

DISTRICT 3 NEWS

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President's Message

As the 2006-2007 TNA District 3 year comes to a close, I would like to reflect on the year. As with everything, there are highs and lows. District 3 has experienced a ten-percent growth in membership and mourned the loss of one of its past-presidents. The district has celebrated its place in the illustrious 100 year history of TNA and grappled with a very busy legislative year for nursing. As this year closes, District 3 will soon install new leadership who will further the profession of nursing and celebrate the designation of a number of its nurses recognized as Great 100 nurses in the DFW Area.

As my presidency comes to a close, I am so thankful for the wonderful board of directors that I have had the honor to work with to do the work of the district. They have worked diligently to keep the district alive, solvent and forward thinking. Their passion for nursing, despite all the hats they wear, has been the light for the path and the constant drive for all that has been accomplished. Thank you Sandi McDermott, Lygia Dunsworth, Suzy Lockwood-Rayerman, Stephanie Eckstein, Marinda Allender, Kerry Baucom, Shelly Olive, Kiran Sharma and Melissa Sherrod for all you do for nursing and Texas Nurses Association District 3.

Of course, the person that we all have to thank for keeping us on an even course is our dedicated district executive secretary, Renee James, without whose help we would all flounder. In addition, Renee keeps the district going with the newsletter, scholarship information and answers endless phone calls regarding district business. Renee helps keep us focused on the task before us and has truly been a blessing to me when I needed direction. Thank you, Renee; you've made my job so much easier.

Although the year may be coming to an end, there is still much work to be done in order to further our profession. As the district's new president and board of directors begin planning the 2007-2008 calendar, please look for opportunities to participate in district activities. It may be to encourage a colleague by sharing the benefits you've received, work a TNA booth at an area conference, evaluate scholarship applications, serve on a committee, or run for a position or office on the TNA Board. No matter what form your participation takes, I know it will be just what the district needs and you will be proud to have taken part in one of the most active districts in the state.

Thank all you for your support of District 3 and I look forward to seeing you in the future as we continue to serve the profession of Nursing and TNA District 3.

Sincerely,
Sharon

District Three Board Members 2006-2007

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Sharon Ransom

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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

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Harris Methodist Walls Regional Hospital

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Medical Center of Arlington

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Plaza Medical Center of Fort Worth



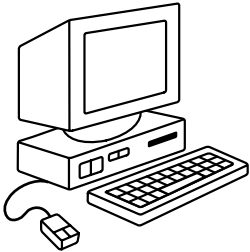
Monika Dewar Memorial Scholarship

On November 26, 2006 a tragic automobile crash claimed the lives of Monika Dewar and her husband Norman. Monika was known throughout the nursing community for her dedication to the nursing profession and to the service of mankind. It is for this reason that the TNA District 3 Board of Directors has unanimously voted to award one scholarship to a deserving nursing student annually in Monika's honor. Each fall the Monika Dewar Memorial Scholarship will begin at a base amount of \$500.00. Any contributions made to the Monika Dewar Memorial Scholarship Fund, throughout the year, will be directly added to the base scholarship, thereby increasing the total scholarship amount awarded in the spring at the Annual Awards Dinner. If you would like to make a contribution to the Monika Dewar Memorial Scholarship Fund, please send contribution to the following address.

Texas Nurses Association, District 3
Monika Dewar Scholarship Fund
PO Box 16958
Fort Worth, TX 76028

TNA North Region 4th Annual Golf Tournament for

On Friday, March 30th; TNA North Region held it's most successful fundraising golf tournament to date. The 4th Annual North Region Golf Tournament for Fun(D) was held at the Twin Lakes Golf Course in Canton, Texas. There were 13 teams, with four players on each team, participating in this year's event. Thanks to all of the support from our north region leadership, our members and our sponsors, this year's tournament raised approximately \$8,000 for Texas Nurses Foundation.



