When I was a student in my baccalaureate nursing program, I had an assignment to describe what makes something a profession. The more that I researched those characteristics that make a career a profession, the more I realized that the pride that possessed me to get involved in something beyond the 12-hour shift had compelled me to incorporate those very qualities that make a career a profession. I have never regretted certifying in my specialty, volunteering at first aid booths at community events, joining SDNA, or furthering my education. I want to challenge all registered nurses to uphold those qualities that make us strong; that make us a profession. I have never regretted certifying in my specialty, volunteering at first aid booths at community events, joining SDNA, or furthering my education. I want to challenge all registered nurses to uphold those qualities that make us strong; that make us a profession. I have never regretted certifying in my specialty, volunteering at first aid booths at community events, joining SDNA, or furthering my education. I want to challenge all registered nurses to uphold those qualities that make us strong; that make us a profession. I have never regretted certifying in my specialty, volunteering at first aid booths at community events, joining SDNA, or furthering my education. I want to challenge all registered nurses to uphold those qualities that make us strong; that make us a profession. I have never regretted certifying in my specialty, volunteering at first aid booths at community events, joining SDNA, or furthering my education. I want to challenge all registered nurses to uphold those qualities that make us strong; that make us a profession. I have never regretted certifying in my specialty, volunteering at first aid booths at community events, joining SDNA, or furthering my education. I want to challenge all registered nurses to uphold those qualities that make us strong; that make us a profession. I have never regretted certifying in my specialty, volunteering at first aid booths at community events, joining SDNA, or furthering my education. I want to challenge all registered nurses to uphold those qualities that make us strong; that make us a profession.

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The standards and scope of practice and code of ethics were created by the American Nurses Association to guide the registered nurse. These two extremely important documents are the very foundation of professional nursing practice and patient care. I am always amazed and saddened when I hear that there are registered nurses who do not know the history of these two exceptionally important documents and their impact on practice.

Additionally, the ANA promotes certification through its subsidiary, the American Nurses Credentialing Center. The ANA and SDNA promote autonomy within the profession by being the legislative voice for its members, ensuring ongoing legal protection and advocacy for the registered nurse. Our professional organization has been the catalyst for amazing changes in the nursing profession and continues to provide educational, legal and social benefits to its members.

So now I challenge you. Stretch beyond the comfort of the 40 hour workweek and be a part of something bigger than the daily grind. Although you may think that you don’t have the time, I encourage you to talk to your local district SDNA members. Find out when their meetings will be held and come see what our professional organization is all about. If you think you don’t have the money, I dare you to consider the latte that you purchase on a routine basis. That money could be used to ensure control of the profession that paid for the coffee you just enjoyed. If you already belong to SDNA/ANA, I commend you for supporting your profession and I encourage you to fulfill your professional destiny through certification and continuing education. We are amazing people in an awesome profession; one that deserves our pride and attention to maintain our professional status.
Rapid City/West River Area

District Officers:
President: Marie Cissell
Vice President: Christina Erickson
Secretary: Beth Bauer
Government Relations Committee: Linda Wolden

A district meeting was held January 18, 2011 at Minervas Restaurant in Rapid City. Guests and members were welcome. A total of 13 nurses were in attendance. Discussion on Nurse’s Day at the Legislature, Advanced Practice Nursing World Café and the Spring Fling took place. The Spring Fling will be held in District 3 this spring and Christina Erickson is open to any suggestions or help in planning this event. This event is a fund-raiser to benefit SDNA. The next meeting will be held on March 15th at 5:30 PM at Minervas.

