

HIGHLIGHTS



February 20th - San Antonio Chapter Meeting
will be held at
Northeast Methodist Hospital
Community Health Center
12412 Judson Road, Live Oak, TX 78233
Meeting starts at 7:00 PM



SEE YOU AT LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE 2006!

FEBRUARY 23-26, 2006 IN AUSTIN, TX

EXPAND YOUR VISION * EXCEED YOUR EXPECTATIONS

Dates to Remember

February

15 & 19 – TNCC recertification
 17,18 & 19 – TNCC
 20 – San Antonio ENA Meeting
 23 - 26 – ENA National Leadership Challenge, Austin

March

20 – San Antonio ENA Meeting

April

7 & 8 – State ENA Meeting, Corpus Christi
 14 - 16 - ENPC
 17 – San Antonio ENA Meeting

May

15 – San Antonio ENA Meeting
 17 & 21 – TNCC recertification
 19,20 & 21 – TNCC

June

7 & 8 – State ENA Meeting, Lubbock
 19 – San Antonio ENA Meeting (Dinner TBA)

July

14 - 16 - ENPC
 17 – San Antonio ENA Meeting

August

16 & 20 – TNCC recertification
 18,19 & 20 – TNCC
 21 – San Antonio ENA Meeting

September

13 - 17 – ENA General Assembly/Scientific Assembly, San Antonio



Great Beginnings. A Great Year.

Paul Clark, RN, BSN

It is with great enthusiasm that the San Antonio Chapter of the ENA begins the year. I am excited this year to serve as your president for 2006. Our chapter has a history of strong leadership, and I hope to build on that tradition. In the upcoming year, we plan to provide TNCC and ENPC classes, babysitter training, and legislative awareness. We hope to put together a 2 hour CEU offering on Forensic Nursing which we'd offer free to active ENA members.

There is a lot going on this year for us Emergency Nurses here in Texas. Texas hosts two national gatherings of ENA members this year: in February Austin hosts the Leadership Challenge 2006. Expand your vision and exceed your expectation with opportunities to grow in leadership as a staff or charge nurse or as a manager. Then in September 2006, the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center right here in San Antonio is the place for the ENA Scientific Assembly. Earn CEUs, network, update, dance the night away. The ENA will provide opportunities to deepen Emergency Nursing Practice and as well as the chance to socialize with colleagues and friends, all right in our own back yard.

Our membership base locally continues to grow (250 Emergency Nurses in San Antonio and surrounding region make up our chapter). **I personally invite you to attend our meetings.** We meet on the third Monday of every month (except September so we can attend the ENA Scientific Assembly). The odd numbered months (January, March, etc) we offer CEU presentations before our business meeting. Attending just 6 meetings in odd numbered months provides 6 free CEUs! My experience of our ENA meetings is that they become more interesting with input from our membership. **Please come and add to the discussions!**

The information you've read about here can be accessed from our website www.SanAntonioENA.org There you can meet your officers face to face, find meeting times and places, access related Emergency Nursing links, read the newsletter, sign up for ENPC or TNCC courses, find out when babysitter training will be, and a host of other options.

Our Chapter has a lot to offer, just as you offer so much to Emergency Nursing. If you have any questions or comments, don't hesitate to contact me at home (210.734.4962) or by email FriarLopez@satx.rr.com I'm looking forward to a great year!

Next ENPC & TNCC Courses

ENPC - April 14 thru 16. Contact Jan Elliott at 210-387-6810 or TxJanSA@aol.com or Janice.Elliott@MHShealth.com

TNCC - May 19 thru 21. Deadline to register is April 4.

TNCC Recertification - May 17 & 21. Deadline to register is May 1.
 Contact Susan Douglass at (210) 358-4272 between 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM.

State ENA Meeting Held in San Antonio

The first quarter 2006 State Meeting was held in San Antonio on January 13 and 14, at the Airport Hilton. On Friday, the Leadership Challenge was held with direction and goals set and discussed for the 16 Chapters in the State. The various committees met and discussed plans and goals for the upcoming year. On Saturday the Business Meeting was held along with several other Committee meetings. Introductions of scholarship recipients were made on the second day.

The quarterly State Meetings are an excellent way to get involved with the State and National organization. Everyone is welcome to attend, to participate and to learn more about the organization. The meeting for second quarter 2006 will be held in Corpus Christi on April 7 and 8. For more information go to www.txena.org.

Christmas Party 2005



2005 President Sondie White turning over the leadership of the San Antonio ENA chapter to 2006 President Paul Clark.

The Christmas Party to celebrate the 2005 holiday season was held at "The Melting Pot" on December 12. Thirty-five members and guests were present.

The celebration, sponsored by Scios, was enjoyed by everyone, as we learned the many techniques for eating fondue. Introduction of 2006 officers were made and members and visitors had a chance to get acquainted.

TidBits

- Congratulations to 2005 Texas ENA Scholarship winners: **Donna Spivey, Sondra White, John Wheeler Mosty, Marie Drabeck and Amy Diehm-Browne.**
- **Barbara Baldwin** received a call from the TV network Nickelodeon to confirm the date of National Babysitters day, May 13. This date is now on the National Calendar of events, set by Congress.

Member Spotlight



This month's member spotlight is on **Loris Ernst, RN, CEN**. Loris has been an RN for 14 years and has worked all of them in an Emergency Department. She graduated from Baptist School of Professional Nursing and chose the ER because it is a challenge and she loves a challenge. She currently works at Northeast Baptist ER which is "new, busy and BIG". She says she loves it there. She has spent most of her career in the Baptist system and says they are great to work for. She has been a member of ENA since 1995 when she first received her CEN. She has held the certification since that time. She is looking forward to attending the Assembly in San Antonio this year.

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