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Region 7 Newsletter

November 2004

Region News

Greetings!! My name is Angela Hedger and I am the newly elected Region 7 Director. It is an honor to hold this position and I will work hard to meet the needs of your individual chapter, as well as the needs of our region as a whole. Region 7 has 4 schools within it's boundaries: Edison Community College, Florida Gulf Coast University, Manatee Community College, and South Florida Community College. It is my goal this year to reach out to each one of your individual chapters and make a lasting difference. while fostering communication between the chapters in our region. Whether it be through recruitment drives, new chapter charter, or simply assisting with a fundraiser or community event, I am here to help and I am open to ideas, suggestions and concerns at all times. My contact information is below; please feel free to contact me at any time.

Florida Nursing Students Association (FNSA) annual state convention was awesome! We stayed at a beautiful new hotel, made new friends, passed out a lot of awards, passed 7 resolutions, elected a new executive board and even had time to relax in the lazy river.



Interested in becoming a committee member or liason?? We would love to have your help. The possible committee's are: Resolutions, Legislation, BTN, CAPS, Nominations and Elections (NEC), Community Health and Membership. I have attached the application at the end of this newsletter. Please send them to President Robert Elliot. If you have questions feel free to email him at robertdelliott_fnsa@yahoo.com.

National Conference!! Start thinking about traveling to Salt Lake City, Utah from April 6th-10th. Don't forget to also start working on applications for awards at nationals. These can be found on the NSNA website, www.nsna.org.

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Convention 2004 Awards

“Nurses Family Feud”

Grand Winners

Polk Community College

Newsletter Award

Florida Gulf Coast University

Honorable Mention:

Pensacola Junior College

Activities Award

Florida Gulf Coast University

Honorable Mention:

Polk Community College

University of Florida

Florida Keys Community College

Project Award

Florida Gulf Coast University

Honorable Mention:

Santa Fe Community College

Polk Community College

Pasco Hernando Community College

Florida Keys Community College

Community Health Award

Florida Gulf Coast University

Honorable Mention:

Barry University

BTN

Most Successful Recruitment Project

Florida Gulf Coast University

CAPS

Most # of Children Screened

Miami Dade College

Outstanding Participation

Pasco Hernando Community College

Faculty Support Award

Barbara Battin

University of South Florida

Jennifer Williams Award

Toni Linck

University of South Florida

Legislative

Santa Fe Community College

100% Credentialed and Attendance in the

House of Delegates

Indian River Community College

Pasco Hernando Community College

University of Florida

South University

Opening Night Party

1st Place

Timothy J. McCormick

Polk Community College

Singing “Wind Beneath My Wings”

2nd Place

Jennifer Wilson

Pasco Hernando Community College

Singing “The Star Spangled Banner”

3rd Place

Amanda & 6 others

Lake Sumter Community College

Dancing “The Hokey Pokey”

4th Place

E-Board & Friends

Dancing to “Big Butt”

Membership

Highest % Increase

Nova Southeastern University

Highest # of Members

Palm Beach Community College

Highest # Increase for the Year

Valencia Community College

Florida Tidal Wave

Valencia Community College

Chapter of the Year Award

Florida Gulf Coast University

Pennies PRN

Palm Beach Community College

Pennies War

With 33,381 points:

Barry University

Dean/Director of the Year

Dr. Patricia Burns

University of South Florida

NLN Essay Contest Winner

Amy Price

Manatee Community College

Money Raised for Scholarships

Pennies PRN

\$1,867.59

Penny Wars

\$1,807.27

(Barry University gets half)

Sustaining Memberships

\$210.00

(onsite at convention)

