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What you need to know

Nurses: Making a Difference Every Day National Nurses Week May 6-12

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & PROGRAM MAY 13, 2008

5 - 6 pm: **Registration & Italian Buffet**

6 pm: **Program: "Human Trafficking"**

7 pm: **Business Meeting**

Cost: **\$10**

Speaker: **Barbara Glickstein, RN, Host of "Health Styles" on Radio WBAI**

Place: **NYCRNA, 120 Wall Street, 23rd Floor Conference Center**

Important: Registration Required by May 6, 2008

Registration Form

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SAVE THE DATES

NYSNA Annual Business Meeting

SEPTEMBER 26 – 27, 2008

Rye Brook, New York

Staten Island Legislative Event & Membership Meeting

OCTOBER 7, 2008

Afternoones Restaurant, Staten Island

Manhattan Legislative Event & Membership Meeting

OCTOBER 14, 2008

Bellevue Hospital Center, Manhattan

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Mission Statement

The New York Counties Registered Nurses Association (NYCRNA), District 13 of NYSNA, is a professional membership organization that promotes the nursing community at the local level.

AGENDA

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| MAY | 2 | Annual Awards Dinner The Ketch 181 Pearl Street, New York, NY | |
| | 7 | CDNAA, Latham, NY | |
| | 13 | Retired Nurses Committee | 12:30 pm |
| | 13 | Annual Membership Meeting | 5-8 pm |
| JUNE | 2-8 | Annual Educational Getaway Cruise | |
| | 17 | Finance Committee | 5 pm |
| | 17 | Board of Directors | 6 pm |
| | 18 | NYSNA Orientation for ANA & HOD | 11 am -4 pm |
| | 18 | Legislative Affairs Committee | 5 pm |
| | 18 | NYCRNA-PAC | 6 pm |
| | 25-27 | ANA-House of Delegates – Washington, DC | |

*All meetings are held at the NYCRNA office unless otherwise noted.
 Please call 212-673-7110 for further information.*

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Retired Nurses Committee Meeting

May 13, 2008

120 Wall Street
23rd Floor Conference Center

Lunch Meeting:
12:30 - 3:00 pm

Pre-registration required
—call 212-673-7110 no later than
May 2, 2008

SPEAKER:

Doreen Steadman-Leary, RN
Associate
World Financial Group

In Memoriam

Mary Elizabeth Carnegie, DPA, MA, RN

A leader in nursing & a pioneer in mentorship of nurse research & ethnic minority nurse fellowship, Dr. Carnegie passed away on February 20, 2008.

Dr. Carnegie was a distinguished educator and author in the field of nursing, known for breaking down racial barriers and preserving the history of African American nurses. She was born in Baltimore, Maryland, received a diploma from the Lincoln School of Nurses, bachelor's degree from West Virginia State College, master's degree from Syracuse University, and doctor of public administration degree from New York University.

Some of Carnegie's professional achievements include serving as dean of the school of nursing at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University; becoming the first black nurse appointed to the board of the Florida Nurses Association; editing the *American Journal of Nursing* for 35 years; authoring the award-winning book *The Path We Tread: Blacks in Nursing Worldwide*; initiating the baccalaureate nursing program at Hampton University; serving as president of the American Academy of Nursing; and receiving eight honorary doctorates in addition to numerous professional awards.

Dr. Carnegie was a long-term, active member of the New York Counties Registered Nurses Association, District 13, and was awarded Honorary Recognition in 1982. She was inducted into the American Nurses Association Hall of Fame in 2000.

Amendment to the Bylaws

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| <i>Current Bylaw:</i> | Article XV Official Organ The official organ is the <i>CALENDAR</i> , which is distributed to all members of this association. |
| <i>Proposed Change:</i> | Article XV NYCRNA News Periodical The NYCRNA, District 13 newsletter shall be the official news periodical of this association unless replaced by another and shall be provided to each member. |
| <i>Rationale:</i> | To move toward greater name recognition of the newsletter. |

Educational Advancement of the Nursing Profession: “BSN in Ten”

The New York Counties Registered Nurses Association (NYCRNA), District 13 of the New York State Nurses Association, hosted an important program, “Educational Advancement of the Nursing Profession,” on March 18, 2008 at the Bellevue Hospital Center 12th Floor Conference Room.

