

# California Emergency Nurses Association

# THE MONITOR

## President's Message



It has been a great pleasure to serve as your president for 2007 and I look forward to another year serving you, our members, for 2008. Your Cal ENA Board of Directors, Committee Chairs and Chapter Leaders met our strategic plan for 2007 and are ramping up for a successful 2008. A special thank you to our outgoing board members, Treasurer Jackie Magnuson and Director-at-Large Jody Haynes, for an exemplary job with our finances and meeting planning. We came in under budget in 2007 from our projected costs. Our 2008 Educational Conference will be in partnership with the California Fire Chief's Association, California State Emergency Medical Services Agency, American Medical Response and Rural Metro Medical Services. Please go to [www.CFEDWEST.com](http://www.CFEDWEST.com) to register and begin posting today's nursing issues in the "blog" section.

I am very proud of the following Cal ENA achievements for 2007.

- ◆ 2007 State Achievement Award
- ◆ New Website: [www.calena.us](http://www.calena.us)
- ◆ Education Conference South Lake Tahoe
- ◆ Highest State Membership in Nation (2701)  
Ellen Encapera
- ◆ Largest State Delegation Representation at National Conference
- ◆ Partnership with CFEDWEST  
Anita Fligge
- ◆ Outreach to National Student Nurses Assoc.
- ◆ ENA Representation-National Stroke Advisory  
Cathy Seithel & Janet O'Leary
- ◆ ENA Representation-STEMI Summit  
Janet O'Leary

◆ Emergency Nurses Week Grant to Chapters

◆ Raised over \$7,000 for ENA Foundation in the name of Helen Breton

◆ Partnership with Cal ACEP

◆ TNCC Roll Out  
Anita Ruiz Contreras

◆ Awarded 2 Scholarships  
Melanie Crowley & Nikoll Julien

- ◆ Awarded 2 Chapter Awards  
Diane St. Denis & Maureen Phillips
- ◆ Awarded 1 Leadership Award  
Jan Ogar



At any time, for any questions associated with Cal ENA, please contact your chapter liaison and or board liaison via our website at:

[www.calena.us](http://www.calena.us)

*Matt Powers*

**Congratulations** are in order to our president as Matt was recently appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger to the emergency nurse commissioner seat on the California State Emergency Medical Services Commission.

**Email or Snail mail?**  
In an effort to save mailing costs, we are considering sending the Monitor by email unless you request otherwise or do not have an email address on file. Please drop a note one way or the other to the editor. We will discuss this at the next State Council meeting.

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# Cal ENA Directory

## Board Members 2008

**President:** Matt Powers  
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**Past-President:** Robert Toman  
**Secretary:** Terri Sturgill  
**Treasurer:** Louise Hummel  
**Treasurer-Elect:** Linda Broyles  
**Dir-at-Large:** Anna Valdez

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leaders at:  
CalENA.us*

## Committee Chairs 2008

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**223 East Bay** Cheryl Balderson  
**224 Greater LA** Carol Snyder  
**225 Mid-Valley** Evelyn Kimzey  
**226 Orange Coast** Michael Vicioso  
**228 San Diego** Linda Rosenberg  
**230 San Francisco** Dave Staconis  
**232 Loma Prieta** Karen Grove  
**253 Sacramento** Anna Valdez  
**362 Inland Empire** Susan Smith  
**378 Channel Islands** Janet O'Leary  
**379 Superior** Kara L. Davis  
**442 Kern County** Lisa Harding

The California Emergency Nurses Association is a non-profit professional organization with a membership of approximately 2705. The State Council meets 4 times a year. Correspondence may be sent to:

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## Education and Events

### TNCC Dates: 2008

**January 5-6:** Kaweah Delta  
Dist Hosp, Visalia  
Robert Toman



**January 10:** Monterey  
-Lisa Latham (831) 277-4414

**January 18:** Roseville - Christy Frecceri/Margaret  
Martan [martanm@sutterhealth.org](mailto:martanm@sutterhealth.org)

