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**President’s Pen** *(continued from page 1)*

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the KNA continues to work to affect policy, practice, research, politics and other areas that benefit all nurses, we will be placing greater emphasis on serving those who support the organization and invest in the protection of nurses and patients throughout the state. The KNA urges all nurses across Kentucky to join the ranks of those who are currently members, as it is our goal to include as many nurses as possible throughout the state in the projects, programs, services, etc. that we offer now and in the future. Every nurse benefits from a larger and stronger KNA and KNA members deserve our personal attention.

To that end, the KNA is developing a “Members Only” category for all of its programs and services, beginning with the KNA website. By this Fall, the KNA website will have a new “Members Only” section that will provide access to information and resources not available to non-members. Included in this section will be a message board to facilitate communication with other members, experts in different fields, other professionals in your area of practice, and more. There will also be direct links to attorney LaTonia Denise Wright that members can use to acquire discounts on legal services. Members will have access to an e-mail dedicated to workplace concerns that will function as a sort of electronic help-line. Members will also be able to download and print materials that are provided at cost to non-members and members will have access to updates about the background on KNA policies, actions, programs and positions. Other features for the “Members Only” section are still being developed.

Advancements on the KNA website are the first of many steps to elevate the benefits of KNA membership and to better reflect the value of KNA’s members to the organization. These innovations are taking place while the KNA continues to devote itself to maintaining the voice of nursing in Frankfort and Washington, D.C., as well as a voice in the battle to protect the safety of patients.

The KNA urges nurses to join in the effort by joining the KNA and becoming part of a movement to preserve and increase nursing’s role in health policy, the movement to give patients and nurses a voice in every discussion that affects them, and the movement to bring all nurses’ voices together to increase the volume of our collective voice. Go to www.kentucky-nurses.org.

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**Call for Research Abstracts for Poster Presentation**

Greetings! The Kentucky Nurses Association’s Education and Research Cabinet is sponsoring a poster session at the annual KNA Convention. The Cabinet cordially invites all faculty, students, and nurses in practice who have conducted research, utilized research findings in practice, and/or developed creative educational training models to share the findings and results. This is a wonderful opportunity to highlight the great things occurring in nursing in a very collegial atmosphere. This event may create the spark that ignites the flame of passion in a burgeoning future nurse researcher to find one’s niche in the profession, and gives meaning to the words “evidenced based practice” for all.

We are seeking a broad array of research and educational projects. These could include: research in progress, completed research, hospital or community based studies, teaching strategies that have been analyzed using evaluative research, graduate student research projects, and innovation in practice settings. Hospitals, clinics and outpatient settings provide the backdrop for great things to occur as well; hospitals currently deemed Magnet status or aspiring to that level of quality will want to share ideas in service to the profession and community. Poster presentations can take the form of tabletop displays or power point displays. All participants will be awarded a Certificate.

There is a $50 registration fee which covers daylong CE Program, 5.4 contact hours, breaks, lunch, Instruction, Handout Materials, Research Poster Session/CE Credit with Wine and Cheese Reception, Poster Presenter KNA Commendation Certificate. This is a 55% discount from the $110 rate. The student rate of $25 will apply. Participants must register by August 15, 2008.

The KNA Convention will be held on October 16-17 at the Marriot East in Louisville.

The Poster Session will be held on Thursday, October 16, from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. as a continuing education (with wine and cheese) session.

*The attached Presenter’s Information form and an Abstract must be completed and returned to Kathy Hall (502) 637-2546 ext. 10 (contact@kentucky-nurses.org) no later than August 15, 2008* with attention directed to the Education and Research Cabinet, PO Box 2616, Louisville, Kentucky 40201-2616.

Sponsorship Provided By: Eastern Kentucky University/College of Health Sciences

**We look forward to seeing you at the 2008 Convention!**

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**KNA Call for Posters**

The Education & Research Cabinet members invite you to participate in the Research Poster Session of the 2008 KNA Convention (Oct. 16-17, 2008), at the Marriot East in Louisville, Kentucky; Poster Session to be held on Thursday, October 16, from 4:00 pm-6:00 pm. The application form is below. Please return the 1) application form, and 2) a research abstract 3) registration fee of $50.00 or $25.00 for students to the KNA office by August 15, 2008, to:

Education & Research Cabinet, P.O. Box 2616, Louisville, KY 40201-2616 or fax to (502) 637-8536.

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**Presenter's Information Form**

Please complete one form for each presenter.

Name __________________________

Title of Research __________________________

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Work Address __________________________

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2008 Award Nominations

2008 NURSE OF THE YEAR

KNA is accepting nominations for the 2008 KNA Nurse of the Year. Honorary recognition may be conferred upon one KNA member at any Annual Convention Awards Dinner. Recipients of the award shall have contributed uniquely to the improvement of health care in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Criteria for selection:
1. The individual shall have made an exemplary contribution to nursing or health care in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
2. The KNA member recipient shall demonstrate support of the KNA purpose and functions and shall be an active participant in the Association at the state or district level.
Please submit a Bio to the Board of Directors by August 1, 2008.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2008

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NURSING EDUCATION & RESEARCH CABINET RESEARCHER AWARD

With the growth of nursing, there is an increased need for research to provide a scientific foundation for practice. The KNA Nursing Education Cabinet has designed an award to foster research. Please consider submitting papers for review.

Criteria
1) Submit a paper published in a refereed journal by a nurse researcher.
2) The time frame for research paper must be within the last two years.
3) The focus for the research shall include any aspect of clinical practice, administration, or education.
4) The published paper shall include the following:
   a) Significance of problem
   b) Demonstration of scientific rigor
   c) Clarity of analysis and conclusions
   d) Adherence to guidelines for protection of human rights
   e) Implications for nursing

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**Student Rate is $52.00 per day and does not include any Continuing Education Credits or the Awards Dinner.

***Poster Presenters: Registration fees of $50 for Thursday of the convention and participants must register in advance.

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Thursday 7:00 PM Awards Dinner Awards Dinner – Registration Required for Admission. Cost is $50.00 for each Nurse, Guest, or Student. Table of 8 at $8400.

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POSTER PRESENTERS: Registration fees of $50 for Thursday of the convention and participants must register in advance.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE: There will be a Nightingale Tribute on Thursday, October 16, 2008 at 8:30 AM remembering nurses that have passed away over the last year. Please submit names you wish to be remembered.

