Kathleen S. Gillespie, BSN, RN, MBA, NE-BC, has been elected as New Jersey State Nurses Association President Elect and Eleanor Dietrich-Withington, MSN, RN has been elected as Treasurer. Newly elected officials assume their office on January 1, 2017 and will be installed on January 7, 2017.

Kathleen Gillespie is an Assistant Vice President of Orthopedic Service Line at Virtua Joint Replacement Institute and has held office as a Member-at-Large on NJSNA Board of Directors and is past president of Region 5. As President Elect, Gillespie will serve as Chair of the Institute for Nursing, the foundation of the NJSNA and also as a representative to the American Nurses Association (ANA) Member Assembly.

In accepting the office of NJSNA President Elect, Gillespie stated “When I became a member of NJSNA, for me it wasn’t about just paying my dues and what the NJSNA membership could give to me, it was more about what I could do to actively support the nursing profession through NJSNA and how I could give back to nursing for all the opportunities the nursing profession has given for me. The NJSNA has provided me with the opportunities to network, learn from some great nurses, and in many ways given me the tools to advance my career to corporate nursing.” Gillespie goes on to say “It is now my hope that I can give back more to NJSNA and our NJ nurses by being the NJSNA President Elect. I have read the position description and what is required, as well as reaching out to those great nurses who have a legacy at NJSNA, obtaining their input on the position and whether I have the background to do the office justice.”

As NJSNA Treasurer, Eleanor Dietrich-Withington will report to the Board of Directors the financial standing of the Association and to the Association at each annual meeting, as well as have all books of accounts audited annually by a certified public accountant. In addition, she will serve as Alternate Representative to the ANA Member Assembly. An active member of NJSNA/ANA and a retired nurse, Dietrich-Withington has served as NJSNA Vice President and Treasurer, and as a member of many committees including the Congress on Policy and Practice and Awards Committee, and as NJSNA Region 6 President. Also, she is a Peer Leader for the Recovery and Monitoring Program Peer Assistance Forum.

Please join NJSNA on January 7th at the Installation of Officers beginning at 11:30 am. Both NJSNA officers and Region officers will also be installed.

The next year will begin with a historic moment for NJSNA as we install the first male president on January 7, 2017 at NJSNA Headquarters. Dr. Benjamin Evans will be installed as the 46th President.

RSVP your attendance to Sandy Kerr (sandy@njsna.org) reference “Installation” in the subject line.

Deadline to RSVP - December 30th
Hon. Muriel M. Shore, RN, EdD, FNAP, was named to the NJ State Nurses Association Roll of Honor on Oct. 12, 2016. Shore, with President, honored Shore at the NJSNA/Institute for Nursing Convention held in Atlantic City. Shore is a visionary role model who has contributed to nursing’s legacy through extraordinary accomplishments at the local, state, national and international levels. Shore is an exemplary nurse, educator, and public servant, who has made a significant and lasting impact on nursing.

Shore is the Felician University, School of Nursing, Dean and Professor. Under her distinguished leadership, Felician University established the RN-BSN Fast Track Program, a Clinical Nursing Residency Program for Pre-licensure Students, an Accelerated Bachelors to BSN Program; the growth of the online Advanced Practice MSN program, the addition of a MSN in Education Track and MSN Executive Leadership Track; and the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program, the first doctoral program at the university, in 2011. She has increased access to a premier nursing education for a diverse student body by growing enrollment from 200 students in 2001 to more than 600 today.

A New Jersey State Nurses Association member throughout her career, Shore served as its President, Secretary, Treasurer, Board of Directors member, and the Delegate to the American Nurses Association House of Delegates. Appointed by three NJ Governors, Kean, Whitman, and DiFrancesco, she was a New Jersey State Board of Nursing Board Member, Secretary, Regulatory Committee Chair, Education Committee Chair, Legislative Committee Member and alternate to the Discipline Committee.

Committed to the role of nurses in public service, government and politics, Shore was an elected Freeholder, Essex County District IV; Mayor, Township of Fairfield, NJ; and Councilwoman. In 2001, she went to the Planning Board, Recreation Commissioner, and Library Board of Trustees. She was one of two nurses appointed by Governor Corzine to the NJ Access to Health Care Commission and to the Governor’s Commission on Racial Health Care Resources’ Subcommittee on Access and Equity for the Medically Underserved. A Visiting Professor to the People’s Republic of China on three occasions, she was a Study Tour Leader to the Soviet Union of Russia. Shore was awarded an EdD, MSN, and BSN degrees at Seton Hall University. She is a distinguished Fellow of the National Academies of Practice, and holds the credential of Nurse Executive –American Nurses Credential Center Board Certified.