District President

Maurie Cissell

On November 18, 2010 the annual Dessert with the Legislators was held at Rapid City Hospital meeting room. We had invited all the candidates for the House and Senate to the event, in the past we only invited the successful candidates. It was felt that anyone running for the house or senate would have a vested interest in health care, the SDNA agenda for SD healthcare and would welcome the input from nurses. It would also identify others to help lobby for our agenda items. It was a very successful evening with 25 nurses, 5 legislators and one candidate attending. We welcomed Elizabeth Krauss, Craig Tiezen, Mark Kirkeby, Dan Dryden, Phil Jenson and John Willman (candidate). The bulk of our discussion was centered around the proposed Medicaid cuts and the overall budget cuts proposed. The budget was definitely the issue that called a halt to any discussion for the advancement of any current medical services. Other topics discussed included: lay midwifery issues for licensure and education, Medicaid funding, school nursing, “Tobacco Free Kids” initiative, South Dakota joining the lawsuit against the new national healthcare legislation and licensure for tanning salons. Linda Wolden, RN, BSN, MSCC

GRC representative

Aberdeen Area

District Officers:
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Vice President: Margie Washnok
Secretary: Jeanne Chappell
Government Relations Committee: Carrie Clausen-Hansen

During the months of November and December, District 4 members donated money to Lexi Olson. Lexi is a 7 year old diabetic whose family is trying to buy a diabetic alert dog for her. This dog is trained to detect Lexi’s low blood sugars. Thank you to all members who donated to Lexi as $120 was collected. Dallas and Nicole Olson (Lexi’s parents) sent District 4 a thank-you card that included a picture drawn by Lexi of herself and her new dog, Keetah. Also enclosed was a photograph of Keetah. A big welcome to Judy Winther as a new member of District 4.

Carrie Clausen Hansen, our Government Relations Committee member, will keep District 4 members updated on bills from the 86th Legislative Session that will impact the nursing profession as well as our patients in South Dakota.

District 4 members are donating food items during the month of January for one of Aberdeen’s food pantries.

Our January 10th meeting was cancelled due to bad weather. District 4 meetings are held every other month on the second Monday of the month at the Presentation College cafeteria.

Each member is challenged to get a new member for District 4 before the 2011 SDNA convention in Yankton. District 4 is in the planning stages to host a Tea for the district members could assist her in our communities.

Appetizers were served.

Pat Sudbeck
District 7 President

Brookings/Watertown Area

District Officers:
President: Paula Carson
Vice-President: Janet Lord
Secretary: Sylvia Pickard
Government Relations Committee: Roberta Olson

November 16, 2010—Members met at the Coffeehouse—Speaker—Deb Burlage—“The Art and Science of Nursing”

December 14, 2010—Members met at Dean Roberta Olson’s home for dinner, to discuss the years accomplishments as well as continue planning for ReKindle Your Passion conference (in Brookings on April 15, 2011).

Sioux Falls Area

District Officers:
President: Darcy Sherman Justice
Vice-President: Cindy Mulder
Secretary: Nancy Terveen
Government Relations Committee: Marian Eberhard

No Report Available

Yankton/Vermillion Area

District Officers:
President: Joanne Tieman
Secretary: Sister Sharon Ann

District 11 is planning for the SDNA Convention in October, 2011. Our last meeting in November was entirely on this topic. We are formulating programs at the meetings and are meeting monthly for the rest of the year until the convention. We did not meet in December, and our January meeting has been postponed due to icy roads. We are planning to meet before the end of the month.

We encourage all RNs to join us at our meetings. If you have any questions, contact me at 624-9558 or jrtieman@email.com

Joanne Tieman
President, District 11

January 18, 2011—Members met for dinner at 2124 Monarch Drive, Brookings to continue ReKindle Your Passion conference

Paula Carson,
District IX President

South Dakota Nurse
Nurses Day at the Legislature attendees pose on the capitol steps with Governor Daugaard. The 36th Annual Nurses Day at the Legislature was held in Pierre February 7-8th, 2011 with 84 nurses and nursing students from across the state in attendance.
## 2011 SDNA Calendar of Events

If you have events that you want posted on the SDNA Calendar of Events, please contact the SDNA office at 605-945-4265 or by email at sdnurse@midco.net.