Bills A2480 and S0294 were re-introduced in the 2007 New York State Legislature. Both require future registered nurses to attain bachelor's degrees in nursing within ten years of initial licensure in order to continue to practice nursing in New York. Nursing must assume responsibility for maintaining the profession at a level required to assure quality care to the citizens of New York.

- These bills **preserve** associate, diploma and baccalaureate nursing education. **No** associate degree or diploma program would be closed as a result of this bill.



- The proposal is a new method of advancing the educational preparation of nurses. It is **not** an entry requirement that raised concerns in the past but a different plan based on established teacher preparation in NYS.
- These bills would apply only to *future* educated graduates of associate and diploma nursing programs. **All currently licensed Registered Nurses and current nursing students would be grandparented**

and never need to meet the baccalaureate requirement.

Administrators and faculty from the *Council of Associate Degree Nursing in New York State* and the *Council of Deans of Nursing, Senior Colleges and Universities of New York State* have collaborated regionally and **adopted a plan to guarantee 30 nursing credits** to graduates of New York State associate degree programs seeking to continue their education at the baccalaureate level. Students would

also receive credit for successfully completed liberal arts, science, and humanities courses.

Speaking to a large crowd of members, guests, and nursing students were Barbara Zittel, PhD, RN Executive Secretary, New York State Board for Nursing; Claire Murray, MPA, RN, Executive Director, NYONE; and Candy Dato, PhD, RN, NPP, Coordinator, Baccalaureate Program In Nursing NYC College of Technology, CUNY.

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e-leaRN™, a Web site sponsored by NYSNA, provides a wide range of online continuing education courses for RNs and other healthcare professionals.

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The New York Parent Educational and Awareness Program

How the Court System is Succeeding in Protecting Children Whose Parents are Going Through Divorce, Separation or Other Child-Centered Litigation

You do not have to know someone who is undergoing a separation, divorce or other child-centered litigation, and you do not have to experience it yourself, to recognize that putting children in the middle of the adult conflict can be detrimental to their health and well-being.

In 2001, in New York State, the Chief Judge, Judith Kaye, in her State of the Judiciary Address, announced an initiative to institutionalize parent education and awareness programs in New York State, and the creation of an advisory board to oversee this process. The Hon. Evelyn Frazee, a Supreme Court Justice in Rochester, is the Chair. This program is called the New York State Parent Education and Awareness Program.

What is the New York State Parent Education and Awareness Program? It is a program designed to educate divorcing or separating parents about the impact of their breakup on their children. The primary goal is to teach parents ways they can reduce the stress of family changes and protect their children from the negative effects of ongoing parental

conflict in order to foster and promote their children's healthy adjustment and development.

What does the court system do? Following the guidelines developed by the Advisory Board, the Office of Court Administration certifies and monitors local providers of such services who wish to accept court-referred participants. The New York State Parent Education and Awareness Program has a website at www.nycourts.gov/ip/parent. It contains all of the guidelines and procedures for certification, and all of the forms that the providers of the program must use. There are currently 49 certified parent education providers in 61 counties offering classes in 91 locations. Judges may, in their discretion, order parents to attend these classes, parents may self-refer and attorneys as well as agencies can refer parents.

This is just a brief overview of the current status of The New York State Parent Education and Awareness Program. Experience and research have shown that parent education does make a positive difference for children and

their parents who are experiencing divorce or separation and it can help bring about a reduced need for court intervention. Currently, parent education is available in 61 counties. We are focusing on "getting the word out" about the certified programs so that more and more parents will utilize them.

