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State News

Alabama:

Gregory Howard (Alabama President) has been elected to serve on the Alabama State Board of Nursing.

The Alabama Annual State Conference will be held June 11th-12th, 2009 at the Capstone Hotel in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. For more information, contact Greg Howard at gregory.howard@va.gov.

Kansas:

The Kansas Federation of Licensed Practical Nurses will be conducting a membership drive in April and May. We will be mailing letters and information about KFLPN and NFLPN to the LPNs in our state. It has been at least 15 years since we tried to recruit members by mail. We are hoping for at least a 10% return rate on the information we send out. Of course we are also going to mail information to former members and try to get them back. I will let you all know in future newsletters how successful we were in our attempts.

Janet Jacobs, LPN
KFLPN President

With great sadness, we regret to inform you that a long standing member and LPN, Margie Lefler, passed away January 27, 2009. Margie had dedicated 43 years to health care as a nurse and was a longstanding member of NFLPN and KFLPN. She had served as director and secretary of NFLPN and as president of KFLPN. Marge had received the Lillian Kuster Award in 2003. Anyone wishing to express their condolences may do so online at www.oldmissionmortuary.com, by clicking on Marge Lefler's name.

Louisiana:

The Louisiana Federation of Licensed Practical Nurses is holding their state convention April 24-25, 2009, the theme this year is "LPNs Involved and Committed"

Location: Holiday Inn, 1051 US Highway 165, Monroe, La. 71203
Phone: 318-387-5100

Please contact Faye Norton, President for information at phone number 337-436-9651 or via email at lounrton@yahoo.com.

Remember to keep your membership contact information current. Call NFLPN at 800-948-2511 or email nflpn@mgmt4u.com with any changes to your name, address, phone numbers, and email.

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Maryland:

February 2nd, 2009 will be the 2009 Maryland Nurses Association annual event. It will start out with MNA Lobby Day and Student Day in Annapolis Monday Feb. 2nd; Student Day will be 1pm-4pm and the Lobby Day for Nurses will be 4pm-8pm.

Maryland will have their 48th Annual Conference May 4th-5th 2009 at the Holiday Inn Express/Annapolis/Kent Island; 1020 Kent Narrows Road, Grasonville, MD. 21638.

Registration deadline is April 10. Hotel reservation can be made directly to the Hotel @ 1-210-827-4454. For more information call Wahanita Hawk 1-888-609-2451 to leave your contact information.

NFLPN Vice President, Wahanita Hawk is actively planning for the 60th NFLPN Convention to be held in Nashua, New Hampshire October 14th-20th, 2009. Details will be coming out shortly, or check the NFLPN web site, www.nflpn.org. Wahanita, along with the entire NFLPN Board of Directors encourages each LPN/LVN, LPN Student, and LPN Instructor to attend this special convention, CELEBRATING THE 60TH YEAR OF NFLPN.

Mississippi:

The Mississippi LPN Association announces the 2009 convention "Celebrating Awesome Works" which emphasizes the awesome works accomplished by Mississippi LPNs. The exhibits and vendors will deliver us exciting and remarkable opportunities to discover new friends. The Pearl River Resort is the ultimate Mississippi casino, hotel and spa resort experience offering everything you need for the perfect getaway! Hope to see you there April 15-17, 2009 at the Pearl River Resort in Choctaw, MS.

Visit our web site for details www.mslnp.org, call or email our executive director Linda Shows at 601-319-5010 or linda.shows@jcjc.edu.

Helen Amos
MLPNA President

New York:

The NYLPNA President, Marylou Flannigan, needs your support and efforts to keep the state association going. Marylou has had some difficult times and the board members are in need of membership support and collective efforts to volunteer and become more involved in the association.

If you are able to volunteer your efforts to your state association, please contact the NFLPN President, Missy Moore at Ottamissiah@yahoo.com or the NFLPN Membership Chair, JoAnn Shaw at jslnp@sbcglobal.net to offer your support and services.



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New Hampshire:

The NHLPNA would like to welcome any LPN or PN student to our monthly state meeting. The meetings are held every 3rd Thursday of the month at PLEASANT VIEW (GENESIS) on Pleasant Street in Concord, NH. There is a saying, "No one can do everything, but everyone can do something". With this in mind, please consider becoming a part of your association. We are NH LPN's working together for our future.

Spring Conference will be held on May 5, 2009 at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, NH. Please contact Pat Tobin for more information.