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Place of Employment: _________________________________________________ Years in Nursing: __________________

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## BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION FOR 2008 ELECTION

The following is the biographical information furnished by the candidates on the 2008 ballot for election to service. Ballot will be mailed to all active KNA members in early August.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

**President-Elect (1)**

- **M. Susan Jones, PhD, MSN, BSN, RN**  
  - District: 7  
  - Present Position: Western Kentucky University  
  - Type of Position: Professor of Nursing  
  - Area of Expertise: Health Promotion for specific rural population including agricultural workers, seniors, and Mennonite communities  
  - Education: University of Cincinnati, PhD; Vanderbilt University, MSN; University of Tennessee, BSN  
  - Professional Organizational Activities: District: Past President and Treasurer. Currently serving on committee planning Centennial Celebration. **State:** Current President. Served two terms on Education & Research Cabinet. **National:** ANA Delegate  

**Treasurer (1)**

- **Betty M. Porter, EdD, MSN, ARNP, CFNP, RN**  
  - District: 10  
  - Present Position: Retired  
  - Type of Position: Administrator, Educational Administrator, Nurse Practitioner  
  - Area of Expertise: Administrator, Educational Administrator, Nurse Practitioner  
  - Education: of Kentucky, EdD, BSN, MS, Post Graduate Scholars' Nurse Practitioner Program; Morehead State University, BS, MS, ME4, EDS; Kings Daughters Hospital School of Nursing at Ashland, RN  
  - Professional Organizational Activities: District: **State:** KNA Treasurer; Member of Policy Committee; President Elect 1986; President 1987-1989; Member of the Kentucky Commission on Women 2005-2009  
  - Statement: I would like to participate in the revitalization efforts of KNA. I believe the next few years are extremely important in KNA future directions. As Treasurer along with the Finance Committee, I can continue to monitor KNA resources and the expenditures made.

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**Please use back of the small ballot for all CBSDC Write-In votes. All write-in candidates must be staff nurses.**

The KNA Bylaws allow for write-in candidates in any position. Please clearly indicate the candidate’s name and position on the back of the small ballot.
Biographical Information

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Directors (2)
Mattie Burton, MSN, RN, PhD – District 10

Present Position: Shawnee State University
Type of Position: Chair, Nursing, Associate Dean
Area of Expertise: Educational Administrator
Education: University of Cincinnati, PhD; University of Kentucky, MSN; Morehead State University, BSN; Eastern Kentucky University, ADN
Professional Organizational Activities: District: Vice President
Statement: As an educator for the past 13 years, I have taught many students the value of belonging to the professional organization and am in a position now where I can be more useful to the organization that has served me well. Priority goals for me include more nursing student participation and enhancing every opportunity to cover a wider geographic area of the state beyond the metropolitan communities. I would also like us to be able to actively recruit in more hospitals and long term care settings.

Kathy R. Hager, DNP, CFNP, CDE – District 1
Present Position: Bellarmine University
Type of Position: Educator
Area of Expertise: Clinical Specialist, Educator, Cancer, Hematology, Diabetes, End of Life, Long Term Care
Education: University of Kentucky, BSN, MSN, Post Masters, NP, DNP
Professional Organizational Activities: District: State: Governmental Affairs Cabinet (Chair); Membership Recruitment & Retention Committee (Chair); Director, KNA Board of Directors
Statement: I have been a nurse since 1972. I did not belong to KNA until 1988. I offer no excuse for that, except ignorance. I think it makes no sense to have sub-specialty nursing organizations without some unifying body to keep us all together, to give us a voice, and ultimately to accomplish great things in the name of nursing. United, I believe we could significantly impact health care, and our profession. Since 1988 I have been formulating that philosophy, and finally I realize that state and national nursing organizations are the only organizations capable of accomplishing those goals. As a director for the KNA Board, and as chair of the Membership, Recruitment and Retention Committee, I will work toward bringing the nurses of Kentucky together.

Sonja Rudolph, MSN, RN, ARNP – District 1
Present Position: Jefferson Community & Technical College
Type of Position: Assistant Professor of Nursing
Area of Expertise: Educator, Family Practice
Education: Spalding University, MSN-FNP and BSN; Jefferson Community College, RN
Professional Organizational Activities: District: State: Statement: I feel it is my obligation to work within

my professional organization to be an advocate for nurses in Kentucky. As I work to increase my role within the organization, I not only model positive behaviors for fellow nurses but also my students as well. I would like to see our numbers within KNA grow and hopefully service to the organization can help to realize this goal.

ANA DELEGATE (4) AND ALTERNATES
M. Susan Jones, PhD, MSN, BSN, RN – District 7
Present Position: Western Kentucky University
Type of Position: Professor of Nursing
Area of Expertise: Educational Administrator
Education: University of Kentucky, PhD; Vanderbilt University, MSN; University of Tennessee, BSN
Professional Organizational Activities: District: State:
Statement: I have held several positions related to this, including vice president and treasurer, currently serving on the committee planning Centennial Celebration State: Current President, Served two terms on Education & Research Cabinet National: ANA Delegate

Betty M. Porter, EdD, MSN, ARNP, CFNP, RN – District 10
Present Position: Retired
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Education: of Kentucky, EdD, MSN, BSN, RN
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Judy L. Ponder, MSN, RN – District 7
Present Position: Medical Center of Bowling Green
Type of Position: Emergency Room Charge Nurse
Area of Expertise: Emergency Room, Staff Nurse, Administration, Critical Care, Family Practice
Education: Western Kentucky University, MSN, RN
Professional Organizational Activities: District: State: District 7 Nominations Committee, President-Elect, President State: Education Summit Planning Committee, Convention Program Planning
Statement: Since graduating in 2004 with my Associate in Science in Nursing, I have been actively involved in the Kentucky Nurses Association at many levels. I have continued this involvement throughout my educational journey attempting to recruit new members and involve them in many projects that have positively impacted the KNA, such as playing an integral role in the planning of the first Education Summit. The KNA has always served the nurses of our state well and has been instrumental in lobbying and creating positive change for the profession. As a member of the ANA Delegate Assembly, I will represent the will of the members of the KNA and ensure that their voices and concerns are presented to the ANA. I appreciate your consideration of my nomination and I humbly ask for your vote.

Mary Gail Wilder, DNS, RN – District 8
Present Position: Henderson Community College
Type of Position: Chairperson, Biological Sciences & Related Technologies, Coordinator of Nursing Program
Area of Expertise: Nursing Education
Education: Indiana University, DNS; University of Evansville, MSN & BSN; Sts. Mary & Elizabeth Hospital School of Nursing, RN
Professional Organizational Activities: District: State: KNA nominated representative to Kentucky Board of Nursing 2000-2006; ANA Delegate 2006-2008
Statement: When the nominating committee contacted me about the opportunity to be nominated to serve another term in this position, I felt honored. I was a KNA delegate in 2006 and again in 1992 and the KNA will always hold a special place in my heart. As a member of the KNA, I have served in several positions at the district and state level with the KNA. In these positions, I have assisted with many projects that have positively impacted the KNA, such as playing an integral role in the planning of the first Education Summit. The KNA has always served the nurses of our state well and has been instrumental in lobbying and creating positive change for the profession. As a member of the ANA Delegate Assembly, I will represent the will of the members of the KNA and ensure that their voices and concerns are presented to the ANA. I appreciate your consideration of my nomination and I humbly ask for your vote.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (3)
Betsy H. Olinger, EdD, MSN, RN – District 2
Present Position: Kentucky State University
Type of Position: Chairperson, School of Nursing
Area of Expertise: Educational Administrator, Pediatric
Education: University of Kentucky, EdD, MSN; Berea College, BSN
Professional Organizational Activities: District: State:
Statement: I have been active in KNA since 1984. I would like to continue with service on the Ethics Committee.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (3)
Betsy H. Olinger, EdD, MSN, RN – District 2
Present Position: Kentucky State University
Type of Position: Chairperson, School of Nursing
Area of Expertise: Educational Administrator, Pediatric
Education: University of Kentucky, EdD, MSN; Berea College, BSN
Professional Organizational Activities: District: State:
Statement: The Nominating Committee is a vital part of the KNA’s continuing functioning. Being a part of the nominating process helps one to be more involved with many nurses throughout the Commonwealth. It is through this process, KNA obtains its leaders for the coming years.

