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President's Message

Stella Kohn and I attended Fall Forum in October. It was interesting to hear that most other districts are suffering from the same low attendance at meetings and falling membership as we are. We heard things like:

- Decreasing attendance at all district functions
- Same old people running district functions (usually because they are the same old people who are attending the meetings) – there was a lot of emphasis on OLD for some reason

Does any of this sound familiar?

An overall strategy for increasing membership was discussed. District 3, with our new plan to go to a more computerized approach of communication is right on target with the overall state plan. Those of you at the last meeting heard Eva Williams present some of her wonderful ideas about this very issue.

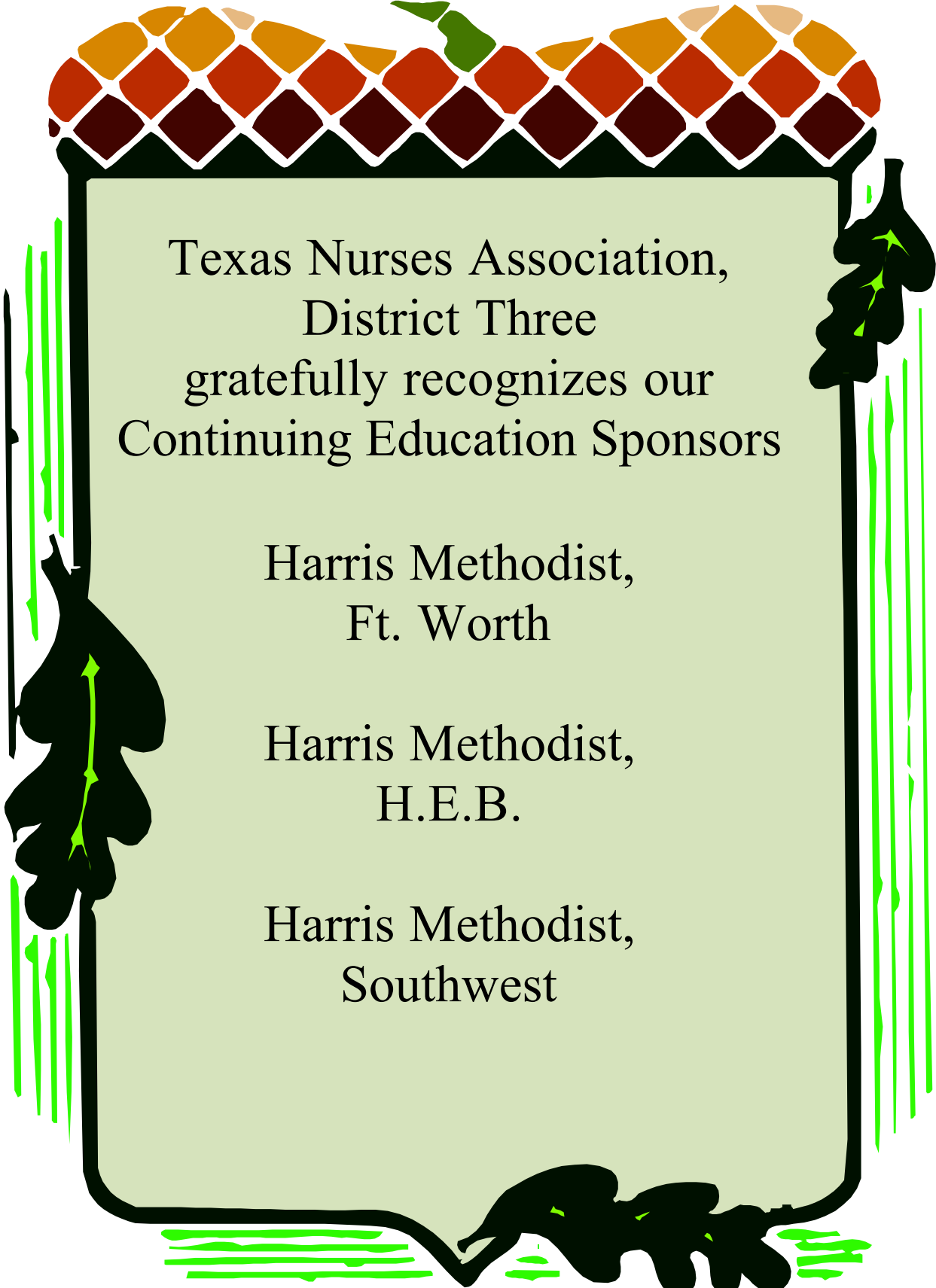
Other presentations included the TNA budget (we are fine), bioterrorism plan for Texas (we aren't ready yet), recent studies and reports on the nursing shortage (It's a great time to be a nurse) and ANA (Claire promises to discuss this during her visit in November).

