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Spring 2003

Illinois Council Emergency Nurses Association

## President's Message

By Barbara Weintraub

When my son, Ben, was little, one of my favorite stories to read to him was *The Giving Tree*, by Shel Silverstein. It's a beautiful tale of friendship, about a boy and an old tree who become friends. The tree loves the boy so much, that he keeps giving and giving of himself. The boy, not recognizing the tree's sacrifices on his behalf, keeps asking for more, until the tree has given his all, and is left a mere old tree stump. By this time, the boy is an old man, and he returns one more time to the tree. The tree, anticipating yet another request, cries, because he has nothing left to give the boy, whom he loves so very much.

But the boy, now a man, finally recognizes the extent of the tree's love for him, and the degree of its sacrifice. The man comforts the tree, and assures him that he loves him just as he is, and that old tree stumps make comfortable resting-places for old men who are so very tired.

Often, we as nurses are guilty of being "old trees". We give and give of ourselves, until nothing is left for us. I'm as guilty as the next "old tree". In my family, when someone needs advice, a shoulder to cry on, help with a task or problem, or homework help, they called the 1-800-BARB help line. I take each and every problem to heart, and, as all nurses do, I try to right all the wrongs, soothe all the hurt feelings, and make everyone happy. Unfortunately, by that time, it's 11:30 PM, I have my "pile" of things to do, and I'm exhausted. I not only feel like that tree stump, but probably approach the general appearance of one as well.

First of all, remember that those who love you love you just as your are, blossoming Magnolia or gnarly old tree trunk. Fortunately for this old tree stump, I picked up my roots and took some time for myself, and went to the Leadership Challenge in

Albuquerque. What a renewal for the soul that was! Because the program was designed for all of us E.D. tree stumps, it met needs educational, psychological, emotional, and even social. By the time I came home, I was renewed and revitalized. My branches were strengthened so that I could not only hold up the problems of others, but shade my own roots as I gathered those resources I needed for myself as well.

Take time to nurture yourself. Gatherings with those who truly understand you and what you do are an excellent means of doing this. This year, in June we will hold our Annual Spring Symposium in Oak Brook. I hope all of you take time to give your souls, both personal and professional, nourishment, and that you choose our Spring Symposium as one means to do so. And while you're there, come find me and say Hi! I'd love to meet you and hear your concerns!

## Events

**June 5 - Illinois ENA Networking Dinner** at Oakbrook Marriott, Oak Brook. Contact Cheryl Vinikoor 847-570-2118 or tovadog@aol.com

**September 17 - 21 National ENA Meeting** in Philadelphia, PA. Contact National ENA 800-900-9659

### State Council Meetings

**April 26** - Illinois Council meeting at Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood. Contact Barb Weintraub 847-618-5432 or barbrn@earthlink.net

**August 23** - Illinois Council meeting at St. Joseph's Medical Center, Bloomington. Contact Barb Weintraub 847-618-5432 or barbrn@earthlink.net

**November 8** - Illinois Council meeting at Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood. Contact Barb Weintraub 847-618-5432 or barbrn@earthlink.net

### Other Committee Meetings

**April 8** - ENA Injury Prevention/Government Affairs/Membership meeting. Contact Thelma Kuska 708-361-8677 x20 or tkuska@nhtsa.dot.gov

**April 26** - Research Committee meeting immediately following ENA State Council meeting at Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood. Contact Vicki Keough 708-216-3582 or vkeogh@luc.edu

**May 14** - Education Committee meeting, contact Maureen Gibbs 847-934-7086 or mag175@msn.com

**June 10** - Injury Prevention/Government Affairs/Membership meeting. Contact Thelma Kuska 708-361-8677 x20 or tkuska@nhtsa.dot.gov

**August 6** - Education Committee meeting, contact Maureen Gibbs 847-934-7086 or mag175@msn.com

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## Educational Opportunities

**April 3 & 7** - TNCC at Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicago. Contact Harriet Hawkins 773-880-6303 or hhawkins@childrensmemorial.org

**April 9** - ENPC Instructor Course at Methodist Medical Center, Peoria. Harriet Hawkins 773-880-6303 or hhawkins@childrensmemorial.org

**April 10 & 11** - TNCC at Advocate Christ Medical Center, Oak Lawn. Contact Jan Dorey 708-346-5979 or doreys@ameritech.net