EDUCATION & RESEARCH (4)
NURSE FACULTY (1)
Peggy Tudor, MSN, RN – District 9
Present Position: Eastern Kentucky University
Type of Position: Department Chair, Associate Degree Nursing
Area of Expertise: Maternal-Child Nursing, Administration
Education: University of Kentucky, EdD Candidate, MSN, BSN
Professional Organizational Activities: District: State:
Statement: As health care needs of our society become more complex, it is important that nurses use evidence-based information to guide their nursing practice. It is also important that nurses be supported in their research efforts to expand the scientific base of nursing in nursing practice, education and nursing service. As a re-elected member of the Education and Research Cabinet, the focus of my efforts will continue to be to stimulate and promote the development of nurses and to advance the profession of nursing.

STAFF NURSE (2)
Judy L. Ponder, MSN, RN – District 9
Present Position: Shermers Hospital
Type of Position: Director, Educational Services
Area of Expertise: Educator, Clinical Instructor, Pediatrics, Orthopedics, Staff Development
Education: University of Kentucky, DNP Student current status: MSN; Berea College, BSN
Professional Organizational Activities: District: State: Education & Research Cabinet
Statement: I am very interested in serving on the Education & Research Cabinet. My experience as a staff nurse, a clinical nurse specialist, as well as previously serving as a part-time clinical instructor at Eastern Kentucky University, I believe in lifelong learning for every nurse. I am a strong advocate regarding practice and education, and as I relate to obtaining and maintaining nursing competency, integrity, and credibility, I would appreciate your vote; as serving would enable me to continue to support KNA activities.

NURSE IN RESEARCH (1)
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS CABINET (3)
Maggie Miller, RN, PhD – District 1
Present Position: Retired
Type of Position: Area of Expertise: Educator
Education: Professional Organizational Activities: District: (continued on page 9)
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State:  ANA Delegate, Bylaws Committee, Finance Committee, Governmental Affairs Cabinet

Jason T. Shuffitt, MSN, RN  – District 7

Present Position:  Medical Center of Bowling Green Type of Position:  Emergency Room Charge Nurse Area of Expertise:  Emergency Room, Staff Nurse, Administration, Critical Care, Family Practice Education:  Western Kentucky University, MSN, BSN, RN

Professional Organizational Activities:  District:  District 7 Nominations Committee, President-Elect, Professional Organizational Activities:  District:  BSN, RN

State:  Education Administration, Critical Care, Family Practice Area of Expertise:  Emergency Room, Staff Nurse, Emergency Room Charge Nurse Present Position:  Medical Center of Bowling Green – District 7 Jason T. Shuffitt, MSN, RN

Committee, Governmental Affairs Cabinet

Education:

BSN, RN

Professional Organizational Activities:  District:

Statement:  Since graduating in 2004 with my Associate in Science in Nursing, I have been actively involved in the Kentucky Nurses Association at many levels. I have continued this involvement throughout my educational journey attempting to recruit new members with each new encounter. I have served in several positions at the district and state level with the KNA. In these positions, I have assisted with and lead many projects that have positively impacted the KNA, such as playing an integral role in the planning of the first Education Summit. The KNA has always served the nurses of our state well and has been instrumental in lobbying and creating positive change for the profession. As a member of the Governmental Affairs Cabinet, I will strive to maintain the positive momentum of the previous Cabinet members and look forward to assisting in developing new and long lasting positive outcomes for our profession. I humbly ask for your vote.

NURSING PRACTICE AND ECONOMIC & PROFESSIONAL SECURITY CABINET (4)

ADMINISTRATIVE ROLE (I)

Sandra DeFoor, RN  – District

Present Position:  Retired

Type of Position:

Area of Expertise:  Director of Nursing, Infection Control, Emergency, Administrative Education:  Baylor University, BSN

Professional Organizational Activities:  District:  District 7 Nominations Committee, President-Elect, President State:

Education:

Area of Expertise:

Type of Position:

Present Position:

CLINICAL PRACTICE STAFF NURSE (I)

Barbara Devers, BSN, RN  – District 2

Present Position:  Veterans Administration Medical Center, Lexington

Type of Position:

Area of Expertise:  Chemotherapy, Staff Nurse Education:  University of Kentucky, BS

Professional Organizational Activities:  District:  Economic & Professional Security Cabinet, Local 102 President

Brenda Sherwood, MSN, RN, CRN  – District 9

Present Position:  Frankfort Regional Medical Center Type of Position:  Certified Radiology Nurse Area of Expertise:  Staff Nurse, Radiology Education:  University of Southern Indiana, MSN; University of Kentucky, BSN; Midway College, RN

Professional Organizational Activities:  District:  District 9 Secretary State:  Member At Large Economic & Professional Security Cabinet Statement:  I am very interested in serving on the Professional Nursing Practice and Advocacy Cabinet. I believe my 35 years of experience as a nurse in the acute care hospital setting as well as in a large cardiology office will be advantageous to understanding and promoting the goals and purposes of this cabinet. I am a certified radiology nurse (CRN) and have recently completed a MSN in management/leadership at the University of Southern Indiana. I am very interested in promoting improvement in the areas of professional practice and advocacy of nurses by improving health care and workplace standards. As a member of the “baby-boomer” generation I am concerned about the future of nursing. It is important to recruit and promote the retention of nurses to prevent a projected shortage. With the advent of the computer age, consumers are much more health conscious and demand collaboration with health care providers; it is imperative that consumers be included in the development of policies relating to health and economic concerns. As a member-at-large of the Economic & Professional Security Cabinet for the past 2 years, I would like the opportunity to assist in the transition to the combined cabinet, newly named the Professional Practice and Advocacy Cabinet.

