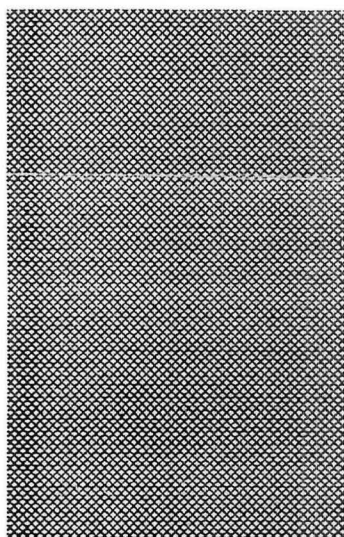


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THROW OUT A LINE IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM OR QUESTION THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS TO AN OPEN FORUM. IT WILL BE PRINTED IN RN News AND YOU HAVE YOUR ARNA COLLEAGUES AS A CAPTIVE AUDIENCE!

email (OK, use snail mail if you wish) your issues, questions, problems or concerns to Helen O'Daly, Editor, RN News. See address on page 3.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

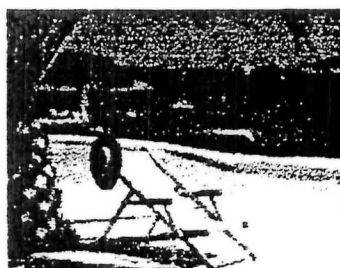
The Board met January 23 and 24th in Raleigh, N.C. We worked on the application for CEU providership and hope to have it completed for an August 1st site visit by the ANCC governing board. We discussed guidelines completion and have a proposal in mind to complete them in the very near future. I am most excited that we have picked up over 60 new members in January already. Our membership committee chair, Patty Beusser has some wonderful ideas and is quite enthusiastic. I'm sure she will be a large influence in helping increase our membership drive which will begin in the next few months. Our goal is 2000 members by the year 2000! Patty is formulating plans for prizes etc. The certification board has been working diligently and the next exam slated will have a review course which members can attend in Orlando during our spring conference held in conjunction with SCVIR. The core curriculum is nearing completion and should be to print by spring. If you wish a bibliography list, it is available through the office for studying purposes and will suffice nicely.

Our heartfelt thoughts go out to the following members:

Linda Strangio, Editor of Images for the long illness of her husband who is now home and resting. Kathleen Gross, Secretary for the loss of her grandmother; and Pat Doohan, President-elect for the loss of her sister-in-law.

I am truly looking forward to this being a productive and active year for my presidency. If I can be of help, please call me or any member of the board.

Maurita Schieding, R.N., C.R.N., President, ARNA



ARNA OFFICE HAS NEW ADDRESS!

Please note the new address for the purpose of conducting business with ARNA:

820 Jorie Blvd.
Oak Brook, IL 60523

The numbers for telephone, fax and e-mail remain the same.

submitted by Betty Rohr
Executive Secretary



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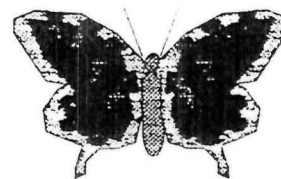
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PREPARING FOR THE CRN EXAM

Here are two bits of information for those Radiology Nurses about to take the CRN exam.

* In the last issue of "RN News" I referred to the course "Short Stay Radiologic Procedures" written by Linda Strangio and it has been brought to my attention that I did not mention where you could find this course. It is provided by a company called Continuing Medical Education Resource in Sacramento, CA. They have a list of courses which can be taken by those nurses who need CE credits. You submit your answers with the appropriate payment if you need credits. This course is #1003 and the telephone number to request the course is 800-232-4238. It has been my experience that material is sent out within a short time after being requested. This is great material to cover in preparation for the CRN exam, or for anyone new to Radiology who would like an overview.

* The first review for the CRN exam will be available at the 1999 Spring Educational Meeting in Orlando, Florida, held concurrently with SCVIR and AVIR. The four hour review is scheduled on Tuesday, March 23 from 8 am to 12 noon.



