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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.

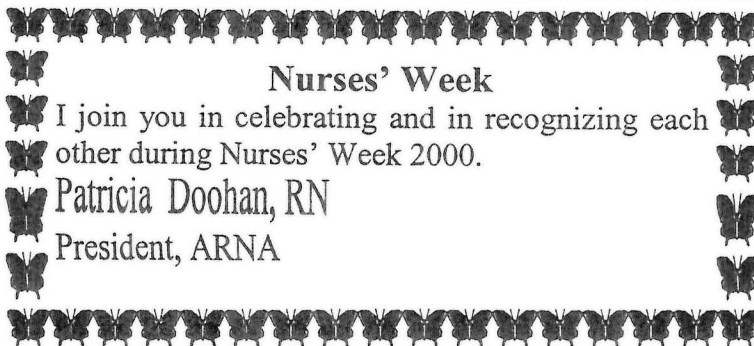
ARNA 2000 SPRING EDUCATIONAL MEETING San Diego, March 26-30,2000

Submitted by,
Kathleen Gross, BSN,RN,C,CRN

The Spring ARNA Educational Meeting was a success by all measures. If you did not attend the ARNA/SCVIR Spring Educational Meeting, you missed:

- Meeting Patricia Doohan, President of ARNA and other board members.
- Going to interesting lectures on topics ranging from uterine artery embolization to CO2 angiography.
- Hearing the fabulous keynote address by Dr. Kalisch on the image of the nurse.
- Networking with nursing colleagues from the United States, Canada, England, Scotland, Australia, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Guam, and Ireland.
- Attending the 2000 SCVIR Dotter Lecture given by Dr. Frederick Keller who included film clips from an early angioplasty film in his lecture.
- Buying your personal copy of the newly released radiology nursing core curriculum.
- Picking up an application for the certification exam.
- Attending the CIRREF reception at MIRAMAR Marine Corps Air Station.
- Eating at great restaurants, sightseeing in the off hours, and enjoying mild weather.
- Being at the opening reception and networking with physician colleagues.
- Purchasing ARNA sweatshirts, pins, and other logo items to take home.
- Talking with Linda Strangio, editor of Images.
- Networking with AVIR members.
- Having your photo taken by Dixon Johnson for the ARNA Web page.
- Returning your Willingness to Serve Form.
- Thanking Sophia Jan, Nurse Planner, for a job well done!

Plan to attend the next ARNA educational meeting!



Call for Nomination For a Special Election

One way to really make a difference in promoting your profession is to participate on the ARNA Board. This is a way to help in the growth and development of your organization. This helps expand and broaden your network among your peers.

Becoming an elected official of ARNA enables you to be a liaison with individuals from all over the country as well as internationally. We have built a professional image, which is widely received and recognized. Your election to an office displays a persona of a dedicated professional who is willing to meet the challenge.

We are seeking a

- **President-Elect**

As an elected official you attend four board meetings a year held on weekends, as well as the annual business meeting conducted during the ARNA annual meeting which is held in conjunction with the RSNA in Chicago, Illinois. Your travel and lodging expenses are reimbursed.

If you are interested in this position, I encourage you to contact the ARNA office and request an orientation packet. This will provide you with additional information about Board meetings, expenses, and your time involvement. Please review this packet and feel free to contact me through the ARNA executive office if you have any additional questions.

The following criterion is needed for the elected position. The President-Elect must be an active member of the Association for a minimum of one-year preceding nomination and must continue active membership throughout his/her service as an officer. In addition, the President-Elect must have served at least one year as a member of the Board of Directors or must have served as a Chairperson of an ARNA national committee for a minimum of one year prior to nomination.

This President-Elect position is a six-month commitment for the year 2000. As President-Elect, you work closely with the President. It is a learning time. In addition, you would need to step in if something was to happen to the President and she was unable to complete the term. The 2001 year, this person represents ARNA as its president by acting as presiding officer of the Board and having general supervision over all business affairs of the Association. Travel is required; expenses are reimbursed as set by policy.

For additional information and assistance, please contact the ARNA office at (630) 571-9072 or contact a member of the Nominating Committee. Your nomination form must be postmarked no later than May 31, 2000. Please have your nomination form completed and a personal statement consisting of:

- How you are qualified to hold the office of President-elect
- Cite reasons for your candidacy
- Describe your future goals and/or your vision for ARNA

This statement must be 200 words or less. A current passport-type photo must also be included or mailed after your faxed version has been sent to (630) 571-7837.

A COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

Sibley Memorial Hospital.....

Consider joining a team where your professional, compassionate and caring work will be honored every day.

At Sibley our mission is to provide our patients with the best in quality health care services, and we can't do that without you!

Our recently renovated state of the art Radiology Department has an immediate need for a Radiology Nurse. Under the direction of the Radiologist, the successful candidate will provide quality care in order to assess, plan, implement, evaluate and document clinical needs and responses to diagnostic, interventional and therapeutic procedures.

