

# California Emergency Nurses Association

# THE MONITOR



## President's Message—Robert Toman, RN, CEN

**Who is the Chapter Rep at State Council meeting?**  
 One idea is for each chapter to send an email to Board Rep or Board President to name their rep and/or designated alternate. This is to make sure that we do have a true quorum for voting purposes. Other suggestions will be taken at the March meeting.

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Our first conference call was conducted on January 19. The conference was designed to be a combined board and state council meeting. Over all, those who participated felt the conference call was a positive experience and that the business of the council was successfully conducted. The call did allow members who would not otherwise have attended the opportunity to do so. Inland Empire, Loma Prieta, East Bay, and Mid Valley chapters were represented by several members at each of their sites. Committee reports were given by each committee chair or a designee by the majority of the committees.

We did unfortunately experience some technical difficulties during the call. Gillian Doxzon from the Inland Empire chapter was able to hear the conference but had to call my cell phone to respond. Michael Vicioso was unable to connect to the call at all. There was a suggestion that conference call etiquette be used to assist the flow of the meeting. Janet O'Leary did an excellent job on the minutes despite having to ask people several times to state their names before speaking.

Establishing a quorum came up as an issue even though we have designated representatives for each chapter. In past practice, if the chapter representative was not present, any member from that chapter assumed the role of representative for that meeting. This poses a bit of a dilemma, however, in that the member voting for the chapter representative has not been authorized to do so. Any quorum or vote can be called into question because the member was not authorized by the chapter president to vote on behalf of that chapter. To prevent this dilemma in the future, if the chapter repre-

sentative or president is unable to attend, they may designate in writing who will represent the chapter for that meeting. This can be in the form of a simple e-mail to the board giving authorization for the designee to speak for the chapter for the designated meeting. This process will ensure the integrity of the vote or action taken by the state council. The board has decided to bring this before the membership at the next meeting in Sacramento.



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into a registered nursing program. In addition to the scholarship, a one-year affiliate membership in the Emergency Nurses Association is included. For more information, see the article on page 3 or visit the Web site at:

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

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## Cal ENA Directory

### Board Members 2006

**President:** Robert Toman  
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**Nursing Leadership In Practice:** Julie Wanstreet  
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The California Emergency Nurses Association is a non-profit professional organization with a membership of approximately 2203. The State Council meets 5 times a year. Correspondence may be sent to:

**Cal ENA**  
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226	<b>Orange Coast</b>	Jody Haynes
228	<b>San Diego</b>	Maureen Philips
230	<b>San Francisco</b>	Mark Wandro
232	<b>Loma Prieta</b>	Garret Chan
253	<b>Sacramento</b>	Diane Schertz
362	<b>Inland Empire</b>	Gail Dodge
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379	<b>Superior</b>	Kara L. Davis
442	<b>Kern County</b>	Amey Heath Riley
443	<b>North Coast</b>	Denise Thomas

## Awards and Scholarships

### 2006 Chapter and State Leadership Awards

California ENA presents two leadership awards annually, the California State Council Leadership Award and the Chapter Leadership Award. This year, the **deadline for nominations for these awards is May 12, 2006**. All the information must be submitted to the State Council President, Robert Toman prior to the May 12<sup>th</sup> deadline. The awards will be presented during the September State Council meeting, to be held in San Antonio on September 12, 2006. Nomination infor-

mation may be submitted to Robert in one of the following methods:

Email: [rtoman@msn.com](mailto:rtoman@msn.com),  
[rtoman@maderahospital.org](mailto:rtoman@maderahospital.org)

Mailed:

3783 W. Robinson Ave.  
Fresno, CA. 93722

*Each chapter may nominate one person for outstanding leadership for Chapter activities. In addition, each chapter may nominate one person for outstanding leadership for State Council activities. Each chapter may submit only one nomination in each category. The written nominations must include a summary of the in-*

*dividual's activities involving their local chapter or State Council. In addition, the following criteria is considered:*

Attendance at Chapter, State and National Meetings Committee Chair or committee membership on Chapter, State and/or National Committee Service in an appointed or elected position at any level and

Contributions to ENA  
\* The nominee must hold professional nursing licensure in the State of California and be a current national ENA member.