EDUCATION ROLE (I)

Elizabeth G. Johnson, DNS, MSN, RN  – District 8

Present Position:  University of Southern Indiana Type of Position:  Chairperson, Nursing Department Area of Expertise:  Education, Obstetrics, Newborn Education:  University of Alabama Birmingham, DNS; University of Evansville, MSN; Murray State University, BSN

Professional Organizational Activities:  District:  District Board of Directors, District President State:

Economic & Professional Security Cabinet

Doris A. Stone, RN  – District 1

Present Position:  Jefferson Community & Technical College Type of Position:  Clinical Nursing Coordinator Area of Expertise:  Pediatrics – Cardiopulmonary, Educator Education:  Spalding University, Working for Doctorate in Education Leadership; Bellarmine University, MSN in Nursing Education; Webster University, Masters in Human Resource Development & Health Service Management; Nova University, BS;

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KENTUCKY NURSES FOUNDATION (KNF) BOARD OF TRUSTEES (4)

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING DIVISION

Chairperson (I)

Judy C. Moore, MSN, RN  – District 8

Present Position:  Hazard ARH

Type of Position:  Staff Nurse

Area of Expertise:  Cardiovascular Education:  University of Phoenix, MSN; Hazard Community College, RN; Morehead State University, BA; Lees Junior College; AA

Professional Organizational Activities:  District:

Statement:  My fellow nurses, I graduated from nursing school in 1990 and its been a career choice that I have never regretted. Nursing is my life. I have been active in KNA, at the local level, all my 18 years as a nurse. I am currently an officer of Local 104 at Hazard ARH. I have been one of the representatives for the ARH nurses at our last three contract negotiations. I regularly attend the Council of Presidents and Collective Bargaining Division meetings to represent our nurses. I want to continue to represent our nurses with a greater voice. That’s why I’m asking for your vote for chairperson of the CBDSC and UAN Delegate. Let’s make the change together. Thank you.

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Sarah Hunley, RN – District 6
Present Position: Harlan ARH
Type of Position: Staff Nurse
Area of Expertise: Staff Nurse, OB/GYN, Newborn Nursery, Surgery
Education: Appalachian School of Nursing, Diploma
Professional Organizational Activities: District:
State: CBD Chairperson National: UAN Delegate; NLC Member

Treasurer (1)
Bruce Saylor, RN – District 6
Present Position: Middlesboro ARH
Type of Position: Staff Nurse
Area of Expertise: Staff Nurse, Emergency Room, Critical Care.
Education: Professional Organizational Activities: District:
State: Member at Large for CBD

Statement: I would like to be Treasurer of the Collective Bargaining Division and my main interest is to give it my all in this capacity. Our union has been strong in the face of a company determined to destroy it. Our union of professional nurses makes up a strong part of the hub in the KNA and the need for a good Treasurer that will follow the great one we’ve had will be important at this point as we need for a good Treasurer that will follow the great one we’ve had will be important at this point as we need to become our own entity of professional union nurses. I believe I can be this person and nurse to fill this role.

Member-At-Large (2)
Kathy Ford, RN – District 6
Present Position: Staff Nurse
Type of Position: Staff Nurse
Area of Expertise: Staff Nurse
Education: Professional Organizational Activities: District:
State:

DeAnna Hamilton, RN – District
Present Position: McDowell ARH
Type of Position: Staff Nurse
Area of Expertise: Emergency Room
Education: Hazard Community & Technical College, RN
Professional Organizational Activities: District:
State: Statement: I have decided to seek a position on the Collective Bargaining Unit as a Member-At-Large because I feel that all local bargaining units need to have a voice on the CBD. I feel that I can be a fresh voice of reason on the CBD.

Wilma Jones, BSN, RN – District 6
Present Position: Hazard ARH
Type of Position: Staff Nurse
Area of Expertise: Staff Nurse
Education: Eastern Kentucky University, BSN; Hazard ARH School of Nursing, Diploma; Hazard Community College, Associate Degree
Professional Organizational Activities: District:
State: Advisory for CBD Steering Committee; President, Council of Presidents; President, KNA Local 104 in Hazard National: ANA Delegate; UAN Alternate Delegate; Spot-Light Speaker
Statement: I have been committed to my professional organization my entire nursing career of 31 years. My focus to this day has always been high quality safe nursing care. If nurses do not know what their rights are – how can they speak for themselves and their patients? My years of service to represent nurses and patients remains and continues to be my commitment to this day.

Judy C. Moore, MSN, RN – District 6
Present Position: Hazard ARH
Type of Position: Staff Nurse
Area of Expertise: Cardiovascular
Education: University of Phoenix, MSN; Hazard Community College, RN; Morehead State University, BA; Lees Junior College; AA
Professional Organizational Activities: District:
State: Active at local level with Council of Presidents of the Collective Bargaining Division
Statement: My fellow nurses, I graduated from nursing school in 1990 and its been a career choice that I have never regretted. Nursing is my life. I have been active in KNA, at the local level, all my 18 years as a nurse. I am currently an officer of Local 104 at Hazard ARH. I have been one of the representatives for the ARH nurses at our last three contract negotiations. I regularly attend the Council of Presidents and Collective Bargaining Division meetings to represent our nurses. I want to continue to represent our nurses with a greater voice. That’s why I’m asking for your vote for chairperson of the CBDSC and UAN Delegate. Let’s make the change together. Thank you.

UAN Delegate (1)
Wilma Jones, BSN, RN – District 6
Present Position: Hazard ARH
Type of Position: Staff Nurse
Area of Expertise: Staff Nurse
Education: Eastern Kentucky University, BSN; Hazard ARH School of Nursing, Diploma; Hazard Community College, Associate Degree
Professional Organizational Activities: District:
State: Advisory for CBD Steering Committee; President, Council of Presidents; President, KNA

Local 104 in Hazard National: ANA Delegate; UAN Alternate Delegate; Spot-Light Speaker
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UAN Alternate (1)
Sarah Hunley, RN – District 6
Present Position: Harlan ARH
Type of Position: Staff Nurse
Area of Expertise: Staff Nurse, OB/GYN, Newborn Nursery, Surgery
Education: Appalachian School of Nursing, Diploma
Professional Organizational Activities: District:
State: CBD Chairperson National: UAN Delegate; NLC Member
Over half a century ago diseases such as mumps, measles, and tetanus were considered a childhood rite of passage. Vaccination programs have all but eliminated most of these diseases. While incidences have declined to a small number each year, pertussis has made a comeback. The introduction of the pertussis vaccine in the late 1940s drastically decreased the incidence of pertussis. The pre-vaccination era accounted for an average of 160,000 cases per year, but the incidence rate fell to 2 per 100,000 by 1976, the incidence rate had declined to a mere 1,010 reported cases. Since 1980 however, the reported cases have steadily increased, and in 2004, 25,827 cases of pertussis were reported (Campos-Outcalt, 2005). Fifty percent of the pertussis resurgence since 2004 has encompassed persons over the age of ten years. This demonstrates that the vaccine is not as effective in older adults. It is possible that the rise in reported cases could be justifiably attributed to the current levels of antibodies introduced via vaccine. Moreover, it is probable that the rise in reported cases could be justified by an increase in case detection (Yeh & Mink, 2006). In addition, current speculation is that the recent emphasis on avoiding unnecessary antibiotic treatments and the unanticipated consequence of decreased treatment of under-diagnosed pertussis (Campos-Outcalt, 2005). Other possible factors contributing to the rebound include the increase in international travel, which exposes travelers to a myriad of potential diseases and illnesses, and the longevity of human life. The pertussis vaccine, developed in 1940s, was thought to provide life-long immunity (Ragucks et al., 2007). At that time, human life expectancy, measured at birth, was usually 60-80 plus years. With the waning of adolescent and adult immunity and because pertussis may not have a chance to infect the immune system, the age group, adolescents and adults become the reservoir of the pertussis pathogen and source of transmission and infection for non-immunized or partially immunized infants and children.

