Nurses Honored at the Seventh Annual Nightingale Awards

Mississippi nurses honored their own Monday, March 5 at the seventh annual black-tie Nightingale Awards Gala sponsored by the Mississippi Nurses Association and the Mississippi Nurses Foundation. More than 103 nurses across the state were nominated in 18 award categories with Heather Bowen, RN, from North MS Medical Center as the 2012 Nurse of the Year. Marshall Ramsey, editorial cartoonist for the statewide newspaper, The Clarion-Ledger and host of the Marshall Ramsey show, served as emcee. Ramsey is a two time Pulitzer finalist and is nationally syndicated by Copley News Service. His cartoons have appeared in USA Today, Newsweek, U.S. News and World Report, the Chicago Tribune, The New York Times and on his Mother’s refrigerator.

“The Nightingale Awards distinguish those men, women and organizations that have made a special effort to excel in the area of health care,” said Rosalyn Howard, executive director of the Mississippi Nurses Foundation, co-host of the event. “Each year, the event gains in momentum both with the excitement of the participants and the enthusiasm of the nominators and our sponsors.” Inductees into the Mississippi Nurses Association Hall of Fame for 2012 include: Virginia Cora, DSN, APRN-BC, Professor Emeritus of Jackson–University of Mississippi Medical Center School of Nursing, and Marcia Rachel, Ph.D, RN, NEA-BC of Brandon–Associate Dean of Academic Programs University of Mississippi Medical Center School of Nursing.

The 2012 list of nominees and recipients are:

Advanced Practice Nurse of the Year:
- Audwin Fletcher, Ph. D., FNP-BC of Richland, University of MS School of Nursing
- Kristi Henderson, DNP, NP-C, FAEN of Jackson, University of MS Health Care
- Trina Nelms, ACNP, RN of Corinth, Magnolia Regional Health Center

Nurse of the Year
Heather Bowen, RN, BSN of Guntown, North Mississippi Medical Center

Bank of America Credit Card Program Cancelled

Notice is hereby given that Bank of America, the affinity credit card program for the Mississippi Nurses Association will be cancelled effective March 2012. This means that for all of you who are carrying the MNA credit card, your purchases, loans or advances will no longer provide royalty income for MNA.

This program has been a revenue producing product since the early 1990s but through the years, the amount received by MNA has diminished. MNA used those funds to assist in the work of the association. What does this mean for the credit card holder? Your card will still be available to use if in good standing with Bank of America. Your card, should you want to continue it when the expiration dates come up, would be changed to a plain Bank of America card. It will no longer display the “Mississippi Nurses Association” logo on the card.

MNA thanks all of you who supported MNA’s credit card program through the years. It has provided a good income stream. MNA is among several state nurse associations that have been cancelled through BOA. MNA’s Board of Directors will determine if we will pursue another card contract. We will keep you posted.
A Report from the President...

by Gayle Harrell, MNA President

We began this new year of 2012 with an exciting meeting with the district presidents joining the MNA Board of Directors for an update on the membership campaign and coordinating the campaign strategy in each district. That meeting was the night before the annual Statewide Nursing Summit where over 1,000 RNs, APNRs and student nurses filled the new Jackson Convention Center to talk about legislative issues and to meet with key legislators.

MNA members should contact their district president for information to join in this statewide membership drive. It is our plan to visit as many districts as possible over the next several months. Even though we have had the most growth and sustainable membership in the non-union states, we must have much to do in growing the membership. Numbers of members speak volumes to those in the legislature.

During the October House of Delegates, the resolution to support mandatory continuing education for registered nurses was passed. There are two options to move forward: supporting the Board of Nursing to include this change in their statutes or presenting a bill to the legislature. At this time the Board of Nursing has taken this under evaluation and will be making a future decision on their position. MNA supports continuing education for all registered nurses. Continuing education is important in health care and professional development and our professional image. Information on the status of this issue will be shared in the coming months.