*The Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) is dedicated to defining the future of emergency nursing and emergency care through advocacy, expertise, innovation, and leadership.*

*ENA serves 28,724 members and their patients through research, publication, professional development, injury prevention, and patient education.*

### 2006 Scholarship Awards

California ENA awards two scholarships annually, the Dan Kelleher Scholarship and the Entry Level Nursing Scholarship. This year, the **deadline to apply for these scholarships is May 12, 2006**. All information must be submitted to the State Council President, Robert Toman prior to the May 12<sup>th</sup> deadline. The scholarships will be awarded during the September State Council Meeting, to be held in San Antonio on September 12, 2006. Application information may be submitted to Robert in one of the following methods:

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[rtoman@maderahospital.org](mailto:rtoman@maderahospital.org)

Mailed:

3783 W. Robinson Ave.  
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The **Dan Kelleher Scholarship** is awarded in the amount of \$1000 to a qualified applicant who is seeking to further their nursing education to a baccalaureate degree or higher. This scholarship may be divided between two or more qualified applicants at the discretion of the State Council Board of Directors. The written application must include:

- >Resume or Curriculum Vitae
- >Letter of intent, written by the applicant, to include
- >How the profession of emergency nursing will benefit from further education
- >Involvement in ENA, including all offices or appointed positions held within the organization
- >Photocopy or other proof of enrollment or acceptance to a National League of Nursing accredited school.

The **Entry Level Scholarship** is awarded in the amount of \$500 to a qualified applicant who has been accepted to an entry-level registered nursing program. The scholarship also includes a one-year affiliate membership in the Emergency Nurses Association. This scholarship may be divided between two qualified applicants at the discretion of the State Council Board of Directors. The written application must include:

- >Resume or Curriculum Vitae
- >Letter of intent written by the applicant, to include:
- >How nursing will benefit from your entry into the nursing profession
- >How the community will benefit from your nursing education
- >Photocopy or other proof of enrollment or acceptance to a National League of Nursing accredited school.



*Scholarships worth \$1000 and \$500 will be awarded in 2006.*

*Deadline for applications is May 12, 2006*



## Education and Event Calendar

### TNCC Dates: 2006

**March 18 & 19** - Imperial Valley College - Imperial  
Gail Dodge, (909) 472-2680

**April 21 & 22** - Eisenhower Medical Center - Rancho  
Mirage Gail Dodge (909) 472-2680



**April 22 & 23** - UC Davis  
Medical Center - Sacramento  
Elaine Paradis (916) 734-9787

**May 4 & 5** - Doctors Medical  
Center - Modesto  
Elaine Paradis (209) 576-3614

**May 11 & 12**— San Francisco General Hospital, \$275,  
415 206-8196, john.fazio@sfdph.org

**July 12 & 13** - Memorial Medical Center - Modesto  
Elaine Paradis (209) 548-7880

**August 3 & 4** - Doctors Medical Center - Modesto  
Elaine Paradis (209) 576-3614

### ENPC Dates: 2006

**March 16 & 17**—San Francisco General Hospital  
\$275 - ENPC, \$290 - ENPC with PALS Renewal  
(415) 206-8196 john.fazio@sfdph.org

**March 29 & 30** - Memorial Medical Center - Modesto—  
Elaine Paradis (209) 548-7880

**April 22 & 23**- St. Joseph Hospital - Orange  
Flora Tomayasu,

**May 20 & 21** - UC Davis  
Medical Center - Sacramento  
Elaine Paradis (916) 734-9787

**June 6 & 7** - Memorial Medical  
Center - Modesto  
please contact: Elaine Paradis  
(209) 548-7880

**June 24 & 25** - Saddleback Memorial Med Center -  
Laguna Hills Flora Tomayasu, RN MSN CNS

**July 14 & 15** - Children's Hospital - San Diego  
Marty Hay

**July 19 & 20** - Memorial Medical Center - Modesto  
Elaine Paradis (209) 548-7880



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Hay

**Courses and Educational Events maybe added or cancelled after publication. Please confirm dates with course directors or check the Cal ENA web site for updated information. Go to [www.calena.net](http://www.calena.net) and then to Educational Opportunities for current course listings.**

