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President's Message

Dear TNA D9 Member,

It is time again for National Nurses Day and Nurse Week celebrations across the state of Texas and the nation! Congratulations to all nurses in Texas Nurses Association District 9! Your Board of Directors salutes the incredible, life-saving work that you do each and every day! I hope that you will take a moment to tell your family and friends about the significance of this day to you and allow them to share their well wishes to you!

I would like to spend some time talking to you about the work we have done on your behalf as members of the Board of Directors of TNA District 9. The year has been full of thoughtful considerations, bold resolutions, and robust activity aimed at strengthening District 9 for all nurses who live and work within the boundaries of the District. I cannot list all of the activities we have taken on this year, yet I will be able to share with you those items that will continue to have profound effect on the future work of TNA District 9! My last address to you was dedicated to Nursing Celebration 2015, our 25th Anniversary Gala, held in November of last year. We hosted a record 466 attendees, an increase of 23.3% over the previous year's attendance. We returned the celebration to the Westin Galleria and honored 25 amazing nurses and awarded \$25,000 of scholarships and research grants!

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President's Message (Continued)

The use of multimedia presentations was a first this year and a new song, Go Nursing, or Go Home was penned by one of our own, Kelly Wallin, RN. You should be very proud of this event, as it is the longest running nurse-led celebration of nursing in the state of Texas! Amazing!

Holding ourselves accountable to our bylaws, the Board held a retreat and we now have a 5-year plan that will assist in guiding the future of TNA District 9. Through this plan, we focused our efforts on the results of a survey that you answered by creating quality CE events structured with quality speakers focused on Board of Nursing required CE and saw record attendance at each event. Our membership activity has netted our District an increase of 300 members over the beginning of last fiscal year, a gain of 16.7%! Your Board moved our significant investments to a more fiscally sound company to protect the capital we have worked together to garner over 20 years.

Another item of work that I want to tell you about is nothing short of historical! District 6, encompassing Galveston, Brazoria, and Chambers counties has moved to rescind their bylaws and merge with District 9! By doing this, we have the combined strength of both memberships and the total members will be well over 2,500! We are grateful to our District 6 sisters and brothers and we will work hard to keep the spirit of both districts alive in the New Year. Shortly, you will vote on bylaws changes that create 5 sub-districts within District 9 to move our meetings and events closer to where nurses live and work. Look for this notice in your email in the coming weeks. Know that by voting YES to the bylaws changes, District 9 will be the largest District in the Texas Nurses Association by number of members, stretching geographically from Trinity County to the Gulf of Mexico! These are exciting times indeed!

Future Board meetings will be conducted using GoToMeeting technology that will allow you, as members, to participate in the Board meeting itself and offer your input into critical decisions that the Board must take on! I hope that you will take the time to attend membership meetings, get CE credits tailor made for you, and attend both Nursing Celebration and a newly created annual CE event to be held in Houston or Galveston a year from now around Nurses' Week.

Finally, we voted as your Board to let go of the very long-term lease for our office located in the Rice Village in favor of a location that has much improved parking and is half the cost of our lease. Our new office will be located in the Arena Towers at the corner of the Southwest Freeway and Fondren in Southwest Houston. While this change is momentous, your Board acted in the best interests of our District to protect operating funds and use the money saved to fund the development of our annual CE event! The goal of increasing our presence in the greater Houston/Galveston community can be realized with the office move and the annual CE event. Become involved in the work of creating a world class CE event that you will be proud to be a part of!

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President's Message (Continued)

As I close out my year as your President, I am clearly excited at the prospect of what lies ahead. This year, TNA District 9 turns 100 years old! Started in September of 1916, our legacy continues in the capable hands of Cheryl Lindy, RN, PhD, as she takes on the mantle of leadership in July! Mark your calendars for the Installation of Officers scheduled for June 9 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Memorial Hermann Southwest Hospital, Wilson Turner Auditorium. Come hear our own Andrew Cates, General Counsel for Texas Nurses Association give us an update on legislative issues in the coming session.

I would like to take a moment to thank your Board of Directors for their tireless work over the last year. I would thank your District Executive Secretary, Melanie Truong, RN, for her tireless work to make the District function and for each event to be flawless in execution. I would thank all of the many volunteers who work on the Nursing Celebration Committee for the incredible event we had last year. I would thank Cindy Zolnierek, Executive Director of Texas Nurses Association for her advice and support in all the work accomplished by District 9 this year. I could not forget to thank the Board of Texas Nurses Association so capably led by Margie Dorman-O'Donnell for the last five years for their support as we considered some very audacious goals at District 9. And finally, I thank you, the members of TNA District 9, for extending yourselves toward all nurses in Texas to support workplace advocacy, a worthy legislative agenda, and to ensure that the work we all do as nurses in the District 9 area is at the highest possible standard!

