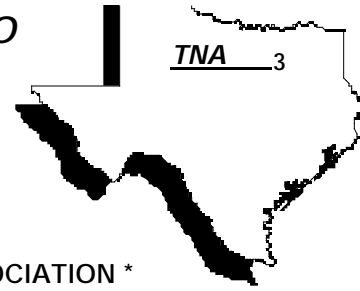


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President's Message

First, let me apologize for the length of this message and thank you in advance for your attention and help. This is more of a list of information and request so please read it ready to reply. You will also need your calendars to mark important meeting dates. Several District meetings are not on the usual 3rd Thursday of the month; so pay close attention.

The TNA District 3 Board has met and we are eager to get this year started. The first order of business is to try and determine how to best meet the needs of our membership. To do this we have included in this newsletter several surveys that we hope you will complete and return to the TNA District 3 office.

The first survey is to help us identify how often and when you would like to meet. There have been comments in the past that Thursday night is a bad night for meetings because it conflicts with good TV. As an avid Friends and ER watcher, I feel your pain. I personally like to record these programs so I can fast forward through the commercials (much more time efficient). There are also several questions of the annual dinner. We really need your thoughts on these issues. Is it time for a change? You tell us.

The second survey relates to the newsletter. The Board members have all selected to receive our newsletters by email. I know some of you would rather read it on the TNA 3 web page. This survey will give you the option of receiving the newsletter one of three different ways. I hope you will take a few minutes to let Lori know how to best meet your needs.

The third thing we need from you is to volunteer a little of your time to committee membership. Committee work is relatively painless and it really does not require a lot of time or effort. This is especially true if there are members available to split up the work. We have Board liaisons and chairpersons for each committee. Now we need you to sign up as a member. Please consider helping out.

Look for these surveys in THIS newsletter. Please send your completed information ASAP. We really appreciate your time. Don't hesitate to call or email Lori or me if you have questions.

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IMPORTANT NOTICES:

Please notice that the TNA meetings for September and October are **NOT on the 3rd Thursday of the month**. September has been moved because of the Leadership Conference in Austin. I know many of you plan on attending. We have moved the District 3 meeting to that following Tuesday, September 24th. You will want to mark your calendars for this meeting. There will be no CE program in September. Instead we plan a "State of the District Meeting". Everyone is invited to attend to hear what is going on in TNA. One of the highlights of the evening will be a quick report from the Leadership Conference for those of us who won't be able to attend. Membership, budget, committees, and general TNA business will also be on the agenda. Don't miss this informative meeting.

The October meeting will also need to be moved from the 3rd Thursday. We plan on having a wonderful CE program on the new staffing issues and have asked Beth Mancini from Parkland to speak. To get Beth, we will have to work around her busy schedule. I know you will agree that it is worth rearranging to hear her presentation on this timely issue.

The November meeting is our annual Clair Jordan presentation. It **IS** on the 3rd Thursday of November (21st). In December we plan on having our annual Holiday Celebration. Watch the newsletter and the web site for more details on all of these great programs and please plan on attending.

Don't miss out on a great year for TNA and nursing!

Debbie



WELCOME TO TNA DISTRICT THREE!

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Robert Rickard
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GAC/Practice Committee

This fall will be important to the outcome of nursing's legislative agenda. Many of our Tarrant County state legislators are in need of our help in campaigns before the November elections. The relationships we build by working in campaigns will be repaid by legislators listening closer to nursing's views on health care legislation we feel are important to the people of Texas. Don't pass up this opportunity to make a difference. Some of the things needed are manning phone banks (the legislator usually is there with you to answer questions and it is a wonderful time to talk informally on our issues), putting out yard signs, stuffing mailings, going to fundraisers (when TNA is endorsing you can go free), to mention just a few. It is a great way to get acquainted with the legislators, meet their staff and make a difference for nursing and TNA all at the same time. To find out what legislators have already called for assistance email or call Fran Martin. 817-472-5444 fmartin@pi-online.com.

Fran Martin

Nancy Kupper



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Tuesday, September 24 – 6:30 p.m. – “State of the District” meeting at Harris Methodist Ft. Worth, Rutledge Education Center

Tuesday, October 15 – 6:30 p.m. – “Staffing Rules” presented by Beth Mancini at Harris Methodist Ft. Worth, Rutledge Education Center

Thursday, November 21 – 6:00 p.m. – “Annual Forum” with guest Clair Jordan at Texas Health Resources Pavilion, 601 Ryan Plaza, Arlington

CE Offerings for UTA – Contact (817) 272-2778 or email jjenkins@uts.edu

14th Annual Texas Nurse Practitioners Conference, September 5-8, 2002

Renaissance Worthington Hotel, Ft. Worth, Texas

Co-provided with Texas Nurse Practitioners and The University of Texas at Arlington School of Nursing
19.2 Type 1 Contact Hours

International Nurses Society on Addictions 2002 Annual Educational Conference - “Forging Frontiers in Addictions in Nursing”, September 24-28, 2002

Menger Hotel, San Antonio, TX

Co-provided with the International Nurses Society on Addictions and the University of Texas at Arlington School of Nursing

17.1 Type 1 Contact Hours

16th Annual Conference - *Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing: Integrating Practice, Research, and Education*

October 5-8, 2002

Co-Provided with the American Psychiatric Nurses Association and The University of Texas at Arlington School of Nursing

The Fairmont Dallas, Dallas, TX

35.8 Type 1 Contact Hours

3rd International “Crossing Borders” Conference – *Emerging Knowledge in Culture and Health: Caring for Hispanic Populations*, October 11-12, 2002

Co-provided with the Center for Hispanic Studies in Nursing and Health and the University of Texas at Arlington School of Nursing

E.H. Hereford Center, UTA

12.6 Type 1 Contact Hours