

Greater KC ENA

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Note from the KC President:



Greetings and Happy New Year to everyone! I am writing to you for the first time as the 2008 Greater KC Chapter President. I am honored to hold this position and looking forward to serving you for the next 2 years. I will be attending the 2008 Leadership Conference in Honolulu February 27th - March 2nd. I plan to participate in the state and chapter leaders pre-conference meetings and do some networking while enjoying the beautiful Hawaii weather and scenery. A great way to begin my tenure as chapter president!

I am both excited and nervous as I embark on this new role. Lori has done an amazing job the past 2 ½ years and I know I have big shoes to fill! Lori has promised to remain active and help mentor me as I learn my new role. Our KC Chapter has many skilled, passionate, and dedicated nurses to both the ENA and emergency nursing in general. The list of last year's accomplishments can attest to the work that has been done and we plan to continue that work in the coming years.

2007 Accomplishments:

- Successful Spring Training in March with 35 in attendance and 6 CEU's provided
- Successful Combined Clinical Conference in August. Lori Davis won the State Leadership Award at the state ENA meeting held during the conference. Robin Locker won a free registration (from a drawing based on chapter meeting attendance for the previous year) She attended her first ENA conference and hopefully not her last. . . .
- Cheryl Phillips attended the Leadership Conference in Boston last February
- TNCC Instructor updates began in November 2007 and will be completed in January 2008 with a total of 6 instructor updates held locally. The update rollout in Chicago was attended by Cheryl Phillips, Annette Behney, and Lori Davis – State faculty for TNCC.
- Tiffany Strever, RN, BSN, CEN, is a past member of our local ENA and is currently serving as a member of the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) Board of Directors. She is our Missouri board liaison for 2008.
- ED Nurse Manager's/ Director's special interest group was reformed and meets immediately after the ENA bi-monthly meetings.
- Completed our 2nd CEN review in September – planning a 3rd in 2008!
- CEN review material available to KC Chapter members to study for CEN
- Sent 2 delegates from Kansas City Chapter to the National ENA General Assembly in Salt Lake this past September. We had 13 delegates from Missouri with 2 alternates – The largest group ever for Missouri! Held a successful awards Banquet in Oct. The new location at NKC Hospital's Skyview room. Kevin Myers from St. Luke's won the ED Educator/Mentor of the year; Carol Kent from NKC won ED Manager of the year; Aaron Bennett from Truman Lakewood won ED Nurse of the Year; and Brooke Laffey from Liberty Hospital won ED assistant of the year.
- Had a full page article with photos in the October 22nd issue of Nursing News regarding the ENA banquet.
- Continue to work with MODOT on the "Battle of the Belt" to promote injury prevention by wearing seat belts.
- Regular chapter representation at local, state, and national meetings.
- Working with the state to update our website and maintain current information for the KC Chapter.
- Bi-monthly newsletters sent to members via e-mail with hard copies mailed to local emergency rooms, shared at state meetings and other chapters or ENA members who request copies, and posted on chapter link of state ENA website @ www.missouriena.org.

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Upcoming Meetings



2008

GREATER KC AREA EMERGENCY NURSES ASSOCIATION (ENA)

MEETINGS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
February 12	11am-12:30pm	NKC Hospital- Burlington Room
March 7	9am-3:30pm	Liberty Hospital
April 8	11am-12:30pm	St. Luke's Barry Road
June 10	11am-12:30pm	St. Luke's Plaza
August 5	11am-12:30pm	TMC-Lakewood Boardroom
October 7	5pm-8pm	NKC Hospital- Skyview Room
December 19	4pm-6pm	Chappell's NKC Christmas Party

2008 State Meetings

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
March 15	10:30 am	Lake Regional Hospital
May 17	10:30 am	Lake Regional Hospital
August 14	4:00 pm	Tan-Tar-A
Nov 7	10:30 am	Lake Regional Hospital
Strategic Planning		
Nov 8	10:30 am	Lake Regional Hospital

Leadership Challenge

This year's Leadership Conference—*Shine*—couldn't be held in a better place...how about beautiful Honolulu, HI! It is great chance to learn, network, and check out the latest technology available in healthcare. The Leadership Challenge runs from February 28-March 2, 2008. For more information go to www.ena.org.

2008 Spring Training

Spring Training is approaching on March 7th at Liberty Hospital. We start after rush hour with an 8:30-9:00 registration and end at an easy 3:30. Our seminar this year includes discussions on violence in the ED, disaster preparedness and therapeutic hypothermia. Dr. Hoffman is back with some more of the weird and wonderful cases that we see in the ED. The food is free and the company couldn't be better! Don't forget our door prizes.....which includes a drawing for a free ENA membership. If you haven't ever been here, we would love to have you. If you have been here before, bring a friend and come again!

CEN Review Course

Stay tuned....Pat Clutter is coming back to help you pass your CEN exam. Date and location TBA!



THANK YOU!

The KC Chapter wants to give Lori Davis a big thank you for serving as chapter president for the last 2 ½ years. Congratulations on a job well done....you've led us well!!!!