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Have your voices heard!!**

Hospital Closures! Recruitment & Retention!  
Funding for Nursing Education! Patient Safety!  
Staffing Ratios! Safe Patient Handling!

**DATE:** TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2006  
**TIME:** 5:30 p.m. Light refreshments  
6:00 p.m. Program  
**PLACE:** **Bellevue Hospital Center**  
Saul J. Farber Auditorium  
First Avenue at 27<sup>th</sup> Street, NYC

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
& ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE  
EVENT- STATEN ISLAND**

**Talk with your New York City  
& State Legislators**  
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**Date:** TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2006  
**Time:** 6:00 pm *sharp*—Buffet Dinner  
Business meeting to follow  
**Place:** **Afternoones Restaurant**  
415 Forest Avenue.  
Staten Island, NY  
**Cost:** Buffet Dinner \$28—members  
\$30—non-members

**CALL NYCRNA OFFICE FOR RESERVATIONS  
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*Nursing Students Welcome!*

## NYSNA Nursing Practice Alert Age Limitations for Pediatric Nurse Practitioners Expanded—2006

In July of 2006, the New York State Board for Nursing (SBN) provided a memorandum that increased the age limitation from 18 to 21 as the acceptable standard of care for Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NPs). This change comes as a result of recommendations from the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNP) and the American Medical Association's Guidelines for Adolescent Preventive Services. In special circumstances, a Pediatric NP may treat a patient beyond the age limit of 21 if, and only if, these special circumstances are stated in the collaborative agreement on file in the designated practice setting. It is expected that individuals who may be permitted to care for an older age group under these special circumstances will have education and training to be competent to do so.

## Payment of Collaborating Physicians by Nurse Practitioners—2006

In an attempt to offer guidance to Nurse Practitioners (NPs) whose collaborating physician(s) expect some form of payment for the services they render, the New York State Board for Nursing (SBN) issued a memorandum in July of 2006 clarifying when such payment is appropriate. An NP may pay a collaborating physician fair market value for services such as chart review and consultation; however, there is no compulsion for the NP to enter into such an arrangement. When a payment agreement does exist, it is not appropriate to include such terms within the written collaborative agreement nor should it influence the nature of the chart review.

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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**

<b>September</b>	12	Board of Directors	6:00 pm
	13	CDNAA	Latham, New York
	14	Nominating Committee	
	19	RN-SIG	12:30 pm
	19	Legislative Affairs Committee	6:00 pm
<b>October</b>	26	RN-PAC	6:00 pm (District 13 office)
	3	Staten Island Chapter Legislative Event	6:00 pm
	5-8	NYSNA Convention Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers	811 7 <sup>th</sup> Ave. at 53 <sup>rd</sup> St., NYC
	17	Legislative Event (Manhattan)	6:00 pm
		Bellevue Hospital Center • Saul J Farber Auditorium	
	TBA	Strategic Planning Committee	
	TBA	Nominating Committee	
<b>November</b>	14	Finance Committee	5:00 pm
	14	Board of Directors	6:00 pm
	21	RN-SIG	12:30 pm
	28	Legislative Affairs Committee	6:00 pm

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

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS 2007

Vice President; Secretary and 3 Directors; Chairperson Staten Island Chapter and Committee on Nominations 5 persons

Board meetings are held 7 times annually on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. • **DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 17, 2006**

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SPECIFIC AREA OF PRACTICE: \_\_\_\_\_

EDUCATION: (Please indicate those levels which you have completed)

Diploma  Associate Degree  Master's (MSN, MBA, MA)  Baccalaureate (BSN, BS, BA)  Doctorate (Ph.D, Ed.D)

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES: (Please list professional activities on district/community, state, and national levels. Include offices held).

**Present:** District/Community: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

National: \_\_\_\_\_

**Past:** (five years only) District/Community: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

National: \_\_\_\_\_

NYCRNA membership is required for election to an office.

I will serve if elected: \_\_\_\_\_

*Signature*

Type or print your statement which must include what you believe are the key issues for nursing. It may not be possible to publish statements in their entirety if they exceed 80 words. **Please submit this form along with your position statement to NYCRNA, 70 West 36<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 601, New York, NY 10018, Attention: Committee on Nominations.**



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# NYCRNA Annual Awards

## May 12, 2006

presented by Rosa Parris, president



*Lolita Compas receives the Honorary Recognition Award for leadership, mentorship and service to humanity.*



*Candy Dato receives the Presidential Citation for her dedication and commitment to nursing.*



*Carol Bagnell receives the Amanda Silver Distinguished Service Award in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the achievement of the Association's goals.*

*Mirian Moses receives Jane Delano Distinguished Award in recognition of her contribution to the elevation of nursing practice and education.*



*Rosa Tambis receives the Outstanding Staff Nurse Award in recognition of excellence in nursing practice.*

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## "Bright Lights...Bright Future"

### NYSNA revs up for Convention in New York City

by Diane Pineiro-Zucker

The NYSNA annual convention, "Bright Lights...Bright Future," will be at the Sheraton New York Hotel and Towers in Manhattan, from October 5-8. From burnout to laughter to taking control, speakers will help nurses cope with the complexities of their everyday lives.



