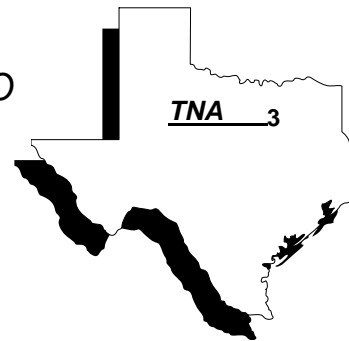


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## President's Message

Wow!!! What a birthday party. If you missed the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration of Texas Nurses Association at the District 3 meeting, you missed a very enriching time. The stories by nurses, who were responsible for the direction of TNA at all levels, were inspiring and so very rich with the passion for what they hoped to achieve. They also left each person present with the challenge to become involved at whatever level possible, and in whatever capacity possible, because it does make a difference to the patients and to the profession of Nursing.

We look forward to lots of activities as we thaw out from the winter cold and anticipate spring's sunshine and renewal all around us. We as nurses in the state of Texas have the opportunity to let our legislators know how we feel about the issues that are concerning our profession. Nurse Day at the Capital occurs March 5 & 6, 2007. Please join us as we work to help our legislators make sound decisions regarding our profession and the patients for which we provide care.

One activity that helps us provide nursing scholarships is the TNA North Region Golf Tournament for Fun(d) held on March 30 in Canton, Texas. You do not have to play golf to participate. You and/or your facility can sponsor a hole and prizes are given for the best sign. TNA District 3 benefits from this and the more participation, the better the benefit. More information is available in the newsletter or by contacting the District 3 executive secretary.

As we participate in raising monies for nursing scholarships, we need to encourage our nursing students to take advantage of these scholarships. Unfortunately, we have not had a large number of students applying for the scholarships and I am hoping that by bringing this to your attention we can change that situation. Scholarship packets are sent to each of the area schools of nursing but we are only receiving a few applications from a very small number of the nursing schools in the Metroplex. Please help us by letting staff at your place of employment know that TNA District 3 offers scholarships. These scholarships are available for any generic nursing student, RN-BSN student, or those seeking advanced nursing degrees.

TNA District 3 will also be adding one last opportunity for nurses to obtain their necessary contact hours for re-licensure related to bioterrorism at the April 19, 2007 meeting in the Hochberger Auditorium at Cook Children's. Please share this with friends and colleagues that may have left this item on their "to do" list for the last minute.

As always, I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their continued support of the district by attending the board meetings as well as the membership meetings. These ladies do an incredible job and are always willing to pitch in whenever and wherever needed. I would like to say a special thank you to our district secretary, Renee, for her diligence and patience with us. We are very thankful for her abilities to keep us organized and on top of the district and state activities despite what may be happening in her life.

Hope to see you all at the Capital,

### District Three Board Members 2006-2007

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**Sharon Ransom**

[tna3@usapathway.com](mailto:tna3@usapathway.com)

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#### Executive Secretary

**Renee James**

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## TNA District 3 Celebrates 100 Year Birthday of Texas Nurses Association

TNA was founded by graduate nurses in Fort Worth, Texas on February 22, 1907 but TNA District 3 celebrated the 100 year birthday of Texas Nurses Association, early, on February 15, 2007 in the traditional birthday party manner; with cake, punch, noise makers, party favors and guests.

One of our distinguished State Officers; Margie Dorman-O'Donnell, wished Texas Nurses Association a happy centennial birthday along with 126 other guests at the party. Party guests included area school of nursing students, and TNA members and visitors. The evening kicked off with recognition of such honored guest as past TNA District 3 Presidents, Great 100 Nurse recipients from the past, former TNA Executive Secretary Jane't Brown, and past TSNA Presidents.

The highlight of the evening was a historical overview of Texas Nurses Association presented by distinguished guests: Dr. Ferne C. Kyba, Dorothy E. Parker, M.S., R.N., Dr. Sue Ochsner, Dr. Sharon Judkins, and Dr. Gail Davis. Each of the guest speakers has played an intricate role in the growth of TNA District 3, as well as in pioneering projects at the state level and beyond, paving the way for District 3 nurses practicing today and in the future.

