

# The Nurse's Headliner

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## Message from Your President *Peggy Roberts*

I want to thank our new officers who came to the rescue and filled the following vacant offices. First Vice President: Frances Vielma; Secretary: Tammy Wolff; Board of Directors: Thelma Washington, Daisy Sancho, Marjorie Hyder, and Pam Burns; Nominating Committee members: Barbara McDonald-Wathen and Nancy Clemons. Thank you ladies!!!! This is team work!

I attended the Austin Community Career Fair on Wednesday, December 2, 2015. I consider it a success because so many students are so enthusiastic about the association and want to join. They are interested and anxious in getting a division going in Austin. I am looking for an experienced LVN in the Austin area who would like to get the division going. You will have lots of help as the students are very ambitious, and they are getting ready to graduate. Please let me know if anyone is interested, as I will personally come to Austin and help you get started.

I am presently on the ACE Committee (Texas Board of Nursing Advisory Committee on Education). Of which I have been advised by several members it would benefit LVNAT for me to appear before the TAVNE Committee, which consists of over 300 educators. This would be a good way to implement the study of organizations like our Association into their course of study for the Vocational Nursing Program.

This is a new year members, let's work on getting two new members each. Let that be your goal. I know you can do that.

Happy New Year and God Bless you!

Sincerely  
Your President  
Peggy Roberts

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**Welcome**

On behalf of the LVNAT membership, President Peggy Roberts wishes to extend a warm welcome to all our new members: Bobbie Jean Butler, Survetelean Gowans, and Doris Montgomery.

**By-Laws**

Article X Standing Committees

Section 1. E. Emergency Management: The committee shall act in an advisory capacity to the Divisions committee on emergency management and shall plan a state emergency management program as directed by the Board.

**After reading the section in the By-Laws, would anyone like to be on the committee for Emergency Management?**

Section 1. N. Tellers: The committee shall, with the advice of a parliamentarian, count the ballots at the time of the pre-convention Board meeting. The chairman shall have served previously as a teller.

**After reading the section in the By-Laws, would anyone like to be on the committee for Tellers?**

# LVNAT Division Reports

**Division 6 Galveston**

**Division 82 Fort Worth**

**Division 8 San Antonio**

**Division 9 Houston**

## **Division 8 San Antonio**

We are holding our meetings on the second Saturday of the month. September 12, 2015 we had a very interesting topic “Making a successful APS/CPS Report.” We really learned a lot.

I am looking into another meeting place that will accommodate all our members as all our members are having a hard time getting to my home and are in need of a centrally located facility. The time and date may change, and I am in hopes this will build our membership. Our next speaker will be Dr. Finley topic to be announced.

President: Peggy Roberts

## **Division 6 Galveston**

October 21, 2015: Galveston Division 6 meetings are held monthly on the 4th Thursday of each month except for the month of November and December to allow the members quality time off with their families. Meetings will resume in January 2016 at the Rosenberg Library on the 1st floor in the Randall Room from 4-5:30pm. We still have six faithful members and our focus remains on membership growth and ways and means to retain it.

Secretary: Joyce Payne

## **Fall 2015 Convention**

We had a lot of very good and knowledgeable speakers at our last convention. I would like to include some pictures from the Convention to show everyone what they missed.



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## LVNAT Divisions

We still need members who are willing to start divisions in the following areas around the state: Division 1—Austin, Round Rock, Baylor, Pflugerville, Georgetown; Division 4—Dallas, Forney, Lancaster; Division 10—Waco; Division 17—Giddings, Thornville, Ledbetter; Division 18—Lubbock, Amarillo, Odessa, Idalou; Division 25—Irving; Division 26—San Angelo; Division 45—McAllen, Alamo, Hutto, Rio Grande City, Linn, San Juan, Mission, Edinburg, Elsa, Weslaco, Donna, Sullivan City; Division 57—Brenham; Division 84—North Richland Hills. Tammy Wolff and I will come and help get the division up and going. In the following four divisions, to include: Division 8—San Antonio, Fredericksburg, Poteet, Windcrest, Boerne, Helotes, Hondo, Seguin, Elmendorf, Converse; Division 6—Galveston, Hitchcock, La Margue; Division 9—Houston, Rosharon, Missouri City, Santa Fe; Division 82—Fort Worth, Grand Prairie, Arlington, Joshua, Lewisville, Benbrook, Carrollton, Plano, Southlake, Burleson, Hurst, Weatherford, Lewisville, Crowley, Mansfield, Bedford, Gradbury, Stafford, Cleburn; needs more members, students, supportive members, instructors and would like to regain the support of our inactive members. Be a Go-Getter and recruit more members. To earn a silver pin, recruit three active members. To earn a gold pin, recruit two more (a total of five) active members. The pin says “I’m a Go-Getter”.

