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State News

At Large Individual:

At Large members are NFLPN members that reside in states without a state level association. Several LPNs/LVNs have expressed interest in a Pennsylvania, Texas, and California chapters. We need volunteers to bring a group together, establish board members, and create or revive 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 jslpm@sbcglobal.net. They will guide you through the procedures of establishing your state association.

Florida:

The Licensed Practical Nurse Association of Florida (LPNAF) was recently awarded with NFLPN's "Outstanding Membership Recruitment" plaque, federation officials have announced.

The plaque was given to recognize the hard work, team spirit, loyalty and sacrifices of LPNAF members to boost membership of their state and national associations, NFLPN officials said. As host of NFLPN 2008 in Orlando, LPNAF was commended for holding what federation officials said was a "successful conference" with more than 500 LPNs attending.

LPNAF organizers are now preparing for this year's state conference, which will be held in Tampa. For more information or to volunteer, contact Virginia North, LPN, LPNAF president, at vnorth@tampabay.rr.com.

Maryland:

The Maryland LPN Association (MLPNA) held a one-day conference May 4th at the Holiday Inn BWI Airport, Baltimore. The daylong event replaced the association's typical 2-day convention. With today's economy, a one-day conference would be best and still give every LPN in the state a chance to attend a full day of education, information and networking.

The conference included a presentation given by Hawk on MLPNA bylaws, job duties and committee responsibilities. The event concluded with the installment of the new board of directors.

The 2009 board includes: Wahnita Hawk, LPN, president; Patsy Fischer, LPN, vice president; Etta Brown, LPN, secretary; Delores Savage, LPN, treasurer; and Kimberly Miller, LPN, Bertha Boyd, LPN, Nora Bellamy, LPN, and Jean Rever, LPN, directors.

Officials are hoping to return to a 2-day convention format for 2010 and have scheduled May 10-11, 2010 for the event, location to be determined.

Wahnita Hawk
Maryland LPN Assoc. President

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Mississippi:

The Mississippi LPN Association held their annual convention April 15-17, 2009 at the Silver Star Hotel and Casino in Choctaw, MS. The theme was "Celebrating Awesome Works". LPN's and SPN's were treated to a selection of educational courses which included IV Therapy, Diabetic Medication Update, Dialysis Patient Care, Women's Health Issues, Understanding Electrolytes, Mental Health Care, and The Role of LPN in the Emergency Management of MI's. Licensure issues, a legislative update by Becky Currie a member of the MS House of Representative, and Medicaid Fraud Unit update by Office of the Attorney General. Students LPN's and Instructors participated in scholastic events and career enhancement/preparation. Everyone was treated to hilarious and insightful ways to cope by Janie Walters, the keynote speaker of the event. Total conference attendance was 832 LPNs, SPNs, vendors and speakers.

This year's conference was dedicated to the memory of Jim Blackledge, for his commitment to the betterment of MLPNA through service, love money and hard work. A memorial service was held for him on the last day of conference.

Conference attendees had a night of fun at a beach party with a luau theme sponsored by HMP and Bedford Care Center. Door prizes donated by various MS organizations and businesses were given at the party. A silent auction was held for a painting donated by Marsha Rivers, RN. Proceeds from the auction were given to MLPNA toward the student scholarship fund.

Elections were held for 2009-2010 Officers of MLPNA. New board members elected were: Kara Sullivan, 2nd Vice President; Idell Barley, Treasurer; LeKathryn Gipson, Director and David Schaefer, Director. Continuing to serve are: Helen Amos, President; Shira Richards, 1st Vice President; Carolyn Holmes, Secretary and Carolyn Harper, Director.

2009-2010 Student Officers elected were: Blake Reed President; Mandy White, Vice President; Stephanie McClendon, Secretary; Julie Chatman, Treasurer; Aaron Henderson, Karen McGraw, Gwendolyn Moore, Directors.

\$3,000 Student Scholarships were awarded for five events: Gather your supplies, Career Quest, PN Exam and Poster Competition. Recognition was given for students and instructors volunteer during the hurricane season.

Executive Director, Linda Shows was recognized by the board and the Convention Planning Committee, Tina Johnson, LeKathryn Gipson and David Schaefer.

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

Helen Amos
Mississippi LPN Assoc. President



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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.

With an agenda packed with continuing education opportunities, attendees of the Licensed Practical Nurses Association of New Hampshire (LPNANH) got down to business during the spring conference May 5 at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC), Lebanon.

Session speakers included Barbara Lazar, MD, a DHMC family practice physician who presented on "Keeping our Elders at Home and Honoring Their Wishes." Physical therapist Dawna Pidgeon, PT, followed with a workshop on "Falls, Risk, Reeducation," while Jeff Fleury, a police officer from Hanover, discussed drug abuse and its implications.