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As the deadline for the PAC newsletter article is approaching, I was searching to find information that would be interesting about PAC’s. We know that the funds for PAC are from contributions of our members and that those funds are completely separate from the operating funds of SDNA and that distribution of funds is decided by a committee of SDNA members. So I continued to search for a topic.

I came upon a topic in an article from Modern Health Care December 20/27, 2010 issue that is dear to me, fundraising. Those of you that have attended a convention know that I will persist until we meet the goal I set for fundraising during our time together. The article is about another fundraiser, Robert Stevens, who is a lead executive at Ridgeview Medical Center in Waconia, Minnesota who held a fundraiser for his daughter’s school. His fundraiser challenge was to sleep on the rooftop for the weekend. What he did not expect was a blizzard! Hmmmm... That does not sound like anything I would propose in a South Dakota winter. I think I will stick with passing the bling bag and making treats. In 2010, we gave out $1,425 and have $404.93 left in our account. Each year our account has grown so we have two years to raise $1,500, which is my goal for 2012. Any contributions to PAC are welcome.

The list of candidates we supported in the past election were: D. Lust, T. Hansen, S. Blake, M. Vanderfinde, J. Hunhoff, M. Magstadt, T. Rave, D. Ahlers, B. Gray, L. Lucas, M. Fargen, P. Gibson, J. Winters, B. Hunhoff, and N. Turbak-Berry.

Thank you so much for your past generosity and look forward to more fundraising actives in the future.

Respectfully submitted by
Julie Dangel
National Nurses Week History
National Nurses Week begins each year on May 6th and ends on May 12th, Florence Nightingale's birthday. These permanent dates enhance planning and position National Nurses Week as an established recognition event. As of 1998, May 8 was designated as National Student Nurses Day, to be celebrated annually. And as of 2003, National School Nurse Day is celebrated on the Wednesday within National Nurses Week (May 6-12) each year.

The nursing profession has been supported and promoted by the American Nurses Association (ANA) since 1896. Each of ANA's state and territorial nurses associations promotes the nursing profession at the state and regional levels. Each conducts celebrations on these dates to recognize the contributions that nurses and nursing make to the community.

The ANA supports and encourages National Nurses Week recognition programs through the state and district nurses associations, other specialty nursing organizations, educational facilities, and independent health care companies and institutions.

A Brief History of National Nurses Week
1953 Dorothy Sutherland of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare sent a proposal to President Eisenhower to proclaim a “Nurse Day” in October of the following year. The proclamation was never made.

1954 National Nurse Week was observed from October 11-16. The year of the observance marked the 100th anniversary of Florence Nightingale’s mission to Crimea. Representative Frances P. Bolton sponsored the bill for a nurse week. Apparently, a bill for a National Nurse Week was introduced in the 1955 Congress, but no action was taken. Congress discontinued its practice of joint resolutions for national weeks of various kinds.

1972 Again a resolution was presented by the House of Representatives for the President to proclaim “National Registered Nurse Day.” It did not occur.

1974 In January of that year, the International Council of Nurses (ICN) proclaimed that May 12 would be “International Nurse Day.” (May 12 is the birthday of Florence Nightingale.) Since 1965, the ICN has celebrated “International Nurse Day.”

1974 In February of that year, a week was designated by the White House as National Nurse Week, and President Nixon issued a proclamation.

1978 New Jersey Governor Brendan Byrne declared May 6 as “Nurses Day.” Edward Scanlan, of Red Bank, N.J., took up the cause to perpetuate the recognition of nurses in his state. Mr. Scanlan had this date listed in Chase’s Calendar of Annual Events. He promoted the celebration on his own.

1981 ANA, along with various nursing organizations, rallied to support a resolution initiated by nurses in New Mexico, through their Congressman, Manuel Lujan, to have May 6, 1982, established as “National Recognition Day for Nurses.”

1982 In February, the ANA Board of Directors formally acknowledged May 6, 1982 as “National Nurses Day.” The action affirmed a joint resolution of the United States Congress designating May 6 as “National Recognition Day for Nurses.”

