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A Time to Grow...

by Paulette Snoby, MPA, BSN, RN, CCRN

You all have heard the Byrd's 1965 song (Turn! Turn! Turn!). It is great poetry borrowed from the unknown author of Ecclesiastes:

*"To everything (turn, turn, turn)
There is a season (turn, turn, turn)
And a time for every purpose, under Heaven.*

*A time to build up, a time to break down
A time to dance, a time to mourn
A time to cast away stones, a time to gather
stones together
(Here the refrain comes in again)*

*A time to gain, a time to lose
A time to rend, a time to sew
A time to love, a time to hate
A time for peace, I swear it's not too late*

*To everything (turn, turn, turn)
There is a season (turn, turn, turn)
And a time for every purpose, under Heaven."*

Reflecting on this song, I have chosen the theme "*A Time To Grow*" for my upcoming year as President of ARNA. *Growth* is a sign of a hopeful and positive action in the face of negative circumstances. Do radiology nurses demonstrate growth when confronting issues within our profession and our association? Are we proactive when challenges affect our clinical and professional lives?

For instance, our present healthcare delivery system is experiencing increased complexity, resulting in enormous changes facing professional nurses. Some of these are the need to increase patient safety, prevent medical errors, develop a culture of safety for healthcare workers, be accountable for good patient outcomes, meet or exceed governmental and managed care regulations, develop realistic strategic plans, provide accountable fiscal management, learn new technology, and increase the number

of nurses entering the job market. Radiology nursing is not buffered from these forces, as any of you can testify.

So where does this concept of **TO GROW** fit into the overall scheme of things? It is not a new thing and can easily be seen through our attitudes and behaviors.

We continue **TO GROW** as we learn to be flexible and open to change.

We continue **TO GROW** and do not feel defeated. Instead we accept these challenges and continue to focus on the individual patient and his/her needs, practicing within these boundaries.

We continue **TO GROW** as we become more informed and involved in major operational and strategic decision making within our departments.

We continue **TO GROW** as the electronic medical record and advanced information technologies and software influence our clinical practice and workloads.

We continue **TO GROW** as medical specialties bring rivalries and diverse practitioners into our clinical world, along with stress and new ways to work.

We continue **TO GROW** as we are sought for our expertise outside of the radiology department in such fields as legal nurse consulting, pediatrics, cardiac catheterization labs, performance improvement, clinical consulting, equipment and product sales, administration, and advanced practice.

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Call for Editor

ARNA is seeking an Editor for its newsletter, *Vision*. Articles in *Vision* provide information about the organization, including, but not limited to, committee, convention, certification, and membership information as well as brief articles in the areas of education, research, and patient care.

The newsletter Editor will plan, direct, and evaluate material and editorial content of the newsletter. Administrative support will be provided by the ARNA National Office staff.

Qualified applicants will have strong organizational skills and demonstrated writing and editing abilities. He/she will also have clinical expertise in radiological nursing and will be aware of the issues and trends in the nursing profession.

Individuals interested in applying for this position should contact the ARNA National Office.

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Chapter Corner

The Philadelphia Chapter of the American Radiological Nurses Association Presents:

3rd Annual Radiology Nurse Recognition Dinner
Sponsored by GE Healthcare and American Access Care

The Philadelphia Chapter of ARNA held its 3rd Annual Radiology Nurses Recognition dinner at the Restaurant called Le Castagne in Center City Philadelphia. Our Chapter partnered with GE Healthcare and American Access Care to present an educational presentation, officer induction, ceremony, and dinner. GE Healthcare sponsored Dr. Michael Rudnick of the University of Pennsylvania's Presbyterian Medical Center to speak on "Contrast Related Nephrotoxicity." His hour-long presentation enlightened the radiology nurses and technologists about the effects and risks associated with contrast. American Access Care, a unique Radiology Outpatient Dialysis Access Care Center, was our co-sponsor and was pivotal in ensuring the success of our dinner and meeting.

The Philadelphia Chapter officially recognized Patrick Glickman, BSN, RN, CRN, for his work as outgoing Philadelphia Chapter President and for his ongoing work as President Elect of the American Radiological Nurses Association. Ginger Girard, RN, CRN, was sworn in as President; Kimberly Parkinson, MSN, RN, as President Elect; Tammy Tursi, BSN, RN, as Secretary; and Theresa Ryan Schultz, BSN, RN, (absent) as Treasurer in a ceremony hosted by Karen L. Green, BSN, RN.

This is the Chapter's third dinner recognizing the work of the radiology nurse during nurses week and our first with GE Healthcare



and American Access Care. The first two dinners were held at Le Castagne and were sponsored by Abbott Laboratories when Urokinase was re-introduced into the market place in 2003. Patrick Glickman approached Abbott Labs about the need for nursing education in the radiology departments as Urokinase had been off the market for several years. Abbott secured the restaurant and speaker for the 2003 and 2004 meetings.

