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Fall 2000

Illinois Council Emergency Nurses Association

Presidents Message

By: Paula Tanabe

The focus of my messages and Illinois ENA for 2000 is to answer the question frequently asked; "What does ENA do for me; why should I join?" Your State Officers and Committee Chairpersons worked hard all summer formulating a five (5) year Strategic Plan for the Illinois State Council Emergency Nursing Association to better meet your needs for the next 5 years. Enclosed in this issue you will find a draft version of the Strategic Plan for Illinois ENA for the years of 2001-2005. We based this plan on the information from members throughout the state and information provided to us when you responded to the Needs Assessment conducted by the Research Committee early this year. The Needs Assessment revealed everyone is very stressed, working very hard during a horrible nursing shortage and time is at a premium. In formulating the strategic plan, these very real concerns were discussed at length. Further revisions will include information received from you when you attended the "Illinois Emergency Nurses Issues Forum" recently held at the Scientific Assembly. Please contact myself, any of the officers, committee chairs or members for additional input to this plan. ENA is your organization and we need your input in order to best represent your needs.

In reviewing the plan, you may think these are lofty goals and I would agree. However, many of the specific plans are things that we already do on an ongoing basis. All committees responsible within the plan are already present and working very hard. We are constantly working on offering TNCC, ENPC and a variety of other educational offerings. This is just the tip of the iceberg of services provided for you!

As this is a very lofty plan, we need help. Anyone interested in participating in the state organization, please contact officers, chairpersons, or myself. We are always looking for

emergency nurses with fresh perspectives to get involved and help. There is plenty of work to be done. When you participate in Illinois ENA, as I have for many, many years, you are rewarded in many different ways. Although it is often hard work and at times, time consuming, you can make a difference in the daily lives of emergency nurses throughout the state. You are in the position to hear the trials and needs of emergency nurses and make plans to improve their practice on a daily basis. And, we have fun! I have made so many friends who I cherish, throughout my years in ENA.

In closing, I have worked hard this year, made more friends, and had more fun! Scientific Assembly was great! I hope you had as much fun and learned as much as I did. I have been fortunate to work with a hard working board and committee chairpersons, who worked equally hard this year by participating in the development of this Strategic Plan, in addition to their regular ENA Committee work. I feel privileged to serve as your President for the year 2000. Thank you for this great year!

EVENTS

State Council Meetings

- October 11** - Emergency Nurses Day. Celebrate your day. Theme: Emergency Nursing: Second to none when seconds count!
- November 11** - Illinois State Council Meeting 10:00-12:00n at St. Alexis Medical Center, Hoffman Estates. Contact Paula Tanabe (312) 922-8414.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- October 20** - *Trauma Potpourri* at Elmhurst Educational Center. Contact Sharon Graunke (630) 833-1400 x35564.
- October 26 & 27** - TNCC at Christ Hospital, Oak Lawn. Contact Jan Dorey (708) 346-5979.
- November 2 & 3** - ENPC at Christ Hospital, Oak Lawn. Contact Jan Dorey (708) 346-5979.

- November 6** - *Triage Course* at Evanston Hospital. Contact Sharon Graunke (630) 833-1400 x35564.
- November 20 & 21** - TNCC at St. John's Hospital, Springfield. Contact Mary Leach (217) 544-6464 x46715.
- November 27 & December 4** - ENPC at Loyola University, Maywood. Contact Colleen Andreoni (708) 216-8347.
- November 30 & December 4** - TNCC at Christ Hospital, Oak Lawn. Contact Jan Dorey (708) 346-5979.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to the following state members:

Beverly Klinkhammer received the Distinguished Alumni 2000 Award from Illinois State University.

Sharon Schultz won the National Manager Award from National ENA.

Gail Tagney and Vicki Whitley have conducted TNCC for ten years.

Robin Mazzuca received the Illinois State Council Scholarship to National Scientific Assembly in Chicago.

Mary Ann Ouellette received a free membership to ENA at the last State Council Meeting.

Any state member recognized for achievements please submit information to Julie Bracken, Newsletter Editor for inclusion in this new section.