1990 The ANA Board of Directors expanded the recognition of nurses to a week-long celebration, declaring May 6-12, 1991, as National Nurses Week.

1993 The ANA Board of Directors designated May 6-12 as permanent dates to observe National Nurses Week in 1994 and in all subsequent years.

1996 The ANA initiated “National RN Recognition Day” on May 6, 1996, to honor the nation’s indispensable registered nurses for their tireless commitment 365 days a year. The ANA encourages its state and territorial nurses associations and other organizations to acknowledge May 6, 1996 as “National RN Recognition Day.”

1997 The ANA Board of Directors, at the request of the National Student Nurses Association, designated May 8 as National Student Nurses Day.

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National Nurses Week Facts

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• According to projections released in February 2004 from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, RNs top the list of the 10 occupations with the largest projected job growth in the years 2002-2012. Although RNs have listed among the top 10 growth occupations in the past, this is the first time in recent history that RNs have ranked first. These 10-year projections are widely used in career guidance, in planning education and training programs and in studying long-range employment trends. According to the BLS report, more than 2.9 million RNs will be employed in the year 2012, up 623,000 from the nearly 2.3 million RNs employed in 2002. However, the total job openings, which include both job growth and the net replacement of nurses, will be more than 1.1 million. This growth, coupled with current trends of nurses retiring or leaving the profession and fewer new nurses, could lead to a shortage of more than one million nurses by the end of this decade. (For details, see www.bls.gov/emp/outlook.)

• The nation’s registered nurse (RN) workforce is aging significantly and the number of full-time

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equivalent RNs per capita is forecast to peak around the year 2007 and decline steadily thereafter, according to Peter Buerhaus of Vanderbilt University’s nursing school. Buerhaus also predicted that the number of RNs would fall 20 percent below the demand by 2010. (Journal of the American Medical Association, June 14, 2000)

- Schools of nursing were forced to reject more than 147,000 qualified applications to nursing programs at all levels in 2005— an increase of 18 percent over 2004, according to a report by the National League for Nursing (NLN). The NLN blamed the problem in part on a continuing shortage of nursing educators. Meanwhile, nursing colleges and universities denied 32,617 qualified applicants in 2005, also resulting primarily from a shortage of nurse educators, according to survey data released by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN). The AACN survey also reveals that enrollment in entry-level baccalaureate nursing programs increased by 13.0 percent from 2004 to 2005. According to AACN, this is the fifth consecutive year of enrollment increases with 14.1, 16.6, 8.1 and 3.7 percent increases in 2004, 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively. Prior to the five-year upswing, baccalaureate nursing programs experienced six years of declining enrollments from 1995 through 2000.

- There are over 240,400 advanced practice nurses in the United States. Of these, approximately 144,200 are nurse practitioners, 69,000 are clinical nurse specialists, 14,600 are both nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialists, 13,700 are nurse midwives, and 32,500 are nurse anesthetists.

- The Congressional Nursing Caucus—a bi-partisan initiative, co-chaired by U.S. Reps. Lois Capps (D-CA) and Steven LaTourette (R-OH), with 56 congressional members—was formed in March 2003. The purpose of the caucus is to educate Congress on all aspects of the nursing profession and how nursing issues impact the delivery of safe, quality care. The caucus was formed after consultation between congressional leaders and ANA.

• 49 states and the District of Columbia allow advanced practice nurses to prescribe medications.

• The nation’s nurses rank first for their honesty and integrity, with 82 percent of Americans rating them “high” or “very high,” according to a 2005 Gallup Poll. Nurses have consistently rated first every year but one after being added to the list in 1999.

• The American Nurses Association (ANA) is the only full-service professional organization representing the interests of the nation’s 3.1 million registered nurses through its constituent member associations, its organizational affiliates, and its workforce advocacy affiliate, the Center for American Nurses. The ANA advances the nursing profession by fostering high standards of nursing practice, promoting the rights of nurses in the workplace, projecting a positive and realistic view of nursing, and by lobbying the Congress and regulatory agencies on health care issues affecting nurses and the public.

