
FNSA REGION 4 NEWSLETTER

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NEW HOTLINE FEATURE

Consultant Corner

On January 12, 2008 the Executive Board met in Orlando to discuss old and new business. One topic of discussion was a change in formatting for the Hotline. As you know the Hotline is a newsletter that is distributed monthly to active FNSA chapters to facilitate communication between the state Executive Board and local FNSA chapters. This change will be designed to provide more specific information regarding activities. For example, the Hotline before Student Nurses' Week will focus on membership and celebrating the student nurse.

Consultant Corner

The Consultant Corner will be a new addition to the Hotline. This section will feature an FNSA school consultant. Every chapter has an FNSA consultant that is eligible to be featured. I want to encourage you to submit information regarding your consultant. The Consultant Corner is a really nice way to

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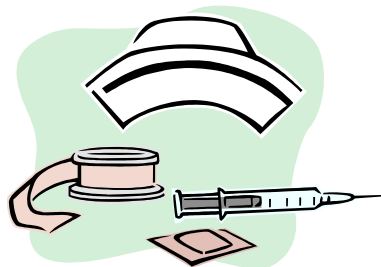
Update from the State

January 12, 2008 meeting

In order to keep you informed I will feature an Update from the State column after every Executive Board meeting. The featured information will be highlights for upcoming events. Please also review your Hotline for additional information.

Membership

National Nurses' Week is February 24-March 1 and this year's theme is "United We Stand, Together We Speak". This theme was chosen to emphasize that as an organization with united voices student nurses' have a powerful voice. National Nurses' Week is an excellent time to promote chapter membership by getting the message out that student nurses' can and do make a difference.



Legislative

The FNA state lobby days are March 11-12, 2008 and will be held in Tallahassee, FL. As students we are invited to attend either one or both days. This is an excellent opportunity to speak to state lawmakers about nursing, student issues, community issues, etc. If you are interested in attending or need additional information please contact the legislative chair through the FNSA website: www.fnsa.org.

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recognize your consultant and to acknowledge the invaluable support that he/she offers the organization. To submit your consultant:

1. Write a brief paragraph about the consultant and what they have contributed to FNSA, how they impact students, etc.
2. Provide contact information for the consultant (phone number and email address). The consultant will be contacted by the Corresponding Secretary, Michelle Rogers, for an interview for more information (time of service, etc.)
3. After you have the paragraph and contact information completed then submit your requests to Jennifer Richardet jrichardet@tampabay.rr.com (Region 4 Director).

It's really that easy! If your consultant is featured the Dean of Nursing, over your school, will also receive the Hotline so that the consultant is also recognized at the school level.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me (Jennifer Richardet) at jrichardet@tampabay.rr.com

School Highlights

This is a new section in the Region Newsletter and I would like to use it to highlight a different school in Region 4 every six weeks. The Region 4 schools with active FNSA chapters are:

- Hillsborough Community College
- Pasco-Hernando Community College
- Polk Community College
- Saint Petersburg College
- University of South Florida
- University of Tampa

Please submit a brief description about your program and activities that your FNSA chapter is either working on or has done. This will be an excellent way to share ideas and to celebrate your school and its contributions to nursing and to the community.

NEC (Nominations & Elections)

The NSNA national convention will be held March 26-28 in Grapevine, TX. If you are considering running for a national office (or even think that there is a possibility that you might) please contact Jennifer Richardet at jrichardet@tampabay.rr.com for assistance with this process. Another very good source of information is the NSNA website which is www.nсна.org. The state executive board has voted on providing financial assistance to any Florida FNSA member who is slated for candidacy in the amount of \$75.00.

Community Health

February is Heart Truth month and one way that has been suggested to promote healthy heart awareness is to wear red during the month. February is also an excellent time to reach out to the community to promote heart health. This can be done by blood pressure screenings, talking to students about healthy eating, promoting exercise, etc. If your school is looking for some creative ideas for community projects to promote Heart Truth month please contact the community health chair either through the FNSA website (www.fnsa.net) or directly at www.fnsacommunitychair@yahoo.com.

Final Thoughts

If there is anything that you would like to see in your

Region 4 newsletter contact Jennifer Richardet at jrichardet@tampabay.rr.com. This is your newsletter and I want to facilitate communication between local chapters and the state board, but I also want to feature information that would interest student nurses' in this region.