

California Emergency Nurses Association

THE MONITOR

President's Message

As we approach the middle of 2007, I would like to thank each of you for your membership and contribution to our California Emergency Nurses Association. We are well on our way to a successful year and I would like to also recognize our accomplishments to date.

In April, our annual education event, the ED Summit, *Redesigning the Future of Emergency Practice* was a monumental success. The planning committee under the leadership of Education Chair, Anita Fligge, was complimented by many attendees who look forward to future events. In addition, Jody Haynes, Director at Large, worked tirelessly assuring the rooms, meals, breaks and all the behind the scene necessities went without fault. All planning members are to be congratulated on a job well done.

Janet O'Leary, President-Elect has moved our organization to our new website: www.calena.us. Our new site will allow members to navigate a more complex yet user-friendly domain. Tom Trimble, webmaster for the www.calena.net (which can still be used to access the



site) website has been quite instrumental through this change and he is not to be forgotten for the work he has provided us through many years. We are all appreciative to Tom for his everlasting dedication.

The new TNCC Course Curriculum rollout is now underway. Stay tuned for more information by our Trauma Committee and for the amazing education they bring to us.

The ENA National General and Scientific Assembly will be in Salt Lake City, Utah this year. For more information and registration information, go to www.ena.org. If you have not attended the national conference, you will cer-

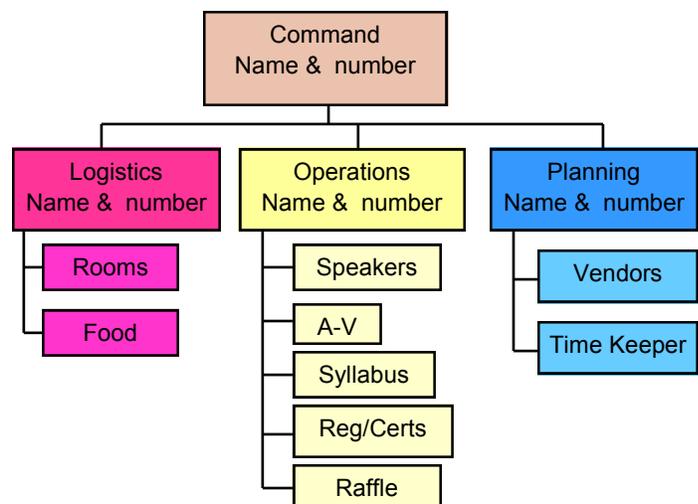
tainly be reenergized to return to what we do best, take care of our patients you count on each one of us.

Again, our organization is successful only because of you, our members. Our leaders from the chapters, committees and the state appreciate the dedication and trust and support you place in us to guide your organization in support of our mission. I look forward to seeing you all this August in San Diego for our August State Council Meeting.

*Matthew F. Powers RN MS CEN MICP
Cal ENA President 2007*

Matt is to be congratulated for the part he played in organizing the ED Summit. Based on his Fire Department experience, he set up an Incident Command outline that showed clearly the job responsibility of the 15 committee members and helpers who ran the conference. (A modified version is shown below.) Much confusion was averted by having this simple chart with phone numbers. Everyone knew who was in charge of what and how to contact them. Word of it spread to national and Matt will be presenting its design and function to an upcoming national board meeting. Also look for an article in an upcoming ENA Connection in the State Connection section. Congratulations, Matt, our Cal ENA President!

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Annual Emergency Conference

Lake Tahoe ED Summit a Success

Over 110 RNs and allied health professionals spent an enjoyable and educational day at Cal ENA's revived Annual Educational Conference. The event kicked off on April 19 at the MontBleu Resort Casino and Spa with a wine and cheese party that featured an interesting presentation on how to design the ED of the future. Architect Jon Huddy of Freeman White challenged us with new ways of looking at the design of the ED.