Membership Services
Sandy Kerr, Executive Assistant, is also now NJSNA’s Membership Services Administrator. She will be your contact for all membership questions. She can be reached at 609-883-5335 or by email at sandy@njsna.org.

Membership Renewal Update
We wanted to remind you about how the current online renewal process works. You can renew without creating a duplicate record. If you are renewing, please do not use the “Join” link to renew.

If a member has an annual order available for renewal, please go to the following page if you wish to renew your membership: http://www.nursingworld.org/JoinANA/MembershipRenew.

You will be directed to login at “My ANA” where you will receive a pop-up message indicating that it is time to renew. Just simply click on this message, and you will be taken directly to your open order to be paid.

Also, if an individual’s membership has actually lapsed, you will then need to go through the join process to reinstated your membership. When it come to the profile page, please LOGIN rather than create a new account. If you use the same email address, your prior and new memberships will be linked and a duplicate record will not be created in the database.

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It Pays to Join Your Professional Association
Judith Schmidt, MSN, RN, CCRN

As I write this report in October of 2016, I am thinking of what wonderful events have just happened and soon to happen as we enter the last quarter of 2016. We have just ended our 114th Annual Convention in Bally’s Atlantic City Resort and Casino. The speakers that presented were top-notch. Our pre-convention program was the Institute for Nursing’s Scholarship Dinner which included a presentation by a nationally renowned speaker Dr. Cindy Clark. Dr. Clark spoke on professional civility and how we must foster a civil workplace in this time of change. We were pleased to have Dr. Beverly Malone, the Chief Executive Officer of the National League for Nursing, and Dr. Jeffrey Brenner from the Camden Coalition of Health Care Providers, as our keynote speakers for the 2-day convention. The New Jersey Mental Health Players followed Dr. Malone with an interesting presentation on mental health issues and how to appropriately manage mental illness.

Many breakout sessions were scheduled on topics ranging from a Legislative Update to Social Media from Bullying to Financial Management. Attendees gave nothing but praises as they left the rooms. Our Special Guest, Dr. Ernest Grant from the American Nurses Association ended the educational portion of the convention with an update on the national health care environment. Our annual meeting on Thursday was jam packed with bylaw revisions to be voted on. To give our attendees a break, we rolled out a cake to celebrate our 115th Anniversary as a State Nurses Association. Some of the bylaw revisions that were voted and passed on included:

- Decreasing the NJSNA board from 22 members to 16 members removing the position on the board of the Past President and 5 Directors. This will require a transition period over the next few years.
- Clearing up language related to In State members and the American Nurses Association.
- Clearing up language related to the discipline process.
- Clearing up language concerning the NJSNA Continuing Education Committee.
- Clearing up language related to the Finance Committee.

Revised Bylaws will be available on the NJSNA website. Several Resolutions were also discussed and voted upon:

- Legalization of Marijuana and decriminalization beyond approved medical uses—not passed
- Lifting of restriction on the CDC to do research on Gun Violence—passed.

If you were not in attendance, you missed out on a wonderful time filled with education and networking.

In October, we were also pleased to attend the induction of Dr. Leo-Felix Jurado, NJSNA member, to the American Academy of Nursing. Dr. Jurado has been a long-time active supporter of NJSNA and participates on many committees including the Provider Unit Committee and the Awards Committee. This was indeed an honor and it was a pleasure to be in attendance both at the celebration at the Philippine Embassy in Washington DC and then the Induction Ceremony.

Also inducted, Ann Marie Mauro, PhD, RN, FAAN, was Assistant Dean, Professor and Director for the Center for Educational Research and Innovation at Rutgers, School of Nursing.

Norma Rodgers, President of NJSNA and I have spent the last several months representing NJSNA at several galas and scholarship dinners honoring not only the past but the future leaders of nursing. Several of these events included the NJ Chapter of the National Hispanic Nurses Association, the Garden State Chapter of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses, the Newark Chapter of the National Black Nurses Association, the Philippine Nurses Association of New Jersey, and the Rutgers School of Nursing Alumni Association. By representing the NJSNA members at these functions we continue to support the mission and vision of the association.