New Hampshire is proud to host the 60th Annual National Convention at the Radisson Hotel, Nashua, NH. The event will be held October 14-19, 2009 and will include NFLPN's 2nd Annual Student Day Skills Competition and College Bowl and will introduce the 1st Annual Warrior Competition in conjunction with the military training course.

Wisconsin:

Hospice and the LPN's role was the main topic of discussion at the Wisconsin Association of Licensed Practical Nurses (WALPN) 59th annual state convention, May 6-8 at the Wintergreen Resort and Conference Center, Wisconsin Dells.

Keynote speaker Sherri Peterson, RN, opened the event with her presentation, "LPNs: The Hands of Hope," in which she focused on the important role LPNs play in all areas of healthcare.

Other CE sessions included "Hospice 101: The Basics of the Medicare Benefit," "Symptom Management at End of Life," "The Role of the Social Worker in Hospice," and "The Role of the Chaplain in Hospice."

In addition to educational sessions and exhibitor breaks, WALPN also hosted a networking session during the conference in which attendees discussed issues in practical nursing in various parts of the state.

Organizers are currently planning for the 2010 convention, which will mark WALPN's 60th anniversary. While the event date is yet to be determined, WALPN board of directors have secured the venue: Fairfield Inn, Weston.

Wisconsin LPNs interested in being more active in their state and national organizations should visit www.nflpn.org or contact JoAnn Shaw, LPN, WALPN president, at 1259 S 32 St., Manitowoc, WI 54220, by phone at 920-684-1613, or by e-mail at jslfn@sbcglobal.net.

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.

Military:

Our hats are off to SGM Michael Robinson, NFLPN Director and Military Liaison, for a job well done! SGM Robinson was awarded the Army Commendation Medal recently for meritorious service while serving as the NCOIC, LPN-68W during the 59th Annual Convention in Orlando, FL last October. He distinguished himself by exceptional leadership, devotion to duty, tactical and technical expertise in his position, by training over 100 soldiers in Emergency Medical Training course which also provided continuing education credits for M6s. His initiative and dedication to the mission led to improved readiness of medical units within the Army.

SGM Robinson turned around from last year's event with higher expectations for the 60th Annual Convention not only for the Army nurses but for NFLPN as a whole. He has coordinated the 1st Annual Warrior Competition to coincide with the T8-800 training course offered this year and has raised the bar throughout the Army to provide more fruitful training opportunities for the military LPN! We are so excited about what Michael has planned and hope for a bigger turnout this year! For detailed information on the military LPN training, please visit www.nflpn.org, convention information, and download the military information packet.

National Convention Information:

The NFLPN 60th Annual Convention will be held Oct 14-19, 2009 at the Radisson Hotel in Nashua, NH. We are celebrating 60 years of success and the 2nd Annual Student Day Skills Competition and College Bowl. Military LPN training will be on the T8-800 training module and will hold its 1st Annual Warrior Competition where medic units will compete for trophies, military honors, and unit pride! Central Florida Community College and First Choice Training Institute have already confirmed students for the Student Day events! This is a Bylaws year so delegates plan to vote on proposed changes. The new mentorship program will pair up experienced members with new members to convention so volunteers are needed. If you are a member of your state board of nursing, please let us know and be sure to attend the BON meeting.

Visit www.nflpn.org for more details. Make your hotel reservations early! Call (603) 888-9970 or online at: www.radisson.com/nflpn. Single/Double room rate is \$109.00 (rate good through Sept. 14th). Contact the AAA Travel Agency, Chris Hamlet, at (800) 274-0543 for assistance with your travel arrangements. Local information:

Visit www.gonashua.com or www.nashuachamber.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Share your knowledge and expertise with a newly licensed LPN or a PN student. Join the NEW mentoring program 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. Each student had maintained a 3.0 or better GPA while attending their PN Program. NFLPN would also like to praise the PN schools that promote the only national organization for LPN/LVNs. 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.

Awarded since March 2009:

Broome-Tioga BOCES, Binghamton, NY

Christi Brailsford, Megan Gilfillan-Rullo, Jody Gould, Audrey Kase, Nancy Martiny, Brittany Riecke, Kathryn Skinner, and Kimberly Thomass, recognized June 19, 2009.

Coastal Carolina Community College, Jacksonville, NC

Jennifer Barnett, Jenna Bell, Corrina Brown-Girard, Ashley Goyings, Jessica Killough, Lauren Limaugue, Maria Mattaliano, Jennifer Morris, Amanda Poore, Brynn Soetaert, Jessica Suarez, and Donna Vause, recognized April 14, 2009.