Friday, April 20 started off with at least 20 people registering on site. Across the hall, over 15 vendors set up their displays that were available almost all day. One of them was our own Historian Liz Taylor who had set up an interesting display of photos from past conferences. The keynote address started on time with ENA President-elect (and Cal ENA past-president) Denise King giving a well-documented talk on Leadership. She was followed by another Cal ENA past-president, Diana Contino, making a case for how Technology has and will change the way we work in the ED.



We took a break to visit the vendors, collect souvenirs and network for future purchases and jobs. Then, we broke into two concurrent sessions. Debby Rogers and Jan Ogar gave an informative presentation on the interface between the ED and Politics. Pending legislation and current regulations were explored. In the other breakout session, Susan Scollan-Boring gave a well-researched slide presentation on Sepsis and Goal-Directed Therapy. This was really an excellent talk that reminded some of us that the standard of care in sepsis therapy has changed in just a few years. By noon, we were all eating lunch and meeting new



friends as well as touring the vendors area. During breaks and lunch, the committee added a very fun activity – raffles. A ticket was given to each attendee and more were available for purchase. Most of the money went to benefit ENAF scholarships. But an amazing amount of prizes were donated by chapters and individuals. Everything from books and CDs to gift baskets and even 5 nights in a condo on

the lake. Many went home lucky winners.

After lunch we were treated to a slide show by Dr. Donald Green, who shared his experiences as a field surgeon in Iraq. It was obvious that many new techniques are learned in time of war, products to clot blood and stop bleeding that cannot be used in EDs are being trialed in Iraq. Surgical talks are always better received after lunch. No one fell asleep.

By 2:15, we had two more concurrent sessions. Dr. Christian Jagusch spoke about Pediatric Ingestions and overdoses and presented several ways to treat them.



The other session dealt with Mild Hypothermia in Post-Arrest Treatment. Kirsten Pyle, RN, presented a case study that showed how cooling the body to 33C for 24 hours can greatly improve the outcome after an AMI. We were all surprised when, at the end of the talk, she brought the actual patient, who spoke of his experiences and how his life is better now.

After another break with the vendors, we came back for the final session, a panel discussion with ENA members who are doing non-traditional nursing roles. Matt Powers talked about being a Fire Department RN with responsibility for the paramedics in several departments. Jody Haynes spoke about being the RN running the Medical Clinic in a Hollywood studio. Darlene Bradley discussed Disaster Management Assistance Teams (DMAT) and how she worked with them during natural disasters such as Katrina. She also told us about CalMats that will be

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2008 Board Nominations

Nominations for next year's Cal ENA board members will be open until the next State Council meeting in San Diego on August 10. This is your chance to serve your state ENA and influence the direction of the association. Nominations received so far include:

President-elect: Anita Fligge

Secretary: Terri Sturgill

Treasurer-elect: open

Director-at-Large: open

Self-nominations are acceptable. Experience not required, we are all ED nurses, are we not! That in itself requires an inordinate amount of decision-making and planning. An orientation will be provided at the November meeting.

Our founder, **Judy Kelleher**, has moved closer to her daughter. She would appreciate letters of support. She can be reached at: The Commons
10711 Thornton Rd. #220
Stockton, CA 95209

Education and Event Calendar

TNCC Dates: 2007

August 3-4: Riverside Co. Regional Med Ctr, Moreno Valley - Gail Dodge (909) 472-2680



August 4-5: San Jose Area - Anita Ruiz-Contreras (408) 885-6982

September 22-23: Menifee Valley Med Ctr, Sun City - Gail Dodge (909) 472-2680

October 5-6: Methodist Hospital, Arcadia - Gail Dodge (909) 472-2680

November 2-3: Eisenhower Med Ctr, Rancho Mirage - Gail Dodge (909) 472-2680

CEN Review Classes

June 15-16: Mercy San Juan Hosp, Luken's Auditorium, Carmichael - Judy Scott

June 27-28: St. Mary's Med Ctr, San Francisco - Cheryl Randolph (800) 997-9937

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(previously Randolph Associates)

