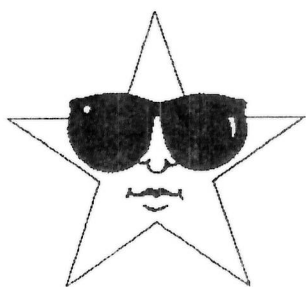


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LATEST FEATURE -

RADIOLOGY NURSE HELPLINE

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.

spring educational meeting

While the North and the East of our country are locked up with ice, wind and snow, plans are underway in sunny San Diego, California for the annual ARNA Spring Educational Meeting, held in conjunction with the meeting/conference of SCVIR (the Society of Cardiovascular and Interventional Radiologists). This will be held at the San Diego Marriott from March 26 through 30. If you would like to attend, be sure to call the Chicago office of ARNA **right away** to find out how you can get in on the event. Why not treat yourself to a warm respite from cold temperatures and the hectic pace of the workplace? At the same time, you'll network with ARNA members and nurses from all over the country, learning how others "make it work" in these days of budget crunches!

core curriculum available for purchase!

As of September 3, 1999 the Core Curriculum of Radiology Nursing is for sale through the ARNA office. Cost for members is \$75 (plus postage and handling); non-members pay \$110 (plus P & H).

ARNA now accepts Mastercard, Visa and American Express.

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Oak Brook, IL 60523-2251

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note: You asked the question - here is the answer! The ARNA Core Curriculum does indeed have an ISBN number. It is: **0-9676280-8**. The number is an identification number that may be used to identify and locate the book. It has no bearing on where or how the book is sold, or the cost of the book.

ARNA BOOTH AT RSNA/ARNA ANNUAL MEETING

- submitted by Kathleen Gross, Secretary

A HUGE "Thank You" to all the ARNA members who volunteered their time at the ARNA booth at the RSNA exhibit area in Chicago. The volunteers talked about the American Radiological Nurses Association, the certification exam and the Core Curriculum for Radiology Nursing. A lot of interest was generated about membership. Lets hope those applications for membership come rolling in.

AGAIN, THANKS FOR
A JOB WELL DONE!!!

WILLINGNESS TO SERVE

ARNA needs YOU!!

Are you wondering how to get involved on the national level? We have the opportunity you're looking for! Enclosed in this issue of *RN News* is the **Willingness to Serve** form that you can send or fax to the ARNA office. The ARNA Board is in need of members for the following committees:

Scholarship Committee- Lois Curtwright, Chair

Webpage Committee- Wendy Bommer, Chair

Advertising Committee- Melissa Jones, Chair

Guidelines Committee- JoAnn Belanger, Chair

Core Curriculum Committee-Colleen Sasso, Chair

CRN Exam Committee-Dixon Johnson, Chair

You've been thinking about doing it! Go for it! ARNA needs you! We're looking forward to it!!

-submitted by Wendy Bommer, Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE WINNERS

submitted by Kathleen Gross, Secretary

Thanks to all the ARNA members who recruited new members during the membership drive in 1999. Eighteen radiology nurses were recruited. Congratulations to Kathy Scheffer whose name was drawn for the category of 3-5 new members recruited. Kathy will receive a free one year membership to ARNA. Also, congratulations to Susan Backer whose name was drawn for the category of less than 3 members. Susan will receive an ARNA pin. **Note:** There were no eligible persons for a drawing for a free meeting registration.

Even though the membership drive has ended, please continue to recruit new ARNA members. ARNA has so much to offer the nurse in the radiology department. Only member participation will help ARNA grow. Don't forget to bring another radiology nurse with you to the San Diego Educational Meeting in

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arna.net

There are a few new features on the ARNA website. One is called "Discussion Threads of the Month" in which visitors can post questions to others and have those questions answered online. Who benefits? EVERYONE! Secondly, the **Willingness to Serve** form, which was introduced at the annual meeting in Chicago is available as a download. Visitors can print and mail this form to become more involved in ARNA on the national level! The Board is very excited about this new form which proved to be very well received in November.

New information is coming soon so check us out on the web.