We look forward to the 2006 Annual dinner in May of next year.

Ginger Girard, RN, CRN
President, Philadelphia Chapter of the
American Radiological Nurses Association.

Certification Examination for Radiologic Nursing in Imaging, Interventional, and Therapeutic Environments Certification Candidates

Congratulations to the following candidates who sat for the Certification Examination held February 12, 2005. They have become certified, and may now use the CRN designation until February 2009.

Linda Alliprandini	Linda A. Ewing	Cynthia A. Mueller
Karyn Carballido	Debbie L. Fegely	Joyce E. Murphy
Dani J. Carlson	Virginia S. Grace	Amy R. Oakley
Bernice A. Chisholm	Jolene R. Gregorio	Krista N. Purner
Diane K. Clevenger	Patricia M. Griffith	Lisa J. Revay
Lisa M. Cuccarese	Karen A. Harrison	Jane Riale
Christine A. Denney	Brenda Hicks Wickersham	Kathy A. Ryan
Helen Donnelly-Owens	Debbi L. Kirkpatrick	Winston B. Tudlong
Jane M. Dyer	Deborah J. Kotas	Sharon Urban
Gail K. Earley	Jill M. McKenna	RaeLynn Walker
Judith Ann Emory	Sheila G. Miller	Jean M. Willis

Certification Examination for Radiologic Nursing in Imaging, Interventional and Therapeutic Environments Recertification Candidates

Congratulations to the following CRNs who maintained their certification in February 2005. This recertification is in effect until February 2009.

Dinah M. Burnette	Debra A. Graves	Judy A. Smith
Connie Faye Flores	Andrea B. Humphries	K. Jeanine Stowell
Cynthia A. Gould	Anne M. Patterson	Mark Sydlo
Virginia B. Govindavari	Mary E. Rolston	Julie F. Touhy

Certification/Recertification Guidelines Available!

The Radiologic Nursing Certification Board, Inc., (RNCB) and the American Radiological Nurses Association (ARNA) announce that guidelines for the certification/recertification exam in radiology nursing are available.

Starting in 2006, those sitting for the exam for the first time must show that they have obtained 30 contact hours of continuing education in a 2-year period. Candidates may choose to recertify by examination or by obtaining continuing education contact hours. Sixty (60) contact hours within a 4-year period are required to meet the contact hour requirement for recertification.

The next exam will be offered August 13, 2005. The deadline for submission of applications is June 30, 2005.

Contact RNCB at rnbc@puetzamc.com or by telephone at (866) 486-2762 or (850) 474-7292 for your copy of the certification/recertification guidelines.

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ARNA Mission Statement

The mission of the American Radiological Nurses Association is to foster the growth of radiology nurses who advance the standard of care.



ARNA's Annual Educational Meeting 2006

This year is going to be very special for ARNA and its members. Together we will plan for our 25th birthday celebration. If you were not at ARNA's Convention in conjunction with SIR held in New Orleans, you may not be aware of this decision. So let me take this opportunity to answer some of the questions that were brought to the Board's attention.

Question #1: Why did the Board decide to leave SIR and AVIR?

Answer: The Board is not leaving SIR or AVIR. We will continue to participate in a professional relationship through committee work and future educational programs with both organizations. SIR's President and staff have recently requested that ARNA have additional liaison representation to several committees.

Question #2: Why are we having our own meeting in June 2006 and not in March 2006?

Answer: The ARNA Board wants to have a special event to celebrate our 25th birthday as a nursing specialty. We want as many members to experience a celebration like no other! This is why Las Vegas was chosen. It was believed that June would provide the opportunity for nurses to bring their families along thus, combining a vacation and education. (Schools are out by this time.) There are many things in Las Vegas and the surrounding area for families to do (think Grand Canyon!). Keeping affordability in mind, nurses can attend both SIR and our birthday celebration. We want the nurses to be able to enjoy the wonderful educational opportunities that SIR and AVIR have to offer in March.

Question #3: How does AVIR feel about this decision?

Answer: AVIR's Board has been informed about our decision and the supporting reasons for making it. In keeping with our team spirit, ARNA is sending AVIR members invitations to come join in the fun. (And you know our RT friends like to party hardy as well as we do!) Our program will be open to AVIR members to present and also to obtain ASRT approved continuing education credits. Our speakers will be of interest to both radiology nurses, radiology technologists, nurse practitioners, physician's assistants, and radiology practitioner assistants.

Question #4: Will there be vendors at the program?

