The Mississippi Nurses Association’s 100th annual convention, scheduled Oct. 19-22 at the Mississippi Coliseum and Convention Center in Biloxi, is packed with activities, continuing education sessions, politics, demonstrations, receptions, exhibitors, sponsors and a gala like we have not seen in the last 100 years. The highlight of the convention plans is the premiere of a Mississippi Public Broadcast documentary of the association’s 100 year history and its impact on professional nursing in Mississippi.

Tickets for the MNA Centennial Gala are $75 and can be purchased online at the MNA MarketPlace or by calling MNA at (601) 898-0670.

"The documentary will premiere at the Gala on Friday night," said MNA Executive Director Ricki Garrett, PhD. "The 30-minute film will focus on the impact MNA and its members have had on professional nursing in Mississippi. It is genuinely a look at nursing over the last 100 years."

The documentary is sponsored by Memorial Hospital of Gulfport, North Mississippi Medical Center, Baptist HealthCare Corporation, Memphis, Baptist Health Systems, Jackson, and St. Dominic Health Care.

More than 300 registered nurses and 700 student nurses from across the state are expected to attend the 100th Mississippi Annual Nurses Association Convention Wednesday-Saturday, Oct. 19-22, at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center in Biloxi.

"Rarely, are we aware that our actions will mark history," said MNA President Gayle Harrell of Pelahatchie. "In this, our centennial convention, the actions we take will mark the beginning of the next century of MNA's future. Today, we are much a part of the history of MNA as we are of its future. Let us be mindful of those who came before us and those who will come behind us as we ...reflect on the past and look to the future."

From the pre-convention workshops scheduled Wednesday, Oct. 19 from 1:30-5 p.m., to the last farewell wish at 5:15 p.m., on Saturday, Oct. 22, the scheduled is filled with opportunities to network, learn and share experiences. The House of Delegates will have two extremely important tasks on their agenda on Thursday.

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Stipends Made Possible through Grant from the Department of Health’s Office of Tobacco Control

In celebration of MNA’s Centennial, the Mississippi Nurses Foundation is proud to offer MNA members an opportunity to attend the 100th Mississippi Nurses Association Annual Convention in Biloxi, MS. Thirty nurses from around the state, on a first come, first serve basis, will have the pleasure of attending convention through a grant from the Mississippi State Department of Health-Office of Tobacco Control. Each recipient will receive a $400 stipend to attend the entire conference, October 19th-22nd. Pre-conference is required. The pre-conference speaker will be Ann M. Malarcher, PhD, MSPH, from the Center for Disease Control.

**Purpose:** To educate nurses about tobacco use in Mississippi and the burden it places on the state’s healthcare system, as the number one cause of preventable death and disability. Approximately 4,700 Mississippians die annually from tobacco-related illnesses and nurses should be empowered to intervene with those at risk from nicotine dependence and those exposed to second-hand smoke.

The criteria are as follows:
- Must be an MNA member
- Must attend the entire conference, including the pre-conference
- Must have the attached application completed and returned to the Foundation by September 16, 2011
- Must register online www.MNA.org once the stipend has been received.
- Must take a group photo after the pre-conference for publication

In the event you are selected to attend the conference and cannot attend due to unforeseen circumstances, the stipend must be refunded to the Mississippi Nurses Foundation to be offered to another nurse.

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A Report from the President...

by Gayle Harrell, President

As many of you know, this is MNA’s 100th year anniversary. Our most recent event was held June 10th and 11th in Natchez. The city of Natchez welcomed MNA for our Centennial Celebration in real Southern style. The kickoff reception at the Visitors’ and Convention Bureau was exceptional. The food and artists were fabulous. We were then treated to an evening tour of the cemetery where we learned of the part that nurses and physicians played in not only Natchez’s history, but Mississippi’s as well. On Saturday morning the tour of the city included the catastrophes of fires and yellow fever that killed and threatened the lives of many. During the tour we passed the “Towers.” I was not able to visit The Towers, once the home for nursing students of Charity Hospital. I plan to make that a priority on my next visit there. Saturday night concluded our activities with a reception at The Prentiss House, previously known as “The Gentlemen’s Club.” The food, music, fellowship and book signing by Seetha Srinivasan, author of A Way to Serve, completed this extra special weekend. The Centennial Committee, our executive director Ricki Garrett, and the MNA staff did an outstanding job putting this event together. If you missed it, you missed a once in a lifetime experience. We even had two nurses from Wisconsin attend with us. They stated, “Mississippi really knows how to throw a party.”

