

# District Four Forecast

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## A Message from the President, Colleen Hines

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I hope that you all have had a good summer!

I feel the need to provide you with an update on our activities since I last communicated.

The 2/9/08 seminar in collaboration with the North Texas School Nurse Association at Region 10 was so successful that the group asked for our assistance in providing another conference in the Summer. That 2nd conference entitled, "Excerpts from the Experts: What's Coming Down the Pipeline" was held on 7/12/08 at Region 10 also. That one was geared to meet content and skill needs for school nurses and was well attended and well received.

Our annual board planning meeting occurred on 5/30/08 at the law office of Nancy Roper-Willson. We completed our very full agenda. Chris Kouvalis, who did our audit last year and assisted with our initial implementation of the Quick Books System came and provided those present a training on how to read and interpret financial statements from this system. He has offered to be available to provide consultation and assistance to the Board and Pat. Also, at that meeting we had consensus on having our follow-up meeting re the Great 100 Nurses event in collaboration with District 3 with Beth Mancini on 6/23. Since Frankie Phillips would be out of town, Rosa Belgard agreed to lead our group. However, a last minute conflict for Beth required that the meeting be cancelled and will be rescheduled after she returns to town in August. Additionally, the Board also discussed the possibility of having a joint conference in conjunction with District 3 in November

with, perhaps, Clair Jordan as a key speaker. The focus would be particularly on union information, safe harbor, advocacy, etc., which are critical issues about which all nurses need to be well informed to make good decisions. Our annual dinner meeting was hosted by Presbyterian Hospital on 6/12/08. New officer and board members were installed. Annual awards were presented. Beth Mancini, our honoree for the Dolores Alford Lifetime Achievement Award, was out of town and has requested to receive her award at our September meeting. Our speaker for the evening was Susan Sportsman, President of TNA and Dean at Midwestern; my thanks again to her.

I recently was asked to support the application of Maryella Viancourt, who is a member of District 4, as a nominee for the State CE Committee. It was my pleasure to do so as her President and look forward to working with her locally also.

I was invited to attend a luncheon meeting along with District 3 President and other nurse leaders with members of the North Texas Nurse Executives in July. This provided us an opportunity to discuss both TNA and NTONE, our purposes, our differences, and how we can make a difference thru joint efforts. I will be sharing more with the Board and Membership.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to Ellen L. Palmer for all her years of work with our CE Providership and CE Committee. She is asking for someone else to be appointed to take her place in that capacity as of September 1st. If anyone is interested in working with us there, please contact me or members of the Board. Ellen plans to continue to be active in other capacities.

My thanks to our Board and to Pat Pollock for all their assistance, support, and work.

**Colleen Hines, MS, RN**

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Installation of Officers and Awards Ceremony, June, 2008**



## Newly Elected Officers Recognized at Annual Dinner, June 12, 2008

On June 12, 2008, TNA,D-4 held its annual Awards Dinner and Installation of Officers at Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas. The program was presented by Susan Sportsman, RN, PhD, President of Texas Nurses Association and Dean, College of Health Sciences and Human Services Minnie Rhea Wood Professor of Nursing, Midwestern State University. Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas as usual, presented a scrumptious buffet dinner!

The newly elected officers for TNA, D-4 for 2008-2010 were announced:

Vice President: Jose Alejandro

Board of Directors: Jacqueline Brock  
Barbara Devitt  
June Marshall  
Frances (Frankie) Phillips

2009 Nominating Committee: Ellen Palmer, Chair  
John Crossley  
Amber Kozak  
Jimmy Donahue  
Secherre Carothers

Carry Over Officers: Colleen Hines, President  
Vicki Joswiak, Secretary-Treasurer  
Rosa Belgard, Board of Director  
Celeste Johnson, Board of Director  
Nancy Roper Willson, Board of Director

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS.....

Texas North Region FUN (D) Golf Tournament  
Texas Nurses Association North Region Presents the 6<sup>th</sup>  
Annual Golf Tournament for FUN (D)

Friday, April 3, 2009

Twin Lakes Golf Course, Inc.

Canton, Texas

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**Congratulations to Cole Edmonson, RN, MS, FACHE, NEA-BC, Texas Nurses Association, District Four's "2008 Nurse of the Year"**

Mr. Edmonson is currently practicing at Medical City Dallas Hospital as the Vice President and Chief Nursing Executive. Mr. Edmonson has facilitated the development of numerous programs through out his career designed to develop the front-line manager, increase job satisfaction and evaluate out comes related to performance. He has been a lecturer at the university, national and community level, speaking on topics that range from customer service to advanced neurological assessment. He is a published author on topics ranging from "just" culture environments for nursing practice to implementing evidence based practice and is a research author.

Mr. Edmonson is adjunct faculty at the University of Texas at Arlington. He serves on community colleges of nursing advisory boards and as an advisor to nursing publications. Mr. Edmonson as the Magnet Program Coordinator at his facility successfully lead the organization to becoming the 94<sup>th</sup> recognized hospital in the nation, the 9<sup>th</sup> in Texas, the 1<sup>st</sup> in North Texas and the first in HCA, The Healthcare Company. Most recently, as the CNO, he led his organization to be the 1<sup>st</sup> in HCA, 1<sup>st</sup> in North Texas to receive Magnet Redesignation from ANCC.

Mr. Edmonson's clinical background is varied and includes Critical Care, Cardiac Cath Lab, intermediate care and post coronary care units at both the community and tertiary level. His leadership positions in nursing have included nurse manager, director, assistant VP of nursing and Chief Nursing Officer. Mr. Edmonson serves as the President-Elect of the North Texas Organization of Nurse Executives, a member of the Board for the Texas Organization of Nurse Executives. He is also a member of the Texas Nurses Association.