- submitted by Wendy Bommer, Treasurer

MR MEETING ANNOUNCED

The Eighth Scientific Meeting and Exhibition of the International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine will take place April 1 - 7, 2000 at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver, Colorado. The meeting will combine traditional and new elements of interest to both basic scientists and clinicians. For further information and a registration application, please contact:

International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine

2118 Milvia St, Suite 201, Berkeley, CA 94704, USA

Phone: +1 (510) 841-1899

Fax: +1 (510) 841-2340

e-mail: info@ismrm.org

web site: <http://www.ismrm.org>

UPCOMING CRN EXAMINATIONS:

February 12, 2000
(application deadline
12/31/99)

August 19, 2000
(application deadline
6/30/2000)

To obtain an
application or check on
the testing schedule,
contact the

Professional
Testing Corporation
1350 Broadway -
17th Floor
New York, NY
10018
(212) 356-0660

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Willingness to Serve Form (continued)

Previous ARNA experience

Offices held and dates:

Committee positions and dates:

Specific experience/activities that allow me to function on the committee(s) I have checked.

Other areas of expertise (publications, research, speaking, etc.):

Have you submitted a willingness to serve form before?

No Yes

If yes, number of times: _____

I understand that my contributions are voluntary and that I will not be compensated for my time.

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____

Mail completed form to:

American Radiological Nurses Association
820 Jorie Blvd.
Oak Brook, IL 60523-2251

Willingness to Serve Form

Date: _____ Name: _____

Credentials: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Employer: _____ Position: _____

Work Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Areas of Nursing Experience:

Other (list): _____

Education:

Diploma AD BSN MN/MSN Doctorate

Other (list): _____

ARNA Member since: _____ Years in Radiological Nursing: _____

I submit my name for consideration for appointment to the following ARNA national committees. (If more than one committee is selected, please prioritize by number, listing 1 as first choice).

___CEU ___Chapters ___Clinical Guidelines Development ___Editorial

___Core Curriculum ___Education/Program ___Legislative Awareness

___Membership ___Newsletter ___Nominating ___Scholarship

___Advertising ___Bylaws/Policy ___Education and Research Foundation

___Strategic Planning ___Certification Board

OVER, PLEASE

**FROM THE
EDITOR'S DESK**

Y2K - OK?

Such hype!

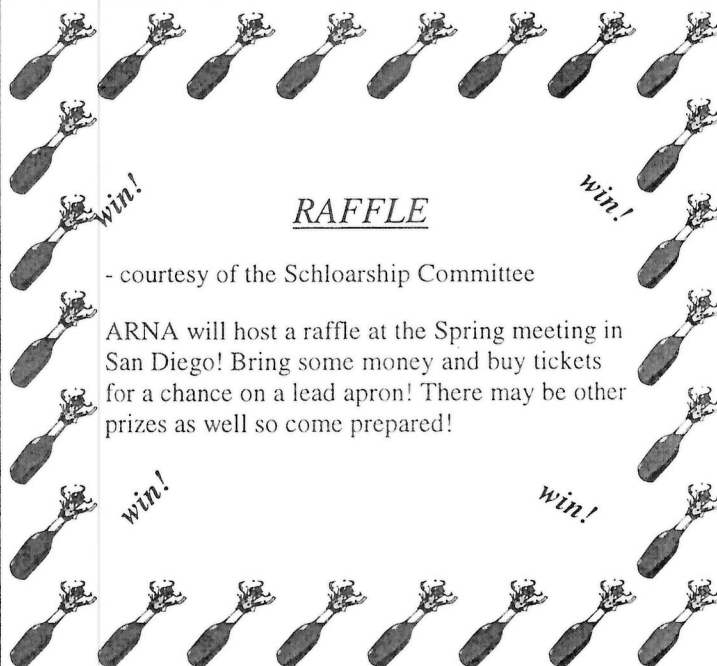
Can you believe how crazy we all got over the changeover from 1999 to 2000? I know many people who had the heebie-jeebies and said they were afraid to venture away from home for New Years Eve. Of course, some of them never go out on New Years Eve, anyway, and this was a good excuse. For MONTHS our hospitals were gearing up to make sure there was a smooth transition, and there WAS.