Setting the celebrating aside, MNA has been busy planning for the upcoming elections of the state and legislative. The MNA-PAC, Dr. Garrett, board members, and NP Council members have been planning and implementing plans to address ways to educate and guide candidates on the issues that will be important to nursing and the health care of Mississippi. Three things are important to most candidates: how many people do you represent, does our request affect them or someone in their district and how can we assist them financially and politically. MNA has the history to show that we are willing to work with the legislators, other organizations, and the people of our state to improve nursing and health care. As previously mentioned, we also must have the numbers and finances to be effective in achieving your goals to keep nursing at the table, especially now. Some will say, “MNA will get it done even if I’m not a member or if I don’t give to the MNA-PAC.” Unfortunately, when nurses don’t speak as one, getting something done at the RIGHT time when YOU need it may not happen. Having a large percentage of the nursing population and ready funds to make it happen usually does not occur unless all of us come together and support each other and MNA.

The important issues for the coming year will include: allowing nurses to practice at their full scope, continuing education, student nursing retention and graduation success, and smoke free environment issues. Of course, there may be unforeseen issues as well. Please contact MNA for information to share with the candidates in your area, join MNA, and give to the MNA-PAC. Health care is changing and we must be involved to keep nursing and health care a top priority. Help make your profession the best it can be. We need each other to make a real difference. BECOME A MNA MEMBER and HELP KEEP THE VOICE OF NURSING HEARD.
Former DNL Participants under the leadership of Tonya Moore, MSN, BSN, RN will guide aspiring nurse leaders through an intense session that provides registered nurses with knowledge, skills, and experience necessary to grow and mature leadership skills.

The University of Southern Mississippi’s Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau-Gamma Lambda will host the annual honor society’s luncheon from 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m., on Friday.

Chef Bob Stinson returns to the healthy cooking stage with a presentation and luncheon from 11 a.m.-12:45 p.m., Friday, featuring Flavorful Foods that will Fool You.

Once every four years, MNA hosts its Statewide Political Rally, this year from 1:2-3:30 p.m., Friday. Every candidate running for statewide office has made plans to join MNA and speak about his or her campaigns.

The two-hour Controlled Substances Workshop for nurse practitioners will be from 2:45-4:45 p.m., Friday.
MNA Returns Home To Natchez

The Mississippi Nurses’ Association celebrated its 100th anniversary June 10 and 11 in Natchez with a weekend event to beat the band.

“Returning to Natchez this weekend has a meaning to most everyone who is here,” said MNA President Gayle Harrell, NP-C, CWCN of Pearl, Mississippi. “Among us are some of the most knowledgeable of all the nursing historians in Mississippi and some of the most interested in learning about the storied past of Mississippi nurses.

The history of our association mirrors the progress of the profession of nursing in the state. As we have all learned more about our association’s history, the more we are impressed with the courage and foresight of founding mothers and fathers.”

The Natchez Convention and Visitor’s Bureau, the University of Mississippi Medical Center School of Nursing Alumni Association and the Office of the Dean of the UMMC School of Nursing sponsored a welcome reception for MNA and guests in the CVB’s headquarters overlooking the Mississippi River.

Natchez craftsman and artists were on hand to sell their work and visit with guests. The Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency was also a contributor to the reception.

An exclusive night time tour of the Natchez City Cemetery, sponsored by Delta State University Robert E. Smith School of Nursing, followed the reception. Bee Byrnes of Natchez, a longtime cemetery docent, conducted the tour filled with stories highlighting some of the cemetery’s most notable guests among who were three incredible nurses: Hattie Godbold Bauer—the first Mississippi graduate from the Natchez Charity Hospital Training School and a charter member of MNA, Lena Mullins and Charlotte Benoist.

MNA hosted a Centennial Nursing History City Tour on Saturday morning, which included some of Natchez’ most historic spots including the site of the Natchet Charity Hospital, Trinity Episcopal Church and St. Mary’s Basilica.

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Following the tour, MNA, guests toured Stanton Hall and lunched at the Carriage House.

The luncheon was sponsored by MNA District 13.

The Centennial Celebration featured a Saturday evening gala at the famed Prentiss Club.

Guests were greeted on the steps of the historic gentlemen’s club with the sounds of the second line jazz band, Bayou Connection, under the leadership of Mr. Kimble Funchess. Chef Bingo Starr of the Carriage House prepared heavy hors d’oeuvres.

The gala was sponsored in part by the Delta State University Robert E. Smith School of Nursing.

The highlight of the evening was a presentation by Seetha Srinivasan, author of MNA’s centennial history book, A Way to Serve: The Mississippi Nurses Association, 1911-2011 signed by author Seetha Srinivasan.