LIVE Auction

\$2,715.43

Scholarships

Dr. Claydell Horne

Emily Donelson

University of Florida

Heather Scaglione

Robert D. Elliott

Palm Beach Community College

FLN Chloe Trammel

Andrea Arce

Barry University

Helen Ann Dean

Kim Torres

Santa Fe Community College

Willa Fuller

Toni Linck

University of South Florida

FNSA Scholarships

Anita Cacciotti

Marjorie Grace

Amy Elizabeth DaSilva

Santa Fe Community College

Michelle Binder

Seminole Community College

Shannon Lillycrop

Cynthia Simone

Brevard Community College

Melissa A. Culp

Pasco Hernando Community College

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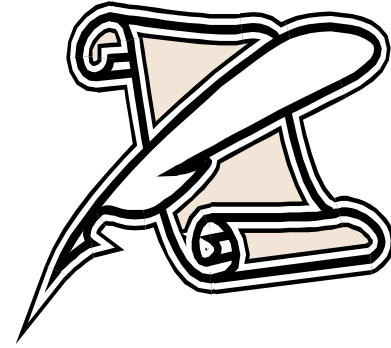
Adriana S. Sanchez

Misty Mendonca

Florida Keys Community College

Resolutions Passed 2004...

1. **In support of health care professionals being educated about current healthcare advance directives and to maintain current healthcare advance directive**
 - FNSA Executive Board, author Robert D. Elliot
2. **In support of promoting awareness of the use of interpreters in the nursing practice**
 - University of Florida, authors, Natalie Merino and Jessica Camp
3. **In support of educating parents and healthcare workers on the early developmental signs of autism to implement early intervention**
 - Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences, authors Dominique Cannon and Sandra Garcia
4. **In support of discouraging the use of apothecary measurements for medication administration in the healthcare practice**
 - Indian River Community College, author Toni DiChiacchio
5. **In support of regulation of physical education in elementary and secondary schools and further nursing research on the role of physical activity in decreasing the risk of obesity**
 - Florida Gulf Coast University, authors Maria Valdez, Angela Hedger, & Kelly Murrell
6. **In support of educating school children about protection from sexually transmitted diseases and unwanted pregnancies through abstinence, education about contraceptives, and STD prophylactics**
 - Florida Keys Community College, author, Robin Dayton
7. **In support of increased awareness of pain management in neonates**
 - Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences, authors, Sara Clarke and Heather Lizardi



What do you want to see the Community Health Committee do this year??

Angela Hedger, your Community Health Chair wants your opinion on what community health activities you would most like to see FNSA work on and focus on this year. Please email me at anhedger@eagle.fgcu.edu with what would most interest you for a community health project this year. We are already in the process of trying to set up a partnership with AHEC, allowing each area to focus in on their communities needs while providing them with AHEC as a resource. Remember we can work on more than one. Here are some ideas:

- ~ Partnership with AHEC
- ~ Bone Zone
- ~ March of Dimes
- ~ Putting something together to support Resolution # 5 (see above)
- ~ Putting something together to support Resolution # 6 (see above)
- ~ Other _____

Remember these Dates DON'T MISS OUT

Remember you get points toward Chapter of the Year for participating in Nurses Student Week, FNA Student Day, and attending Eboard Meetings!!!

February 20-26, 2005 - Nursing Student Week

February 23, 2005 - Nursing Student Day

May 6-12, 2005 – National Nurses Week

September 14-17, 2005 – FNA Convention – Hyatt Coconut Point – Bonita Springs, FL

September 14, 2005 – FNA Student Day.

FNSA Executive Board Meetings at FNA Headquarters in Orlando
(directions p. 4)

10:30 am-Regional Meetings

11:00 am Committee Meetings

12-4 pm Eboard Meeting

January 15, 2005

February 26, 2005

April 6 - 9, 2005 – NSNA National Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah.