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

ENPC Dates: 2007



June 15-16: Rancho Springs Med Ctr, Murrieta - Gail Dodge (909) 472-2680

June 22-23: Methodist Hosp, Arcadia - Gail Dodge (909) 472-2680

July 13-14: Eisenhower Med Ctr, Rancho Mirage - Gail Dodge (909) 472-2680

July 27-28: Children's Hosp & Health Ctr, San Diego - Marty Hay (619) 464-8680

October 5-6: Children's Hosp & Health Ctr, San Diego - Marty Hay (619) 464-8680

October 27-28: Ridgecrest Regional Hosp, Ridgecrest - Gail Dodge (909) 472-2680

November 10-11: Ridgecrest Regional Hosp, Ridgecrest - Gail Dodge (909) 472-2680

Important Dates

Board and State Council meetings

August 9 — 10: San Diego

Sept 26 — 29: Salt Lake City
ENA Annual Conference

November 8 — 9: Los Angeles

January 10 — 11, 2008: Newport Beach.

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

August 14 — 15: Santa Barbara
Annual Business Meeting.

November 5 — 7: Monterey
with Cal ENA Leadership Symposium &
Emergency Summit.

Next Newsletter Deadline: Sept 30

Trauma!

Fractured Femur from a GSW

This story is an example of why all nursing personnel should know the principles taught in the Trauma Nursing Core Course (TNCC).

I was the ED Triage RN in a Level 3 Trauma Center. A man came limping into the ED stating he “had fallen into some aloe vera”. His pants were torn and there was a puncture wound on his left thigh with blood oozing down his left leg. Moments later the Police came in and stated they had witnessed this individual running down the street and that he had received a gun shot wound prior to his interaction with the Police.



I took him into our trauma room and notified the ED MD and ED RN who had responsibility for this area. An IV (normal saline) was started on this patient, labs were drawn but not sent, and a quick x-ray was taken of his left femur. The bullet had fractured his femur and was lodged in his thigh. A second IV (lactated ringers) was started and a compression bandage was placed on the wound, which had only a trickle of blood. There was some problem locating the little used Hare Traction Splint, mostly due to the non-existent straps. The pulse on the left foot was located and an “X” was placed over it for ease of future assessment. At that time, the left pulse was equal to the right and motor/sensory were also intact bilaterally.

The ED MD alerted the Helicopter (Transport) RNs



of the need to transport the patient. He did this immediately after reading the femur fracture on x-ray. The patient was disrobed for a quick but thorough physical evaluation of any other injuries. The vital signs were within normal limits, as was the pulse oximetry reading and the EKG.

The ED MD quickly dictated a note and the ED RN and I quickly wrote up our notes as well as the transfer checklist. At that time, the Transport RN arrived. The Transport RN understood that we were not able to splint the leg using the Hare Traction Splint. She went on to say that the Hare Traction Splint is not advantageous in the helicopter due to space constraints. I suggested the leg of the Mast Suit, as an air splint, but they decided on a long cardboard splint. They took the blood tubes that had been drawn/labeled and copies of the patient chart and X-rays. The patient was transferred to the Level 2 Trauma Center, whose catchment area included this Level 3 Trauma Center.

The ED MD and the ED RN had already called and given report. The transport RN also received report. The Police Officers stated they would follow in their cars.

This is an example of a patient who limped into the ER with one “story” and Police Officers who knew a different story. Just remember to perform the primary and secondary assessments and stop to intervene whenever you find a problem. Then determine the best place for your patient to receive definitive care. You will be putting the principles of the TNCC into action!

Cathy Tylka



At the ED Summit in Lake Tahoe, L-R: Deb Rodrigues & Janet O’Leary, Anita Fligge & Diana Contino, Liz Taylor.



Committee News

Recruitment and Retention

These are the most current totals for our 12 active Chapters and overall total for the California Council as of May 2007. The deactivated North Coast Chapter members have been reassigned by county location to the Sacramento or San Francisco chapters. Our state membership total has now reached over 2600 members!