THANK YOU!

Just a note of thanks to all the ARNA members who volunteered their time at the ARNA Information/Membership Booth at RSNA from November 29 to December 2, 1998:

Alma Kovarik
Patty Merrick
Patricia Doohan
Kate Little
Dixon Johnson
Liz Livingston
Ginger Schultz
Kathleen Gross

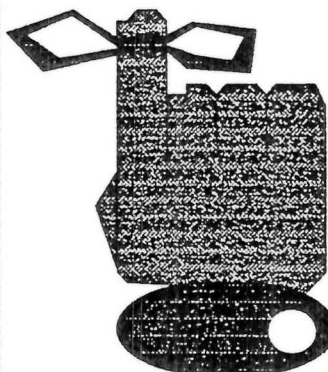
Melissa Holbrook
Maurita Schieding
JoAnn Belanger
Colleen Sasso
Nancy Pope
Wendy Bommer
Donna Corman

Thanks, also, to any other member who assisted and helped spread the news of this great organization!

submitted by Kathleen Gross
Secretary, ARNA

Next Scheduled CRN Examination is:
Saturday, August 14, 1999
Application deadline: June 30, 1999

To obtain an application, contact the
Professional Testing Corporation
1350 Broadway - 17th Floor
New York, NY 10018
(212) 356-0660



Mark your calendar!

A sincere "Thank You" from Linda Strangio to all those ARNA members who were there for her during her husband Vinny's recent lengthy illness. Linda said that the expressions of support and concern helped sustain her through a most difficult ordeal!

**FROM THE
EDITOR'S DESK**

I know you too must have noticed how, at the beginning of each calendar year, your brain seems to take a vacation for the first few weeks and you write the previous year! Annoying, is it not? This year I had very little trouble with it for some strange reason. 1999. I can't get over the fact that we are in the final year of the millenium and facing the start of a new century, all at the same time! I wonder how many people were actually alive when this happened in the year 999. Life expectancies were much shorter then so I don't imagine that many who were born mid-tenth century were still around to see the year 1000. As I was growing up the prospect of seeing the year 2000 seemed like an impossible dream. I would be so *old* then! Anyone over 15 seems old to an eight year old. I know now that age is relative to where you are in life and that the older you get, the more you have in common with those older than you. For my mother's fortieth birthday I remember the card my father bought for her. It read, "Happy Birthday, you old tomato" and it had a picture of a tomato with a smiling face. Mom really seemed old to me then. She is a quarter of a century older than I and I am willing to bet that she and Dad did not think they would be around in 1999, but they are! And hopefully we will be celebrating the coming of the year 2000 together!



**happy
new
year!**

**ATTENTION!
MISSING IN ACTION**

CHAPTER OF ARNA:

Maryland

Any members of the above listed chapter who are interested in keeping your chapter active under ARNA requirements and guidelines, please contact (AS SOON AS POSSIBLE):

CHAPTERS CHAIRPERSON

Alma Kovarik RN
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or call
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***YOUR ORGANIZATION IS IN DANGER OF
SURRENDERING ITS CHAPTER STATUS
UNDER ARNA!***

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committee update

Legislative Awareness Committee:

A weaker version of the **Patient's Bill of Rights** than was presented received passing votes in both the House of Representatives and the Senate. The impact of the alternative bills:

- * whistleblower protection for health care providers is not provided for.
- * more protection is provided for the managed care industry than the consumer.
- * limit access to emergency services and links payments of those services to the proper provider and also to the final diagnosis
- * limit who the patients can see by limiting women's access to OB-GYN services to the M. D. only.
- * place severe limitations on denial appeals
- * do not allow patients to see specialists outside the plan when those specialists cannot be provided within the plan.

The ANA urges nurses to write their Congressmen in support of S. 1890, a more comprehensive bill. Include the number of this bill because both bills have the same name, "Patient's Bill of Rights".

