Convention Turn-Out Breaks All-Time Record

The Mississippi Nurses Association return to the Gulf Coast was monumental. More than 520 participants and nearly 700 student nurses from across the state attended the 95th Mississippi Annual Nurses Association Convention Tuesday, Oct. 21-Friday, Oct. 24, at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center in Biloxi.

Pre-Convention Workshops at the Beau Rivage

Noted school nursing expert Linda Wolfe, second from left, talks with Michelle Ellison, Mary LaSalle and Dawn Wilson during a break in the pre-convention workshop, School Nursing: Back to Basics and Beyond held Tuesday, Oct. 21 at the Beau Rivage.

Compassion fatigue expert Catherine T. Kraus, BSN, MSN, MA, and school nursing specialist Linda C. Wolfe, RN, M.Ed., NCSN, FNAN, presented two simultaneous pre-convention workshops, on Tuesday, Oct. 21 at the Beau Rivage.

Laughter really does matter!

Kent Rader, billed as the world’s cleanest comedian and speaker, joined the Mississippi Nurses Association in its return to the Mississippi Gulf Coast on Wednesday, Oct. 22 with the keynote address: Laughter Matters. Rader offered practical ways to include more humor in life to reduce stress.

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MNA has launched its first online career center for Mississippi nurses. Go to the home page at www.msnurses.org and click Career Center under Membership. Use the center as your primary resource for professional development and services.

“‘We are excited to announce this brand new addition to our Website,’ said MNA Executive Director Ricki Garrett, Ph.D.

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Nominate Now for '09 Nightingale Awards

Now is the time to finish making your nominations for the 2009 Nightingale Awards to be held Monday, March 2, 2009. Clarion Ledger Executive Editor Ronnie Agnew will be master of ceremonies. You know who the stars are. Nominate them!

JOIN MNA NOW!
Executive Director's Column

Ricki Garrett, Ph.D.

If you weren’t at convention in October, you really missed a wonderful opportunity to network with your fellow nurses, take part in some outstanding continuing education, laugh out loud with Kent Rader, and swing to the sounds of Coconut Dave. The MNA House of Delegates met all day Wednesday, representing you well as they deliberated resolutions, heard reports, and elected officers for the coming two years. I hope if you haven’t had an opportunity to serve as a delegate that you will seriously consider that important role for next year’s convention.

Following convention, Pam Farris, your MNA president, and I went to Washington to attend the Constituent Assembly of ANA. It is so important, even when we are in disagreement with an ANA policy, that we remain a part of the decision-making process. Some of you object to the ANA endorsement of President-elect Barack Obama. Although your representatives have expressed concerns to ANA regarding the endorsement of any presidential candidate, particularly when the country is evenly split along party lines, most large organizations do endorse at this level. Keep in mind, too, that ANA asks every member to vote online for the candidate of their choice prior to the election. Participation is limited so sign up early. Membership in MNA has increased 20 percent in the past four years, and we are continuing to grow and expand and provide additional benefits to our membership. Please join us by going online at www.msnurses.org.

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Nursing was a unified voice during that week. We have wonderful students coming into the nursing profession as well. The Student Nurses Board of Directors hosted a wonderful convention. The future looks bright for our profession. If you are not a member, I ask that you consider becoming involved with your profession by joining MNA. We need you to help us move nursing forward. I have learned how important it is, and I hope that you can see the work that is being done on behalf of nursing in our state. Please come get involved with me. As always, if you need anything or would like to ask a question, please email me at farrispam@cableone.net.

We were “Back to Biloxi” Oct. 21-24 for the Mississippi Nurses Association Convention. It was great. We had a historic turnout of over 500 nurses, over 200 Nurse Practitioners and over 700 student nurses. It was MNA’s first time to go back to Biloxi since Hurricane Katrina and it was a special time. I hope you had the opportunity to attend.

During the House of Delegates, your delegates made some important decisions on areas on which to focus. We passed a resolution to lobby for funding for simulators in the state to help with nursing students’ clinical rotations that will benefit all of the schools of nursing and the hospitals in their area. We also passed a resolution to continue the work of protecting the scope of practice of the advanced practice nurse. Another resolution was to support the prevention of SIDS, sudden infant death syndrome, by supporting the “Back to Sleep” initiative.

The resolution to protect the name of “nurse” was most interesting. Some states have laws that protect the title of nurse by limiting the use of the term to a licensed or registered nurse. Last year the Christian Scientists tried to have a law passed that would allow them to call their caretakers “nurses” without being a certified registered or licensed nurse. We will watch this and keep you updated.

Lastly, during the house, in our final resolution, we developed a committee to look at continuing education hours for re-licensure and the pros and cons of that requirement.

We want our district members, family, and friends to join us at Alexander’s Restaurant in Madison on Tuesday, Dec. 16th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for an evening of fun, mingling and Christmas Cheer. Live entertainment by Dr. Kaye Bender. Boas will be given to the first 20 divas to arrive. Come dressed as you like, but be prepared for lots of Bells, Boas, and Bling.