Answer: Yes! We will have sponsoring and exhibiting vendors whose main interest will be directed to the care of radiology patients. Many of our previous radiology sales reps have been contacted and will be sponsoring some special presentations by physicians.

Question #5: How can we afford to have our own meeting when it takes so much staff, resources, and money to put on a conference?

Answer: ARNA's management company "manages" 8 specialty nursing associations and has many years of conference planning experience. They have negotiated a contract with Stardust Hotel for meeting rooms and accommodations which will be very affordable for ARNA members and their families. Also, the Board hopes that many of you will want to volunteer to ensure that the celebration is all that it can be!

Question #6: How is ARNA going to meet my individual educational needs?

Answer: In response to membership requests, the Board has created four groups which will serve radiology special interest needs. These groups are Pediatrics, Gerontology, Management/Leadership, and Advanced Practice. We expect to offer educational sessions in each of these areas and opportunities to network at the convention. We also take everyone's suggestions from past conventions and try our best to honor those requests.

Question #7: How can I be part of the celebration?

Answer: There will be many opportunities throughout the year and during the meeting to volunteer. Please contact the ARNA staff at arna@puetzamc.com or toll free at 1-866-486-2762. Perhaps you just have some great ideas that the Program Committee Chair (Margaret Browne-McManus) would love to hear!

I hope that I have provided the answers to your particular question; if not, contact the ARNA office which will triage the question to the person who has the right answer. If you need to contact any of the Board members, the office, Web site, journal, and *Vision* have our email addresses and phone numbers. Let's continue to grow! See you in Las Vegas!

Paulette Snoby, MPA, BSN, RN, CCRN
President

ARNA Leadership

When I took office at our annual meeting in New Orleans, I had the opportunity to meet many of you. As a result of some innovative thinking on your part, the idea of "special interest groups" was conceived. The Board decided to make this concept official with a Chair for each of the groups. These Chairs are as follows:

Bobbie Foreman	Pediatrics
Kate Little	Gerontology
Deb Beach	Advanced Practice
Kim Parkinson	Management/Leadership

Delma Armstrong, Past President, is the liaison to each special interest group.

We hope these groups will network at the Annual Convention, through our new Web site, write articles for *JRN*, and support a column in *Vision*, our newsletter. Contact the Chairs to let them know that you want to be involved in this new and exciting venture.

There are some new and some ongoing committee chairs and liaisons this year who make up a very strong leadership group for ARNA:

Richard Hightower	Web Site Editor
Kathleen Gross	<i>JRN</i> Editor (July 2005)
Colleen Sasso	Core Curriculum Editor
Vern Washington	SIR Patient Safety Committee Liaison
JoAnn Belanger	RSNA Liaison
Kathleen Gross	ACR Safety Committee Liaison & PAD Committee Liaison
Kate Little	SNAP-G Liaison
Pat Doohan	American Heart Association (Radiology Council Liaison) & Chapters Committee Chair
Margaret Browne-McManus	Program Committee Chair
Lois Curtwright	Public Policy Chair
Kathy Johnson	Certification Prep Course Chair
Karen Green	Orientation Task Force Chair

ARNA has three vacant positions that we want to fill as soon as possible; they are SIR's Legs for Life liaison, RNCB member, and *Vision* Editor. Please contact ARNA office if interested in more information concerning role and responsibilities.

Board liaisons change with each new President and this year is no exception.

Dixon Johnson	Chapters Committee Liaison
Rhonda Caridi	Scholarship Committee Liaison
Kathy Scheffer	Core Curriculum & Cert Prep Course Liaison
Sharon Lehman	Program Committee Liaison & Provider Unit Administrator
Sophia Jan	ACR & Public Policy Liaison
Patrick Glickman	Orientation Task Force Liaison, Program Committee Liaison
Delma Armstrong	Nominating Committee Chair, Special Interest Groups Liaison, & Standards Revision Chair
Paulette Snoby	RNCB, SIR & AHRA Liaison

I want to thank *each and every one* of you who have volunteered to serve as a leader or a member of a committee or task force. ARNA can only grow and be successful this year because of your involvement and dedication. It's never too late to join a committee or task force. Call the ARNA office. We'll be happy to hear from you. See you in Las Vegas in June 2006!