Election Results

Thank you to everyone who ran for a position on the Board. Congratulations to Barb Weintraub who will be the 2001 President Elect. Sharon Graunke will be the new Secretary and Colleen Andreoni will be the new Director. Thanks to Barb Bollenberg and Vicki Keough for running for Director.

Illinois ENA Strategic 2001-2005 - DRAFT

Written by: 2000 Illinois ENA Officers, Board Members, Committee & SIG Chairpersons. Compiled and drafted by: Paula Tanabe, Illinois ENA 2000 President

Goal #1

Develop and implement strategies to market ENA to all emergency nurses & emergency departments.

Action Plan	Committee
Hold 1-2 State Council sponsored "Illinois Emergency Nurses Issues Forums" throughout each year to allow all emergency nurses the opportunity to communicate serious issues affecting their practice.	Board
Develop a plan to allow State Officers and Board members to visit various Emergency Departments throughout the state and communicate information about ENA.	Board
Continue to develop & distribute wallet cards and posters of all State Council related meetings and educational programs.	Board, All committees, Special Interest Groups (SIGs)
Investigate the need for, or better, collaboration between committees of mailings to communicate state events.	Board, all committees, SIGs
Develop a plan to identify and use 1 ED RN, per hospital, as our ENA hospital liaison. This liaison will provide updates regarding ENA at their institution.	Board, Membership
Continue to market the availability of various educational scholarships, program and research grants.	Board, Education, Research
Feature one Emergency Department in each issue of Countershock.	Newsletter, Membership
Continue to publish Countershock as an important mechanism of communication of information and events to the general membership.	Newsletter, Board, all committees & SIGs
Ensure the availability of membership application and information at all ENA sponsored events.	Board, all committees, SIGs
Establish State Council web site as a link with National web site.	Web Site SIG
List Illinois ENA web site with the major Internet mega search engines.	Web Site SIG
Provide specific membership and EN CARE Institute information on the web site.	Web Site, all committees, SIGs
Develop continuing education offerings with approved CE for the web site. (Education, Trauma, Injury Prevention, Pediatrics)	Web Site, Education, Trauma, Peds, Injury Prevention Committees
Provide the full text of COUNTERSHOCK and the EN CARE Institute Newsletter on the web site	Web site, Newsletter, EN Care Institute
Exhibit Archives display at ENA educational offerings.	Archives SIG
Develop a strategy to plan for the Annual Spring Symposium 18 months in advance to promote attendance each year.	Spring Symposium
Promote ENA membership at all ENA educational events.	All committees SIGs
Collaborate with other committees regarding any special mailings; and capitalize on the opportunity to include membership applications, or other information regarding ENA.	Membership, all Committees
Develop and implement specific strategies to increase the number of new members and retain current members.	Membership, Board
Establish a list of resource persons for specific areas of expertise in ED management.	Administrative SIG, Web site
Market all Council educational offerings on the Web site (Education, Spring Symposium, Trauma, Injury Prevention, and Pediatrics Committees).	Web site, All committees and SIGs

Goal #2

Increase collaboration between existing Illinois ENA State Committees & capitalize on opportunities to provide educational offerings & other programs.

Action Plan	Committee
Provide direction and leadership for officers, board members, and committee chairs to ensure collaboration between committees.	Board
Provide copies of the strategic plan at each state council meeting, to each committee chair and member, and review progress.	Board
Explore programs outside standard nursing arena.	Education Committee
Partner with all pertinent state committees to jointly offer educational programs.	All committees and SIGs
Develop an 8-hour "Review of Pediatric Emergencies Course".	Pediatric, Education Committees
Explore alternative ways of offering educational programs, including development of a Speaker's Bureau	Education Committee