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Student nurses from Alcorn State University’s School of Nursing depicted nurses from the past with period uniforms.
The Mississippi Nurses Foundation recently awarded $60,000 in stipends. Stipend funds were raised through the State of Mississippi Nurses Car Tag Program-Nurses Touch Lives and awarded to registered nurses and nursing students enrolled in an accredited Associate, Baccalaureate, Masters or Doctoral Nursing Program in Mississippi.

After a thorough review of applications, 10 recipients were chosen. As a full-time student, each recipient will be awarded a total of $6,000 to be received in increments of $500 each month for 12 months beginning in August, 2011 through July, 2012.

Recipients are required to sign a contract with the Mississippi Nurses Foundation to work as a full time Nurse in Mississippi within the first two years following completion of the program.

The 2011/2012 Stipend Recipients are as follows:

**Associate Program:** Hollie Alexander and Danni Jo Upperman both of East Mississippi Community College and Sarah Grace Domino of Mississippi Delta Community College.

**Baccalaureate Program:** Jessica Domino Crocco and Dana Hall, both of Mississippi University for Women; and Ryan Mittwede of the University of Mississippi Medical Center

**Masters Program:** Deborah Bailey of the University of Mississippi Medical Center; Gwendolyn S. Lordeon of Delta State University; and Whitney Carroll Roberson of Mississippi University for Women.

**Doctoral Program:** Tina Denise McDyess of the University of Southern Mississippi.

For additional information about the Car Tag Stipend/Scholarship Program, please contact the Mississippi Nurses Foundation at (601) 898-0850 or www.msnursesfoundation.com.

The Mississippi Nurses Foundation’s mission is to promote the professional image of nursing, support continuing education and facilitate the health and well-being of Mississippi citizens.

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**MNA Members Receive AANP State Awards**

MNA’s Gena Vail of New Albany and Jackie Williams of Ridgeland were among nurse practitioners to receive the prestigious American Academy of Nurse Practitioners State Awards for Excellence at the academy’s 26th National Conference in Las Vegas June 22-26.

Vail received the State Award for Nurse Practitioner Excellence, which recognizes an NP in a state who demonstrates excellence in practice, research, NP education, or community affairs. In 1993, the State Award for Nurse Practitioner Advocate was added to recognize the efforts of individuals who have made a significant contribution toward increasing the awareness and acceptance of the NP.

Vail is CEO and owner of three clinics: Vail Health Services, Inc., and Vail Family Clinic of New Albany and Acute Care + Family Clinic of Pontotoc. She also owns and operates a consulting service, medical billing service, property management company, and a property investment company.

She is a member of the American Nurses’ Association, Mississippi Nurses’ Association, MNA Advanced Practice Task Force, North Mississippi Nurse Practitioner Special Interest Group and the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. She was recognized as one of Mississippi’s 50 Leading Business Women in 2013 by the Mississippi Business Journal.

Williams was honored as a Nurse Practitioner Advocate which recognizes an NP in a state who demonstrates excellence in practice, research, NP education, or community affairs.

Williams served as the Mississippi Nurses Association first director, Council on Advanced Practice and is active in support of the MNA PAC and Council on Advanced Practice. She is a nurse practitioner at the Innovative Pelvic Health at Women’s Specialty Center in Jackson. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in nursing at the University of South Florida in Tampa and her Master of Science degree in nursing at the University of Mississippi in Jackson. She has completed several postgraduate preceptorships in the management of urinary incontinence and interstitial cystitis, and is trained in the clinical management of pelvic floor disorders.

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New Insurance Benefit Program made Available by MNA to All Licensed Mississippi Nurses

The Mississippi Nurses Association has recently completed a review of insurance policies offering protection for the expenses of Long Term Care, Cancer and Disability Income Replacement to all licensed nurses.

Long Term Care Insurance pays for specialized care and assistance provided for individuals who develop a serious illness or have an accident and need assistance with daily living activities. Long term care can affect people of all ages. The high costs of long term care services may present a serious threat to our financial independence and lifetime savings. Most health insurance plans and government plans, including Medicare, were not designed to provide adequate coverage for these expenses.

The Cancer plan was designed to address the initial cost related to this serious illness. The plan pays a Tax-Free Lump Sum Cash Benefit up to $10,000 - $50,000 upon the initial diagnosis of cancer. Cancer does not discriminate by gender. In the U.S. men have a little less than 1 in 2 lifetime risk of developing cancer and for women the risk is a little more than 1 in 2. This plan has a group rate for all Mississippi Nurses and their immediate family. The rates are the same ages 18 up to age 64. That's a BIG savings!

