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Wow! What an amazing year and it is only half over! During the past six months, the Chapter has experienced a number of accomplishments. I am proud to be able to report our successes here. As many

CalENA
The next meeting of CalENA will be held August 13-14 in Universal City. The board meeting is Thursday afternoon and is open to everyone who wishes to attend. The State Council meeting is Friday. Chapter Reps meet from 0800 - 0900. The first round of committees meets from 0900-1015. After a short break, the second round of committees meet. Committees are Pediatrics, Gov’t Affairs, Education, Bylaws, Trauma, Leadership in Practice, EMS, and Injury Prevention. Lunch is 1145-1245. State Council is 1245-1515, or until close of business.
of you can attest, attendance at the meetings is on the rise. I am thrilled that more members are able to share time from their busy schedules to attend the Chapter meetings. As we move forward, we are interested in determining how best to serve our members and meet their needs. We recently sent an email requesting your participation in a short survey. We are interested in defining barriers to attending Chapter meetings and obtaining feedback about what the Chapter has to offer our members. Please take the few minutes to complete the survey. Your responses are confidential but will be helpful as we plan for 2010.

The year has also seen an increase in Chapter membership. One of our goals for 2009 was to add 5 new members (excluding sponsorships). I am proud to report that we have met our goal and then some! Although many members were assigned to the Chapter based upon zip code, members were actively recruiting our new members. Review the list below of the 2009 new members thus far.

- Andrea Wieland
- Terry Hill
- Ting Wong

As a Chapter we decided to sponsor the new members. Those were awarded to Malissa Lancey-Lopez and Brian Smart. Welcome to all of these new Loma Prieta Chapter members!

Another big success thus far is the Annual Update held in May at Regional Medical Center of San Jose. A special thanks to all that made the day a success that it was! The day long educational opportunity focused on topics from birth to death. Although we did not meet the goals of attendance and vendor support, the speakers were suburb. And you just never know when that new knowledge will come in handy. At the start of the day, attendees listened to an informative lecture on precipitous delivery. At the end of the day, the hospital staff were involved in a precipitous delivery in the admitting department. All went well and I am sure that the Update attendees would have enjoyed an opportunity to put to use those skills discussed earlier in the day!

If you were unable to attend the Update this year, you can still get in on educational opportunities. Prior to each Chapter meeting, we provide a one hour CEU on a variety of emergency nursing and prehospital topics. To find out more information about our upcoming meetings and educational topics, go to the Loma Prieta Chapter link at www.calena.us. Please include on your survey topics that you would like to have presented at future meetings!

On a final note, I would also like to remind each of you to cast your vote for the 2010 State leadership team. Voting is well underway and will close on July 17th. To meet the candidates and place your vote, go to www.calena.us website. Remember, if you voted
in the National election and the State election, you are eligible for inclusion into a raffle for registration at either the 2009 Scientific Assembly or 2010 leadership Conference. Get out the vote! And good luck in the raffle!

Welcome New Members as of June 2009
Shiela Alcantara
Elizabeth Leon
Jessica Almeida
Rich Lyday
Cheryl Bartee
Lilan Wu Olcott
Cynthia Carroll
Danielle Renken
Allison Clark
John Respicio
YSraela Horner Dolinger
Carmen Reyes
Alicia Banzil Domingo
Lori Riggins
Carlos Domingo
Kathleen San Miguel
Orienne Dreyer-Brown
Vera Sanina
Julia Fields
Ludmila Sheldon
Jane Groscost
Danielle Shima
Ciana Hanakahi
Brian Smart
Tracy Kendall
Haiyen Tang
William LaHommedieu
Andrea Wieland
Malissa Lancey-Lopez
Ting Wong
Briggs Latham

GREAT ODDS...
You have a great chance to win a paid registration to Scientific Assembly in Baltimore in October or Leadership in March of 2010 in Chicago. The winners get to choose which one they would like to attend. California ENA is raffling off two registrations. Early in June, only 174 ballots had been cast by our great state of California in the national election. The odds were 1 in less than 100 of winning. Of course, if more people voted the odds would have increased. But be sure that one of those chances is yours.

In order to be eligible to win you need to:
1. **VOTE in the National ENA election.** As a member of ENA you should have received a ballot either in the mail or if you receive your correspondence from ENA by e-mail, then you should have received a ballot through e-mail. If you did not please contact the national office. Send your confirmation (you get it upon completion of your online vote) to the State president Janet O’Leary @ janetoleary1@sbcglobal.net If you voted, print out the confirmation and send it to Janet ASAP.

2. **Vote in the State election.** State Elections are June 15th to July 15th. You can vote by snail mail or online. No need to send in a confirmation… Your ENA number is required to vote, and that number will be used as verification that you voted.

3. **Remember,** you must have voted in both elections to be eligible to win.

4. **So hurry** and cast your vote for your chance to win.