Collaborate with either the Spring Symposium Committee or Education committee on the development of a half-day educational offering on APC's, or other important administrative issues as they occur.	Administrative SIG, Spring Symposium and Education Committee
Partner with all pertinent state committees to jointly develop materials to be available for members, such as injury prevention newsletter, new injury prevention projects, or research activities	All committees
Partner with all state committees to jointly offer educational programs: * Include EMS focused sessions geared toward prehospital providers and ECRN's. * Incorporate threat of bioterrorism and hazardous materials and implications to emergency providers both pre-hospital and hospital. * Identify public education needs (i.e. increased prevalence of public access of defibrillation programs and AED's in society). * Include injury prevention awareness education geared toward pre-hospital and ECRNs.	EMS SIG Injury Prevention/Government Affairs Committee
Develop continuing education offerings for the web site. (Education, Trauma, Injury Prevention, Pediatrics)	Web Site Injury Prevention Committee
Promote and provide ENCARE Provider and Instructor Training	Injury Prevention Committee
Develop mechanism to gather research data through the web site.	Web Site
Assist in the collection of Statewide injury data for use by the EN CARE Injury Prevention Institute and ENA.	Injury Prevention Committee
Exhibit Archives display at ENA educational offerings.	Archives SIG
Develop and implement a mechanism to identify potential members from existing committees to assist in the planning and implementation of the annual Illinois Spring Symposium.	Spring Symposium Committee
Explore various formats & number of educational sessions offered at Spring Symposium.	Spring Symposium
Collaborate with other committees regarding any special mailings; capitalize on the opportunity to include membership applications, or other information regarding ENA.	Membership

Goal # 3

Evaluate opportunities to help address pressing issues concerning emergency nurses, and investigate potential financial, as well as, other mechanisms of support.

Action Plan	Committee
Hold 1-2 State Council sponsored "Illinois Emergency Nurses Issues Forums" throughout each year to allow all emergency nurses the opportunity to communicate serious issues affecting their practice.	Board
Develop a fiscally responsible strategy to use monies to help support emergency nurses in the resolution of these issues.	Board, Finance Committee
Identify trends in registration for 1999 & 2000 programs, re: time, length, and place, as a reflection of the ability to participate in programs.	Education Committee
Provide regular (and emergency) updates on any legislation impacting the field of Emergency Nursing and Emergency Care.	Government Affairs Committee
Continue to offer the Triage Course.	Education Committee
Investigate ways to help RNs fulfill the community injury prevention/trauma component for Trauma Center verification and reverification.	Injury Prevention/Government Affairs Committee Trauma Committee
Investigate various modalities to assist emergency nurses in attaining and maintaining ECRN and TNS certifications and meeting EDAP requirements.	Education Committee Trauma Committee EMS SIG Spring Symposium Peds
Promote TNCC Reverification Course.	Trauma Committee
Develop a relationship with the IL Trauma Coordinators Coalition and Trauma Nurse Specialist Site Coordinators to facilitate information sharing about needs of trauma nurses.	Trauma Committee Board
Use the web site to address issues concerning emergency nurses.	Web site Injury Prevention/Government Affairs
Explore the possibility of hosting an Illinois ENA Issues Forum in conjunction with the Spring Symposium.	Spring Symposium
Encourage increased member involvement in submission of information for inclusion in Countershock.	Newsletter

Continue to offer the ENPC course.	Pediatrics
Continue to assess member needs by conducting needs assessments at times identified by the Board.	Research
Disseminate results of 2000 Needs assessment and obtain additional information.	Research
Disseminate and promote nursing research throughout the state, as a mechanism to help resolve difficult issues.	Research

Goal #4

Develop relationships with local University/Colleges of Nursing and other organizations with related interests with the goal of attracting nurses into emergency nursing, and enhancing our networking capabilities to strengthen our organization.

Action Plan	Committee
Identify University's which may be interested in networking with ENA and develop strategies to enhance student nurses into the field of emergency nursing.	Board
Partner with other groups, such as AACN, ACEP, etc. to expand audiences for educational offerings.	Education Committee Board Injury Prevention Committee
Partner with government agencies (state, federal, etc.) to expand resources for educational offerings related to EMS.	EMS SIG Injury Prevention/ Government Affairs Committee
Explore the potential for web site linkage with university and college web sites.	Web site
Explore the potential for local nursing programs to use archival information on ENA within their curriculum for nursing history.	Archives
Explore the possibility of offering ENPC for college credit.	Pediatrics

Goal #5

Develop a strong, proactive relationship with the Illinois Department of Public Health to help express the concerns of emergency nurses throughout the state.