Happy Nurses Week!

Best Regards,



Robert E. Blake, RN, MS, MBA, MDiv
NEA-BC
President, TNA District 9

100th Anniversary Jubilee

The date of our 100th anniversary is September 12, 2016. We will celebrate by hosting a Jubilee entitled: **Honoring our Past, Engaging Our Present, Embracing Our Future: A History of TNA District 9 in Houston, Texas.** The Jubilee will be held at the University of St. Thomas in the Scanlon conference room. We will present a continuing education program and one area we will focus on is the role D9 had, in the past, as a private duty nurse registry. We have ordered special commemorative pins for all of our members. We have begun collecting oral history memories from our current senior members. We are developing a timeline poster, which will be available for sale. Please check our Facebook and website for developing news!

BALLOT RESULTS

President-Elect (2016-2017), President/TNA Delegate (2017-2018)
Past-President (2018-2019)

Lisa Boss

Treasurer (2016-2018)

Robert Flores

North Region Representative on the Board of Directors (2016-2017)

Teresa Oehler

Director (2016-2018)

Juliana Brixey

Patricia Lewis

Scott Stover

Nominating Committee (2016-2017)

Mary Carrillo, Chair

Mary Ann Euliarte

Andrea Holmes

Carole Mackavey

John Ntagha

Delegate to TNA (2016-2018)

Juliana Brixey

Rachel Cameron

Kimberly Curtin

Mary Ann Euliarte

Lisa Ghiloni

Daniel Kelly

Peggy Landrum

Patricia Lewis

Marianne Moore

Aletha Savage

Melissa Wade

Lidiaty Wright

Alternate Delegate to TNA (2016-2018)

Sadaf Abbas

Lucindra Campbell-Law

Tumi Layinka

Tiffany Massie Davis

DeAllen Millender

Teresa Oehler

Jewell Robinson Parker

E'Loria Simon-Campbell

Scott Stover

Pamela Windle

Special thanks go to our nominating committee members: Maribel Bhojani, Chair, Gillian Alexander, Melanie Gander, Laura Josefsen and Lidiaty Wright.



2016 Meetings & Programs

Attendance at board meetings is limited to officers and D9 members; Pre-registration is necessary

Meetings subject to change – contact D9 office to register and verify.

Thursday, June 9, 2016	Induction of New Officers Annual Membership Meeting , 4:30 p.m., Memorial Hermann Southwest Hospital, Wilson Turner Auditorium (Medical Plaza 2 Building), 7737 Southwest Freeway, Houston, TX 77074, 2015 Legislative Session: A Nursing Perspective by Andrew Cates, JD , see flyer on page 8
Saturday, June 18, 2016	North Region Subdistrict Membership Meeting, 8:30 a.m., CHI St. Luke's The Woodlands Hospital, Defining Professional Practice by Nikki Roux, JD, MBA, RN, CEN, FACHE, NEA-BC , see flyer on page 9
Tuesday, August 2, 2016	Board Meeting, TNA D9 Office, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, August 20, 2016	North Region Subdistrict Membership Meeting, 8:30 a.m., CHI St. Luke's The Woodlands Hospital
Tuesday, September 6, 2016	Board Meeting, TNA D9 Office, 5:30 p.m.
Friday, September 9, 2016	Deadline to nominate an Outstanding Nurse for Nursing Celebration 2016! Click link to nominate: http://tnadistrict9.com/committees/nursing-celebration/
Monday, September 12, 2016	100 th Anniversary Jubilee, University of St. Thomas Scanlon Conference Room, more details to follow
Tuesday, October 4, 2016	Board Meeting, TNA D9 Office, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 13, 2016	Quarterly Membership Meeting
Saturday, October 15, 2016	North Region Subdistrict Membership Meeting, 8:30 a.m., CHI St. Luke's The Woodlands Hospital
Tuesday, November 1, 2016	Board Meeting, TNA D9 Office, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, November 10, 2016	26 th Annual Nursing Celebration, Westin Galleria, 5060 West Alabama St., Houston, TX 77056, 6:00 p.m. silent auction, 7:00 p.m. dinner and program
Tuesday, December 6, 2016	Board Meeting, TNA D9 Office, 5:30 p.m.

