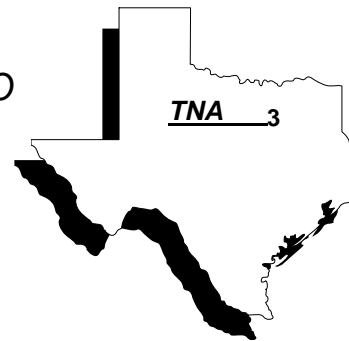


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## President's Message

This is a wonderful time of year when we reflect on the past year and renew our determination to make the coming year better. Many of us, as we begin this new year, will set goals or make resolutions, some personal and maybe even some professional. As 2007 begins, TNA members have the opportunity to make a difference in our profession as nurses. The Texas Legislature will be busy doing the business of the state and part of that involves determining fate of the Board of Nurse Examiners who oversees the practice of nursing. Thus, we need to be busy about the business of making sure our practice is determined appropriately by being informed and actively participating in Nurses Day at the Capital, March 5—6, 2007.

We have another opportunity to honor those exemplary nurses with whom we work by nominating them for "Great 100". Nominations are due January 12, 2007. This is a distinct honor for the nurses nominated because the nominations come from their peers and each nurse chosen is celebrated in Dallas on May 9, 2007. This is a joint activity shared with Dallas TNA District 4.

In February, TNA will be 100 years old. To celebrate this event, a huge birthday party complete with cake, streamers and prizes will be held February 15, 2007 from 6:00-8:00 PM in Cook Children's Medical Center Hochberger Auditorium. The grand prize includes the drawing for the winner of the scholarship to the Annual TNA Leadership Conference held in Austin in September. Those eligible for the scholarship will have gotten 5 or more nurses to join TNA between October, 2006 and February 14, 2007. Those attending meetings and/or got 4 or less nurses to become members of TNA between October and February will be eligible for door prizes. Don't forget the challenge of the North Region Director for the district president of either 3 or 4 that does not get 100 or more new members, to wear a nurse's cap for one week.

Other TNA membership activities for 2007 include the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament in Canton, March 30, 2007 and the Annual dinner at Cook Children's Medical Center Pre-Function Area, May 17, 2007.

The nominating committee will be seeking members willing to serve on the Board of Directors and I hope you will consider serving this district and the profession of nursing when called by this committee. If you cannot make that commitment, please consider other opportunities to serve as they present themselves. If that is not possible currently for you, please consider encouraging your nurse colleagues and friends to join TNA in support of the profession and practice of nursing. However active you are able to be this year, I want to thank each of you for your continued support by your ongoing membership. Your ongoing membership demonstrates your commitment to the profession of nursing which, in turn, deserves the continued commitment of the officers of the district to move forward in successfully meeting the goals of TNA District 3 for 2007.

### District Three Board Members 2006-2007

#### President

**Sharon Ransom**

[tna3@usapathway.com](mailto:tna3@usapathway.com)

#### President-Elect

**Sandi McDermott**

#### Vice President thru 2008

**Lygia Dunsworth**

#### Secretary thru 2008

**Suzu Lockwood-Rayermann**

#### Treasurer thru 2007

**Stephanie Eckstein**

#### Directors thru May 2007

**Marinda Allender**

**Melissa Sherrod**

#### Directors thru May 2008

**Kerry Baucom**

**Shelly Olive**

**Kiran Sharma**

#### Executive Secretary

**Renee James**

Office: 817-249-5071

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Sharon Ransom



**Monika Bessell Dewar  
1935 – 2006**

Our beloved friend and fellow TNA-3 member went to be with the Lord on Sunday, November 26, 2006. Monika Bessell Dewar was born June 8, 1935, in Germany. She came to the United States in 1958, and married Norman Dewar of Boston, Mass., in December 1959. She became a U.S. citizen in 1971, graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of science in nursing from TCU in 1975 and earned a master's degree in nursing in 1979 from Texas Woman's University.