Action Plan	Committee
Establish a mechanism of communication with IDPH regarding issues which effect emergency nurses throughout the state.	Board
Identify and introduce drafts of new state rules that may potentially or directly impact emergency nurses (i.e. ECRN, PHRN) into appropriate forums (i.e. ENA & IDPH).	Government Affairs Committee EMS SIG Trauma Committee
Provide web site link for pertinent issues relating to IDPH.	Web site
Continue to work with EMSC committee.	Pediatrics

Goal #6

Maintain financial strength within the State to ensure funds to best meet member needs.

Action Plan	Committee
Develop a plan to secure current financial status.	Board, Finance Committee
Ensure funds are available to support the strategic plan and goals of various committees.	Board, Finance Committee
Develop a plan to use financial assets to assist emergency nurses throughout the state.	Board, Finance Committee.

Goal #7

Ensure continued strength and direction throughout the state.

Action Plan	Committee
Revise current bylaws to reflect needed changes to implement strategic plan.	Board
Provide copies of the strategic plan at each state council meeting, and to all committee chairs and members to review progress and maintain direction.	Board
Revise strategic plan in the year 2005.	Board, all committees
Investigate potential advertisers for the web site as a means of financial support.	Web site

Please make comment on this plan to any Board or Committee Chairperson. Open discussion is planned for the State Council meeting on November 11.

New Columns

By Julie Bracken

As you just read in the Strategic Plan, the Newsletter is committed to provide a variety of information for the members. A new column entitled *Announcements* is included in this issue. The next issue will include another new feature highlighting a state emergency department. If you would like your department included please contact me. Also, any member may submit items of interest or information valuable to the membership. Just send it to me at:

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Membership Committee Update

By Elisabeth Weber

Good news for the Illinois ENA membership! We are one of the few states with a growing membership. Thanks to all of you for supporting the ENA by continuing your membership and encouraging your colleagues and friends to join. We didn't do it without your assistance.

Our current ENA membership stands at 963, an increase of nearly 20% from a low membership of 804 last December. The chart below shows the growth for the last 9 months. The membership committee is busy phoning members expiring in the next three months. Our entire ENA Illinois State Council took on the task of phoning members who dropped believing a personal call from a colleague is more valuable than a call from a stranger (although emergency nurses are never strangers). If your membership is expiring, expect a call. The good news is most members reached in person are planning to renew their membership, despite the dues increase that occurred in April. For the ENA members who have moved on from the emergency setting we would like to replace those members with new nurses to the Emergency Department, Emergency Medical Services, Transport and Urgent Care settings.

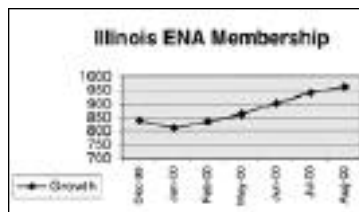
The other project we took on is to do a mailing to all Managers in Emergency Departments in Illinois. This included over 240 letters. In this mailing we sent applications and doc-

membership, asking the Managers to post it in the ED and discuss it at staff meetings. While we are unable to track how our new members are obtained, we continue to encourage Managers and Directors to maintain membership and encourage ED staff nurses, educators and advanced practice nurses to join or maintain membership.

We also mailed a letter to all EMS and Trauma Coordinators in Illinois, thanking them for their support and asking them to join if they were not members already. While many are already members, we always need to ensure newer Coordinators join our organization. The networking opportunities alone makes the membership worth the cost.

At the Spring Symposium, the membership committee had a vendor table, selling books, providing forms for credit card and checking account payment options for membership payment, and selling the famous ENA-Chicago 2000 navy jackets. If you missed the opportunity to buy a jacket at the symposium or the ENA National meeting, you can still contact Sharon Schultz at 630-527-3367 to see if we have any left.

For the rest of this year, the membership committee will concentrate on reaching the goal of "1000 in 2000". We don't have far to go, and with your support and encouragement, we can reach our goal. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.



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Education Committee

By Kathy Jo Stegman

The education committee has had a very busy and successful year. All of the programs presented were well received and well attended. The following is the proposed schedule of events for the

coming year:

October 20 - Trauma Potpourri at

Elmhurst Educational Center. The education and trauma committee will present gun violence, forensics, biological warfare and disaster preparedness.