Chapter # & Name	4/07	5/07
(223) East Bay	245	255
(224) Greater LA	384	430
(225) Mid-Valley	193	197
(226) Orange Coast	235	249
(228) San Diego	319	319
(230) San Francisco	180	192
(232) Loma Prieta	183	184
(253) Sacramento	278	289
(362) Inland Empire	220	227
(378) Channel Islands	95	102
(379) Superior	97	100
(442) Kern County	34	37
NCA No Chapter Assigned	137	76
Totals	2600	2657

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.

Be a California Delegate this fall in Salt Lake City, Utah. Any active ENA member licensed in California can apply. Go to www.calena.net and download a 2007 Delegate Application and accompanied Instruction Form, follow the directions and mail it in before the June 5th deadline to get the best position on the list. Everything you need can be found in the application.

Each Chapter has requested an allotment of the 100 Cal ENA pre-paid memberships this year. We hope that if you are a recipient of a free one-year membership to ENA, you will enjoy your gift and get involved in your professional organization. **All membership awards are due back no later than May 31st.**

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

Ellie Encapera, Chair

ENA Foundation Report

The Foundation is having another on-line auction beginning May 21 until June 8, 2007. Individuals or chapters wishing to donate items may contact the national office. CalENA will be donating a travel package to San Francisco which will include a week stay at the WorldMark property that was the Hotel Juliana near Union Square. Please log on to www.ena.org to find the auction and refer your family and friends to bid on the wonderful items that are being offered.

The 2007 ENAF State Council Challenge is underway and we currently have approximately \$1000 in our donation. LA and San Diego Chapters have each committed to \$1000 donation. A minimum \$5000 donation will result in a scholarship that the State Council may name. Chapter representatives voted to name the scholarship: Cal ENA-Helen Breton Scholarship. Helen Breton was a long time Cal ENA/LA member who participated in many committees at all organizational levels and was a staunch supporter of ENAF. She was a Pillar of the Foundation Award recipient.

Applications for 2007 ENAF Scholarships and Research Grants are due by June 1, 2007. Instructions may be found on the ENA website.

There were over 40 give-away items available at the ED Summit on April 20. Every attendee received one free ticket with the option to purchase for a donation of \$1/one and 6 for \$5 for additional chances. Prizes includes a condo in Baja, Mexico. Money raised will support education programs.

Diane M. Schertz, "FUNdraiSer"

Education Committee

These are the folks who made the 2007 Summit happen and the roles they played. Members present on April 19, 2007: Terri Sturgill, Mark Wandro, Louise Hummel, Jackie Magnuson, Janet O'Leary, Ellie Encapera, Deborah Rodrigues, Anita Fligge, Matt Powers. Anna Valdez could not be present, but worked on the early stages.

Registration was from 0700-0800. We need to be at the meeting room by 0645. We had 3 people at the Sign-In table: Ellie, Terri and Mark. Louise did on-site registration. Jackie helped Jody with meeting rooms and vendor set up. Debby Rodrigues worked with any problems the speakers had. Debby Rodrigues and Terri Sturgill collected Evaluations at the end of the day.

Diane Schertz helped with selling raffle tickets. She also donated the week in Cabo to the raffle. Ellie MC'd the raffles between sessions, lunch and at the end of the day. Jan Ogar was the timekeeper, Mark helped when needed.

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Jody took care of AV needs with help from John Fazio when problems arose.

Janet's laptop was in the main room and Louise's laptop was used in the breakout room.

Anita introduced John Huddy at the Wine and Cheese reception. Matt handed out an Incident Command chart

so people would know who to go to for any problems. (See article on page 1)



Introduction List:
Matt introduced himself
Denise King-Matt
Diana Contino-Anita
Debby Rogers, Jan Ogar-Mark
Susan Scolling-Boring-Jackie

Donald Green-Jackie
Christian Jagusch-Mike
Kristen Pyle-Ellie
Panel-Jan
Janet-Matt

Terri Sturgill

Government Affairs Committee

The Legislative year is in full force and the bills are many. Below is a brief update of some of the goings on in Sacramento.