The Institute of Medicine Report, *To Err is Human* (1999), provided the shocking estimate that up to 98,000 patients die each year due to medical errors. To put a human face on this statistic, Gibson will provide real-world stories about patient, family, and clinician experiences with adverse outcomes. She will discuss what actions can be taken in the aftermath of an error as

well as practical steps that can make health care safer for patients and practitioners.

On Sunday, October 8, from 8:30-9:30 a.m. endnote speaker Joel Ray-Alexander, assistant vice chancellor for public relations for the State University of New York at Albany, will discuss "The Absolute Joy in Finding Your Voice." Ray-Alexander believes that unlocking the inner voice can be the key to fulfilling your true purpose, maximizing the quality of your life, and effectively helping others. She will share her journey from the neighborhoods of New York City to the halls of state government.

Plenary speaker Barbara Rubel will address "Resiliency in Nursing: An Essential Skill in Preventing Burnout and Compassion Fatigue," from 3:30- 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 5. Rubel will help nurses understand the techniques they must master to deal with work-related stress and burnout, while providing compassionate care.

Rubel is a recognized expert in the field of coping after a sudden loss and is a nationally known bereavement specialist. She was featured in a 1998 PBS Emmy Award-winning documentary, *Fatal Mistakes: Families Shattered by Suicide*. Rubel is the author of the best selling book, *But I Didn't Say Goodbye: For parents and professionals helping child suicide survivors*.

Keynote speaker Diana Mason, editor-in-chief of the *American Journal of Nursing*, will discuss "Doing the Right Thing: Using Nurses' Power to Create Change." Her presentation will focus on reclaiming nurses' power by developing strategies to regain control while delivering the best in nursing care. Mason will speak on Friday, October 6, from 9:15 -10:15 a.m.

### Adding a touch of humor

Mason is an author and speaker on policy and politics in nursing and health care. She serves as a consultant in community health nursing and is co-producer/moderator of "Healthstyles," a weekly radio program on health, health care, and health policy.

Also on October 6, from 2-3 p.m., plenary speaker Janice Beitz will explore the value of humor in a presentation titled "Prescription: Laughteronium (Health through Humor)." Beitz will analyze humor's impact on our physiological, psychological, and sociological health.

Participants will learn how to incorporate humor into their daily lives and practice. Beitz is co-director of the Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nursing Education Program at LaSalle University in Philadelphia.

On Saturday, October 7, from 4:45-5:45 p.m., plenary speaker Rosemary Gibson will discuss "The Human Face of Medical Errors." Gibson, team leader on the End-of-Life Care Team at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, will discuss ways to make health care safer for patients, nurses, and other caregivers while also creating more joy and satisfaction in the workplace.

### A range of activities

Other educational sessions offered at this year's convention will address workplace violence, GI diseases, evidence-based practice, new graduate assimilation, environmental health issues, diabetes, workplace hostility, clinical practice, and functional practice.

Other activities include an exhibit hall featuring health-related vendors (with box lunches provided for all attendees), an awards ceremony and reception, and a dinner honoring the Nurse Researcher of the Year. The convention will include a session designed to help nursing students successfully transition into the workplace, as well as countless opportunities to discuss and shape the future of nursing.

### Labor Day returns

The convention also features NYSNA's second annual "Labor Day" on Thursday, October 5, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. with activities for nurses represented for collective bargaining.

The congress of elected local bargaining unit (LBU) leaders will hold its semiannual meeting from 8-11 a.m. to discuss negotiating, internal organizing, health and safety concerns, and legislative priorities. The congress, which includes the president/chair of each bargaining unit or one designee from the executive committee of the unit, makes recommendations to the Delegate Assembly, which will meet from 12:30-3 p.m. that afternoon to review the Congress' recommendations and to pass resolutions presented to the NYSNA Board of Directors for consideration.

A Labor Day Awards Brunch, from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., will include the presentation of the Delegate Assembly Award.

Visit the NYSNA Web site at [www.nysna.org](http://www.nysna.org), or call 518-782-9400, ext. 303 for more convention information.