**January 24:** Salinas - Diana Lemke  
(831) 757-4333 ext. 1180

**January 26:** Sacramento - Glendora Trestler  
(916) 752-2300

**January 31-Feb. 1:** San Francisco General Hospital  
- Angela Hackenschmidt [angelahack@yahoo.com](mailto:angelahack@yahoo.com)

**February 16-17:** St. John's Regional Medical Center  
- Janet O'Leary [janetoleary1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janetoleary1@sbcglobal.net)

### ENPC Dates: 2008



**January 26-27:** Bakersfield -  
Gail Dodge (909) 472-2680

**January 17:** Monterey -  
Catherine Powers  
(831) 625-4900

**January 23:** Los Angeles - Inge Morton  
(323) 361-4455

**February 9-10:** Fountain Valley - Gail Dodge

### CEN Review Classes

**January 14-15:** UCSF: San Francisco - Cheryl  
Randolph (800) 997-9937

**January 17 & 18:** Las Vegas, Nevada - Paragon  
Education (800) 997-9937

**February 14-15:** Fremont - Paragon Education  
(800) 997-9937

**April 2-3:** Pasadena - Paragon Education  
(800) 997-9937

Call one of these providers for their next class:

Selfridge, Sparger, Shea & Assoc.  
(800) 270-2500

CME Associates (714) 998-2208

Fazio/Ruiz & Associates (800) 339-2RNS

Paragon Education (800) 997-9937  
(previously Randolph Associates)

### Important Dates

**Courses and Educational Events maybe added or cancelled after publication. Please confirm dates with course directors or at: [www.calena.us](http://www.calena.us) and then go to Educational Opportunities for current course listings.**

### 2008 Board and State Council meetings

**January 10 — 11:** Newport Beach.

**March 6 — 7:** Sacramento  
with Cal ACEP's Legislative Conference March 5.

**August 14 — 15:** Santa Barbara  
Annual Business Meeting.

**November 6 — 7:** Monterey  
with Cal ENA Leadership Symposium &  
Educational Event.

**Next Newsletter Deadline: Jan. 31**



## Colleagues Corner

Presenting your 2008 Board of Directors,  
in their own words.

**Matt Powers, RN, MS, CEN, MICP**  
Position: **President**

The No. County Fire Authority employs Matt where he oversees paramedic (EMS) services for 5 fire agencies. He oversees and provides training, quality improvement, protocol writing/revisions and response to emergency medical calls. He is also Assistant Manager of the ED for Kaiser Permanente-Walnut Creek.

**ENA history:** Matt was formerly a chapter leader of East Bay ENA and the winner of the 2003 National Rising Star Award!

"I am excited to serve on the California State ENA Board of Directors assuring that our focus will continue to be in education and safety of emergency nurses on the local, state and national levels."



member and to President-elect for 2007. I look forward to the challenge."

**Robert Lee Toman, RN, CEN, MICN**  
Position: **Immediate Past President**

Robert is the Clinical Director of Emergency Services, a 16-bed Level 3 Emergency Department, servicing 22,000 visits at Madera Community Hospital.

**ENA History:** On the local level, Robert served as Chapter Representative for 3 years, President-elect of Mid Valley ENA in 2001 and President in 2002. Robert was a member of the State Education Committee following a year as chair. He has served as Treasurer for the state and has been a voting delegate at three National General Assemblies. He is a certified TNCC-I, ENPC-I and ENCARE Provider.

Robert is a strong proponent of students entering nursing and emergency nursing practice. Local nursing students are granted support by his facility and, under his direction; ENA member strength continues to grow. Under his leadership, Mid Valley has emerged as a strong chapter in member involvement.