The Disability Income Plan replaces a large portion of your income in the event you have an illness or injury that prevents or limits your ability to work. Keep in mind: Every thirty seconds, someone files for bankruptcy in the aftermath of a serious medical problem.

Three in ten workers entering the work force today will become disabled before retiring.

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MNA Schedules Series of Town Hall Meetings to Promote Understanding of NPs Role in Future

The Mississippi Nurses Association (MNA) will host a series of three regional town hall meetings focused at gathering clients, legislators and other community decision makers together to learn more about the services and scope of practice offered by Nurse Practitioners, and what the future holds for NPs in Mississippi.

The meetings are scheduled: Thursday, Aug. 25 in Jackson; Thursday, Sept. 8 in Tupelo, and Thursday, Sept. 29 in Gulfport.

“Each town hall meeting will begin informally with light refreshments and then move into a somewhat brief PowerPoint presentation highlighting the major points of the bill introduced last year eliminating the written agreement between a nurse practitioner and a collaborating physician,” said MNA Executive Director Ricki Garrett, PhD. “In each area, we have invited member NPs and selected clients to share their stories. This should be a popular media event.”

Regional political candidates and officials will also have an opportunity to speak to the NP issues and any other issues they bring to the table related to the nursing and primary health care providers, Garrett said.

“Make these town hall meetings successful, we not only need your support, but also your participation,” said Mary Pittman, M.Ed, MNA’s Advanced Practice coordinator. “We will reserve venues that have the capacity to seat 100 people. We want you there. We need your unified voices. We need to speak loud and clear to all the political candidates. They need to hear your message—autonomous practice!”

For more information, contact Mary Pittman at (601) 898-0670.

Mississippi Nurses Association has prepared full-color posters and trifold brochures for Nurse Practitioner members to use in informing clients, potential clients and the general public about the services and capabilities of Nurse Practitioners.

“The posters and brochures are free of charge to members,” said MNA Executive Director Ricki Garrett, PhD. “If you will call the office at (601) 898-0670 and let us know how many you want and how you want us to ship the material to you, we will begin getting packages out next week. MNA can ship via U.S. Postal Service. A shipping account number will be required when making a request of the brochures and posters to be shipped. The brochures can be used as self mailers or as informational handouts. The are 8.5”x11” folded twice to create a three-panel brochure. The posters are 17”x17” and are compatible with the brochures.

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1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper (optional)

Instructions:
Cut beef into 1-1/4-inch pieces. Combine seasoning ingredients in medium bowl. Add beef; toss. Alternately thread beef and bell pepper onto six 10-inch metal skewers. Place kabobs on grill over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, uncovered, about 8 to 11 minutes for medium rare (145°F) to medium (160°F) done, turning occasionally. Season with salt.

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MNA Centennial Convention Tentative Agenda

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Wednesday, Oct. 19

Noon-3 p.m. ........ Registration
1:30 p.m.-5 p.m. .... Pre-Convention Workshops (3.5 c/h each)
5:30-9:30 p.m. .... MNA Board Meeting and Dinner, Imperial Palace Casino

Thursday, Oct. 20

7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. .... Registration
8 a.m.-Noon .......... House of Delegates Convenes
9 a.m.-4 p.m. ........ MNA MarketPlace
9:10-15 a.m. ......... Continuing Education Concurrent Sessions (1.25 c/h each)
10:30-11:45 a.m. ..... Continuing Education Concurrent Sessions (1.25 c/h each)
12:15-2 p.m. .......... Keynote Luncheon (1.0 c/h)
2:15-5 p.m. .......... House of Delegates Reconvenes
2:15-3:15 p.m. ....... Continuing Education in the House of Delegates Session (1.0 c/h)
2:15-3:30 p.m. ....... Continuing Education Concurrent (1.25 c/h each)
3:45-5 p.m. .......... Continuing Education Concurrent Sessions (1.25 c/h each)
5:30-6:30 p.m. ...... The University of Mississippi Medical Center School of Nursing Alumni Association Reception