What to expect: Christmas Bells, Boas, and Bling, Wine and heavy hors d’oeuvres, Live Entertainment by Dr. Kaye Bender, Silent Auction, and Door prizes.

Tickets are $35 before November 1st. After Nov. 1, tickets will be $40 each. Ticket sales are limited to 175 tickets. Reserved seating is available. Special pricing/purchases include: Table of six (one table available) will be sold at $300, table of four (five tables available) will be sold at $200 each.

To purchase your ticket(s) contact Michelle Burns at (601) 815-1821 or email at mjburns@nursing.umsmed.edu; or Tonya Moore, at (601) 815-4241 or email at tmoore2@hospadmin.umsmed.edu. Committee members are needed. Contact Michelle if you are willing to serve.

A Report from the President...

Pam Farris, RN, BSN, OCN, MSN

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Discover the Advantages of Career Sites

Over 80 million people search career websites each week. Why should you be one of them?

To understand why so many job seekers are turning to the internet to help guide their job search and what drives employers to post their open positions online, one can look at the undeniable trend of the internet increasing productivity. Career Websites have made traditional job search and recruitment methods like advertising in newspapers and visiting places of business seem outdated and inefficient.

The main underlying incentive for job seekers and employers to go online for job searches and recruitment is that it saves valuable time. Researching various opportunities, submitting resumes, writing cover letters and interviewing consumes a significant amount of time. Anyone who has ever initiated a full-fledged job search can attest to this. Managing a job search online cuts out many of the unnecessary processes found in non-electronic job search methods. In addition, employers can post opportunities instantaneously; speeding up the entire process and helping them fill positions faster.

Online career resources also provide easy access to both candidates and employers. Job seekers can easily retrieve a list of opportunities filtered by job category, location and even required qualifications. On the other side, employers can receive resumes and applications via email and screen candidates all with just the click of a mouse.

Furthermore, managing recruitment online presents the opportunity to display a more detailed job description. This helps employers paint a vivid picture of what the position will entail and aids job seekers in determining whether a certain job is the right fit. In contrast, outdated career services like newspaper classifieds ads are significantly restricted in the amount of space they allow for a description which leaves many questions and concerns unanswered.

Overall, it is easy to see why more and more people are relying on the internet to explore new career opportunities or to find the perfect candidate. Simply put, old fashioned methods can not compare to the significant advantages that online job search and recruitment present. Discover the benefits yourself by visiting the MNA Career Center at http://nurses.ms.associationcareerernetwork.com/Common/HomePage.aspx.
The Mississippi Nurses Association and the Mississippi Nurses Foundation has awarded Johnson & Johnson Promise of Nursing grants to six schools of nursing. Committee chair Mary Stewart, Ph.D., RN, announced that grants were awarded through the Foundation of the National Student Nurses Association to Mississippi Delta Community College, $10,519; Northeast Mississippi Community College, $10,519; Alcorn State University, $10,501; William Carey University, $10,519; East Mississippi Community College, $10,519; and Holmes Community College, $8,863.

In 2007, following the Johnson & Johnson Promise of Nursing Gala held at the Beau Rivage Casino and Resort in Biloxi, MNA President Pam Farris named a committee to establish criteria and manage the applications for grants from funds raised by the event. “The funds from the grants will be used by the nursing schools for faculty development,” said Farris. “We could not be happier with the responses from the schools and from the leadership of the grant committee.”

The 2007 Johnson and Johnson Promise of Nursing Gala also helped to fund scholarships for nursing students on the Mississippi Gulf Coast and a series of mental health workshops for coast nurses. The “Reclaim Your Spirit Workshops,” led by compassion fatigue expert Catherine Kraus of New Jersey, helped staff nurses on the coast deal with their own stresses from the effects of Hurricane Katrina as well as to recognize post traumatic stress disorder in others. Ms. Kraus also led a pre-convention seminar on her findings from the workshops.

“The Mississippi Nurses Association is deeply appreciative to Johnson and Johnson for providing a wonderful nursing gala on the coast and for providing much needed funding for scholarships, faculty development and emotional care for our nurses in the state,” said MNA Executive Director, Ricki Garrett.

Committee members include, Kim Williams, Mary Scott, Charlotte Wood, Lisa Haynie, Cindy Helwig and Mary Stewart, chair.

The Mississippi Hospital Association’s Organization of Nurse executives held its annual meeting in September. The purpose of the Society is to promote educational activities in hospital or similar institutions that hold active institutional membership in the Mississippi Hospital Association by providing a medium for the interchange of ideas and dissemination of information and material relative to health care; a platform within the health care field from which Health care Educators may speak; consultation and direction on all matters relating to nursing and health care issues; identifying and defining issues that affect health care and establishing position statements; promoting educational programs and activities to strengthen health care; and planning programs for all levels of health care professionals that foster an interchange of ideas to enhance personal and professional growth and development.

Individuals eligible for membership in the society shall be individuals with responsibility for health care education within a hospital or similar institution that holds active institutional membership in the Association.