Health Coverage Expansion/Health Care Reform

The Capitol is buzzing with discussions about healthcare reforms. The Governor's Office has convened two health care reform work groups, one on coverage and the second on cost containment. These meetings offer a place for invited stakeholders to discuss issues and advocate their position. The Governor, the Assembly Speaker and the Senate President Pro Tem each have proposed comprehensive plans to reform the health care system and expand health coverage. The Governor's plan has not been introduced as legislation. On Mar. 29 the Speaker's plan was incorporated into AB 8 (Núñez) (Passed Assembly Health—April 24 to Appropriations). The President Pro Tem's bill is SB 48 (Perata) (Passed Senate Health—April 25 to Senate Rules). AB 8 and SB 48 were significantly amended April 18. Those amendments represent a further convergence between the Speaker's and the President Pro Tem's bills. Senator Kuehl has reintroduced SB 840, her single-payer bill (Passed Senate Health—April 18 to Senate Appropriations). A com-

panion bill, SB 1014 (Kuehl) would enact taxes to support the single-payer system (Passed Senate Health—April 18 to Senate Revenue and Taxation). The Senate Republican caucus responded to the other proposals with, "Cal CARE", a set of proposed changes that focus on tax incentives, regulatory relaxations, and redirection of safety net funding, among other features. SB 236 (Runner) expresses the intent of the Legislature to enact Cal CARE (Senate Rules). SB 383 (Aanestad) declares the intent of the Legislature to enact tax credits for health care providers that provide free care to uninsured patients (Senate Rules). On Mar. 14, the Assembly Republican caucus unveiled its own health care reform proposals to be amended into a number of bills. Other legislators from both sides of the aisle also have introduced health care coverage and reform proposals. This debate will continue for the 2007 legislative session and may spill over to 2008.

Nurse and Other Workforce Shortages/Staffing

The administration and the legislature continue to address the shortage of qualified nurses and other health care workers through state budget, legislative, and public advocacy. The Governor's initial proposed state budget includes funds to reduce enrollment attrition in nursing programs, and for incentives to increase costly science course prerequisites to enrolling in nursing programs. Also included in the budget is funding to support additional nursing instruction capacity in community colleges and development of four new regional clinical simulation laboratories. Other bills include: SB 139 (Scott) would establish a healthcare workforce clearinghouse in OSHPD to serve as the central source of health care workforce and educational pipeline data in the state (Senate Education—April 26). AB 520 (Brownley) would impose new requirements on hospitals to adopt and comply with staffing plans for professional and technical staff other than nurses (Assembly Appropriations—April 25). AB 623 (Lieu) would require the state Department of Public Health to provide for certification of radiology assistants (Assembly Appropriations). AB 1559 (Berryhill) would require community colleges to adopt and implement a merit-based admissions policy for nursing education programs when there are more applicants for a term than can be reasonably accommodated (Assembly Appropriations).

Seismic Compliance/Facility Issues

Seismic mandate relief is a component of the comprehensive health coverage expansion/health care reform package proposed by the Governor and is a component of the Senate and Assembly Republican caucus propos-

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als. OSHPD is refining HAZUS, a revised methodology for evaluating seismic hazards, which will reclassify some hospitals and allow them longer to retrofit. The Hospital Building Safety Board (HBSB) is expected to act on HAZUS by July. SB 211 (Cox) is an OSHPD-sponsored bill on hospital seismic safety (Senate Floor). SB 306 (Ducheny) would reform the inspection process and declare the intent of the Legislature to enact financial assistance for health facility buildings that are classified as nonconforming SPC-1 buildings (Senate Appropriations—April 30). AB 1149 (Beall) would authorize supplemental Medi-Cal payments for debt service related to capital projects by qualifying trauma centers for which final plans have been submitted after Jan. 1, 2007 and before Dec. 31, 2011 (Assembly Appropriations).