Paulette Snoby, MPA, BSN, RN, CCRN[®]
President



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Call for Manuscripts

The *Journal of Radiology Nursing (JRN)* is looking for manuscripts on the following topics:

- ❖ Nursing Leadership
- ❖ New Procedures
- ❖ Research Studies
- ❖ JCAHO Requirements
- ❖ HIPPA
- ❖ Orientation and Competency for Radiology Nursing
- ❖ Patient Satisfaction
- ❖ Moderate Sedation
- ❖ Radiation Safety
- ❖ Magnetic Resonance Imaging
- ❖ Management of Lines
- ❖ Drug Eluting Stents
- ❖ Multidisciplinary Approach to Team Building in Interventional Radiology
- ❖ PI Efforts
- ❖ Infection Control Policies
- ❖ Budget and Financial Strategies
- ❖ Patient Safety Issues
- ❖ Role of the PA and ARNP in Interventional Radiology
- ❖ Patient Teaching Techniques in Interventional Radiology

For assistance in developing an idea or writing a manuscript, contact Shay Stephens at 7794 Grow Drive, Pensacola, FL 32514, (866) 486-ARNA (2762), fax (850) 484-8762, or e-mail klstephens@puetzamc.com. We're eager to hear from you!

Members in the News

Paulette Snoby, MPA, BSN, RN, CCRN, received renewal for her Critical Care Nursing certification, CCRN, through AACN May 2005 for the next 3 years.

Certification Examination Dates

Application Deadline

December 31, 2005
June 30, 2006

Examination

February 26, 2006
August 19, 2006

Recruitment materials (a table top display, membership brochures, and copies of *RN News*) are available for your next meeting, conference, or continuing education activity. Contact the National Office at least 6 weeks before the date needed to arrange for shipment of these display materials.

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We believe that this is the time for ARNA to expand its mission to be your resource **TO GROW** professionally. This year the ARNA Board worked to create a core purpose addressing a reason for ARNA's existence within the radiology nursing profession:

"To foster the growth of excellent radiology nurses who advance the standard of care."

This purpose is built on three core values, which have and will continue to guide your organization:

1. Committed to professionalism
2. Responsive to technological advances
3. Leading in a constantly evolving environment.

A purpose needs a primary goal and ARNA has envisioned the future striving to achieve our primary goal: "Be the **source** for standards of nursing care in any imaging environment."

Over this next year, your ARNA Board will develop action plans to accomplish this goal. Each ARNA member has a duty and right to participate in making this a successful endeavor. You are the **HEART** of ARNA and each one has a special gift to share. Each member is needed and valuable to our association and its mission.

Book Reviewers Needed

The *Journal of Radiology Nursing*, the official journal of the American Radiological Nursing Association (ARNA), is looking for volunteers to help review books for the journal's Resource Reviews Department.

The books reviewed in the department come from the publishers, either directly or on request. Any book of potential interest and value to radiology nurses is considered for review in the journal.

A reviewer must have experience in the topic area of the book. Educational credentials are not as important as in-depth knowledge of the subject area. Reviewers are asked whether they can review a book before it is sent to them.

Reviewers have two months to review the book. In return for the review, they may keep the book.

Reviewers report that they read the book thoroughly at least once—sometimes twice or more often. First, reviewers write about the book's content, but only briefly. The majority of the review is devoted to an extensive critique of the book's value to radiology nurses. As part of this analysis, the reviewer may compare the book's contribution to the field in relation to the already existing literature.

Finally, the reviewer must critically outline the book's strengths and weaknesses, and, on the basis of the assessment, recommend it to radiology nurses. Other audiences that may be interested in the book

There are many ways to participate such as joining a committee or task force.

Grow by stepping outside of your comfort zone and write an article, review books, submit case studies to the *Journal of Radiology Nursing*.

Help others to **Grow** by sharing vital chapter information and individual accomplishments /briefs in our newsletter, Vision.

Grow professionally by presenting at the annual meeting, contributing to the new core curriculum, obtaining certification, running for a Board position, or representing ARNA in a liaison role.

If unsure of how to contribute, please contact a Board member or ARNA's staff. They can discuss options to consider and help to guide you.

The Board wants your participation, feedback, concerns, and suggestions. Please call, email, or write any of the Board member and do not forget our new Web site as a great networking tool.

We all want **TO GROW**; we need each other. Now is the time to combine our skills and abilities **TO GROW** professionally and personally through ARNA.

also can be described by the reviewer. Readers of book reviews in journals report that they want advice on whether to purchase a particular book, so the reviewer must pay careful attention to the value of the book for the journal's audience.

Book reviews are edited before they are sent to the publisher. Publication occurs between three to six months after receipt of the review, depending on the subject of the book and the number already in line to be published.

There are a lot of advantages to writing a book review. Writing a book review is good practice for writing an article for publication. The benefit of keeping the book should be considered as well; these books make excellent additions to personal as well as institutional libraries. Perhaps the most important incentive, however, is that a book review published in *JRN* is a simple way to get your name in print—as well as make a contribution to the field of radiology nursing.

To apply as a book reviewer for the *Journal of Radiology Nursing*, simply send a letter of interest along with a current curriculum vitae to Shay Stephens, 7794 Grow Drive, Pensacola, FL 32514-7072.

We look forward to hearing from you!