

South Dakota Emergency Nurse's Association

December, 2004 Newsletter



Next ENA Meeting:

February 8th @ 4 pm

Telemedicine sites: Avera St. Luke's, Prairie Lake's Hospital, Sioux Valley Hospital, Rapid City Regional and Mitchell (location TBA)

Dohman elected to Elections Process Committee.

Tammy Dohman was elected to the Elections Process Committee during ENA's General Assembly in San Diego. She will serve a two year term.

ACEP founder, Dr. Wiegenstein, died October 29, 2004 in a car crash near his home. See article on page 2.

December is National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month. Be aware and spread that awareness in your community!

We hope this Holiday Season finds your soul singing and your heart dancing with all the joys of the season.

Happy Holidays!!!



CATN II Held in Sioux Falls

CATN II course was held by SDENA on October 14 and 15th. . The class

was held in conjunction with SDENA's annual fall meeting. Twenty four people attended the course: nurses from Avera Queen of Peace, Avera Mckennan, Sioux Valley Hospital, Prairie Lakes Hospital and Avera St. Luke's Hospital. Instructors were (as seen in picture above left) Cindy Baldwin, Clara Johnson, Jill Wiesner and Michelle Van De Mark (not pictured).

ENA only allows 24 participants in each class thus 6 registrants were turned away. Overall income was \$3745.00

General Assembly Held In San Diego

Lisa Hatzenbeller and Tammy Dohman attended ENA's General Assembly and the Scientific Assembly in San Diego this fall as delegates. It was a great and rewarding experience for us both. During the General Assembly, the BRC II presented the amended bylaws. Discussion ensued and the bylaws were amended, reworded and passed by the general assembly body. Keynote speakers were Linda Spearle from the American Nurses Association and David Hall from CSI Miami. We attended the Anita Dorr Memorial Luncheon and heard Gail Lenehan (Editor in Chief of the Journal of Emergency Medicine) speak about some of the late night dramas at the journal and telling us stories of pulling it all together. We also received a copy of the first journal published. It was interesting learning the history of the journal and the stories she told. We also attended other classes and lectures. They were all very interesting and informative. Thank you to SDENA for sending us as delegates and thank you to our employer Avera St. Luke's for the financial support. We both appreciate it very much.

Academy of Emergency Nursing

The Academy of Emergency Nursing was established by the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) Board of Directors on September 28, 2004. The purpose of the Academy is to honor nurses:

- who have made enduring and substantial contributions to emergency nursing who advance the profession of emergency nursing, including the health care system in which emergency nursing is delivered and
- who provide visionary leadership to the Emergency Nurses Association.

The Academy shall be composed of Fellows including Fellows, Honorary Fellows, and other categories of Fellows as determined by the Academy.

- Fellows are those individuals who meet the criteria for eligibility and are admitted to the Academy.
- Honorary Fellows are those individuals who would meet current criteria for Academy membership, but contributions existed in a time when the Academy did not exist.

ACEP Founder Dies

John G. Wiegenstein, MD, founder of the American College of Emergency Physicians, was killed October 28 in a tragic car crash near his home in Naples, Florida. He was 74. His 6-year-old grandson, Parker Meyer, was also killed, according to the Florida Highway Patrol.

"The specialty has lost a very great leader and shining light," said ACEP President Robert Suter, DO. "I admired Dr. Wiegenstein's vision and dedication. He was a mentor to many of us and a compassionate physician. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this very difficult time."

Dr. Wiegenstein was instrumental in the formation of the specialty of emergency medicine. As a medical student and resident in the 1950s, he quickly gained an understanding of the specialized training needed to provide quality emergency medical care. In 1968, Dr.

Dates & Times to Remember

December: Safe Toys and Gift Month

National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention

December: 17-20: You Drink You Drive You Lose Mobilization Weekend (Contact Dory Gassman for more information) gaassmand@prairielakes.com

January: 12 & 13-TNCC sponsored by Avera McKennan (contact Clara Johnson) clara.johnson@mckennan.org

February: SDENA Meeting February 8th at 4 pm via telemedicine

March: 9 & 10: TNCC sponsored by Avera McKennan (contact Clara Johnson) clara.johnson@mckennan.org

April: 1-Avera Mckennan 13th Annual Trauma Symposium in Sioux Falls

6 & 7: TNCC in Freeman (Contact Clara Johnson) clara.johnson@mckennan.org

May: 6-TNCC Recert in Sioux Falls (Contact Clara Johnson) clara.johnson@mckennan.org

Wiegenstein and seven other physicians founded the American College of Emergency Physicians.