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

www.tna3.org

The following items can now be found on the website:

- * Calendar of Events
- * TNA Membership Application
- * Annual Dinner Registration Form
- * Texas RN Pin Order Form
- * TNA-3 Photo Gallery

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**

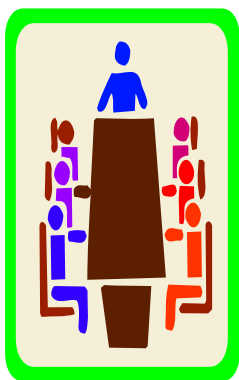
Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ Texas RN Pin(s).

Name: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

2007-2008 Board of Directors



* = Newly elected

President—Sandi McDermott

Vice President—Lygia Marchbank Dunsworth

Treasurer— *Stephanie Eckstein

District Secretary-- Suzy Lockwood

Past-President—Sharon Ransom

Directors thru May 2008

Kerry Elisabeth Baucom

Shelly Olive

Kiran Sharma

Directors thru May 2009

*Dennis Cheek

*Sharon Ikeler

Nominating Committee

Marinda Allender, Chair
Carolyn Spence Cagle

Sharon Ikeler
Nancy Kupper

Mary Alice Stam

2007 House of Delegates Report

The 2007 Texas Nurses Association House of Delegates was called into session at 9:00AM on Saturday, April 21 in Austin, Texas. The HOD was preceded by a gala event on Friday night with a wonderful dinner and nostalgic walk down memory lane presented by nine of the state's past presidents dating back to the 1960's. A pictorial history of TNA's first 100 years reminded us as delegates of the role we would play, however great or small, the next day at the House of Delegates in furthering the profession of nursing.

When the House was called into session, the business was conducted by our outgoing president, Kathy Light. There were six resolutions before the House and all passed. Only one resolution, Mandatory Influenza Vaccination for Healthcare Workers, generated some lively discussion and an amendment around the word "mandatory". The amendment failed and the resolution was accepted as originally written with a few dissenting votes. A touching moment of silence was observed in honor of our military nurses and in memory of those nurses who have passed away. Although there is a courtesy resolution every HOD in memory of TNA members that have passed away, the resolution to honor our military nurses was new and received a unanimous vote.

I wish each member of TNA could experience House of Delegates because it is there that they would see what TNA is all about. It is about the business of the profession of Nursing and making the practice of Nursing what it is today and into the future. There is something very special about being a part of the House of Delegates and it was an honor to represent the district.

----Sharon Ransom

MEMO:

50/50 Split Raffle

The 2007 Annual Awards Dinner will be held on Thursday, May 17th, at the Cook Children's Medical Center Hochberger Auditorium. TNA, District 3 is planning to have the **50/50 Split Raffle** again this year. The prize for **50/50 Split Raffle** is equal to 50% of the total earnings from the sale of the raffle tickets. That's right; the winner takes home a CASH prize. The more tickets sold, the bigger the prize! The 50 /50 Split Raffle tickets sell for \$10.00 each, and are included in this mailing.

Your friends, family, and co-workers will want to be included in this drawing. All proceeds, from the raffle ticket sales, benefit the TNA-3 Scholarship Fund. TNA-3's success begins with you!

Past Winners

2004	Sharon Ransom	\$1,000.00
2005	Marinda Allender	\$ 600.00
2006	Mary Alice Stam	\$ 620.00

You do not need to be present at the Annual Awards Dinner to win. Raffle tickets may be submitted for the drawing at the Annual Awards Dinner, or to the TNA-3 office at the following address:

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PO Box 16958
Fort Worth, TX 76162

.....from the Governmental Affairs Committee

As many nurses call in their vote to American Idol and Dancing with the Stars, how many nurses in Texas are calling their local representatives to voice their opinions regarding their own profession?

The following excerpt from the TNA website to help explain what the GAC means to Texas and nurses:

The Texas Nurses Association's governmental affairs program (GAC) is based on a belief that nursing provides a unique and significant perspective when health policy decisions are made. Sharing that perspective in legislative and regulatory arenas has over the years created positive change for nursing and maintained quality health care for Texans.

