springfield, Missouri on May 5, 2010. The agenda for the day included topics on trauma, stroke care, and the pediatric patient. Emergency nurses and physicians from Springfield and Branson presented the following subjects: Trauma Tricks from Tots to Teens, The Bitter Truth about Hypothermia, Hyperbaric Medicine and Wound Care, Tots in Trouble – Pediatric Trauma, Emergent Care of the Burn Patient, Care of the Acute Stroke Patient, Emergency Ultrasound Applications, and Trauma Meltdown. Two local ENA members, Lisa Gilmore (see picture below) and Mary Tuel-Gillam presented at this conference. Ninety-six nurses from southwest Missouri attended. We were excited to have such a successful conference and plans will be under way for 2011.



Two members of the Ozark chapter attended Leadership Conference in Chicago, Illinois. Jami Blackwell and Pat Clutter presented information learned from this annual National ENA conference. Gail Carroll chaired the group to present the ENPC course in Poplar Bluff with 12 participants. This course was enjoyed by both the instructors and participants.

Major goals for this year include increasing not only general membership but also active membership at both meetings and events. A survey is being developed which will help us to understand meeting times and dates and how we might change those to improve meeting attendance. Plans for the 2010 Emergency Nurse Week celebration have begun and will include a dinner this year.

## St. Louis Chapter

*by Joan Eberhardt, President*

The St. Louis Chapter ENA meets the second Tuesday of each month at Des Peres Hospital in the lower level conference rooms. Chapter delegates to the Missouri State Council are Jeanne Fogarty, Carol Pettit and Virginia Myerscough. Alternate delegates are Diane Epple and Jan Kaminsky. We invite all interested parties to join us for Chapter and State Council meetings which are listed on the Missouri State Council ENA website.

On behalf of the Department of Health and Senior Services EMS-C Grant, the St. Louis Chapter hosted an ENPC course at Hermann Hospital on February 6 & 7, 2010. Due to the grant, the course was offered free to all of the participants. The St. Louis Chapter held an ENPC Instructor Course on March 13 and there is an ENPC provide course scheduled April 17 & 18 and a TNCC provider course scheduled June 12 & 13, both at Des Peres Hospital in St. Louis. Anyone interested in participating should contact Helen Sandkuhl.

The St. Louis Chapter will host a day-long educational conference on June 16, 2010. Speakers include Mary Otting from Chicago Children’s Hospital, and Dawn Bidwell and Norma Heuer who are both from Minnesota and work with the Hennepin County CALS (Comprehensive Advanced Life Support) program.

Plans are under way for the October 13<sup>th</sup> St. Louis Chapter, Annual ENA Awards Dinner to be held at Orlando Gardens. A silent auction will be included.

