Greetings!

I hope that all of you have had a great summer and are ready for a great year with TNA. I am looking forward to working and interacting with all of you this year.

We have a new Executive Secretary, Renee James. Those of you who were at the District 3 Annual Dinner in May have already met her. The rest of you will be able to meet her at our first meeting.

We have a new location for our meetings this year. It is the Viola Pitts Community Clinic, on Bryant Irvin Road, in Fort Worth. There is close, free, well-lighted, safe parking provided. Directions are included in this newsletter.

Our first meeting in September will not be on the usual third Thursday of the month. This is because of the annual TNA Leadership Conference in Austin on Sept 18th and 19th. I know that some of you will be attending this event. Instead, our first meeting will be on September 25th at 6:00 PM.

This meeting will be a business and get acquainted meeting. There will be a brief report from one of our delegates to the TNA House of Delegates. A synopsis of the Leadership Conference will be presented. Members, present at the meeting, will vote on the acceptance of the revised bylaws. Finally, information will be given about the various standing committees, which are finance, ways & means, governmental affairs, membership, and public affairs.

We are in need of volunteers for these standing committees. The functions of District 3 are accomplished through these committees. I hope that you will consider volunteering for this very important work.

There will be no meeting in October. In November, Clair Jordan will here for her annual presentation. In December we will have our annual Christmas celebration.

See you at our first meeting in September. Bring a nurse friend with you too.

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As TNA-3 is gearing up for another exciting year, so is your Governmental Affairs/PAC Committee. Most of the “action” this fall will be at the national legislative level and collecting PAC money for the State level Spring Primaries.

There has already been an alert go out regarding funding for Nursing Education in 2004. If you didn’t receive this or other Legislative Alerts and Legislative Updates, you can sign yourself up at http://capwiz.com/txnurses/officials/state/?state=TX or email Belinda Richey at brichey@texasnurses.org to be added to the list serve.

For PAC money there are several ways you can take part. This is an important aspect of TNA’s legislative activity because we are truly blessed in Tarrant County to have State Legislators who want to improve health care in Texas and who listen to what Nursing says needs to be done. When you contribute to the RN/APN PAC the money comes right back to support these great Tarrant County Legislators. They may be divided on redistricting, but they have always been united on issues that affect health care and nursing. The PAC money is used in direct contributions to state level legislative campaigns and to send TNA members to legislator’s activities. (You can be one of those members.)

Ways to Contribute:

1. Become a Continued Commitment Contributor – You can contribute as little as $6/month automatically through your bank or credit card. This gives a steady income to the PAC so we can plan our donations to legislators. If you are interested in becoming a Continued Commitment Contributor you can sign-up at http://www.texasnurses.org/govaff/pacform.htm or there will be forms available at the membership meetings.

2. Contribute as you are able, when you are able – You contribute at opportunities during meetings.

3. Contribute in the “Affect Change Campaign” – You collect all that “spare” change that accumulates at home and contribute it to the RN/APN PAC. We will even supply the can to collect the change.

District 3 has continued to be the top contributing TNA District. Let’s keep it that way. I believe there is a link to our support for our legislators and how they listen to our concerns. We are there for them and them for us.
New Meeting Place

Our district membership meeting on September 25th, will be at the Viola Pitts/Como JPS Health Network Community Center. This center is located at 4701 Bryant Irvin Road in Fort Worth. Parking is available at any place on the parking lot, free of charge. You will enter the south door, nearest to the lower parking lot. There will be signs directing you to the correct room. Please contact TNA-3 office (817-249-5071) for more information or

Official Call for Nominations to the House of Delegates

Nominations for House of Delegates are now being accepted. If you would like to nominate a fellow TNA-3 member for House of Delegates or you are interested in serving as a delegate to the House of Delegates, contact Susie Hood or the District 3 office at 817-249-5071 or e-mail tna3@mindspring.com. Nominations will be accepted until September 29, 2003.