Meet Your Colleagues

Malissa Lopez LVN
As the newest Associate Member of ENA-Loma Prieta Chapter, I would like to tell you a little about myself. I became interested in nursing after reading a biography about Florence Nightengale in the 3rd grade. I have always looked for strong female role models and she was a great start. I was a "candy-stripper" at Mt. Diablo Hospital in Concord my senior year of high school. I was a patient assistant at UCSF. After getting my CNA, I worked at Summit Medical Center in Oakland, and Hayward Convalescence Hospital. I have also worked, "In Home Health Care" in Contra Costa County, Marin County, and Alameda County. I currently work at Stanford Hospital in
the Emergency Department as an LVN. I am going to school online through Excelsior to get my RN. When Kelly Johnson approached me about joining ENA, she said her reason for joining was this is where she could "make a difference." I thought about it for all of one minute and realized "To make a Difference" was exactly why I became a nurse. I strongly feel ENA is where I want to be to help "Make a Difference!" Thank you all for your warm welcome!

Ting Wong, RN
I didn’t really know that I wanted to be a nurse until a few years ago after I took an EMT course. I was actually a political science major before I went into the medical field and found that helping people and being a patient’s advocate was my passion and calling.

I worked as an EMT for 3 years, an EMT skills instructor for 2, and an ER Tech at VMC for 2 years. I then obtained my LVN license in 2006, and finally graduated in January from Unitek College with an ADN. I am currently in the new grad program at Good Samaritan Hospital in the Emergency Department and hopefully someday to continue my education to become a Nurse Anesthetist.

Hobbies? Who has time for hobbies nowadays?

Pediatric Transfusion Complications

Dr William Reed, Medical Director for the Northern California Blood Region of the American Red Cross & UCSF Department of Laboratory Services did an engaging presentation on complications of pediatric blood transfusions. There were 2 case presentations that left us hanging until the end of his presentation. We have asked Dr Reed to return next year for another presentation, possibly on hemophilia. His slide show is posted at the bottom of the education page on the CalENA website (look for powerpoint presentations). [http://www.calena.us/education.htm](http://www.calena.us/education.htm). As always, we provide a free CE for attending the educational offering prior to the business meeting.

Dr Reed also shared this seminar opportunity with us. If interested in attending, email dianestd@mac.com for the complete flyer and registration information.

SATURDAY SUNRISE SEMINARS IN TRANSFUSION MEDICINE XXIII
Saturday, July 11, 2009

Washington Hospital – WEST (across the street from the hospital)
Conrad E. Anderson, M.D. Auditorium
2500 Mowry Avenue
Fremont, CA 94538

The Latest on Donna...

Here is the email I received from Art on June 26... not so encouraging...

Is always a pleasure hearing from you. As to Donna...No the rehab people told me back in Feb. that they had done all they could for her as she could walk by herself to get around and does use her right arm more. Was sorta sluggish or didn’t respond much if you remember.
They said she was at a plateau and doubted if she could be helped any further so Feb. was the last she went.

Her mind forgets things that she has seen even earlier in the same day. We were watching a CSI, her favorite show, one Sat. morning on satellite and later that night around 9 pm on another channel the same show was aired. I told her you don’t want to watch that again as you just saw it this morning. She shook her head no and said she hadn’t seen it and watched it again.

Has long term loss too as was a nurse for 28 years and doesn’t remember any of it. Doesn’t remember California or Phoenix, AZ where she worked for 6 months before we came to Cali either. Or, sadly, most of our mini vacation traveling around while on her days off. Which was the reason for she to become a traveling nurse.

She gets peoples names mixed up as calls her middle daughter by Donna’s sisters name all the time. Donna’s sister is named Glynda. Her daughter Kimberly or Kim.

Thanks to Mr. Chin for the work on the cards. And all who helped. I know you all have busy lives and was most kind. Speaking of nursing shortages and all Kim, Donna’s daughter, is going to start school next season to either be an x-ray tech or a physical therapist as doesn’t know which she would prefer. I mentioned to her to look in the newspaper to see if either were even available or which had more offerings. Don’t know if she did yet. I think the physical therapist would have more offerings as not everyone has an x-ray machine.

Donna is doing ok I guess. She lights up with smiles when her two grand children - both boys - come to see her. Same with her three daughters but not as much.

We don’t live in our house in Hobbsville, NC anymore as it had a bad circuit breaker, we think, that shorted out and burned the house down on 3-6-9. Donna was sleeping and I was still up. I smelled smoke and got her up and we both out in two or so minutes. We lost most everything but had insurance so will be ok. We are now in her other house in Greenville, NC that she was renting to her daughter Kim as she moved out. I’m just glad I was up to get us out and no one got hurt.

I’ll see what I can find with a picture. Take care and thanks for your thoughts.

Art & Donna

Addedum to above email:

This is a picture of Donna 6 days before her accident. Best I could find since changing computers and Kodak set ups.

Also thought I told you but a lot has happened in the pst 6 months so may have not. Donna had her feeding tube removed the day before our house fire and we were told Friday, day of fire, that she had two choices on her trac. One to leave it in and be able to talk and two to have an operation on her throat to make it larger so it could be taken out but the operation would destroy her vocal cords so she couldn’t ever talk again. We opted for talk.

I plan on seeing another trac Doc in Dec. the one that first saw her last Dec. and said to bring her back in a yer to see what he says as the Doc that said she couldn’t talk if operated on was a different Doc that I took her too back in Feb. and March of last year. Hope that Doc is wrong.