### **WHY DID I BECOME A NURSE? MORE IMPORTANT WHY AN LVN?**

It all started when my mother was diagnosed with cancer of the cervix. Of course I didn't have any idea what that was at the time. All I knew was she was very sick and thin. All my mother had for pain was aspirin. I can only remember my aunts coming over and taking turns bathing, changing her gown and bed. My sister tells me when we came home from school she would be crying out for a drink of water. My aunts could not be there all the time, and my daddy did not always take good care of her. He would not let us in the room to see her. One time I did get into to see her. I told her “when I grow up I am going to become a nurse so I can make you well.” Little did I know that would never happen, as I was only 5 years old. I did become a nurse, but never did make my momma well.

The reason I chose LVN over RN, is quite simple. When I graduated from high school I needed to get some training fast in order to start making money, as I was on my own. LVN was the quickest and the most cost effective, at the time. I wanted to be a nurse no matter what. I attempted to go back to school three times for my RN, after becoming an LVN, without success. As raising my children came first. Now I feel being a good LVN is more important to me than getting my RN. I can give good care. It does not matter if you have an RN or an LVN behind your name. We are all nurses. Why did you become an LVN????? Now can you guess who I am???

**Picture on page 5**

# LVNAT Committee Reports



## Nominating Committee Report

Everyone please start thinking about who would like to run for the following officers up for election this year and who you would like to vote for:

President

Second Vice President

Treasurer

Five Nominating Committee Members

Two Board of Directors

## Reminders

We need candidates for Nurse of the Year, Scholarship, Scrapbook, Yearbook, and Newsletter. Please get your applications and scrapbooks turned in to the awards committee by the deadline which is October 1st.

We need help with getting new and old members to join the Association. Please help the First Vice President in accomplishing this.

We are needing the divisions and committees to start turning in their reports to be included in the newsletter.



Cynara Whaley, RN: Great motivational speaker on Thursday, October 29, 2015



Paul Yura, Warning Coordination Meteorologist on Thursday, October 29, 2015

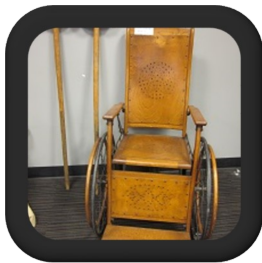


Wonda Walker, RCP on Friday, October 30, 2015

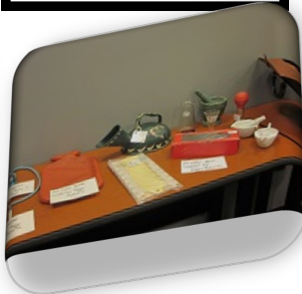
Marc Meyer, RN, JD on Friday, October 30, 2015



Betty Sims, RN on Saturday, October 31, 2015



Old medical equipment donated and provided by Dr. Bell, Dr. Smith, Peggy Roberts, LVN. Old nurses cape and hat worn by nurses at one time.





## Convention Attendees



Betty S. Neal about to auction  
off the chocolate basket  
donated by Christus VNA &  
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## ***ANNOUNCEMENT: ATTENTION ALL DIVISIONS***

### **WANTED: LVNAT Competitions 2016**

1. Your Division Newsletter
2. Your Scrapbook
3. Yearbook
4. Names for Scholarship Recipients
5. Names for Nurse of the Year

### **All entries must be received by October 1, 2016**

Please submit your names to Committee Chairpersons or to LVNAT Headquarters

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