



HIGHLIGHTS

San Antonio Chapter Meetings

April 17th @ 7:00 PM

will be held at

Alamo Café at 10060 IH-10 W

(Between Wurzbach and Huebner)

Come join us for a relaxed business meeting with each attendee purchasing food or drinks of their choice

May 15th

will be held at

Northeast Baptist Hospital

8811 Village Drive (near 410 and Starcrest)

CEU offering @ 7:00 PM

“Disaster Preparedness” by Michael Sanchez, MD

Business Meeting @ 8:00 PM



Make plans now to attend the
2006 ENA Annual Conference.

More details to come in future
issues.

Dates to Remember

April

7 & 8 – State ENA Meeting, Corpus Christi

17 – San Antonio ENA Meeting at Alamo Cafe

May

15 – San Antonio ENA Meeting at Northeast Baptist Hospital

17 & 21 – TNCC re-verification

19,20 & 21 – TNCC

June

19 – San Antonio ENA Meeting (Dinner TBA)

July

7 & 8 – State ENA Meeting, Lubbock

14 - 16 - ENPC

17 – San Antonio ENA Meeting

August

16 & 20 – TNCC re-verification

18,19 & 20 – TNCC

21 – San Antonio ENA Meeting

September

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

October

13 & 14—State ENA Meeting, Dallas-Fort Worth

16—San Antonio ENA Meeting



A Word From Your President Elect

Kena Miller, RN

What an exciting year 2006 is proving to be! I am proud to serve as the President Elect for our chapter this year. I am also co-chair of the local membership committee and am excited to report at last count our chapter has 275 members. Can you imagine the wealth of information and experience to draw from if we were able to get 10% or 25% or how about 50% attendance at our meetings? This year my goal is to reach as many members as possible and let them know just how many opportunities are available for not only professional but personal growth. This year is especially exciting for San Antonio as we are hosting the National ENA meeting. Thousands of nurses from across the country will be gathering to learn, share in knowledge and friendship and have the opportunity to earn CEs. Last year was my first opportunity to attend and I strongly encourage everyone who can to go and be prepared to feel pride, strength in your profession and a feeling of belonging to a community of nurses like no other. I would also like to reach out to our members and again extend the invitation to come to our monthly meetings. Our March meeting was hosted by Southeast Baptist and we had 22 nurses attend; it was great! The April meeting will be an opportunity to come and share great food and company and participate in our business meeting. In May, a CE will again be offered prior to the business meeting to be held at North East Baptist. Please come join us! Come learn how together we can make a difference in our communities and across the nation. We need you! If any of you out there have any questions about how you can become involved or any questions about any of the meetings, please do not hesitate to email or call any one of us listed in the newsletter. I look forward to meeting you soon!

Next ENPC & TNCC Courses

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

Leadership Challenge 2006



A group of ENA leaders from across the US in a breakout session discussing injury prevention and how to promote injury prevention initiatives at the local level.

Leadership Challenge 2006 was held in Austin, February 23 thru 26. All day Thursday was the State Leaders Conference. State and Chapter officers from across the United States met for an insightful program that provided tools needed to help ENA grow, at all levels. There were opportunities for networking with other members and the Directors of ENA. In the afternoon were various roundtable discussions. Thursday night was the Stryker Dance Party, with an array of Texas Barbecue with all the trimmings and music and fun for all. Friday, Saturday and Sunday were filled with 1 to 2 hour CECH courses covering all aspects of Emergency Medicine. The Exhibit Hall was open for all ENA members to visit with vendors and gather information about the latest products and services that are available.

I'm a Member of ENA.... Now What?

Peggy Dubuque, RN

Have you recently joined ENA and are wondering "Now what do I do?" Or have you been a member for a few years and just don't know how to get involved. I joined ENA and began receiving the publications in the mail. I enjoyed reading those, but I wanted more out of this organization. The more I read and talked to other nurses, the more I wanted to be involved, but wasn't sure how to go about it.

Begin your involvement by going to the local meetings. The first one or two meetings may not make a lot of sense to you, but keep going. Keep going, ask questions, and volunteer your time, talents and opinions. It is a great way to exchange ideas and network with other ER nurses.

My real enthusiasm started when I attended the National Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee. It was a great experience, and one I don't want to miss in the future. Fortunately, for those of us in Texas, the 2006 National Meeting is going to be held in San Antonio, in September. What a great way for someone to get active in our organization!

If you want more details about local meetings, or about the National Meeting in September, you can check our website at www.sanantonioena.org or email or telephone any of the group leaders, listed on the back page of this newsletter.

TidBits

- Congratulations to **Nancy Gonzales** for being the winner of a years free membership to ENA. Her name was drawn from the attendees at the January TNCC class.
- Thanks to **Southeast Baptist Hospital** for the enthusiasm, food and hospitality they provided when hosting the March San Antonio Chapter meeting.

Member Spotlight

This month's member spotlight is on **Susan Castillo, RN, BSN**. Susan graduated from UTHSCSA in 1993 and has spent the last 10 years working in an Emergency Center. She is currently a Staff Nurse III at University Hospital in San Antonio. Prior to that, Susan was a Charge Nurse at Guadalupe Valley Hospital in Seguin. She also serves as an Emergency representative on the Nurse-Pharmacy Hospital Committee at University. Susan has been married for 21 years and has a 17 year old daughter. In her time away from the hospital, she enjoys spending time with her family, reading, and doing home remodeling projects.

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