Mr. Edmonson received his Bachelors and Masters of Science Degree in Nursing Administration from the University of Oklahoma. He is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives, as well as a member of the American Nurses Association and is a Board Certified Nurse Executive, Advanced.



## **Congratulations to Mary Elizabeth (Beth) Mancini for receiving TNA, D-4's "2008 Dolores M. Alford Lifetime Achievement Award"**

Mary Elizabeth (Beth) Mancini is Professor and Associate Dean for Undergraduate Nursing Programs at The University of Texas at Arlington School of Nursing. Prior to her academic appointment in 2004, she served for eighteen years as Senior Vice President of Nursing Administration at Parkland Health & Hospital System in Dallas, Texas. She received her nursing degree from Rhode Island Junior College, BSN from Rhode Island College, Masters in Nursing Administration from the University of Rhode Island, and a PhD in Public and Urban Affairs at The University of Texas at Arlington. In 1987, Mrs. Mancini completed a Johnson & Johnson Wharton Nurse Executive Fellowship at the Wharton School of Business of the University of Pennsylvania. She is also a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing. She has held progressive management positions in General Med/Surg, Adult Critical Care and Emergency Services. She is an active member of numerous healthcare organizations including: The American Organization of Nurse Executives, American Nurses Association, the Society of Simulation in Healthcare, and the American Heart Association. In 1999, Dr. Mancini was a co-founder of the American Heart Association's National Registry of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and serves today as the Chair of its Science Advisory Board. In addition, Dr. Mancini is a member of AHA's Education Committee and Electronic Database Steering Committee, and serves as co-chair of the International Liaison Committee on resuscitation's Education, Implementation and Team Task Force for development of the 2010 guidelines. With over 90 publications to her credit, Dr. Mancini is a sought after speaker having spoken at local, national and international conferences on such topics as Emergency and Critical Care Nursing, teaching, retention and outcomes from Basic and Advanced Cardiac Life Support Training, Nursing Research, Performance Improvement, Work Redesign and Health Care Reform.

Dr. Mancini was also instrumental in bringing the "Great 100 Nurses Celebration" to the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex and for the past eighteen years has served as chair of the steering committee which is responsible for the preparation and planning of the celebration each year. Dr. Mancini was unable to attend the June Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony, so she will be given the award at the September 4<sup>th</sup> TNA, D-4 General Membership Meeting that will be held at Children's Medical Center, Moore Auditorium beginning at 5:30 PM.



# SAVE THE DATE!!!!

**ANNOUNCING THE 2009 GREAT 100 NURSES  
APRIL 19, 2009**

## **YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND:**

Texas Nurses Association, Districts Three and Four and the Dallas-Fort Worth Nurse Executives proudly announce the **nineteenth** annual “Great One-Hundred Nurses of 2009” and would cordially request the honor of your presence at this gala event. The event will be held in Dallas, Texas on the evening of **April 19, 2009** at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center located at 2301 Flora, Dallas, Texas 75201. A cocktail hour with cash bar will be held from 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. The awards program will follow from 7:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M., and a reception will finalize the evening from 8:30 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

This event will honor one hundred nurses in the Dallas-Fort Worth area who exemplify excellence in the art and science of nursing. The “Great 100” is unique in that honorees do not have to belong to a particular professional organization or practice in a particular clinical specialty. All proceeds from the event will provide funds for scholarship for area nursing students.

There are many registered nurses in the metroplex who make a significant contribution to health care in the area, and we hope that you will accept our invitation and help us honor those outstanding nurses whose courage, compassion, and commitment makes a difference in the community.

**NOMINATION FORM PENDING – WILL BE POSTED ON THE TNA, D-4 WEB  
SITE AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE**

***Congratulations to Carissa Enright, MSN, PMHNP, TNA, D-4 “2008 Member of the Year”***

Carissa Enright was named TNA, D-4 “Member of the Year” at the June 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony held at Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas.

Carissa is a longtime member of ANA, TNA, and TNA, D-4. She is a former Board of Director for TNA, D-4 and also serves on the Mock Trial Committee. She has also presented numerous programs for District Four at its general membership meetings over the years. Carissa is employed by Texas Woman’s University College of Nursing as an Associate Clinical Professor. She received her BNS from Duke University, Durham, North Carolina and MSN from Boston University, Boston Massachusetts.

***Congratulations to John E. Schulman, TNA,D-4’s “2008 Consumer of the Year”***

John E. Schulman received the TNA, D-4 “Consumer of the Year Award” at the Annual Dinner & Awards Ceremony held at Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas on June 12, 2008. Mr. Schulman is the owner of the Law Office of John E. Schulman, P.C., and has over twenty years of trial and appellate experience before numerous arbitrators, judges, and juries in both state and federal court. His firm accepts cases generally in the area of employment law and personal injury law, and where both sets of legal principles are involved. Mr. Schulman received his law degree from the University of Florida, and is currently licensed to practice law in Texas and Florida. His writings addressing labor, employment and litigation-related subjects have appeared in numerous periodicals and publications. John has been a valued and supportive link to our mock trial serving as “judge” for many years.

***“Members in the News”***

Fran Foster has accepted an appointment to the Gerontological Nurse Practitioner Content Expert Panel by the American Nurses Credentialing Center, for a four year term from July, 2008 through June, 2012. Fran is a former TNA, D-4 Board of Director.