

# DC ENA Newsletter

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## Dallas County ENA Officers

### President

Mr. Loren D. Larkin, RN  
Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas

### Immediate Past President

Mary Dunklin, RN  
Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas

### President-Elect

Mary Dunklin, RN  
Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas

### Treasurer

Joy Bilitz, RN

### Secretary/Newsletter

Mary Beth Reid, RN  
Kindred Healthcare Tarrant County



### **Farewell**

The year is coming to an end. Some of this year's accomplishments have been as follows:

The ENA Chapter is now incorporated.  
The President and the Treasurer are bonded.  
The Chapter had a very successful CEN Review Course.  
The DFW Symposium was a success.

I am looking forward to turning the reins over to Loren Larkin as the Chapter President. I am sure he will do a wonderful job the next year. I have enjoyed the comradeship that the board members have demonstrated this year. I will now step back and be there for Loren. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the 2008 ENA meetings.

It has been a pleasure serving the chapter as your president.

Mary Dunklin, 2007 DCENA Chapter President



## Delegate Daze 2007

The long days, the packed agenda and the opportunity to be a representative of our Texas State Chapter of ENA granted me a wonderful experience that can be characterized as marvelous! Although dazed by the many hours of reports, speeches of congratulation, listed goals and accomplishments and future plans of achievement, I will never forget the opportunity that I have been given.

There is nothing like the excitement of traveling for the purpose of representing a good cause. The 2007 ENA General Assembly in Salt Lake City, Utah, was a great opportunity to think and speak my convictions, while representing the Nurses in Dallas County ENA, as well as, the Great State Chapter of Texas.

The days were long and the discussions were many. The process for doing Emergency Nurses' business was very organized and handled with great respect by the ENA Board and all the delegates that represented the fifty states. Delegates were bold, yet respectful of all who made comments or shared ideas. ENA staff members were there to assist in every way possible.

The business at hand was just a part of the great experience that flowed on into opportunities to fellowship with others from all over the United States and to learn more about my role as an emergency nurse. Educational opportunities were available to all who would simply attend and drink in all there was to learn. The many exhibits represented the most recent technology and evidenced based practice to be applied by Emergency Nurses.

I was very proud of many of the Texas State members who actively and professionally participated in the business at hand and then represented all of us as testimonies of how one's life can have a profound impact. I watched with pride and appreciation as Sally Snow and Michael Moon were inducted into the Academy of Emergency Nurses and swelled with greater pride as our own faithful, Vicki Patrick, stood as a current member of the Academy.

Dazed, yes. Downcast, no! The long hours and numerous meetings were all worth it. The energy I received and the motivation to serve emergency nurses in our Chapter and our State is even stronger.

**No Boundary too Far**

During 2007, I have enjoyed serving along side Mary Dunklin, President of DCENA this past year. We have worked well together and have both learned many valuable lessons under the mentorship of Hollie Gehring, the immediate past president of DCENA 2007.

It is wonderful to be able to build on a strong past and spring forward to an even stronger future, knowing that I have strong mentors to help guide me.

2008 promises to be a great opportunity for Dallas County ENA. However, it will take all of us to accomplish great things. I am asking each of you to consider your part in promoting Emergency Nursing in 2008. I really have a burden to reach into our chapter boundaries and touch the lives of Nurses who live throughout our chapter boundary and beyond. I hope we can also extend a warm welcome to Nursing Students.

I hope that you will dream with me, and help me put together a plan that will allow us to introduce ENA to the Emergency Nurses in our Chapter boundary. I hope we can evaluate their needs and encourage them to become members of ENA and join us at the Chapter, State and even the National ENA level. I would like to see us set a goal of having 500 members by August 2008.

Think with me as I seek clarity in planning a way for all of us to be actively involved in "No Boundary too Far." I look forward to hearing your needs and your ideas for Dallas County Emergency Nurses Association. Please email me any of your ideas and/or needs.

2008 President  
Dallas County Chapter of ENA  
Loren D. Larkin, RN  
[LorenLarkin@Texashealth.org](mailto:LorenLarkin@Texashealth.org)

## Internet Resources

Stay Informed - Utilize the ENA Website resources. You will be glad you did.