Linda Todd, right, ONE President, presented Stephen Bomgardner with a Recognition Plaque for his years of service as ONE President, 2006-2008.
Delegates Elect Five to Board Terms

The MNA House of Delegates elected a new treasurer and returned four incumbents to the Board of Directors. Jeffrey T. Hallman, BSN, MSN, RN, Nursing Service Administration manager at the University of Mississippi Medical Center was elected to serve as treasurer. Hallman ran unopposed and will follow Donna Williams, RN, MSN, a nurse faculty at Itawamba Community College in Fulton, who has completed her term as MNA treasurer.

He has worked as training coordinator for the Mississippi Hospital Association, a nursing supervisor at Brentwood Behavioral Healthcare and a staff nurse at St. Dominic Memorial Hospital. He is a past president of MNA’s District 15 and a member of Sigma Theta Tau. He is an active member of the Mississippi Organization of Nurse Executives, a member of the Mississippi Chapter of ACHE and a candidate in the Cambridge Who’s Who among Executives in Healthcare. He is a certified training professional and is certified in Critical Incident Stress Management.

Linda Todd, RN, BS, MS, was elected to a second term as secretary. She is the Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer for Jeff Anderson Regional Medical Center in Meridian and is president of the Mississippi Nurses Association’s 2008-2009 Board of Directors, Tuscaloosa Regional Medical Center. She is the Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer for Jeff Anderson Regional Medical Center in Meridian and is president of the Mississippi Nurses Association’s 2008-2009 Board of Directors.

Laura Schenk, RN, BS, MSN, CNNP, Ph.D., will serve as Director of the Council on Nursing Research for the second term. Schenk is an assistant professor at the University of Mississippi School of Nursing where she has been employed since 1992.

Bess Blackwell, MSN, RN, CNA, BC, retired as an assistant director of Hospital Education in the Department of Hospital Education at The University of Mississippi Medical Center, will return to the board as Director of the Council on Health Affairs. She served as a nurse for more than 30 years. She is a member of the American Nurses’ Association, the Mississippi Nurses’ Association, Eliza Pillars Registered Nurses of Mississippi, the University of Mississippi Alumni Association, Sigma Theta Tau–Theta Beta Chapter, National Black Nurses’ Association, and the American Association of University Women.

Jackie Williams, MSN, NPC, will begin her second term as Director of the Council on Advanced Practice. She is a nurse practitioner and the director of Non-surgical Rehabilitation in a private specialty practice at Southeast Urogynecology at the Women’s Specialty Clinic.

Other board members include, Pam Farris, RN, BSN, OCN, president; Carl Mangum, RN, MSN, Ph.D(c), CNA, BC, director; Bess Blackwell, MSN, RN, CNA, BC, director; Tearsanee Carlisle, RN, MSN, NP, director; Laura Schenk, Ph.D., RN, CNNP, project manager; and Carl Mangum, RN, MSN, Ph.D(c), CNA, BC, director.

The members of the MNA Board of Directors will be at 10 a.m., Friday, Dec. 12. The meeting will be a joint meeting of the MNA board and the Mississippi Nurses Foundation Board of Trustees. For more information contact, Myrna Lea at (601) 898-0670 or write to mna@msnurses.org.

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Members of the Mississippi Nurses Association’s 2008-2009 Board of Directors are, seated from left; Secretary Linda Todd, RN, BS, MS, of Meridian; Director, Council on Advanced Practice Jackie Williams, MNS, NP-C, of Madison; Director, Council on Nursing Research Laura Schenk, Ph.D., RN, CNNP, of Madison; RN; Director, Council on Nursing Practice Tearsanee Carlisle, RN, BSN, OCN, NP, of Durant; and Treasurer Jeffrey T. Hallman, BSN, MSN of Brandon. Standing, Director, Council on Nursing Education Marilyn Ellis, NP, of Gulfport; Director, Council on Health Affairs Bess Blackwell, MSN, RN, CNA, BC, of Jackson; Vice President Carl Mangum, RN, MSN, Ph.D(c), CHS, FF, of Byram; Director, Council on Organizational Affairs Ann Barnes, BSN, RN, of Canton; President Pam Farris, RN, BSN, OCN, of Brookhaven, and Executive Director Ricki Garrett, Ph.D., of Clinton.
Kraus, presented to more than 40 nurses Pathways to Healing, a review of data compiled from a MNA sponsored series of workshops held on the Mississippi Gulf Coast funded by the Johnson and Johnson Promise of Nursing campaign held in August and September this year.

Wolfe, a Fellow in the Academy of School Nursing and a Certified School Nurse and a noted expert in school nursing, presented School Nurses: Back to Basics and Beyond to a workshop focused on the problems in reporting for Mississippi School Nurses as their careers grow to a gathering of more than 50 nurses.

