It is with a very heavy heart that we start this New Year recovering from the tragedy and unimaginable carnage in a small town called Newtown, CT. As emergency nurses, we face trauma and patient tragedy on a daily basis. But when tragedy strikes an entire community, I know that emergency nurses everywhere jump into action to see what they can do to support our fellow professionals. There were prayers of support to Newtown first responders and hospital first receivers immediately after hearing the news of a shooting and ENA California Chapters started to contact me right away asking to organize relief fund donations from all across our State to support the people of Newtown, CT. So one of my first agenda items will be to discuss a charitable donation from our wonderful State of California to benefit the families and first responders in Newtown, CT.

The topic of violence in the workplace will continue to be one of the projects that I will support in 2013 as the Injury Prevention and Leadership in Practice Committees move forward with their research project to answer the question “How Violent are California’s Emergency Departments?”. Violence in the workplace is especially relevant following a shooting at St. Vincent’s Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama only a day after the Newtown tragedy. This topic is very important and we must raise situational awareness and have a plan of action in place should an active shooter arrive in your emergency department. Promoting education and training for hospital personnel on this topic will be one of the items I will focus on.

I will encourage emergency nurses to support their national organization by becoming a member of ENA and encourage nurses to achieve their BCEN certification. Emergency Nursing is a specialty and becoming certified in your profession shows nursing excellence. I hope to provide the leadership needed to meet our association mission, objectives and budget goals for 2013. I look forward to working with the newly elected Board of Directors for Cal ENA and believe that we as a group have a wealth of experience and energy to make this a fabulous year.

Please join us at our State Council Meetings which are going to be at some exciting places this year. We will start our work year from the beautiful Ponte Winery in Temecula in January and end it at the historical Queen Mary in Long Beach in November. I hope to see you there!

It is my honor and pleasure to serve both our organization and membership as your 2013 California Emergency Nursing Association State President. Sincerely,

Linda Rosenberg, RN, BSN, CEN
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State Council Update

The most recent meeting of the 2012 State Council was held in August at the Hilton Hotel in Universal City. Here are some of the highlights of that meeting.

Treasurer
Our net worth is over $500,000, most of which is in long term CDs. We have a new book-keeper. Her email address is on web: mfjsystems@aol.com

Continuing Business
Cal ACEP - overcrowding bill vetoed again. Also, they are fighting the BRN's interpretation of the use of Propofol - BRN wants to allow RNs to give it. Now it takes 2 MDs to push it, but the interpretation varies depending on the surveyor. CHA-EMS Trauma Com is met Nov 9, finally EMREF - had a meeting. The still have money to spend on US classes and research.

A group in Monterey wants a new chapter. They have a meeting with Loma Prieta on Nov 15, we'll see how many come and what the level of interest there is.

Marcus reports the Violence Study is finally underway. They have a statistician and won a $7,000 grant, but still need about $20,000 more. They hope to get from grants from the Security Guards group and EMREF. A study is planned in Ventura in February as a test run. The plan is to have answers on violence in California ERs by Oct 2014.

ENA Intensive - Matt Powers reported that Terri Sturgill and someone from GAC will go to this new program, plus 2 members from the chapters. This replaces the annual GAC workshop in Washington, DC. The first part is a 2 day advocacy intensive on Government Affairs at ENA headquarters in Chicago. The second part will be in May in Washington, DC and will be a primer on what can be done on a local level. This is a great opportunity for active members who want in introduction to leadership possibilities. Cost is about $1176 per person per event, to be paid by your local chapter.

National Update - Matt Powers
Our mission says we are to be indispensable to the national and international community by providing safe practice and safe care.

The Annual Conference Survey showed satisfaction with the meeting was 93%. Fully 48% of attendees bore the expense of travel, lodging and tuition on their own. For ENA, food and audio-visual are highest cost items, about $300/member.

ENA recognizes the importance of Social media, especially Facebook. Foursquare is trending. Members can get 1 hour free CE every month on the web site (still waiting for this to catch on, so give it a try). Plans are in motion to make the entire web site more user-friendly.

Advocacy positions are open at ENA in DC and in the states.

The new TNCC rollout is coming in 2013. Other courses coming back in 2013 are the geriatric care course, GENE, and CATN, the advanced trauma course.

Our national membership is now at 40,533!

EMSA Task Forces
The task force is back on track and is coming out with a rewrite of the 5150 law. It was originally written in the 60s before Reagan emptied the Mental Health hospitals that were meant to receive the patients placed on holds.

California had the most CENs in the nation. We got 4 CEN scholarships to give away later this year.