It was members of TNA who initiated in 1909 the first nursing licensing act in Texas. Titled the Nurse Registration Act, it began a rich tradition of legislative involvement for TNA. Ever since, TNA has been active and vigilant at the Texas Legislature, advocating for its members, the nursing profession, and consumers of health care to assure a desirable practice environment for nurses and quality nursing care for Texans. Over the years experience has proven that if nursing fails to be involved, the important decisions for nursing and health care will be made by others less knowledgeable.

Many issues are being addressed, presented and voted on as I write this report. As a nurse in Texas it is your responsibility to be aware of Bills that are being discussed and voted on. These Bills may have either a direct or an indirect effect on your practice; however as a professional, it is important that you understand all areas covered. We urge you to take a few minutes and review all proposed bills.

Here are some highlights:

House Bill 1362 Relates to reports by nurses of certain conduct and protection from retaliation for those nurses. This Bill was *introduced* and *referred* to Committee on House Public Health 02/19/07.

Remarks: Clarifies the protections and remedies available to nurses (both RNs and LVNs) when they advocate for their patients or raise patient care concerns. This bill is jointly authored by the two nurses in the Texas Legislature – Rep. Donna Howard (D-Austin and former RN) and Rep. Susan King (R-Abilene and practicing RN). The legislation was initiated at the request of the Texas Nurses Association and came out of the work of one of its task forces looking at cultures of safety issues.

House Bill 1707 was created by the California Nurse's Labor Union relating to the practice of nursing in Texas has been *introduced* and *referred* to committee on House Public Health on 02/28/07 .

Remarks: This bill is initiated by the California nurses labor union. The Texas Nurses Association opposes the bill because it 1) distorts the legislative achievements the Texas Nurses Association and other Texas nursing organizations have achieved for Texas nurses over the past 25 years; 2) devalues nursing as a profession by repealing any obligation of nurses to report nurses whose continued practice puts patients at risk; 3) fragments nursing by creating a class of nurses that are portrayed as deserving of special protections and privileges of which other nurses apparently are not as deserving; and 4) will not improve patient care for Texans and is likely to make Texas' critical nursing shortage more difficult to address.

House Bill 2158 relating to nurse peer review and the regulation of the practice of nursing was *referred* to the House Committee on Public Health on April 13, 2007.

Remarks: Companion bill is SB 993. This bill is one of two bills that the Texas Nurses Association has initiated this session addressing the nurse's practice environment. The other is HB 1362 / SB 761. HB 2158's purpose is to shift the regulation of nursing away from an individual-blame oriented model and toward a model that focuses more on addressing system inadequacies and remediation of the individual. The bill accomplishes this shift by modifying the mandatory reporting provisions of the Nursing Practice Act to help ensure that the nurses reported to the BNE are those nurses whose continued practice poses a risk of harm to patients and by encouraging greater sharing of information among the various committees that review patient care incidents. Current law is slanted toward the view that errors are primarily caused by "bad" individuals and when an error occurs, the individual who made the error needs to be identified and punished. This bill reflects the view that errors are primarily the result of system inadequacies that either made the error likely to occur or failed to provide the safeguards needed to prevent the error from occurring.

House Bill 2426 Bill relating to the continuation and functions of the Board of Nurse Examiners *Passed* on 4/19/07.

Remarks:

Same as SB 907. BNE Sunset bill. Implements recommendations of Sunset Commission including recommendations of concern to nursing. Bill provisions of special concern are 1) reducing role of BNE in approving nursing education programs and 2) changing nursing peer assistance from an alternate reporting to a diversion program.

A full update of all the Bills relating to nursing can be found on the TNA Website at www.texasnurses.org and at www.capitol.state.tx.us/BillLookup/History. These websites will not only tell you where the Bill currently stands, but also who initiated the Bill and who is voting on it. This is your chance to make your voice heard where it matters most. Remember Does Sanjaya care about whether a Union comes to Texas?