Monika was dedicated to the nursing profession and the service of mankind. She was a member of numerous nursing organizations including Texas Nurses Association, District Three. She served as President of our district from 2001—2002. Monika taught nursing at TCU in the 1980s and retired from St. Joseph Hospital as a clinical nurse specialist. After retirement, she served her community as a court-appointed child advocate in Tarrant County. Monika was incredibly generous with her time, talents, resources and, most importantly, her love. She was devoted to her husband, her children, and her grandchildren.

Monika is survived by: Her children, Thomas N. Dewar, M.D., and his wife, Cindy, Peter B. Dewar and his wife, Yvette Ostolaza, Charles R. Dewar and his wife, Tammy Bauer, and John F. Dewar and his wife, Sheri; grandchildren, Robert, Emily, Aidan, Alec, Elena, Tempie, Lillie, Jack, Julianne and Carol Lee; mother, Johanna Charlotte Bessell; brothers, Dr. Fritz Bessell and his wife, Uschi, Gerhard Bessell and Michael Bessell; sisters, Maria Bohm and her husband, Helmut, Ortrum Arendt and Irene Gersdorf and her husband, Joachim; and numerous nieces and nephews.

We, at District Three, extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Norman and Monika Dewar in their loss.

**Official Call for  
Nominations  
for  
Board of Directors and  
Officers**

TNA-3 is seeking nominations for:

- Treasurer**
- Director -2 positions**

If you are a member of TNA-3, and would like to have the opportunity to meet other nurses within our district, stay up to date on nursing issues and be involved in a forum to advance nursing practice; please consider serving on the Board of Directors. Each position requires a two year commitment. The board usually meets one Saturday morning per month *with the exception of* December and two summer months.

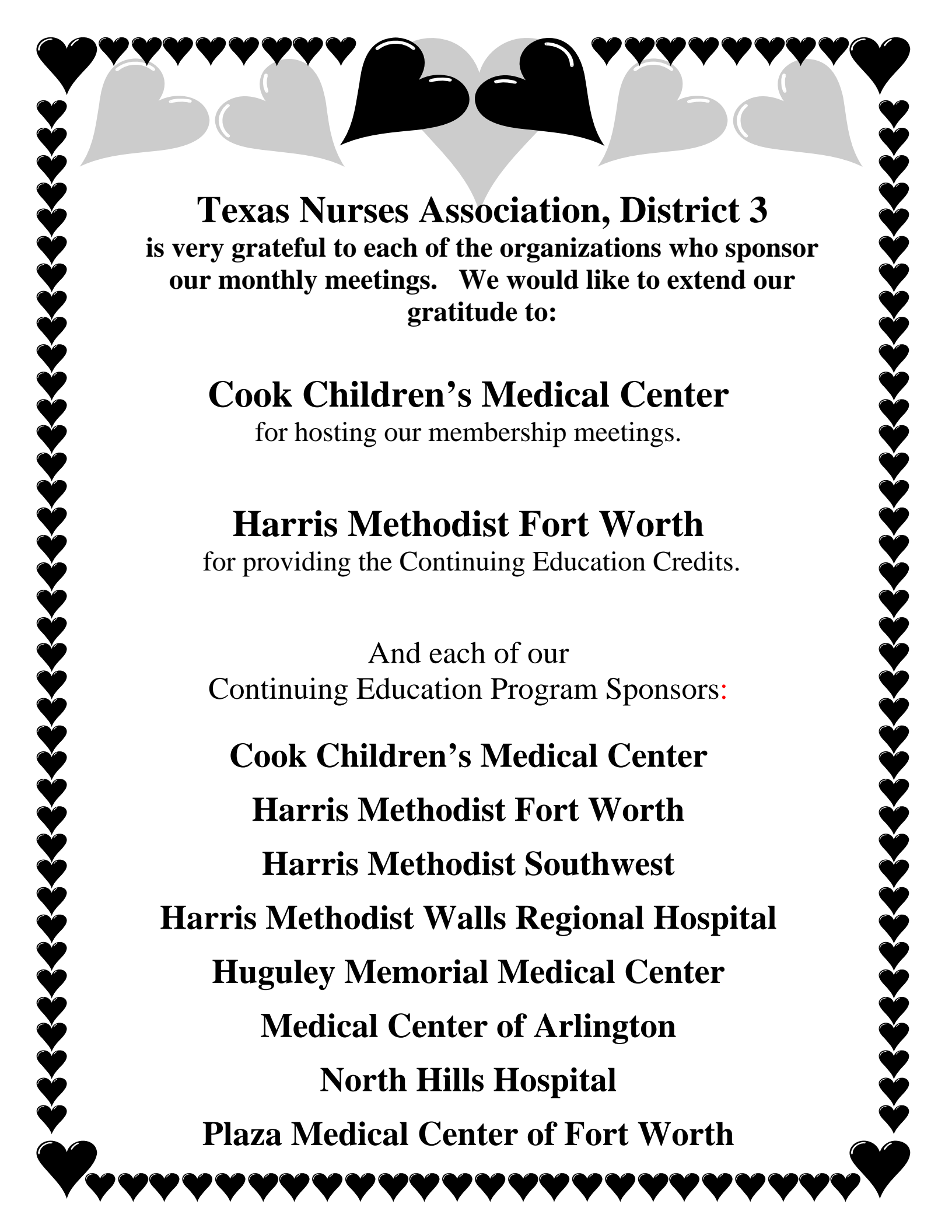
If you are interested in serving or would like to make a nomination, please contact the district three office at [tna3@usapathway.com](mailto:tna3@usapathway.com) or 817/249-5071. Nomination forms can also be found on the website [www.tna3.org](http://www.tna3.org) at the bottom of the page under "What's New". All forms must be submitted to the district three office prior to **February 9, 2007**. The slate of nominees will be presented at the following District meeting. Elections will be made by a mail-in ballot. Further description of the duties of each office is covered in our bylaws, which can be downloaded from the membership section of our website.