MNA experienced a change in leadership early in 2012 when the MNA Board of Directors appointed former executive director Betty Dickson as interim ED. Of course, one of our main priorities now is starting the search for the executive director position. Work has begun and we look forward to having the position filled soon. In the interim, Betty Dickson will serve as the executive director and lobbyist. We really appreciate Betty’s willingness to provide her experience and support during this time. I would like to applaud the members of the MNA Board and our staff. They have done an outstanding job during this transition. Their energy and devotion to MNA is inspiring.

During the first few weeks of January, MNA officers and Interim Executive Director, Betty Dickson, attended Governor Phil Bryant’s inaugural ball & other legislative events. There are so many new legislators, it will be important to build our relationships with them and continue to reinforce the relationships with returning legislators. I encourage every member to contact your senator and representative about issues concerning nursing and health care. Don’t hesitate to call the MNA office if you need information to share and to identify your legislators.

With the elections completed, it is often difficult to get others interested in building a PAC fund. As we saw this past year, not having adequate funds to support candidates leads to the loss of legislators that have been or would have been supporters of nursing and health care. It is important that we begin now in building our Political Action Fund. To be effective in our efforts, we have set a goal of $100,000. We consider that amount as needed to support the activities and endorsements of the PAC and election successes. Our goal then should be at least $25,000 each year. We also need individuals who are interested in working on the political action committee (PAC). Please contact the office if you feel this is your area of interest.

MNA and MNF are completing the final touches to the Nightingale Gala. We look forward to celebrating the achievements of our nurses and hospitals across the state.
Dr. Kim Hoover & Janet Harris

A connection that has stood the test of time

By Matt Westerfield

When Janet Harris wanted a bit of advice for a research course she took last year, she realized she could call on the help of the University of Mississippi Medical Center’s “resident expert” in nursing research.

Late one day after work, the chief nursing executive officer for University Hospitals and Health System called Dr. Kim Hoover, dean of the School of Nursing.

Harris, who is working toward her doctorate in nursing practice at an out-of-state university, said Hoover was more than happy to look at her work. “She came by the house and said, ‘He (the professor) is making this way too complicated. Let me make it simple for you,’” Harris said. “And that wasn’t the only time in that course that she helped me.”

As it happens, the top nursing executive at UMHC and UMMC’s leader in nursing education and frontline nurses are working with SON faculty and students more than ever before, spinning off a strong partnership between clinical and academic spheres of nursing.

Hoover said the level of cooperation they have attained is unique. “There’s a good bit being written now about academic-service partnerships, and we have both gone together or to different venues to talk about the work we’re doing,” she said. Rarely do they find nursing schools and clinical nurses collaborating at the level of the Medical Center.

When I talk to nurse executives, I tell them they should expect something out of their schools of nursing,” she said. “It’s a rare thing,” she said. "In the hospital, we do not yet have the knowledge and expertise necessary in many areas in research and collecting evidence and the knowledge that these guys bring to the table because of their educational background,” she said. “We realized that they had things that we needed, and we have the clinical laboratory that they need.”

Harris said the School of Nursing has been central in connecting staff nurses with the research side of practice.

“Janet has always been there to help me with professional advice,” she said. “I frequently sought her advice when I moved here and began my role as dean.”

In the classroom, when Harris and Hoover sometimes meet outside the work, they often engage in casual conversation. “When Janet Harris and I talk, it’s just a total sharing of the message of the School of Nursing, what its accomplishments have been and what we need to do going forward,” Hoover said. The relationship between the clinical and academic sides of nursing schools and clinical nurses collaborating at the level of the School of Nursing. Rarely do they find something that might not have heard, adding value to their education.

This month, the fourth cohort graduated from the Leading through Applied Management Principles (LAMP) Program, led by faculty member Dr. Rebecca Askew.

