

President's Report for Yearbook

By Tracy L. Singh, RN, JD

NNA's elections have been ongoing during the production of our Yearbook and as President, I would like to welcome our new Board Members to NNA. I would also like to thank all of those who ran for office as we greatly appreciate those who are willing to dedicate their time and energy to the organization in support of our mission. We have many Committees and ongoing ventures at the State and District levels and we invite and encourage all members to get involved and stay connected with other nurses. In the spirit of Constant and Never-Ending Improvement ("CANI"), I welcome all comments and suggestions for a better stronger NNA in the future and I thank you all for your continued membership and dedication.

In October, we hosted a party for all nurses honoring American Nurses Association President, Rebecca Patton. We sincerely send a huge thank you out to Becky and everyone who attended. We also conducted our Annual State Meeting via video conferencing between Carson City and Las Vegas. This has shown to be a great way to reduce costs and increase access to our members.

This past quarter NNA also had our first "Clothing Swap" and by popular demand, we plan to have another one this winter. This event was a great hit and everyone asked when the next one was going to be so they could spread the word for a larger turnout. The swap was great fun, and everyone who participated left with something new...some had several bags full of new clothes! As the event went on, participants began looking for more nurses to show in anticipation of "new arrivals." To top it off, we were able to donate numerous boxes and bags of clothing to four different charities. Personally, seeing such gratitude on the faces of those in need as we delivered our donations to the centers was the most rewarding aspect of the event.

This one event made it possible for NNA to bring nurses together for some much needed fun where we all first gave to each other, then gave to our community...and we even raffled a few surprise gifts! We were all very pleased with the results and we are looking forward to an even bigger turn out in the fall. This time, we will try to coordinate events in the North and South so that more people may attend and more communities may benefit.

As we look forward to the New Year, my personal goals for NNA in 2010 are to increase our organization's membership to an all-time-high, strengthen our members' involvement in committee and community service activities and prepare for a pro-active legislative session for positive changes in nursing for our state. My passion for nursing and NNA grows stronger each year and I am blessed to have the opportunity to contribute to such a great organization.

Sincerely,

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