

SOUTH DAKOTA



EMERGENCY NURSES ASSOCIATION

President's Message

Dear SD ENA Member,

This is a very busy time for the SD ENA. We are in the process of nominating and electing officers to the positions of Secretary and Treasurer to serve for 2-year terms. Nominations must have been in writing and submitted by July 10 and ballots will be distributed in August.

Another exciting part of our yearly work is to choose three delegates to attend the General Assembly to represent South Dakota on a national level. This year the Assembly is in Washington, DC. This is an opportunity to experience the organization of the ENA and to meet others who work in emergency nursing from around the nation. It is a wonderful experience. The delegate expenses are partially met by the SD ENA. This may be the year you want to attend! Information about the scientific assembly has been mailed from the National office.

Emergency nurses day is planned for Tuesday, October 12, 1999. Last year we had an excellent turnout and we are looking forward to another memorable celebration. If anyone is interested in helping to plan the day, or has any ideas for a speaker, please let me know. Certainly please attend the Celebration! You deserve it!!!

Cheryl Hairgrove must be recognized for her work on this newsletter. She took over this responsibility from Darlene Even, who was the newsletter chair for several years. Both of these members have done excellent work in keeping members informed, as well as educated. Thanks to both of you.

Bette Gustafson, SD ENA
President.

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August, 1999

Next ENA Meeting
Is planned as an issues
Forum on September 22 at 4
p.m. Plans are in progress to
use the telemed system for
this meeting. The
membership will discuss the
national resolutions on the
docket for adoption and our
input for our national
delegates' consideration
when voting at the national
meeting in Washington, DC.
Information will be sent out
to SD ENA members
beforehand.

The 1999 SDENA

Officers are:

Bette Gustafson, President
Paulette Kirby, Pres-Elect
Paula Vogelsang, Sec.
Jill Wiesner, Treas.
Pat Sortland, Board
Member-at-Large

Committee Chairs:
Pediatrics: Paulette Kirby
Trauma: Clara Johnson
Prevention: Tom Berg
Govt. Affairs: Carol
Fonken and Lila Schafer
Newsletter: Cheryl
Hairgrove

Trauma
Symposium
Sponsored by
Sioux Valley
Hospital
Sept 17, 1999
0730- 1630



Check it Out!!!

Contact TOM BERG RN
605-333-7388
for info and registrations!

Word definition:
Paralyze
(pair-uh-lize)
what the medical
student says to
explain failing two
exams (amy nichols)

Are you a web surfer?
General information
about health issues
for you and your
patients can be found
at the following web
locations.

www.drkoop.com
www.healthcalc.net
www.onhealth.com
and of course—
www.ena.org

THE Brick- A young successful executive named Josh was traveling down a Chicago neighborhood street. He was going a bit too fast in his sleek, Jaguar that was only two months old. He was watching for kids darting from between parked cars and slowed down when he thought he saw something. As his car passed, no child darted out, but a brick sailed out and- WHUMP!— it smashed into the Jag's shiny black side door! SCREECH...!!!! Brakes slammed! Josh jumped out of the car, grabbed the kid by the collar and shouted at the kid, "What was that about and who are you? Just what the heck are you doing?" "Please mister ...I'm sorry! I didn't know what else to do!" Tears were dripping down the boys face as he pointed around the car. "It's my brother," he said, "he rolled off the curb and fell out of his wheelchair and I can't lift him." "Nobody would stop when I tried to get help. He's hurt! Will you help me lift him back into the chair?" Moved beyond words, the young executive tried to swallow the lump in his throat as he strained to lift the young man back into the wheelchair and took out his handkerchief to wrap some wounds. After watching to make sure that things were okay, Josh turned and walked the long way back to his dented Jaguar. Josh never did have the Jaguar door repaired. He kept it to remind him not to go through life so fast that someone has to throw a brick

to get his attention...Some bricks are softer than others. Feel for the bricks of life coming at you.