Emergency Services

Major health care reform legislation presents an opportunity to address some causes of the EMS crisis. Having said that, the reform proposals do not address emergency services issues. AB 113 (Beall) would authorize a county board of supervisors to designate a hospital as an essential community facility using a local committee and public hearing process. Hospitals so designated would be required to obtain a performance bond that would be forfeited to the county if the hospital does not provide at least 180 days notice of closure or decrease of emergency services regardless of circumstances. Every hospital could be so designated and be made subject to these requirements (Assembly Appropriations). SB 916 (Yee) seeks legislative relief and an expansion of immunity for hospitals both designated and non-designated under the Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act with respect to 8 and 72-hour holds (Amended and passed Senate Health—April 25).

Patient Transport/Discharge

SB 275 (Cedillo) would prohibit hospitals from transporting a patient to a location other than his or her residence without the patient's "clearly and explicitly manifested consent, knowingly and intelligently given without duress or coercion", except when the patient is lawfully transferred to another health facility, and would apply the prohibition to hospital staff members responsible for the discharge of a patient (Passed Senate Public Safety—April 24 to Appropriations).

Patient Safety/Quality/Reporting/Disclosure

The California Hospitals Assessment and Reporting Task Force (CHART) launched CalHospitalCompare.org on Mar. 6, providing web-based performance comparisons of participating CHART hospitals. AB 52 (Dymally) would establish the Office of Patient Advocate in the State De-

partment of Public Health with duties and powers on behalf of patients in health care facilities that are similar to those of the state's health care service plan advocate and impose other requirements (Assembly Appropriations). AB 851 (Brownley) would require large print warnings be included with any drug dispensed by prescription that poses a substantial risk to the person taking the drug when taken in combination with alcohol or other medications (Assembly Health).

Workplace and Labor Issues

SB 171 (Perata) would require hospitals to adopt patient lift policies, identify patients needing lift teams and lift, repositioning or transfer devices, and would enact related requirements on hospitals (Senate Appropriations—to Suspense file April 23). AB 1201 (Leno) is intended to overturn NLRB and judicial decisions regarding collective bargaining for direct care nurses as defined by the bill (Assembly Labor). AB 371 (Huffman) would require every hospital that applies for tax-exempt financing through the Calif. Health Facilities Financing Authority (CHFFA) or any other public entity to submit its injury prevention program, which would be required to include a zero lift component, and to describe how it will allocate financial resources to implement the zero lift component (Assembly Appropriations). AB 632 (Salas) would extend existing employee "whistleblower" protections to hospital medical staff members, and impose civil and criminal penalties (Assembly Appropriations). SB 942 (Migden) would create a rebuttable presumption that an employer has discriminated against an employee who has been disabled because of a workers' compensation eligible injury or illness if the employer refuses to reinstate the employee to his or her regular position within 5 working days after a physician states the employee is able to perform (Senate Labor—April 25 to Judiciary).

Chapter News

East Bay ENA reports they are having quarterly meetings now with as many as 15 in attendance. They had an excellent speaker on DMAT in Los Angeles at their February meeting, and in May, they had a breakfast meeting.

Greater LA ENA signed up three new members at their January meeting. This quarter, they have decided to pledge \$1000 toward the **ENA State Challenge**. If California gives a total of \$5000 by the end of June, we will be able to name a one-time \$5K scholarship. It is their goal to name this scholarship after the late Helen Breton. She was a very active chapter member who was known nationally as the "Pin Lady" for the unique commemora-

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tive pins she had made and sold at every General Assembly for the past 20 years. The chapter is also working with Orange Coast on a day-long EDAP seminar in Nov.

Orange Coast ENA has had two meetings this year, the first in January at St Joseph Hospital in Orange and the second in April at Saddleback Hospital in Mission Viejo. At the January meeting we had Mariah Bieber from Jobing.com speak to us about a website that can provide free advertising for ENA. Michael Vicioso, our president, will follow up and forward any recommendations and information to National ENA for approval as needed. Saddleback Memorial Hospital provided a wonderful lunch in April along with a physician from their ED who spoke to us about signs, symptoms, and treatment of various ingestions. We had several nursing student guests and prospective members of ENA. We even gave away two free memberships to the students.