• America’s registered nurses report that health and safety concerns play a major role in their decisions to remain in the profession, according to findings from a Health and Safety Survey released in 2001. In the survey, over 70 percent (70.5 percent) of nurses cited the acute and chronic effects of stress and overwork as one of their top three health and safety concerns. Yet nurses continue to be pushed harder—with more than two-thirds reporting that they work some type of unplanned overtime every month.
Rekindle Your Passion for Nursing Workshop

"Connecting with Diverse Populations"

Friday April 15, 2011
Mission Coffee House
First Lutheran Church - North Addition
Main Ave. & 8th St.
Brookings, SD

Agenda
8:15 - 8:45 am Registration
8:45 - 9:45 am Complementary/Alternative Health: A Key to Rekindle Your Passion for Nursing
Margie Hesson, RN, BSN, MSN
9:45 - 10:00 am Break
10:00 - 11:00 am Importance of Massage Therapy to the Nursing Field
Britton Vidal, BS Engineering, BS
Pre-Med, LMT
11:00 am - 12:00 pm The Fragrant Spirit: Aromatherapy for the Mind, Body and Spirit
Becky Woff, RN, MSN, MA, CHTP, CCPAP II
12:00 - 1:00 pm Lunch
1:00 - 2:00 pm Relationship-Based Care: One Hospital’s Journey
Deb Pauw, RN, BSN, NE-BC
Pam Hiber, PhD
2:00 - 3:00 pm Missions: Seeing the Passion in Mexico, Tanzania, Honduras, and Haiti
Sylvia Pickard, MSN
Rebecca Rendall, EdD, RN
Janet Lord, PhD, RN
Paula Carson, PhD, RN
Steve Bunker, CRNA
3:00 - 3:15 pm Break
3:15 - 4:15 pm Herbal Update
Dr. Annette Johnson, PharmD
4:15 - 4:30 pm Evaluations and Wrap-Up

Continuing Education:
Application for contact hours has been made to South Dakota Nurses Association, an Approved Provider of continuing nursing education by CNE-Net, the education division of the North Dakota Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation. Please call Seanna Regynski at the SDNA office for more information about contact hours.

Attendees must attend the entire educational activity to receive contact hours.
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SDNA Board of Directors Welcome New Members!
SILVER SPRING, MD—For the 11th year, nurses were voted the most trusted profession in America in Gallup’s annual survey that ranks professions for their honesty and ethical standards. Eighty-one percent of Americans believe nurses’ honesty and ethical standards are either “high” or “very high.”

“It’s extremely gratifying to know that the public continues to hold the profession in such high esteem,” remarked ANA President Karen J. Daley, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN. “The public’s high regard for the profession, coupled with nurses’ education and skills, makes nurses well positioned to play a major role in the transformation of the nation’s health care system.”

Both the Accountable Care Act and the Institute of Medicine’s recently released report on the Future of Nursing call for a larger role for nurses in providing patient-centered care in a reformed health care system. Since being included in the Gallup poll in 1999, nurses have received the highest ranking every year except in 2001, when fire fighters received top honors. Results were based on telephone interviews with more than 1,000 adults.

Public Ranks Nurses as Most Trusted Profession
11th Year in Number One Slot in Gallup Poll

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The South Dakota Nurses Foundation is pleased to announce release of a set of three limited edition prints of pastel drawings created by artist Mary Groth of Sioux Falls. Each print in the set of three includes one print (roughly 10” x 12”) depicting the three purposes of SDNF: nursing research, education, and service. Each print is numbered and signed by the artist. Printing is limited to 500 sets. An artist’s interpretive statement accompanies each print.