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Clinical Practice Nurse of the Year:
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- Andrea Guider, RN, Vicksburg, River Region Health System
- Anna Gils, RN, BSN of Vicksburg, River Region Health System
- Brandon Sandifer, ADN, RN, University of MS Medical Center School of Nursing
- Cynthia Adams, RN of New Albany, Baptist Memorial Hospital-Union County
- Hope Fitzgerald, RN, MSN of Meridian, Mississippi Baptist Health Systems
- Kourtland Adams, BSN, RN of Byram, University of MS Health Care
- Madeline Easterling, RN, BSN, CWOCN, CFPC of Lucedale, Deaconess Home Care
- Sherry Gaskin, RN, MSN, FNP-BC of Tupelo, North Mississippi Medical Center

Community Service Nurse of the Year
- Barbara Leatherwood, RN, BSN of Glen, Magnolia Regional Health Center
- Cody Wallace, RN, BSN of Raymond, River Region Health System
- Erin Alger, RN, BSN of New Albany, Baptist Memorial Hospital-Union County
- Heather Sistrunk, MHSA, BSN, RN of Brandon, Mississippi Baptist Health Systems
- Katherine Parman, RN, CDE of Tupelo, North Mississippi Medical Center
- Leigh Cromwell, MS, BSN of Cordova, Baptist Memorial Hospital DeSoto
- Lisa Haynie, PhD, FNP-BC of Madison, University of MS School of Nursing
- Maureen Roberts, RNC, OCN, CRNI of Mendehlson Home Care
- Michelle Reid, RN, BSN of Carson, Amedisys Home Health
- Philip Grisham, RN, ADN of Jackson, University of MS Health Care
- Rosie Goosby, RN, BSN, BTH of Oxford, CNOR, Baptist Memorial Hospital North MS

Faculty Member of the Year
- Janet Cooper, Ph.D., RN of Vicksburg, University of MS Medical Center School of Nursing
- Denita Thomas, MSN, RN, FNP-BC of Noxapater, East Central Community College

Nurse of the Year
- Janet Cooper, PhD, RN of Vicksburg, University of MS Medical Center School of Nursing
- Virginia Lee Cora, DSN, APRN-BC of Jackson University of MS School of Nursing
- Kristi Henderson, DNP, NP-C, FAEN of Jackson, University of MS School of Nursing
- Sue Smith, RN, COHN of Carriere, Stennis Space Center
- Heather Sistrunk, MHSA, BSN of Brandon, Mississippi Baptist Health Systems
- Jennifer Stephen, BSN, RN of Byram, Baptist Memorial Hospital-Union County
- Mary Jane Barnes, BSN, RN of Vicksburg, River Region Health System
- Peggy Murphy, BSN, RN of Brandon, University of MS Health Care
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Nurse Administrator of the Year
- Angela Nowlin, RN, BSN, MBA, CPHQ, FACHE of Corinth, Magnolia Regional Health Center
- Betty Young-Cryer, MSN, RN, CNA-BC, CRBN of Daleville, Anderson Regional Medical Center South
- Donna Sullivan, RN, BSN, OCN, COS-C of Mize, Deaconess Home Care
- Karen George, RN, MSN of Tupelo, North Mississippi Medical Center
- Linda Wynn, RN, BSN, MSN of Vicksburg, River Region Health System
- Lisa Bailey, MSN, RN, CENP of Columbus, Baptist Memorial Hospital-Golden Triangle
- Mary Townsend-Gervis, MSN, BSN, RN of Cordova, Baptist Memorial Hospital-Desoto

Nurse Educator of the Year
- Alicia Gardner, RN, BSN of Tupelo, North Mississippi Medical Center
- Amy Lowery, RN, BSN, CPEN of Brandon, Mississippi Baptist Health Systems
- Angela Young, RN, BSN of Hernando, Baptist Memorial Hospital DeSoto
- Bobbi Jo Ford, MSN, BSN of Brandon, Mississippi Baptist Health Systems
- Deborah Weeks, RN, BSN, CCRN of Shiloh, Magnolia Regional Health Center
- Melanie Sones, RN of Port Gibson, River Region Health System
- Tina Snyder, RN of New Albany, Baptist Memorial Hospital-Union County

Nurse in a Non-Traditional Setting of the Year
- Adrienne Murray, RN, BSN of Tupelo, North Mississippi Medical Center
- Bobbi Jo Ford, MSN, BSN of Brandon, Mississippi Baptist Health Systems
- Tina Snyder, RN of New Albany, Baptist Memorial Hospital-Union County
- Betty Young-Cryer, MSN, RN, CNA-BC, CRBN of Daleville, Anderson Regional Medical Center South
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• Tina King, RN, BSN, of Nettleton, North Mississippi Medical Center
• Tina Magers, MSN, BSN, ANCC of Clinton, Mississippi Baptist Medical Center
• Vicki Brumwell, RN of Brandon, Woman’s Hospital