Dr. Wiegenstein steered the College through the lengthy process that culminated in the recognition of emergency medicine as a new medical specialty in 1979. He was also a past president of the American Board of Emergency Medicine, served as emergency medicine's first delegate to the American Medical Association and the American Board of Medical Specialties.

He received the AMA's Distinguished Service Award, the association's highest honor, in 2001.

Dr. Wiegenstein is survived by his wife, Iris, four children and other family members.

INJURY PREVENTION

At the SDENA meeting in October it was voted to have a ENA Volunteer Recognition Program for helping off set some of the time spent in volunteer works for ENA Injury Prevention and Alcohol Awareness while the monies are available. *** (See Enclosed information)***

Thank you all for all you do to help in your ER's & communities educating on injury prevention and alcohol awareness. Here's wishing you all a very safe and happy holiday season! Don't lose sight on what is really important with the business of the Holiday season!

Sincerely,

Dory Gassman-- Injury Prevention & EIC
for SDENA.

PEDIATRICS COMMITTEE

Attention Members: The Pediatrics Committee Chair is currently vacant. Any interested parties should contact Tammy Dohman @ dsdohman@nvc.net or 605-397-4423 for further information.

Trauma Committee

2004 TNCC Reimbursement Program

A total of \$5500.00 (5000.00 from SD ENA and 500.00 from National ENA) was appropriated for the 2004 program. At present date \$ 2445 has been disbursed to 20 RNs from Viborg, Canton, Scotland, Pine Ridge, Chamberlain, DeSmet, Redfield, Armour, Spearfish and Gettysburg.

2004 TNCC

The instructor course was held in July with 9 participants from Sioux Valley Hospital, Sturgis, Rapid Regional, Spearfish, Avera St Lukes and Devils Lake ND.

Government Affairs

My name is Lisa Hatzenbeller and I'm the Nursing Coordinator of Emergency Services and Careflight at Avera St. Luke's Hospital in Aberdeen. I'm proud to serve as co-chair of the Government Affairs Committee of SDENA. While viewing issues and legislation under the ENA website, I found many health related bills in congress. The issues were about domestic violence, emergency and trauma care, injury prevention, medical liability, nursing shortage, quality patient care and work place safety. Any current bills with the above headings can be viewed on the ENA web site (www.ena.org). I found no new bills or legislation at this time but will keep you up to date on anything new I receive through the newsletter. I can be emailed at lhattenbeller@yahoo.com for any questions you may have.

Thought for the Day: If at first you don't succeed, then perhaps bungee jumping is not for you.

State nurse recruitment program makes first round of payments

• PIERRE, S.D. - A program enacted by the state legislature nearly three years ago is paying off. The state is now paying its portion of \$5,000 incentive payments to each of 48 nurses practicing in 22 South Dakota counties.

• Faced with a nursing shortage, the state created the incentive program in 2002 to offer newly recruited nurses \$5,000 in return for two year's practice.

• "This is one more resource tool rural facilities can use in their recruitment efforts. Based on the response to the program and the numbers of nurses participating, it appears to be a very useful tool that is helping facilities recruit staff," said Bernie Osberg, Administrator of the Department of Health's Office of Rural Health.

• Osberg said facilities have been paying their share since the program's inception. Now that the first nurses are completing their two-year practice obligations, the state is paying its portion, using federal grant funds. As of November 1, the state had paid \$78,750 on 26 nurse contracts, with a total of 22 contracts amounting to \$61,250 left to pay. After all payments have been made, participating facilities will have paid approximately \$100,000 as their share.

• In 2003 the program was expanded to make dietitians/nutritionists, occupational therapists, respiratory therapists, laboratory technologists, pharmacists, physical therapists, paramedics, medical technologists, and radiologic technologists eligible in addition to nurses. The requirement for a two-year practice commitment is the same as is the \$5,000 incentive payment.

• The program is a collaborative effort of the South Dakota Board of Nursing and the Department of Health's Office of Rural Health. For more information, visit the web at <http://ruralhealth.sd.gov>.

submitted by L. Hatzenbeller RN, Government Affairs co-chair

Fall Meeting

This year's SDENA fall meeting was held in sequence with the CATN II course. The meeting was held at Cherry Creek Grill. Here are some photos of the gatherings.

Tammy Dohman-newsletter editor and photographer

Cell anatomy? It's only 8 am!



She could at least wait until I've had my caffeine!

If we smile, will she let us eat?



I hope Tammy has a warranty on this camera (in case I break it!)

Is that the camera or her nose?



Hmm! Is there a 10 hr sale at the mall?