### CEN Review Classes

**March 4 & 5** Oxnard—St. John’s Med Ctr—Selfridge,  
Sparger, Shea (805) 988-2722

**March 24 & 25** Madera—Madera Community  
Hospital—Cheryl Randolph (707) 875-9422

**May 3 & 4**—(8-4) Rancho Mirage—Eisenhower Med Ctr  
Selfridge, Sparger, Shea (760) 773-1302

#### 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

Randolph Associates (707) 875-9422

### Important Dates

#### Board and State Council meetings

**March 14 & 15:** Sacramento

**May 16 & 17:** Fresno

**August 17, 7pm:** Conference Call

**September 12:** San Antonio, TX

**November 2 & 3:** Orange Coast

#### Newsletter Deadline:

**April 10** for next issue, Usually two weeks after each State Council meeting

**Tobacco Tax Act of '06**

The Coalition for a Healthy California joined forces with the California Hospital Association, the California Chapter Academy of Emergency Physicians, and the California Emergency Nurses Association to sponsor a state-wide initiative that would raise the state's tobacco tax by \$2.60 per pack of cigarettes to fund emergency rooms, health insurance for children, nursing education, tobacco-related disease prevention and treatment, care for patients and to reduce smoking addiction. Joining the new effort include the American Cancer Society, American Lung Association of California, American Heart Association, The Children's Partnership, the California Hospital Association, the

California Chapter, American College of Emergency Physicians, California Emergency Nurses Association, PICO California, Children Now, California Primary Care Association, Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, Association of California Nurse Leaders, Emergency and Acute Care Medical Corporation, and the California Association of Physician Groups. The initiative will raise approximately \$2.27 billion annually and be distributed as follows:

- Treatment -- 52.75% (\$1.1 billion) Includes hospital emergency care services (\$828 million), nursing education (\$100 million), community clinics (\$64 million), emergency physicians (\$72 million),

Steve Thompson physician education fund (\$8 million), prostate cancer treatment (\$19 million), tobacco cessation services (\$19 million)

- Prevention -- 42.5% (\$891 million) Includes children's health insurance (\$405 million), tobacco control, education and enforcement programs (\$194 million), cancer, heart and asthma prevention and control programs (\$292 million)
- Research -- 5% (\$105 million) Includes tobacco-related disease and cancer research
- Funding for Proposition 10 programs (\$159 million) and estimated administrative costs (\$3 million)



**The BRN has moved to:**

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**ED RN Fire Survivor Helps Disaster Victims**

Boarding the flight to Houston on September 12, I was as excited as any of the other 30 Scripps Healthcare medical professionals. We were heading to relieve exhausted healthcare givers who had been working around the clock to help Hurricane Katrina victims. I somehow felt I would be especially qualified to help. I thought that having lost everything in the 2003 Cedar Fire, I would be better prepared to handle my emotions and support these evacuees both physically and mentally. Boy, was I wrong! Houston weather was 95 degrees, 95% humidity, and 100% miserable. Upon arrival we were directed to relieve a Texas healthcare team in the convention center. A MASH/ER was set up in one section, while two other sections housed about 3,500 evacuees from Louisiana. Nothing I saw on news broadcasts, and nothing I experienced during the 2003 fire, prepared me for the overwhelming sense of tragedy that came from row after row of evacuees on cots, lined up as far as the eye could see. The lucky ones had a few bags of donated clothing and dry goods. Little kids hugged their new teddy bears and many just lay there or wandered aimlessly about the center. It had been two weeks since the storm, and many of

these victims were still trying to locate family and friends, unsure if or when they might return to their communities. For us, being forced to focus on medical needs was almost a blessing. It kept us from dwelling on all that these people lost and probably would never recover. In addition to the "normal" medical needs of such a large population thrown together in close quarters, many had been exposed to raw sewage from spending days in the floodwaters. So even a simple wound became a nasty infection. Those with pre-existing conditions such as cerebral palsy, autism, or Alzheimers, created an enormous challenge. Two weeks without medications for individuals with diabetes, hypertension, and other serious ailments created an emergency department pace that only few of us have experienced. By midweek, even more evacuees were brought to the convention center. Many of us in the nursing staff worked 12 to 15 hour shifts to triage 200 to 500 patients a day. It was gratifying to see how well different agencies and organizations worked together. Our Medical Command