The evening closed with drawings for door prizes, including gift certificates to local establishments, and perhaps the most coveted prize of the evening; a poster donated by Dr. Kyba. Lygia Dunsworth, District 3 Vice President, won a trip and hotel accommodations to the 2007 TNA Nursing Leadership Conference scheduled in the fall in Austin when her name was drawn from those participating in the member-ship drive.

And speaking of the member-ship drive, TNA District 3 closed the evening with 40 new members, ending the friendly rivalry contest between District 3 President, Sharon Ransom and District 4 President, Victoria England. Sharon and Victoria met on Tuesday, February 20, 2007 to determine the winning District, and Victoria will be sporting her nursing cap for a week (the penalty for the District President with the fewest new members during the member-ship drive).

Lygia Dunsworth  
Vice President



### TNA-3 Election

It is time, once again, to elect new TNA-3 leadership. A ballot and biographical information for each candidate has been included with this newsletter. Please take a moment to look over this information and vote for the candidate(s) that you feel will best serve TNA-3. Ballots must be returned to the nominating committee on or before April 5, 2007.

Marinda Allender  
Nominating Committee, Chair

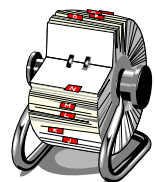
### Information Update

Have you moved? Changed your name?  
Changed your e-mail address?

Please contact the District 3 office, and let us know about your changes. We would like to update your information to ensure that you receive your newsletter and the latest information about TNA-3.

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**Texas Nurses Association, District 3**

is very grateful to each of the organizations who sponsor our monthly meetings. We would like to extend our gratitude to:

**Cook Children's Medical Center**  
for hosting our membership meetings.

**Harris Methodist Fort Worth**  
for providing the Continuing Education Credits.

And each of our  
Continuing Education Program Sponsors:

**Cook Children's Medical Center**

**Harris Methodist Fort Worth**

**Harris Methodist Southwest**

**Harris Methodist Walls Regional Hospital**

**Huguley Memorial Medical Center**

**Medical Center of Arlington**

**North Hills Hospital**

**Plaza Medical Center of Fort Worth**



## District Three Welcomes our New Members

Tammy Collier

Kim Jeong-Sook

Peggy Mancuso

Lucy Norris

Christine Sammer

Stephanie Siden

Julie Stewart

We're glad you're here.

Please let us know if we can do anything to help you meet your fellow members and get involved.



### Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses

TPAPN volunteers act as an advocate providing peer support for their nurse colleague. If you would like to volunteer or refer someone call 1/800-288-5528 (24-hour helpline) or 1/512-467-7027, fax 512/467-2620, or email [www.tpapn.org](http://www.tpapn.org)

## TNA North Region TEES UP 4th Annual Golf Tournament for FUN(D)

The Texas Nurses Association North Region is having their 4th Annual Golf Tournament for FUN(D) at Twin Lakes Golf Course in Canton on Friday, March 30, 2007. TNA District 3 would like to cordially invite all members of the district and their friends to participate. This event serves to support to the districts of the Northern Region Districts and the Texas Nurses Foundation.

The golf tournament features straight Florida scrambles of four players per team, shotgun start, 4-person scramble. The cost per registrant is \$65 which includes greens fees, golf cart, dinner and one ticket for the door prizes to be awarded at the dinner. Winners must be present to win. Sign-in registration is from 11:00-12:15 p.m. Tee times begin promptly at 12:30 p.m.

Not a golfer? You can participate by sponsoring a hole which begins at \$250. For sponsoring a hole at the \$500 level, entry fees for 2 players is included. At the \$1000 level, the entry fee for 4 players is included. The sponsors will also have their name displayed on the hole and at the dinner. The hole sponsorship is contributed to the Texas Nurses Foundation, the research and public service arm of TNA.

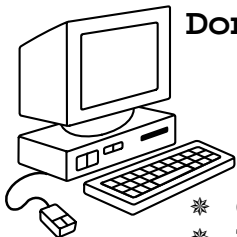
Non-golfers and guests of golfers may attend the dinner following the tournament for a fee of \$15 and will receive one ticket towards a possible door prize. The Bar-B-Q gala dinner will be from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

For further information, contact Pat Pollock, TNA District 4 Secretary at 800-221-8559 or [D4tna@flash.net](mailto:D4tna@flash.net).