**April 11 & 12** - ENPC at Edwards Hospital, Naperville. Contact Jan Gillespie 630-527-3357 or [jjillespie@edward.org](mailto:jjillespie@edward.org)

**April 22 & 29** - TNCC at Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital, Downers Grove. Contact Debbie Davis 630-275-3543 or [ddavis@traumanurse.org](mailto:ddavis@traumanurse.org)

**April 30** - Trauma Update at Resurrection Hospital, Chicago. Contact Maureen Gibbs 847-934-7086 or [mag175@msn.com](mailto:mag175@msn.com)

**May 1 & 2** - TNCC at Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicago. Contact Harriet Hawkins 773-880-6303 or [hhawkins@childrensmemorial.org](mailto:hhawkins@childrensmemorial.org)

**May 16 & 17** - ENPC at Trinity Medical Center (West Campus), Rock Island. Contact Diana Lovett 309-779-3292 or [lovettd@trinityqc.com](mailto:lovettd@trinityqc.com)

**May 29 & 30** - ENPC at Advocate Christ Medical Center, Oak Lawn. Contact Jan Dorey 708-346-5979 or [doreys@ameritech.net](mailto:doreys@ameritech.net)

**June 5** - TNCC Challenge Course at Oakbrook Marriott, Oak Brook. Contact Jan Gillespie 630-527-3357 or [jjillespie@edward.org](mailto:jjillespie@edward.org)

**June 5** - ENPC Challenge Course at Oakbrook Marriott, Oak Brook. Contact Mary Otting 773-880-3146 or [motting@childrensmemorial.org](mailto:motting@childrensmemorial.org)

**June 6** - Illinois ENA Spring Symposium at Oakbrook Marriott, Oak Brook. Contact Cheryl Vinikoor at 847-570-2118 or [tovadog@aol.com](mailto:tovadog@aol.com)

**June 19 & 20** - ENPC at Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicago. Contact Harriet Hawkins 773-880-6303 or [hhawkins@childrensmemorial.org](mailto:hhawkins@childrensmemorial.org)

**June 27 & 30** - TNCC at Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicago. Contact Harriet Hawkins 773-880-6303 or [hhawkins@childrensmemorial.org](mailto:hhawkins@childrensmemorial.org)

**July 21 & 22** - ENPC at St. John's Hospital, Springfield. Contact Mary Leach 217-544-6464 x46715 [maryleach@st-johns.org](mailto:maryleach@st-johns.org)

**August 7 & 8** - ENPC at Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicago. Contact Harriet Hawkins 773-880-6303 or [hhawkins@childrensmemorial.org](mailto:hhawkins@childrensmemorial.org)

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## Announcements

Visit the Illinois State Council Web Site for up-to-date information at [www.illinoisENA.org](http://www.illinoisENA.org)

**Angela Fuhlman-Starkweather** won the Research Grant award of \$2,000 for her research on citoconds-protein release with herniated lumbar disc.

**Robin Mazzuca** received an award from the Circuit Court of Cook County.

**Laura Tucco** was elected to the Board of directors for Illinois State Advanced Practice Nurses, Region 2.

### Illinois ENA Educational Wallet Card

All Illinois ENA members were recently sent the 2003 Illinois ENA Educational wallet card. This card provides a handy reminder of upcoming ENPC and TNCC courses within the state. In addition, the Education Committee scheduled a number of emergency care related educational offerings available during the 2003 calendar year. Dates and locations of the 2003 Illinois ENA State Council meetings and the various Illinois ENA committee meetings can also be quickly accessed on the card. And don't forget the 2003 Spring Symposium being held on June 6th at the Oak Brook Marriott (and the Networking Dinner on June 5th). All information listed on the card is also available on the Illinois ENA website at [www.illinoisENA.org](http://www.illinoisENA.org) (click on the Educational Calendar link). Extra copies of the wallet card can be obtained by contacting Evelyn Lyons at 708-327-2556 or [elyons@lumc.edu](mailto:elyons@lumc.edu).

## FY 2003 FUNDING FINALIZED NURSE REINVESTMENT ACT & HRSA TRAUMA-EMS PROGRAM RECEIVE FUNDING

A dent was made in what was thought to be an almost impossible undertaking - getting funding for the Nurse Reinvestment Act in the FY 2003 budget. The House-Senate Conferees gave \$15M out of the \$20M request. The Conferees also included \$3,499,000 for HRSA's (Health Resources and Services Administration) Trauma-EMS Program, the same amount appropriated for FY 2002. Without the cooperation and advocacy of ENA members, this couldn't have done it.

