

# The Nurse's Headliner

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## Message from Your President *Peggy Roberts*

Four years ago, I wrote a goal for the LVN Association to have 500 members. I only have five months to go to reach my goal!!! I have a lot of work to do but I can not do it alone. I need help from my fellow members of the Association. This is the time we need to pull together. I know we have all had trials and tribulations in our lives but we need to be able to overcome these obstacles to save our Association and be able to increase our membership. We have held this Association together all this time, so let's fight to keep it going.

Now you are probably thinking how can we do this? If each member would just talk about the LVN Association to every LVN he or she comes across and invite them to join our Association we will be able to achieve our goal. You can invite LVN's you meet to your Division meetings and offer to pick them up and bring them to your meeting. Have refreshments and a social time at each meeting. Ask your visitors for their opinion. Carry on a well-mannered and cooperative meeting. Offer assistance and true concern to new and prospective members. Talk to LVN's in your area and consider organizing a lunch bunch to meet. Ask merchants for small gifts for door prizes. Set up a telephone committee to remind members and non-members of meetings. Send the newsletter five days in advance of meeting and follow up with a phone call the day before. Divisions can put out monthly newsletters to inform LVN's in your area about the Association. Perhaps the provisional members could do this. Occasionally send newsletters to old members who no longer attend. Get the names and addresses of all visitors and send them a newsletter for at least three months. Write a letter to all new members to welcome them to the LVN Association. To help keep the members you have, make an honest effort to find out what can be done to improve things. Communicate with members. Respect their opinions. Discourage apathy by giving everyone a job. Put new members to work and assist them in any way possible.

**YOU HOLD THE KEY!!** In your hand is the power to effect the laws that regulate your profession and the very practice of nursing. Present and future legislation is being proposed that is a definite threat to you and the profession you hold dear. If LVNs do not have a voice in informing lawmakers of their feelings and opinions concerning their profession, then we have no one to blame but ourselves if these laws are detrimental to us. In order for your voice to be heard, your association must have the financial means to be viable. This means we must have as many members as possible willing to contribute to this effort. Are you willing to be so well informed that you can discuss current legislation with confidence to anyone at anytime? Can you state with knowledge why all LVNs need the LVN Association of Texas and ask them to join us in our efforts to influence legislation that will result not only in better patient care but be significant in preserving your right to practice nursing as an LVN?

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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 for the year 2014: Sandra Boullioun, Ann Arellano, and Kimberly Rodriguez.

# Reminders

We need candidates for Nurse of the Year, Scholarship, Scrapbook, Yearbook, and Newsletter. Please get your applications turned in 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.

# Cookbooks

I am requesting recipes from all members to make a new cookbook for the Association. I am wanting to make an updated cookbook as we have learned new recipes or even found new ones. I would like to receive the recipes no later than by Convention 2014.

# LVNAT Division Reports

**Division 6 Galveston**

**Division 82 Fort Worth**

**Division 8 San Antonio**

**Division 9 Houston**

## **Division 8 San Antonio**

Our first meeting of the year was on March 8, 2014. It was a meet and greet meeting. The turnout was disappointing, but the two members who came was a blessing. This turned out to be a work meeting on the LVNAT photos. We discussed making Division 8 at large but that is not going to happen. I am not ready to jump ship yet. Members present were Betty S. Neal and Tammy Wolff. Thank you Betty and Tammy.

President: Peggy Roberts

## **Division 9 Houston**

January 18, 2014: Monthly meeting for Division 9 held at the home of Daisy Sancho, President. The mother of Thelma Washington and Daughter-in-Law of Daisy Sancho was lifted up in prayer. Members was informed of our next meeting to be held in February.

February 15, 2014: Meeting held in the home of Daisy Sancho, President. Members informed that Rose Caldwell was in the hospital. Ms. Caldwell was lifted up in prayer and members was encouraged to visit Ms. Caldwell when she was allowed to have visitors. We discussed seeking new members and to encourage old members to come back to the association.

March 15, 2014: Meeting held at the home of President Sancho in charge. Meeting call to order at 2:30pm. Ms. Caldwell resting comfortably at home. We are still contacting old members and encouraging them to come back on board. Division 9 is grateful that we are still able to have there meetings monthly.

## **Austin Community College**

I went on April 1, 2014 and spoke to all three levels of the nursing students. The students were very enthusiastic and had a lot of great ideas. Two of the students joined and one of them is the President of the Student Vocational Nurses Association. Five or six of the students were on the web cam from the Fredericksburg campus who would be with the San Antonio division if they join. I would like to say thank you to Nina Almasy, RN, MSN for allowing LVNAT come speak to the nursing students. We really appreciate you.

I need to make a correction to the January newsletter about the Austin Community College. I need to correct the attendees to the career fair from Emma Radcliff to Sally Chappell.

Peggy Roberts

## 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".

# LVNAT Committee Reports

## Membership Report

|                |            |
|----------------|------------|
| Active:        | 33         |
| Retired:       | 24         |
| Provisional:   | 15         |
| Institutional: | 2          |
| Supportive:    | 3          |
| Total:         | 77 members |

## Continuing Education Report

|           |            |
|-----------|------------|
| November: | 7          |
| December: | 2          |
| January:  | 11         |
| February: | 9          |
| March:    | 7          |
| April:    | 11         |
| Total:    | 50 classes |

## 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

## Deepest Sympathy

To Helen Fontenot and family for the loss of Helen's mother. You and your family are in our prayers. Thelma Washington lost two aunts and a good friend.

## Illnesses

Frances Musquiz's mother is declining; Daisy Sancho's daughter-in-law; Rosa Caldwell; Clariece Barefield's husband Robert. Please put these members and family members on your prayer list.

# **LVNAT Quilt**



**Quilt will be raffled off at the Fall Convention for \$5.00 a ticket. Tickets are now available from Frances Musquiz our 2nd Vice President. Proceeds benefit the LVN Association of Texas.**

# **Proposed Bylaws Amendment**

**Article 8 Section 10 Compensation reads:**

**Elected officers and directors shall not receive any compensation for their services but may, with prior approval of the executive committee, and if supported by invoice, receive reimbursement for certain expenditures incurred on behalf of the Association.**

**To read:**

**Elected officers and directors shall not receive any compensation for their services but may, with prior approval of the executive committee, and if supported by invoice, receive reimbursement for certain expenditures incurred on behalf of the Association. No member can spend more than \$100.00 without prior approval of the executive committee.**

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***ANNOUNCEMENT:  
ATTENTION ALL DIVISIONS***

**WANTED: LVNAT Competitions 2014**

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, 2014**

Please submit your names to Committee Chairpersons or to LVNAT Headquarters

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