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July Chapter Meeting News

Voting for the 2010 term was completed. Congratulations to Kristen Connor who will continue to serve as President-elect and Deb Trainor who will join the board as Treasurer/Secretary-elect.

Blake McKinney, MD gave a very informative talk on H1N1. He gave the most up-to-date statistics and told us what to expect in the months to come. Of course, as Dr. McKinney reiterated, the best way to protect yourself is to use the old time tested methods of “coughing into your sleeve”, and diligent hand washing or gel/foam. Everyone who attended earned 1 CEU.

August State Council Meeting News

Election Results- State election results were announced—visit <http://www.calena.us/>. Two lucky winners received free registration of their choice to a national conference.

Government Affairs Committee updates

- The BRN is proposing doubling of renewal fees and increasing enforcement.
- AB83, the Good Samaritan law, has been expanded to include medical and non-medical care.
- AB911, ED overcrowding, is moving forward. CalACEP and ENA are working together to make this bill more functional, easier to use, and more effective for staff and patients.
- AB1272, the Trauma Center: Helicopters bill is dead for this season. UCSF now has limited helipad use, but SF General doesn't. Sadly, SFG is the trauma center.

Poison Control- The California Poison Control System has been in jeopardy due to the recent state budget issues. They were given limited funding with the recent budget, however, so they remain available as a resource for both patients and ER staff.

Course in Advanced Trauma (CATNII) - This class uses a conceptual approach, using case reviews, to enhance complex decision-making skills in the advance trauma nurse. If anyone is interested in bringing this class to their area please contact a state Trauma Committee member (info online). Multiple grants are available to fund this endeavor.



Upcoming Events

SAC CHAPTER

Chapter Meeting

Date: December 3, 2009
Location: UCDCM PSSB
Basement
Time: 1830

For future meetings, visit
www.calena.us and click on
"Sacramento Chapter"

STATE

State Meeting and Leadership Orientation

Date: November 12 and 13, 2009
Location: San Diego, CA

For future meetings, visit
www.calena.us/meetings.htm

NATIONAL

STAT: 2009 ENA Annual Conference

Date: October 7-10, 2009
Location: Baltimore, MD

For more information, visit
www.ena.org/conferences



The Foundation and state challenge- Our state contributed just over \$5100 to the ENAF state challenge this year. This exceeded our goal of \$1 per member. Because we exceeded \$5000, National has given us the opportunity to name one of the scholarships that are funded from this fundraiser. We decided to name it the "Robert Toman Memorial Scholarship". Robert Toman passed away since our last meeting. He was a longtime active member, an outstanding mentor to many, and served as President of California and the Trauma Committee Chairperson.

Trauma Committee- \$1000 was donated to the Toman family immediately upon hearing of his passing. The committee also was able to give the State Council \$10,000 from the Trauma Committee operating expenses. They receive much of their funding from TNCC, ENPC, and CATN classes.

STAT: 2009 ENA Annual Conference

October 7 is almost here! Space is still available if you are interested in attending. Delegates, make sure you are prepared so you may represent us well. Highlights from the conference will be available in the next newsletter.

Educational Opportunities

Interested in TNCC, ENPC, or a CEN Review? Visit the ENA website at www.calena.us and click on "Education." Here are a few of the offerings.

- TNCC, UCDCM, September 19-20, 2009
- ENPC, UCDCM, October 3-4, 2009
- CEN Review, Vallejo, October 7, 2009
- Totally Trauma, Lake Tahoe, October 15-16, 2009
- JUST ADDED: CEN Review, Sacramento, November 12-13

View brochure and register at

<http://www.bemetweb.com/CEN/CEN-2009-1112-CA/CEN-2009-1112-CA-003.pdf>

Brochures are available to print and register for the courses. In addition, several online courses are available through www.ena.org. You can find CEN reviews, encore presentations from the 2009 Leadership Conference, and Emergency Nursing Triage education.

Sacramento Chapter Meeting—December 3, 2009

Due to the close proximity of the Nuts and Bolts course, the ENA Annual Conference, and the next scheduled Sacramento Chapter meeting, the October 3 meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting will be held in December at UC Davis Medical Center.

December 3, 2009, 1830-2100
UCDCM, PSSB Basement
2315 Stockton Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95817

Emergency Nurses Week- October 11-17, 2009

Emergency Nurses Day- October 14, 2009

Once a year, emergency nurses are recognized for their commitment to compassion and the profession. This year, the theme of Emergency Nurses Week is "Prepared for the Unexpected." This year, recognize and honor yourself and your coworkers for their hard work and devotion.

CEN® Exam Discount for Nurse's Week

Certification is another tangible way to show the world that we know our stuff!

The usual cost of the exam is \$220 for members and \$360 for non-ENA members, with a savings of \$20 per person when registered in a group of 3 or more.

In special recognition of Emergency Nurses Week, the BCEN is offering first time candidates, who register during the month of October, a \$25 reduction on the exam fee. Promotional code is **CEN-OCT**.

CalENA Shirts

CalENA shirts are available for purchase. Contact Teri Sturgill at tsturgill6@yahoo.com to order. Prices do not include shipping.

Ladies long sleeve tan dress shirts \$41.50

Men's long sleeve tan shirt \$43.50

Ladies and men's navy polo \$33.50

Call for Ideas

Is there something you'd like to see in the next newsletter? Are you interested in contributing? Let me know!

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