Specific information on the FY 2003 Division of Nursing Funding is now posted on ENA's Legislative Action Center. To access the Action Center, click on "Government & Advocacy" on the ENA home page and then click on "Legislative Action Center."

## Web Site News

by Kathleen Richmond

If you've visited the Illinois ENA web site recently, you already know the news! We are [www.illinoisENA.org](http://www.illinoisENA.org). The council voted to upgrade the web site in order to increase services to the membership, as well as enhance the organization's professional image. Please visit online and give us your feedback. Right now moderators are needed for scheduled chat room discussions on topics pertinent to Illinois emergency nurses. It's a way to get involved in your professional organization without leaving home. Contact me by email if you'd like to volunteer. See you online!

## ENA Minutes

Highlights from January 2003

By Sharon Graunke

Individual goals of each Board member and Chair were presented. Vicki Keough presented Angela

## Spring Symposium

By Cheryl Vinakoor

The 29th Annual Spring Symposium is June 6, 2003. The change in date resulted from a conflict with the May 2003 federally scheduled TOPOFF Disaster Drill in which many hospitals in Illinois are participating. This year's symposium again features a wonderful selection of speakers on topics we all need for our CECH requirements for trauma, pediatrics and ECRN licensure. Members already received their brochure. I encourage you to go to the web page at [www.illinoisENA.org](http://www.illinoisENA.org) to examine not only the brochure, but to locate other pertinent information for our state membership. You, as members will be able to send your colleagues who are not members to this web page for the brochure and to encourage them to join ENA.

In addition, the planning committee coordinated efforts with the Pediatric and Trauma Committees to present pre-conference programs, including TNCC, ENPC, a new IVENT course for nursing response to mass casualty and EN CARE.

My goal this year is to make our pre-conference party Thursday June 5, 2003 an even bigger success than last year. The party is at the Marriott at 6:30 PM, where you are a guest of the Illinois State Council ENA. This fun evening of networking, good food, and a silent auction is for every ED nurse colleague, whether you are members or not, whether you are attending the conference or not. Please come meet at the Marriott for a wonderful gathering of emergency nurses from all over the state, and beyond.

## Education Committee

By Kathy Henkelman

The Education Committee held a successful three-day Emergency Nursing Review Course at Loyola Medical Center in Maywood this past February. With a variety of topics and

speakers, there was something for everyone.

We have been working hard on our upcoming Trauma Update course to be held at Resurrection Medical Center in Chicago, so keep an eye on your mail for registration brochures. The topics and speakers look very interesting.

The committee is looking for ideas for a "Back to Basics" class and we would love to hear from you. Please let us know what you need to learn.

Due to popular demand, we plan to repeat the well-reviewed Triage course this coming November. This is a hot topic everyone needs to stay well informed.

We are always looking for new members to join us in producing quality educational seminars. The committee also welcomes suggestions regarding the topics you as ENA members feel need to be addressed. If you have an idea for a course, drop us a line. Better yet, come to a meeting and find out how rewarding it can be to contribute your knowledge.

Please contact Maureen Gibbs at [mag175@msn.com](mailto:mag175@msn.com) for more information about becoming a member.

## CALL FOR SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS

By Kathleen Richmond

The EMERGENCY NURSES FOUNDATION Silent Auction will be held again this year in conjunction with the Spring Symposium on June 6, 2003. These funds directly benefited emergency nurses, emergency patients, and the public through the support of: emergency nursing research, the promotion of public education regarding prevention of illness and injury, and the awarding of undergraduate, advanced practice and doctoral scholarships.

The auction will take place during the Symposium's Networking Dinner, the evening of June 5th, and is guaranteed to be lots of fun! Dinner attendees are being asked to consider

bringing a small, suitable item to add to the auction offerings that evening. ENF needs your support!

Please contact me directly by e-mail or phone ([RichmondK8@aol.com](mailto:RichmondK8@aol.com) or 708-687-6044) if you know of an individual, a company, or an organization that may be willing to donate a special item, such as sports memorabilia, theater tickets, or gift certificates. Many businesses are cutting back on donations due to the current economic climate, so your help is essential in making the auction a success.

## CALL FOR DELEGATES

ENA General Assembly

The National meeting for ENA is held in Philadelphia, PA. The General Assembly is September 16 & 17 and the Scientific Assembly is September 17 - 20, 2003. Delegates from Illinois are needed to help frame the future of the National Organization. A stipend is available to help offset the additional expense for delegates.