Representatives from statewide nursing organizations made presentations to the House of Delegates. Pictured from left, Katherine Kunkel, chair of the Council of Deans and Directors; Brenda Castleberry, representing MHA's Organization of Nurse Executives; Martha Catlett, Director of Nursing, Institutions of Higher Learning; Wanda Jones, executive director, Office of Nursing Workforce, and Melinda Rush, executive director, Mississippi Board of Nursing.

The MNA House of Delegates convened at 8 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 22. Delegates heard presentations and updates from each council director and representatives from the Mississippi State Board of Nursing, The Council of Deans and Directors, Institutions of Higher Learning, the Mississippi Hospital Association, The Office of Nursing Workforce, the Organization of Nurse Executives and the Mississippi Nurses Foundation.

The delegates elected Linda Todd, RN, BS, MS, secretary; Jeffery T. Hallman, BSN, MSN, treasurer; Laura Schenk, RN, BS, MSN, CNNP, Ph.D., director, Council on Nursing Research; Bess Blackwell, MSN, RN, CNA, BC, director, Council on Advanced Practice and Director, Council on Health Affairs and Jackie Williams, MSN, NPC, director, Council on Advanced Practice.

The delegates passed resolutions supporting the funding of regional simulations labs; protection of the title of nurse. The HOD also directed MNA to create a task force on Mandatory Continuing Education and to monitor the issues related to protection of the title of nurse.

As always, with the MNA convention, one of the major highlights is Expo. Grand opening ceremonies began at 9 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 23, with more than 100 exhibitors on hand bringing participants the best the industry has to offer.

"Expo ’08 was a resounding success,” said MNA Events and Continuing Education Coordinator Angela Weathersby. “We had more vendors than last year and the number of convention attendees was unexpected. There was a steady stream of people visiting each booth. This was a great benefit to MNA. It provides wonderful exposure and allows people to meet and make connections with different school representatives, pharmaceutical companies, and other vendors. We are already excited about next year.”

Different exhibitors from various states and cities set up booths displaying information about their businesses, handing out literature, freebies, candy and door prizes, and drawing large crowds of nurses and students. The ’08 Expo featured 93 different vendors including 19 Diamond Sponsors. Exhibit space was sold out by the end of September and Weathersby had to create a lengthy waiting list.

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Dr. Frances C. Henderson, RN, Ed.D, a professor of medicine and deputy director of the Jackson Heart Study, was keynote speaker at the Sigma Theta Tau luncheon on Thursday, Oct. 23 hosted by the Tau Eta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau at Alcorn State University. Sigma Theta Tau provides leadership and scholarship in practice, education and research to enhance the health of all people. The society supports the learning and professional development of members who strive to improve nursing care worldwide.

In 2004, Dr. Henderson joined the JHS staff.
in a part-time position as special assistant to the director. Her responsibilities included chairing the sub-committee on Translating Research into Practice and Prevention, implementing activities for health professionals. In May 2006, Dr. Henderson assumed the expanded role and responsibility of co-director of the examination center. In April 2007, she was appointed to a full-time position with the Jackson Heart Study, and, simultaneously, in February 2008 to a “Special Project Position” with Jackson State University.

Dr. Henderson is Professor and Dean Emeritus, School of Nursing, Alcorn State University; her tenure at Alcorn State University began in 1985 and ended upon her retirement in 2003. Prior to 1985, Dr. Henderson held nursing faculty and administrator positions in the San Francisco Bay Area at College of San Mateo and the University of California at San Francisco.

### Developing Nurse Leader

Amy Prentiss, a registered nurse for more than nine years, has been named the MNA 2008-2009 Developing Nurse Leader. The program, in its fifth year, is geared to cultivate aspiring nurse leaders within MNA, employing agencies, and communities by providing registered nurses with knowledge and skills necessary to support leadership growth. The program offers opportunities for involvement in general convention activities as well as public speaking, group process interaction and one-on-one discussions.

### District Presidents’ Breakfast

MNA Executive Director Ricki Garrett and Marketing, and Communications Director Betty Ruth Hawkins met with district presidents at 7 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 23 at their annual breakfast.

Garrett and Hawkins introduced the District Workbook project to be undertaken by the districts to improve communications and networking abilities throughout the state. The workbook will be an online collection of information including listings for all licensed health facilities, legislative contacts and member information for a district. Plans are to have the workbook project online by Jan. 1 next year.

### MNA/MASN Joint Session

**MNA Executive Director Ricki Garrett talks about business etiquette before a packed house during Friday morning’s joint session.**

**Vice President for Nursing and Professional Affairs for the Mississippi Hospital Association, Marcella McKay points out some of the finer points of professional leadership during the joint session of MNA and MASN.**

**Juanita Graham, left, a member of the MNF Scholarship committee made the annual $250 Mississippi Association of Student Nurses Scholarship to Erin Williams from Mississippi University for Women in Columbus.**

**Juanita Graham, left, a member of the MNF Scholarship committee made the annual $1,000 Mississippi Association of Student Nurses Scholarship to Courtney Lea Truax from Mississippi University for Women in Columbus.**
CONVENTION Q and A

Question or Comment:
The travel was horrible! I never liked the coast! It is unfair to have to come every year. My drive is over 6 hours which is unfair to the northern part of the state.