Classic pertussis, also known as whooping cough to many, presents in three clinical phases. These phases identified by stages in the progression of the infection are catarrhal, paroxysmal, and convalescent. After an incubation period between one to three weeks, the catarrhal stage is characterized by rhinorrhea, normal to low grade body temperature, and mild cough, often times undistinguishable from the common cold. Over a period of an additional one to two weeks the severity of the cough worsens. A prolonged burst of rapid coughs, followed by a massive inspiratory effort, which is characterized by the “whoop” characterizes the paroxysmal phase. The coughing can become extremely intense inducing exhaustion and cyanosis. Often times the coughing spells are followed by vomiting or post-tussive emesis. This intense phase can last up to ten weeks. The paroxysmal stage is followed by the convalescence stage lasting just a few weeks to a period of three months. While this recovery period is gradual, excessive coughing continues while the frequency decreases. However, the susceptibility to respiratory infections continues for months (Moss, 2006).

As mentioned, the presentation of pertussis in adults is difficult to recognize. Adults may resemble the classical infant features of whooping cough. The severity may be lessened, depending upon the amount of pre-existing immunity. Symptoms most commonly present as a cough lasting three to six weeks, night-time coughing, pharyngitis, cyanosis, and apnea. Eating, drinking, physical exertion, and climate change bring on reported coughing spells. With adult onset of symptoms, it is easy to understand how pertussis can be misdiagnosed as many other illnesses including asthma, sinusitis, or bronchitis. These misdiagnoses lead to the possibility of incorrect antibiotic therapies resulting in virulence of the infection and a reservoir for the pathogen.

Pathogenicity

The bacteria associated with Bordetella pertussis are small, non-motile, gram-negative coccobacilli. The rod-shaped organism produces a toxin that inhibits the action of the respiratory tract cilia and causes cough. This toxin produces a substance like substance inhibiting the ability of the respiratory tract from clearing secretions, inducing excessive cough (Moss, 2006). Several complications associated with pertussis infection can occur, including sinusitis and pneumonia. In addition, urinary incontinence, facial petechiae, hemorrhages in the central nervous system, subcutaneous edema, pneumothorax, umbilical and inguinal hernias, and rectal prolapse have been reported secondary to paroxysmal cough. Seizures, encephalopathy and, of course, death also have been reported. The frequency of such reported complications are higher in the infant and children population than in older adults (Yeh and Mink, 2006).

This recent shift in epidemiology and the resurgence of pertussis suggests that the disease has re-emerged. The current programs-awesome for non-immunized or partially immunized infants and children, were deployed to prevent pertussis only at infants and young children. Newer vaccines for adolescents and adults will continue to protect the individual as well as decrease the reservoir. The first vaccines in the United States consisted of killed whole Bordetella pertussis organisms, and in 1941 a licensed whole-cell pertussis vaccine became available. In 1948, this whole-cell vaccine was combined with diphtheria and tetanus toxoids. Unfortunately, this whole-cell vaccine was associated with unfavorable reactions resulting in the overall decline in public acceptability after a mid-1970s report of two deaths following administration. Success was reached in the early 1980s with the development of an acellular vaccine combined again with the diphtheria and tetanus toxoids. The acellular vaccine has proven its effectiveness and when vaccination is halted or withheld, re-emergence of this disease occurs. It is now known that vaccines only have beneficial effects if they are used. Interestingly, epidemiic cycles of pertussis occur every 3-5 years, largely due to the fact that immunity is immune and that the Bordetella pertussis organism circulates freely in the population (Yeh and Mink, 2006).

Updated recommendations

In 2005, with the rising occurrence of pertussis, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) reviewed the recommendations for pertussis vaccinations and approved two vaccines for older age groups: Boostrix, a combination of tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis is licensed for use in 10-18 year olds, and Adacel is approved for 11-64 year olds. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that most infants and younger children be vaccinated beginning at two months of age. A booster, Boostrix, vaccine should be received at 11-12 years of age if there has been at least a five-year interval since the last vaccine. This five-year interval reduces the likelihood of local and systemic reactions. Finally, adults ages 19-64 years, should receive Adacel if the most recent tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine was received ten or more years earlier. In addition, the CDC highly recommends that all health care professionals, and adults in contact with children receive the appropriate vaccine, ensuring the curtailment of community outbreaks and the protection of infants who have not been completely immunized.

The success of childhood vaccination has been facilitated by scheduled, routine well-child visits in the early years of growth and development, which is a documentation requirement for school entry. Healthy young adults have few medical visits to provide opportunities for preventive care presenting a need for health care providers to develop a practice for reviewing vaccination needs at each visit. Medical visits prior to college entrance, pre-natal visits, and employment physicals are opportune times for assessment of immunization status. Schools, day care centers, and health care facilities are potential foci of spread of infection. Such employers would benefit from vaccine requirements for employment. If exposure is confirmed, employees should be placed on sick leave until five days of antibiotic therapy has been completed. Health care providers should consider pertussis when an adolescent has experienced cough for two weeks or longer. Preventatively, providers should implement systems that insure all patients are vaccinated according to CDC recommendations and collaborate with schools, daycares, and local health departments to evaluate close contacts and possible outbreaks. Such procedures may become unecessary in the future if the pertussis vaccine products for adolescents are successful in turning pertussis into another vaccine preventable disease.

References


A Comparison of Methods of Assessing Patient Body Weight In The Pediatric Emergency Department

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Kosair Children’s Hospital
Louisville, Kentucky

The exact weight of a child undergoing resuscitation in a pediatric emergency department is critical to implementing protocols to save the child's life. These weight dependent protocols involve titrating drug dosages to the child's body weight in order to maximize the effect of the therapy while minimizing the toxic effect of the drug. Commonly, extenuating circumstances preclude the assessment of the child's weight by using a standard scale. These circumstances include the consciousness and cooperativeness of the child, severity of illness or injury, stability of the child's condition, as well as temporary braces to stabilize the child's back, neck and/or extremities. The purpose of this study was to compare the accuracy of five methods of estimating a pediatric patient's body weight in the pediatric emergency department (ED). The five methods compared included a physician's estimate, a nurse's estimate, the patient's parent's estimate, the estimate using the Broselow tape, which is a recommended length-based method in the Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) course (American Academy of Pediatrics, American Heart Association, 2006), and the devised weight-estimation method (DWEM) (Garland, Kishaba, Nelson, Losek, & Sobocinski, 1986) which uses both length and body habitus to estimate weight. The accuracy of estimates by nurses and physicians may be dependent upon the experience level of the practitioners and the frequency with which they treat children. In this study, nurses had an average of 7.7 years of pediatric ED experience, and physicians had an average of 6.5 years. The estimates of the nurses and physicians at this pediatric hospital were highly accurate, but it is not known if practitioner estimates would be more accurate than the Broselow or DWEM methods across multiple settings. The accuracy of parent estimates in this study could be due to the population of children studied being recently seen by their pediatrician, and weighed in the office, then sent to the ED for additional care or evaluation. Based on these limitations of the study, it is not recommended that physician, nurse or parent estimate preclude the use of an objective methodology.

