

Greater KC ENA

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Annual Spring Training

The Annual Spring Training Seminar was held at Liberty Hospital on Friday March 7th. We had approximately 28 attendees. Dr. Hoffman was back with more case studies of some of the wild and wacky patients that we see in the ED, as well as a lecture on the recent ENA study on ED violence. It was a great learning day.



Cheryl Phillips introduces Carolyn Wells, who discussed the local DMAT team.



Cathy Homeyer presented the ED violence study.



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Note from the KC President:

Aloha! Home from Hawaii and what a beautiful place to have a Leadership Conference! Mike and I attended the pre-conference state and chapter leaders networking luncheon and pre-session workshops. Tips on finding funding for our ENA chapters, expanding membership, ED nurse manager initiatives, and a membership town hall meeting to discuss some of the “challenges” of emergency room nursing today (CMS and JCAHO regulations, overcrowding, boarding patients, etc....) and what we wanted from our national ENA were a few of the topics covered....

Stryker hosted a “Welcome to Hawaii! Polynesian Night with ENA” on top of the convention center roof and we also attended the ENA Foundation Night – “Elvis in Hawaii!” poolside at the Hyatt. The convention began each day with a motivational speaker followed by breakout sessions on a variety of topics – sometimes a difficult choice as there were many excellent speakers and topics! There were many opportunities to network and visit with fellow emergency nurses from other states; We met friends from St. Louis, Springfield, Tiffany Strever, now in Arizona and our national ENA board of director representative for Missouri, Denise King, our national ENA president, sponsors in the exhibit hall who shared information on their products and services, the ENA resource center – another opportunity to meet national ENA staff, etc... We came away with renewed enthusiasm, new ideas and optimism for emergency nursing! Our adventures to the north shore, Diamond Head, Pearl Harbor, Waikiki and other beautiful beaches, whale & dolphin watching, shopping, Chinatown, a luau, a trip to the zoo & aquarium, good food and the marvelous weather & scenery in Hawaii were also invigorating and a lot of fun!

If you have never attended a national convention I would encourage you to do so. The next convention is in Minneapolis September 25-27. If that is too far for you to travel, our Combined Clinical Conference is also excellent and will be held at Tan-Tar-A, Lake of the Ozark’s, August 12-15, 2008. For more information check out the ENA websites at www.ena.org & www.missouriena.org. **Get involved and renew your passion for emergency nursing!**

Upcoming Meetings



Greater KC ENA Meetings:

DATE	TIME	PLACE
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

Awards Banquet

Christmas Party

A Taste of Hawaii... Leadership 2008



Midwest Trauma Society Annual Conference

May 1-2, 2008
Overland Park Convention Center
go to www.midwesttraumasociety.org
For more details.

Combined Clinical Conference

August 13-15, 2008 Tan-Tar-A.

Instructor Classes

June 23, 2008 Liberty Hospital
July 9, 2008 North Kansas City Hospital
More info to come

CEN Review Class

Date: October 7 & 8, 2008
Location: North Kansas City Hospital

Congrats to the Prize winners at this year's Spring Training!

Free ENA membership- Deanna Adkison
Free 2009 Spring Training registration-Jan Haddon