PRICE: $300 for each set of three
Please include an additional $20 for postage and handling per order.
To order, fill out this order form and mail with your check payable to the SOUTH DAKOTA NURSES FOUNDATION. Mail to:

SDNF
c/o Tom Stenvig
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“Round Up” to SDNF
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Questions: Contact Tom Stenvig at 605-380-7572 or tom.stenvig@gmail.com

National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Helps Nurse Practitioners Deal with Their Student Debt

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National Health Service Corps (NHSC) is a Federal program that helps nurse practitioners deal with their student debt, while addressing the current shortage of primary care practitioners. The NHSC repays student loans in exchange for service in rural or urban communities that have a shortage of primary medical, behavioral health and dental care workers. There are currently more than 1,300 nurse practitioners and nurse midwives serving in the NHSC.


Provisions in the Affordable Care Act allowed the Corps to make several important and exciting changes to the 2011 NHSC Loan Repayment Program:

• **Increase in Financial Support.** NHSC members may now receive up to $60,000 in loan repayment for a full-time, two-year service commitment and up to $170,000 for a full-time, five-year service commitment. Members also have the option to completely eliminate their educational loan debt with additional years of service.

• **More Flexible Options to Complete Service.** The loan repayment program now offers three options for fulfilling the service obligation: A two-year, full-time contract, a four-year, half-time contract, and a two-year, half-time contract.

• **Increased Credit for Teaching.** The service obligation for clinical practice hours has been updated to include a 20 percent credit for teaching and a 50 percent credit for instruction at a Teaching Health Center.

And, for the first time, prospective Corps members can complete their application entirely online. An NHSC spokesperson is available to talk about the 2011 loan repayment program and the changes that prospective Corps members will see when they go online to apply. We can also arrange an interview with a nurse practitioner participating in the NHSC who can talk about the impact she is having in the community.
South Dakota Nurses Association Membership Application

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**MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES**

**PLEASE CHECK ONE**

- FULL ANA/SDNA MEMBERSHIP
  - RN employed full or part time

- REDUCED 75% OF FULL ANA/SDNA MEMBERSHIP DUES (STUDENT)
  - RN enrolled in baccalaureate, masters or doctoral program, at least nine (9) credit hours per calendar year

- REDUCED 50% OF FULL ANA/SDNA MEMBERSHIP DUES (NEW GRADUATES)
  - RN who is unemployed
  - RN - over 62 years of age & earning less than maximum allowed receiving Social Security benefits
  - RN - enrolled in baccalaureate, masters or doctoral program, at least 20 credit hours per year
  - RN - RN FIRST YEAR, WITHIN SIX (6) MONTHS AFTER GRADUATION

- REDUCED 25% OF FULL ANA/SDNA MEMBERSHIP DUES (RETIRED)
  - RN who is over 62 years of age and unemployed
  - RN who is totally disabled

- SDNA ONLY MEMBERSHIP
  - RN employed full or part time

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**PAYMENT OPTIONS**

- FULL ANNUAL PAYMENT BY CHECK

- PAY BY ELECTRONIC DUES PAYMENT PLAN (EDPP)
  Read, sign the authorization, and endorse a check for the first month's payment (amount shown in bold above); one-twelfth (1/12) of your annual dues will be withdrawn from that checking account monthly, in addition to an annual $8.00 (50¢ per month) service fee (total is amount above).

  **AUTHORIZATION:** This authorizes ANA to withdraw 1/12 of my annual dues and any additional service fees from the checking account designated by the enclosed check for the first month's payment. ANA is authorized to change the amount by giving the undersigned 30 days written notice. The undersigned may cancel this authorization upon receipt by ANA of written confirmation of termination 30 days prior to the deduction date as designated above. ANA will charge a $5.00 fee for return drafts.

  **SIGNATURE FOR EDPP AUTHORIZATION:**

- PAY BY CREDIT CARD
  - Full annual payment—automatic annual credit card payment (automatic renewal)
  - Monthly payment from credit card
  - Full annual payment—one year only

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