Friday, Oct. 21

7-8 a.m. ............. MNA District President’s Breakfast
7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. .... Registration
8-9:30 a.m. .......... MNA/MASN Joint Session (1.5 c/h)
8:9 a.m. .......... Continuing Education Concurrent Sessions (1.0 c/h each)
9-11 a.m. ......... EXPO 2011 Opens
9 a.m.-4 p.m. ...... Market Place
10-40 a.m. ........ MNA EXPO2011 Grand Prize Drawing
10-11 a.m. ......... MNA Council on Nursing Research Poster Session (1.0 c/h)
11 a.m.-12:45 p.m. ... Healthy Cooking Demonstration (1.0 c/h)
Noon-1:15 p.m. ...... Sigma Theta Tau Luncheon (1.0 c/h)
1:20-3 p.m. .......... Statewide Political Rally
1:30-2:30 p.m. ...... Continuing Education Concurrent Sessions (1.0 c/h each)
2:45-3:45 p.m. ...... Continuing Education Concurrent Sessions (1.0 c/h each)
2:45-4:45 p.m. ...... Nurse Practitioners Controlled Substance Workshop (2.0 c/h)
3-5 p.m. .......... Developing Nurse Leader Program (2.0 c/h)
4-5 p.m. .......... Continuing Education Concurrent Sessions (1.0 c/h each)
4-5 p.m. .......... Round Table Discussions (1.0 c/h)

Saturday, Oct. 22

8-9 a.m. ............. Continuing Education Concurrent Sessions (1.0 c/h)
9 a.m.-3 p.m. ........ MNA MarketPlace
9:15-10:15 a.m. ..... Continuing Education Concurrent Sessions (1.0 c/h)
10:15-10:45 a.m. ..... MNA Centennial Gala (Attire: Semi-Formal)

NP Fall Workshop

Saturday, Oct. 22

7-9 a.m. ............. NP Fall Update Registration
7-8 a.m. .......... Nurse Practitioner General Assembly and Breakfast Buffet (1.0 c/h)
8:10-15 a.m. ......... Joint Injections Training (2.0 c/h)
8-9 a.m. .......... Nurse Practitioner Exhibit Hall
9-10:15 a.m. ......... Continuing Education Concurrent Sessions (1.25 c/h each)
9 a.m.-3 p.m. .......... MNA MarketPlace
10:15-10:45 a.m. ..... Coffee with the Nurse Practitioner Exhibitors
10:45 a.m.-Noon. .... Continuing Education Concurrent Sessions (1.25 c/h each)
12:15-1:50 p.m. ...... NP Keynote Luncheon (1.25 c/h)
1:45-2:45 p.m. ...... Continuing Education Concurrent Sessions (1.0 c/h each)
3-4 p.m. .......... Continuing Education Concurrent Sessions (1.0 c/h each)
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Running for Office

The House of Delegates for the 100th Mississippi Nurses Annual Convention will elect four offices and three appointees to the Committee on Nominations during their one-day session Wednesday, Oct. 21. The delegates will elect a president, vice president, and directors for the councils for Nursing Education and Organizational Affairs. Five candidates have declared for office. Nominations may also be made from the floor. The following have announced their candidacies.

For President: Gayle Harrell, NP-C, CWCNN, of Pelahatchie and Carl Mangum, PhD, RN, CHS, CHEP of Byram.

For Vice President: Jennifer Hitt, RN, MSN, CNE of Oxford and Heather Mangum, MSN, C-FNP of Brandon.

For Director of the Council on Nursing Education: Bettye Logan, BSN, MSN, NP-C of Mt. Olive.

For Director of the Council on Organizational Affairs: Amy Forsythe, BSN, MSN, NP-C of Madison.

Candidates will make a five-minute speech following the afternoon CE session. All convention attendees are welcome to come and listen to the speeches and to let your district delegates know of your preferences. Only delegates are eligible to vote. Announcement of new officers will be made at the conclusion of the House.


The book recounts the 100 years from the day Jennie Quinn Cameron and Leola Steele took the initiative to meet with a few nurses in the Natchez Charity Hospital to organize a state association of graduate nurses to today. Their call was in response to the fact there were no laws regulating the profession of nursing in Mississippi, and, in their absence, anyone could claim to be a nurse. A Way to Serve documents the activities of the association and presents its efforts over the years to regulate its own profession, to ensure that its members adhere to the highest standards of education and training, and to secure their well-being. Throughout its distinguished history, the MNA has sought ways to balance these objectives while delivering optimum health care to those entrusted to it.

FROM THE BOOK JACKET

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The book delineates the growth of the association by focusing on pivotal moments in its history. It is a succinct recounting of the most significant achievements of the MNA, linking these to historical context and to broader developments in the profession. About one hundred photographs supplement the text, and lengthy captions make connections between their subjects and pertinent larger circumstances.

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Seetha Srinivasan is director emerita of the University Press of Mississippi, whose staff she joined in 1979 as editor. She served as president of the Association of American University Presses and joined in 1979 as editor. She served as president of the Association of American University Presses and is a recipient of its Constituency Award. Srinivasan has lived in Jackson for over forty years and is active in civic and community affairs.

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