Kerry Baucom

In Memory of



John C. Parker
1927 — 2007

John Chauvet Parker, a native of Biloxi, Mississippi went to be with his Lord on Sunday, March 25, 2007 at the age of 79. Mr. Parker is survived by his wife of 40 years, Dorothy L. Parker, a past president and former board member of TNA, District 3; four children and nine grandchildren.

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. Additional information and forms can be downloaded at the following website: <http://www.texasnurses.org/tpapn/index.htm>.

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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District Three Welcomes Our New & Reinstated Members



Melissa M. Allen
Elizabeth K. Bingham
Paula M. Burchfield
Karen E. Cahn
Pamela Coffield
Sheri M. Fergusson
Maria R. Flores

Jacqueline K. Foslin
Cathleen J. Gustafson
Rayford W. Henslee
Myeong J. Jackson
Michael E. Lewis
Jackie L. Michael

Bethany Olinger
Carolyn Palsky
Curtis J. Purser
Jimmy D. Romero
Donna Scott-Tilley
Sommer M. Shockley
Katrina Wilkins

We're glad you're here. We look forward to visiting with you at meetings and events.

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



Texas Nurses Association
District Three
2007 Annual Awards Dinner

Honoring:
Scholarship Recipients
TNA-3 Award Recipients
Board of Directors
Great 100 Nurses from District Three

Please join us at the Hochberger Auditorium & Pre-function Area at Cook Children's Medical Center, as we celebrate the nurses of District Three.

Date: Thursday, May 17, 2007
Time: 6:00 PM
Place: Cook Children's Medical Center
Hochberger Auditorium & Pre-function Area
801 Seventh Avenue
Ft. Worth, Texas 76104

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

Enclosed is \$_____ for _____ dinners @ \$25.00 each for the 2006 Annual TNA-3 Awards Dinner. (Please make checks payable to TNA-3)

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____, TX Zip: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

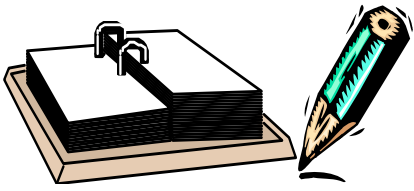
Email Address: _____

Cancellation policy: Cancellations received in writing as least 14 days prior to the program/event will be refunded in full minus the cost of any fees incurred by district 3 in association with the program/event. Cancellations received after this time will be refunded minus a \$25 processing fee and the cost of any fees incurred by district 3 in association with the program/event. No refunds will be made after the program/event begins.

Congratulations to the 2007 Great 100 Nurses!

Jo Alch, Acappella In Home Care
Lillie Alexander, Harris Methodist HEB
Barry Allen, Baylor Medical Center @Irving
Patricia Alridge, Baylor All Saints Medical Center
Joy Don Baker, UTA School of Nursing
Julie Patrice Balluck, Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas
Joyce Bass, Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas
Penny Beattie, Methodist Dallas Medical Center
Felicia Bessman, HCA North Hills Hospital
Zita Bolling, Baylor All Saints Medical Center
Susan Boryca, Baylor Medical Center Plano
Mae Brown, Medical City Dallas Hospital
Sally Brown, UT Southwestern University Hospital
Johnnie Sue Bucek, Arlington ISD
Carolyn V. Burcham, VA North Texas Health Care System
Barbara Calderon, USMD Arlington
Gloria Canham, Richardson ISD
Homer Capiral, Medical City Dallas Hospital
Polly Caraway, Plaza Medical Center
Natalie Carpenter, Walls Regional Hospital
Susan Cauley, Parkland Health & Hospital System
Maria Chapman, Presbyterian Hospital Plano
Rebecca Charpentier, Arlington Memorial Hospital
Brenda Christoforo, Harris Methodist Fort Worth
Pamela Clark, JPS Health Network
Susan Kay Cooper, Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas
Elnora Darland, Harris Methodist HEB
Mary Ann Davenport, Harris Methodist HEB
James L. Dickens, Center for Medicare & Medical Services
Ann Dickman, Arlington Memorial Hospital
Sheila Cook-Dolciame, Parkland Health & Hospital System
Brenda Doughty, Arlington Memorial Hospital
Steve Doyle, Medical Center of Lewisville
Markeeta Edwards, Walls Regional Hospital
Anneli Fuller, Medical Center of Plano
Shawna Gonzalez, Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas
Barbara Gosnell, Harris Methodist Northwest
Carolyn Grady, Harris Methodist Fort Worth
Felecia Green, Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas
Bonnie Gregory, Plaza Medical Center of Ft. Worth
Elaine Griffin, Presbyterian Hospital of Plano
Sharon Gunn, Baylor University Medical Center
Rebecca Hardie, Baylor All Saints Medical Center
Lavonne Adams, Texas Christian University
Sharon M. Ikeler, Las Colinas Medical Center
Sarah Joslin, Baylor Medical Center Irving
Betty Kapsos, Harris Methodist Fort Worth
Barbara Keeney, Harris Methodist HEB
Gail Kemp, Baylor Medical Center @ Irving
Terryl Kendricks, Plaza Medical Center of Fort Worth