Marcus presented a fun Year in Review slide show. Appreciation gifts were presented to committee chairs and chapter presidents by Marcus to honor their work in 2012.
**Chapter News**

**East Bay** had a speaker at their last meeting. New officers are in place.

**Channel Islands** Had Medtronic-sponsored meeting with filet mignon, but only 8 showed up. They have a new president, Ed Pulido, but still need a Pres-elect. Holiday Happy Hour is coming up in December. Almost broke, so they will have to do some fundraisers next year.

**Greater LA** There were 13-14 in attendance at the last meeting. Their Peds Conference was very successful last month. They donated $500 to Rose Bowl float honoring nursing and they get to go to parade preview. The December meeting is still in the planning stages, a vendor is needed.

**Inland Empire** Vicki is off to Russia on the ENA delegation. The Oct 23 Timely Topics at Loma Linda was good, but lightly attended. They had 10 vendors, including EZIO with a cadaver. The annual Holiday Dinner will be at the casino. Board members have recycled to serve another term.

**Kern** is planning an US class next year. They had elections, are recycling some officers, but they have a new president!

**Loma Prieta** catered a big Nurse Week dinner with prime rib and CEN Jeopardy. Twenty attended, including Samuel Merrit students, at local hospital. Annual Update will be on May 9 before the State Council at local hospital. The Waiting Room movie screening was held on Nov 14 in downtown San Jose. This can be done at your chapter, too. Next meeting on Nov 15 at CHOMP in Monterey to test the involvement of new chapter members there. Their annual Holiday Dinner was on Dec 6 with a white elephant gift exchange.

**Northern LA**

**Orange Coast** held a meeting October 23 at Season's 52 at South Coast Plaza. Dinner sponsored by Cardene - 30 members attended. (they actually had to turn away 6.) Elections were held on Survey Monkey and they have new board members representing four different hospitals. A CEN review is planned for January 26 & 27 at Western Medical Center in Santa Ana.

**Sacramento** Dinner for Nurses Week, Diane and Judy were honored members. Working on Educational event, but on hold now. This year they are giving out Pediatric Review manuals to every hospital in chapter (40+). They are using conference calls with up to 10 people over the past few months to conduct chapter business.

**San Diego** 70 volunteers served at Annual Assembly, (national ENA board was impressed with what they did and how organized they were.). They also sponsored a fun photo booth, the pictures will be seen in an upcoming Connection. They sponsored the California Delegate Reception that was well-attended at the Marriott. For ED Nurses’ Week, they ran a Secret Cookie Service, making deliveries to all 21 hospitals in the county. The annual Holiday Tea Party was on Dec 7. Their Christmas Toy Drive is ongoing. On April 19 they will hold their popular 911 Conference.
San Francisco met in October after the San Diego meeting. Cakes were purchased for most of the EDs in the chapter and delivered by 3 dedicated members. New officers were nominated for 2013. The plan is to meet in November to finalize the plans for the new year.

Superior is planning to deliver cakes and coffee to their hospitals in December since the institutions did this in October. Their big project is hosting the November State Council meeting. It got nine local members to attend, a new record! They also have new officers and are planning a murder mystery dinner for next year with a presentation on evidence collection. Also in the planning stage is ENA on Ice at the new rink in Paradise. On Nov 8, they had a TNCC Instructor class for five and on Nov 10 they had an ENPC Instructor class.

Committee News

Bylaws

Last revision was in 2009, so the past-President will be going over it again next year.

Education

Tobin is the new chair. Renewed the CE form used at State Council meetings. There will be a packet on the web site next year to guide chapters through the process of getting CEs. 2013 Educational event will be in Ventura on August 8. May have another one on a cruise ship out of Long Beach. One day at sea, one day in Ensenada, then sail back home.

Summary submitted by Mark Wandro

ENAF

The Jewelry Auction at national made about $20,500. Today’s opportunity drawing made $110 for Foundation and $300 for the Red Cross for Sandy Relief. Judy Kelleher is up and down, but appreciates our thoughts and cards. Her address is:

10711 Thornton Rd #132
Stockton, CA 95209

Diane M Schertz, BS, RN-BC, FAEN

Chapter/Committee News

One of the opportunity prizes

Hot Topics in Government Affairs

AB 1245
This bill did not pass and was held in the Senate. This bill is about EMR training and would have allowed the EMSA to develop and approve a training program for the EMR provider. This would be a step towards EMR regulations as we have for other level of providers such as EMTs, AEMTs and Paramedics. This issue will likely come up again in 2013. Holding up the process is the issue of background checks for EMRs, which we had a lively discussion on at our last ENA meeting in November. Also in the works is a community Paramedic program for California. This concept was introduced by Dr. Backer at the EMSAAC Conference last spring. A task force is being developed and ENA is a participant as this issue moves forward in 2013.

Job opportunity: the Deputy Director of the California Department of Public Health has retired leaving a position open. Qualified candidates are encouraged to apply. This position works closely with the EMSA and Disaster Services. This is a dynamic time in health care and I would encourage anyone who is interested to look into the requirements and application process. Best of luck!