Delegates are selected by the following point system. Please submit your points by July 15, 2003 to:

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Points are earned as follows:

*5 Points* - local officer, local committee chair, national committee member, national SIG member, faculty for ENA educational activities, newsletter contributor, attended annual meeting, attended local or SIG meeting.

*10 Points* - national board member, national committee chair, state committee member, chair national SIG, state SIG member, program planning of ENA educational activities, attended state meeting, CEN certification, intraorganization interaction (INA, SNAPI, NEMSCA)

*Deadline:* September 30, 2003

*Eligibility:* ENA member

*Purpose:* To promote conduction of new or existing clinical nursing research

*Funding:* A maximum of \$2,000 will be awarded. Funding is for the year 2003. Awards will be announced by October 28, 2003.

*Submission:* Applications must be received by 4PM on September 30 to: Vicki Keough, RN-Cs, Ph.D.

Illinois ENA Research Committee  
Loyola University Chicago,  
Niehoff School of Nursing  
2160 S. First Ave., Maguire Bldg.  
Maywood, Illinois, 60153

*Expectations:* Presentation of findings at annual Illinois ENA Symposium, write-up of research report to the Illinois ENA Research Committee, submission of grant report to the Illinois ENA Research Committee.

*Application Packet:* The application packet must include the following:

- Proposal not to exceed 8-10 pages, single spaced, font size 11-12 points:

- \* Title Page

- \* Study aims/objectives

- \* Significance of problem to nursing/health care

- \* Literature Review

- \* Research question

- \* Methodology

- \* Timetable

- \* Budget

- \* References

- \* Appendices

- Title page, abstract, timetable, budget and justification, references, appendices (not included in allotted page limit for proposal)

- IRB letter to institution at which the study will be conducted

- CV for each investigator, co-investigator, consultant (not to exceed 2 pages each)

If you have any questions please call Vicki Keough at 708-216-3582 or Rita Schlomer at 309-662-3311 ext. 3018

## Pediatric Committee

By Mary Otting

The Pediatric Committee is partnering with Injury Prevention to promote Child Passenger Safety Education.

Thus far, we have three people certified and performing safety checks within their communities. If interested please contact Claudia Kirschner @ ckirschner@childrensmemorial.org or 773-880-3800 for more information.

The Peds Committee is sponsoring an ENPC Challenge on June 5th at the Oakbrook Marriott. The cost of the class is \$200. Stay after the class for the ENA networking dinner with the Symposium to follow the next day on June 6. For information please contact Jan Gillespie at 630-527-3357 or jgillespie@edward.org if interested.

The next Peds Committee meeting will be held on April 29 at the Loyola EMSC office at 6pm. Again contact Claudia for information regarding the meeting.

The new ENPC Instructor update will occur late in the fall. Please check to make sure the national office has your current information (including address) to ensure you receive the information appropriately.

Lastly, please note on the ENA wallet cards you received there is a change to the Peds Committee contacts. Committee chairs are:

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Mary Otting

work phone 773-880-4437 or

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## Membership Committee

By Merri Lazenby

### *One Member at a Time*

Recently, I accepted the challenge to chair the Membership Committee and today I pass part of that challenge on to each of you. Currently, our membership is at just under 900 members. I have some big goals for this year. With your help, I would like to see membership at 1,000 members by the Spring Symposium and doubled to 1,800 members by the end of the year. With these goals in mind, I hand each of you a challenge. As a member of ENA, you know the professional benefits you reap and I want you to share your experiences as ENA members with just one of your coworkers who

is not a member. If each member in the state recruits one additional member, we can double our membership by yearend. All I ask are you share your experiences as a member of ENA with just one nurse and you can make a difference. One at a time we can make Illinois State Council and the Emergency Nurses Association a stronger professional organization.

Interested in joining Membership Committee? Currently, membership meetings are held concurrently with the ENCARE/Injury Prevention meetings. Although I haven't been to a meeting yet (as I said this challenge is new), I look forward to meeting other members interested in this committee. I am also anxious to book an "online meeting" via the Illinois State Council website chat room, where members interested in joining the Membership Committee can work together with other nurses from the comfort of their own homes. Check out the website under Membership Committee for further information.

Together we can make a difference in emergency nursing, one member at a time.