Marinda Allender  
Nominating Committee Chair

**Scholarship Committee**

TNA District 3 appreciates the need to support all levels of professional nursing students. It is our belief that a scholarship can make a positive impact in the life of a student nurse, whether they are an ADN, BSN, or a graduate student. This year we will continue to give scholarships in the amount of \$500. An application can be found on-line at [www.tna3.org](http://www.tna3.org). The deadline for mailing a completed application is March 9, 2007.

Marinda Allender  
Scholarship Committee, Chair



**Texas Nurses Association, District 3**  
is very grateful to each of the organizations who sponsor  
our monthly meetings. We would like to extend our  
gratitude to:

**Cook Children's Medical Center**  
for hosting our membership meetings.

**Harris Methodist Fort Worth**  
for providing the Continuing Education Credits.

And each of our  
Continuing Education Program Sponsors:

**Cook Children's Medical Center**

**Harris Methodist Fort Worth**

**Harris Methodist Southwest**

**Harris Methodist Walls Regional Hospital**

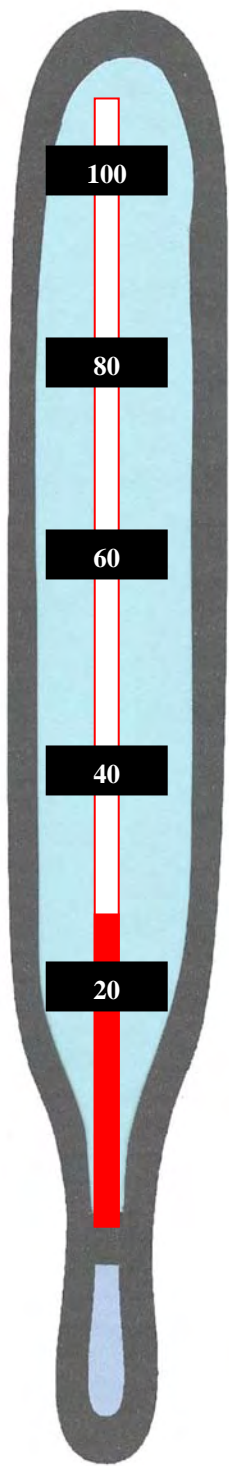
**Huguley Memorial Medical Center**

**Medical Center of Arlington**

**North Hills Hospital**

**Plaza Medical Center of Fort Worth**

# TNA-3 Membership Drive



Next Month, Texas Nurses Association will celebrate 100 years of service to the nursing profession. In honor of this anniversary, District Three has embarked on a Membership Campaign in an effort to increase the membership in our district by 100 new members. Our membership drive will come to a close at our TNA Birthday Party on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. **Now** is the time to talk to your nurse friends and colleagues, show them the value of TNA membership for all nurses, and encourage them to become a member of an organization that is leading change for Nursing through leadership, advocacy, and innovation.

### The guidelines for the contest are as follows:

1. Contestants must be a current TNA-3 member to be eligible. TNA Membership cannot lapse during this drive from October thru February 14, 2007.
2. Each new TNA-3 member signed up must be fully paid or pay by bank draft.
3. New TNA-3 members can be those nurses who have never been members or have let their membership lapse.
4. Each current TNA-3 member that signs up a new member will receive one part of a two part ticket which will be used for prize drawings.
5. Each current TNA-3 member who signs up 5 or more new members will be eligible for the donated **TNA Leadership Conference Scholarship**. This event will be held in Austin in September of 2007. In the event of a tie, the tickets of those in the tie will be placed in a bowl and the winning ticket will be drawn from the bowl.