Answer:
The Mississippi Nurses Association Annual Convention has not been held on the coast since 2004, prior to Hurricane Katrina. We have made an effort to hold the convention in different areas of the state to accommodate our convention attendees, which is sometimes very hard to do because of the size of the event. In 2005, the convention was held in Philadelphia, due to the damage from Hurricane Katrina on the coast. In 2006, the convention was held in Florence, Alabama because there was no facility in the state available large enough to accommodate convention. In 2007, the convention was held in Tupelo because facilities had been built to increase the size of their accommodations. We have since decided to try to rotate the location of the convention between the northern and southern parts of the state. Next year, we will be back in Tupelo. We were glad to be able to return to the coast for the first time this year and make it easier for the coast nurses to attend.

Question or Comment:
We need tables for everybody in lectures and handouts from all the speakers.

Answer:
Normally, we would have had tables available to all workshop attendees. However, due to the large expected turn out, we had to work with the convention center and make last minute room arrangements to assure that there would be enough available seats for everyone in the break out rooms. We know it may have been inconvenient for those of you who were not able to sit at the front of the room behind tables, but we are still excited over the number of convention attendees this year.

In regards to handouts, if the presenters do not provide us with handouts we are unable to produce them for you. Most times, if you request handouts from the presenter or a copy of their slide presentation, they are usually more than happy to oblige.

Question or Comment:
Why would MNA choose another facility to travel to for CEU offerings? Please have everything on site at the hotel in the future.

Answer:
The Mississippi Coast Coliseum & Convention Center was the only venue that could hold the number of expected attendees for the convention in Biloxi. Also, we chose the Beau Rivage in an effort to strive to offer suitable hotel accommodations to our convention attendees. We apologize if the drive was an inconvenience.

Question or Comment:
There is too much down time. Can you please offer CEUs during the Expo tour?

Answer:
MNA works very hard to assure that each attendee receives a reasonable amount of CEUs for convention. This year, we offered more CEUs than in the past. Also, the Expo is a very important event at the annual convention. Our exhibitors are a very important part of this event and we want to give them sufficient time with our attendees. The MNA Convention offers much more CE credit than do most state conventions, but we also understand the value of networking and social time.

Question or Comment:
The Biloxi Bash was a disappointment. It took forever to get there because of the traffic. It would have been better if it had been outside. Why was it inside?

Answer:
The Biloxi Bash was planned for an outside event on the pavilion of the Beau Rivage. However, the weather did not permit us to have it outside. It rained all afternoon. The Beau Rivage made the final call to bring it inside. As in any downtown area, the evening traffic is usually more intense than at other times. However, we welcome your suggestions and comments and will take this into consideration when planning future events.

Question or Comment:
I thought there could have been a better selection of breakfast items such as more yogurt, smoothie, and juice type options (even bagels). Also, we had cake for two days in a row.

Answer:
Please know that we carefully planned each menu for each break, each breakfast, and each luncheon. In doing so, we tried to choose a variety of food items, but we had to be economical. If we choose more elaborate food items and more frequent breaks, we will be forced to increase our convention fees. We ask that you understand the challenge we faced in having to make last minute changes in increasing all of our previous orders due to the overflow of attendees which may have included having cake for two days instead of other choice desserts.

Question or Comment:
It was very distracting when the PP presentations and equipment did not work properly. Can something be done to assure that all equipment is working properly before the workshop?

Answer:
We make every effort to assure that the equipment is working properly; however, we cannot control when a presenter’s laptop is not compatible with the audiovisual equipment that is set up in the room or if the software has a glitch. This is why we have an audiovisual team ready and available at each convention to fix problems as they arise. Though we may have had a few technical difficulties, we maintain an excellent track record with our audiovisual team. We appreciate their hard work.

Question or Comment:
Thanks to every person that had a part of providing an excellent MNA Convention. Great job! You are appreciated!

Answer:
Thank you so much. Convention is an incredibly large event requiring a significant amount of preparation and coordination. It is always great to have attendees recognize the amount of work that goes into these events. MNA takes pride in being the voice for nurses and that includes providing the continuing education, special events and representation that our nurses so duly deserve!
CONVENTION

From left, Michelle Atkins and Amy Forsythe help Audwin Fletcher and Jennifer Fails register for the 2008 MNA convention.

Michelle Atkins answers a question from a seemingly perplexed convention participant. The 2008 convention boasted the largest registration on record with more than 500 participants.

MNA Executive Director Ricki Garrett and General Manager of the Arthur L. Davis Publishing Agency, Inc. Mark Miller pause for a photo during the Expo opening ceremonies.

Dr. Lawanda Herron, an instructor at Holmes Community College, signs copies of her new book Gender Matters: A Feminist Perspective of the Nursing Faculty Shortage: An Analysis of Practice and Policy Issues faced by Women in Academe.

