



July 2003



## Special Appreciation Award

Clara Johnson, RN, MS, Director of Trauma Services at Avera McKennan Hospital, received a **Special Appreciation Award** from National ENA Board of Directors. This honor recognizes her for outstanding leadership, not only as State ENA Trauma Chairperson, but also for directing and instructing more than 100 Trauma Nurse Core Courses (TNCC).

Clara is a very active member for SD ENA. Office positions she has held include President, Treasurer and Secretary. Committee involvement has been as Trauma Committee Chairperson for 13 years. Clara serves as instructor, course director and faculty for TNCC and as course director for Course In Advanced Trauma Nursing (CATN). A program she has authored and coordinated is the Trauma Committee TNCC Reimbursement Program. This program provides financial

support to small hospital (less than 50 beds) RN's to attend TNCC.

Clara's dedication to improving trauma care looks beyond the boundaries of her workplace into the entire state and region. She has provided TNCC courses in 28 cities within a four (4) state area. Truly, this is "TNCC on the road." How many miles has she driven? How many nurses has she touched and taught?

**CONGRATULATION CLARA!**

**Have a safe and enjoyable  
Independence Day!**

# JUST FOR YOU!

organized by  
Clara Johnson

The SD ENA has planned a very special fall conference. The 4th Annual Fall Conference is October 10th & 11th.

Registered nurses are the core and continuum of patient care. They provide the link from arrival to discharge. The patient's journey from those two end points generates numerous patient emotional and physical responses. These include pain, fear, anxiety, loss of independence and grief. The nurse responds to, supports and gives from the heart during this journey. Fulfilling this role requires education, expertise and day-to-day commitment. In addition, each nurse responds to a variety of personal and family needs. The nurse is the ultimate caregiver.

So – the question is:

***Who Cares for the Nurses?***

And, the answer is:

***Just For You, SD ENA Cares***

Join us on a trip to Minneapolis for relaxation, laughing, networking, eating, shopping and celebrating Emergency Nurses Week.

## The Just for You package includes:

- ♦ Motor coach transportation
- ♦ Friday evening ticket – Chanhassen Dinner Theater
- ♦ One night's stay at Country Inn & Suites
- ♦ Deluxe continental breakfast
- ♦ Welcome reception upon arrival at Country Inn & Suites
- ♦ Stops/visits at Medford Outlet Mall and Mall of America
- ♦ Snacks, treats enroute
- ♦ State ENA meeting

## Departure and Agenda is as follows:

### Friday, October 10, 2003

#### 9:00 AM

- ♦ Depart Sioux Falls via luxury Jackrabbit bus
- ♦ Relax – enjoy coffee and continental breakfast

#### 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

- ♦ Arrive Medford, Minnesota
- ♦ Lunch (On your own)
- ♦ Shop Outlet Mall

#### 4:30 PM (approx)

- ♦ Arrive Chanhassen
- ♦ Check-in to rooms
- ♦ Relax

#### Evening:

- ♦ Chanhassen Dinner Theater

### Saturday, October 11, 2003

- ♦ Leisurely breakfast buffet and ENA meeting

#### 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

- ♦ Shop Mall of America

#### 4:30 PM

- ♦ Depart for Sioux Falls

Cost is a mere \$60.00 for members and \$120.00 for non-members. The registration deadline has been extended to **September 1, 2003.**

*Register now, as the bus capacity is 38!!!*

Conference brochures have been mailed twice to all members. Please share with your co-workers and take advantage of a fantastic opportunity with great people – nurses from across South Dakota!!!

Registrations will be handled on a "First come, first serve" basis. To qualify for the ENA fee, the registration **MUST** include your ENA membership number.



# Dates & Times to remember

**July 9-10-TNCC @ Avera St. Luke's Wellness Center**

Questions call Vickie 6225162

**July 10-TNCC recertification class @ Sioux Valley Education and Research Tower-21st & Cliff-Sioux Falls. Questions call: 328-6300**

**July 11-Deadline to vote for National Candidates.**

**September 30-5th Annual Sioux Valley Trauma Symposium @ Best Western Ramkota Exhibit Hall, Sioux Falls.**

**October 10-11-SDENA Fall Conference. Registration deadline September 1. Contact Clara Johnson @ 1605 Cameo Way, Sioux Falls, SD, 57105**

**October 29-30-ENPC @ Sioux Valley Education and Research Tower. Questions call: 328-6300**

**November 5-6-TNCC-@ Sioux Valley Education and Research Tower @ Sioux Valley Education Questions call: 328-6300**



There are many reasons to log onto [www.ena.org](http://www.ena.org) as a

member of ENA. Currently you can log on and read a brief bio on candidates running for national office. You can review current board members. You can register for the General Assembly in Philadelphia. Log onto [www.ena.org](http://www.ena.org) and renew your membership online. It's a quick and easy way to avoid membership lapse. There are many issues facing ENA today. You can read up on the current issues and find out ENA's stand on such issues. There's also a marketplace. You can find out information on the BCEN. There's much much more. Log on today!

# State Council President's Conference Call

On May 21, the first State Council President's Conference Call was held. There were 15 states represented and 5 National ENA Board members present along with other ENA Staff.

President-Elect, Mel Wilson welcomed everyone who was participating stating that the purpose of the conference call was to improve and enhance communication between states, provide assistance and resources with mentoring and networking opportunity. ENA Executive Director, Donna Nowakowski, added that ENA Staff is eager to hear about state initiative, state activity and learn more about the local successes and best practices. Agenda items were then discussed.

Agenda items were as follows:

Increase in Member benefits: discussion on merits for long terms members and how to recruit and maintain members.

Records Retention/Archives: Discussion on requirements for maintaining records and documents. ENCARE: Funding for projects discussed. Discussion held on ENCARE headquarters being moved. Grant money discussed.

ENAF: Funding disbursement discussed.

Membership Decline at State and Local Levels: Presidents asked for ideas to increase

membership. Different ideas discussed. Renewal notices discussed.

Unassigned Members: Discussion on No chapter assignments discussed.

Assessment Checks: Discussion that checks should be sent to State Treasurer instead of local chapters.

State Leaders Conference: Discussion regarding what states need and want for conference. Recommendations to be sent to Kari Zick.

Group Exemption (501 c 3): Group exemption is moving forward and looking good. Final approval is hoped for shortly.

Joint Commission Proposed Standards: Overcrowding standards are available at [www.jcaho.org](http://www.jcaho.org).

Quarter Conference Call: Discussion on time frame for future calls.

## **SDENA OFFICERS:**

**President: Jody Foster**

**President-elect: Tammy Dohman**

**Secretary: Cindy Baldwin**

**Treasurer: Francie Miller**

**Board member-at-large: Pat**

**Sortland**

## **COMMITTEE CHAIRS:**

**Trauma: Clara Johnson**

**Pediatrics: Mindi Laufflin**

**Legislative: Kathy Haack & Carol  
Fonken**

**Injury Prevention: Dory Gassman**

**Newsletter: Tammy Dohman**