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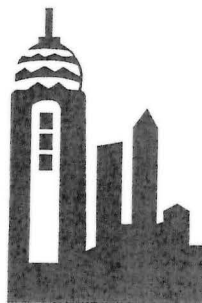
WHAT AN EXPERIENCE!

On March 4th and 5th I had the opportunity, along with Dixon Johnson, Helen O'Daly, Ann O'Hara and Judy Zona, to attend a national certification exam item review which was run by Sallyann Henry of Professional Testing Corporation. This was held at PTC's headquarters in New York City. What a time we had!

Besides making new friends, we all learned and appreciated the different aspects of Radiology Nursing. The questions we reviewed (submitted by ARNA members) helped to give us all a greater appreciation of what we do and how broad our knowledge *really is*.

If any of you are given a chance to attend an item review, *grab it!!!! It is well worth it!*

- submitted by Nancy Siclare
member, ARNA New Jersey Chapter



notice of special election!

President-elect Melissa Holbrook has stepped down from her office because of circumstances beyond her control. ARNA will be having a **special election** for President-elect for the year 2000/President 2001. See the enclosed insert for nomination form.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATION: MAY 31, 2000

Del Stauffer, Executive Director of the Radiological Society of North America, died Wednesday, March 1, 2000, after apparently suffering a heart attack. Mr. Stauffer, 60, served the organization for ten years, seeing its membership double. Also serving on Chicago's convention board, Mr. Stauffer raised questions about several issues affecting attendees at the annual RSNA meeting held at McCormick Place, threatening to move the meeting to Orlando where costs would be less. In 1997 a compromise was reached that will keep the meetings and the income generated by it in Chicago. Other major areas of his focus in RSNA were expansion of the learning center, its education and research foundation, and the opening of a new office for research and development

Hot from the ARNA Spring meeting:

Schiolding generously donated 2 lead aprons and ARNA donated a Core Curriculum. Here are this year's lucky winners of the raffle sponsored by the Scholarship Committee:

Jane Brandt- lead apron

Jenean Eberhardt- lead apron

Sharon Houle- Core Curriculum



























































We raised nearly \$400 with the raffle. *Thank you to all who participated.* If you have any ideas for next year or if you have an item to donate for the raffle, please contact the ARNA office.

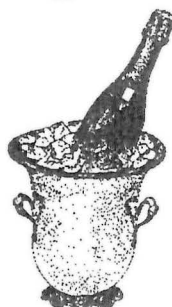
Secondly,

Thanks to all who have volunteered using the **Willingness to Serve** forms. If you're thinking about joining a national committee, ARNA needs you. The Willingness to Serve form can be downloaded from ARNA's web site OR you can call the office for a copy. We look forward to meeting and talking with you.

- submitted by Wendy Bommer
Treasurer, ARNA

Let's hear it for the latest group of newly Certified Radiology Nurses!!!!

-   Susan Backer, Nebraska
-   Linda Battigaglia, Ohio
-   Irene T. Bellew, New Jersey
-   Brenda Bertollo, New Jersey
-   Susan J. Buesgens, Minnesota
-   Lynelle K. Byerly, Nebraska
-   Manhwa Chen, New York
-   Cecilia A. Dietz, Indiana
-   Bill Eighmy, Oklahoma
-   Margaret M. Fenelon,
California
-   Evelyn J. Ferraro, Florida
-   Jeffrey Foster, Florida
-   Beverly L. Giet, Michigan
-   Karen A. Harrison, Vermont
-   John Hartsock, Ohio
-   Rodney Heckman,
Pennsylvania
-   Ronell M. Hughes, Iowa
-   Barbara Iosue New, York
-   Rebecca C. Kepner, North
Carolina
-   Janet B. King, Florida
-   Clarice Rayann Luce, Ohio
-   Tammy Mack, Wisconsin
-   Susan L. McCarty, Oklahoma
-   Mary Myrthil, Florida
-   Margaret Parise, New Jersey
-   Victoria A. Pease, Illinois
-   Virginia Salgado, New Jersey
-   Mary C. Schaaf, Illinois
-   Karen J. Sherry, Massachusetts
- Patricia C. Smith, New York
- Cinda L. Sobotta, California
- Kristina Tyndall, Nebraska



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

AND TO CLARIFY THE ELECTION PROCESS - THE POSITION VACATED BY MELISSA HOLBROOK IS FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR 2000, AND PRESIDENT FOR 2001. NOMINATIONS FOR THOSE WHO QUALIFY FOR THIS POSITION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MAY 31, 2000. SPECIAL BALLOTS WILL THEN BE MAILED OUT.

FOR THE REGULAR ELECTION TO FILL THE POSITIONS OF SECRETARY, BOARD MEMBER AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBER, NOMINATIONS FOR QUALIFYING INDIVIDUALS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MAY 22, 2000.

