

# RN NEWS

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## CRN EXAM

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

The Orlando Spring meeting was a rousing success with 313 members attending including international members from Australia, Canada, Scotland, Hong Kong, Sweden and Singapore. The first review course for the certification exam was given and members found it helpful. This course is designed as an overview of practice. Naturally, we cannot review actual test questions themselves. Our thanks to Lynn Reid and her committee for a fine job pulling together such a successful meeting. The board is currently in negotiations for **audio taping** our conferences to be obtained through our executive office. I will keep you informed of the progress and availability of these tapes. Also, exciting news of a **web site** in the very near future. Hope everyone has enjoyed a wonderful Spring holiday! Maurita Schieding, President

Why not make plans to be among the experts in the field of Radiology Nursing? Contact Professional Testing Corp. (PTC) for registration material. The telephone number is:

(212) 852-0400

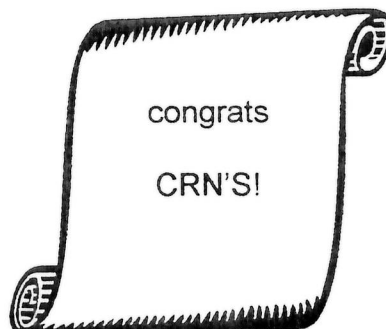
The schedule for the next exam is:  
Apply by 6/30/99 for exam on 8/14/99.

**GOOD LUCK!**

## RESULTS OF MOST RECENT CRN EXAM

The following 27 nurses were the successful ones out of 30 who sat for the CRN exam on February 20, 1999:

Agosti, Laurie A - New York  
Armstrong, Delma - North Carolina  
Best, Janice - South Carolina  
Chenkovich, Donna - Colorado  
Goldberg, Jane K - Georgia  
Green, Marilyn L - Texas  
Hunter, Susan - New Jersey  
Johnson, Kathie A - Florida  
Jorgenson, Beth C - Minnesota  
Kubilus, Carol A - New York  
Luke, India S - Minnesota  
Matthews, Mariette - Texas  
Meath, Diane M - Minnesota  
Olkusz, Susan M - New Jersey



Pilkinton, Kattie A - Georgia  
Reid, Lynn E - Pennsylvania  
Rajan, Retnamma - New York  
Renden, Leslye L - Alabama  
Rupert, Carol F - Indiana  
Schilling, Sally A - Minnesota  
Schmidt, Mary K - Minnesota  
Scott, Nancy A - California  
Stevens, Joann - Maine  
Stoltzfus, Brent L - Colorado  
Trolson, Karen E - Washington (state)  
Tremblay, Rose A - New York  
Zickus, Diane E - Illinois

-submitted by Barbara Wozniak  
Administrative Assistant, ARNA

## committee news ...

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

#### 2000 Members by the Year 2000

*submitted by Patti Buesser, Chairperson*

All Nurses take note!! YOU CAN WIN! Spread the word. Share your ARNA knowledge & benefits and WIN, WIN, WIN!! The number of new recruits you attract determines the number of times your name is submitted into the drawing:

- \* Recruit 1 or 2 new members and your name goes into a drawing for: **a Gold ARNA pin**
- \* Recruit 3 to 5 new members and your name goes into a drawing for: **1 year ARNA membership**
- \* Recruit 6 or more new members and your name goes into a drawing for the Grand Prize: **Free registration for a National Meeting of your choice** (within a two year time limit)

The Fall 1999 meeting is with RSNA in Chicago, and the Spring 2000 meeting is with SCVIR in San Diego.

*Pack your bags!*

ARNA is nothing without members. The reason ARNA was created was for you and me - the Radiology Nurse. Take advantage of all your ARNA opportunities. Spread the word. If you have questions, contact the Membership Committee:

- ◆ Ruth Chapman in Saudi Arabia (International Liaison)
- ◆ Nancy Pope in Chapel Hill, North Carolina
- ◆ Judy Clark in Wakefield, Massachusetts
- ◆ Lorinda Peck in Springfield, Missouri
- ◆ Carol Jarmin in Boise, Idaho
- ◆ Patti Buesser in Durham, North Carolina

### *nominating committee*

*submitted by JoAnn Belanger, Chairperson*

This is an advance notice of open offices for which nomination were announced in the Spring "Images": President-elect: (2 year move up to President); Treasurer, a 2 year term; Board position, a 3 year term; and Nominating Committee member, a 2 year term. Think about running!