## Trauma Committee

By Jan Gillipsie

The Illinois ENA Trauma Committee is very busy helping with TNCC Provider and Instructor Courses. We are also planning for the TNCC Challenge to be held on Thursday, June 5, 2003 at the Oak Brook Marriott. The cost is \$200.00. This challenge is simply studying the TNCC Provider Manual and then taking the written and skills stations (Immobilization, Airway, Trauma Nursing Process). Last year we had 22 participants and 22 successful completions. This is a quick way to renew or challenge the course. For information please call Jan Gillespie, 630-527-3357. Step up to the plate and 'take the challenge'.

Fuhlman-Starkweather. She is the recipient of the Illinois State Council ENA Research grant for \$2000. Angela presented some background information on her project. Congratulations!

Thelma Kuska presented a portion of the new ENCARE Gun Safety program. It is available for \$140 and includes slides, CDs, videos and information covering all age groups.

Networking included Smallpox vaccines and what everyone is doing at their facility, financial situations relating to increasing costs and decreasing reimbursements, and ways to promote increased interest in nursing as a career. Recommendation was to get a speaker on smallpox for the next meeting.

## Board and Committee Reports

### 1. Treasurer - Marcia

- \* Budget for 2002 - Intake was greater than budgeted and outflow was less than expected.
- \* Checkbook has \$5000 currently.
- \* Tax-status change papers signed and will be sent off.
- \* Need to look at equipment we, as an organization, have - i.e. computers - and consider what we might need for the future. Will need to budget for it.
- \* Need to have 1099 forms for 2003 on file for honorariums - requires for anyone receiving more than \$600 for the year.
- \* Investments with Royal Alliance - as of 12/31/02 \$125,176.21. This is a decrease of \$6000 from the previous period.
- \* If you do a lot of printing from home computers for ENA, put dollars for printer cartridges into your budgets.

### 2. President - Barb

- \* Expectations of Committee Chairs - keep Kathleen and Julie in the loop about meetings, courses so they can put information in the newsletter and on the web page.
- \* Membership - Night with the Bulls - coming in March - fliers available. Suggestions - gift certificates from vendors to dispense when you

bring a new member to a meeting, mentoring, look at getting a CEN Review course or outline for down state.

- \* Looking for Chair of Membership
- \* Domestic Preparedness Program - Improving Hospital and Provider Response - sponsored by ICEP, IDPH and IMERT Look at [www.icep.org](http://www.icep.org)

**3. Past Present**, President-elect, Secretary & Treasurer-elect - No reports

### 4. Directors - Evelyn

- \* Wallet cards - since it will be mid to late February before we get the cards out, take out the Feb courses and add the Board member names.

### 5. Education - Maureen

- \* Triage course had approx. 60 attendees (almost half were walk-ins). Made about \$3000. Next Triage course in 2003 will be in Morris, Illinois.
- \* Emergency Nursing Review Course coming in February at Loyola. Grant from Pfizer for \$1500.
- \* Trauma Update - April 30th at Resurrection. Applying for 6 CECHs. Brochures should be out soon.

### 6. Pediatrics - no report

### 7. Injury Prevention/Government Affairs - Thelma

- \* Tree trimming at Brookfield zoo was another success.
- \* Lifesaver conference is in Chicago this year - March 9-11 - at the Hyatt Regency.
- \* Child Passenger Safety Seat class Jan 30, 31, Feb 1, 2 at Oak Lawn Fire Dept.
- \* ENCARE Training Session @ Good Samaritan - day before Spring Symposium. Will include a tour of the ER if requested.
- \* Looking to invite Sen. Cullerton to future ENA State Council meeting.

### 8. Research - Vicki

- \* Spring Symposium - only have 2 posters submitted at this time.

### 9. Spring Symposium - Cheryl

- \* Reminder cards out in the mail.
- \* Brochure almost done.
- \* Offering early bird registration this year.
- \* There will be a TNCC and ENPC challenge this year.
- \* Dropped the paramedic track.
- \* Always looking for vendors - talk to Julie D.
- \* There are 3 speakers who are vendor-sponsored.
- \* Nationally known keynote speaker this year.

### 10. Trauma - Jan

- \* TNCC Instructor class was held. New instructors looking for teaching opportunities.

### 11. EMS - Annie

- \* State EMS Planning - 2 legislative issues.
- \* First issue - WMD - looking at statewide protocol for Mark I injectors for nerve gas or organophosphate exposure (can't be used for peds). Comments need to be back by January 26.
- \* Second issue - Trying to develop curriculum for cross-training law enforcement and medics in certain aspects of the others jobs.