The next year will begin with a historic moment for NJSNA as we install the first male president on January 7, 2017 at NJSNA Headquarters. Dr. Benjamin Evans will be installed as the 46th President. We look forward to this historic event and his tenure in office.
Congratulations to Region 1’s Dr. Judith Lucas, EdD, APRN, BC, for her nomination and receipt of the DIVA Award in Education. Nominated by Mary Ellen Levine, Dr. Lucas was noted for having an impactful and extensive career on behalf of nursing students, staff, and faculty, as well as the older adult population. Congratulations, Judy!

Events: New Jersey State Nurses Association Region 1 held a dinner/meeting during Convention in Atlantic City at Bally’s. Thank you to all the Region 1 members who represented our region during the convention. New Jersey State Nurses Association Annual Convention of 2016 was packed with terrific education, posters, and networking opportunities.

Community Service: Region 1 participated in the Out of the Darkness Walk to support the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention on October 9th.

We supported the Joan Knechel Breast Cancer Walk in Hackettstown by attending the walk. Thank you to Lauren Krause for getting us involved in these events.

In October 22nd, the Region began collection for the 2016 Winter Wishes for Passaic County Residents organized by Passaic County Coordinator, Barbara Carrig.

We participated in the Faith Kitchen soup kitchen this season by donating towards food items for a breakfast meal to be served to the residents of Dover, NJ. Thank you to Josephine Sanchez, Morris County Coordinator.

Thank you to Cassie Lobe, Sussex County Coordinator for helping to spread the word about the Karen Ann Quinlan Hospice Foundation Celebration of Life 5K Walk.

Thank you to all the coordinators for their efforts to assist Region 1 in our community service efforts.

Meetings: We held a business meeting October 22nd at Hackettstown Medical Center in Hackettstown. It was a well-attended meeting. Special thank you to our VP for Education, Tatiana Strisciua, RN CWOCN for her CE presentation, “Improving Quality of Life through Wound Prevention.” We proudly collected non-perishable food items for donation to a local food pantry and winter items for donation to Passaic County United Way. Thank you to the attendees for providing the donations.

Our next meeting will be at St. Joseph’s Wayne Hospital in Wayne (Passaic County) on January 21st, 11 am to 1 pm in the Meyers Conference Room on the 1st floor.

Would you like to present some new research or project for professional advancement? Contact Mary Ellen Levine (pencilvin2495@gmail.com) or Tatiana Strisciua (Vice President for Education, abarti2@hotmail.com).

Appointments and Congratulations:

In November, Dr. Vivek Agnihotri attended the March of Dimes Nursing Awards dinner. As a finalist for this award we wish Vivek best wishes and congratulations on being recognized for this event.

Region 1 member Dr. Leo-Felix Jurado of William Paterson University was awarded a Fellowship in the American Academy of Nursing (FAAN). Congratulations, Leo!

Congratulations to Region 4’s Dr. Judith Lucas, EdD, APRN, BC, for her nomination and receipt of the DIVA Award in Education.
In an ongoing survey, 42% of nurses indicated that they are at a “significant level of risk” to their safety from lifting or repositioning patients (ANA, 2015). In order to establish a safe environment for nurses and patients, the American Nurses Association (ANA) supports actions and policies that result in the elimination of manual patient handling. In 2015, the ANA urged Congress to enact Safe Patient Handling and Mobility (SPHM) legislation. The Nurse and Healthcare Worker Protection Act of 2013, requires the Secretary of Labor to promulgate an interim final rule with standards for the prevention of musculoskeletal disorders for direct-care registered nurses and all other healthcare workers that require the use of engineering and safety controls to handle patients through the use of mechanical technology and devices where feasible (Nurse and Healthcare Worker Protection Act of 2013). Ten years ago, The Safe Patient and Handling Act was introduced in New Jersey and in 2007, it was enacted into law. The law maintains that facilities that employ healthcare workers must maintain a detailed written description of their Safe Patient Handling program. The program should include a written policy and have a designated representative of management who is responsible for overseeing all aspects of the program. A full assessment of the equipment available to prevent injuries should be included. In addition, a Safe Patient Handling committee should have been established with at least 50% of the members being direct patient care workers (Safe Patient Handling Act). There is room for improvement in many facilities in New Jersey. In order to create a culture of safety, Cadmus, Brigley and Pearson (2011) concluded that a comprehensive plan that includes education on the scientific evidence supporting ergonomics of lifting and a re-assessment of the current equipment is necessary. Clear expectations of leaders and staff have to be identified for the program to be successful. A patient mobility assessment tool should be implemented to determine the level of assistance the patient requires. This assessment should be re-evaluated when needed and used during the hand off report.