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## Recruitment and Retention Report

*Ellie Encapera, RN, Chair*

The most current total for our now 13 active Chapters as of January 2006 is 2203.

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

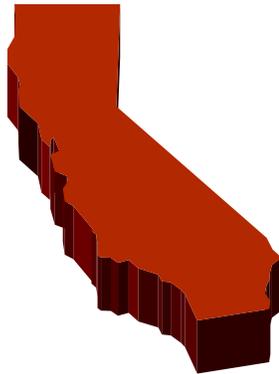
The 2005 State Campaign was entitled "Over the TOP..." a challenge to each chapter to recruit new members, bring back past members and be the chapter with the highest increase in percentage of members by December 2005. The winning chapter will be announced in March 2006 at our first state council meeting in Sacramento.

The CalENA Board continues to mount an intense focus on recruitment and retention this year. 100 pre paid membership awards, purchased by CalENA and were distributed by percentage of each chapter's membership to the state, in early January. Chapter leaders may distribute these awards as they see fit, to recruit and retain members who wish to join ENA. What a great time to join ENA!

Join the ENA Connection on line at [www.ena.org](http://www.ena.org) providing members with information, professional development, networking opportunities and on-line shopping. The "members only" section is great so check it out and sign up today!

**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.**



<b>Spread the word to educational coordinators and recruiters that this committee prepares Cal ENA mailing labels for approved buyers. Encourage them to advertise in your local and state newsletters.</b>	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>12/05</b>	<b>1/06</b>
	(223) East Bay	188	190
	(224) Greater LA	337	340
	(225) Mid-Valley	194	207
	(226) Orange Coast	210	215
	(228) San Diego	284	290
	(230) San Francisco	147	158
	(232) Loma Prieta	162	172
	(253) Sacramento	236	246
	(362) Inland Empire	204	211
	(378) Channel Islands	74	78
	(379) Superior	61	62
	(442) Kern County	10	14
	(443) North Coast	14	18
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>2218</b>	<b>2203</b>

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Center was staffed by various public health, Scripps Hospital, and Houston emergency services administrators. Even Walgreen's became a team member, supplying medications. This synergy reminded me of how well our community worked together after the fire.

One of the rewards was meeting so many dedicated volunteers. I even met a "neighbor" for the first time. Jim, an ICU nurse from Scripps La Jolla Hospital, worked alongside me since we arrived. On day five, while riding the shuttle to an assignment, I discovered that Jim and his wife live in Scripps Ranch. His neighbor lost his home in the firestorm. To our amazement, we realized we were both born in the same hospital in Hammond, Indiana. Small world.

Flying home a week later, we all felt proud to have contributed in some small way to the health and comfort of so many disaster victims. Personally, the experience made me reflect on how different my experience with a disaster was compared to the people of the Gulf Coast. Their stories of waiting days to be rescued from attics of homes, seeing dead bodies float past them, and watching everything they have ever owned washed away, brought many of us to tears on a daily basis.

Sitting in the airplane, I looked forward to returning to my rebuilt home, the beneficiary of strong community support and good insurance. With this anticipation came a sense of guilt, knowing that many of the folks I left in Houston are not going to be that fortunate.

