

# DISTRICT 3 NEWS

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## President's Message

As the 2006-2007 TNA District 3 year comes to a close, I would like to reflect on the year. As with everything, there are highs and lows. District 3 has experienced a ten-percent growth in membership and mourned the loss of one of its past-presidents. The district has celebrated its place in the illustrious 100 year history of TNA and grappled with a very busy legislative year for nursing. As this year closes, District 3 will soon install new leadership who will further the profession of nursing and celebrate the designation of a number of its nurses recognized as Great 100 nurses in the DFW Area.

As my presidency comes to a close, I am so thankful for the wonderful board of directors that I have had the honor to work with to do the work of the district. They have worked diligently to keep the district alive, solvent and forward thinking. Their passion for nursing, despite all the hats they wear, has been the light for the path and the constant drive for all that has been accomplished. Thank you Sandi McDermott, Lygia Dunsworth, Suzy Lockwood-Rayerman, Stephanie Eckstein, Marinda Allender, Kerry Baucom, Shelly Olive, Kiran Sharma and Melissa Sherrod for all you do for nursing and Texas Nurses Association District 3.

Of course, the person that we all have to thank for keeping us on an even course is our dedicated district executive secretary, Renee James, without whose help we would all flounder. In addition, Renee keeps the district going with the newsletter, scholarship information and answers endless phone calls regarding district business. Renee helps keep us focused on the task before us and has truly been a blessing to me when I needed direction. Thank you, Renee; you've made my job so much easier.

Although the year may be coming to an end, there is still much work to be done in order to further our profession. As the district's new president and board of directors begin planning the 2007-2008 calendar, please look for opportunities to participate in district activities. It may be to encourage a colleague by sharing the benefits you've received, work a TNA booth at an area conference, evaluate scholarship applications, serve on a committee, or run for a position or office on the TNA Board. No matter what form your participation takes, I know it will be just what the district needs and you will be proud to have taken part in one of the most active districts in the state.

Thank all you for your support of District 3 and I look forward to seeing you in the future as we continue to serve the profession of Nursing and TNA District 3.

Sincerely,  
Sharon

### District Three Board Members 2006-2007

#### President

**Sharon Ransom**

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**Sandi McDermott**

#### Vice President thru 2008

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#### Secretary thru 2008

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**Marinda Allender**

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#### Directors thru May 2008

**Kerry Baucom**

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**Kiran Sharma**

#### Executive Secretary

**Renee James**

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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**



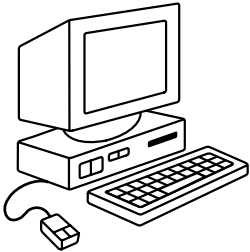
## Monika Dewar Memorial Scholarship

On November 26, 2006 a tragic automobile crash claimed the lives of Monika Dewar and her husband Norman. Monika was known throughout the nursing community for her dedication to the nursing profession and to the service of mankind. It is for this reason that the TNA District 3 Board of Directors has unanimously voted to award one scholarship to a deserving nursing student annually in Monika's honor. Each fall the Monika Dewar Memorial Scholarship will begin at a base amount of \$500.00. Any contributions made to the Monika Dewar Memorial Scholarship Fund, throughout the year, will be directly added to the base scholarship, thereby increasing the total scholarship amount awarded in the spring at the Annual Awards Dinner. If you would like to make a contribution to the Monika Dewar Memorial Scholarship Fund, please send contribution to the following address.

Texas Nurses Association, District 3  
Monika Dewar Scholarship Fund  
PO Box 16958  
Fort Worth, TX 76028

## TNA North Region 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament for

On Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>; TNA North Region held it's most successful fundraising golf tournament to date. The 4th Annual North Region Golf Tournament for Fun(D) was held at the Twin Lakes Golf Course in Canton, Texas. There were 13 teams, with four players on each team, participating in this year's event. Thanks to all of the support from our north region leadership, our members and our sponsors, this year's tournament raised approximately \$8,000 for Texas Nurses Foundation.