Author unknown-
**OPPORTUNITIES AWAIT
YOU IN YOUR ENA**

*Professional educational
& teaching opportunities
TNCC, ENPC, CATN*

*Community teaching
opportunities*

*Injury prevention
E.N.C.A.R.E.*

*Resource for reference
literature*

*Networking on a national
level – Internet lists serve
discussions and provide
access to colleagues
around the world.*

*National and local
meetings provide an
opportunity to establish
state, national and
international connections,
Recharging your
professional energy*

Research—

*Standardized practice
guidelines*

*Committee Participation
Influencing public policy
Developing nursing
Practice standardization
Leadership
Education
Literature
Etc, etc, etc...*

*Membership in the ENA is
our best opportunity to
support, congratulate, and
mentor each other.
Remember, membership
in the ENA is only as
beneficial as you the
practicing emergency
nurse makes it. Take
these opportunities, run
with them, and believe me,
the rewards will be
exponential—Tom Berg*

Why be an ENA member???

Submitted by:

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For nurses, membership in a professional organization should be viewed as a privilege, an opportunity and a tool necessary for professional growth. Often we are asked, "What does ENA have to offer me?" To paraphrase, former President Kennedy, we should be asking, "What can I offer ENA?" Just as a church is not simply a building, a professional organization is not simply a name or a building. For you see, the quality of an organization is determined by the experiences, character, knowledge and skills of its membership. This collective body of knowledge, experiences and skills are what make the ENA so special.

For me, one of the greatest returns from belonging to ENA is the vast networking opportunities made available by this organization. Over the years, as you remain an active ENA member,

you will establish collegial connections on a state and national level. These connections are a powerful resource as you grow in your profession. Having such a network both on a state and national level has been very beneficial for me over the years. A certain level of comfort is attained when you are able to bounce new ideas off of people in other facilities around the state, country and world. Often they have either tried your idea, or know someone who has and are very willing to share their experiences. Knowing the lessons they have learned frequently prevents you from making the same mistakes or anticipating problems that will likely occur. Networking on a national level precisely demonstrates the far reaching similarities, common problems and issues that face Emergency Nurses around the country. By following the discussions on the ENA list server you will soon find out that, in many

respects, emergency nursing has common threads that run through all ED nursing practices. We have all talked about the "FULL MOON" phenomena. You know, when there is a full moon ED" tend to be busier, and the mechanisms of injury etc... seem to be more out of the ordinary. Well, that's an international phenomena. In fact, at ENA conferences some states, for a fund raising project, sell "No More Full Moon" pins. Problems and annoyances seem to be common throughout the world. How many times have you answered the phone to hear "it's hemolyzed!" Kind of gives you a little twitch doesn't it? At the 1997 ENA Scientific assembly in Atlanta, during a discussion about common problems, someone asked how everyone felt about hearing "it's hemolyzed!" over the phone. The room went wild!

EMERGENCY
NURSES DAY
OCTOBER 12

**ENA Annual
Meeting/General
Assembly Sept
29-30, 1999
Scientific
Assembly
Oct 1-3, 1999
Washington DC**

Letter from the Editor:

I have an apology to extend to some of the members specifically and to all the members in general. First of all... I have been informed by some of the membership that my listings of the membership for the last issue of the newsletter were not comprehensive and some of you did not receive the newsletter at all. Also to the membership in general... I also apologize. Compiling the information for this newsletter is an undertaking that is making my appreciation of Darlene Even's work grow by the minute. I have found that working full time plus family commitments require more time through this summer than I had accounted for... it will be my goal to send future issues of this newsletter in a more timely manner. Meanwhile, enjoy the information that the members have provided for you. We who have contributed to the newsletter have tried very hard to provide you with pertinent and educational information for your personal and professional use.

Educational Opportunity

Trauma Nurse Core Course will be held at Avera McKennan on :

Oct 6-7
Nov 17-18.

Call 322-2080 to register.

ENPC classes

Are being planned for the Sioux Falls area, call Kelly Veldhuisen @ 605-333-7378 or Mindy Laffin @ 322-8000. In the Rapid City area, call Judy Blair at Rapid City Regional Medical Center.

The updated materials are available from the National ENA now. Any questions for the national ENA can be directed to the National office at:

1-800-243-8362 or by Surfing the web and e-mail at web site: www.ena.org

Did you know that the BCEN has now made the CEN exam available on computer?

Thank you to Avera St Lukes, Aberdeen for helping defray the costs of printing this newsletter.

Educational

Opportunity

Course in Advanced Trauma Nursing: A Conceptual Approach. (CATN)

Sioux Falls, SD

RN participants will receive 15.6 CEH for attending the entire course. Contact : 605-333-6687 or 322-2080 for application or information