Of the five methods compared, the Broselow and DWEM methods were the least accurate in estimating the child's weight. This finding is contrary to recommendations in the literature which indicate that the Broselow tape and the DWEM are the most accurate methods of weight estimation in children (Black, Barnett, Wolfe & Young, 2002). This finding may be due to the Broselow and DWEM methods being based upon standard height and weight tables which were developed by Metropolitan Life in 1943 and since that time children have gained in body weight relative to their height (Lobstein & Jackson-Leach, 2007). Thus, the physician, nurses and parent's estimate of the child's weight may need to be considered in the final estimate of the child's weight which is employed in their care.

Table 1. Correlation between actual and estimated weights

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1. Vicki Hines-Martin, PhD, RN, was elected to serve on the Nursing Research Grant Reviewer (NRGR) committee for the American Nurses Foundation. She will serve for a 3-year term as part of a 12-member grant review committee. Hines-Martin was also awarded the 2008 Diversity Award by the International Society of Psychiatric Mental Health Nurses on April 11, 2008 at the conference held in Louisville. She was recognized for her many efforts in promoting culturally competent mental health care and access to mental health services among minority and underserved populations. The award recognizes an ISPN member who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in providing culturally sensitive mental health services to individuals, families and/or groups through the development of innovative and significant contributions to teaching of, research about, and/or practice of culturally sensitive mental health care in nursing.

2. University of Louisville School of Nursing was second runner up to receive the UofL Diversity Award, which recognizes efforts to advance diversity and inclusion at UofL since the 2003 inception of the university-wide diversity plan “Achieving Our Highest Potential.”

3. Cynthia Logsdon, DNS, ARNP, received funding from the University of Pittsburgh for four years to code and analyze videotapes of maternal infant interactions. Dr. Katherine Wisner, MD, at the University of Pittsburgh, is Principal Investigator of the NIH funded primary grant, “Antimanic Use During Pregnancy.”

4. Barbara Jackson, RN, PhD student, was awarded the Dr. Margaret S. Miles Student Poster Award from the Parent-Child RIG at Southern Nursing Research Society February 21-23, 2008 for her poster entitled “Adaptation and Resiliency in African American Mothers.” Her co-authors were Dr. Ermalynn Kiehl and Dr. Deby Armstrong. This award marks the first time any SNRS RIG has awarded a prize in its specialty area. Ms. Jackson also received the second place student poster award for poster session 2, which included posters for the RIGs Education, Health Promotion, Parent-Child, Psychiatric/Mental Health, and Researchers in Clinical Settings.

5. A University of Louisville Intramural Research Incentive Grant (IRIG) was awarded to three School of Nursing faculty including Peggy El-Mallakh, PhD, RN, “Family Caregiving for Individuals with Schizophrenia and Diabetes Mellitus.” Kay Roberts “The Prevalence and Characteristics of Diabetes-Related Disparities in an Underserved African American Community” and Cynthia Logsdon’s IRIG proposal entitled “Assessing Fidelity of a Mental Health Nursing Intervention.”

6. Kay T. Roberts, EdD, RNC, FAAN, received a grant from the Canaan Community Development Corporation for her project entitled “A Diabetes Free Destiny for African Americans.” The project focuses on engaging diabetic and pre-diabetic low income African Americans in a comprehensive, year long, community-based intervention program in order to achieve diabetes control.

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Personal and Career Conflicts: Effects on Well-Being

by Susan Vorce Crocker, PhD, RN

New nurses are entering the workforce with college graduations in full swing across the United States. Are you looking forward to their contributions? At the same time, are you concerned about the nervous tensions and differences that novice nurses bring into your already hectic workplace? This article discusses the intersections of home and work life: looking at issues that may influence well-being along with career satisfaction. Are you experiencing a collision of opposing priorities, responsibilities, and expectations? Have you considered the effects of these and other conflicts on your health and well-being?

Psychologists tell us that quality ties to others are universally endorsed as central to optimal living. Social scientists have extensively studied the relational world, but in somewhat separate writings (e.g., attachment, close relationships, marital and family ties, social support). As nurses, you have many roles that vie with your professional career and work duties; as do those with whom you live and work. The conflict patterns are complex. So, put on your self-nursing assessment ‘hat’ and see what you discover!

Shift Work

Our lives have been undeniably altered by the growing 24/7 global economy. Employees from all walks of life are increasingly working shifts. Many of these workers are married and many also have children. Single parents have their own set of shift work issues. Studies indicate that working the evening shift is associated with striking differences in home life and social commitments. Furthermore, shift and time they spend with their children. Women who work whose wives work day shifts. At the same time, however, evening shifts report significantly higher work-family conflicts than do day shift workers (Barnett, Gareis & Brennan, 2008; Barnett & Gareis, 2007; Presser, 2003).

Conflict at home related to work expectation—does this resonate with your work-family experience?

Hours Worked

A study reported in the American Journal of Nursing (Trinkoff, Geiger-Brown, Brady, Lipscomb, & Muntaner, 2006) states that extended work schedules—those that vary from the standard eight hours per day, 35 to 40 hours per week—are common in nursing and contribute to problems with nursing recruitment and retention in addition to compromising patient safety and the health and well-being of nurses. This study described the nature and prevalence of such schedules across nursing settings and concluded that the proportion of nurses who reported working schedules that exceed the recommendations of the Institute of Medicine should raise industry-wide concerns about fatigue and health risks to nurses as well as the safety of patients in their care. Is your health and well-being at risk due to the rising expectations and resulting conflicts from work expectations?

Flexible and Variable Hours

Nurses continue to advocate for more flexibility and variability in our work place and work schedules. Costa, Sartori, & Akerstedt (2006) investigated the influence of flexible and variable working hours. They analyzed how these two dimensions relate to health and well-being. The flexibility and variability of working hours appeared inversely related to health and psycho-social well-being: the most favorable effects were associated with higher flexibility and lower variability. Physical work, age, and flexibility were found to be the three most important factors affecting health and well-being. Flexibility was reported as the most important factor to influence work satisfaction; the second to affect family and social commitment and the ability to do the same job when 60 years old, as well as trauma, overall fatigue, irritability, and headache; and the third to influence heart disease, stomachache, anxiety, injury, and the feeling that health being at risk because of work. Variability was the third most important factor influencing family and social commitments. Furthermore, shift and night work significantly influenced sleep, digestive and cardiovascular troubles, as well as health and safety at work. Time pressure also showed a relevant influence, both on individual stress and social life. Workers who reported control of these variables had positive consequences related to coping strategies as evidenced by “feeling to be able to work until 60 years of age” (p.1125). The many issues surrounding the aging and shrinking nursing workforce apply here. Suitable arrangements of flexible working time, aimed at supporting workers’ coping strategies, have been shown to have beneficial effects on worker health and well-being. How are you doing with so many “balls in the air?” Is your juggling of all of these conflicting roles and expectations taking a toll? Satisfaction results from having a sense of accomplishment, purpose, and control. As health care professionals, we must learn to take care to protect our-selves in order to protect our patients.

