



the ADVOCATE

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Thank you for your continued commitment to TNA and the nursing profession. Many District 9 members are on committees at the local, state and national level working to advance nursing and improve health care for everyone. There are many opportunities to get involved. Grab them!

2003-THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Each third Saturday of January through May, September and October, found a large group of nurses gathering at **Central Market for a membership meeting** and educational program.

In June we held our Annual Installation of New Officers at Tortuga Cantina while enjoying fajitas and listening to our presenters, The Workforce.

Houston Comets Healthcare Night – donation of \$1,146.00 toward Nursing Scholarships.

10,000 Villages Shopping Night – donation of \$165.12 toward Operational funds.

In November the 13th annual “Nursing Celebration” was held which honored 20 nurses and awarded 4 scholarships and 1 research grant.

Would you like to run for office? We will begin accepting applications for the following positions:

President-Elect/TNA Delegate –1-year term (1 year as President-Elect, 1 year as President and 1 year as Past-President)

Treasurer – 2-year term

Board of Directors – 2-year term (3 positions)

Nominating Committee – 1-year term (5 positions)

Delegate –2-year term (3 positions)

Terms start July 1, 2004. Please contact Melanie to apply. Ballot will be mailed out in the spring.

**LICENSE PLATE COVERS AVAILABLE
NURSES**

COURAGE TO CARE

To order, contact TNA D9 office

Save These Dates Meetings and Programs

Saturday, February 21, 2004 Membership Meeting, 9am-Noon, *The Terrace at West University, 5151 Buffalo Speedway* (note: new location) Legal Nurse Consulting: Reading, Writing, Research and Educating by Connie Fletcher-Powell, RN, MN, CCRN

Saturday, March 20, 2004 Membership Meeting, 9am-Noon, Central Market, 3815 Westheimer Complementary and Alternative Therapy: Definitions, History and Integration into Traditional Medicine by Terry Throckmorton, PhD, RN

Saturday, April 17, 2004 Membership Meeting, 9am-Noon, Central Market, 3815 Westheimer **To Be Announced**

Saturday, May 15, 2004 Membership Meeting, 9am-Noon, Central Market, 3815 Westheimer Near Miss & Non-punitive Reporting by Terry Throckmorton, PhD, RN

June 2004 - Date to be determined Annual Membership Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Location to be determined Governmental Affairs by Jim Willmann

Saturday, September 18, 2004 Membership Meeting, 9am-Noon, Central Market, 3815 Westheimer

Saturday, October 16, 2004 Membership Meeting, 9am-Noon, Central Market, 3815 Westheimer

Please pre-register in advance for all meetings to Melanie at 713-523-3619 or tna9@tnadistrict9.org. Topics and Speakers may be subject to change.

Please send your email addresses to Melanie at tna9@tnadistrict9.org to get on our mailing list.

**Check out our website!
TAKE A LOOK AT www.tnadistrict9.org.**

We are very excited about our updated website, thanks to Ray Caywood of Shadow Op Productions.

We currently are posting our Advocates on the website under the section “Newsletters”, so look for it there. If you would rather not receive a paper copy of the Advocate, please let Melanie know.

You will also see we are posting press releases on our special events under the section “Special Events”. Under “Membership/Program Info” you will find a listing of all 2004 membership meetings and any programs that we offer throughout the year, such as our Nursing Celebration. Under “Nursing Celebration” we have a listing of all Nursing Celebration winners, and will feature the current winners and their bios soon.

These are just a few of our features - there is so much information on our website that we're sure would interest you. Please check it out at the above address.

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Nursing Celebration 2003 Honorees

The following nurses were honored at the "Nursing Celebration" gala on November 20, 2003.

To all of you ...Congratulations.

Full information on each honoree will be on our website soon.

*Paula Bowers
Rebecca Churchman-Winn
Betty Cody
Nancy Crider
Ruth Grubestic
Karen Hahn
Shari Hemphill
Mary Hughes
Janet Jessup
Gerri Jones
Alexander Laceras
Ann Malecha
Lea Ann Matura
Laurie Mitchell
Susan Morrison
Faun Ryser
Debora Simmons
Barbara Summers
Lene Symes
Millie Toth*

These are the lucky recipients of the scholarships and research grants!

*Jeffrey Eitel, \$1,000 Scholarship Recipient
Christy Liau-Browder, \$1,000 Scholarship Recipient
Threase Mitchell, \$1,000 Scholarship Recipient
Bernadette Olivier, \$1,000 Scholarship Recipient
Lea Ann Matura, \$1,500 Research Grant Recipient*

We were thrilled to receive 46 applications for Outstanding Nurse, which made picking only 20 very difficult! The following 26 were also nominated:

*Rosanne Arlington
Vasanth Asokan
Fedricker Dianne Barber
Tracy Chien
Patricia Connor
Sheryl Davie
Janet Davis
Pamela Douglas-Ntagha
Laura Espinosa
Staci Equia
Lillian Flores-Perez
Patricia Ford
Lissa Anne Harrison
Lola Denise Jefferson
Kathryn Jordan
Helene Lazar
Kathryn McKillop
JoAnn Mick
Jenise Mouser
Cheryl Oliver
Jacqueline Perry
Angela Pickens
Dana Samways
Linda Speer
Gayla Thompson
Robin Toms*

TNA District 9 Officers
Teresa Oehler, President
Pamela Windle, President-Elect
Rosemary Luquire, Past-President
Joanne Monroig, Secretary
Robin Fleschler, Treasurer

Board Members
Cynthia Hall
Tricia Lewis
Cheryl Lindy
Harriett Linenberger
Rosemary Conlon McCarthy
Terry Throckmorton

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**Please note the location for the
February 2004 meeting has changed to
the Terrace at West University, 5151
Buffalo Speedway, 77005, between
Westpark and Bissonnet.**