

The Nurse's Headliner

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Message from Your President *Peggy Roberts*

Nurse Day at the Capital, what an experience!! Betty S. Neal and I attended this year on February 27-28, 2017. We both learned a lot. We attended one of the hearings, which was very interesting. We also learned about the Texas Legislative Process and how a bill is passed into law.

There are 300,000 RNs in Texas. 1,009 who are RNs and 80 APRNs. So what are the rest of the 298,911 RNs doing? Texas nursing shortage will quadruple in the next 14 years if nothing is done. The current shortage number of 15,000 will balloon to a shortage of 60,000 nurses by 2030. In South Texas, the unmet demand for nurses will increase by 20%. \$120,000 the amount that some APRNs will pay each year to a physician just to provide care to patients.

We did bring this issue to the attention of the representative of Senator Jose Menendez. If there is such a nursing shortage where does that leave the LVN? We voiced the problem of so many Vocational Nursing schools popping up, but these nurses have no job opportunities after they are licensed. The representative had no idea of the problems we are having. We also brought up the issue with more education for the LVN with the representative for State Representative Barbara Gervin-Hawkins. We discussed we need more education, not necessarily to go on for our RN, or further. We emphasized we are the nurses that give the patients good bedside care, and we are their advocate.

It is a learning experience, and next Nurse Day at the Capital we need to decide to go as a group and fight for the LVN. We are needed!

Food for thought! We are like pieces to a puzzle.

Isn't it a wonderful thing that we're all different?

Each of us has strengths and skills to share.

And we link individual strengths together.

WE'RE INVINCIBLE

You're an Essential piece!

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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.

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.

LVNAT Committee Reports

Fall Convention

If anyone has any old medical equipment or textbooks they would like to donate to the Association, please let Peggy Roberts know.

We would also like any ideas on speakers for the upcoming convention. Everyone please help us with this.

Membership Report

Active:	20
Retired:	15
Provisional:	71
Institutional:	0
Supportive:	3
Total:	109 members

Continuing Education Report

January	0
February:	7
March:	0
Total:	7 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:

Secretary
First Vice President

Three Board of Directors
Five Nominating Committee Members

Keys to Membership:

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. 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 any time? Can you state with knowledge why all LVNs need LVNAT 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?

These suggestions are offered as an aid in recruiting and maintaining division membership.

Meetings: Make visitors feel welcome. Speak well of your Association and leaders to the visitors. Keep harsh, severe judgments to yourself. Base all your actions on a desire to promote and build up your organization, rather than on "sour grapes". Build up, don't destroy. Pessimism, critical remarks, personality conflicts, cliques, apathy and strife drive members away. Try to keep your disagreements and arguments confined to business meetings, where no visitors witness arguments and squabbles. Learn to disagree agreeably.

Introduce the visitor and make them feel as comfortable as possible. Ask the visitors for their opinion. Offer refreshments. Have name tags. Carry on a well-mannered, cooperative meeting. Offer door prizes.

Give the Headliner to visitors, and send the Headliner to old members that no longer attend. Get the address and phone numbers of visitors and send them the Headliner and invitation to future meetings.

Send reminders of the meetings five days before the meeting and follow up with a phone call the day before. Work closely with VN instructors, place meeting announcements by time clocks, and bulletin boards.

Let's all try to work together to build up our association.

God Bless you

Peggy Roberts, President

Nurse Day at the Capital



2017 Nurse Day at the
Capital—House
Chambers



President Peggy Roberts
and Betty S. Neal at Nurse
Day at the Capitol 2017

2017 Nurse Day at
the Capital—Senate
Group



Legislature Reports

Legislative Update

Over 5,150 bills of the 6,600 that were filed are considered dead by not passing out of committee.

This last week likely had the most drama that we've seen thus far...

On what is now being called the Mother's Day Massacre, the Freedom Caucus used parliamentary tactics to kill over 100 bills on the Local and Consent Calendar. Luckily no substantive nursing bills were on the calendar, but two maternal mortality bills did die as a result.

Rep. Springer also made an impassioned plea for a stem cell bill that could have an impact on his own wife who is in a wheelchair, and could have saved the life of recently deceased former Rep. Charlie Howard. The bill was too far down on the calendar to be brought up in time for the midnight deadline, and Rep. Springer begged for the body to bring it up out of order. The plea worked and the bill will be headed to the Governor for his signature. It will now be known as "Charlie's Law".

HB 2950

The Board of Nursing sunset bill was heard in the Senate Health and Human Services Committee late last week and will likely come up to be voted out on Monday. We should expect to see some floor amendments, as we understand multiple amendments have been filed already. If there are amendments in the Senate, the House will either have to concur in the changes or else force the bill to a conference committee to work out the differences.

HB 1225/SB 654

The bills that allow APRNs to stay in-network even if their delegating physician fall out have been modified to only apply to Medicaid and CHIP but they are moving forward and we are extremely hopeful for final passage!

HB 1076

It seems like the Rep. Oliverson child scoliosis screening bill is also moving through the Senate now. It was voted out of the Health and Human Services Committee and placed on the Local & Consent Calendar. We expect that it will make it to the Governor's desk soon.

Same for HB 280 by Howard which sets up grants for facilities to combat workplace violence will be heard this week in the senate! Finally....

And finally, HB 62 by Craddick which is the statewide texting and driving ban will finally get its day in the senate this week and may actually have a chance to pass!! Common sense doesn't even begin to describe this bill, so we will support it and hope that it makes it through as soon as possible.

Also, for those keeping track of the rumor mill...we've heard handicapping on the possibility of the wheels coming off this wagon and the need for a special session at somewhere close to 80% now. The House and Senate are not cooperating, and the House itself is bitterly divided. We will see what happens, but if they can't start playing nice in the next couple of weeks we should expect to be back in June to work out the budget among other issues.

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ANNOUNCEMENT: ATTENTION ALL DIVISIONS

WANTED: LVNAT Competitions 2017

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, 2017

Please submit your names to Committee Chairpersons or to LVNAT Headquarters

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