Nurse of the Year
• Amy Wilkins, RN, AND of Corinth, Magnolia Regional Health Center
• Anne Norwood, Ph.D., FNP-BC of Madison, University of MS Medical Center
• Claudia Fridge, RN, BSN of Vicksburg, River Region Health System
• Heather Bowen, RN, BSN of Guntown, North Mississippi Medical Center
• Rosa Rogers, RN of Hattiesburg, Forrest General Hospital
• The late Helen Hudnell, MSN, RN, OCN, Rush Foundation Hospital
• Yvonne Thompson, RN of Etta, Baptist Memorial Hospital-Union County

Nurse Researcher of the Year
• Catherine Goforth Byars, RN, BSED, MM, MSN of Corinth, Magnolia Regional Health Center
• Karen Winters, PhD, RN of Jackson, University of MS School of Nursing

Nurse Rookie of the Year
• Brandon Petty, RN of Fulton, North Mississippi Medical Center
• Daniel Welch, ADN RN of Brandon, Mississippi Baptist Health Systems
• Hannah Howard, RN, ADN of Oxford, Baptist Memorial Hospital North Mississippi
• Kaylin Moore, RN of Corinth, Magnolia Regional Health Center

Nurse Mentor of the Year
Patricia Waltman, EdD, RN, CNNP of Flora, University of MS Medical Center School of Nursing

Nurse Researcher of the Year
Karen Winters, PhD, RN of Jackson, University of MS School of Nursing

Nurse Employer of the Year
• Deaconess Home Care of Hattiesburg

School of Nursing of the Year
• East Central Community College of Decatur

School of Nursing Administrator of the Year
• Betsy Mann, DNP, RN, CNE of Philadelphia, East Central Community College

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• Janet Williams, PhD, MBA, RN of Biloxi, William Carey University
• Yvonne Thompson, RN of Etta, Baptist Memorial Hospital-Union County

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“I’m really proud to be able to serve as the ANA representative to The Joint Committee’s PTAC,” says Utterback. “This group plays such an influential role in standards development and the operation of homecare organizations—it’s crucial to the future of the industry.”

Karen served the Mississippi Nurses Association as president and currently is a member of District 7 in Hattiesburg.

Karen Utterback

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Dr. Gail Megason, Dr. Claude Brunson, Dr. David Patel, Ph.D., principal investigator of CPS-3. “CPS-3 will help us better understand what factors cause cancer, and once we know that, we can be better equipped to prevent cancer.”

Researchers will use CPS-3 data to build on evidence from a series of American Cancer Society studies that began in the 1950s that collectively have involved millions of volunteer participants. Those studies confirmed the link between cigarette smoking and lung cancer, demonstrated the link between larger waist size and increased death rates from cancer and other causes, and showed the considerable impact of air pollution on lung conditions.

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be sent a follow-up questionnaire for the next 20 to 30 years. Over the course of the study, participants will be added to fill out follow-up surveys every few years. The study will enroll a diverse population of 300,000 people across the United States. For more information or to learn how to become involved with CPS-3, visit www.cps3jackson.com, email cps3@cancer.org, or call toll-free 1-888-604-5888.

Nurse to Lead Historic Cancer Study Underway in Jackson Area

Jimmy Wells, MSN, RN, OCN and a member of the Mississippi Nurses Association has been chosen as the CPS3 lead for a historic cancer study.

Residents of Jackson and surrounding areas have a unique opportunity to participate in a historic study that has the potential to change the face of cancer for future generations. Men and women between the ages of 30 and 65 who have never been diagnosed with cancer and are willing to make a long-term commitment are needed to participate in the American Cancer Society’s Cancer Prevention Study-3 (CPS-3) Sign up for CPS-3 will take place at University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) March 27-30. The study will help researchers better understand the lifestyle, environmental, and genetic factors that cause or prevent cancer.