No dreaded computer crashes, no airline disasters, no terroristic acts. Did you realize all the people you know who had to be ON CALL for this New Years Eve? What a new concept for them! We've done it a dozen times apiece.

They were the gladiators on the front, ready to protect us in the event of a major computer glitch. Well, we should be thankful to all of them for being there for us. Now they know what it is like, and maybe they'll appreciate us more, knowing we are *always* there for them.

RADIOLOGY NURSE HELPLINE
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Hello, I am a Radiology Nurse who practices in the state of Ohio. I would like to know how many others are struggling with the problem of Radiologic Technologists assuming too much responsibility in areas outside their scope of practice. For example, Do other Rad departments have techs injecting contrast? Do technologists use established lines with meds running *without* the supervision of a nurse/Do they inject or feel they should be able to inject through central lines? Do they feel they should troubleshoot IV pumps and yet be territorial when we want to push a button on their equipment? What is *our* liability in these situations? There is a mini-war going on in our department about what is the role of a tech, as far as IV's. We have set up policies with guidelines, provide intravenous classes to certify and recertify the techs to inject contrast. It seems a little knowledge goes a long way with them. The scope of practice for techs is so broad that they can pretty much do anything they want if someone in the hospital writes a policy saying that they can do so. There is no consideration that they lack the knowledge base. We are stressing the team approach in our department; we all have our roles defined and we should complement each other. Our MRI department is the biggest problem. "Delay" = loss of revenue. I would like to hear YOUR comments.



RAFFLE

- courtesy of the Scholarship Committee

ARNA will host a raffle at the Spring meeting in San Diego! Bring some money and buy tickets for a chance on a lead apron! There may be other prizes as well so come prepared!

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PUBLISHED
QUARTERLY TO KEEP
ARNA MEMBERS
BETTER INFORMED**

**ARNA OFFICE
HAS NEW
ADDRESS!**

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

820 Jorie Blvd.
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*The numbers for
telephone, fax and e-
mail remain the same.*

submitted by Betty Rohr
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committee update

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

- submitted by Lois Curtwright, committee chairperson

Scholarship Application Deadlines: March 17, 2000

Now is a good opportunity to take advantage of all your hard nursing work and expertise with a scholarship. ARNA is proud to offer two scholarships to its members: one for continuing education in a health related field and the other for financial assistance to attend a national ARNA meeting. Applications for our two scholarship awards are obtained by contacting the ARNA Executive Office in Oak Brook, IL. Phone: (630) 571-9072 Fax: (630)571-7837 email: arna@rsna.org

The Dorothy R. Budnek Memorial Scholarship is used to promote further education in a health-related field. The money is to be used by a radiological nurse for financial assistance when pursuing a higher degree. The eligibility requirements are: 1) Must be an active member of ARNA for at least 3 years; 2) Must show proof of current licensure and 3) Must be enrolled in an approved academic program.

The Charlotte Godwin Award must be used to defray the expenses for attendance at one of the national meetings of the Association within two years of receivership. The eligibility requirements are: 1) Must be an active member of ARNA for at least 3 years; 2) Must show proof of current licensure and 3) Selection criteria must be met within the last five years.

Each scholarship has specific eligibility requirements but the same selection criteria. We encourage you to look at the following list. You may be in better standing than you think! Remember, completed applications for both scholarships are due by March 17, 2000.

Selection Criteria:

A. 10 points for each of the following:

1. Holding an ARNA office or active Committee Chair.
2. Submitting an article related to radiology nursing for publication in *Images* or a radiology nursing publication.
3. Speaking at an ARNA national meeting or radiology related nursing seminar.

B. 8 points for each of the following:

1. Completing a radiology related nursing project (a brief summary of the project must be included).
2. Holding a local ARNA chapter office or serving on committee(s).
3. Holding an office or committee chair in a nursing

organization other than ARNA.

C. 5 points for each of the following:

1. Member of an ARNA national committee.
2. Guest speaker for a local ARNA or radiology nursing related seminar.
3. Guest speaker for a nursing organization other than ARNA.