Next Steps

Share this information with your family and your co-workers. We must face the issues and talk about the conflicts. Review the information on vitality and resiliency presented in previous articles. As nurses, we must put into practice for ourselves all that we have learned about managing conflict in others. Seek out avenues for conflict mediation or other training aimed at acquiring skills in conflict management. Together we can creatively and collectively work to reduce the myriad of conflicts that plague our day-to-day lives.

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Top 10 Risk Management Strategies for Kentucky Nurses

LaTonia Denise Wright, RN, BSN, JD

As a Generation Xer, I grew up watching David Letterman and his Top 10. Well here is my “Top 10” for Kentucky licensed nurses to manage and mitigate the legal risks associated with nursing practice:

1. Track the latest developments in Kentucky nursing regulation. Review the Kentucky Nurse Practice Act and Kentucky Board of Nursing regulations. These are the legal foundations for your nursing practice. Read the KBN Nursing Connection from cover to cover quarterly when you receive the mailing. Bookmark the Kentucky Board of Nursing website on your computer and periodically check the Board’s website to review its publications, updates, etc. The Kentucky Board of Nursing’s website is http://kbnn.ky.gov/.

2. Familiarize yourself with the nursing policies & procedures and employee handbook of your nursing employer. Know your employment options as a professional registered nurse: at-will employment, collective bargaining, and employment contracts and decide which employment option is best for you.

3. Do not take short-cuts (even if it is a common occurrence on your unit/floor) with administering, documenting, and handling medication especially controlled substances. This includes but is not limited to documenting waste, medication overrides, failing to document the administration of controlled substances, administering medication without an order, administering medication pursuant to a verbal order but failing to document the verbal order, withdrawing controlled substances “too frequently” and inconsistently with an order, etc. Chemical dependency and theft of drugs is a concern in nursing and healthcare in general therefore always, always, always practice in accordance with the standards of safe nursing practice when documenting, administering, handling, and wasting controlled substances.

4. Consider purchasing professional liability insurance that will cover attorney fees and costs associated with defending your license before the Kentucky Board of Nursing if a complaint is filed against your license and in the event that you are named as a defendant in certain civil suits. See http://www.nso.com/ for additional information. You have life insurance, car insurance, and health insurance, why do you not have professional liability insurance?

5. Maintain competency in your specialty and ensure that you have the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities to safely practice. Attend conferences that are applicable to your area of practice to stay abreast of new developments and standards of practice.

6. You are accountable for your nursing practice. If you are unsure about delegating a task or performing a procedure, speak with a supervisor first and/or collaborate with other colleagues on the most appropriate course of action. When in doubt about any particular course of action, always ask questions and seek guidance until you are comfortable with the situation. Do not be afraid to follow the chain of command. Trust your instincts because if it does not feel right, it may not be right.

7. Establish and maintain professional boundaries with patients. Refrain from sexual relations with clients. The nurse-patient relationship is a professional relationship; it is not a personal, financial, business, or sexual relationship. See the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) booklet on professional boundaries at https://www.ncsbn.org/Professional-Boundaries-2007_Web.pdf.

8. Before you sign any legal, business, or professional practice document that affects your nursing license, practice, or career, make sure you understand all of the terms, provisions, and conditions in the document. Consider having the document reviewed by an attorney prior to signing the document. This includes but is not limited to employment contracts and Board of Nursing agreed orders, consent agreements, and contracts. You want to make informed decisions about how the document affects your livelihood before you sign it.

9. Do not engage in any type of criminal conduct in your personal or professional life. This seems like a no-brainer, but things happen. If you are charged with a crime remember you are a licensed professional and it’s a privilege to hold a nursing license. You do not have a right to practice nursing. Consult with a criminal defense attorney about the criminal matter and consult with a licensure defense attorney about the nursing licensure, employment, and career implications of a criminal conviction. Why? A criminal conviction for a nurse may have a ripple effect on your liberty, licensure, and employability. A criminal conviction (except for traffic-related misdemeanors) must be reported to the Kentucky Board of Nursing within 30 days of the entry of the final judgment. See KRS 314.109.

10. Nursing documentation is extremely important. In the event of a medical malpractice action or a Kentucky Board of Nursing investigation your documentation may be reviewed and scrutinized. Consistently document in descriptive terms the nursing care you provide. Never chart ahead, submit fraudulent documentation, or make inappropriate notations or drawings in the medical record.

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Galen College of Nursing Announces Campus Expansion
College to Add New Student Resource Center, Clinical Learning Laboratory

Galen College of Nursing today announced a major expansion at its main campus that will include a new student resource center, new classrooms and a second clinical learning laboratory.

The 12,000-square-foot expansion features a new library and resource center for students that includes a computer lab, counseling offices, a designated area for individualized testing, plus group study space and lounge seating. The resource center will also employ a full-time librarian.

In addition, the expansion will include a new clinical learning laboratory, in which students will learn bedside care through the use of computerized human patient simulators under the supervision of Galen faculty. The simulators enable students to practice advanced clinical learning in a safe, controlled environment.

“This expansion is to provide better resources for our students and to make sure we keep up with the changing technology in nursing,” Galen Executive Vice President Joe Peters said. “As enrollment grows, so will our facilities; we also want to broaden our student resources to confirm our commitment to providing the best nursing education possible. This commitment is ongoing at Galen.”

New multimedia classrooms, administrative offices and a new reception area are also part of the expansion, which will increase Galen's total size to more than 51,000 square feet. Galen currently enrolls more than 600 students at its Louisville campus and employs more than 70 people including staff and faculty.
District #9 Activities

Our annual picnic was held Saturday, July 12th, at Logan Hubbard Park in Lincoln County. We made final plans for a group trip to see “Bodies: The Exhibition” at the Cincinnati Museum Center at Union Terminal on Saturday, August 2nd. The September 11th meeting at 7 PM will be at Bill’s Diner in Lancaster. Our final 2008 meeting will be November 14th at 7 PM at Freddie’s in Stanford. New 2009-10 officers will be installed that evening. District #9 encompasses Anderson, Boyle, Casey, Garrard, Lincoln, Marion, Mercer, Rockcastle and Washington counties. We welcome all nurses to our meetings and do have members from other counties.