## Nurse Day at the Capitol

Don't miss the opportunity to go to Austin for Nurse Day at the Capitol on March 5—6, 2007. You can join with nurses and nursing students from across the state to personally discuss nursing and health care issues with your legislators and their staff. Registration forms and details can be found on TNA's website [www.texasnurses.org](http://www.texasnurses.org).



**Don't forget to check the website, for the latest TNA-3 information.**

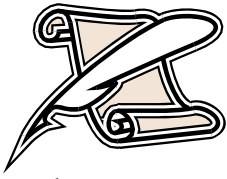
The following items can now be found on the website:

[www.tna3.org](http://www.tna3.org)

- \* Calendar of Events
- \* Texas RN Pin Order Form

- \* TNA Membership Application
- \* Meeting Flyers

- \* Golf Tournament Brochure
- \* Academic Scholarship Application



## Update from TNA's Governmental Affairs Committee

Many changes are on the horizon and it's important that nurses stay informed on what is happening at the Government Level. This is a Legislative year and what gets decided in Austin will have some level of impact on all areas of our profession.

The Sunset Advisory Commission is a 12 member committee comprised of a body of legislatures and public members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Commission is Chaired by Senator Kim Brimer and Representative Vicki Truitt, Vice Chair. The committee was created by the Texas Legislature to identify and eliminate waste, duplication and inefficiency in government agencies. The 12 member Commission reviews the policies and programs of more than 150 government agencies every 12 years. In, most cases agencies under review are automatically abolished unless legislation is enacted to continue them. September 2006 the Sunset Commission reported on 8 issues and gave their recommendations that are available for viewing at [www.sunset.state.tx.us](http://www.sunset.state.tx.us) and are also the TNA website.

The BNE has always had a strong relationship with the Sunset Commission. The BNE's level of professionalism and dedication to the public through the regulation of nurses has given the BNE a recognized reputation of being one of Texas's most well-run and effective agencies in the State. High expectations are placed on the BNE, and as a result the bar has been raised on Nursing as a whole. The TNA works in conjunction in making the nursing voice heard through the process when recommendations are made and legislation is created. Remember the BNE was created for the public, the TNA was created for you.

Kerry Baucom  
Director

## Opportunity for you to Serve the District

Do we have Any **Scrapbookers...?** As TNA celebrates its Centennial Anniversary, the importance of Nursing history and the history of TNA has come to light. During this time, we have come to appreciate each of the historical documents left to use by previous generations of nurses. The District 3 Board of Directors is currently seeking a member who would like to volunteer to serve as a *Historian* for the district. The current events and activities of our district need to be preserved for future generations of nurses. If you would be interested in serving the district in this capacity, please contact the TNA-3 office.

## Texas R.N. Pins

On Sale Now

TNA-3 is now selling a Texas Registered Nurse pin designed by the Ways & Means Committee. **Every RN** can wear this pin with pride. These pins will be available at all TNA-3 events and they may be purchased by mail, using the order form below.

**Size:** 7/8" Texas Shaped Pin  
**Color:** Two tone gold.



**Description:** RN & outside edge raised & polished with sandblasted background.  
**Cost:** \$8.00 each

**Please return this order form with your payment to:  
TNA-3, PO Box 16958, Fort Worth, TX 76162**

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ Texas RN Pin(s).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_



Texas Nurses Association  
District Three  
2007 Annual Awards Dinner

**Honoring:**  
Scholarship Recipients  
TNA-3 Award Recipients  
Board of Directors  
Great 100 Nurses from District Three

Please join us at the Hochberger Auditorium & Pre-function Area at Cook Children's Medical Center, as we celebrate the nurses of District Three.

Date: Thursday, May 17, 2007  
Time: 6:00 PM  
Place: Cook Children's Medical Center  
Hochberger Auditorium & Pre-function Area  
801 Seventh Avenue  
Ft. Worth, Texas 76104

Reservations are required by May 10, 2007. Please call the TNA-3 office at 817-249-5071 for more information.