We will begin meeting with Greater LA ENA chapter this month to plan the November educational event in the Los Angeles area. Since our event last November was so successful, we hope to pass on some helpful advice to Greater LA so they can be just as successful.

Orange Coast ENA struggles to gain more active members, just as most other chapters have reported. Several of our most active members have had job changes, meaning greater work responsibilities and less time with ENA. We continue to work together to schedule meetings that accommodate the majority of active members.

Congratulations to our secretary, Amy Waunch, on the birth of her daughter, Sierra on April 5. Both mother and baby are well and happy.

Christine Marshall

San Francisco Bay Area ENA had their second meeting in March at SFGH and their third in May at UCSF. They are planning a community-outreach Injury Prevention program at a local school, similar to the Adopt-a-School program they had 10 years ago.

Loma Prieta ENA continues to offer free CEs for the Practice Topic presented at each of their monthly meetings. They also resumed their Annual ED Update with a day-long seminar on May 17. For more details, check out details at www.calena.us and click on chapters and Loma Prieta.

Inland Empire ENA has been busy sponsoring 5-6 ENPC courses this year. They also have a new chapter president, Susan Smith.

Channel Islands ENA had a strong turnout at the Ventura County EMS Conference April 13. A Chapter meeting was held immediately following and a great time was had by all. It's time to bring 'new' or returning Officers into the Chapter. Openings include President, President-Elect, and Secretary/Treasurer. Self nominations will be accepted. Please forward to channelislands@calena.us.

Sacramento ENA is dealing with the difficulties of being a geographically large chapter. They did take part in the Y-ME Mother's Day Walk to Empower and they are sponsoring a CEN Review course on June 15 & 16.

Kern County ENA is still meeting monthly. Their big project currently is to get an ENPC course for their area.

San Diego ENA Chapter walked for Y-ME on Mother's Day. What did you do this past Mother's Day? Susan Morse, Maureen Phillips, and I walked for Y-ME to help fight Breast Cancer. And, in return, one of the event sponsors gave each of us a beautiful long stemmed red rose. What a treat! Roses are for remembrance, and we so appreciated being thought of.

Historically, Mother's Day was started after the Civil War by women who had lost their sons in battle. In 1914, it became a national holiday. Today, Mother's Day means fighting for various causes and spreading the idea of peace, motherhood, womanhood and improved social conditions for women.

So, that's what we did, we walked to help raise funds to support the educational programs and the free national 24 hour hotline, staffed by all volunteer breast cancer survivors. The hot line can reach people through 150 different languages. The 24 hour hotline is **1-800-221-2141**. The mission of Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization is to ensure, through empowerment and peer support, that no one faces breast cancer alone.

Many SD Chapter ENA members, as well as other local and state members, donated to the funds we handed in on May 13, at Mission Bay in San Diego. Many thanks to all of you. It is sad to say that we were walking for some of our own with newly diagnosed problems. One person's needle biopsy came back negative, though, so hip, hip hurray! A great big thank you to everyone who made this walk such a success, we exceeded our goals and our Team, *Ami Intime*, is quite proud of their success through you!



1990 - Joanne M. Fadale

“It was a year of reflection for me, - having the opportunity to walk in Anita Dorr's footsteps. She was not only the Co-Founder of the Association, but also my mentor. It was truly rewarding to have the knowledge of her thoughts and desires for emergency nursing and to see them move to fruition. A vision of the most rewarding accomplishments was meeting the membership goal of 20,000 in the 20th year. ENA has also stepped into the international arena with the presentation of our TNCC to members of the Royal College of Nursing in England. Among other items completed this year were:

- TNCC revision project;
- Pre-hospital Nursing Guidelines;
- Patient Classification Systems Manual for Emergency Departments;
- Guidelines for Clinical Nurse Specialists;
- Creation of the Urban SIG.
- The Scientific Assembly was held in Chicago.

We were successful, we are successful and we will continue to be successful.”