**Janet O'Leary, RRT, RN, MICN, CEN**  
Position: **President-elect**

Janet is Pre-Hospital/EMS Coordinator overseeing daily operations of the base station (SJRMC) and receiving facility (SJPVH). She acts as liaison between facilities, pre-hospital agencies, Ventura County EMS, VC Base and Receiving hospitals. She is Program Director for the VC MICN Course, attends all VC EMS committee meetings, participates in all CQI projects, acts as instructor in various pre-hospital programs and is a TNCC Director and instructor. As a result of data collected from a recently completed pre-hospital 12 Lead EKG study VC EMS is moving forward in dedicating STEMI receiving facilities in Ventura County.

**ENA History:** A member since 1992, CEN since 1994, Janet spearheaded the Channel Islands Chapter Reactivation in 2004, serving as President and Chapter Representative in 2004-2005. "My interest in pre-hospital services and government affairs opened up an opportunity to become involved at the state level by joining both committees during my first State Council Meeting in 2004. I have 14 years combined experience in critical care, ED and flight nursing, as well as 10 years prior experience as a Reg. Respiratory Therapist. Becoming involved in Cal ENA has opened so many doors of opportunity for me. I really appreciate all the support and professionalism that is shared within the ENA community. I am honored to be a

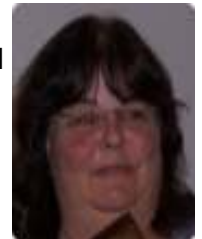


**Terri Sturgill, RN, CEN**  
Position: **Secretary**

Employed by Desert Regional Medical Center in Palm Springs, Terri works as a Staff Nurse on nights.

**ENA History:** Terri has been an ENA member since 1999, active in the Inland Empire Chapter holding the following positions: Director-at-large in 2002, Treasurer 2003-2004, President-elect in 2005 and currently the 2006 Chapter President. She has served CalENA as a Delegate to the National General Assembly for the past 4 years.

"I am excited about serving on the Board for the state of California. I am anxious to learn more about the activities at the state level. Thank you to everyone for providing me this opportunity"



**Louise Hummel, MSN, RN, CNS, CEN**

Position: **Treasurer**

Louise is employed by Scripps Memorial Hospital, La Jolla, as an ED Staff Nurse

**ENA history:** Louise became involved in ENA in 1992, upon finishing graduate school. While a member of Orange Coast chapter she held the offices of Treasurer in 1993, 1994, 1995 and President -elect in 1996, prior to



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moving to San Diego in September 1996. As a member of San Diego Chapter, she held the office of Treasurer in 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001. She was elected to the office of State Treasurer-elect in 2000 progressing to Treasurer in 2001, then President-elect in 2002, and President in 2003. Her National Committee Appointments include the 2004 National Planning Com. for General/Scientific Assembly (in San Diego) and then in 2005, the International Relations Com. Louise boasts taking the first CEN exam in July 1980 and has maintained her certification ever since. "After over 10 years as a Clinical Nurse Specialist/Educator, I am happily back at the bedside delivering patient care. In addition to my staff nurse position I teach as an adjunct faculty in 2 local San Diego Community Colleges. I also teach in a CEN review course and TNCC and ENPC courses. Happily married for nearly 25 years, I have one daughter, Sara, who just graduated from Harvey Mudd College with a degree in Chemistry (and is still looking for a job). Hobbies: Rob and I enjoy wine tasting and trips to Northern California. I enjoy gardening, needlepoint crafts and cooking. I would like to say thank you to the Cal ENA membership, for putting their trust in me and electing me the 2007 Treasurer-elect. I am looking forward to serving you as a member of your State Council Board of Directors."

**Linda Broyles, RN, MSN, CEN, MICN**  
Position: **Treasurer-elect**

Linda is employed by AMR and Regional Cooperative Care Program (RCCP). She is Clinical Coordinator and QA/QI MICN and responsible for QA/QI for AMR and 7 fire agencies in San Diego County. She is also the contact person for communicable disease exposures for AMR and fire agencies. Her duties include education/training, development/maintenance of quality assurance/improvement activities for AMR and RCCP.

**ENA history:** ENA Member 1989 to present;  
Certified Emergency Nurse 1990 - present;  
Member San Diego Chapter 1989 - present;  
Past President San Diego Chapter 2000 and 2001;  
Treasurer San Diego Chapter 2002 – present;  
ENA representative to EMCC 2003 - present.

