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Membership Drive- Help us get to 500

Current membership for Dallas County Chapter 190 is 427 . DCENA goal for membership is 500 members by December. Please contact us concerning discounted membership.

If you are thinking of joining ENA or it is time for you to renew your membership be one of the first 100 to do so by December 1st and save \$10.00 on your registration.

1. If you are currently a member go onto the ENA website and click the left hand menu for membership and choose renew membership. This will pull up your current membership data. Print a copy of it and make any corrections to the printed page and mail it with your money order for \$86.00
2. If you are not a member but want to join Go to www.ENA.Org then go to Membership, choose I Want to Join. When the blank form appears print the form. Fill in the data requested. Mail the form and a money order for \$86.00

It must be mailed in C/O Loren Larkin 1905 Peppertree Drive Little Elm, Tx 75068. Make your Money order out to Dallas County ENA

If you have any questions please contact Loren Larkin 214 345-6443 or lorenlarkin@texashealth.org

CEN Certification

You are Invited!

**DCENA Membership Drive Goal
for 2008**

Increase membership

Ask your co-workers to renew their ENA membership this year
Let's reach those emergency nurses in hospitals in our outer regions.

Dallas ENA Chapter now has 427 members



New CEN@Content Outline Effective July 1, 2007

**Certification in Emergency Nursing
Don't wait. Plan to attend a review course
in the near future.**

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

How can I get involved in Dallas County ENA? We need interested persons in learning the wonders of ENA. Come and learn what Emergency Nurses are planning for the future, in fact, come and be a part of the Future.

Talent Search-

We are looking for interested ED Nurses with a Pediatric background to plan for the future CEN Pediatric Review for our area. Please contact a member of the DCENA Board.

Get a Friend to Join ENA Today



Future Dates to Remember

**Emergency Nurse Leader Forum
Building Nurse-Physician Relationships
June 3-4, 2008 Las Vegas, Nevada**

**August 1, 2008
DFW Symposium**

**AMH Hospital Arlington, Texas
Featuring Donna Mason, Past President for ENA**



SBIRT

**Alcohol Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment
Just one other Injury Prevention tool
provided by ENA
Look for information on the ENA Website**

Leadership Meeting

The ENA Leadership Meeting was held in Honolulu this past February. Mary Dunklin attended and it provided information that was very useful for any nurse. Some of the subjects included role of the charge nurse and national standards for JCAHO. There was also fun included. The Stryker Company provided free appetizers with a free drink with entertainment from a Hawaiian dance group. It was very interesting and exciting. Every ENA member should plan to attend a Leadership conference. But, don't forget about the National Scientific Conference being held in Minneapolis this year in September.

Decide Now to attend the National Assembly -- General ENA Assembly September 24-25, 2008
(Contact us and ask how you can be involved)
Scientific Assembly September 23-27

Committees

Trauma/Pediatric: Julie Lester (trauma);
 Christie Benners (Pediatrics)
 Professional Education: Mary Dunklin
 Nursing Practice/Government Affairs:
 Loren Larkin
 Membership: Joy Bilitz

DCENA Treasurer's Report

Report by Joy Bilitz, RN
Beginning balance 3/08: \$13,987.13
Withdrawals: \$613.23
Deposits: \$ 0
Balance as of 4/30/2008 \$13,373.90



DFW Symposium August 1, 2008 Arlington, Texas

Plan to attend the DFW Symposium and hear many wonderful speakers who are active emergency nurses and managers across Texas and beyond. We will have the privilege of hosting our 2007 ENA President Donna Mason. Plan to be present to learn, network and enjoy numerous vendor that will challenge your knowledge of current Emergency Department practice. See you August 1st.
 Go to the DCENA Website and register today!

Email address—for registration confirmation only

Check one and Circle Amount Enclosed	Postmarked by 7/15/08	At Door
<input type="checkbox"/> ENA Member	\$ 110	\$ 130
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-ENA Member	\$ 150	\$ 170
<input type="checkbox"/> Allied Professionals (LVN, SN, EMT-P)	\$ 90	\$ 110

Mail Registration and Check or money order by 7/15/08 to:
 Tarrant County ENA
 305 Aqua Vista
 Granbury, TX 76049
 Make payable to: Tarrant County ENA

After July 15th, Please register at the door

Editorial

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on the other side of trauma is not where I ever want to be again, but watching that trauma team in action made me so very proud to be an emergency nurse. What we do and how we do it makes such a difference.

Mary Beth Reid
DCCENA Secretary

The Other Side of Trauma

While at work on the afternoon of February 13th, I heard my personal cell phone beep indicating I had a voice message. It was from my oldest son saying “Mom, call me. Shawn has been in a motorcycle accident on 75 and is being sent to Parkland in a helicopter.” My world stopped.

