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State News

Alabama:

Gregory Howard had been chosen "Hospital Hero" by the Alabama Hospital Association, West Council, and one of 10 honored during a luncheon at the Rose Bridge in Birmingham.

The Alabama State Conference 2008 will be held in Tuskegee, AL at Tuskegee University. Missy Moore will be the featured Education Presenter for a 4-hour Wound Care course.

Florida:

The LPN Association of Florida's Board and local members have been very busy collecting and fine-tuning arrangements to host the 59th Annual NFLPN Convention to be held Oct. 2-6, 2008 at the International Plaza Resort & Spa in Orlando, Florida. Due to our extensive involvement, there will not be a state convention and all local LPNs, students, and instructors are encouraged to attend the national convention. Contact Gini North, LPNAF President, for details via email: vnorth@tampabay.rr.com, phone: 727-549-2196, or visit www.nflpn.org.

Kansas:

Janet Jacobs, KFLPN President & NFLPN Secretary, met with Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of State Ron Thornburgh and key leaders in nursing on April 9 to witness the declaration of National Nurses Week held May 6-12, 2008. A copy of the proclamation and pictures taken with the Governor were sent to all attendees from the Kansas State Board of Nursing.

Kentucky:

The KSALPN 60th Annual Meeting was held April 4-5 at Mammoth Cave, KY with a business meeting on April 5. The event hosted an educational workshop on substance abuse and the physical complications attended by members, students, and instructors from the Glasgow Practical Nursing Program.

Dave Sallengs, R.Ph. from the Office of Inspector General gave a presentation on how the Kentucky All Schedule Prescription Electronic Reporting Program (KASPER) helps to fight against drug abuse. Detective Steve Wood from Allen County presented on the drug task force on methamphetamine abuse, misdemeanor, and felony charges. The last speaker, D. Wayne Hoffman, CADA from the Lincoln Trail Behavioral Health in Radcliff, KY discussed the recovery process.

Delegates elected for the 59th Annual NFLPN Convention are as follows: Ruth Ann Steele, Sr. Margaret Ann Seasily, Sylvia Keller, Sandra Thornton, Lucille Nichols, and Ann Fultz with Mary Sears, and Kathy Burr as alternates. The KSALPN Nurse of the Year Award went to Kathy Burr for her outstanding and loyal service as an LPN working in a physician's office, her dedication to KSALPN serving within local and state levels in various positions and committees for over 40 years.

Kentucky continued:

Legislative News: The Kentucky General Assembly recently approved a budget that will take money from professional licensing boards and commissions' funds for the state general fund to stave off shortfalls in the current budget year and for the next two years. There are 35 boards and commissions affected which get no state money to operate. The Licensing fees are supposed to help them run their offices and oversee their professions. The main role for these agencies is to investigate complaints of misconduct by professionals and to take disciplinary action, including possibly revoking and individual's license for violations. Though some agencies accumulate surpluses, those generally are reserved for unexpected expenses such as costly legal battle with someone protesting a disciplinary action.

Officials of several boards indicated operation cuts & increased licensing fees are necessary. Charlotte Beason, Executive Director of KY Board of Nursing stated, "It's pretty serious. We're going to have to make some serious cost-cutting decisions," leaving the board with a loss of over \$2 million over two years.

Kentucky lawmakers reallocated \$1.7 million from the nursing board for the current fiscal year & \$343,700 the next year of money necessary to cover operating costs.

Maryland:

The Maryland Licensed Practical Nurses Association did a fundraiser car raffle, and the Membership Committee sent out approx. 500 flyers to local LPNs, offering membership support & advertising the national convention in Orlando, FL.

Maryland's 47th Annual Conference is held May 5-6 at the Crowne Plaza Timonium, MD. The next membership meeting is scheduled for October 24 at the Carroll Hospital Center in the learning Center.

Mississippi:

The MLPNA held their annual convention April 16-18 at the Pearl River Resort in Choctaw, MS. The theme was "Working Skillfully, Caring with Joy" with close to 400 attendees & by all accounts dubbed one of the "best ever conventions" out of the 30 years MLPNA has held conventions throughout the state.