"I am a single mother of two teenage boys who keep me quite busy. They have been a blessing to me as I have been going through my latest challenge in life –breast cancer. I have been blessed with a lot of wonderful people in my life and it has been with everyone's support that I have been able to get through this and I am so thankful for everyone's thoughts and prayers."



**Anna Maria Valdez, RN, PhD(c),  
MSN, CEN**

Position: **Director at Large**

**Position and responsibilities:** Anna is the EMS Quality Improvement and Trauma Coordinator for San Joaquin County EMS Agency. Her job includes developing and implementing programs related to the evaluation and improvement of clinical care provided by emergency medical services personnel in San Joaquin County and overall planning, administration, coordination, maintenance, and evaluation of the County's trauma care system and other critical care systems. She also works as a per diem clinical nurse at Doctors Hospital of Manteca



**ENA history:** Anna became a member of ENA in 1999 when she took her first CEN exam. Anna has shown active involvement in ENA at the chapter, state, and national levels for the past two years. Here are the specific roles she has held with ENA:

Sacramento Chapter:

Chapter President 2008

President Elect 2007

Cal ENA State Council:

EMS Committee Co-Chair 2007

Government Affairs Committee Member  
2006/2007

Education Committee Member 2007

California Delegate to General Assembly  
2006/2007

EMS Committee Member 2006

National ENA:

Journal of Emergency Nursing Injury Prevention  
Co-Editor 2007 to present

EN411 Key Contact 2007

SBIRT Champion 2007

Resource Specialist 2006 to present: Co-author for the revision of the Intimate Partner and Family Violence, Maltreatment and Neglect position statement

"I am married to a wonderful man who has been a source of ongoing support and inspiration for the past 15 years. I am also the proud parent of two children, Mia and Khalid, and a beautiful 3-year-old granddaughter, Lola. Family has been a driving force in my passion for eradicating violence and preventing injury. I am honored to serve as the Director at Large for 2008 and I look forward to working side by side with my emergency nursing colleagues this year."

Thank you all for your time and commitment to Cal ENA!

## Committee News

### Membership

As of year end, our 12 active Chapters add up to an overall total membership for the Cal ENA of **2747**. Our state membership remains the highest in the nation since June. Congratulations!

Chapter # & Name	9/07	10/07
(223) East Bay	260	260
(224) Greater LA	427	435
(225) Mid-Valley	186	191
(226) Orange Coast	246	253
(228) San Diego	320	317
(230) San Francisco	208	212
(232) Loma Prieta	196	210
(253) Sacramento	293	305
(362) Inland Empire	242	248
(378) Channel Islands	104	107
(379) Superior	97	100
(442) Kern County	114	118
NCA No Chapter Assigned		49
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2636</b>	<b>2705</b>

This year's California Delegation at General Assembly was the largest in the nation. 55 Delegates and 2 Alternates met this fall in Salt Lake City, Utah to represent you, the California members, debating and voting upon vital issues that affect your professional association and practice. Nineteen of those delegates were first-timers. We hope you will stay active, come to State Council meetings and volunteer for committees and state office.

The national office is changing their membership database, assigning all members to local chapters by their mailing address zipcode. I will alert you when this transition goes live, probably in January 2008.

**Spread the word to educational coordinators** that this committee prepares Cal ENA mailing labels for approved buyers for educational event announcements. **Encourage them to advertise in your local and state newsletters.**

**Regarding "unassigned members":** When someone joins ENA for the first time and does not indicate a chapter preference, they are assigned to a chapter based on geographical location. If any member chooses to change their chapter affiliation for any reason, just notify the Membership Services Office at National by calling 1-800-2-GET-ENA. Re-

member that any member may choose to belong to any one chapter within a state (3 tiered) by request, through the National office.

If you're sponsoring a new member, tell them what chapter number to write on their application according to their address or personal chapter choice.