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

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

The following items can now be found on the website:

- \* Calendar of Events
- \* TNA Membership Application
- \* Annual Dinner Registration Form
- \* Texas RN Pin Order Form
- \* TNA-3 Photo Gallery

## 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**

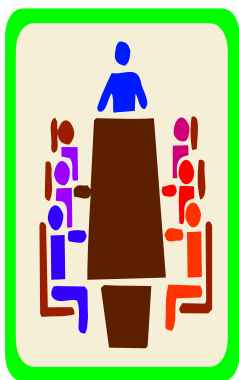
Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ Texas RN Pin(s).

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

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

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

# 2007-2008 Board of Directors



\* = Newly elected

**President**—Sandi McDermott

**Vice President**—Lygia Marchbank Dunsworth

**Treasurer**— \*Stephanie Eckstein

**District Secretary**-- Suzy Lockwood

**Past-President**—Sharon Ransom

**Directors thru May 2008**

Kerry Elisabeth Baucom

Shelly Olive

Kiran Sharma

**Directors thru May 2009**

\*Dennis Cheek

\*Sharon Ikeler

## **Nominating Committee**

Marinda Allender, Chair  
Carolyn Spence Cagle

Sharon Ikeler  
Nancy Kupper

Mary Alice Stam

## 2007 House of Delegates Report

The 2007 Texas Nurses Association House of Delegates was called into session at 9:00AM on Saturday, April 21 in Austin, Texas. The HOD was preceded by a gala event on Friday night with a wonderful dinner and nostalgic walk down memory lane presented by nine of the state's past presidents dating back to the 1960's. A pictorial history of TNA's first 100 years reminded us as delegates of the role we would play, however great or small, the next day at the House of Delegates in furthering the profession of nursing.

When the House was called into session, the business was conducted by our outgoing president, Kathy Light. There were six resolutions before the House and all passed. Only one resolution, Mandatory Influenza Vaccination for Healthcare Workers, generated some lively discussion and an amendment around the word "mandatory". The amendment failed and the resolution was accepted as originally written with a few dissenting votes. A touching moment of silence was observed in honor of our military nurses and in memory of those nurses who have passed away. Although there is a courtesy resolution every HOD in memory of TNA members that have passed away, the resolution to honor our military nurses was new and received a unanimous vote.

I wish each member of TNA could experience House of Delegates because it is there that they would see what TNA is all about. It is about the business of the profession of Nursing and making the practice of Nursing what it is today and into the future. There is something very special about being a part of the House of Delegates and it was an honor to represent the district.

----Sharon Ransom

MEMO:

## 50/50 Split Raffle

The 2007 Annual Awards Dinner will be held on Thursday, May 17th, at the Cook Children's Medical Center Hochberger Auditorium. TNA, District 3 is planning to have the **50/50 Split Raffle** again this year. The prize for **50/50 Split Raffle** is equal to 50% of the total earnings from the sale of the raffle tickets. That's right; the winner takes home a CASH prize. The more tickets sold, the bigger the prize! The 50 /50 Split Raffle tickets sell for \$10.00 each, and are included in this mailing.

Your friends, family, and co-workers will want to be included in this drawing. All proceeds, from the raffle ticket sales, benefit the TNA-3 Scholarship Fund. TNA-3's success begins with you!

### **Past Winners**

2004	Sharon Ransom	\$1,000.00
2005	Marinda Allender	\$ 600.00
2006	Mary Alice Stam	\$ 620.00

You do not need to be present at the Annual Awards Dinner to win. Raffle tickets may be submitted for the drawing at the Annual Awards Dinner, or to the TNA-3 office at the following address:

Texas Nurses Association, District 3  
PO Box 16958  
Fort Worth, TX 76162

## .....from the Governmental Affairs Committee

As many nurses call in their vote to American Idol and Dancing with the Stars, how many nurses in Texas are calling their local representatives to voice their opinions regarding their own profession?