Save this date and come and meet fellow LPN'S within our state and beyond. Continuing education credits will be granted. Breakfast and lunch will be included and an opportunity to win door prizes. There is also a uniform store on site with discounts for conference participants. Please consider attending the conference and having a relaxing, educational, and fun day!

New Hampshire is proud to host the 60th Annual National Convention at the Radisson Hotel, Nashua, NH. The event will be held October 16-18, 2009 and will include NFLPNs 2nd Annual Student Day Competition and a Military LPN training course. Please check back often for convention updates!

Remember that continuous learning is the ethical responsibility of every nurse. What better way is there to do this? Take advantage of both opportunities!

North Carolina:

The NCLPNA will be holding their state 62nd Annual Convention on March 27, 2009 at the Hilton Hotel, Raleigh-Durham Airport at Research Triangle Park, 4810 Old Page Road, Durham, NC 27709 Tel: 919-941-6000. Room rate: \$119, mention NCLPNA convention attendance. Cutoff date for this rate is March 5, 2009.

Please support your state association and bring an item to donate for the raffle drawings. Please contact Janie Wilson, Ways and Means Chair, at 919-477-0173 for more information about donations and raffle tickets.

Please contact Patricia Beverage, LPN at 910-346-8225 or via email at patriciabeverage@hotmail.com for more event and registration information.

Wisconsin:

Wisconsin is getting geared up for their 59th Annual State Convention titled "LPNs...The Hands of Hope", which will focus on Hospice Care. This event will take place at the Wintergreen Resort and Conference Center in Wisconsin Dells, WI. May 6th-8th 2009. We encourage ALL LPNs, LPN Students and LPN Instructors to attend. For more information, contact JoAnn Shaw jslpn@sbcglobal.net or 920-684-1613.

At Large Individual:

Betty Christian from Pennsylvania announced that on Saturday January 7th, 2009, President Elect, Barack Obama, boarded a train in Philadelphia, PA 30th Street at 10:30am. He stopped in Wilmington, Delaware to pick up Vice President Elect Joe Biden and his wife Jill en route to Baltimore and then to Washington D.C....This was a Historical event.

Betty Christian, LPN
Individual At Large Representative

At Large members are NFLPN members that reside in states without a state level association. We receive many inquiries about developing state level associations under NFLPN but rarely find a group of LPNs that are able to follow through with the task of beginning a chapter. Several LPNs/LVNs have expressed interest in a Pennsylvania, Texas, and California. We need volunteers to bring a group together, establish board members, and create the state chapter bylaws and charter.

If you are that special volunteer, please contact the NFLPN President, Missy Moore at Ottamissiah@yahoo.com or the NFLPN Membership Chair, JoAnn Shaw at jslpn@sbcglobal.net. They will guide you through the procedures of establishing your state association.

Other Event News:

The Jurex Center for Legal Nurse Consulting is conducting a 2-day Professional Legal Nurse Consultant Certification Course March 21-22, 2009 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Opryland Airport Hotel in Nashville, TN. Early registration is \$749 for the course.

Please call 901-496-5447 or visit www.jurexnurse.com for more information.

Thank you,
Elizabeth Rudolph, President
Jurex Center for Legal Nurse Consulting

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Share the benefit of your knowledge and expertise with a newly licensed LPN or a PN student. Join the NEW NFLPN mentoring program. This program will be designed to pair new members and students with "seasoned LPN's" to assist as they ease into our profession, and to build leadership skills.

Judges needed for student skills workshop at convention! Show your skills and coach the students on Foley insertion, dressing changes, suctioning, and blood glucose monitoring.

Contact Missy Moore at ottamissiah@yahoo.com to participate or with questions

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Honor Society Recognition Program:

NFLPN would like to recognize the following PN students and schools for their support of the Student Honor Society recognition program in the last quarter. Each student was recognized by NFLPN for their efforts in maintaining a 3.0 or better GPA while attending the PN program at the supporting schools. NFLPN would also like to praise the PN schools that promote the only national organization for LPN/LVNs and an additional nod of appreciation to those who have become student chapters of NFLPN. Our success begins with our students, so let us praise the exceptional effort these students have made. Congratulations on your success and receipt of the NFLPN Student Honor Society certificate and lapel pin! For more information on the NFLPN Student Honor Society recognition program, visit www.nflpn.org.

Central Florida Community College, Florida
Heather Tillis recognized December 12, 2008.