To receive timely communications and optimal membership services, we encourage all members to keep email & mailing addresses current with the National office. **Only the individual member may make address, email and chapter preference requests** with the national office on line at:

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

We have a another tool to tell others about ENA. Jackie Magnusson developed a new brochure on ENA to distribute to student nurses when she was making presentations to them earlier this year.

*Ellie Encapera, Chair*

### Pediatrics

The national ENA Pediatrics Committee is working to standardize pediatric care. They plan to have a new Pediatric CEN out in October, 2008. The state committee has new safety videos to distribute, contact Michael if you want one.

*Michael Vicioso*

### EMS/EMS Commissioner

Kara Davis has been appointed to represent ENA on the Air Med Task Force. Rough and Ready, held in the Fall, was successful in showing the first use of CalMat and the new Mobile Field Hospitals. Due to popular demand, a Paramedic to RN bridge program is being trialed at Victor Valley College. I am retiring as EMS Commissioner and want to thank all of Cal ENA for your input and support over the years. It has been a pleasure to represent you. I am happy to announce that Matt Powers has been appointed as my successor on the Commission.



*Jan Ogar & fellow retiree Liz Taylor*

## Committee News

### ENA Foundation Report

In the raffle held at the November State Council meeting, \$250 was raised to send to ENAF. Diane reported she hopes to make a quilt to give our 2008 ENA president. She requests each chapter to make a square for it and contact Diane with their plans.

*Diane M. Schertz, "FUNdrai\$er"*

### Education Committee

Our big educational event for 2008 will be the CFEDWest Conference that we are sponsoring along with the fire chiefs and pre-hospital personnel. It will be held May 21-23. They had almost 1000 attendees last year. Our task this year is to get nursing vendors and collect the CVs and outlines for the RN track speakers. For this we will earn 20% from the vendors we secure and 50% from any pharmaceutical vendors we recruit. Everyone is encouraged to tell vendors you see at your work to contact Anita or Matt and sign up for this event. They will get a lot of exposure.

In 2009, we will do this again, only this time we will be responsible for securing all the RN speakers. It will be held in either Palm Springs or Ontario. CFEDWest has an RN blog on their site. Check it out and see what the excitement is all about. It is simply: [www.CFEDWest.com](http://www.CFEDWest.com).

*Anita Fligge*



### Historian

Liz Taylor reports she now has a committee of 2 – Gail Dodge and Jan Ogar—helping her with collecting and documenting our history.

### Leadership in Practice

They discussed the National Nurse Proposal and noted that even though national ENA does not support it, they don't oppose it and this leaves the door open for individual states to discuss it. The committee's goal for 2008 will be to remain topical and overcrowding will be an issue.

*Julie Wanstreet*

### Trauma

TNCC Instructors must attend a one day **Roll Out Course** in order to teach the new TNCC (6<sup>th</sup> edition)

All TNCC Instructors must attend a Roll Out Course by Apr. 1, 2008. Current 5<sup>th</sup> Edition Courses can continue to be taught until April 1, 2008.

There are 12 TNCC Roll Out Instructors for the State of California. Courses will be held throughout the State. The price of each Roll Out course is \$85 (this includes the new provider manual).

See Schedule on CAL-ENA website for up to date listings of course: [www.calena.us](http://www.calena.us)

Once registration is received, participants will be sent a new provider manual along with a CD-Rom that will have to be viewed prior to the Roll-Out Class. Class size is limited (1 instructor: 6 participants). If you are currently an Instructor Candidate, you must complete your candidacy at a current course, using the 5<sup>th</sup> edition manual and you would then attend a Roll-Out Course. Please make every effort to complete this process as soon as possible. After April 1, 2008, only verified Instructors who have taken the Roll-Out course will be allowed to teach TNCC.

Contact Trauma Com. Chair Anita Ruiz-Contreras  
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or the Roll Out Instructor in your area:

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Southern Donna Cahill [cahill.donna@scrippshealth.org](mailto:cahill.donna@scrippshealth.org)  
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The committee presented a \$15,000 check to state, representing 2007 revenues from courses.