November 6 - Triage at Evanston

Hospital

January - Helping ourselves adapt to change

March - TNS course

November - Triage

Watch the newsletters for new or updated information on programs, locations and times.

There is an extension to the deadline for scholarship applications. Look for the flyers coming your way. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at home 630-852-7406 or work 630-527-6877. I can also be reached by email KSTEGMAN@EDWARD.ORG.

The education committee welcomes new members so please feel free to attend any of our meetings. There are many levels of participation and we would appreciate your interest and expertise for any amount of time you are willing to offer.

Pediatric Committee News

By Linda Angola

Fall is finally here and the children are in school. There are requests for an ENPC instructor course in the far northern region of the state. We are anticipating having an instructor course in January or February of 2001.

If you are interested in becoming an ENPC instructor, please submit:

1. Curriculum vitae indicating at least 2 years experience in the nursing care of the pediatric patient as a RN.

2. A letter of recommendation from a professional colleague or the ENPC Provider Course Director. This letter should include the writer's relationship to the applicant and evaluation of the applicant's formal or informal teaching experience.

3. A letter from the applicant expressing his or her commitment to and interest in teaching future ENPC provider courses.

4. A copy of your ENPC provider card indicating successful completion within 12 months.

Please send these documents

by November 1 to:

Linda Angarola, RN

Emergency Department

Memorial Hospital of Carbondale

405 W. Main

Carbondale, IL 62902

(Due to limited space, the Pediatric

Committee will select applicants from the submitted documents.)

The ENPC instructor course is a one-day course emphasizing teaching strategies and evaluation methods. Participants demonstrate their ability to lecture, teach and evaluate selected psychomotor skill stations. Upon successful completion the participant is recognized as an Instructor Candidate. To complete the process, the Instructor Candidate must be monitored while teaching an ENPC course within 1 year of taking an instructor course.

Have a safe and happy fall, full of pumpkins, falling leaves, COOL weather, colorful mums and the pre-holiday season.

Trauma Committee

By Donna Massey

It's here! The fifth edition of Trauma Nursing Core Course is now available. Beginning September 1, 2000 all TNCC courses are taught using the updated materials. So if you are a current TNCC instructor you need to update on the new material before you can teach it.

The process is very simple. You need to watch a 15-minute videotape and read the update packet for the TNCC revisions. Both the video and update packets are obtained from Jan Dorey (708-346-5979) as I explained in the letter sent to all instructors in July. After reviewing the video and packet, complete page 17 of the packet (TNCC Sign-Off Sheet) and return to me at the address below. Upon receiving the signed form, you will be sent a copy of the new TNCC Provider manual and instructor Supplement. The Trauma Committee is underwriting the cost of both manuals for current instructors. Your signed forms are sent to Course Operations at National ENA for entry into the database.

Speaking of instructors... Our instructors dedicate a great deal of personal time to preparing for their teaching assignments and availing themselves for two days of class. Although finding time is not easy, most instructors agree the effort in providing core knowledge in caring for trauma patients is worth the investment. We recruit the best instructors. But recruiting is only half the battle. Keeping good instructors is vital to providing quality programs. So this year two instructors are recognized for teaching TNCC for ten (10) years. Since 1990 Gail Tagney and Vicki Whitley provided quality TNCC courses

recognition of their commitment to TNCC and an ENA gift certificate. The next time you encounter either of these dedicated instructors please offer them your congratulations for their continued commitment to TNCC.

Any questions about the TNCC update, contact me at:

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Trauma Nurse Specialist Recertification Update

By Joan Duda

2001 is rapidly approaching! 2001 marks the first year for many nurses to recertify and thereby maintain their Trauma Nurse specialist (TNS) status. Don't panic! Courses are now being offered throughout the state to help nurses successfully complete this process. The TNS review course usually runs for two to three days and the cost of the course is \$100. A 2000 TNS curriculum is included with the course. The course assists the TNS to review core trauma content and update trauma related topics included in the exam. Courses are now being held throughout the state coordinated by the Trauma Nurse Specialist Course Coordinators. TNS review course dates may be obtained by accessing the Internet at www.traumanurse.org or contacting the closest Trauma Nurse Specialist Course Coordinator.