The following excerpt from the TNA website to help explain what the GAC means to Texas and nurses:

*The Texas Nurses Association's governmental affairs program (GAC) is based on a belief that nursing provides a unique and significant perspective when health policy decisions are made. Sharing that perspective in legislative and regulatory arenas has over the years created positive change for nursing and maintained quality health care for Texans.*

*It was members of TNA who initiated in 1909 the first nursing licensing act in Texas. Titled the Nurse Registration Act, it began a rich tradition of legislative involvement for TNA. Ever since, TNA has been active and vigilant at the Texas Legislature, advocating for its members, the nursing profession, and consumers of health care to assure a desirable practice environment for nurses and quality nursing care for Texans. Over the years experience has proven that if nursing fails to be involved, the important decisions for nursing and health care will be made by others less knowledgeable.*

Many issues are being addressed, presented and voted on as I write this report. As a nurse in Texas it is your responsibility to be aware of Bills that are being discussed and voted on. These Bills may have either a direct or an indirect effect on your practice; however as a professional, it is important that you understand all areas covered. We urge you to take a few minutes and review all proposed bills.

### Here are some highlights:

**House Bill 1362** Relates to reports by nurses of certain conduct and protection from retaliation for those nurses. This Bill was *introduced* and *referred* to Committee on House Public Health 02/19/07.

*Remarks:* Clarifies the protections and remedies available to nurses (both RNs and LVNs) when they advocate for their patients or raise patient care concerns. This bill is jointly authored by the two nurses in the Texas Legislature – Rep. Donna Howard (D-Austin and former RN) and Rep. Susan King (R-Abilene and practicing RN). The legislation was initiated at the request of the Texas Nurses Association and came out of the work of one of its task forces looking at cultures of safety issues.

**House Bill 1707** was created by the California Nurse's Labor Union relating to the practice of nursing in Texas has been *introduced* and *referred* to committee on House Public Health on 02/28/07 .

*Remarks:* This bill is initiated by the California nurses labor union. The Texas Nurses Association opposes the bill because it 1) distorts the legislative achievements the Texas Nurses Association and other Texas nursing organizations have achieved for Texas nurses over the past 25 years; 2) devalues nursing as a profession by repealing any obligation of nurses to report nurses whose continued practice puts patients at risk; 3) fragments nursing by creating a class of nurses that are portrayed as deserving of special protections and privileges of which other nurses apparently are not as deserving; and 4) will not improve patient care for Texans and is likely to make Texas' critical nursing shortage more difficult to address.

**House Bill 2158** relating to nurse peer review and the regulation of the practice of nursing was *referred* to the House Committee on Public Health on April 13, 2007.

*Remarks:* Companion bill is SB 993. This bill is one of two bills that the Texas Nurses Association has initiated this session addressing the nurse's practice environment. The other is HB 1362 / SB 761. HB 2158's purpose is to shift the regulation of nursing away from an individual-blame oriented model and toward a model that focuses more on addressing system inadequacies and remediation of the individual. The bill accomplishes this shift by modifying the mandatory reporting provisions of the Nursing Practice Act to help ensure that the nurses reported to the BNE are those nurses whose continued practice poses a risk of harm to patients and by encouraging greater sharing of information among the various committees that review patient care incidents. Current law is slanted toward the view that errors are primarily caused by "bad" individuals and when an error occurs, the individual who made the error needs to be identified and punished. This bill reflects the view that errors are primarily the result of system inadequacies that either made the error likely to occur or failed to provide the safeguards needed to prevent the error from occurring.

**House Bill 2426** Bill relating to the continuation and functions of the Board of Nurse Examiners *Passed* on 4/19/07.

*Remarks:*

Same as SB 907. BNE Sunset bill. Implements recommendations of Sunset Commission including recommendations of concern to nursing. Bill provisions of special concern are 1) reducing role of BNE in approving nursing education programs and 2) changing nursing peer assistance from an alternate reporting to a diversion program.