### Chapters as Resource

The chapters are seen by members of the State Council as the best resource to get more volunteers for state office. Board members could help attendance at local meetings by going to the meetings as a special guest. It was noted that there were quite a number of new delegates at this year's General Assembly in Salt Lake City. Local and state officers should keep in contact with these members to see that they have ample opportunities to stay involved.

As we have done in the past, current members should take the time to mentor new members or colleagues at work.

The state has some extra money this year and this could be used for grants to chapters who want to fund new people to go to state council. Sometimes just the expense of traveling to a meeting may keep some from attending.

On the other hand, only four chapters used the \$300 matching grant money provided by the State Council for ED RN week. The money can't be used for anything else, so if you did not use it for ED RN Week in October, you need to apply to the board for another grant, such as sending members to State Council meetings.

### Web Site eMail Update

The existing Orange Coast email system is still available and familiar to many. There is a question as to whether Tom Contino will still maintain it. Our new web master, Jason Moretz, will be asked to meet with us at our January State Council meeting to show us more about how to use the new email system he has brought online with our new web site. We will also request help to maintain the site ourselves. (Jason is in North Carolina and not a Cal ENA member.) Jackie Magnusson has volunteered to be new web master. In the meantime, report any error or inconsistencies in the calena.us website to State Secretary Terri Sturgill.

### Government Affairs Committee

The GAC's goal for 2008 is to do Legislative Visits in March before the State Council meeting. Debby promises to give her special tour of the Capitol.

Even though the governor vetoed the bill that would require EDs to discharge the homeless to a real address, we still need to keep working on a better plan for their discharge or the Governor will sign a new, even more restrictive bill next year.

It is apparent that in the area of Health Care Reform both the Governor and the Legislators each have their own different ideas. Funding is the big problem and how it will be obtained. There is discussion going on about prohibiting ED Balance-billing that tries to make up for non-payment by uninsured. It is unfair, but it does help provide some free medical care. Otherwise, ED care has not been discussed in the context of health care reform.

There is a program in Oakland that provides services for violently injured youth to keep them from seeking revenge against their attackers. It is working and ACEP wants to fund other hospitals to set up similar programs. Check out CalACEP EMREF's online auction on page 10.

### CAL/ACEP BOD Update November 15th, 2007

The MDs discussed the proposed 2009 closure of St. Luke's in San Francisco as an acute care hospital and creating a stand alone ED. This is not supported by CAL/ACEP. Balanced billing will be a hot topic for 2008. Working with Government leaders on acceptable language. CAL/ACEP is not necessarily opposed to Stroke Centers. They are questioning that ED Physicians be responsible to administer TPA. They disagree with this practice and are preparing a statement to present to the California Stroke Work Group.

There was a detailed discussion surrounding a lawsuit that has resulted in an \$11.7 million award to a man who sustained brain damage from a stroke after an infection was left untreated. The Orange County Superior Court jury found the treating ED MD 100%



## Committee and Chapter News

accountable, 2 others negligent. The details of the case are quite amazing. After listening to the discussion I did my own research on the case and found that there was a broken system as far as Radiology practice and the individual that was clearly at fault was completely excused of any responsibility. The hospital settled before the case ever went to court. To appeal this case the physician that was found 100% accountable has to come up with 150% of the judgment in cash as collateral. Those of us that practice as legal nurse consultants would find this very, very interesting and truly unbelievable. On the subject of ED Overcrowding, the LAC USC Surge Plan was described as a "full capacity protocol". This plan is expected to be utilized 24/7 365 days a year at LAC USC. Dr. Christopher Celentano walked us through the plan and answered many questions. For those interested it is posted at [www.calena.us](http://www.calena.us) as a resource tool.

Health Net created a scandal by canceling insurance policies on patients that have been diagnosed with a disease process that requires extensive treatment (e.g., a woman with breast cancer). This results in a delay of treatment for many. The LA Times published an article detailing the scandal. Health Net practices are currently under investigation.

