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State News

Colorado

Congratulations to the newly elected officers for the Colorado Federation of Licensed Practical Nurses: Irene Bruns, President; Mary Katherine James, President Elect; Vileen Hostetler, Secretary; Esther Hashiba, Treasurer; Darlene Nap, Director; Eulia Hudson, Director; and Mary Portillos, Director. Elected Delegates to the 61st Annual NFLPN Convention in Birmingham, Alabama Oct.21-15, 2010, are Darlene Nap, Vileen Hostetler, Eulia Hudson, and Mary Portillos.

The CFLPN Executive Board has also started preparing the agenda for the 2011 Spring Convention to be held April 15th, 2011 in Colorado Springs.

Florida

The Florida LPNs are actively going to LPN schools within 100 miles, and have been successful in having three schools join NFLPN. They are working with them to start a student association and one has already been set up and running. We are encouraging these student LPNs to continue their membership in NFLPN, to grow in this organization, further their education, keep updated on issues which affect LPNs, and help promote the great works of the LPN in healthcare.

Gina North is serving on the Advisory Board of one of the PN Schools in Florida, keep up the good work Gina.

Louisiana

The Louisiana Federation of Licensed Practical Nurses held the 62nd Annual Convention in Baton Rouge, LA at the Holiday Inn on April 8th-10th, 2010. The theme was "New Horizon: Diabetes Update". Keynote Speaker was Linda Shows RN, BSN, and instructor at Jones County Junior College in Ellisville, MS, and Executive Director of the Mississippi Federation of LPNs. Deb Pete RN, Diabetic Educator at Earl K. Long Hospital, brought a most instructive presentation of handling diabetes in a hospital setting.

Mrs. Shows gave a Friday afternoon presentation which was a unique look at the Culturally Diverse Diabetic Diet that is so relevant to the population diversity of Louisiana. Linda also spoke on the experience of the Mississippi LPN Federation increase in numbers and the steps for success.

There will be an upcoming workshop on "Legal Issues and Documentation", Friday November 19, 2010 in Alexandria, LA, location to be announced at a later date.

Louisiana will be holding its 63rd Annual Convention on April 14-16th, 2011. They ask that you plan your days off now, and check the NFLPN web site www.nflpn.org, for updated information on this event.

State News

New Hampshire

The New Hampshire Licensed Practical Nurses Association will be hosting their 60th Annual Spring Conference May 4th, 2010 at the DHMC Lebanon, NH. This year the theme is "Geriatric Care". Speakers will enlighten attendees with sharing their knowledge on this ever changing subject.

What is a milestone celebration without cake, which will be part of this year conference?

Pat Tobin, NHLPNA President, was a guest speaker at the Pinning Ceremony for the New Hampshire Technical Institute in Concord, NH where she spoke to graduating PN Students on "Nursing, Then and Now".

Pat Tobin serves on the Membership Committee for NFLPN. Lynn Cote serves as Vice Chair to the NFLPN Membership Committee.

New York

The New York Federation of LPNs has reorganized, and has eager members to work on making NFLPN more visible in their state. The new NYFLPN officers are Trudy Kelly, President; Melissa Zanella, 1st Vice President; Darrin, 2nd Vice President; Kristina Gwinn, Secretary; and Turquoise Turner, Treasurer. Check out their web site www.nyflpn@gmail.com for more information.

The NYFLPN was asked to be a vendor at the New York Practical Nurse Educator Council meeting which was held in Albany, New York April 29th-30th, 2010. NYFLPN was there in full force to educate the PN Educators about the National Federation of LPNs, and its importance to the PN Students. Joining them in support was JoAnn Shaw NFLPN Director, and NFLPN Membership Committee Chair. Trudy and JoAnn were able to address the more than 150 PN Educators from New York State. Their message was clear: The NFLPN is the professional organization for LPNs, PN Students, and PN Educators to foster and promote continued competence through education/certification, and lifelong learning, with a focus on public protection. The Educators were asked to visit the NYFLPN table to receive information about NFLPN, and requested they join our quest to inform their students about NFLPN.

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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Wisconsin

The Wisconsin Association of LPNs will be holding its 60th Annual Convention May 5th-7th, 2010 at the Fairfield Inn, Weston, WI. The Theme for this year is "LPNs...Forever Caring, Forever Learning". Keynote Speaker will be L.Thomas Bychinski "Awaken the Sleeping Giant within You". Other CEUs will include "Food Allergies", "Wound Classification and Documentation" (two part session), "The Pain of Veins", Simulate This...Vital Stimulation and Interactive Metronome", and "Chronic Renal Failure". There will be a special presentation from Senator Julie Lassa on "Update on Health Care Issues", and June Bahr LPN will speak on "Your State Board of Nursing".

WALPN is already planning the 2011 Annual Convention to be held May 4th-6th, 2011 at the Comfort Suites and Rock Garden in Green Bay, WI.

At Large Individual:

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.

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.

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 is designed to pair new members and students with "seasoned LPN's" to assist as they ease into our profession, and to build leadership skills. Contact Missy Moore at ottamissiah@yahoo.com to participate or with questions

Other Event News:

Membership Committee

We would like to welcome Utah as a newest Constituent State of NFLPN. Presently we are working with New Jersey on taking the steps to joining NFLPN as a Constituent State.

The NFLPN Membership Committee has an ongoing contest which runs from October 2009 to October 2010 for recruitment. Each time you recruit a NEW member to join NFLPN; your name goes into a drawing. At the close of the October NFLPN Convention, one name will be drawn to receive a certificate for their next renewal to NFLPN, paid in full. Your name will be entered each time you recruit someone, the more recruits, the more chances to WIN!

This year's winner is Wahnita Hawk. Congratulations, and keep on recruiting.

Also winners in the Membership Committee drawings were, Ann LeClair, a Student who joined at the NFLPN 2009 Convention, is the winner of 50% off her next renewal to NFLPN; and Kimberlee Lessard, a Non-member who joined by attending the NFLPN 2009 Convention, is the winner of 50% off her next renewal to NFLPN. We extend congratulations to all our winners.

National Convention Information:

Save the Date!

The NFLPN 61st Annual Convention will be held Oct 21-25, 2010 at the Sheraton Hotel in Birmingham, Alabama.

More details will be available online, emailed, and mailed to you in the coming weeks regarding the event.

NFLPN Needs Your Help

We are asking that NFLPN members bring to Convention in Alabama, the following items to assist in an NFLPN Scrap book:

1. Pictures of their Nursing graduation or pictures in uniform
2. Bring old programs and announcements that we can keep
3. bring a few supplies, and some great ideas to document the history of NFLPN and our great works
4. Any pictures of any NFLPN Convention
5. People willing to speak about the start of the NFLPN, contact Missy Moore

SPECIAL EVENT

The National Federation of LPNs will hold an ELNEC class and an IV Therapy training course on October 22nd as a single day event in conjunction with the annual convention. You may register for the single training or in conjunction with the convention registration at a discounted rate. More details will follow, along with the 2010 NFLPN Convention information.