RADIOLOGY NURSE HELPLINE QUERY

- Does anyone have
- experience with
- contrast administration
- to patients with
- **Pheochromocytoma?**
- Please reply to:
- Amanda Willaims RN
- Grant Medical Center
- Columbus, OH 43204
- Fax 614-566-8426

Please note the address for the purpose of conducting business with ARNA:
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Oak Brook, IL 60523



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JUST A NOTE OF REMINDER

committee update

Legislative Awareness Committee: Capitol Update

On February 7, 2000, President Clinton released his Federal Budget recommendations for Fiscal Year (FY) 2001. The \$1.8 trillion budget continues to trim down the national debt. The President plans to use \$746 billion non-Social Security surplus to help extend Medicare solvency. His budget proposal also includes a \$28 billion, ten year investment in long term care. A tax credit of \$3000 is provided for people with long-term care needs.

The ANA is pleased that the Nurse Education Act (NEA) programs received level funding under the planned budget but the funding still falls short of the anticipated needs of NEA.

On February 9, ANA President Mary Foley MS, RN, advocated for the appropriate use of nurse staffing to prevent medical errors, her third time testifying before a Congressional Committee on this issue in the last 2 months. The FY 2001 budget contains funding toward this issue.

-submitted by Anne Simard

Membership Committee

To all ARNA members,

Welcome back home to those of us who attended our 2000 Spring Education Meeting in San Diego. I feel we all got to take back some valuable learning experiences.

This year, I have been asked to chair our recruitment committee, a job that I feel is astronomical in size. How does one begin to educate our peers of the benefits of being part of a great organization? I think we all assume responsibility for that job. As we educate our patients and their families, we must also reach out to our associates and educate them. Strive to bring a friend with you to your next chapter meeting, or hold a department open house to share our field of expertise with others. Talk about ARNA, and share your ARNA news with your department.

Please take the time to e-mail me with your ideas

(brm619@aol.com).

I can only succeed in this endeavor with help from all of you. Thank you!

Barb Mottern RN, BS

Chairperson

chapter news

An urgent appeal from the President, New England Chapter

July of 1992 was a significant turning point in my life when a new position opened in the Radiology Department and I was lucky enough to be offered the job as Salem Hospital's (Massachusetts) first Radiology Nurse. I was given the name of a national organization for Radiology Nurses and I joined ARNA and the New England Chapter, KNOWING I could use all the help I could get.

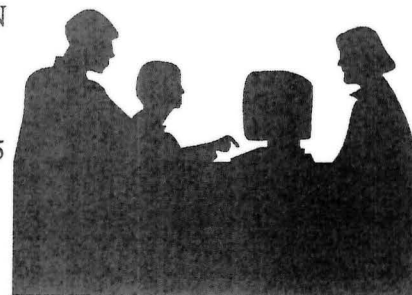
The issues of "Images" I received were immensely helpful, as I realized the cases we were doing were being done all over the country. My role as Radiology Nurse played a big part in the quality of care the patient received in our department. In order to set up the standard of care it was vital that I have the guidelines established by our professional organization. At each local education and business meeting I met new people, discussed how *their* departments worked, how they handled safety issues and most importantly, was enabled to bring back to my department information that enhanced my practice. Our devoted and hard working professional organization members have made it possible for us to become certified in our specialty.

Sadly, I must tell you that our membership is at an all time low and we are in danger of becoming extinct. Understood, it is very difficult to find the time and finances to become involved, with our families and work.

We have crossed the bridge into a new century and I ask that you *take time for yourselves*, be proud of your career and become part of your professional organization. To paraphrase my favorite president, "Ask not what you can do for your organization, but what your organization can do for you". I would love to see YOU at our annual Educational/Business Meeting on September 16, 2000, in Burlington, VT. Please be on the lookout for more information about the great conference planned in conjunction with the New England Conference of Radiologic Technologists.

Fondly,


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


At our institution, outpatients or should we say ambulatory patients include those in need of a cathagram, Picc lines, permacath hub change, procedures that require minimal effort, go directly to the procedure room. A post procedure note is available. Do any readers make up complete charts for these patients? What paper work is *required*? We are being evaluated by a consulting firm, who is suggesting we make an outpatient chart on all of these clients. I feel this is poor utilization of nursing/P.A. time. I would appreciate any information that you can provide. This info will assist in organizing these categories. Thanks in advance for your help.

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We are currently researching and rethinking our **Pediatric Conscious Sedation process** and I'm interested in getting the opinions of other Radiology Nurses via the newsletter. Specifically, what drugs are you most commonly using for pediatric sedations? How long are your children routinely recovered? By whom, and where? Does the recovery period change if the child has genuinely been sleep deprived?

Lynette Murphy RN, CRN, CLNC
Radiology Dept.
117 North Seventh St.
Chambersburg, PA 17201



I am one of 3 Radiology Nurses at a community hospital in western Maryland. I am interested in learning more about setting up a Legs For Life day in our community. Can anyone share some insight as to how to go about getting started, what professional & medical staff should we involve. Also what type of facility would be suitable? Any info would be appreciated.

Cathy Ware assi55@aol.com



Do you know of any policy for screening of patients in the radiology department for latex allergies? We have to create a policy for this and wondered if anyone had any guidelines established. If you have heard of anything like this could you let me know?

Thanks,
Rosemary Moehring REM021@aol.com

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING INFORMATION FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF
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