6. **Recognition will be given to the CNO and Hospital that has the most new members in the district during this drive.**
7. TNA-3 Members will be given an additional ticket for each meeting they attended during this drive, for some drawings and those meetings include:

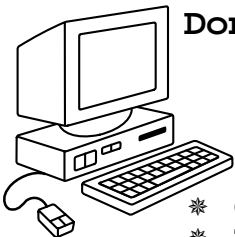
**October 19<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting  
Annual Fall Issues Forum  
Holiday Magic Open House  
TNA's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration**

8. TNA-3 members must be present at TNA's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration to win.

## District Three Welcomes our New & Reinstated Members

Jean Ashwill  
Sylvia M. Baker  
Scott A. Birman  
Tonia Bordingnoon  
Laura J. Burnett  
Orlando R. Chapa  
Sherri I. Crummey  
Penny S. DeCarvalho  
Ruth Fleming  
Laura Foltz  
Phillip B. Hamby  
Sandra McKinley  
Laura L. Merrick  
Kristine A. Nelson  
Brianna L. Neylon  
Alexandra Noriega  
Joyce A. Owens  
Donna Romenesko  
Antwoin M. Smith  
Sherri L. Smith-Keys  
Virida Swales  
Melinda K.. Thompson  
Stormy Williams

We're glad you're here.  
Please let us know if we can do  
anything to help you meet your fellow  
members and get involved.



**Don't forget to check the website, for the latest TNA-3 information.**

[www.tna3.org](http://www.tna3.org)

The following items can now be found on the website:

- |  |                                    |                            |
|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| * Calendar of Events                   | * TNA Membership Application       | * BOD Nomination Forms     |
| * Texas RN Pin Order Form              | * Meeting Flyers                   | * Golf Tournament Brochure |
| * 2007 Great 100 Nurse Nomination Form | * Academic Scholarship Application |                            |

## Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses

TPAPN volunteers act as an advocate providing peer support for their nurse colleague. If you would like to volunteer or refer someone call 1/800-288-5528 (24-hour helpline) or 1/512-467-7027, fax 512/467-2620, or email [www.tpapn.org](http://www.tpapn.org)

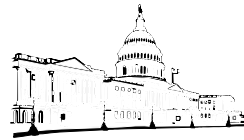
## Information Update

Have you moved? Changed your name?  
Changed your e-mail address?

Please contact the District 3 office, and let us know about your changes. We would like to update your information to ensure that you receive your newsletter and the latest information about TNA-3.