If you would like to follow what Lynn Wieck has to say about nursing (and you really should) try logging on to her web site. She does a great overview of current issues for her students and it is updated monthly - www.drwieck.com/studentnurses.htm

I hope to see you in November and December at our regular TNA activities. As plans stand now, there will be no January meeting, but Mary Alice Stam promises a great C.E. in February. Stella Kohn, President-elect, is going to conduct an issues discussion at the end of the meeting. She has some great ideas, but for me to try to discuss them here would not do her justice. Just come and find out for yourself. Finally, the nominating committee will present the nominees for the 2003-2004 District 3 election.

Don't miss out!

Debbie

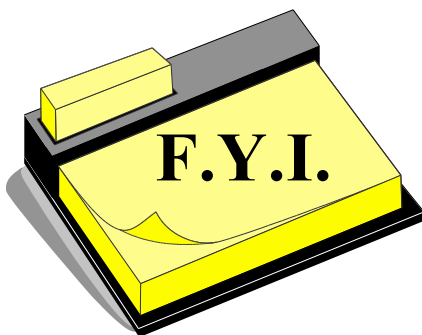


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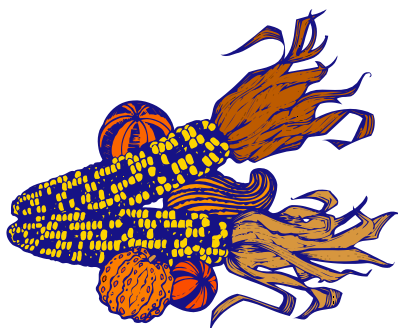
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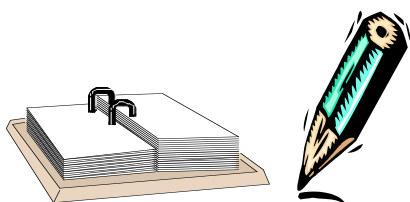
MAKE SURE YOU NOTE THE CALENDAR CHANGES IN THIS NEWSLETTER. WE ARE MAKING THESE CHANGES IN HOPES TO BETTER MEET THE NEEDS OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF DISTRICT 3.

Anyone wishing to get their newsletter via email or a website link should contact Lori McBee at 817/558-4064 or email her at tna3@mindspring.com. This is a GREAT way to receive your newsletter. You can easily forward it to fellow nurses that are interested in TNA-3, and you don't have to worry about "one more piece of mail" in your mailbox. The email or website version of the TNA-3 newsletter is available to you whenever you may need to access it. If you are interested, please contact Lori.

Welcome to District 3! We're glad you're here!



Amanda Billingsley
Candace Burks-McCoy
Janette Land
Kimberly Nelson
Kristina Riddlesperger



Mark Your Calendar!

Thursday, November 21 – 6:00 p.m. - Annual Nursing Forum – “What Does the Future Hold for Nursing?” - special guest Clair Jordan, MSN, RN, Executive Director, Texas Nurses Association; Texas Health Resources Pavilion, 601 Ryan Plaza, Arlington

Sunday, December 8 – 2:00-4:00 p.m. – Tenth Annual Winter Holiday Open House – at the home of Kiran Sharma, 228 Willow Ridge Road, Ft. Worth, 817-457-8407 or 817-558-4064 for information or directions.

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

Nov. 7-8

Responding to End-of-Life Needs: Patient, Family and Nurse, ELNEC

Curriculum or Certification Review

November 7-8, 2002

Co-provided with Hospice Palliative Nurses Association Regional Group and The University of Texas at Arlington School of Nursing

Pickard Hall, UTA School of Nursing

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The Ways and Means Committee is asking that the District 3 Membership donate raffle items for the Winter Holiday Open House. In order for this to be a successful fundraiser, we need to offer a large variety of prizes, i.e. movie passes, restaurant gift certificates, shopping certificates from local department stores, items donated by local businesses, etc. The raffle items can be given to Suzy Lockwood at the November 21st meeting, or you can call Suzy at 817-257-6758 to arrange for her to pick them up. All raffle proceeds go to the TNA-3 Scholarship Fund. Thank you for supporting the future of nursing.