Please return this reservation form with your payment to TNA-3, PO Box 16958, Fort Worth, TX 76162

Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ dinners @ \$25.00 each for the 2007 Annual TNA-3 Awards Dinner.  
(Please make checks payable to TNA-3)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_, TX Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**District Three's Annual Awards  
To Be Presented at the Annual Awards Dinner May 17, 2007**

YOU have the opportunity to nominate three of District Three's many outstanding nurses for one of three awards this year.

It is time to nominate nurses from District Three for the 2007 Membership Awards. These awards include **2007 Nurses of the Year, Active Member of TNA, and Rookie Award.**

Criteria for these awards have been set by the Membership Committee:

**2007 Nurse of the Year**

- Active Member of District Three for 5 years or more.
- Influenced nursing through clinical practice, teaching, and/or administration.
- Actively participates in continuing education.
- Has made a contribution to the profession of nursing at the local, state or national level within the past three years.
- Has established good relations with co-workers and associates.
- Actively involved in community organizations and activities.

**Active Member Award**

- Active member of District Three for 5 years or less.
- Member of a committee and actively participates
- Good attendance at monthly meetings and shows strong support of the organization.

**Rookie Award**

- First year member who has shown involvement in District Three.
- Member of a committee.
- Good attendance at monthly meetings and shows strong support of the organization.

**Please use the following nomination form: (\*) apply to New Member and Rookie Awards. All nomination forms must be postmarked NO LATER than Friday, April 13, 2007**

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Nomination for \_\_\_\_\_ Award (Choose one of the above)

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Political, civic, community involvement

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Professional Memberships

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Current Position in Nursing

(over)

2007 Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Answer each question for Nurse of the Year – **only (\*)** marked questions for the New Member and Rookie Awards.

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1. ANA/TNA District Organization Activities

2. How has the nominee influenced the quality of nursing care?

3. Describe the nominee's involvement in nursing for the last five years.

4. Give evidence of the nominee's involvement in continuing education during the past three years.

5. Give one specific example of this nominee's practice that shows exceptional achievement.

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6. Other Comments

You may have letters of support attached or have them mailed directly to the TNA-3 Office for attachment prior to the committee's review.

(Information below will be covered during consideration by the Membership Committee)

Nomination submitted by:

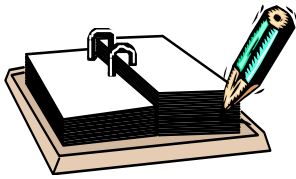
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to :**  
**TNA-3 Nurse Awards**  
**TNA District Three**  
**P.O. Box 16958**  
**Fort Worth, TX 76162**

**Deadline: Postmarked by April 13, 2007**



# Mark Your Calendar!

## **April 19, 2007—Bioterrorism Workshop**

6:00PM—Sign-in  
6:30-8:00PM—Workshop  
Cook Children’s Medical Center  
Hochberger Auditorium

Watch for a flyer with fees & information to be available soon.

## **March 5—6, 2007--Nurse Day at the Capitol**

Austin, Texas  
Information and Registration can be found at  
[www.texasnurses.org](http://www.texasnurses.org)

## **March 9, 2007-- Scholarship Application Deadline**

## **March 30, 2007--**

**TNA North Region Golf Tournament for Fun(D)**  
Time: TBA  
Location: Canton, Texas

## **April 5, 2007—TNA-3 Election Ballot Deadline**

## **April 13, 2007—TNA-3 Award Nomination Deadline**

## **April 21, 2007--House of Delegates**

Omni Southpark Hotel, Austin, TX

## **May 6-12, 2007--Nurses Week**

## **May 9, 2007--Great 100 Nurse Celebration**

Dallas, TX

## **May 10, 2007—Annual Awards Reservation Deadline**

## **May 12, 2007--Florence Nightingale’s Birthday**

## **May 17, 2007--Annual Dinner**

Cook Children’s Medical Center  
Hochberger Auditorium & Pre-function Area  
801 Seventh Avenue  
Ft. Worth, Texas 76104  
6:00PM

## **June 2, 2007-- Board of Directors “Wrap-up” Meeting**

9:00 – 11:00am  
Cook Children’s Medical Center  
Basement of the Administration Building,  
Classroom B