MNA Convention Planning Committee member Mary Crump closes a sale to Cindy Nash at the MNA MarketPlace.

Members of the MNA Convention Planning Committee, from left, Charlene Gray, Rebecca Molander, Susan Babineaux and Penny Lovitt with their Pink Flamingos headbands open the MNA MarketPlace.

MNA Director of the Council for Nursing Practices Tearsanee Carlisle sang the national anthem to open the keynote luncheon.

MNA joined the students from the Mississippi Association of Student Nurses at the Biloxi Bash on Thursday, Oct. 24, at the Beau Rivage for good times, good food and tropical steel drum music from Biloxi’s own Coconut Dave.

MNA Executive Director Ricki Garrett and General Manager of the Arthur L. Davis Publishing Agency, Inc. Mark Miller pause for a photo during the Expo opening ceremonies.
The Mississippi Association of Student Nurses (MASN) celebrated an exciting convention along with the MNA convention in Biloxi. MASN packed the Biloxi Convention Center with a record attendance of over 700 students. The convention theme was “Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes” to recognize the journey back to the Mississippi Gulf Coast for convention. Students enjoyed keynote and breakout sessions focusing on the needs of students and the profession of nursing.

The MASN House of Delegates elected the 2008-2009 Board of Directors with enthusiastic students committed to leading the nursing students in Mississippi. The new Board of Directors will be led by Andrew Hendrix, President, and student at the Mississippi University for Women. He will be assisted by First Vice President, Mallory Pope, Second Vice President, Neal Ursy, Secretary, Fran Hudson, Treasurer, Brittany Harris, BSN Student Representative, Katie Ferris, and Director of Legislation, Kelsey Cade all representing Mississippi College. Stephanie Stevens from Delta State University will serve as Director of Internet Communications.

East Central Community College is represented on the board by Director at Large, Tiffanie Credille; Sherry Huie, Nominations and Elections; and Council of School Presidents chair, Doug Kelley. President Hendrix selected Jenny Osborn, RN as MASN Consultant. Lindy Sils, MSN, RN serves as MNA Consultant to the board.
Amy Prentiss, a registered nurse for more than 9 years, has been named the MNA 2008-2009 Developing Nurse Leader. She is a BSN graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi School of Nursing and is employed as a staff nurse with Amedisys Home Healthcare. Prentiss is currently enrolled in the Masters in Executive Nursing Administration program at University of South Alabama. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society. She has received the Spirit in Nursing Award and was inducted in the Mississippi Association of Student Nurses’ Hall of Fame. She is a member of MNA District 13—Hinds, Rankin, Madison and Yazoo counties.

The mission of the Developing Nurse Leader Program, now in its fifth year, is to cultivate aspiring nurse leaders within MNA, employing agencies, and communities. The program provides registered nurses with knowledge and skills necessary to support leadership growth. The program offers opportunity for involvement in general convention activities, as well as public speaking, group process interactions and one-on-one discussions.

Participants in this year’s program included:

LeAnn Harcharik, a registered nurse for eight years, who is currently employed at the University of Mississippi Medical Center as a member of the Nurse Resource Team. She has represented nursing at UMC by being featured in The Clarion Ledger newspaper, and in the nurse recruitment video for high school students. Harcharik is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Society and a member of MNA District 13—Hinds, Rankin, Madison and Yazoo counties.

Christina K. Nunnally, a registered nurse for more than four years, works as a family practitioner with North Benton County Health Care, Inc. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society. Nunnally received the “Best Nursing Poster Award” in 2008 from the Mississippi University for Women. She is a member of District 25—Alcorn, Benton, Calhoun, Chickasaw, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Tippah, Tishomingo, and Union counties.

Jennifer L. White, a first year registered nurse, received her BSN and MSN degrees from the University of South Alabama in Mobile. She is currently employed as a staff nurse with the Gulf Coast Veterans Administration Health Care System. White received the Outstanding Student Achievement Award and the Excellence in Practice Award. Jennifer is a member of District 5—Hancock, Harrison, Pearl River, and Stone counties.

Deborah S. Wilson, a registered nurse for 12 years, received her Associate's in Science degree from Northwest Mississippi Community College and her BSN degree from Baptist College of Health Science in Memphis, Tenn., where she graduated Magna Cum Laude. She is currently employed as an Intensive Care Unit nurse at Baptist Memorial Hospital. She is also a member of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society and a member of District 31—Lafayette, Panola, and Yalobusha counties.

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Amy Prentiss Named 08-09 Developing Nurse Leader

Amy Prentiss, left, receives the MNA 2008-2009 Developing Nurse Leader Award from Tonya Moore, MSN, RN, president of MNA District 13—Hinds, Rankin, Madison and Yazoo counties and chair of the Developing Nurse Leader program.