### 12. Newsletter - Julie

- \* Only 2 newsletters this year - April & September. Deadline for April is February 15th and deadline for September is early July. Chairs - get your information and/or articles to Julie by then.

### 13. Nominations/Elections - Darcy

- \* Will need President-elect and one Director this year. Start considering now.
- \* Tax-exemption - if we get our new status, we will need to change the bylaws.

### 14. Webpage/Archives/Stationery - Kathleen

- \* Webpage - getting a lot of e-mails - some related to National ENA issues
- \* Will be updating to get easier address for the web.

### 15. Delegates - Julie

- \* Watch the web and the newsletter

for information

#### 16. BCEN - no report

#### 17. ENF - Darcy

- \* Changing governance - hope to increase scholarships
- \* Silent Auction items needed for Spring Symposium dinner

#### 18. EMSC - Evelyn

- \* Submitted two grants: one for a 3-year cycle to fund overall spending and the second is to fund the end of the quality improvement cycle.
- \* CD-ROM available on Injury Prevention in Pediatrics.
- \* Handout - FAQ for EDAP, etc. recognition
- \* Four hospitals received PCCC status this time around - Edward, Central DuPage, St. Francis (Peoria) and Loyola.
- \* Re-recognition will start in the spring.
- \* Ron Lee Award - applications going out.

#### 19. Bioterrorism/IMERT - Pat

- \* Working on regional plans - communication, surge capacities, quarantine, etc.
- \* Working on pediatric component of bioterrorism plans
- \* TOPOFF - starts Sunday, May 11 (Mother's Day)
- \* IVENT - Illinois Voluntary Emergency Nurses Team - will be holding an 8-hour training session the day before Spring Symposium at the Marriott. Working with INA.

#### 20. Successes/ Celebrations

- \* State of Illinois Circuit Court Judge - Mary K. Rochford - sent a very complimentary letter to Donna Nowakowski about Robin Mazzuca for her work with the committee for Community Safety Initiatives.
- \* Serendipitous Findings of the Illinois ENA - coming in February JEN - based on our survey results. Coming from the Research Committee.
- \* Laura Tucco - elected to the Board of IS-APN as the Region 2 representative. She covers 9 counties in northeastern Illinois. Congratulations.

#### 21. Change in meeting location -

Suggestion was made to flip-flop the meeting locations for the next two meetings due to inviting a smallpox speaker to the next meeting. Barb will check with Marcia to see if OSF-St. Joe's is available.

#### 22. Meeting was adjourned.

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#### 2003 Research Committee Goals:

Foster Research among Illinois ENA nurses by:

1. Offering assistance and support for research activities
2. Award a \$2,000 research grant to an Illinois ENA nurse involved in research
3. Invite research/clinical project posters to be presented at the

spring symposium  
Please consider becoming a member of the research committee. We meet after each Illinois State Council Meeting. If you have an interest in research we would love you have you on our committee. Please call Vicki Keough or Rita Schlomer if interested.

#### Congratulations to the 2002 Research Grant Recipient Angela Fuhlman Starkweather!

Angela Fuhlman Starkweather was awarded a \$2,000 research grant from the Illinois Emergency Nurses Association to study pain indices of low back pain and sciatica. Angela will conduct her study at Loyola University Medical Center under the direction of Drs. Nockles and Janusek. Specifically, Angela will examine the role of pro-inflammatory cytokines in the precipitation of pain and the effect of anti-depressant drug therapy. We wish Angela the best of luck with her research endeavor.

#### Call for Research or Clinical Projects to be displayed at the annual Illinois ENA Spring Symposium

The Illinois ENA Research Committee invites you to submit a poster for display at the annual Spring Symposium. Although research posters are encouraged, clinical projects or innovative ideas in Emergency Nursing are also welcome. This is an opportunity for you to share your professional ideas, projects, and findings with nurses across the state. For information please contact Vicki Keough (708-216-3582) or Rita Schlomer (309-662-7226). Abstracts are accepted through **May 30, 2003**. Please submit abstracts of your poster to: Vicki Keough, Loyola University School of Nursing, 2160 S. First Avenue, Building 105, Maywood, Illinois 60153.

#### Call for Proposals by the Illinois ENA Research Council

Guidelines for submitting a Research Proposal