The initial recertification requires the TNS to answer a 150-question exam, which is administered by the Trauma Nurse Specialist Course Coordinator. Prerequisites in order to test include a green TNS certificate issued by the Illinois Department of Public Health, current RN license, IDPH renewal form (Child Support Form) and picture ID. Test fee is \$10. The application for the test should be received at least 90 days prior to the posted test date. It is recommended that 90 days be allowed prior to expiration date of the TNS so time is allocated for remediation if retesting is needed. Three attempts are allowed to test for the TNS exam. If the TNS is unsuccessful with the third attempt, the TNS needs to retake the entire course. Once the TNS successfully recertifies via exam, the TNS is given two options for future recertification: retake the exam or maintain forty (40)

hours of approved continuing education in four years.

Suggested ways to study for the TNS test include a TNS review class presented by the TNS Course Coordinator, independent study, form study groups and/or attend current TNS lectures. Remember testing space is limited and it's easier to plan ahead before it's too late. For further information, please contact your nearest Trauma Nurse Specialist Course Coordinator or Linda Loftus (Illinois Department of Public Health) at (216) 785-2080.

TNS Courses 2000

The following is a list of courses still available for this year.

OSF St. Anthony's Medical Center, Rockford, Full course-October to December, contact D'Anne Homer (815) 395-5545 or dannehomer@osfhealthcare.org

Memorial Hospital, Carbondale, Full course-October 17, contact Linda Angarola (618) 549-0721 x65153 or linda.angarola@sih.net

St. Francis Hospital, Evanston, Full Course-Oct 3 - Nov 9, Review Course Nov 16, 17, 18 contact Marcia Devine (847) 316-4161 or mpdtn@yahoo.com

Loyola University, Maywood, Full Course-Oct 3-Nov 8, contact Colleen Andreoni (708) 216-8347 or candreo@luc.edu

Carle, Urbana, Full course-Oct 25-Nov 30, contact Mary Beth Voights (815) 971-4110

Memorial, Springfield, Review course Nov 9-10, test Nov 16, contact Nancy Wall (217) 788-3514 or wall.nancy@mhsil.com

Injury Prevention Committee Update

By Thelma Kuska

The En Care Institute is now in charge of the child Passenger Safety Training. Currently there are twenty-five (25) certified child passenger safety instructors in Illinois, three (3) of who are ENA members. The members are Thelma Kuska, Katrina Hubbard and Sharon Schultz.

The Child Passenger safety class is taught through a combination of lectures and hands on practice with child safety seats and vehicle seat systems. Nationally certified instructors teach the class. There is a one-to-five instructor to student ratio, giving participants a tremendous amount of hands on personal assistance. It is a physically and mentally demanding

plete a practical and written test. On the final day of the course, the students participate in a "real world" safety seat clinic. After the class, the students become nationally certified technicians.

The committee offered two ENA/EN CARE sponsored classes. Twelve (12) nurses are trained to date. The committee's goal is to train emergency and other nursing specialty nurses in child passenger safety.

Six (6) nurses attended EN CARE training held at Northwestern Memorial Hospital on August 19. Paula Tanabe, ENA President provided breakfast and lunch for volunteers and a very nice comfortable classroom. Many thanks to the new EN CARE volunteers who spent their Saturday with us. They could have been on the beach watching the Air and Water Show.

A Gun Safety Program is under development. Meanwhile, the Illinois EN CARE Institute is preparing for its first Gun Safety program. We will distribute Master Lock gunlocks. In addition, a video entitled Charlie Anyboy will be presented during the program. This video was introduced to the EN CARE Chairpersons at a meeting in Joliet last July and to the membership at the ENA Scientific Assembly in September.

To date, the EN CARE Institute presented the Alcohol Awareness Programs: *Dare to Care*, *Learning to Care* and the *Take Care* to over 1,200 people in Illinois. The Cook County Circuit Courts just "discovered" our *Take Care* program. Judge McGann of the Traffic Court scheduled a presentation to 10 Senior Centers throughout Cook County. Over 500 seniors enjoyed the *Take Care* program. Robin Mazza accepted the challenge to speak to the older Americans.