Oh, don’t know why this government of ours is so slow but we STILL haven’t been approved for her SS disability YET! 11 months now and counting since I filled out the request forms. Thank God the insurance I got for her there paid all but 14 hundred of the 638,443.70 hospital bill or we would be out in the street I am sure.

Thanks again for your thoughts and kindness. That goes for all in your group.

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The Antoinette Robinson Distinguished Lecturship Award

The Antoinette Robinson Distinguished Lecturship Award was created to recognize those practitioners with a passion for education and patient advocacy. It was the brainchild of Garrett Chan to honor the dedication and innovation that our chapter member, Toni Robinson, has shown over the years to advance the practice of nursing. This is the second year we have presented this award at our Annual Update.

The 2009 Toni Robinson Excellence in Teaching Award was presented to James Davis, MD, FACS for his presentation on domestic violence at the annual Update this past May.

Toni Robinson, Dr Davis, Julie Rossie

Dr. Davis is currently Chief of Trauma, Department of Surgery, Community Regional Medical Center, Fresno California and Clinical Professor of Surgery, Department of Surgery, University of California San Francisco-Fresno. During his many experiences caring for trauma patients, he noticed a significant number were admitted for injuries resulting from incidents of domestic violence – stabbing, gun shot wounds, assaults and other acts of violence. From there his passion for advocating for the rights of these victims grew steadily.

His presentation at the day long Update started with what he calls his “index case”. The case that lit the fire for his domestic violence advocacy and has fueled his passion ever since. Throughout his presentation, his passion for this vulnerable population is very evident. As he provides periodic details to his index case, the audience learns more and more about the tragic life this woman suffered during a 15 year abusive marriage in which no domestic violence report was ever filed.

Attendees listened attentively to Dr. Davis as he presented historical information that condone violence against women and more recent data demonstrating healthcare’s under-identification. Data regarding the effectiveness of routine screening for domestic violence or more recently referred to as intimate partner violence to not exclude relationships other than the traditional husband and wife. Dr. Davis left the audience with a charge to ask the question about intimate partner violence. “The American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma recently added screening and brief intervention for alcohol as a requirement. Victims of domestic violence deserve no less of a required screening” advocated Dr. Davis.

At the close of his presentation, Dr. Davis reveals the identity of his index case. As the audience learns that his index case is his mother, many are shocked and some were brought to tears. Dr. Davis shared with the attendees a very private part of his world in the name of education and patient advocacy. For this, the Chapter proudly presented Dr. James Davis the Toni Robinson Excellence in Teaching award!
ED RN VOLUNTEERS FOR SAN JOSE BURN CAMP

Every year San Jose Fire Fighters Burn Foundation puts on a camp for kids who have been burned. The special camp allows the children to be themselves without being judged or singled out because of their looks or physical limitations.

It enables the children to get away from the “real world”. Every child is provided with a scholarship to attend the camp. Fighters, nurses and adult burn victims volunteer as camp counselors. The burn camp helps foster a positive outlook on life, friendships and rehabilitation. Camp activities include karaoke, campfire, swimming, broomball, day at the Boardwalk and ice cream sundaes. As a camp counselor for the last five years, I have had the privilege to meet these wonderful children. Each year I look forward to the precious time I get to spend at camp. The unique bond and friendship the other counselors and I have established with the children last well beyond the short week we have together.

Colleen Vega
Regional Medical Center of San Jose

Fireworks-Related Injury

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If you think those cute little sparklers are harmless, think again.

Incidence: In 2007, the CDC estimated 9,800 people (more than 26 people/day) were treated in EDs for injuries sustained from fireworks, and 11 people died. Typically, 60% of injuries from fireworks occur in the month surrounding the July 4th holiday.

Who is at Risk? More than half of those injured were < 20 y/o. Males account for 7 out of every 10 people injured. • People actively participating in fireworks–related activities are more frequently and severely injured than bystanders.

Types of Fireworks: During the month around July 4th, there are approximately 1,000 injuries associated with firecrackers, 1,100 associated with sparklers and 900 associated with rockets.

Causes: Injuries may result from being too close to fireworks when they explode; for example, when someone leans over to look more closely at a firework that has been ignited, or when a misguided bottle rocket hits a nearby person. • Younger children often lack the physical coordination to handle fireworks safely. • Children are often excited and curious around fireworks, which can increase their chances of being injured • Homemade fireworks (for example, ones made of the powder from several firecrackers) can lead to dangerous and unpredictable explosions. • Sparklers burn at more than 1,000°F and can ignite clothing. Sparklers were associated with over half of the estimated injuries among children under 5 years.

What kinds of injuries occur? Injuries from fireworks most often affect the hands, eyes, and the head, face, and ear.

Prevention: The safest way to prevent fireworks-related injuries is to leave fireworks displays to trained professionals. Encourage your family and friends to attend professional fireworks shows instead of staging their own. Attend as a group to encourage others to leave the fireworks to the professionals. Refrain from participate in activities involving unauthorized fireworks displays.