

THE PULSE: Sacramento Chapter Newsletter

EMERGENCY SYMPOSIUM, OCTOBER 12 AND 13

There is still space available in our educational event. We will guarantee breakfast and lunch to all participants only with pre-paid registration by October 7. All others will be first-come first-serve. This year we are happy to announce the availability of a vegetarian option.

Located at Courtyard Marriot, 4422 Y Street, Sacramento. Onsite parking is free.

CHAPTER MEETING AND DINNER, OCTOBER 13

Please join us at our next chapter meeting to hear about all that happened in San Antonio. We will also be discussing plans for our chapter in the months and year to come. Attendance is open to all. We would love to have you join us and share your ideas.

Please RSVP to sacenaboard@ymail.com to attend. Dinner will be provided for all who RSVP. RSVP is not automatic with Emergency Symposium registration.

October 13, 6pm at Courtyard Marriot

FALL 2010 GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

By, Craig Blomberg, GAC Chairperson

Of the three platforms of the Sac Chapter of CalENA (Membership, Education and Legislation), Legislation is, perhaps, what distinguishes us most from other chapters. Our proximity to state lawmakers gives us a wonderful opportunity to practice, not just at the bedside, but also under the capitol dome. In March, Debby Rogers, RN (our public policy-mentor), gave CalENA members an overview of the Sacramento political process as part of our annual Legislative Days. The two-day event also included visits with ENA members' respective legislators. During the visits, we deployed our "Legislative 411" business cards, to help legislators reach their constituent nurses for consultation and feed-back over pending legislation...it was an unmitigated success! For those new to state health care politics, Cal ENA has advocated on many issues including: protecting Poison Control against closure, helping to streamline the process for getting automatic defibrillators placed in public and commercial settings, developing a statewide, standardized way to assess ED crowding, and many others. Although I have been actively involved with health-care policy in the distant past, this is my first foray from the Emergency Nursing perspective. Recently, I met with staff members for my district's state Senator and Assembly-member to see how we, the front door to our hospitals, can assist in

making our giant, confusing health care system be more effective. A new 2-year legislative session will begin this winter and, naturally, how the state will participate in federal health care reform implementation will be a dominant topic. Please contact me: cyclrn@gmail.com for more information.

2010 SAN ANTONIO GENERAL AND SCIENTIFIC ASSEMBLY

By, Kristen Connor, 2010-2011 Chapter President

Thank you to all who served as delegates. We had six people representing our chapter; Kristen Connor, Heather Venezia, Diane Schertz, Judy Scott, Tim Rohan, and Cecil Gowan. Our delegates received \$300 stipend from the California council and \$150 stipend from our chapter. We had an exciting five days of discussions, networking, education, socializing, rain and Mexican food. Feel free to ask our delegates how to become a delegate for 2011 GA/SA in Tampa, Florida.

My apologies to the late notice regarding the California Reception in San Antonio. We did not find out about it until the day before. I am thrilled that so many of you checked you iPhones and e-mail. It proves that this Mail Chimp thing works. I think our chapter may have had the largest number in attendance. You folks are wonderful.

Debby Rogers was inducted into the Academy of Emergency Nursing during a wonderful dinner and reception. She has made an outstanding impact to emergency nursing throughout her many years as a member of ENA and lobbyist. Congratulations Debby!

We will go into greater detail about this national conference at the dinner and chapter meeting next week.