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President's Message

As my term as President comes to a close, this is a time of reflection. Serving as President is a three-year commitment, President-Elect, President, and Past President. It has been an amazing and rewarding experience. Leading the largest TNA District in Texas has been a remarkable opportunity, and there are many whom I would like to thank. I am grateful to Dr. Tina Cuellar, who has been a wonderful mentor during my year as President-Elect and continuing into my year as President. I knew Tina was only an email away. I am eternally grateful to Melanie Truong for her support and encouragement. Melanie has been my other brain in making sure that I completed all the tasks of the President. Denise Neill and I formed a close relationship to ensure the financial stability of the TNA D9 for the coming years. Words cannot express my gratitude to the TNA D9 Board.

The Board is terrific. Aletha, thank you for all the fundraising activities. Marco, you introduced the Board to Brooke Baugh, Development Consultant of the Wolford Group. Brooke gently guided the District to consider new ideas to ensure the success of the 2019 Nursing Celebration. The Celebration recognizes 20 outstanding nurses from the region and awards scholarships and research grants. Many thanks to the Celebration committee members who work countless hours to guarantee the success of the event. The Celebration is now the District's primary fundraising event. Planning is underway for the 30th Nursing Celebration, April 9, 2021. The success of the event is certain under the leadership of Dr. Kimberly Curtin.

The year 2020 has been designated as the Year of the Nurse and Nurse Midwife by the World Health Organization. In addition, Nursing is celebrating the 200th birthday of Florence Nightingale.



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These noteworthy celebrations have been shadowed by the global pandemic of COVID-19. Nurses have been recognized locally and throughout the world by patients, families, and the media for their bravery and compassion. Nurses have shown incredible courage to leave family and friends to work in hotspots such as New York City. It truly is the Year of the Nurse. We can trust that Florence Nightingale would be proud of today's nurses.

As I complete my term as President, I am not discouraged by the pandemic but encouraged that nurses make a difference and remain the most trusted profession. I am confident that nurses are essential in the delivery of healthcare services. I am optimistic that new graduates from schools of nursing from across the United States will enter into practice with enthusiasm and a willingness to make a difference to improve the health of individuals, families, and populations.

To all members of D9, I wish you health and continued professional fulfillment. Kimmie, as District 9 President, I am confident you will lead the district to achieve many successes. It will be a fantastic year for you!

Respectfully,



Juliana Brixey



2020 Meetings & Programs

Events are posted on our website,
www.tnadistrict9.com, click EVENTS

Meetings subject to change – contact D9
office to verify.

Monday, June 1, 2020	Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 2, 2020	VIRTUAL Installation of New Officers and Annual Business Meeting 5:30 p.m. Please PRE-REGISTER at https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9020732450453092107
June 6, 2020	VIRTUAL House of Delegates, pre-registration necessary
Tuesday, August 4, 2020	Officer Orientation, Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, September 1, 2020	Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Friday, September 11, 2020	Annual Professional Conference, Tentative date
Tuesday, October 6, 2020	Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, November 3, 2020	Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 1, 2020	Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

BALLOT RESULTS

President-Elect (2020-2021), President/TNA Delegate (2021-2022)

Past-President (2022-2023)

Rena Schumann

Treasurer (2020-2022)

Denise Neill

Director (2020-2022)

Maribel Bhojani

Anita Harris

Pamela Windle

Nominating Committee (2020-2021)

Heidi Gilroy, Chair

Sarah Hibbs

Pam Slagle

Lisa Triche

Lidiaty Wright

Delegate to TNA (2020-2022)

Maribel Bhojani

Lucindra Campbell-Law

Stephany Coleman

Tammy Cupit

Sheranda Fesler

Rebecca Foster

Delegate to TNA (2020-2022) (Continued)

Linda Green

Sarah Hibbs

Katherine Kelly

Patricia Lewis

Nisha Mathews

Joanne Monroig

Marianne Moore

Heather Morand

Edtrina Moss

Carliss Ramos

Jennifer Sanders

Brandy Snyder

Margaret Whitehead

Pamela Windle

Alternate Delegate to TNA (2020-2022)

Augusta Anyama

Nana Funk

Amanda Garey

Kevin Harris

DeAllen Millender

Sola Oyewuwo

Steven Powell

Goley Richardson

Rena Schumann

Veena Smith

Serena Tobar

Lidiaty Wright

Thank you to our 2019-2020 nominating committee members for their commitment and dedication to our members!

Mary Jo Andre, Chair

Stephany Coleman

Catherine Mbango

Lisa Triche

Angela Yarbrough



Kroger Community Rewards

Now you can link your Kroger digital account to our Texas Nurses District 9 Foundation number, **IV734**, and your purchases will create a donation into the Foundation! For more details, please email the D9 office at tna9@tnadistrict9.com



Randalls Good Neighbor Program

Link your Randalls Remarkable card to our number, **3460**, to help us raise operating funds!

HOUSE OF DELEGATES 2020

The TNA House of Delegates has been changed to a Virtual event. All delegates should have been contacted by TNA for pre-registration details. All delegates must be PRE-REGISTERED for the webinar event.

30th ANNUAL NURSING CELEBRATION

Attention, all nurses and friends of nursing! Mark your calendars for the 30th 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 has been rescheduled for **Friday, April 9, 2021** at the Westin Houston Medical Center. Reception and silent auction begins at 6:00 p.m., with dinner and award ceremony at 7:00 p.m. Corporate sponsorships are available.

Outstanding Nurses will be honored at this event. A Year of the Nurse Award is being considered as well COVID Heroes awards. Additionally, nursing scholarships and research grants will be presented to deserving nurses and nursing students.

For more information, contact Melanie Truong at the TNA District 9 office, 713-523-3619 or email at tna9@tnadistrict9.com.

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 2022.

About Texas Nurses District 9 Foundation

The Texas Nurses District 9 Foundation was founded in 2009 to ensure the continuation of Houston area nurses and nursing students' scholarship and research awards.

FUNDRAISING REPORT

We periodically offer fundraising events to increase our operating and foundation costs. Please watch for notifications via email as well as on our social media outlets.

We have a Pampered Chef fundraiser for our operating ongoing now. D9 gets 10-15% of profits, plus \$3 per order. Please share to your family and friends, as well as on social media. You can access the link here: <https://www.pamperedchef.com/party/txnursesd9>

NATIONAL NURSES MONTH

It's National Nurses Month and the D9 Board would like to honor District 9's nurse heroes. We're grateful for all you do! **YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

Please click link for a certificate of appreciation from your D9 leadership: https://www.texasnurses.org/resource/group/07847318-19d0-4854-90a7-20dd9bf67478/TNA_Certificate.pdf

Please print out the certificate, take a pic of you holding the certificate and email to us!

Texas Nurses Association, D9

Important Details

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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
eDucation 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.

TNA D9 uses email as our primary way to contact members so please check your spam/junk folders frequently as well as follow us on social media.