The Injury Prevention Committee meets regularly. Any interested emergency nurses wanting to become a member please contact Thelma Kuska, EN CARE Institute Chairperson, at (708) 361-8677 or (708) 503-8892 x20.

Silent Auction Success at Spring Symposium

By Kathleen Richmond

\$1,490.00! Yes, our fun event raised that much money for the Emergency Nurses Foundation during this year's silent Auction at the Leadership Dinner prior to Spring Symposium. As you know, donations to the Emergency Nurses foundation directly benefit emergency nurses, emergency patients

and the public through the support of emergency nursing research, promotion of public education for prevention of illness and injury and the awarding of undergraduate, advanced practice and doctoral scholarships.

As coordinator of the auction, I want to recognize those generous individuals and organizations for donated items that are directly responsible for the huge success of this fundraising event. Please support those organizations and businesses that are so generous to our Foundation.

THANK YOU to:

Illinois Council members: Colleen Andreoni, Julie Bracken, Regina Bracken, Penny Hurley, Beverley Klinkhammer, Marcia Laesch, Donna Massey, Kathleen Richmond and Paula Tanabe.

Illinois Committees: Education, Injury Prevention, Membership, Pediatrics and Trauma.

Illinois Council friend: Dr. Steve Adams, Chicago Cubs team physician. In appreciation to all emergency nurses for the wonderful job done.

Baskets by Joanne Spiese. A fellow RN, please call (708) 547-0995 to order a personalized gift basket for any occasion.

Tony & Tina Productions RSVP (312) 664-8844 for tickets

Chicago Blackhawks Organization (312) 455-7000 for tickets

Chicago White Sox Organization (312) 674-1000 for tickets

Working Class Uniforms (95th & Cicero, Oak Lawn) (708) 424-4747 for uniforms and accessories.

It's not too early to think of next year's auction. Please contact me if you can help by donating an item or if you know a business or organization willing to contribute. Email RichmondK8@aol.com or phone (708) 687-6044.

TNCC AND ENPC Instructors

Interested in "bridging" to the other course? **October 30, 2000** is your chance. The Illinois Trauma Committee is hosting "bridge" options for both courses, along with the next committee meeting.

Schedule:

8:00 am - 11:00 am-ENPC-I to TNCC-I bridge

11:00 am - 1:00 pm-IL ENA Trauma Committee meeting (all welcome, lunch served)

1:00 pm - 3:30 pm-TNCC-I to ENPC-I bridge

Requirements: Current TNCC or ENPC instructor AND current provider

in the other course

Cost: \$95 includes a Provider manual and Instructor supplements

Contact: Mary Gramley, RN, Ph.D.

Trauma Outreach Director

Good Samaritan Hospital

(630) 275-5168

Registration is limited, please call now!

Bystander Care Trainers Needed By Thelma Kuska

Did you know EMS Professionals are the critical link to the public regarding bystander care issues? Bystander care is an Injury Prevention program designed to reduce motor vehicle crash fatalities. The purpose of the program is to provide emergency care to an injured crash victim with intention of sustaining the life of the victim until EMS arrives.

Bystander care is an important tool for EMS professionals because it serves to assist the EMS system and could improve the success rate of the EMS process. Therefore, teaching, reaching and educating the public on how to become useful bystanders is important. But who will give this information to the public? The answer is "EMS Professionals". Anyone with an EMT Basic or has a higher medical background can teach bystander care to the public.

NHTSA recognizes the demanding schedule of an EMT, Paramedic, Nurse, Firefighter, etc. Not only is community outreach time limited for EMS professionals, but there is very little time to prepare a full public presentation. No need to worry! NHTSA has designed a self-paced CD-ROM training package that outlines and fully describes what should be taught, explains how to teach a class and prepares EMS professionals for a bystander care presentation.

By summer 2000, Medical and EMS professionals can request the bystander care training package by contacting: NHTSA, US Department of Transportation, Media and Marketing Division, NTS-21, Attn.: First There, First Care (Training Package), 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590 or fax a written request to: NHTSA's EMS Division, (202) 366-7721.

Your leadership is invited and truly needed!