In conclusion, it is urged that you evaluate the culture in your current work place. Although change doesn’t take place instantaneously, a thorough evaluation in relationship to safe patient handling is a good beginning to foster the change needed to enhance the safety of all healthcare workers.

Check out the ANA’s Safe Patient Handling Assessment tool at http://www.nursingworld.org/njsp/njsp/safepatienthandling/assessment TOOL.pdf

The Congress on Policy and Practice wishes to hear from NJSHA members about these issues and other issues related to nursing practice. Please send any practice issues/questions for the COPP to njsha@njsha.org.
The New Jersey Department of Health recently kicked off a statewide #kNOwLEAD public education campaign to increase awareness of all lead hazards for children, educate parents about the risks of lead exposure in children and encourage them to get their children tested at ages 1 and 2.

The #kNOwLEAD campaign, launched during National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week (October 23-29), features social media, downloadable posters on our website, a new childhood lead webpage (nj.gov/health/childhoodlead), video messages in English from Commissioner Bennett and in Spanish from Deputy Commissioner Dr. Arturo Brito, newspaper op-eds, bus advertisements in Hudson County and corner store advertising in the eight counties where children are at high risk of lead exposure: Cumberland, Essex, Hudson, Union, Mercer, Middlesex, Ocean and Passaic.

"Over the last 20 years, the incidence of elevated blood levels in New Jersey children was nearly cut in half, even as 20 times more children were tested," Health Commissioner Cathleen Bennett said. "Through this new campaign, we will continue working with our partners to decrease these numbers and educate parents about exposure risks."

While lead paint in homes built before 1978 remains the largest contributor to elevated blood lead levels in children, there are many different sources, including water from leaded pipes and imported toys, candy, spices, jewelry, cosmetics, herbal remedies and pottery.

As part of the campaign, Commissioner Bennett, Dr. Brito and other Department leaders are traveling around the state speaking to public health and medical groups asking them to work with us in promoting awareness by sharing our posters, retweeting our tweets and spreading our #kNOwLEAD information. The New Jersey chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, local health officers and local officers of the Women’s Infants and Children program are also joining us in the #kNOwLEAD campaign.

Search #kNOwLEAD on Twitter and Facebook, and look for photos of Health Commissioner Cathleen Bennett, other Christie Administration cabinet officers who have joined us on social media to help spread the word by liking the Department on Facebook, following us on Twitter and sharing your own photos using hashtag #kNOwLEAD.

We have made great strides in reducing children’s exposure to lead, but we need your help to ensure that parents: know the sources of lead and how children can be exposed, know when to get children tested and know where to get more information.

Follow the New Jersey Department of Health on Twitter at twitter.com/NJDeptofHealth and on Facebook at facebook.com/NJDeptofHealth.
American Academy of Nursing President, Bobbie Berkowitz, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, welcomed the 2016 Class of 182 new Fellows and four honorary fellows. The ceremony took place during the Annual Policy Conference held at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in Washington, DC, on October 22, 2016.

“New fellows from across the nation and world who have made extraordinary contributions to nursing, health care and society were inducted,” she said. The Academy is committed to serving the public and the nursing profession by advancing health policy, practice and science. Three New Jersey nurses were among the group of new fellows: Leo-Felix M. Jurado, Anne Marie Mauro, and Elizabeth Speakman.

Leo-Felix M. Jurado, PhD, RN, APN, NE-BC, CNE, FAAN, Associate Professor at William Paterson University, is also Administrative Supervisor at St. Peter’s University Hospital, and online faculty/mentor at Thomas Edison University. His program of research focuses on the social construction of foreign-educated nurses and men in nursing. He is editor-in-chief of the Journal of Nursing Practice Applications & Reviews of Research. Jurado is Philippine Nurses Association of America (PNAA) parliamentarian; he has served as PNAA President, and PNA of NJ President. He served as the NJ Board of Nursing President, where he was a member for 10 years. A recipient of a BSN and BA in English from St. Paul’s University, Taguig, Philippines, he earned a MA in Nursing at New York University, and PhD at a joint degree program at UMDNJ, NJ Institute of Technology, and Rutgers, the State University.