Questions about any office? Contact JoAnn Belanger W# 919-666-7561

## Meeting News

### WINDY CITY CHAPTER

Educational Program:

Wednesday, May 5, 1999

ULTRASOUND -

Everything You Always Wanted to Know  
By Dr. Chen

Location: Good Samaritan Hospital

3815 Highland Avenue

Downers Grove, Illinois

6 pm Refreshments 6:30 pm Meeting

RSVP Debbie Roberts  
(630) 275-1238

### NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

Saturday, May 8, 1999

SPRING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Location: The Medical Center at Princeton

253 Witherspoon St.

Princeton, NJ 08540

**Featured Topics:** MRI Safety, Thyroid Imaging in Nuclear Medicine, Understanding the Pressure Injector, AND Uterine Artery Embolization

4 Category "A" credits from ASRT applied for

Contact: Linda Strangio, Treasurer  
(973) 429-6233  
or Helen O'Daly, President  
(732) 248-7110 evenings

### NORTHWEST CHAPTER

This chapter announces the following:

Saturday, May 22, 1999

Spring Educational Conference and  
General Membership Meeting

location:

St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center

1055 N. Curtis Road

Boise, Idaho 83706

Contact: Alice Salcido  
(206) 326-3385  
salcido.a@ghc.org

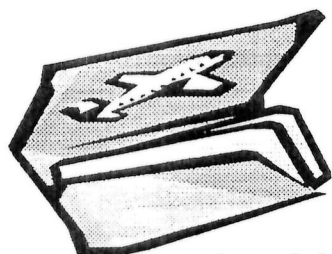
**CORE CURRICULUM UPDATE****chapter news**

The authors and editors of the ARNA Core Curriculum are pleased/overjoyed/ecstatic to tell you we are "seeing the light at the end of the tunnel"! 19 chapters have been submitted to our publisher, RSNA Publications, and the copy editing process is underway. After 4 years, and thousands of volunteer hours of work on this project, this is a major accomplishment and a milestone for radiological nursing. If you know someone who has authored a chapter, (or even if you don't know them personally), let them know how much you appreciate their efforts. They truly deserve "a gold star in their crown" for helping to create this first edition of the Core Curriculum. While there is still much work to be done and details to be taken care of (graphs, tables, outline organization, permissions from other publishers, etc.) we anticipate a summer 1999 print date. Can't you almost FEEL that book in your hand?!

*submitted by*

*Linda Morgan RN, BSN, CRN*

*Core Curriculum Chairperson*



**ANNE CARTER, RN, ARNA MEMBER WHO IS EMPLOYED AT THE GREATER BALTIMORE MEDICAL CENTER IS THE LUCKY WINNER OF THE CIRREF RAFFLE WHICH TOOK PLACE DURING THE RECENT SCVIR MEETING IN ORLANDO! ANNE IS THE HAPPY RECIPIENT OF TWO AIRLINE TICKETS GOOD ANYWHERE IN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES, AS WELL AS TWO NIGHTS AT A MARRIOTT HOTEL.**

**DUKE NEWS**

We want to express our good wishes to Dawn Hoffman, a Radiology Nurse and CCARNA Board member, who had recent surgery.

Best wishes also to Jeanne Mills, a Radiology Nurse who is expecting her second child.

**Radiology Nursing Positions:**

Duke University Medical Center is advertising nursing positions in the Radiology Department. We have 4 Vascular Interventional Suites, 6 CT scanners and 6 MRI scanners. These radiology sections are attended by nurses from 7 am until 11 pm with staggered 8 hour shifts. Call Jean Newton at 919-684-2711 for information.