Vote for House of Delegates: Once all nominations have been accepted by the Nominating Committee, ballots will be mailed to all TNA-3 members. Please vote for the candidate that you feel will best serve our district as a delegate to the House of Delegates. All ballots must be returned to the Nominating Committee on or before October 31, 2003.
District 3 Welcomes our New & Reinstated Members

Kathy Baldwin
Susan F. Bates
Charlotte H. Brandt
Arlene G. Button
Meriam Z. Cadiz-Fabriga
Tracy L. Cavanaugh
Dee A. Cross
Julie Curb-Rich

Rosamery Galdiano
Kenneth H. Grubbs, Jr.
Anita C. Krumm
Kristin A. Jollota
Glenda Redeemer
Jeannette R. Skinner
Dolores Spencer
Shonda M. Yocham

We’re glad you’re here. We look forward to visiting with you at meetings and events. Please let us know if we can do anything to help you meet your fellow members and get involved.
Mark Your Calendar!

**Thursday and Friday, September 18-19** – TNA “Leadership Conference” in Austin

**Thursday, September 25** – 6:00 PM—“Staying on the Cutting Edge of Nursing in Texas” presented by the TNA-3 Board of Directors at the Viola Pitts/Como JPS Health Network Community Center; 4701 Bryant Irvin Road, Fort Worth.

**Saturday, October 25**—TNA “Fall Issues Forum” in Austin

There will be no membership meeting in October.

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**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON**

Continuing Education Offerings

For More Information: 817-272-2778 or jjenkins@uta.edu

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**Hepatitis C Home Study**
The University of Texas at Arlington
This home study is designed to educate the RN about Hepatitis C, to include pathophysiology, symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment. This activity meets the Texas Board of Nurse Examiners requirement for 2 contact hours continuing nursing education on Hepatitis C.

2 Type 1 Contact Hours
Fee - $20
For more information call (817)272-2778 or email jjenkins@uta.edu

**September 4-7, 2003**

15th Annual Texas Nurse Practitioner Conference

*Adam’s Mark Hotel, San Antonio*

Co-provided with the Texas Nurse Practitioner.
The conference provides an opportunity for nurse practitioners to update clinical knowledge and skills to include pharmacology, explore legislative and political issues, and network.

27.5 Type 1 Contact Hours
For more information call (817)272-2778 or email jjenkins@uta.edu

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**October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, November 6, 13, 2003**

*Nursing Communication with Spanish-Speaking Clients*

Co-Provided with the Center for Hispanic Studies in Nursing and Health
Designed for those beginning to learn Spanish.
21 contact hours
For more information call (817) 272-5295 or email mbond@uta.edu

**October 24, 2003**

*The Chalice of Repose Project: Music-Thanatology and the Care of the Dying*

Presenter: Therese Schroeder-Sheker
Co-Provided with Sigma Theta Tau
Lone Star Theater, Activities Bldg, UTA
1.8 Contact Hours
For more information call (817)272-2778 or email jjenkins@uta.edu

**October 25, 2003**

*Grace and Grit: Manifesting, Renewing and Sustaining the Chalice Vision*

Presenter: Therese Schroeder-Sheker
Co-Provided with Sigma Theta Tau
Kelly Alumni Center, TCU
1.2 Contact Hours
For more information call (817)272-2778 or email jjenkins@uta.edu
“Staying on the Cutting Edge of Nursing in Texas”

Come join TNA-3 for this informative meeting. Various topics, affecting you as a nurse in Texas, will be addressed. Some of the items on the agenda include:

1. Meet the TNA-3 Board of Directors
2. Legislative Update
3. Committee Reports
4. House of Delegates Nominations
5. Vote on Bylaw Amendments
6. General TNA Business

You won’t want to miss this TNA-3 Meeting. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Date: Thursday, September 25, 2003
Time: 6:00 PM
Place: Viola Pitts/Como JPS Health Network Community Center, 4701 Bryant Irvin Rd in Fort Worth.

Please contact the TNA-3 office for directions at 817-249-5071.