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## Nurse Day at the Capitol

Don't miss the opportunity to go to Austin for Nurse Day at the Capitol on March 5—6, 2007. You can join with nurses and nursing students from across the state to personally discuss nursing and health care issues with your legislators and their staff. Registration forms and details can be found on TNA's website [www.texasnurses.org](http://www.texasnurses.org).

## Opportunity for you to contribute to the Celebration

As you know, Texas Nurses Association, District Three will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday with a party on Thursday, February 15, 2007. The district would like to include a display of Nursing Memorabilia at the party. Do you have any vintage nursing caps, uniforms, nursing practice manuals, etc? Please bring these items with you to the TNA Birthday party for display.

## Texas R.N. Pins

On Sale Now

TNA-3 is now selling a Texas Registered Nurse pin designed by the Ways & Means Committee. **Every RN** can wear this pin with pride. These pins will be available at all TNA-3 events and they may be purchased by mail, using the order form below.

**Size:** 7/8" Texas Shaped Pin  
**Color:** Two tone gold.



**Description:** RN & outside edge raised & polished with sandblasted background.  
**Cost:** \$8.00 each

Please return this order form with your payment to:  
TNA-3, PO Box 16958, Fort Worth, TX 76162

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ Texas RN Pin(s).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_



**Texas Nurses Association,  
District 3  
cordially invites you to**

**Texas Nurses Association's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration**

**Thursday, February 15, 2007  
6:00-8:00 PM  
Hochberger Auditorium  
Cook Children's Medical Center**

**The celebration includes  
Honored Guests  
Speakers  
Prizes  
Refreshments**



# Holiday Magic Open House

TNA members and guests gathered for the fourteenth annual Holiday Magic Open House on Saturday, December 9, 2006 at the home of Kiran Sharma. As always, Kiran's home was beautifully decorated in holiday fashion. Guests enjoyed a delicious gourmet feast, while the drawing took place.

Once again, Kiran holds the record for selling the most raffle tickets. She sold 180 raffle tickets this year. We had twenty-two items donated for the raffle this year.

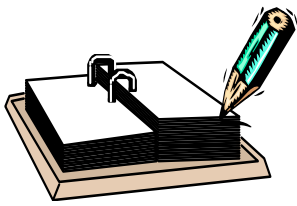
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| 1. Two Movie Passes, donated by: Marinda Allender                     | <b>Winner:</b> Kimberly Honey    |
| 2. Nurses Gift Basket, donated by: Lygia Dunsworth                    | <b>Winner:</b> Stacey Johnson    |
| 3. \$25.00 Chili's Gift Card, donated by: Marinda Allender            | <b>Winner:</b> Marinda Allender  |
| 4. \$25.00 Olive Garden Gift Card, donated by: Melissa Sherrod        | <b>Winner:</b> Jayson Garrels    |
| 5. \$25.00 Bennigan's Gift Card, donated by: Melissa Sherrod          | <b>Winner:</b> Bonnie Higgins    |
| 6. \$25.00 Outback Steakhouse Gift Card, donated by: Melissa Sherrod  | <b>Winner:</b> Cindy Ivy         |
| 7. Chocolate Gift Basket, donated by: Stephanie Eckstein              | <b>Winner:</b> Dr. Webber        |
| 8. Tea Time Gift Basket, donated by: Kerry Baucom                     | <b>Winner:</b> Dr. Wu            |
| 9. Pashmina Scarf, donated by: Stephanie Eckstein                     | <b>Winner:</b> Erin Frazier      |
| 10. Pashmina scarf, donated by: Stephanie Eckstein                    | <b>Winner:</b> Mary Morton       |
| 11. Silk Scarf, donated by: Stephanie Eckstein                        | <b>Winner:</b> Anne Griffin      |
| 12. Silk Scarf, donated by: Stephanie Eckstein                        | <b>Winner:</b> Jeanette Anderson |
| 13. Bath & Body Gift Basket, donated by Kelly & Sharon Ransom         | <b>Winner:</b> Susan Moore       |
| 14. Bath & Body Gift Basket, donated by Kelly & Sharon Ransom         | <b>Winner:</b> Kari Heusinkveld  |
| 15. Chocolate Gift Basket, donated by Kelly & Sharon Ransom           | <b>Winner:</b> Julie Fields      |
| 16. Mrs. Field's Goodie Gift Basket, donated by Kelly & Sharon Ransom | <b>Winner:</b> Dianna Stewart    |
| 17. Floral Arrangement, donated by Donna Crumpler                     | <b>Winner:</b> Renee James       |
| 18. Bath & Body Gift Basket, donated by Kiran Sharma                  | <b>Winner:</b> Jim McCormick     |
| 19. Starbucks Gift Basket, donated by Sandi McDermott                 | <b>Winner:</b> Donna Franklin    |
| 20. Bath & Body Gift Set, donated by Suzy Lockwood                    | <b>Winner:</b> Stella Kohn       |
| 21. Bath & Body Gift Set, donated by Suzy Lockwood                    | <b>Winner:</b> Angela Cantrell   |
| 22. Southern Living Centerpiece, donated by Bonnie Higgins            | <b>Winner:</b> Karen Heusinkveld |

