A Message from our 2015 California State President/San Diego Chapter Past President– Susan Smith

At the 2015 Emergency Nurses’ Conference in Orlando, I looked around at the amazing nurses who personify the mission of the Emergency Nurses Association to advocate for patient safety and excellence in emergency nursing practice. The ENA annual report contains a quote I think sums it up well: “We didn’t stand in line. We were the front line”. We are fortunate to belong to a family of nurses who are the respected front line and to have this strong organization which supports and advocates for our patients, the public and emergency nurses on so many levels.

This summer your California Board of Directors met for an intense working weekend, some may also refer to it as a retreat. In my world retreat typically involves a spa and there was surely no spa involved...but the definition of a retreat also includes: “a period of group withdrawal for prayer, meditation, study or instruction under a director”. We were fortunate to have Louise Hummel and our 2015 National ENA President, Matt Powers, provide the instruction and guidance. What was scheduled as a two hour overview turned into a six-hour history lesson and discussion of the future direction of CalENA. Everyone agreed that the Chapter leaders and representatives would greatly benefit from this and it was presented at the November meeting in San Diego by Louise Hummel, RN. While at this retreat we updated our strategic plan to be more inline with national’s strategic plan and revised our State Bylaws. The by-law revisions were distributed via email, reviewed at the August meeting and voted on in November.

I again want express my appreciation for each and every one of you. Some of you heard the 2014 ENA Foundation talk, “Power of One” and heard the words from Seleem Choudhury, “If we can make a difference with one nurse, one grant, one scholarship, that person can start a tidal wave of change”. Thank you, each of you, for your work and dedication. Each one of you powers this organization and makes a difference. It has been an honor to serve you as California State president in 2015.
State Council Members including our own Susan Smith-2015 State President, and Cheryl Graydon-State Treasurer Elect.

San Diego Chapter Members
Cheryl Graydon, Dianne Idman-Gervais, Susan Smith
Sharp Memorial ED Nurse’s Jackie Young and Maria Bolano presented at the Conference

10 San Diego Chapters served as California State Delegates at General assembly

Susan Smith, Louise Hummel, Linda Rosenberg, Cheryl Graydon, Marty Hay, Linda Broyles, Dianne Idman-Gervais, Sheri Eden, Sergio Morquecho
San Diego Chapter ENA Sponsored Bonfire Event

San Diego Chapter of ENA sponsored a Bonfire event on November 12, 2015 after the State Educational event. It was held on the beach at Kona Kai resort on Shelter Island. Everybody enjoyed the cozy fire, amazing view and great company of fellow ENA Members from around the state.

San Diego ENA volunteers to man First Aid booths for “Pedal for the Cause”, September 2015
On Friday October 16th, in celebration of Emergency Nurses Week, San Diego Chapter of ENA rented the Coronado theater for a viewing of “Code Black”; an awarding winning documentary on ED overcrowding and staffing from a physician’s perspective.

Happy Emergency Nurses week!

2016 California ENA State Council Meetings

State Council meeting on Friday January 8, 2016 in San Francisco at the Marines Memorial.

March 16th ‘Leg Day” at the State house. State Council meeting March 17, 2016 at the Hyatt Sacramento.

May 12 -Board Meeting followed by State council meeting May 13, 2016 -location in Fresno TBD

State Council meeting Friday May 12, 2016 -Location TBD

State council meeting Friday November 11, 2016 -Location TBD

All Are Welcome!
Get Involved in ENA

ENA'S VISION STATEMENT
ENA is indispensable to the global emergency nursing community.

ENA'S MISSION STATEMENT
The mission of the Emergency Nurses Association is to advocate for patient safety and excellence in emergency nursing practice.

We would love to see more members join ENA and our local San Diego Chapter. Be part of what may make a difference in your patient care, safety of ED Staff and a multitude of other issues ENA is involved with. Be that voice, advocate for your patients.

San Diego Chapter meets the third Tuesday of the month at 4pm.
Meetings are held a Sharp Spectrum 8695 Spectrum Center Blvd 92123. Your Board for 2016 is:
Dianne L Idman-Gervias, RN- President ( Sharp Grossmont)
Mary Meadows-Pitt, RN-President Elect (Sharp Grossmont)
Sheri Eden, RN-Past President (Rady’s Childrens)
Cheryl Graydon, RN-Treasurer (Palomar)
Linda Rosenberg, RN-Secretary (Sharp Memorial)
Susan Smith, RN-Media Relations (SD County EMS)

Congratulations to San Diego 2015 Scholarship recipients.
Scholarship applications will be available on the website in January 2016
Save The Date!!

Annual 911 Conference

Date: Friday April 29, 2016

Location: La Mesa Community Center
4975 Memorial Drive
La Mesa, CA 91942

Time-Registration & Breakfast 7:15
Conference 8-16:30

(Breakfast & Lunch included)

Topics and Registration Information will be available after January 2016