Take care and Happy Holidays!
Kara Davis, RN, MICN
Committee News

Leadership in Practice
The group networked and discussed a wide range of challenges: reporting, value-based purchasing, rack audit, Medicare utilization review, challenging psych pts, ETOH abuse, sobering centers (such as SIP, the serial inebriation program in San Diego that has a high success rate [sandiego.gov/sip]), pain management, Rx drug abuse, and network-linked pharmacies (CURES).

Summary submitted by Mark Wandro

Injury Prevention
Violence study was discussed and the committee are dedicated to help. The Holiday season is a great time to do bicycle helmet training or give-aways - reinforce that kids with new bikes need helmets. (some police give away refurbished bikes at Xmas).

Patrice Christensen

Membership
These are the most current totals for our 13 active Chapters and overall totals for our California State Council as of December 9, 2012. WOW!!! What a year we have had! Our membership has grown by almost a hundred members! Don’t forget that group memberships are still available from National; all you need to do is call the National office. Let’s see if we can increase our membership in 2013 by another hundred! That would be awesome! I am wishing everyone had Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I am looking forward to seeing what 2013 is going to bring.

When new members join ENA they are not always assigned to a Chapter. When reviewing the monthly membership new unassigned members are noted on the end of the roster. I assign them to Chapter based on their mailing address and zip code. If for any reason you would want to be part of another Chapter, you must do so through National ENA at www.ena.org

Remind members to keep their email, mailing address and phone numbers current with the National ENA office. This helps provide communication to our members, especially since we are using electronic methods of communication.

If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact me via email at tsturgill6@yahoo.com. I will do my best to help with any questions or information needed.

Terri Sturgill

Newsletter
Here’s a secret to share - you can get printed color copies of the Monitor at State Council meetings, so please come! Or you can download it from the web site. Note we have a paying sponsor on the inside back cover, OBP, showing off their lighted speculums. Be sure to patronize them. We got some for our ED and they are just great!

Please continue to send me info about your chapter or committee, so the reports in the Monitor are correct. You can reach me at editor@calena.us

The web site is being kept up-to-date. The home page features a picture and news that is updated monthly. There is a link to our 2013 officers and a link to our Cal ENA Facebook page, where you will find an album of photos from the Annual Assembly in San Diego. There are links to current educational events that our members sponsor, links to other organizations

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that impact us, and many of the forms and documents that you need to function within this organization. Plus all the chapter and committee websites are being maintained. But I can’t do it without support from you, the members. Please send me the latest news of your chapter or committee so it can be shared with the rest of the membership.

It is a big task and I am beginning to look for new talent to take over in the near future. If you are interested in being an editor or webmaster, let me know and the mentoring will begin.

Mark Wandro

**Pediatrics**

Lively discussion on ENPC version 4 update. Several V4 classes have been completed. 60 out of 165 instructors have completed V4 update. All instructors need to have completed by Feb 2013 when all ENPC classes will be V4 only. Discussed ENPC grant fund requests to provide courses in underserved areas.

Holding an ENPC Instructor Course on Saturday, November 10, 2012. Clarified ENPC terminology about ENPC Faculty. “Faculty” are able to teach instructor courses. “State Faculty” are quality monitors for ENPC. Peds Comm will send national ENA a list of approved State Faculty.

California Pediatric Readiness Project disseminated survey results on November 2 at San Diego “State of the Art Pediatric Emergency Medicine: Get Ready for Kids” 90% of California EDs completed the survey with an average score of 70%. Nine hospitals had a perfect score. The tool kit is available at: [http://www.pediatricreadiness.org/](http://www.pediatricreadiness.org/) In January 2013, the National Pediatric Readiness Survey will be given, which replicates what California has done.

CHLA had a disaster lecture. They created an online tool to determine your surge skills. It is available online at: SURGEWORLD ([www.chladisastercenter.org](http://www.chladisastercenter.org)) This is a great training tool, and it is a lot of fun.

Flora Tomoyasu

**EMS Commission**

This commission monitors many task forces. The Paramedic Regs are being redone laboriously - being sent out multiple times for comments and review (check emsa.org); Stroke and STEMI task forces are up for comment, let Judy Scott know and she will submit your comments - they really need a standardization of terminology; HICS document is being revised - original dates back to 1991 and is now really bloated.

*Summary submitted by Mark Wandro*

**EMS Commissioner**

There are funding concerns about the future of EMS. Mobile field hospitals are running out of money. Paramedic Regs were discussed here also. Diane St. Denis is to get an EMS award. There are only one Disaster Med Units for every 1 million people.