TNA-3 would like to extend our gratitude to Kiran Sharma for opening her lovely home and welcoming us with such warm hospitality. We would also like to thank each of you, who donated a raffle items, and/or purchased or sold raffle tickets. Your contributions make it possible for our district to offer scholarships to worthy students. Thank you for your dedication to the future of nursing.



Suzy Lockwood, Sharon Ransom, Kiran Sharma





# Mark Your Calendar!

## **January 6, 2007--Board of Directors Meeting**

9:00 – 11:00am  
Cook Children's Medical Center  
Basement of the Administration Building,  
Classroom B

## **January 12, 2007— Deadline for Great 100 Nurse Nomination**

## **January 12, 2007— Deadline for submission of resolutions for TNA's 2007 House of Delegates. Resolution procedures & submission formats can be accessed at [www.texasnurses.org](http://www.texasnurses.org) under members only section.**

## **February 3, 2007--Board of Directors Meeting**

9:00 – 11:00am  
Cook Children's Medical Center  
Basement of the Administration Building,  
Classroom B

## **February 7, 2007--TNA 100th Anniversary**

## **February 9, 2007—Deadline for submission of Nominees for the TNA-3 Election.**

## **February 15, 2007-- TNA's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration**

6:00PM—Sign-in  
6:30-8:00PM—Meeting  
Cook Children's Medical Center  
Hochberger Auditorium

## **March 3, 2006--Board of Directors Meeting**

9:00 – 11:00am  
Cook Children's Medical Center  
Basement of the Administration Building,  
Classroom B

## **March 5—6, 2007--Nurse Day at the Capitol**

Austin, Texas  
Information and Registration can be found at  
[www.texasnurses.org](http://www.texasnurses.org)

## **March 9, 2007-- Scholarship Application Deadline**

## **March 30, 2007--**

**TNA North Region Golf Tournament for Fun(D)**  
Time: TBA  
Location: Canton, Texas

## **April 7, 2007--Board of Directors Meeting**

9:00 – 11:00am  
Cook Children's Medical Center  
Basement of the Administration Building,  
Classroom B

## **April 19, 2007--Membership Meeting**

6:00PM—Sign-in  
6:30-8:00PM—Meeting  
Cook Children's Medical Center  
Hochberger Auditorium

TNA Members.....No Fee for CE's  
Non-members.....\$5.00 for CE's  
Undergraduate Students.....No Fee  
(No CE's given to Undergraduate Students)

## **April 21, 2007--House of Delegates**

Omni Southpark Hotel, Austin, TX

## **May 5, 2007--Board of Directors Meeting**

9:00 – 11:00am  
Cook Children's Medical Center  
Basement of the Administration Building,  
Classroom B