A full update of all the Bills relating to nursing can be found on the TNA Website at [www.texasnurses.org](http://www.texasnurses.org) and at [www.capitol.state.tx.us/BillLookup/History](http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/BillLookup/History). These websites will not only tell you where the Bill currently stands, but also who is initiated the Bill and who is voting on it. This is your chance to make your voice heard where it matters most. Remember Does Sanjaya care about whether a Union comes to Texas?

Kerry Baucom

In Memory of



John C. Parker  
1927 — 2007

John Chauvet Parker, a native of Biloxi, Mississippi went to be with his Lord on Sunday, March 25, 2007 at the age of 79. Mr. Parker is survived by his wife of 40 years, Dorothy L. Parker, a past president and former board member of TNA, District 3; four children and nine grandchildren.

## 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). Additional information and forms can be downloaded at the following website: <http://www.texasnurses.org/tpapn/index.htm>.

## 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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Fort Worth, TX 76162

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## District Three Welcomes Our New & Reinstated Members



Melissa M. Allen  
Elizabeth K. Bingham  
Paula M. Burchfield  
Karen E. Cahn  
Pamela Coffield  
Sheri M. Fergusson  
Maria R. Flores

Jacqueline K. Foslin  
Cathleen J. Gustafson  
Rayford W. Henslee  
Myeong J. Jackson  
Michael E. Lewis  
Jackie L. Michael

Bethany Olinger  
Carolyn Palsky  
Curtis J. Purser  
Jimmy D. Romero  
Donna Scott-Tilley  
Sommer M. Shockley  
Katrina Wilkins

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.



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

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 2006 Annual TNA-3 Awards Dinner. (Please make checks payable to TNA-3)

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

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

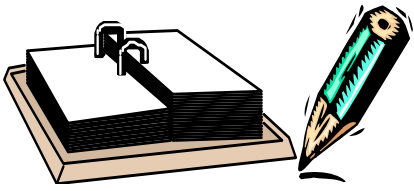
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**Cancellation policy:** Cancellations received in writing as least 14 days prior to the program/event will be refunded in full minus the cost of any fees incurred by district 3 in association with the program/event. Cancellations received after this time will be refunded minus a \$25 processing fee and the cost of any fees incurred by district 3 in association with the program/event. No refunds will be made after the program/event begins.

# Congratulations to the 2007 Great 100 Nurses!

Jo Alch, Acappella In Home Care  
Lillie Alexander, Harris Methodist HEB  
Barry Allen, Baylor Medical Center @Irving  
Patricia Alridge, Baylor All Saints Medical Center  
Joy Don Baker, UTA School of Nursing  
Julie Patrice Balluck, Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas  
Joyce Bass, Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas  
Penny Beattie, Methodist Dallas Medical Center  
Felicia Bessman, HCA North Hills Hospital  
Zita Bolling, Baylor All Saints Medical Center  
Susan Boryca, Baylor Medical Center Plano  
Mae Brown, Medical City Dallas Hospital  
Sally Brown, UT Southwestern University Hospital  
Johnnie Sue Bucek, Arlington ISD  
Carolyn V. Burcham, VA North Texas Health Care System  
Barbara Calderon, USMD Arlington  
Gloria Canham, Richardson ISD  
Homer Capiral, Medical City Dallas Hospital  
Polly Caraway, Plaza Medical Center  
Natalie Carpenter, Walls Regional Hospital  
Susan Cauley, Parkland Health & Hospital System  
Maria Chapman, Presbyterian Hospital Plano  
Rebecca Charpentier, Arlington Memorial Hospital  
Brenda Christoforo, Harris Methodist Fort Worth  
Pamela Clark, JPS Health Network  
Susan Kay Cooper, Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas  
Elnora Darland, Harris Methodist HEB  
Mary Ann Davenport, Harris Methodist HEB  
James L. Dickens, Center for Medicare & Medical Services  
Ann Dickman, Arlington Memorial Hospital  
Sheila Cook-Dolciame, Parkland Health & Hospital System  
Brenda Doughty, Arlington Memorial Hospital  
Steve Doyle, Medical Center of Lewisville  
Markeeta Edwards, Walls Regional Hospital  
Anneli Fuller, Medical Center of Plano  
Shawna Gonzalez, Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas  
Barbara Gosnell, Harris Methodist Northwest  
Carolyn Grady, Harris Methodist Fort Worth  
Felecia Green, Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas  
Bonnie Gregory, Plaza Medical Center of Ft. Worth  
Elaine Griffin, Presbyterian Hospital of Plano  
Sharon Gunn, Baylor University Medical Center  
Rebecca Hardie, Baylor All Saints Medical Center  
Lavonne Adams, Texas Christian University  
Sharon M. Ikeler, Las Colinas Medical Center  
Sarah Joslin, Baylor Medical Center Irving  
Betty Kapsos, Harris Methodist Fort Worth  
Barbara Keeney, Harris Methodist HEB  
Gail Kemp, Baylor Medical Center @ Irving  
Terryl Kendricks, Plaza Medical Center of Fort Worth