1991 - Lynn Gagnon

- Developed a Pediatric emergency nursing care course.
- Managers Special Interest Group was formed to provide networking opportunities that assist leaders in problem-solving .
- The Scientific Assembly was held in San Francisco.

1992 - Vicki Bradley

- Educational foresight was evident in the creation of the Orientation Project.
- Signed an agreement with the American Nurses Association to assure ENA's voice is heard among legislators.
- The first Leadership Symposium was held in San Diego in February with 581 leaders from three emergency care professions who met to learn how to integrate management and leadership principles from a variety of disciplines. This was sponsored by Hill-Rom.
- In June, ENA collaborated with the **Accident and Emergency Association of New South Wales** to pilot the TNCC Provider and Instructor courses to Australia's nurses.
- The Scientific Assembly was held in Orlando, FL.



1993 - Eileen Corcoran

• The **Emergency Nursing Pediatric Course** made its debut with 1,723 nurses across the U.S. taking the Provider course, and 613 nurses attending the Instructor course.

• When ENA , along with the ANA and numerous other nursing associations, expressed opposition to a plan of the Centers for Disease Control to restrict practice of infected health care workers by establishing a list of functions that these workers should not perform, the CDC bowed to the pressure and abandoned its plans.

- The Association's strategy in legislative affairs continued the emphasis at the national level and added new involvement, first at the state level, then in local government issues.
- ENA moved into a two-story brick building with 12,000 square feet of space that would accommodate the expanding association.
- The Scientific Assembly was held in Seattle, WA.

1994 - Marilyn Rice

- The ENPC course expanded internationally to Australia and New Zealand.
- Conducted a national survey entitled, "**Prevalence of Violence in U.S. Emergency Departments**" that defined violence within the workplace.
- Developed a SIG for nurses interested in Advanced Practice Nursing as well as a Task Force on Advanced Nursing Practice.
- The Scientific Assembly was held in San Antonio, TX.

1995 - Susan Budassi Sheehy

- In February; the Association Services Team began to handle the large volume of calls for ENA's nursing resource products.
- Assumed operational responsibility, in September, for the **Emergency Nurses Cancel Alcohol Related Emergencies, Inc. (E.N.C.A.R.E.)**
- Bank draft payment plan was introduced which allows members to have funds for their annual dues withdrawn from their checking account on a quarterly basis.
- The Award of Excellence was established as a way of recognizing those emergency departments or affiliated agencies that excel in quality achievement and quality management.
- The Scientific Assembly was held in Nashville, TN.



Liz Taylor, Historian

Annual Emergency Conference

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teams of RNs who will work with disasters only in California. Finally, Debby Rogers told us how she got involved in politics and worked as a

consultant and legislative analyst in Sacramento. Currently she holds a position with the California Hospital Association. She is able to influence state laws and regulations from the perspective of the RN.

By 5pm, our president-elect, Janet O'Leary, bid us farewell and many of us went on to enjoy the sights and sounds of the Nevada side of Lake Tahoe.

But it wasn't over for all of us. About 72 came back the next day for a new day-long course called **Basic Disaster Life Support**. It is mainly a course for physicians, put together in Georgia. Two MDs, Dr. Chip Rath and Dr.

Robert Rosenbloom made the presentations as we followed along in our rather large textbooks. The overall impression was that state and federal agencies need a lot more planning and open communication to ensure that enough resources and personnel can work together in time of disaster.



In summary, based on the number attending the main conference (about 125) and the comments received, the ED Summit was a success. Our goal was not to make money, but to provide a venue for education and networking for our members. Another measure of success lies in the fact that the Education Committee members who worked on this year's conference agreed to do it again next year! Look for a fabulous gathering next year in Monterey. Thank you to the Committee members and

the board who made this conference such a tremendous success.

Mark Wandro



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3. List other interventions done after the secondary assessment.
4. Which bill insists that all pts be discharged to their home address, even if they don't have one?
5. Name two programs that local chapters have presented earlier this year.



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