D. 2 points for each of the following:

1. Member of a local ARNA chapter committee.
2. Member of a nursing organization other than ARNA.

chapter news

The **Ohio Chapter** will hold its 10th annual seminar on Saturday, April 8, 2000 at Summa Health System, Akron, Ohio. Topics will include cardiac imaging, role of the Nurse Practitioner in Radiology, Hodgkins vs. non-Hodgkins lymphoma, radiation therapy, and "How Did That Get There? (Unusual Foreign Bodies, Artifacts and Anomalies)". Vendor displays, hot lunch, CEU's and lots of door prizes will be included. Flyers will be sent or contact Alina Nadeau, RN @330-375-7806; Sue Newbrough, RN, BSN @ 330-375-3557 or any Board Member for details.

- submitted by Alina Nadeau



THE DEADLINE

for

SUBMITTING INFORMATION

FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF RN NEWS

IS:

APRIL 3, 2000

**SEND ALL SUBMISSIONS TO
HELEN O'DALY, EDITOR - SEE P. 3
FOR ADDRESSES**

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

Question: Is your MRI area far from the ER or even off site? If so, who watches the patients if ordered as an emergency at night? Do the ER nurses come with all their patients? Do you take call to cover MRI? Our MRI site is attached to the hospital but in another building. We have trouble getting nurses from the floors, especially ER, to stay with their patients. We cover weekends and evenings but not nights. Sometimes emergency MRI's are ordered at night and the ER nurses refuse to come, leaving the MRI techs uncomfortable (at times, there is only one tech). Not wanting to increase my call time, I am meeting with the ER manager and would like to know about protocols from other sites.

Joyce A. Murray jmurray@sundial.net

I am an R.N. at St.Mary's Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin. Our MRI department is currently in the process of installing a new high field strength magnet and IV pumps will not be allowed in the procedure room. As a result, we will be using a Baxter device called Control-A-Flow Regulator. These devices allow accurate drip rates within 10%. The nursing staff has expressed concerns about using this type of IV control device with ICU patients on pressors or drips such as Nipride. What are other hospitals using in this situation?

Thanks,

LynellPettibone@ssmhc.com

Can you help me? We are adding both an MRI scanner and a PET scanner to our Radiology Department in the next few months. I am the Senior Radiology Nurse here, at an NCI designated Cancer Center where we see only adults patients, usually with an oncology focus. Does anyone have guidelines for check-in and care of patients undergoing both procedures? Also, as far as staffing, how do you judge need for an RN?

Another area I am trying to investigate is the skill level of those staff members gaining IV access for CT, MRI and nuclear medicine procedures. Here both RN's and trained technologists start the IV's. We are considering hiring another level staff person to just start IV's; does anyone have guidelines on this? Our Nursing Administration wants that person to be an RN; that would be wonderful if the budget permits and it is warranted. We have 4 CT scanners running daily; this person would man an IV station for all areas and would also have to access venous access devices (VAD's).

Any help would be appreciated. Our department fax is: (813)632-1722. My work e-mail is petersca@moffitt.usf.edu; home e-mail is peterson@msn.com. My work phone is 813-972-4672 ext. 8253 (it's difficult to reach me at my desk). Home phone is 813-988-5410. My work hours are M-F 7:30 to 4 pm.

Hello fellow ARNA members,

I hope someone can help me with this problem. I work at a free-standing independent Imaging Center. The Radiologist wants me to stop documenting my injections on the history form we use. I document the needle (22g Angiocath), the location (Rt antecubital), and my notation (no signs or symptoms of infiltrate, no patient complaint of pain or discomfort). The dosage and contrast media is also recorded on the form. He says the 60 seconds it takes me to document I could be doing something else. He has a great aversion to bureaucracy that has evolved regarding all the different documentation, compliance manuals, forms etc. I'm concerned about the liability to me for not documenting. Isn't it required by Federal or New York State law (where I live) that anytime a patient is injected it must be documented? In the hospitals this isn't even a question, but we are an out-patient and independent facility. We have the patient sign a consent as well. Could you tell me the source of the governing body that requires this and does this apply to private businesses?

Respectfully,

Sue Bambury RN, RT e-mail skyelona@aol.com

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