Ann Marie Mauro, PhD, RN, FAAN, is Assistant Dean, Professor and Director for the Center for Educational Research and Innovation at Rutgers, School of Nursing. Mauro provides leadership for the promotion of teaching and learning excellence, collaborations in inter-professional education, and advancement of the science of nursing. She has expertise in diversity, educational policy, innovative teaching strategies and curriculum development. Her groundbreaking diversity work was recognized by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the American Nurses Association with a New Careers in Nursing Innovation Award and Above and Beyond Award. She led a team that created a nationally disseminated transition to practice toolkit. Her research is focused on cardiovascular patients and educational innovations. Mauro is a National League for Nursing Board of Governor. She earned a BSN and MN at Seton Hall University, and PhD in research/theory at New York University.

Elizabeth Speakman, EdD, RN, FANP, ANEF, FAAN, is Co-Director of the Jefferson Center for Inter-professional Education and an Associate Professor at Thomas Jefferson University, College of Nursing. Speakman is a national curriculum consultant and focuses her primary research in the area of inter-professional education and collaborative practice paradigms. She was a Faculty Mentor for Johnson and Johnson and the Jonas Foundation, received the Dean’s Achievement Award for excellence in teaching, research, and service and has been recognized by her township. Also, she served on the National League for Nursing Board of Governors for six years. Speakman received a BSN from Wagner College, and a Masters and Doctorate in Education from Teachers College, Columbia University. She is a Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellow Alumnus, a Fellow in the National Academies of Practice, was awarded the Luce-McNair Medal for distinguished service to Nursing, and was inducted into the Teachers College, Columbia Hall of Fame.

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PTSD Qualifies for Marijuana Therapy in New Jersey

On September 14, 2016, New Jersey Governor Chris Christie signed into law Assembly Bill 457 which adds Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) as a qualifying condition for medical marijuana in the state’s Medicinal Marijuana Program (MMP). PTSD can occur when a patient is exposed to one or more traumatic events. Symptoms must last more than one month and must be severe enough to interfere with relationships or work to be considered PTSD.

PTSD is the first mental health condition to qualify in the state. All the other conditions are primarily physical problems: glaucoma, seizures, Crohn’s disease, cancer, HIV/AIDS, muscle spasticity, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, ALS and terminal illness.

In order to qualify for marijuana, patients must be resistant or intolerant to conventional therapy. The only FDA approved drugs for the treatment of PTSD are the antidepressants sertraline (Zoloft) and paroxetine (Paxil). Both drugs may increase a patient’s suicidal ideation, along with other undesirable side effects. Moreover, the two drugs are usually ineffective in treating PTSD. A meta-analysis showed that antidepressants are no more effective than a placebo as they do not deal with the underlying problems of PTSD. Physicians often prescribe these antidepressants with off-label drugs like benzodiazepines, sleep aids and antipsychotics.

Several U.S. veterans testified during legislative hearings in Trenton in support of A457. These veterans spoke of multiple treatment failures of prescribed medications for PTSD that led some to alcohol abuse and others to suicide. The Veterans Administration estimates that 22 U.S. veterans commit suicide every day. Marcel Bridgewater, a veteran who uses marijuana in New Jersey’s MMP because of muscle spasticity, said that marijuana also relieved his PTSD symptoms. Other veterans agreed with Mr. Bridgewater and shared their stories with the legislators.

Representatives of the New Jersey Psychiatric Association testified against A457 during the hearing. They said there was insufficient evidence of marijuana’s safety and efficacy in the treatment of PTSD and that it should not be allowed until definitive studies have been completed.

California passed the first medical marijuana law in 1996. Since then 25 states and the District of Columbia have passed similar laws. In all that time, there has never been a large scale, randomized, placebo-controlled clinical trial of marijuana for any disease, symptom or medical condition. This lack of definitive studies is primarily due to federal restrictions on marijuana’s status as a Schedule I drug.

However, the results of some studies that do not require federal approval and federal source of marijuana show promising results. Nurse practitioners are allowed to recommend marijuana in New Mexico and Krumm, a Nurse Practitioner, published a study that showed a 75% reduction in suicidal ideation in the PTSD patients that he treats with medical marijuana. In addition, Krumm noted a significant reduction in the patients’ nightmares, startle response, isolation, and reliance on alcohol and opiates.

On the day after Governor Christie signed the PTSD bill into law, members of the Coalition for Medical Marijuana—New Jersey thanked him at Trenton’s State House. The governor said, “It was the right thing to do.”

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROGRAM. http://nj.gov/health/medicalmarijuana/pat_faqs.shtml#7

The New Jersey Collaborating Center for Nursing (NJCCN, “Center”) has been focused on supply data for many years inclusive of educational capacity and workforce data. The Center now has the ability to look at demand data for the healthcare workforce. Demand data are used to determine workforce trends in real time and are important for predicting the job market.

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