## **May 6-12, 2007--Nurses Week**

## **May 9, 2007--Great 100 Nurse Celebration**

Dallas, TX

## **May 12, 2007--Florence Nightingale's Birthday**

## **May 17, 2007--Annual Dinner**

Cook Children's Medical Center  
Hochberger Auditorium & Pre-function Area  
801 Seventh Avenue  
Ft. Worth, Texas 76104  
6:00PM

## **June 2, 2007-- Board of Directors "Wrap-up" Meeting**

9:00 – 11:00am  
Cook Children's Medical Center  
Basement of the Administration Building,  
Classroom B



## A SEARCH FOR THE 2007 GREAT 100 NURSES

**“DO YOU KNOW A REGISTERED NURSE WHO HAS MADE A DIFFERENCE?”**

**On May 9, 2007**, the “Great 100 Nurses Celebration” will be held to honor one hundred **Registered Nurses** who have made a significant difference to the profession of nursing and in the lives of patients, peers, and the community-at-large.

Any individual, client/patient, or group may nominate a Registered Nurse whose place of employment is within the Texas Nurses Association, Districts 3 and 4 Regions. To nominate a Registered Nurse, you must:

1. Complete the attached Demographic Data Form. **PLEASE PRINT**. Identify yourself and the Registered Nurse nominee on the Demographic Data Form **only**.
2. Attach a one page letter of recommendation which provides supportive documentation about your nominee. Resumes and curriculum vitae will **not** be accepted. **Letters must be submitted on 8 ½ x 11 paper, no letterhead, and one-sided printing. Letters which do not conform to these criteria will be disqualified.** The nomination letter **should not** include the nominee’s name or specific identification about the Registered Nurse (e.g., place of employment). The letter of recommendation must address each of the following categories:

- \* **ROLE MODEL**
- \* **LEADERSHIP QUALITIES**
- \* **SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**
- \* **COMPASSIONATE CAREGIVER**
- \* **SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS**

3. Nomination documents **will not** be accepted by fax transmission  
**Return all documents postmarked no later than January 12, 2007 to:**

**THE GREAT 100 NURSES CELEBRATION  
POST OFFICE BOX 35503  
DALLAS, TEXAS 75235**

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- \* Previous Great 100 Nurse recipients are ineligible.
- \* Duplicate the Demographic Data Form as needed.
- \* Nomination letters will be reviewed by a panel of judges who will not have access to the demographic data.
- \* Questions concerning the nomination process and the Great 100 Nurses Celebration may be directed to Jan Coder at 214/590-8001 or Pat Pollock at 800/221-8559.

**This program is sponsored by joint effort of the Texas Nurses Association, Districts 3 and 4, and the Dallas-Fort Worth Nurse Executives**

**The Deadline For Nominations Postmarked Receipt is: January 12, 2007.** There will be no exceptions. Fax Transmittals WILL NOT be accepted. Over-night mail, i.e., FedEx, UPS, WILL NOT be accepted.

**GREAT 100 NURSES CELEBRATION  
DEMOGRAPHIC DATA FORM**

This form must be submitted with a **one page letter of recommendation** for the Registered Nurse nominee. **Letters must be submitted on 8 1/2 X 11 paper, no letterhead, and one-side printing. No exceptions. Letters which do not conform to this criterion will be disqualified. Please complete the following information:**

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Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ RN License # \_\_\_\_\_

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**Nominee's Primary Occupational Role (Mark [X] one category only)**

Administration/Management/Leadership: Specify Setting: \_\_\_\_\_

Community Health (Occupational Health, Home Health/Hospice, School, Clinic, or Physician's Office Nursing)

Advanced Practice Nurse (Consultant, Practitioner, CRNA, CMW, Clinical Specialist)

Clinical

Educator (Acute Care, Community/Agency, Higher Education, Clinic)

Other (Retired, Entrepreneur: Specify Role: \_\_\_\_\_

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Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (H) Area Code: ( ) - \_\_\_\_\_ (W) Area Code: ( ) - \_\_\_\_\_

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