*Judy Scott*
Trauma

Gail says Trauma could teach on board the Ensenada cruise. Seriously, they funded 7 grant programs across the state. They got 27 new instructors and new faculty. New 2013 rollout is due at the end of 2012. There is a plan for another Instructor course in Temecula in January. Let the committee know if you need trauma courses in your area. The committee plans to hold a retreat in January to get work done. They are also doing announced and random monitoring of courses.

*Summary submitted by Mark Wandro*

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**2012 EMS Awards Ceremony Honors ENA Member**

California emergency medical services providers and associates were recognized for exceptional acts of bravery and service to their communities and to the state at a luncheon ceremony in San Francisco December 5, 2012. Dr. Howard Backer, Director of the EMS Authority, and Interim Commission Chair Matt Powers, presented the 2012 EMS Awards. The luncheon ceremony was hosted by the Emergency Medical Services Authority with support from the San Francisco Paramedic Association, American Medical Response, BoundTree Medical and Paramedics Plus who generously sponsored lunch for all of the award recipients. In addition, Art Hseih representing the California Rescue and Paramedic Association, graciously served as photographer for the event. The excellent photo on the left is used with permission.

**Emergency Room Nurse Diane St. Denis** received the Community Service Award. She has exhibited outstanding mentorship and dedication during her six years of exemplary volunteer service to the Santa Clara EMS Agency. Working with the Every 15 Minutes program, St. Denis makes 3-4 presentations to high schools each year. St. Denis has volunteered hundreds of hours to the Santa Clara County Mass Care Shelter Committee, the local Red Cross chapter, the local food bank and community flu clinics, in addition to participating in dozens of trainings, deployments and exercises.
2012 General Assembly Invocation

I want to thank Gayle Lenehan and Sue Ho-henhaus for inviting me to briefly address you in your General Assembly.

As a priest, I am regularly called to our local hospital, Sharp-Coronado, to administer the Anointing of the Sick to patients and offer comfort to their families. As I arrive at the nurses’ station I witness the care with which the nurses exercise their duties. Even in the most stressful of moments, they exhibit a calm that is palpable; putting patient and family members at ease. In the middle of the night, when they are away from the families, who are tucked warmly in their beds, they are at their station caring for those whom they do not know and may never see again after they finish their shift. Then, as I leave to go back to my home, they go out of the way to thank ME for being there. Imagine that!

What comes to mind is the Gospel parable of the Good Samaritan. Anonymously, with tender compassion, the Samaritan cared for someone he did not know; simply because this was a fellow human being. And whether the nurse is a Christian, Jew, Moslem, another faith, or having no belief in God, one sees the spirit of the Good Samaritan present in you. You see the sublime and mysterious value of life, even when it appears frail and vulnerable. Pope John Paul II said this about you: “This outlook does not give in to discouragement when confronted by those who are sick, suffering, outcast or at death’s door. Instead, in all these situations, (nurses, doctors and other health-care workers) are challenged to find meaning…Open to perceiving in the face of every person, a call to encounter, dialogue and solidarity”. This is the vocation of emergency room nurse. By virtue of your profession, the Holy Father said, “(you) are called in a special capacity to be guardians of human life”.

My sister, Colleen, has been a nurse for over 35 years. I am aware of that challenges you face daily, not only in caring for your patients and reaching out to their families. But, in these times when it seems that overwhelming administrative requirements from hospital administration, insurance companies and the government can cause increase weariness, stress and distraction from your work, never think that you are insignificant, or the work that you do is a waste of your skills. You inspire others; you inspire me. Like the Good Samaritan, by being close to your brothers and sisters who are suffering; through respect, understanding, acceptance, tenderness and compassion, you not only help the physically ill, but you give them hope; showing that they matter; that they are worth caring for.

As you gather in General Assembly, my prayer for you is this: that our loving God, by whatever name He is known to you, will guide your deliberations and will bless you; that you know your tireless work to care for others and save lives does not go unnoticed. And, if you don’t always hear someone say “thank you” as they move from the emergency room to the next stage of their healthcare, be assured of this: their guardian angels who, daily, look upon the face of God, will make sure your love, compassion and commitment to life, is never forgotten. God bless you.

Fr. Michael Murphy
Pastor Sacred Heart Church
Coronado

By special recommendation of our own Linda Broyles
Time to see what you learned from this Monitor. Fill in the boxes by matching the clues in this new ENA Crossword puzzle. Let me know if you like the idea.

Mark W.
Some local California courses are listed on the Cal ENA web site: www.calena.us

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Call one of these providers for their next class:
CME Associates (714) 998-2208
Paragon Education (800) 997-9937
Cathy McJannet
cathy.mcjannet@usa.net

For the most up-to-date course information, go to the national ENA web site and click on Courses & Education, then CATN-ENPC-TNCC, then open the map and click on California. Please confirm dates with course directors.
Next Meeting

Thursday, January 10, 2013
Board Meeting: 4-7pm

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