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THE CONVENTION ISSUE

—BECCA SLONE

THIS ISSUE WILL BE A GUIDE ON WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION FOR THIS UPCOMING CONVENTION. IF YOU FEEL LIKE YOU CANNOT FIND ANY INFORMATION HERE, PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE OR CONTACT YOUR REGION DIRECTOR. WE WILL FIND YOU THE INFORMATION YOU

NEED. AS THIS YEAR COMES TO A CLOSE, TIME BETWEEN MEETINGS GETS SHORTER AND WE ARE ALL REMINDED THAT THIS IS THE TIME OF YEAR TO MEET NEW PEOPLE, STRIVE FOR NEW CHALLENGES, AND FIND OUR NICHE. CONVENTION IS A GREAT PLACE TO OPEN NEW DOORS FOR NURSING STUDENTS. THERE WILL BE SPEAKERS, HOSPITALS, AND TEST REVIEWS AND NOT TO

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DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR YOUR HOTEL ROOMS! DO IT EARLY BEFORE ALL THE ROOMS ARE GONE. FIND THE LINK ON OUR WEBSITE!

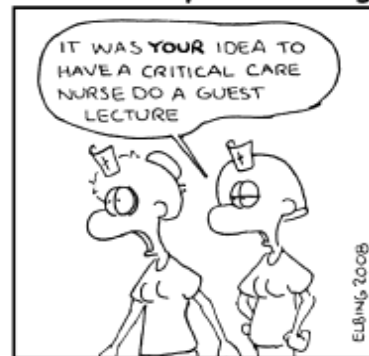
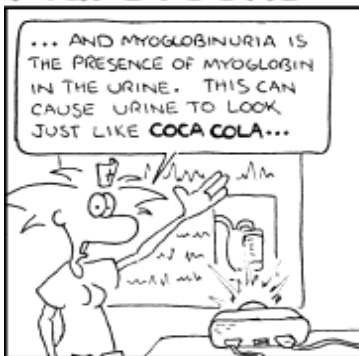
MENTION THE CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!

IMPORTANT DATES

- CONVENTION IS OCTOBER 28TH TO 30TH AT THE HILTON DAYTONA OCEANFRONT RESORT.
- DEAN/DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR AND PRECEPTOR OF THE YEAR APPLICATIONS WERE DUE AT PRECONVENTION.
- IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SERVE AS A LIAISON OR ON A COMMITTEE, APPLICATIONS ARE DUE OCTOBER 30TH TO SARAH LINDLEY, FNSA PRESIDENT
- YOUR CHAPTER'S BY-LAWS ARE DUE WHEN YOU REGISTER.
- BRING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSITUTENCY TO CONVENTION!
- CREDENTIAL DELEGATES AT THE START OF EVERY DAY AT CONVENTION!
- RESOLUTIONS ARE DUE OCTOBER 8TH TO BECCA SLONE (FNSACORRESPONDINGSEC@YAHOO.COM)

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by Carl Elbing

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The semester is in full swing and State Convention is almost here! Hopefully you are all making plans to enjoy the weekend with us in Daytona—learning, meeting and sharing with fellow nursing students from all over the State. There is still time to prepare projects and host events to earn chapter of the year points! For each Breakthrough to Nursing (BTN) activity submitted, your chapter earns 1 point and you can earn up to 5. In addition, there will be three awards given out at convention for Breakthrough to Nursing projects—including *Most Successful BTN Project*, *Most Successful BTN Retention Project* and *Most Creative BTN Project*. There is a great chance that your chapter can win one of these awards and be recognized at convention, so please don't hesitate to enter your projects!

This is the last hotline issue I will be writing in as an FNSA board member and I'd like to share a quote my husband wrote about the purpose of BTN—it sums up what I've taken from this experience:

"Diversity allows us to aggregate vast arrays of individual beliefs, values, and customs in a single place. It gives us the opportunity to unite an immense number of experiences, practices and skills toward one common goal. With it, nurses can create a dynamic and evolving atmosphere for patient care." —Nicholas Votipka

-Bridget Linnehan, Region 3 Director/ BTN Chair

It was great to see everyone at the pre-convention. We are thankful for all of the FNSA members who were in attendance. I was glad that I got a chance to speak with the students and consultants about the updated information on the website. It is very important that those who plan to attend convention are able to easily find the appropriate links and files on the site. It was awesome to hear from quite a few members who plan to run for an executive board position...It is going to be a very exciting convention! I have created a page that will be updated with the necessary documents needed to be fully prepared for the Annual Convention in October.

As of our last executive board meeting I am acting as the Nominations and Elections chairperson. If you are planning to pre-slate for an E-board position do not send your application to the home address that was listed for the Region 1 Director; all documents should either be sent to fnsa_region5@yahoo.com or to my attention at 2360 SW Archer Rd, apt 208 Gainesville, FL 32608. Please send your pre-slate application for nomination by the 18th of October (should be post marked by this date) in order to be considered as a pre-slatted candidate.

