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President's Message...

Greetings fellow ENA members!

Hi Everyone,

Congratulations to our new Treasurer-Elect, Marilyn Merkle, and our new Secretary-Elect, Deb Wodarek. Marilyn was re-elected to the Treasurer position, which she now holds.

Marilyn works in Monroe, has been very influential in streamlining our financial affairs, and will be able to continue the work she has started.

Deb Wodarek is President of the West Michigan Chapter and has been active in Michigan ENA for many years. We welcome them to their new roles.

Michigan will have 18 delegates and one alternate delegate attending the 2010 ENA General Assembly in San Antonio, TX on September 21 through 23, 2010. The Assembly helps to shape ENA's future through voting on amendments and

proposals. It is always an exciting time to see ENA in action. Congratulations to those who were selected.

The 2010 ENA Annual Conference will be held on September 23-25 in conjunction with General Assembly. *Embrace* the opportunity to learn, interact and enjoy special events with emergency nurse professionals from around the world. The complete program can be found at ena.org. Thanks to Dianne Wren who went jewelry shopping for the Michigan jewelry donation for the Foundation, which will be auctioned at the conference.

ENA membership is at 37,500. The membership campaign is hoping to reach 40,000 by the end of 2010, our 40th year. Memberships are always discounted \$10.00, if obtained through the Michigan ENA website. Contact Jodi Smale, jsmale@hillsanddales.com for recruitment materials.

The Education Committee is working on the 2011 Michigan ENA Annual

Spring Conference on May 4, at Soaring Eagle Resort in Mt. Pleasant. Faculty is still needed, contact Mikki Favor, mikkifavor@hotmail.com if you know of someone who would like to present at the conference. Trauma topics are preferred.

The Core Education committee is sponsoring two Instructor Courses. TNCC Instructor will be held in Garden City on September 10, 2010.

An ENPC Instructor will be held October 8, 2010, also in Garden City. Registration brochures can be found on michiganena.org, education tab or by contacting Marilyn Enriquez at healthedst@Aol.com.

West Michigan Chapter is accepting officer nominations until September 15th, contact Deb Wodarek, Deborah.wodarek@metrogr.org if interested in serving.

The next meeting of the Michigan ENA State Council is on September 17th, in Lansing at the MCEP office.

All are invited! Please join us!

Word Wide Village

Non-profit charitable organization whose current focus is to provide assistance to Haiti



If you would like more information or to get involved check out the World Wide Village at:

<http://www.worldwidevillage.org/>



Lending a Hand in Haiti

After the devastating earthquake that was considered to be one of the worst natural catastrophes in the last 100 years hit Haiti in January 2010, the people of their country were in need of much help.

Responding to this need, I joined a group and was part of Team 21 to volunteer for World Wide Village to staff the temporary hospital in Leogane, Haiti.

Our team was made up of twelve people, including two doctors (an Academic Neurologist and a Pediatric Neurology Resident), one fourth year medical student, one P.A., three advance practice nurses (two were Pediatric ANPs and the third just completed her Ph.D. in nursing), one dietitian, a mid-wife, and three Registered Nurses. The doctor who was the Academic Neurologist had been on 14 previous medical mission trips to South and Central America, including Hillside in Belize. I was the only one on the team that had been to Haiti previously.

We lived in "Residence Filariose at Hospital Sainte Croix" where there is a research program and facility run by the University of Notre Dame. The temporary hospital is a field hospital similar to what the military uses. It had various rooms, including the emergency

room with ten cots for the patients. There was an inpatient section, an operating room, a central supply "room," and an OB unit. One section was used by "The Children's Nutrition Project of Haiti" for the severely malnourished children and the caregivers. Fortunately, the hospital was air-conditioned, although not exactly "cool," it was cooler than outside.

There was also clinic housed in a separate structure, with a triage area. Pharmacy was in the School of Nursing, near the Filariose Residence, but was being moved to a "new" structure being assembled closer to the clinics and hospital.

The teams are responsible to run the triage, the clinics, the pharmacy and the hospital. All of us rotated these assignments. So our first task was to make up a rotating "work" schedule for all of us.

We saw patients with malaria, infected wounds, headache and dehydration, vomiting and diarrhea, sickle cell anemia, filariasis, worms, and lacerations. There was a truck crash on Monday when we got eight patients at once. There is no EMS system and the patients were brought to us by another truck and "hand" carried into the ER. Everyone, including our Haitian staff, quickly worked to care for the victims. One patient

was sent across town to *Doctors Without Borders*, who had surgeons on staff, due to suspected compartment syndrome. We stapled and sutured and dressed wounds and, fortunately, everyone did well. We were able to do follow up as they returned for dressing changes during the week.

We did not have X-ray or Lab available to us, except to transfer to another clinic or hospital. We could dip urine and there was a test for malaria on cards that we could use.

World Wide Village employed Haitian nurses to support the staff and three Haitian doctors. We also had translators, and housekeepers for the hospital.

This was my first experience working in a hospital in Haiti. Previously when I have volunteered we were doing mobile clinics. In temporary settings, we couldn't do the follow up, or do treatments, such as minor surgery, outside of a hospital setting or only being in a community for one day.

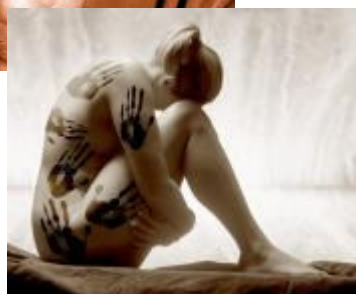
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SANE Training in the U.P.

Have you ever thought about becoming certified as a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner? Always wanted to come to the U.P.? Well, this is your big chance – and don't forget about the CEUs! Put in your time off requests for the week of November 8 to come to the U.P. for 40 hours of SANE training!

Rena Deigel will be provided a full course of basic SANE certification training at Bay de Noc Community College at the M-TECH center the week of November 8, 2010. As soon as brochures with all the details become available we will make them available to our membership. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact Lori Shae at Bay de Noc's M-Tech Center at 906-786-5802 ext. 1212 or via email at sheal@baycollege.edu.

It's not too late! You can still register to attend the 2010 ENA National Conference and enjoy 4 fun-filled days in the great State of Texas! Click on the link to view the Advance Program and see what you will be missing if you don't go -

<http://www.ena.org/coursesandeducation/conferences/annual/2010/Documents/AdvProgram.pdf>

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THE VOICE OF 40!





2010 Michigan ENA State Council Meeting Dates:

All ENA members are welcome to attend State Council Meetings:

Put the next MENA meeting on your calendar!

Committee Meetings start at 10 a.m.

Council Meeting Starts at 11 a.m.

September 17, 2010, MCEP office

Strategic Planning Meeting – October 9, 2010, Location TBD

November 12, 2010, MCEP office

MENA Annual Conference May 4, 2011

MCEP office: 6647 West St. Highway, Lansing, MI

For driving directions, please go to www.mcep.org.

We're on the Web!

Come and see us at:

www.michiganena.org