Central Texas College, Texas
Sarah Armstrong, Rachel DeLeon, Christie Ford, Cicely Fortson, Brittney Gay, Kimeca Gray, Brandy Karcher, Gena Maxon, Tegan McDonald, Lisa Milligan, Esther Owofade, Capacstreal Smith, Laura Sorenson, Susan Thiongo, LaTerrica Watts, Tiffany Westerman, & Nicole Wolfe, recognized December 1, 2008.

Chester County Intermediate Unit – Brandywine Campus, PA
Sarah Ann Arbuckle, Ethel Elaine Barrett, Michelle Lee Butler, Tara Nicole Christy, Holly Dohner, Bambi Dyer, Andrea Lyn Fox, Lynn Anne Greenland, Lianne Herr, Stephan Matuszewski II, Amy Osman, Roberta Platt, Kymberley Christine Price, Sheila Prizer, Courtney Lee Rodgers, Talonda Shanae Rogers, & Jessica Lyn Velez, recognized December 10, 2008.
Porsha Barbosa, Kathleen Bennett, Marco Castillo, Tricia Demsky, Nicole Evangelista, Naomi Gatheca, Tiffany George, Wykeema Griffin, Dawn Groff, Sandra Jackson, Genevieve Matuszewski, Shonta Newton, Angelina Osborne, Daisy Perez, Tanisha Taylor, Cher Thomas, & Melissa Whiting, recognized March 18, 2009.

College of DuPage – Westmont Campus, Illinois
Shannon Marie Aguayo, Stephen Girarde, Supawadee Kakanur, Pamela Kegaly, Gina Monteleone, Sheila Paz, & Sandra Rushing, recognized November 25, 2008. Merry Kubwimana & Jennifer Salvino, recognized December 17, 2008.

East Mississippi Community College, Mississippi – NFLPN Student Chapter
Tracie Davenport, & April Junkin, recognized December 8, 2008.

ECPI College – Greenville Campus, South Carolina
Jackelyn Abril, Crystal Greene, Lauren Hagan, Brandy Hostetler, O'Shima Shumate, & Merlynn Stafford, recognized January 15, 2009.

Lively Technical Center, Florida
Roland Akosung, Stephen Ashley, Kenya Denis-Cowart, Stacey Fryzel, Marissa Hicks, Michael Ivestor, Patrick Lane, Gretchen Moss, Samara Pierre, Kelley Register, Jessica Smyly, Melissa Taylor, Nicole Thomas, & Tianah Tuttle, recognized December 18, 2008.

Louisiana Technical College - Westside Campus, Louisiana
Allison Oubre, & Meredith Rodrique, recognized December 17, 2008.

Madison Area Technical College, Wisconsin
Theresa Blanekship, Renee Cawkins, Jennifer Disler, Melissa Goodearle, Shelly Hansen, Jacqueline Hunter, Stephanie Kind, Abby Lou, Starlena Nelson, Jackie Olszewski, Karen Stade, & Shandi Wargolet, recognized December 19, 2008.

Pima Community College, Arizona
Tia McKay recognized February 5, 2009.

Princeton Information Technology Center, Pennsylvania
Mylene Rollin recognized December 2, 2008.

South Florida Community College, Florida
Whitney Racey, & Matthew Smith, recognized December 4, 2008.

St. Joseph School of Nursing, New Hampshire
Emily Baldwin, Katie Belanger, Stephanie Cahill, Andrew Castor, Karla Charles, Jacqueline Coll, Katelyn Conroy, Aaron Corbett, Scott Currier, Mark Dean, Loni Despres, Deborah Harpin, Heidi Hart, Bency Jean-Baptiste, Dianna Kashulines, Michele Ketchum, Jillian Mercier, Nicole Murray, Kate Nichols, Lucy Njenga, Jaelyn Spruill, Katherine Swarm, & Crystal Switts, recognized December 2, 2008.

National Convention Information:

The NFLPN 60th Annual Convention will be held Oct 16-18, 2009 at the Radisson Hotel in Nashua, NH. We are celebrating 60 years of success and the 2nd Annual PN Student College Bowl. Additionally, board meetings and the Military training opportunities will run from Oct 15-19, 2009.

More details will be available online, emailed, and mailed to you in the coming months regarding the event. To make reservations early call (603) 888-9970 or book online at: www.radisson.com/nflpn. Single/Double room rate is \$109.00. You may contact the AAA Travel Agency, Chris Hamlet, at (800) 274-0543 for assistance with your travel arrangements.

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