1.2 Type 1 Contact Hours: Harris Methodist Fort Worth is approved as a provider of continuing education in nursing by the Texas Nurses Association which is accredited as an approver of the continuing education in nursing by the American Nurses Credentialing Center Commission on Accreditation. This approval meets Type 1 criteria for mandatory continuing education requirements towards relicensure as established by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas.
A SEARCH FOR THE 2004 GREAT 100 NURSES

“DO YOU KNOW A REGISTERED NURSE WHO HAS MADE A DIFFERENCE?”

On May 27, 2004, the “Great 100 Nurses Celebration” will be held to honor one hundred Registered Nurses who have made a significant difference to the profession of nursing and in the lives of patients, peers, and the community-at-large.

Any individual, client/patient, or group may nominate a Registered Nurse whose place of employment is within the Texas Nurses Association, Districts 3 and 4 Regions. To nominate a Registered Nurse, you must:

1. Complete the attached Demographic Data Form. Identify yourself and the Registered Nurse nominee on the Demographic Data Form only.

2. Attach a one page letter of recommendation which provides supportive documentation about your nominee. Resumes and curriculum vitae will not be accepted. Letters must be submitted on 8 _ x 11 paper, no letterhead, and on-sided printing. Letters which do not conform to this criteria will be disqualified. The nomination letter should not include the nominee’s name or specific identification about the Registered Nurse (e.g., place of employment). The letter of recommendation must address each of the following categories:

   - ROLE MODEL
   - LEADERSHIP QUALITIES
   - SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY
   - COMPASSIONATE CAREGIVER
   - SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS

3. Nomination documents will not be accepted by fax transmission

   Return all documents postmarked no later than January 16, 2004 to:
   THE GREAT 100 NURSES CELEBRATION
   POST OFFICE BOX 35503
   DALLAS, TEXAS 75235

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Previous Great 100 Nurse recipients are ineligible.
- Duplicate the Demographic Data Form as needed.
- Nomination letters will be reviewed by a panel of judges who will not have access to the demographic data.
- Questions concerning the nomination process and the Great 100 Nurses Celebration may be directed to Jan Coder at 214/590-8001 or Pat Pollock at 800/221-8559.

This program is sponsored by joint effort of the Texas Nurses Association, Districts 3 and 4, and the Dallas-Fort Worth Nurse Executives

The Deadline For Nominations Postmarked Receipt is: January 16, 2004. There will be no exceptions. Fax Transmittals WILL NOT be accepted.
**GREAT 100 NURSES CELEBRATION**
**DEMOGRAPHIC DATA FORM**

This form must be submitted with a **one page letter of recommendation** for the Registered Nurse nominee. Letters must be submitted on 8-1/2 X 11 paper, no letterhead, and one-side printing. No exceptions. Letters which do not conform to this criteria will be disqualified. Please complete the following information.

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Nominee:  __________________________________________________________________

Title:  ________________________________________________________________________

Place of Employment:  ___________________________________________________________

Home Address:  ________________________________________________________________

City: __________ County: __________ State: ______ Zip: _______ RN License #__________
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**Nominee’s Primary Occupational Role (Mark [X] one category only)**

[ ] Administration/Management/Leadership: Specify Setting: __________________________

[ ] Community Health (Occupational Health, Home Health/Hospice, School, Clinic, or Physician’s Office Nursing)

[ ] Advanced Practice Nurse (Consultant, Practitioner, CRNA, CMW, Clinical Specialist)

[ ] Clinical

[ ] Educator (Acute Care, Community/Agency, Higher Education, Clinic)

[ ] Other (Retired, Entrepreneur: Specify Role: _________________________________

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Nominator:  __________________________________________________________________

Title:  ________________________________________________________________________

Place of Employment:  __________________________________________________________

Home Address:  ________________________________________________________________

City: __________ County: __________ State: ______ Zip: _______

Telephone: (H) Area Code: (   ) - _______ (W) Area Code: (   ) - 
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