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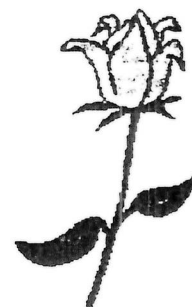
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**WEBSITES**

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EDITOR, RN NEWS



For all you fellow surfers out there, here are some interesting websites that have come to my attention. I have to admit, I have not accessed all of them and so cannot attest to their usefulness or reliability. If anyone has additional information please let me know

The following are Electronic Resources provided by Mary Chaffee, BSN, BS, RN, CNA, CCRN, CEN, Lieutenant Commander, Nurse Corps, United States Navy, which were made available through the 1998 Nurse in Washington Internship:

**Academic Journal Directory**

<http://www.son.utmb.edu/catalog/catalog.htm>

*List of over 400 healthcare journals, with contact information and author guidelines.*

**American Association of Colleges of Nursing**

<http://www.aacn.nche.edu>

*Contains Government Affairs link with bulletins, issue summaries, and briefings.*

**American College of Healthcare Executives**

<http://www.ache.org>

*Professional society for 30,000 healthcare executives.*

**American Heart Association**

<http://www.amhrt.org>

*Extensive information about AHA programs, news, legislation and research.*

**American Journal of Nursing**

<http://www.ajn.org>

*Website of the official journal of the American Nurses Association.*

**American Medical Association**

<http://www.ama-assn.org>

*Information about AMA and its constituency, links to medical journals and news.*

**American Nephrology Nurses Association**

<http://www.inurse.com/~anna>

*Specialty nursing association website*

**American Nurses Association**

<http://www.nursingworld.org>

*ANA website contains info on credentialing, N-STAT, political updates and reference room.*

**SAD NEWS...**

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Colleen Sasso, R.N., Board member, and family for the recent tragic loss of their young daughter.

Also to Melissa Holbrook, R.N., Board Member, for her family's loss.

**WEBSITES (CONTINUED)****American Red Cross**

<http://www.crossnet.org/>

*Red Cross services, chapters and volunteer information.*

**CNN Food and Health**

<http://www.cnn.com/health>

*Full articles of recent health news events and an index of current stories.*

**Defaulted Health Care Providers**

<http://www.defaulteddocs.dhhs.gov>

*List of 1400 health care providers who have defaulted on student loans.*

**Georgetown University Institute for Health Care Research and Policy**

<http://www.cfm.georgetown.edu/ihrp.html>

*Goals, research, health care policy analysis and educational programs.*

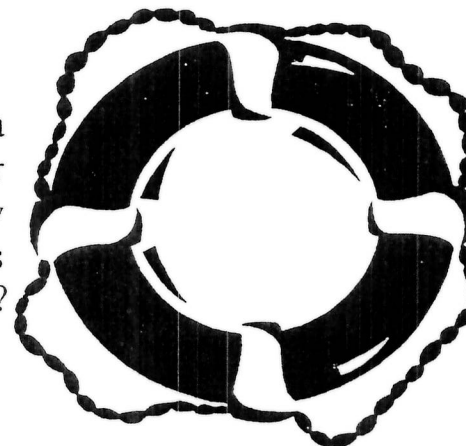
*I will print more in the next issue of RN News. If you have difficulty accessing a site and think I might have printed the address incorrectly, contact me; it is very easy to copy these incorrectly! Helen.*



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**RADIOLOGY NURSE HELPLINE**

“Do any of you do screening of known or suspected contrast media allergic patients when they are scheduled for contrast studies or prior to their arrival for their CT or IVP exam? Also, are you routinely doing serum creatinine tests on all the patient types as recommended in the recent ACR Manual on Iodinated Contrast? If you are, how are these patients identified in the scheduling process?” Please send replies to: [jandillon@webtv.net](mailto:jandillon@webtv.net) and thanks for your help!



Janet Dillon, RN

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“I am a Radiology Nurse at a Community Hospital where we have recently started doing stereotactic breast biopsies. The Radiologists and the Radiographic Technologists do not feel it is necessary to have a nurse involved whereas we are trying to get involved to make the experience nicer for the patients, such as providing some patient education. I would like to know what other hospitals are doing and how the Radiology Nurses are involved. “

Thank you, Cindy Cacciola RN ([creat1@aol.com](mailto:creat1@aol.com))

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“What’s everybody doing regarding History and Physicals for Conscious Sedation procedures? We have used physician review of nursing assessment but I understand that JCAHO will not find this favorable.” Also, “Are cardiac cath lab nurses usually ARNA members? Thanks for any info.”

Betty Young RN - [bcyoung@hotmail.com](mailto:bcyoung@hotmail.com)

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*Would you like to submit questions, problems or concerns and receive answers, suggestions, or support from the experts in your field (ARNA members)????  
Send them to RN News Editor Helen O'Daly - see page 3 for addresses.*

**NOTICE:**

*THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING INFORMATION FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF RN NEWS*

*IS JULY 12, 1999*