May 21, 2005

July 9, 2005

August 20, 2005

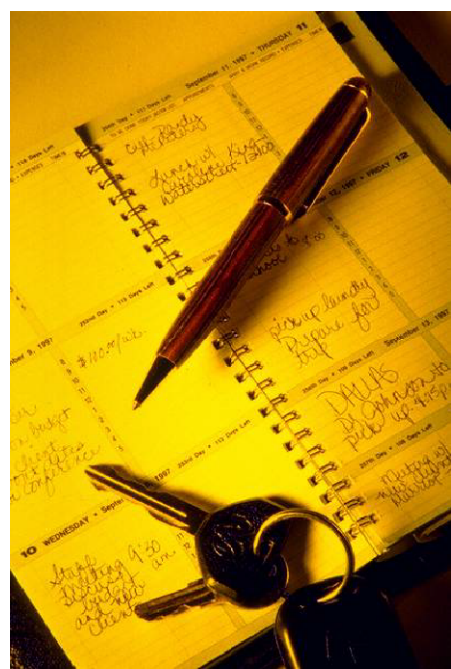
THE FOLLOWING DATES ARE TENTATIVE

September 23, 2005 – FNSA Pre-Convention Eboard Meeting 7:00 pm – Adams Mark Hotel – Daytona Beach, Florida

September 23-25, 2005 – FNSA Pre-convention – Adams Mark Hotel – Daytona Beach, FL

October 25, 2005 - FNSA Convention Eboard Meeting 7:00 pm – Adams Mark Hotel Daytona Beach, Florida

October 26 – 29, 2005 –FNSA State Convention – Adams Mark Hotel -- Daytona Beach, Florida



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An 'Incentive Program' inside the Membership Recruitment Guidelines 2004/2005 Booklet. The grand prize is a trip to convention in SLC, Utah!!! It could be an excellent tool to share with your schools. We could all become Project In Touch recruiters.

Go to the NSNA website, <http://www.nсна.org>

Go to "Publications"

~under Chapter Development Resources~

Go to "Guidelines for Planning Booklets"

~which is an adobe acrobat page~

Finally, go to the Membership Recruitment Guidelines.

Dear Chapter Presidents of Region 7,

In coming newsletters I would like to include a section just about Region 7 and what each chapter has been doing, is doing, or is planning on doing in the future. In this way we can all be aware of what is going on and encourage and help one another out. We need to be in unity with one another promoting oneness no matter what our differences may be. If each chapter President could email me 2 weeks before each executive board meeting with what is going on with your chapter and any questions your chapter may have for the executive board I would greatly appreciate it. I looked for

to this coming year and the community that we'll share.

Blessings,

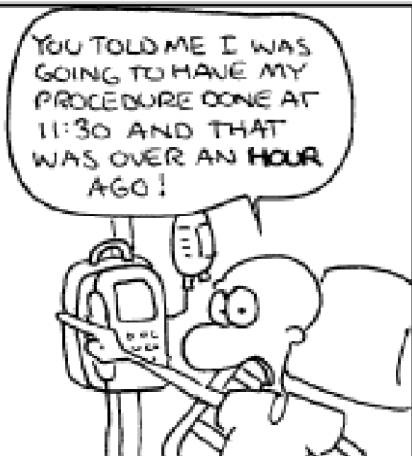
Angela Hedger



Nurstoons

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by Carl Elbing



Application to Serve as a FNSA Liaison

Many opportunities exist to participate in FNSA at a state level. As a liaison, you will work directly with the state executive board as well as serving in an important role of educating the organization about the task force or committee that you will participate with. **Please return to the FNSA president before the last day of convention, Friday.**

The following positions are ongoing and need liaisons each year:

- Florida Board of Nursing
- FNA Board
- Florida League for Nursing
- Florida Congress of Nursing Organizations
- FNSA Political Action Network Chair

The following positions are active but may be dissolved or changed yearly:

- FNA Woman Wise Alliance
- FNA Membership Task Force
- FNA QUIN Council
- FNA Nursing Shortage Workgroup

The following is a two-year appointment:

- Florida Nurses Political Action Committee

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

School of Nursing: _____ Date of Graduation: _____

School or State Offices Held: _____

List liaison positions you are interested in: _____

Have you served as a delegate: _____

Conventions or conferences you have attended: _____

Please describe briefly why you are interested in this position and your goals within the organization: _____