DCENA Website

[www.dcena.org](http://www.dcena.org)

TENA Website

[www.TXENA.org](http://www.TXENA.org)

National ENA website

[www.ena.org/](http://www.ena.org/)

# CEN Certification



New CEN® Content Outline Effective July 1, 2007

**Do it for yourself. You're ready!**

**Thank you Medical Center of Plano.**

**How can we say thank you? Your generosity and steadfast support have been greatly appreciated. We have realized an increased attendance since you opened your doors to us.**

**We have had great success with our regular meetings, as well as, a successful CEN review class that reached out to over 50 emergency nurses.**

**We again, say Thank You!**

**We appreciate you.**

**The DCENA Board of Directors 2007**

**DCENA Membership Drive  
Goal for 2008:**

**Increase membership**

**Ask co-workers to renew their ENA membership this year**

**Let's reach those emergency nurses in hospitals in our outer regions**

**Dallas Chapter ENA now has 402 members**

## DCENA Treasurer's Report

**Report by Joy Bilitz, RN**

**Beginning balance: \$10,621.65**

**Withdrawals: \$117.38 (Holly for banner)**

**Deposits: \$ 2,977.86 (DFW Symposium & chapter money)**

**Balance as of 11/13/2007 \$13,519.51**

## Meet the DC ENA Board for 2008.

If you happened to notice on the front page, the new board members are located there also. Comparing it to last years the names look fairly the same. Our 2008 President is Mr. Loren D. Larkin, RN. He has spent this past year learning the role from Mary Dunklin who is now our Immediate Past President.

Nominations were slim (as in none) for the President-Elect position. Mary Dunklin, RN graciously offered to fill the position stating she has learned so much in the position and feels she will be able to do a great job in supporting Loren and expanding her role. Joy Bilitz, RN has done a great job as Treasurer. We know she will represent us well for 2008.

I volunteered to continue with the role of Secretary and attempt the role of providing the Quarterly Newsletter. Mary Beth Reid

**Get Involved and let  
ENA truly represent you.**

### Committees:

**Trauma/Pediatric: Julie Lester (trauma);**

**Christie Benners (Pediatrics)**

**Professional Education: Mary Dunklin**

**Nursing Practice/Government Affairs:**

**Loren Larkin**

**Membership: Joy Bilitz**

**Get a Friend to Join ENA Today**



## Vicki Patrick Pinned as Past Texas ENA President

October 13, 2007, during the Texas State ENA meeting, Dallas County ENA honored Mrs. Vicki Patrick as an outstanding model and mentor. The Texas State Pin designed to honor those who have served as President of the Texas ENA was given to Mrs. Patrick by Mary Dunklin, the 2007 DCENA President as a special gift from the Dallas County Chapter.



(R-L) Loren Larkin, Vicki Patrick, and Mary Dunklin



## Baby Moses Coming Soon

### Dallas County ENA wants to come to your city or hospital

Have you thought about having DCENA representatives come to your area? We really want to know your needs. Would you write and tell us how we could help you or your hospital be better equipped as Emergency Nurses? As we plan for next years projects know that we are very interested in reaching out and meeting you where you are. Contact me asap and maybe we will come to your area.

Write: [LorenLarkin@Texashealth.org](mailto:LorenLarkin@Texashealth.org)

## Topics for Learning

### Nursing Practice Committee Report

By Loren D. Larkin, RN

I will be the new Chair for the State Nursing Practice Committee. Please help me understand some of the issue that you are facing in your hospitals.

We are still focused on many topics, which include:

1. Administration of propofol in the ED by ED Nurses. Our BNE is very much against this as are several other State Boards. We need to hear from you, so we can know how to proceed on this topic.
2. Standard minimal requirements for practice for ED Nurses. What should be required? TNCC, ENPC, CEN, ACLS, PALS, etc.
3. We still are interested in more formal review of actual practice versus stated policy for Narcotic waste. Holly Gehring had a great breakdown for evaluation and observation that I would like to pass on. Her reporting was formatted as below:

"I observed \_\_\_ narcotic waste transactions. These are the findings that I have.

\_\_Wasted correctly at the time of the dispensing (this is the only actual observed medication wasting and only process done that ensures the correct waste in med cabinet and ensures patient safely)

\_\_Wasted at time of dispensing without actual witness (verbally done as "I am going to waste 1 mg..")

\_\_Wasted after patient medication administration to the patient and shown a "syringe of medication" as 1 mg of whatever

\_\_Wasted after patient medication administration to the patient as a verbal waste.. "I wasted 1 mg of Dilaudid on Mr. Jones"..