If you have any suggestions about how we can accomplish this, you can contact the Program by e-mail at nyparent-ed@courts.state.ny.us or at the toll-free number at 888-809-2798, or by mail at the New York State Parent Education and Awareness Program, 140 Grand Street, Suite 701, White Plains, New York 10601. Also, you can locate information about parent education at the parent education website at www.nycourts.gov/ip/parent-ed. Finally, please tell parents about this important program-it can make all the difference in the lives of children and parents in this State.

Susan L. Pollet
Counsel & Director

Blessing of the Hands Labyrinth Meditation Walk

Nightingale Tribute and Memorial Service for Dr. Annmarie Sortino

Followed by Light Refreshments in Nursing Resource Center (NRC).

Monday, May 12, 2008 marks the 9th Annual Nightingale Moment celebrated by the American Holistic Nurses Association. This is a celebration and dedication of the heart and spirit of nursing.

We have chosen this event to also offer the Nightingale Tribute to memorialize a very special member of the Evelyn L. Spiro School of Nursing's faculty, Dr. Annmarie Sortino, professor emerita, a much-loved and respected member of the nursing profession, a true mentor and friend to many and missed by all.

RSVP: 718.390.3478 or email: epsilonmu@wagner.edu

Special Announcement

*You Are Cordially Invited To Attend
A Pension, Retirement, & Estate Planning
Workshop*

DATE & TIME: EVERY
MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY*
9 A.M. – 7 P.M.
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LOCATION: 420 LEXINGTON AVE, NEW YORK, NY 10170
Graybar Building – 15TH FLOOR

Speakers

Yvonne Y. Russell, MBA*
Available To Discuss:
Pension Maximization
Retirement & Estate Planning
Pre-Retirement/Retirement Income
1Guaranteed 2Lifetime Income Annuities
Asset Protection Planning
Estate Conservation
Wills/Trusts/Estates

Marc Alhonte, Attorney at Law
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Annual Dues

Regular membership: \$95

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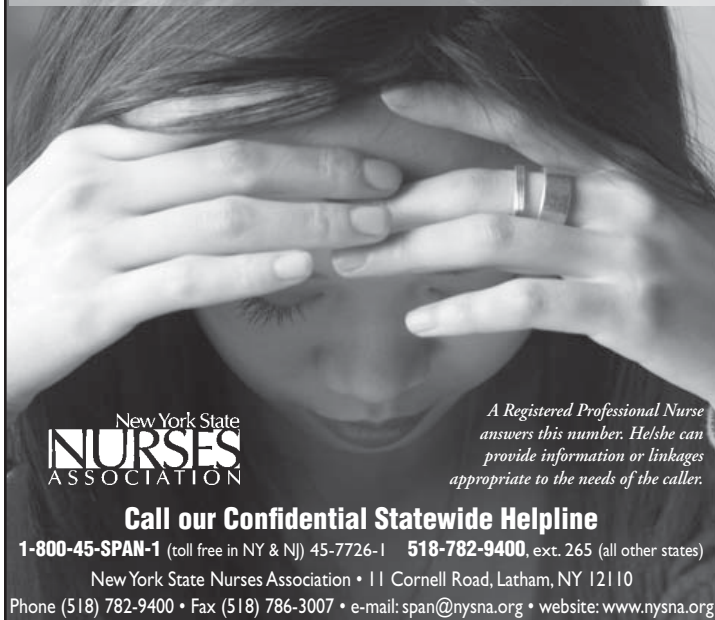
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- Information and Education about addiction and peer assistance
- Prevention and Identification resources and strategies
- Ongoing Support and Advocacy for recovering nurses
- Linkages with other peer assistance programs and treatment providers



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May/June Issue Mar 15

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|-----------------------|------------------|---|
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| ½ Page | \$350 | \$300 each |
| ¼ Page | \$200 | \$150 each |
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We ask that all District members send dues directly to NYC RNA. Annual dues are \$95 for regular membership, \$50 for retirees and \$35 for new graduate nurses (first year only). Thank you.

CALL FOR WRITERS

We're looking for a few good articles and reports of interest. If you would like to write for The Calendar or submit items of interest, please call 212-673-7110.

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