*Darlene Bourdon, RN  
Scripps ED*

## Committee and Chapter News

### Disaster Interest Group

January 2006 Meeting

**JCAHO** Hospitals who completed surveys, report a focus on security and evacuation.

**WEB EOC** Multiple hospitals are using this system. Check out the web site at [www.webeoc.com](http://www.webeoc.com).

**ESARVIP** This federal mandate/statewide registry is under development. As of now it includes physicians and nurses. It will later be expanded to include nurse practitioners, respiratory therapists and other not mentioned specialties.

**CHA** The following is available on the CHA web site:  
[www.calhealth.org/public/pubs/advocacy.html](http://www.calhealth.org/public/pubs/advocacy.html)

**Are We Ready? An Examination of California's Preparedness for a Mass Casualty Event** is intended to raise issues and stimulate discussion about preparedness for mass casualty events. It discusses the elements and indicators of mass casualty planning and preparedness, and highlights challenges facing California hospitals and others to respond to and recover from a large-scale event.

**Pandemic flu** Most of the meeting focused on planning for pandemic flu. It was clearly stated this is not just looking at the present Avian Influenza, but any form of pandemic emergency. Although it should be noted, WHO (World Health Organization) puts the world currently in Phase 3 for pandemic.

Current intelligence says to plan for 3

waves of an occurrence. It is generally thought there will be 6 weeks of surge followed by a recovery period. A second hit will follow, recover, hit and recover.

DHS's Plan is available for review at <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/>

**HERSA** A survey will soon be distributed to hospitals concerning Surge Capacity. HERSA requires this information be reported at a local, regional and state level. Future HERSA funding is contingent upon collection of this information.

Although no date was mentioned as to distribution, final comments have already been made on the document.

*Judy Scott  
DIG member  
Representing ENA*

### Chapter News

**Orange Coast** is planning a November Educational event to coincide with the State Council meeting.

**Sacramento** is planning a CEN review Course on May 4 & 5.

**Inyo** had their first meeting on Feb. 8; On Feb. 18 & 19 they sponsored a CEN Re-

view course.

**East Bay** has 4 meetings planned for 2006; they are proud to have 10 new members; Becky Peterson is helping them plan an educational event in July/ August.

**Mid-Valley** is holding a CEN Review Course on March 24 & 25; they hope to have sponsorship from

Genentech for their educational event at the Fresno State Council meeting on May 16-17.

**Channel Islands** Chapter Meeting will be March 18. It will be preceded by a yard sale/fund raiser at 8am.



**Save the Date!**  
**18 May 2006**  
**LPENA Update**

Regional Med Ctr  
San Jose, CA  
Info: [Karen Grove grovek@aol.com](mailto:Karen.Grove@aol.com)

**You can earn one (1) CE**, at no cost for reading the Monitor.

After reading the newsletter, complete the evaluation below and email to

**Becky Petersen at: [petersenr@medamerica.com](mailto:petersenr@medamerica.com)**

You will receive your CE certificate within 30 days by mail. Provider approved by the California BRN Provider #10609 for 1 contact hour.

Objectives:

After reading the Monitor the reader will be able to:

1. Locate the next local TNCC Class.
2. Know the benefits of the Tobacco Tax Initiative.
3. List ways you can be a more effective member of your professional organization.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ License# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

1. Were the education objectives met?  
Yes  No
2. Identify the location of your next TNCC Class.
3. List 3 sponsors of the Tobacco Tax Initiative.
4. List 3 requirements for a scholarship application.
5. Suggestions for future Educational Offerings.



Next Meeting:  
Sacramento



**Tuesday, March 14**  
**Cal/ACEP - CalENA Joint Legislative Conference 7:45am-12:30pm**  
**Meetings with Legislators 1-5pm**  
*(Email your name and address to: twallace@calacep.org to register)*

**Tuesday, March 14, 4-7pm**  
**Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, March 15, 8am-3pm**  
**Committees and State Council**

**Hyatt Regency Sacramento**  
1209 L Street  
Sacramento

**Tel: (916) 443-1234 Fax: (916) 321-3099**

**From Sacramento International Airport (15 minutes):**  
Take the "J" St. exit off I-5 South. Proceed east. Turn right at 13th St. Turn right at "L" St.  
The hotel is at 12th St. and "L" St.

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