Shawn is my 20 year old, 6 foot 5 inches, 340 pound “baby” boy. From past experiences as an ER nurse my brain told me to prepare for the worse: severe head trauma, spinal injuries, internal injuries, fractures... even death, while my heart was praying for the best. It took me about 45 minutes to get from work to the hospital’s Emergency Room. I rushed to the window and told the person at the window my son’s name and was handed the green pass allowing me to go back to the trauma room. As I walked into the vast halls of the ER, a previous nursing student of mine saw me and asked what I was doing there. I told her and she immediately walked me to his room. The sweetest words I will ever hear were “Hey, Mom!” as I walked into the room. He could talk and he knew who I was – I knew I could deal with anything else.

The experience was awesome to watch from an ER nurse perspective and most reassuring from the mom side. Working as a well trained team, the healthcare providers explained to my son and me what they were doing. They were very meticulous as they cleaned the massive abrasions covering my son’s body and made sure he had enough pain medications as they applied an antibiotic ointment and gently wrapped his body. It was like watching a TNCC’s The Nursing Process scenario. Just being able to stand in the room and observe was comforting.

We were blessed. The motorcycle was totaled, the helmet was cracked where his head hit the pavement, and the face shield had been ripped off in the tumbling, but my son broke no bones, had no internal injuries – just a lot of “road-rash” and a concussion. He spent the night on the trauma floor and went home the next morning. He does not remember much about the experience in the ER except for when he was rolled onto his side and a certain spinal reflex was assessed.

I never really thought about how my actions and motions of “just doing my job” could be so comforting to an observing family member. Being

Internet Resources

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

DCENA Website
www.dцена.org

TENA Website
www.TXENA.org

National ENA website
www.ena.org/

President’s Note:

I want to thank all of you for your thoughts and prayers over the last year as I have been challenged personally with the death process for my dear mother. She died April 8, 2008.

I want to thank Mary Dunklin, President elect for all her support and for taking up all the slack since I have had to be out for the last two Dallas County ENA meetings. She has helped facilitate so many things for me. All of the DCENA officers have been so helpful. We have even had great involvement from some of you. Again, I say thank you.

I hope that this year has been challenging, but wonderful year for each of you. I hope you will take the time to vote online for the National ENA officers. I also hope that you will think about your part in bringing ENA activity to your local work place and community. I am still burdened that many of our members are in areas that may not be feeling supported by DCENA. This is where your input is so necessary. You must let me know if you are interested in me coming to your hospital or area with a general ENA interest meeting. I would be glad to make those plans as long as someone in your area is willing to coordinate with me. I would also be willing to speak on a topic or bring someone with me to

Patient Safety

Speak so those attending could have a learning opportunity as well.

Certification as an Emergency Nurse (CEN) is a rewarding opportunity to challenge yourself in the year ahead. I would love for the number of certified persons in DCENA to increase this year. Set that goal for yourself. I had CCRN certification years ago and have attended many schools of learning, but it wasn't until recently that I sat for the CEN exam. I was so excited to have that personal accomplishment.

DFW Symposium August 1st should prove to be an exciting time of learning. We will have great speakers from across our State and will be graced with the wisdom of Donna Mason, our ENA National President for 2007. Please plan now to attend. You can get your registration information on our www.dцена.org Website.

Thank you for helping with recruiting for DCENA. We saw our numbers fluctuate at the end of last year, but today we are at 427 members. Thanks to all of you for spreading the word. Don't forget to encourage others to join. If they do it before June 10th, it may help us have additional delegate seats at the Annual Conference September 23- 27, 2008 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

I love it when many of you email me after I have sent you a broadcast of information. Please feel free to email me at anytime. I will do my best to answer you quickly and honestly. I really want to hear from you.

Serving Dallas County ENA,

Mr. Loren D. Larkin, RN, BSN, MA, CEN



Have you thought about serving as an officer for DCENA? Plan to attend the June meeting of DCENA and let's talk.

Delegate application due by June 1, 2008. Send to Loren D. Larkin 1905 Peppertree Dr. Little Elm, Tx

Plan to attend our June DCENA meeting at Medical Center of Plano. Fellowship over a meal provided by Ortho-McNeil with other members and guests and hear Dr. Tad Stiles speak on Patient Safety and Medication Errors.

Medical Center of Plano 7 PM

Forensic Nursing

August 12, 2008 7PM – 9PM

Presbyterian Hospital of Plano

Last chance before credential auditing begins in Austin

Judy Common RN, CA/CP, SANE will present the two hour Forensic Nursing materials that are required for the Texas State Board of Nursing. Judy has been very excited and helpful in presenting this needed topic to area ED nurses.

The Dallas County ENA chapter presents this topic as a courtesy to Emergency Nurses in the metroplex. We will be inviting all members, as well as, guests to attend this special meeting to fulfill the Texas Board of Nursing requirement for 2 hours of Forensic Nursing.

Although, there is no cost, please email me to make reservations at:

LorenLarkin@texashealth.org

Watch the www.dцена.org website for updated information.