*Janet O'Leary*

### State Stroke Task Force

This is similar to the American Stroke Association guidelines for creating Stroke Centers. Janet O'Leary will represent ENA, Jan Ogar will represent EMS and Debby Rogers will represent CHA. In the rush to stand out and be a center of excellence for any and all specialities, ACEP may be taking the common sense approach and take a stand against having Centers for anything.

### Delegate shirts

In an effort to make our delegation really stand out at next year's Scientific Assembly in Minnesota, the State Council voted to issue two shirts to each delegate. And state will pay for them!

### ENA RN Helps in So Cal Fires

Linda Rosenberg from San Diego worked in Med Ops Center (It was the first time an RN was allowed in there). She called all the hospitals in the path of the fire and told them to take out their disaster plan, get all the patient charts ready, be sure patients were banded and prepare to evacuate. Then she called hospitals out of danger to see how many beds they had available, especially for nursing home patients. By this process, she found about 200 beds and/or available floors to be opened with staff to receive patients. She worked with AMR to prestage ambulances, buses and fire vans to help with the evacuation. This resulted in the evacuation of Palmerato Hospital in only one hour. She ended up being on duty there for a week and moved about 2200 patients. Some self-evacuated and these are the ones who went to Del Mar race track and Qualcomm stadium. They used Webeoc to communicate. For a full report look for an article by Linda in an upcoming JEN.



### Chapter News

Channel Islands ENA reports they now have a President-elect as well as a Secretary/Treasurer for 2008. Their November meeting was sponsored by AMR. They are planning an educational event for next year.

## Chapter News

**East Bay ENA** reports they have three new members. They used their ED Nurses' Day grant money to send Starbucks cards to the local hospital EDs. Their last meeting took place during the earthquake and they served Baja Fresh.

**Greater LA ENA** says Thank You for the naming the scholarship the state won for their own Helen



Breton. Their pediatric educational event in November was successful with 60 RNs attending. They actually made money! Thanks for your help and input, Orange Coast.

**Inland Empire ENA** reports they have four new members and their last meeting was Nov. 15.

**Kern County ENA** says they set their meeting times based on when the active members can attend. They will have a lecture on Pediatrics at their next meeting.

**Loma Prieta ENA** continues to offer free CEs for the Practice Topic presented at each of their monthly meetings. They used their ED RN Day grant money to throw a banquet for their members on ED Nurses' Day.

**Orange Coast ENA** reports they had a successful collaborative pediatric event with Greater LA in November. Much was learned and both chapters are energized. One new member, Kent, got so excited he agreed take a position as Secretary. They are planning another educational event in February.

**Sacramento ENA** says their CEN Review course went well. They still have low attendance at chapter meetings and they are trying to get new officers elected.

**San Diego ENA Chapter** has been busy. They held an Overcrowding Summit with over 100 in attendance in October. The chapter sponsored dinner for staff with a speaker on Stroke at their ED RN Day in November. In December, they will have their annual High Tea. And they are planning their 911 Conference for 2008.

**San Francisco Bay Area ENA** had two small meetings, but they helped generate three new officers for next year. They are looking into working with East Bay on an educational event for next year.

**Superior ENA** announces their new President-elect is Kim Malson. Their last meeting in the party town Chico was fun!



*Clever mural on ceiling of smoking room shows another way to do health education.*

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3. List educational opportunities.
4. Be familiar with the TNCC Roll Out.
5. Know how ENA helped in the So Cal fires.

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1. Name the largest State Council in ENA and how many members it has.
2. How many new officers are there on the 2008 board?
3. When was the first CEN exam and which officer took it?
4. What are the 2 new things used at Rough & Ready?
5. Which committee makes the most \$ for Cal ENA?
6. How did a Cal ENA RN help during the fires?



# Next Meeting

**Board Meeting:**  
**Thursday, January 10, 2008**  
**4-7pm**

**State Council Meeting:**  
**Friday, January 11, 2008**  
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