

**SOUTH DAKOTA**



**President's Message**

In the good ole' summertime... at last it is starting to feel a little like summer... just when it is half over. There are some very important things that we as Emergency Nurses must take care of for summer. First of all, summer brings to the Emergency Department a significant increase in the number of injuries. It is very important that you know the latest information on trauma care and are competent to administer that care. You are responsible to your patients, yourself and your employer to remain up-to-date in the delivery of nursing care. Challenge yourself with continuing education. There are some very interesting opportunities available. The Emergency Nurses Association provides excellent information in the form of educational classes, TNCC and CATN. If you have not yet participated in both of these courses, you are missing an essential part of providing emergency care. The ENA website: [www.ena.org](http://www.ena.org) also provides several continuing learning opportunities. Also, your ENA is needing your help on the National and State level. The National elections are being held. For the first

Next  
Meeting is  
October 13,  
2001



time, electronic ballots may be used by the members as an alternative to paper ballots. Neither system works like it should if you as members don't take the time to vote. Please familiarize yourself with the candidates by reading the publications coming on-line to the national ENA website (address above). Our state organization needs you too. Have you ever thought that you would like to become better acquainted with peers throughout the state? Do you know someone that you think would help our organization as state officer or board member? If so, send your nominations to Kathy for addition to our state ballot. Also, we need your help and participation, planning, developing, and recruiting fellow nurses to attend our state conference in October. The agenda for this year's conference is going to be superb! See you there! Until then, have a great summer and stay safe.

Cheryl Hairgrove, RN, BSN, CEN

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Jill Wiesner, RN, BSN, CEN

I am pleased to inform you that the challenging financial concern National ENA started the year with has shown some positive improvements. Revenues are over budget and expenses continue to be substantially less than budget. Cash flow remains strong and payables are current.

What this has meant for our State ENA revenues is all of 2000 TNCC/ENPC state returns have been received. National ENA informs us that the 2001 1st Quarter TNCC/ENPC will be processed and sent soon. The State ENA budget remains conservative, as we will continue to monitor the financial picture. Much thanks to National ENA Board of Directors, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Operating Officer and the entire staff for all efforts towards positively affecting the financial outcome of our association.

## 2ND ANNUAL SD ENA CONFERENCE

The 2nd Annual South Dakota ENA Conference is scheduled for October 12th at Cedar Shore in Chamberlain. Evaluations from the 2000 attendees consistently noted the 1st conference as excellent, outstanding, great opportunity to network, fun, and exciting. Participants unanimously agreed they would like to return in 2001.

Janet Johnson, RN, BSHA, CEN, SANE, presently our National ENA Liaison will be the featured speaker. Jan is presently the Coordinator of Clinical Forensic Services and Special Projects at Central Peninsula General Hospital in Soldotna, AK. She has 21 years of emergency nursing experience in addition to 5 years as Emergency Department Manager.

Topics for the conference will include preparation for court testimony, child maltreatment, leadership, pediatric trauma and medical emergencies.

Be sure to mark your calendars! Plan to bring a fellow RN. Join us for the South Dakota ENA membership meeting on Thursday, October 11 in the afternoon, and then enjoy an evening of networking and good food.

Brochures with all the particulars will be mailed by August 1st.

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# Injury Prevention Workshop

Twenty four emergency department RN's from across the state of SD gathered in Sioux Falls on April 9, 2001, to attend the injury prevention workshop sponsored by the SD ENA. Rapid City Regional, Prairie Lakes in Watertown, St. Mary's in Pierre, Avera McKennan and Sioux Valley Hospitals were represented. Monica Huber, EN CARE instructor, provided education on three injury prevention programs. **Daring to Care** targets teens and educates them to the side effects of alcohol, drinking and driving, other drugs and peer pressure. **Learning to Care** is designed to teach 8 and 9 year olds the effects of alcohol, other drugs and peer pressure. **Take Care** educates those 55 and older about alcohol, how it interacts with medication and offers safety tips on how they can stay injury free. Having attended the training, all participants can offer education in all three areas.

Congratulations to those who participated! Your commitment to injury prevention is invaluable to your communities.

Bonnie Murtha RN, CEN

## Dates & Times To Remember

**Trauma Nurse Core Courses** sponsored by Avera McKennan Trauma Service will be held in:

Milbank, August 15 & 16, 2001

Parkston, September 19 & 20, 2001

Sioux Falls, October 17 & 18, 2001

Sioux Falls, November 14 & 15, 2001

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### Sioux Valley Trauma Symposium

September 25 @ Best Western

Ramkota Inn-Sioux Falls.

Contact: Cindy Baldwin @ Sioux

Valley Hosp. baldwinc@siouxvalley.org

**TNCC:** July 19-20 @ Avera St.Lukes. Contact

Monica Eske 622-5000

### UPDATE US!

**Attention ENA members! We need your help. We want to update our data base with current mailin and email addresses. Please send your name an current information to Kathy Haack .**

email:

**Kathy.HaackAveraQueenof Peace.org**

or post to

**Kathy Haack**

**25422 407th ave**

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#### SDENA Officers

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# Trauma Committee

**Clara Johnson, RN, MS – Chair**

The South Dakota ENA TNCC Reimbursement Program is progressing well. The ENA membership approved and funded the program at the October 2000 fall meeting for calendar year 2001. A total of \$4250.00 (\$250.00 being National ENA's grant contribution) has been offered to RN's who work in South Dakota hospitals of 50 beds or less. The RN qualifies for reimbursement of the TNCC fee minus the \$30 manual purchase after successful completion of the class. South Dakota ENA members qualify for full reimbursement.

Thus far, funds have been reimbursed as follows:

- January class sponsored by St. Alexis Hospital/ Bismarck and held in Mobridge
    - 8 Mobridge Medical Center RN's = \$1050.00
  - April class sponsored by Avera Mckennan and held in Freeman.
    - 1 Wagner Community Hospital RN = \$160.00
    - 2 St. Michael's/Tyndall RN's = \$335.00
    - 8 Freeman Community Hospital RN's = \$880.00
    - 2 Landman-Jungman/Scotland RN's = \$290.00
- Total Reimbursed = \$2715.00  
Available Funds = \$1535.00

Funds are available on a first come, first served basis. For information contact:

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# BUCKLE UP!

Unlike every other age group,

overall mortality for adolescents has improved dramatically in the last 40 years. What have changed are the causes of the death from infectious disease-related causes to injury. Over the past three years (1997-1999), 63 SD children ages 5-17 were killed in traffic crashes. Only 9 of these were restrained. Of these 63, 45 were ages 14-17. In addition 4,766 children ages 5-17 were injured in traffic crashes in SD. Less than half of these children were restrained. 1999 trauma registry data indicated that the cost of an average hospital stay for an individual restrained at the time of the crash was \$7,982 compared to \$15,318 for unrestrained individuals. A mandatory seat belt law took effect July 1, 2001. Children ages 0-4 and/or 40 lbs. must be in a child restraint. The driver is responsible to ensure this. The driver is also responsible to ensure that children 5-17 are restrained with a seat belt. The fine for noncompliance is \$20. Enforcement action is primary and means you may be pulled over and cited for seatbelt violation alone.. The new law also indicates any passengers ages 14-17 years of age are responsible for buckling themselves up and can be cited if in violation \$20. Buckle up. It's the law and it only takes seconds of your time-seconds which may prevent serious injury or death.