Review of April 14 CE Offering

With 43 in attendance, District 9 hosted a CE offering entitled "Care of the Older Adult" by Maureen Beck, DNP, RN, GNP-BC at the Houston Methodist West Hospital. This offering was designed to meet the Care of the Older Adult CE requirement by the Texas Board of Nursing. We hope to offer this educational offering periodically.



Kroger Community Rewards

Now you can link your Kroger digital account to our Texas Nurses District 9 Foundation number, 98808, and your purchases will create a donation into the Foundation! For more details, please email the D9 office at tna9@tnadistrict9.com



26th Annual Nursing Celebration 2016

The 26th Annual Nursing Celebration has been scheduled for Thursday, November 10, 2016 at The Westin Galleria Houston

26th Annual Nursing Celebration 2016

Attention, all nurses and friends of nursing! Mark your calendars for the 26th annual **Nursing Celebration**, hosted by the Texas Nurses Association, District 9, with proceeds benefitting the Texas Nurses District 9 Foundation, the public charity formed by the Texas Nurses Association, District 9. Nursing Celebration is scheduled for Thursday, November 10, 2016 at the Westin Galleria Houston, 5060 West Alabama, Houston, Texas 77056. Reception and silent auction begins at 6:00 p.m., with dinner and award ceremony at 7:00 p.m.

Twenty outstanding nurses will be honored at the award ceremony; additionally, nursing scholarships and research grants will be presented. These twenty honorees are nominated by their peers and co-workers as exemplary registered nurses in the Houston / Galveston area. The President's Award is given to a leading advocate for nurses and the nursing profession.

We are currently accepting nominations on our website at: <http://tnadistrict9.com/committees/nursing-celebration/>. The scholarship and grant applications will be posted on our website in the near future.

For information and reservations contact Melanie Truong at the TNA District 9 office, 713-523-3619 or email at tna9@tnadistrict9.com. Corporate sponsorship, individual seat purchases and more details will be available at www.tnadistrict9.com, click Nursing Celebration.

If unable to attend this splendid gala, monetary contributions and/or donations to the silent auction would be greatly appreciated and would benefit nursing scholarships and grant funding for Nursing Celebration 2017.

Volunteers Needed

1. We are in special need of volunteers for our sub-committees for our 26th year Nursing Celebration. Please contact the D9 office for more info.
2. The Nurses' Health Study needs 100,000 Nurses! Go to www.nhs3.org for more details.

D9 Officers in the News

Congratulations to these outstanding D9 officers:

Shirley Morrison, D9 Past-President and Rosie Pine, D9 Secretary, applied for a research grant from the TWU Beta Beta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society and have been awarded a \$2,000 research grant. The grant will support research of District 9's history in Houston for our 100th Anniversary.

Texas Nurses Association, D9

Important Details

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Shirley Morrison, Past-President
Cheryl Lindy, President-Elect
Rosie Pine, Secretary
Barbara Reece, Treasurer

Board of Directors

Lisa Boss, North Region
Representative
Debra Fowler
Terry Kirk
Rebecca Krepper
Peggy Landrum
Thom Mendez

Mission

Texas Nurses Association, District 9 is an organization that strives to provide forums for the exchange of ideas, viewpoints, education and dissemination of information about professional nursing and health-related legislation.

Vision

Texas
Nurses
Advancing
eD9ducation and
Advocacy through
Collaboration and
Teamwork

Goal

Our primary goal is to: Ensure that professional registered nurses have opportunities to collaborate, learn about and impact the professional nursing environment.

Texas Nurses Association/Foundation Accredited
Provider Unit

Presents

2015 Legislative Session: A Nursing Perspective

Andrew Cates, JD

General Counsel & Director of Government Affairs

Texas Nurses Association

Hosted by:

Texas Nurses Association District 9

Thursday, June 9th, 2016

Business Meeting/Installation of New Officers: 4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

CNE Presentation: 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

At

Wilson Turner Auditorium (Medical Plaza 2 Building)

Memorial Hermann Southwest Hospital

7737 Southwest Fwy

Houston, Texas 77074

Please register on www.tnadistrict9.com, click "Events."

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CHI St. Luke's The Woodlands Hospital welcomes

Texas Nurses Association, District 9

North Region Sub District Membership Meeting

Saturday, June 18, 2016

8:30 a.m. Business Meeting

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Educational Event

Open to all – members, non-members, students

Immediately following the business meeting:

DEFINING PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Presenter:

Nikki Roux, JD, MBA, RN, CEN, FACHE, NEA-BC

CHI St. Luke's The Woodlands Hospital
Conference Rooms 2, 3 & 4
17200 St. Luke's Way
The Woodlands, TX 77384

1.0 contact hours will be awarded for successful completion of this activity.

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