Chris Lane, Harris Methodist Fort Worth  
Mauricio Lastra, Green Oaks Hospital  
Pauline Lauderdale, Baylor All Saints Medical Center  
Eloise Lembke, Medical Center of Plano (Retired)  
Linda Liewer, Baylor All Saints Medical Center  
Joy Lynn Lira, Baylor All Saints Medical Center  
Kenneth Longbrake, Harris Methodist Northwest  
James R. McClanahan, Harris Methodist HEB  
Sandi McDermott, Baylor Health Care System  
James P. McGraw, Tarrant County College  
Rochell McMillan, Arlington Memorial Hospital  
Maureen Madewell, Baylor All Saints  
Patricia Marling, Tarrant County College  
Tammy Marnell, Baylor University Medical Center  
Catherine Martin, Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas  
Emilie Mungioli, Medical Center of Plano  
Karen Neighbors, Trinity Valley Community College  
Dawn Nichols, JPS Health Network  
Denice Nowlin, Texoma Medical Center  
Filieta Ofa, Arlington Memorial Hospital  
Maryann Orrell, Arlington Memorial Hospital  
Robyn Owens, Harris Methodist Northwest  
Charlyn Pafford, North Hills Hospital  
Debbie Palmer, Walls Regional Hospital  
Sharon Ransom, Cook Children's Health Care System  
Allison Rico, JPS Health Network  
Kris Riddlesperger, Texas Christian University  
Mary Root, Harris Methodist Fort Worth  
Mary Rust, Baylor Regional Medical Center Plano  
Loretta Saunders, Baylor Regional Medical Center Grapevine  
Terri Scamardo, Baylor Regional Medical Center Grapevine  
Kiran Sharma, JPS Health Network  
Rhonda Sharp, Parkland Health & Hospital System  
Paula Spencer, Presbyterian Hospital of Plano  
Mary Alice Stam, Retired – UTA School of Nursing  
Florence A. Stanton, Tarrant County College South Campus  
Laura Strohmeier, Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas  
Jayne Thomas, Denton Regional Medical Center  
Ramona Traverse, Medical Center of Plano  
Pat Turpin, UTA School of Nursing  
Paula Vastine, Tarrant County College  
Charles Walker, Texas Christian University  
Nancy Walsh, Harris Methodist HEB  
Betty White, Tarrant County College  
Beverly Williams, JPS Health Network  
Julie Withaeger, Cook Children's Medical Center  
Cassandra Womack, North Texas VA Health Care System  
Carol Wood, JPS Health Network  
Irene Woods, Baylor All Saints Medical Center  
Pat Yancey, Arlington Memorial Hospital



# Mark Your Calendar!

**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