Participants in the MNA 2008-2009 Developing Nurse Leader Program held at the 95th Annual Convention in Biloxi, Oct. 21-24 are, from left, Deborah S. Wilson, Jennifer L. White, Amy Prentiss, Christina K. Nunnally and LeAnn Harcharik. The program is in its fifth year.
DIAMOND SPONSOR
Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency: The Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency (MORA) is again a proud sponsor of the Mississippi Nurses Association. MORA represents the state of Mississippi providing organ and tissue donation options to families through our working relationship with hospitals we serve. With the support of nurses throughout the state, we have continued to see an increase in organ and tissue donation.

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• Memorial Hospital at Gulfport: Memorial Hospital at Gulfport is proud to sponsor MNA. Memorial serves the Mississippi Gulf Coast and offers a wide spectrum of services from entry-level to highly specialized. To learn more, visit us online at www.gulfportmemorial.com or call 228-807-4260.

Mississippi Healthcare Association: MHA’s new Long Term Care Nursing Coalition of Mississippi supplies the “voice” for ensuring quality care in nursing homes, residential facilities, personal care homes, ICF-MBs, and other long term care settings. Membership information is available by contacting Gwen Causey at gnca@mshca.com.

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University of Mississippi School of Nursing: The University of Mississippi Medical Center School of Nursing welcomes you to the 2008 Mississippi Nurses Association Expo! The School of Nursing is excited to offer a variety of nursing programs, to include the baccalaureate, master’s and doctoral degree, in addition to continuing education courses. We invite you to explore information about our three campuses: Jackson, Oxford, and Southaven, Mississippi (Desoto Center). For any questions, or for more information about The University of Mississippi Medical Center School of Nursing programs, please check out our website at http://son.ummc.edu or contact the Student Recruiter either by e-mail at mailtonurserecruiter@son.ummc.edu or by phone at 601-984.6262 (local) or 1-886-814-7575 (toll free).

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Health Management Associates— Mississippi Division Funds Hand Washing Grants for 2008-09
Rosalyn Howard, Executive Director of the Mississippi Nurses Foundation, announced that Health Management Associates (HMA)-Mississippi Division will sponsor the Nurses Foundation’s statewide High Five hand washing grant program for the 2008-09 school year.

Health Management Associates $25,000 sponsorship will allow the Nurses Foundation to award High Five grants to elementary schools throughout the state.

The goals of the High Five grant are as follows:
1. Teach hand washing to children in order for them to be healthier and develop a lifelong health habit,
2. Reduce the number of absences for the school, which increases funding for the school,
3. Collect provable data that will show a significant reduction of absenteeism related to communicable illness because of the High Five hand washing program taught by the school nurse.

In addition, additional proof for the need of every school in the state to have a school nurse.

If you have any questions regarding the High Five hand washing grant, or the Mississippi Nurses Foundation, please contact Rosalyn Howard at (601) 898-0850 or rhoward@msnurses.org.
Mississippi Nurses Foundation Welcomes New Executive Director

Rosalyn Smith-Howard of Brandon joins the Mississippi Nurses Foundation as executive director. Howard, formerly a health care workforce specialist with the Mississippi Hospital Association’s Office of Nursing Workforce, brings more than 11 years of experience in education, counseling and healthcare recruitment to the non-profit foundation charged with financially enhancing the programs of the Mississippi Nurses Association.

“Over the last six years, my work has afforded me the opportunity to provide awareness, educational counseling and scholarship information to nurses, allied healthcare workers and students,” Howard said, “I am looking forward to being able to now direct some of the foundation’s resources to meet the needs of registered nurses.”

Howard received a bachelor’s degree in education and a master’s degree in guidance and counseling from Alcorn State University. She is a 2008 member of the Leadership of Greater Jackson and a member of the Rural Health Association’s Board of Directors. While she joins the foundation professionally, she is no stranger to the activities and events sponsored by the association and foundation. She has volunteered the past three years as chairman of the decorating committee for the annual Nightingale Awards Gala. Since 1982, the foundation has been actively involved in advancing the nursing profession and improving the quality of healthcare for all citizens through awareness and scholarship efforts. Programs of the Mississippi Nurses Foundation include:

- Nurse Scholar-In-Residence;
- Scholarships for Nursing Students;
- Approve continuing education for RNs;
- Educational financial assistance for RNs;
- Fund raising events.

The Mississippi Nurses Foundation acts as an Approver Unit while the Mississippi Nurses Association functions as a Provider Unit to promote the continuing education needs of nurses and quality healthcare. The beliefs and goals of the Approver Unit are developed to support the mission and goals of the parent organization as follows:

1. Collaborate with the citizens of Mississippi to improve healthcare and promote personal responsibility for wellness, prevention, and disease management;
2. Develop a solid financial structure to support ongoing healthcare initiatives;
3. Promote entry and professional development within nursing through scholarships and continuing education.

08 Expo Best on Record—Thanks Exhibitors

We depend each year of the support and participation of our Expo Exhibitors. This year was one of the best Expos on record. Thank each and every one of our exhibitors. We enjoyed you being with us and we hope the convention was a success for you. Thank you.

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Join MNA Now!
District 23 delegates, from left, Amanda Wilbourn and Brandy Smith sort through their packets.