Continuing education units in IV Therapy, Respiratory Treatment & Therapy, Congestive Heart Failure, Smoking Related Lung Diseases, Contagious Disease & Infection Control, Listening Skills, Pediatric, & current workforce initiatives by the Office of Nursing Workforce were offered to attendees. The new Executive Director from the Mississippi Board of Nursing, Dr. Melinda Rush, & the current Director of Licensure & Practice, Sheree Zyblot, RN, MHS presented current practice issues being considered by the board. Membership & activity in the MLPNA was encouraged to strengthen the collective voice for the 12,000 LPNs throughout the state. Keynote speaker Ollie Mannino helped attendees identify their personality styles & motivate effectiveness in the workplace.



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Mississippi continued:

“Student Day” was previously designated for the last day of the convention. This year, convention planners decided to expand Student Day to the entire three days and boasted a HUGE success! Students throughout the state have been forming student chapters under the umbrella of MLPNA; several have applied for charters from NFLPN. The first student charter awarded was Pearl River Community College Poplarville, MS. Mississippi Practical Nurses Student Nurse Organization (MSPN SNO) selected their first officers: Kara Sullivan, President; Lorra Walley, Vice President; Diane Sloan, Secretary; Idell Barley, Treasurer; & Tamara Bryant, Director. Ten practical nurse programs were represented at the conference. Students participated in scholastic events where over 25 students received monetary scholarships given during the events.

This year’s convention was showered with vendors and many sponsored events. HMP, a Mississippi staffing firm sponsored the evening dinner & dance complete with DJ delighted the convention goers. The American Red Cross held a one-day certification course in Disaster Preparedness Training, with over 200 attendees receiving certification. MLPNA has collaborated with the American Red Cross to offer the course every year.

State Officers for MLPNA are: Helen Amos, President; Shira Richards, First Vice President; Yvonne Rowell, Second Vice President; Carolyn Holmes, Secretary; Cathy Walker, Treasurer; Carolyn Harper, Director; Pam Cox, Director; Dorothy McCullum, Director, and Dianne Harrison-Bell, Director. The six delegates for the NFLPN Convention are Lenore Carr, Glenda Mason, LeKathryn Gipson, Pam Cox, Dianne Bell, & Helen Amos. The Executive Board voted to renew the contract for Executive Director, Linda Shows.

New Hampshire:

The NHLPNA will hold its 58th Annual Conference on Tuesday May 13 at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H. Several excellent speakers are lined up to educate the attendees. Continental breakfast will be served during the early morning registration period, and sandwiches & wraps will be served for lunch. They have received GREAT feedback from previous conferences and invite you to join them at this year’s event. Special guest Jo Ann Shaw, Wisconsin President & National Membership Chair, will address the attendees.

New Hampshire has also begun preparations to host the 60th NFLPN Convention scheduled in New Hampshire October 2009.

NFLPN member Missy Moore is available for speaking engagements. Contact her directly at ottamissiah@yahoo.com.

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Wisconsin:

WALPN held its 58th Annual Convention April 30th thru May 2nd, at the Best Western Midway Hotel Riverfront Resort in LaCrosse, WI. “Hats off to LPNs” was the theme and various CEU programs were offered during the event. Student Day kicked off the convention with keynote speaker Susan Nelson, LPN, followed by Rachael Kaiser speaking on “Child Life Specialist: What are they and What Do They Do?” Then, “Pens and Needles” given by Connie Nosbisch, RN, CDE was followed by the first business session. Day 2 began with a business session and followed with speakers Christine Wilkins, MSW discussing “Diagnosis and Treatment for Autism Spectrum Disorders,” and “Clinical Trends in Migraine Management” by Le Sedlacek, APNP, CNS. The convention ended with the final business session.

Membership News



Register for the Annual Convention early by visiting www.nflpn.org and click on the registration link today!

Convention Information:

We are pleased to announce that Johnson & Johnson Inc. has sponsored Student Day activities planned at the Annual convention. Missy Moore had assisted in procuring that sponsorship in her strides to promote the nursing profession to upcoming students. Way to go Missy!

Education Foundation:

Board members met in April to discuss necessary changes to the existing continuing education program, IV Therapy certification program, and scholarship opportunities through the foundation. More information will be available soon and will be posted on our website.

Membership Updates:

NFLPN collaborated with Tafford Uniforms, F.A. Davis Company, and GrowingUpWithUs.com to make their products and services available for your convenience.

Website:

www.nflpn.org offers a wealth of information and resources. The on-line store is coming soon so check back often for updates!