Chris Lane, Harris Methodist Fort Worth
Mauricio Lastra, Green Oaks Hospital
Pauline Lauderdale, Baylor All Saints Medical Center
Eloise Lembke, Medical Center of Plano (Retired)
Linda Liewer, Baylor All Saints Medical Center
Joy Lynn Lira, Baylor All Saints Medical Center
Kenneth Longbrake, Harris Methodist Northwest
James R. McClanahan, Harris Methodist HEB
Sandi McDermott, Baylor Health Care System
James P. McGraw, Tarrant County College
Rochell McMillan, Arlington Memorial Hospital
Maureen Madewell, Baylor All Saints
Patricia Marling, Tarrant County College
Tammy Marnell, Baylor University Medical Center
Catherine Martin, Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas
Emilie Mungioli, Medical Center of Plano
Karen Neighbors, Trinity Valley Community College
Dawn Nichols, JPS Health Network
Denice Nowlin, Texoma Medical Center
Filieta Ofa, Arlington Memorial Hospital
Maryann Orrell, Arlington Memorial Hospital
Robyn Owens, Harris Methodist Northwest
Charlyn Pafford, North Hills Hospital
Debbie Palmer, Walls Regional Hospital
Sharon Ransom, Cook Children's Health Care System
Allison Rico, JPS Health Network
Kris Riddlesperger, Texas Christian University
Mary Root, Harris Methodist Fort Worth
Mary Rust, Baylor Regional Medical Center Plano
Loretta Saunders, Baylor Regional Medical Center Grapevine
Terri Scamardo, Baylor Regional Medical Center Grapevine
Kiran Sharma, JPS Health Network
Rhonda Sharp, Parkland Health & Hospital System
Paula Spencer, Presbyterian Hospital of Plano
Mary Alice Stam, Retired – UTA School of Nursing
Florence A. Stanton, Tarrant County College South Campus
Laura Strohmeier, Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas
Jayne Thomas, Denton Regional Medical Center
Ramona Traverse, Medical Center of Plano
Pat Turpin, UTA School of Nursing
Paula Vastine, Tarrant County College
Charles Walker, Texas Christian University
Nancy Walsh, Harris Methodist HEB
Betty White, Tarrant County College
Beverly Williams, JPS Health Network
Julie Withaeger, Cook Children's Medical Center
Cassandra Womack, North Texas VA Health Care System
Carol Wood, JPS Health Network
Irene Woods, Baylor All Saints Medical Center
Pat Yancey, Arlington Memorial Hospital



Mark Your Calendar!

May 6-12, 2007--Nurses Week

May 9, 2007--Great 100 Nurse Celebration
Dallas, TX

May 10, 2007—Annual Awards Reservation Deadline

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