

# Greater KC ENA

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The Greater Kansas City Chapter is pleased to present.....

## 2009 Spring Training!

Spring Training is approaching on March 13<sup>th</sup> at Liberty Hospital. We start after rush hour with an 8:30-9:00 registration and end at an easy 3:15. Our seminar this year includes discussions on evidence collection and preservation, injury prevention and updates to Missouri's laws on organ transplants. We will also have a lecture on some of the interesting 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!



### Note from the KC President:



We have witnessed history with the election and inauguration of President Barack Obama. I do not envy the enormous job he has! Our nation is in a depression or recession depending on who you listen to (depression if you are out of work...) Nursing has been referred to as a "reverse economic indicator" and "reasonably recession proof." As businesses close or lay off workers nurses increase their hours, delay retirement, or re-enter the workforce. As Emergency Nurses we are anxious to see what will happen with health care. Health care reform has been gravely needed for some time - How to achieve reform is controversial and now in competition with many other national crisis's.

The nursing shortage is expected to get worse as baby boomers continue to retire. Rules and regulations continue to be imposed on health care with fewer resources to achieve them.... When we are short staffed, under-educated, over-regulated, burnt out, etc... patient care, patient safety, & patient satisfaction suffer. As patient advocates it is important for us to stay informed and educated concerning our professional issues.... We have an obligation to speak up and make positive changes for nursing and health care.

The ENA Leadership Conference in Reno this March 4-8<sup>th</sup> is an excellent place to learn, share, network, and advocate for emergency nursing. ENA has a government & advocacy web site [www.ena.org](http://www.ena.org) with information & updates.... President Obama has a website [www.change.org](http://www.change.org) for information & blogging concerns..... ENA has a [Facebook](#) website! Check it out! Get Informed! Get involved! We can make a difference!

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## Upcoming Meetings



### 2009 GREATER KC AREA EMERGENCY NURSES ASSOCIATION

(SIG Managers Meeting Immediately following)

#### MEETINGS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
February 11	11am-12:30pm	KU-5 <sup>th</sup> floor conference room of the heart center
March 13	9am-3:15pm	Liberty Hospital "Spring Training"
April 15	11am-12:30pm	St. Luke's Barry Road
June 10	11am-12:30pm	Liberty Hospital
August 5	11am-12:30pm	St. Luke's East- 4 <sup>th</sup> floor conference room
October 14	5pm-8pm	NKC Hospital- Skyview Room Awards Banquet
December 9	4pm-6pm	Chappell's NKC Christmas Party

## Leadership Challenge

This year's Leadership Conference—*Soar: Aspire to New Heights*—will be held in picturesque Reno, Nevada. It is great chance to learn, network, and check out the latest technology available in healthcare. The Leadership Challenge runs from March 4-8, 2009. For more information go to [www.ena.org](http://www.ena.org).



## CEN Review Course

Mark your calendars! Pat Clutter is coming back to help you pass your CEN exam.

Date: September 29-30, 2009

Location: North Kansas City Hospital: Room TBA

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