Diman Regional School of Practical Nursing, Fall River, MA

Crystal Benevides, Jason Camara, Stephanie Dyer, Ashley Lima, Lindsay Rebello, Joshua Resendes, Stephanie Soares, Ashley Sousa, and Caitlin Tarr, recognized June 19, 2009.

Gwinnett Technical College, Lawrenceville, GA* Student Ch.

Shekina Ates-Brown, Halima Bashir, Bridgit Beauchamp, Pamela Davis, Chhavi Gupta, Jessica Hammond, Chantel Lambie, Tracy Latchman, Joefeliza Omadio, Mgbema Onyeonula, Marday Peters, Sanam Safi, Vincent Spencer, and Adam Topp, recognized April 14, 2009.

Kiamichi Technology Center, Durant, OK

April Bias, Stacy Ervin, Jacob Foster, Jason Foust, Greg Hagood, Amanda Hayes, and Lori Hicks, recognized June 11, 2009.

Ozarks Technical Community College, Springfield, MO

Linda Andrews, Christine Bartlett, Amy Blair, Cecelia Briley, Crystal Brinton, Alicia Carpenter, Tamika Davis, Deborah Harrison, Ashley Huffman, Theresa Inman, Jennifer Kelly, Lindsey Lathrop, Shelly Moffis, Mystraine Onoh, Reuben Ruvakule, Tara Walton, Elizabeth Williams, Jean Williams, Deborah Wilson, Amanda Martin, Jennifer Page, Brooke Stoner, and Kimberly Walling, recognized June 18, 2009.

Louisiana Technical College – Oakdale Campus, Oakdale, LA

Nicole Beasley, Megan Carrier, Brittany Durio, Ashley Farris, Cynthia Gonzales, Kelly Hebert, Donna Hollins, Farran Johnson, Tiffany Lambing, Guilene Lemaire, Christina Martin, Rhonda Mayo, Tracey McCallon, Kayla Melder, Genevra Monk, and Tania Willis, recognized May 7, 2009.

Tennessee Technology Center at Jackson, Jackson, TN

Katie Ballard, Lashondra Champion, Samantha Chapman, Rachel Firestone, Schreta Humphreys, Tiffany Knipper, Abbey McCord, Saschia Paton, Debbie Ransom, LaQuisha Richmond, Lauren Sanders, Bliss Scoggins, Rebecca Shields, Kristi Spain, Jahnell Traylor, Latasha Vardiman, Janet Wagner, and Reaster West, recognized April 23, 2009.

Western Suffolk BOCES, Northport, NY

Bessy Colin, Joanne Digiaco, Sarah Fisher, Kim Gommermann, Dwayne Gordon, Michele Hopkins-Green, Jillian Johnson-Brown, Kim Kruppenacker, Gayann Messam, Kim Michalowski, Syretah Montgomery, Kathleen Palka, Sonia Ribeiro, Kenisha Sharpe, Nisha Sheth, Nicole Smith-Farmer, Ian Stewart, and Rosemarie Vazquez, recognized April 20, 2009.

Dawn Frusco, Lauren Gorman, Bianca Lascano, Katerine Lastihenos, and Jaclyn Triolo, recognized May 30, 2009.

NFLPN Welcomes Its Newest Student Chapters

Welcome Hinds Community College, Itawamba Community College, and Jones County Junior College, in Mississippi as our newest Student Chapters! We congratulate Linda Shows and the MS LPNs for their continued efforts to grow and strengthen their state membership.

Existing student chapters include: Champlain Valley Educational Services, Plattsville, NY; Delgado Community College, New Orleans, LA; East Mississippi Community College, Scooba, MS; Gwinnett Technical College, Lawrenceville, GA; InterCoast Colleges/InterCoast Career Institute, Portland, ME; Louisiana State University, Shreveport, LA; Pearl River Community College, Poplarville, MS; Platt College, Moore, OK; and West Kentucky Community & Technical College, Paducah, KY.

For more information on how your PN program can become a student chapter, contact NFLPN at 800-948-2511 or e-mail nflpn@mgmt4u.com.

Other Event News:

NFLPN is working with VITAS to provide a 1-day training course on Oct 15th in conjunction with the convention. More details will follow as arrangements are made.

The Wound Care Education Institute is holding their “Wild On Wounds” Conference in Las Vegas September 10-12, 2009. Visit their website at www.woundseminar.net for more information. NFLPN members receive discounts on wound care certification through www.wcei.net.

The NFLPN Education Foundation offers IV Therapy and Gerontology certification by examination good for two years. NFLPN members receive a \$50 discount for initial certification. Please visit www.nflpn.org, certification program, for details on certification and recertification requirements.

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