“Many individuals diagnosed with cancer struggle to answer the question; What caused my cancer? In many cases, we don’t know the answer,” said Alpa V. Patel, Ph.D., principal investigator of CPS-3. “CPS-3 will help us better understand what factors cause cancer, and once we know that, we can be better equipped to prevent cancer.”

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Dr. James Keeton, UMMC vice chancellor for health affairs, not only gave support and approval for the project, but he, along with UMMC Associate Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs Dr. LouAnn Woodard, were instrumental in forming an internal team for the project. UMMC team members include: Dr. Lucio Miele, Dr. Gail Megason, Dr. Claude Brunson, Dr. David Powe, Tom Formert, and Jimmy Wells, MSN, RN, OCN.

Those who choose to enroll will complete a brief initial questionnaire and provide a waist measurement and a small blood sample. Participants will periodically be sent a follow-up questionnaire for the next 20 to 30 years. Over the course of the study, participants will be added to fill out follow-up surveys every few years. The study will enroll a diverse population of 300,000 people across the United States. For more information or to learn how to become involved with CPS-3, visit www.cps3jackson.com, email cps3@cancer.org, or call toll-free 1-888-604-5888.

Former MNA President Appointed to Key Position

Karen Utterback, Vice President of product marketing and management for McKesson Homecare & Hospice, was recently named the 2012 representative for the American Nurses Association (ANA) on The Joint Commission’s Home Care Professional & Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC). The Joint Commission is an independent, not-for-profit organization that accredits and certifies more than 19,000 healthcare organizations and programs in the U.S. Joint Commission accreditation and certification is recognized nationwide as a symbol of quality that reflects an organization’s commitment to meeting certain performance standards. PTACs were created to advise each accreditation program on proposed standards changes and are composed primarily of individuals nominated by selected professional associations.

“I’m really proud to be able to serve as the ANA representative to The Joint Committee’s PTAC,” says Utterback. “This group plays such an influential role in standards development and the operation of homecare organizations—it’s crucial to the future of the industry.”

Karen served the Mississippi Nurses Association as president and currently is a member of District 7 in Hattiesburg.
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MNA Member Richards Manages Unique Program

Camille Richards, Vice President of Paul Moak Volvo.

The new Valve Center at Baptist provides patients who have been diagnosed with a heart valve problem access to a specialty clinic in a unique program managed by nurse practitioners Camille Richards, MSN, FNP-BC, RNFA. “The Valve Center is a little like ‘one-stop shopping,’” said Richards. “Instead of going to one doctor after another, we have multiple tests done, and then returning weeks later. Currently, we are offering two heart specialists, a cardiologist and a cardiothoracic surgeon, in one place at the same appointment time. For example, a heart murmur that is typically found when a provider listens to a patient’s heart indicates that blood flow through the heart isn’t normal. The turbulent blood flow which causes the murmur can be from blood being forced through a calcified, thickened or damaged heart valve or valves. Even though most murmurs don’t indicate a major problem, tests need to be done to ensure the murmur isn’t a sign of a more serious problem. ‘Without testing, there is no way to know the cause of the murmur or if the patient needs a cardiologist or cardiac surgery referral. We’ve taken the guess work out of the murmur work-up.’ That’s where the Valve Center’s unique approach comes in. ‘All I need is a phone call telling me that a patient has a murmur, and I take it from there. We’ll schedule any needed tests on the morning before the appointment so that all results will be ready when a patient sees the doctors that same afternoon,’ Mrs. Richards said. ‘The benefit of seeing two specialists at once is that all of the treatment options can be explored at one time from medications, to minimally invasive interventions, to surgery, including our new transcatheter aortic valve replacement. We know that every second is precious when dealing with a serious cardiac condition and we believe that we can make every second count with this approach to heart valve treatment.’ Because technology has dramatically changed how patients may be treated, the team of interventional cardiologists, who work with the Valve Center in collaboration with the Jackson Heart Clinic, can perform minimally invasive procedures on heart valves and instantly increase the function of the valve and heart. And if the patient needs surgery, ‘We also have cardiac surgeons who can perform an open heart surgery to replace a valve through a 2- to 3-inch incision,’ she said. ‘The difference between a traditional surgery and a catheter or the use of a heart-lung machine. The valve is delivered over a balloon and threaded up through the femoral artery to the damaged aortic valve, much like a balloon valvuloplasty. We try. The screening needed to determine if a patient is a candidate for this technology is extensive; therefore, having a nurse practitioner coordinator in the patient education, testing, results and the collaboration with the physicians is imperative for the success of this new technology.”