Debbie Allen of Greenville examines MNA's new exhibit: Rediscovering MNA during a break at the House of Delegates.

From left, Linda Brewer, Renee Williams, and Rosie Calvin visit during a break at the MNA House of Delegates.

District 18 delegates, from left, Terri Hamill, Danny Lantrip and Deborah Miranda review handouts.

Jeffrey Hallman casts his ballot.

Dorothy Aultman-Abrams casts her ballot.

Mississippi Nurses Foundation Executive Director Rosalyn Howard announced a new Pack-A-$20 campaign at the House of Delegates, Virginia Cora collects from delegates.

Pack a $20

MNA Vice President Carl Mangum presents MNA President Pam Farris with flowers in recognition of her service to the association.
to serve her second term as president of ANA—the nation's leading professional nursing organization which represents major health policy, practice, and workplace issues of registered nurses in the United States.

A nurse since 1980, Patton has extensive patient and outpatient experience and has been the start up, and ongoing operations of ambulatory medical centers, and of an inpatient acute and a skilled nursing facility. She has a bachelor's degree in nursing from Kent State University and a master's from Case Western Reserve University.

Joining Patton on the platform will be Debbie Ward, RN, Ph.D., FAAN, from the University of California, Davis and the Hilarious Hypnotist: Dr. Holiday!

The Nursing Summit, started in 1993 and supported by all nursing organizations in Mississippi, is held annually to discuss upcoming legislative issues that place Registered Nurses in a pivotal role as players in shaping the agenda involving health care in the state.

Registration for the Summit is $50 for MNA or cooperating organization Members, $75 for non-members, $30 for undergraduate students and $40 for full-time Graduate Students. There is a $20 fee assessed for registrations after Jan. 18. For more information Organization the contact the Mississippi Nurses Association at mna@ mnanurses.org or call (601) 898-0670.

Rebecca M. Patton
MSN, RN, CNOR, president of the American Nurses Association will be the Opening Session speaker for the annual Nursing Summit Tuesday, Jan. 27 at the Mississippi Trade Mart Center in Jackson. The summit is presented by the Mississippi Nurses Association (MNA) and The Nursing Organization Liaison Committee.

"This past January, more than 1,400 student nurses, registered nurses and other Healthcare professionals will participate in the 2008 Summit," said MNA Executive Director Ricki Garrett. "We expect a record crowd at the 2009 Summit." Patton of Lakewood, Ohio was recently re-elected
Now is the time to finish making your nominations for the 2009 Nightingale Awards. The complete nomination packet is enclosed along with sponsorship information and forms. You know who the stars are. Nominate them! The fourth annual Mississippi Nightingale Awards Gala will be Monday, March 2, 2009 at the Jackson Marriott in Jackson. Your organization or members with nominations hopes of receiving a prestigious Nightingale Award, the “academy award” of quality service in the nursing and healthcare industry. Tickets are $60 per person or $550 for a table of ten. It is not too soon to make your reservation.

This black tie event will distinguish those men, women and organizations that have made a special effort to excel in the area of healthcare. The Nightingale Awards will recognize outstanding professionals in the following categories:

Nightingale Awards Categories
- Nurse of the Year
- School of Nursing of the Year
- Faculty Member of the Year
- School of Nursing Administrator of the Year
- Clinical Practice Nurse of the Year
- Hospital of the Year (less than 100 beds)
- Advanced Practice Nurse of the Year
- Hospital of the Year (100 beds or more)
- Nurse in Non-Traditional Setting of the Year
- Community Service Nurse of the Year
- Nursing Administrator of the Year
- Nurse Researcher of the Year
- Nurse Mentor of the Year
- Mississippi Nurses Association Hall of Fame Award
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- Master of Ceremonies
- Ronnie Agnew, executive editor of the Clarion Ledger will be emcee for the evening.

How to nominate
You can man nomination by downloading the nomination packet at www.msnurses.org/mna/docs/09_NGALE_Nomination_Packet.pdf, and completing the required information. All nominations are due in the MNA office by Friday, Dec. 19.

For more information, please call the Mississippi Nurses Association at (601) 898-0670.

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- Kaye Bender, University of Mississippi Medical Center—School of Nursing Administrator of the Year;
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Master of Ceremonies
Ronnie Agnew, 46, has been executive editor of The Clarion-Ledger since August 2002. A native Mississippian, Agnew started his journalism career in 1984 as a reporter at The Greenwood Commonwealth. Since then, Agnew has worked for a variety of newspapers in Mississippi, Alabama and Ohio. During his journalism career, Agnew has received a number of awards, which recently includes his third consecutive President’s Ring, awarded to the Gannett Company’s best editors for exemplary performance. Under Agnew’s leadership, The Clarion-Ledger has produced three Pulitzer Prize finalists and been vigilant in First Amendment journalism.

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- Debrah Davis University of Mississippi Medical Center—Community Service Nurse of the Year; and,
- Pamela Gail Hodges, North Mississippi Medical Center—Nurse of the Year.

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Above:

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