On July 16, 1998 President Clinton signed into law the **National Bone Marrow Reauthorization Act of 1998** which provides funds for the National Bone Marrow Program.

Congress passed legislation that will add \$1.7 billion to Medicare Home Health providers over the next five years, modifying the drastic cuts that resulted from the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

On October 9, 1998 President Clinton signed into law a bill to reauthorize the Mammography Quality Standards Act, which includes a new requirement to guarantee that women receive direct notification of their mammogram results in language they can easily understand.

Congress passed the **Health Professions Partnership Act of 1998** to reauthorize the Nurse Education Act programs for five years.

Three nurses were elected to the 106th Congress:

- ◇ Representative Lois Capps MA, R.N. (D-CA)
- ◇ Representative Eddie Bernice Johnson R.N. (D-TX)
- ◇ Representative Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY)

- submitted by Liz Livingston

Membership Committee:

An aggressive membership drive will be launched this year from March to November 1999. The goal is "2000 members by the year 2000". **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

What has ARNA done for you? What can ARNA do for you? Do you realize that ARNA is on the WEB linked to RSNA and ANA? Let us all be proactive members of ARNA national and local chapters and spread the word. Watch for details regarding the membership drive and awards in future editions of the newsletter. Send your ideas to Patti Buesser, Membership Chairperson by e-mail to gpbinc@mindspring.com or fax to: (919) 493-1351.

- submitted by Patti Buesser

chapter news

The **Carolinas Chapter** is having their Spring Educational meeting on April 17, 1999 in Columbia, SC at the Adams Mark Hotel, held in conjunction with the South Carolina Nuclear Medicine Tech Society.

submitted by Melissa Holbrook

The **Empire State Chapter** is pleased to announce their second annual teaching seminar! It will be held Saturday, March 27, 1999 at Genesee Hospital in Rochester, NY. The topics to be discussed include Nuclear Medicine, lymphoscintigraphy, mammaloma scans, sentinel node biopsies. Grand Rounds will also be explored. We are looking forward to each presentation. Once again Chapter member Mary Lou Bianchi RN has coordinated this outstanding day of education and is hosting it. The seminar is open to nurses, RT's and nuclear medicine techs and students.

submitted by Pattie Corey

The **New Jersey Chapter** is planning a spring Saturday educational meeting on May 8, 1999 at the Medical Center at Princeton. Topics to be covered are incomplete at this time; members should hold this date open and watch their mail for details. You may also contact Chapter President Helen O'Daly for information - work # (732) 744-5530 or e-mail nwheels@prodigy.net

submitted by Marge Parise, Secretary

RADIOLOGY NURSE HELPLINE
PLEASE CONSIDER SHARING YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCES
WITH YOUR COLLEAGUES

Radiology Nurse Responsibilities

I would appreciate hearing how other hospitals utilize Radiology Nurses. Other than conscious sedation cases, what areas in Radiology routinely have a Radiology Nurse included as part of the team and what are the job responsibilities of these nurses? Thank you for taking the time to respond to this inquiry.

Beverly Charlton RN, BSN, MS, CHES, CN IV

Please send all replies to REENIO@AOL.COM

Power Injecting Through Piccs?

I'm looking for some assistance. We have recently power injected into 2 PICCS, 5 French, Groshong by Bard; both times the hub literally blew apart. What do other hospitals do for vascular access devices? Our Hematology Dept. does not want us to use them. We usually use the Cook PICCS. Also, if you use them, do you allow techs to access them? Any assistance will be greatly appreciated. See you in Orlando.

Lori Malady RN, Clinical Nurse @ Malcolm Grow Medical Center, Andrews Air Force Base, MD
(240) 857-2163 (New Number)

From Florida: tPA

Hello. I am a Radiology Nurse in SW Florida and am in a desperate search for protocol on tPA administration, in light of the low supply of Urokinase. Our Cath Lab does peripheral administration, we are interested in regional injections.

Lillian Till RN, BSN, CRN

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