Kempf Poole, RN, Vice President for Clinical and Ambulatory Services for Baptist, said that some 18 months ago, hospital administrators began to educate themselves on the prevalence of untreated and underreated heart valve disease, especially aortic stenosis. “Most traditional pathways treat the symptoms of the valve disease instead of correcting the underlying problem,” he said. “Studies have proven that quite often, patients are never considered candidates for corrective therapy until they’re very sick and the symptoms of their disease are so severe that their surgical risk is elevated. We were so intrigued that we collected blinded historic data on a population of our patients to see how our process and time to treatment of the disease compared to the study. To our pleasant (though not totally unexpected) surprise, we were similar to everyone else that participated in the study. It was an eye-opening moment for us. Our quest then became to provide a better model of care for these patients with valve disease. If the valve problem can be corrected in the early stages, the patient’s outcome and quality of life is dramatically improved. We’re so excited to see the results of our effort, as we just found out that one of our patients just completed a half marathon five months after their valve was repaired.” Baptist administrators very carefully set up the operational structure of the clinic, said Poole. “Fortunately, there were centers in the larger metropolitan and academic centers that had created similar Valve Centers,” he said. “We consulted with them and determined what their best practice models were and then thought of a better model for our patients.” Richards claims her job coordinating and navigating patients through the Valve Center at Baptist is “a better model of care.” “I get to interact with the patients from the beginning of the process,” she explained. “From the first phone call for a question or an appointment, my role is to guide the patient and the family on the tests, diagnosis and treatment. I’m a part of the decision making process for what treatment the patient will receive, and I ensure that the treatment plan communicated to the patient’s referring and primary providers. This communication ensures that everyone is on board with the treatment plan for the best outcomes.”

Camille Richards, Vice President of Paul Moak Volvo.

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The Mississippi Nurses Foundation needs your support of the Coffee Club. The Coffee Club recognizes individuals who donate between $300- $5,000 or more to the Foundation specifically for the Coffee Club over a twelve month period. The goal for this year is $40,000. The funds raised from the Coffee Club campaign are used for daily operations.

You can join the Coffee Club with a $25.00 monthly bank draft or credit card contribution to the Mississippi Nurses Foundation. Listed below are the different levels of support for membership into the Coffee Club.

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**MNA Board Meeting Dates 2012**

- March: None
- April 6 at 10:00 am
- May 18 at 10:00 am
- June 22 at 10:00 am
- July: None
- August: None
- September 14 at 10:00 am
- October 16 at 5:00 pm at Convention

All meetings of the Board of Directors is open to MNA members. Please join us if you are in the area to see how we conduct your business.

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**What's Going On in Your “Neck of the Woods?”**

As most of you know, the Mississippi Nurses’ Association sends out electronic newsletters: Members Only, Advanced Practice Notes, District Newsletters, and other announcements as needed. We also mail the quarterly MS RN to all members. Throughout all these “information highways” MNA would like to highlight the special events, awards, acknowledgements, etc. that are taking place all over the state. We want everyone to know about all the good things that the nurses of Mississippi are doing. Sometimes it’s a special note you have received from a client, a story with a happy ending, or pictures of all those happy faces you have helped along the way. Pictures speak a thousand words...

We want to publish this information, so please share with MNA what’s going on in your “Neck of the Woods” in NARRATIVE/PARAGRAPH form. We will assist in editing your piece, but the general information must be written in a narrative.

Please send your information:

TO: mna@mons.org

SUBJECT: News articles to be published

Thank you,

MNA Staff

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**Upcoming Events**

- Nurse Practitioner Convention, Tunica, April 13th & 14th
- Brick Garden Ceremony, May 12th
- Convention 2012, Biloxi, October 16th-19th
- 2012 Controlled Substance Workshops at MNA:
  - May 24th & 25th
  - August 23rd & 24th
  - December 6th & 7th

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