Barbara E. Sonnen, president
June 2, 2008

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Announcing the Kick-Off of the Kentucky Nurses Association (KNA) Environmental Health Task Force

Nurses are increasingly becoming aware of the connection between the health of the environment and the health of our patients, families, and communities. As nurses we have a responsibility to be knowledgeable regarding environmental health threats, engage our nursing expertise, and guide policy for healthy environments. Many health trends thought to be linked to the environment are on the rise:

• In 2006, 9.9 million U.S. children under 18 years of age (14%) have ever been diagnosed with asthma: 6.8 million children (9%) still have asthma. (Bloom B, Cohen. 2007)
• Trends reveal hospitalizations for asthma have steadily increased for children in Kentucky rising 45 percent between 2000 and 2003. (Kentucky Environmental Quality Commission, 2004)
• Nine percent of U.S. children under 18 years of age suffered from hay fever in the past 12 months. 12% from respiratory allergies and 13% from other allergies. (Bloom B, Cohen. 2007)
• Autism spectrum disorders (ASDs) are diagnosed in 1 in 150 8-year-old children in multiple areas of the United States. It is now the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States. (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2007)
• Between 1973 and 1998, breast cancer incidence in the United States increased by more than 20 percent. Today, a woman’s lifetime risk of breast cancer is one in eight. (Breast Cancer Fund, 2008)
• In the United States in 2007, approximately 10,400 children under age 15 were diagnosed with cancer and about 1,545 children will die from the disease. (American Cancer Society, 2007)
• Hypospadias occurs in approximately 1 in every 250 male births in the United States. (Gatti, J. 2007).

The KNA Environmental Health Task Force is being formed by the Kentucky Nurses Association (KNA) in collaboration with KNA District 6. The purpose of the KNA Environmental Health Task Force is for Kentucky nurses to have a strong, united voice on environmental health issues, to explore and share information related to environmental health and to enhance networking to improve health through environmental initiatives that impact practice, education, research, and advocacy.

The Kick-Off meeting of the KNA Environmental Health Task Force will take place on Wednesday, October 15, 2008 at 1:00pm at Louisville Marriott East, 1903 Embassy Square Boulevard, Louisville, KY 40209. The meeting is open to any nurse who is interested in learning more about promoting and protecting environmental health and becoming a member of the KNA and the KNA Environmental Health Task Force. Please come out to show your support. For further details please contact Lisa Abner, MSN, RN at 606-864-4764 x.114 or by email at LisaF.Abner@ky.gov.

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The historical narrative, Professional Nursing in Kentucky: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow, is a KNA Centennial Project. Research and authorship was a collective effort of the KNA Centennial Publication Committee. The content was derived from published and unpublished documents in public and private archives of Kentucky schools of nursing, hospitals, colleges, universities, health agencies, libraries and historical societies. Selected photos and individual anecdotes lend a personal touch.

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“Nursing: Light of Hope”
by Scott Gilbertson
Folio Studio, Louisville, Kentucky

Photo submitted by the Kentucky Nurses Association, July 2005 to the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee requesting that a first class stamp be issued honoring the nursing profession. (Request Pending)

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The Human Touch

Her step is heavy
Her spirit is high
Her gait is slow
Her breath is quick
Her stature is small
She is an old woman
At the end of her life
She needs support and strength from another.

The other woman offers her hand
She supports her arm
She walks at her pace
She listens intently
She looks at her face.
She is a young woman at the beginning of her life,
But she is already an expert in caring.

RN Poet
Beckie Stewart*

*I wrote this poem to describe the painting, *The Human Touch* by Marge.*

Edmonds, Washington '94
Welcome New Members

The Kentucky Nurses Association welcomes the following new and/or reinstated members since the April/May/June 2008 issue of the KENTUCKY NURSE.

District #1
Melanie N. Brown
Nanci Brown
Rebecca Brown
Pamela C. Derbin
Rebecca Garmon
Rebekah L. Easton-Hogg
Vanessa K. Harvey
Eugenia R. Hill
Jennifer M. Smithers
Recruited By
Rebecca Conley
Julie R. Duffy
Antonia Fields
Melissa Fields
Jessica Gibson
Tamie Hall
Rae M. Hensley
Anna Jarboe
Karen Sue Johnson
Connie Jones
Earl Jones
Delores J. King
Billie J. Lewis
Ruth E. Lewis
Tina Messer
Ashley B. Mullins
Elizabeth M. Smith
Jesse Smith
Christine Stacy
Lisa Faye Stowers
Wendi Turner
Nora M. Vanover
Karen L. Whorrall
Christie Lee Wooten

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Susan C. Harrod
Lori S. Mendoza
Jessica L. Murray
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Dean Scott Treadway
Recruited By
Judith Pollmann
Barb Devers
Brenda Foley
Recruited By

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Karen W. Lahr
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Leslie Jeffries
Linda R. McCown
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District #5
Michele Carbonell-Smith
Karen Hartman
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District #6
Brandi Amburgey
Amanda M. Baisden
Arlene D. Baker
Charity Carrier
Mary Ellen Clayton
Regina Coleman
Emily Collingsworth
Angela K. Combs
Lisa Ann Combs
William R. Combs
Recruited By

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Dana H. Lewis
Christine H. Tellis
Recruited By

District #8
Katherine K. Biodini
Recruited By

District #9
Mary E. Bati
Recruited By

District #10
Kimberly J. Morgan
Kim R. Pack
Christina Marie Tackett
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District #11
Amanda J. Hurt
Recruited By

**All members are invited to attend KNA Board of Directors meetings (please call KNA first to assure seating meeting location, time and date).
Please type or print clearly. Please mail your completed application with payment to Kentucky Nurses Association (KNA). P.O. Box 2616, Louisville, KY 40201-2616.

Last Name/First Name/Middle Initial

Home Address

City/State/Zip Code: ____________ + 4

County

E-Mail Address

Employer

Date _________________

RN Licensure Number/State

Epay Authorization Signature**

Printed Name

To Be Completed by KNA/ANA

Employer Code ______________________________________________________

Approved by ________________________________________________________

Expiration Date ___________ 

Amount Received $ _______________________

Check # ______________________________

Membership Category

❏ Full Membership: $259.00 Annually or $21.58 Per Month

❏ Associate Membership: $139.50 Annually or $11.58 Per Month

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❏ RN if enrolled as a full-time student at__________

❏ RN who is retired and not actively employed

❏ RN who is not currently employed as a nurse due to disability (KNA reserves the right to verify enrollment)

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In am an actively licensed RN (check one):

❏ Student

❏ Educator

I heard about KNA from (please check):

❏ KNA Member

❏ Professional networking

❏ Mailing/Publication

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❏ Full Annual Payment

❏ Check (payable to AANA)

❏ Visa

❏ MasterCard

❏ Payroll Deduction

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Payment Plan (please check):

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❏ Credit Card*: Please complete the credit card information and this authorization will be debited on or after the 1st day of each month.

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Credit Card Information

Bank Card Numbers

Expiration Date ___________ 

Amount

Authorization Signature _____________________________________________

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