Email or call me at 561-685-8221 if you have any questions or concerns.

- Carolyn F. Mollo, Region 5 Director/ NEC Chair & Communications Chair

Hello FNSA Members!

Last week was FNA Student day and FNSA Preconvention and I had a blast! On student day, for those of you who weren't able to attend, we had a great time at CAPS training. I would like to express my gratitude to Dr. Carol Petrozella for attending and providing CAPS training. My goal for my term this year as Community Health Chair was to be able to offer CAPS training, since it wasn't available last year at convention. We had an excellent turn out with over 60 students who will now be able to "pay it forward" by performing these vision assessments.

Our annual State Convention is just around the corner and I'm hoping everyone is planning to attend. When planning out your day, don't forget to apply for the Community Health awards. Individual awards include the Jennifer Williams Award (for outstanding CAPS involvement), FNSA March of Dimes Award, and the FNSA Heart Healthy Award. Chapter awards for Community Health include the FNSA Community Health Award, FNSA March of Dimes School Chapter, and FNSA Heart Healthy Award. All of these awards are described in detail in the chapter handbook that can be found on our website.

Also, don't forget to get involved in FNSA's newest program, Florida Fit Nurse. Get involved and get your classmates, coworkers, and families involved. It is an initiative geared towards getting future nurses healthy so they can truly be the model of health for their clients. Make sure you track your progress and bring your form to turn in at registration to receive a Fit Nurse ribbon. For more information, check out our website. All Community Health Projects and Award applications will be due the first night of convention at the registration table between 5-7 pm and should be turned in to Toni Linck.

Hope to see everyone at convention!

- Shelby Jones, Region 7 Director/ Community Chair

FNA Call for Leaders: New Grad Special Interest Group

Worried about finding a job?

Want to develop your resume and portfolio?

Have you just entered the work force?

Are you dealing with the stress of being a new nurse?

If you answered YES to any of these questions, please know that you are not alone. As a new grad, or someone who is about to become a new grad, there is a lot to worry about as you navigate through the world of nursing.

FNA would like to provide resources for you to cope with these difficult issues and start sailing smoothly in these rough waters. ***But we need your help...*** we need to know what YOU would like as resources. The possibilities are endless... face-to-face events, webinars, online forums, etc. FNA wants to be the one place that you can turn to for comfort and support through your first few years of nursing.

If you are a new grad, about to become a new grad or have been working for less than five years and would like to be leaders in a brand new FNA New Grad Special Interest Group, please contact conferences@floridanurse.org right away.

Mark Your Calendars: New Grad Retreat – NEW DATE!!!

For those of you who are graduating in December, save the date now for a nurse and new grad retreat held at Crystal River on February 18 and 19! Topics will include issues relevant to new grads such as mentoring, career placement, coping with stress and portfolio development. While you're there, plan on swimming with one of Florida's most precious creatures - the manatee! Be sure to tell friends who have recently graduated about this retreat!

New Grads: Don't forget to take advantage of your FREE FNA membership (1st year is free if you were an FNSA member) and get the special member pricing for this event! More info coming soon!

FNA Updates

Want to know what else FNA is up to? Here are some easy ways to keep track of FNA initiatives:

- Like FNA on Facebook at facebook.com/floridanursesassociation
- Follow FNA on Twitter at [@FLNurses](https://twitter.com/FLNurses)
- Become a friend on FNA on MySpace at myspace.com/floridanursesassociation

Leah Nash

Director, Member Services and Leadership Development

Florida Nurses Association

I would like to thank those members who attended our pre-convention meeting. I am sure, like myself, you had a great time. This month's issue of Hotline is just a friendly reminder of what is to come at the FNSA Convention. Please remember to read the scholarship section in the handbook to see if you qualify. All scholarship applications are due the first night of convention between **5 – 7pm on October 28, 2008**. Turn in your application to Ms. Toni Linck, FNSA Consultant or myself. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Schools that are participating in Penny Wars please bring a non-breakable jar to convention. Show your school spirit by decorating the jar. Please see the Power Point Slide on www.FNSA.net . Click on the *Treasurer PowerPoint* on how to play Penny Wars. Remember that the winning school gets half the proceeds and the other half is applied to scholarships. It is not too early to start collecting pennies now. Just bring your pennies or coins to convention in a jar. There will be a table set up for the jars. Schools that are participating in Pennies PRN please bring a check made out to FNSA Foundation and hand them in to me or Toni Linck.

For those who would like to sell fundraising items during convention please notify me or Ms. Willa Fuller about reserving a table. The reservation cost is \$10.00. You may arrive at the convention without paying in advance and reserve a table at that time. Some schools have already paid and reserved their table.

I will need volunteers for counting the coins and manning the table for Penny Wars. If you are interested please contact me. If you have any questions regarding Scholarships, Fundraising, Penny Wars or Pennies PRN, table reservations, and general questions please contact me at FNSA_treasurer@yahoo.com. Thank you.

- Dudley L. Deshommès, FNSA Treasurer