



District 13, January/February 2009

MNA Mission:

"The Mississippi Nurses Association is the voice of registered nurses of Mississippi and provides leadership to improve the health of the people."

President's Message:

District 13 closed out 2008 celebrating *Christmas with Bells, Boas and Bling*. As with any event, unexpected challenges and changes occurred. With your patience, understanding, and good cheer, the event was FABULOUS! Thanks to your support, the fundraiser/fellowship raised \$1,869.57. The funds raised will support district and state level sponsored events and programs. Please visit MNA's website and go to district 13's page to view pictures (www.msnurses.org). A special "Thank You" goes to Dr. Kaye Bender for entertaining us with the beautiful harmonizing sounds from the Harp. Your time and talents were greatly appreciated!

As we dash into the New Year, each of us should set goals and make plans to have a prosperous year. Enjoy the excitement and energy that surround us; have high expectations. While we execute our plans, we should consider detours and challenges that may occur. Plan for the unexpected so you will be READY for whatever may come.

In 2009, make it a priority to "give back"... Your first act of giving can be in the form of blood donations. District 13 is partnering with MS Blood Services to sponsor a blood drive. All nurses are encouraged to donate blood. Read "A Community Service Activity" under district 13 news for more information.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

District 13 Meeting

February 17, 2009 at 5:30pm

**Location: University of Mississippi Medical Center
Nelson Student Union Building
2500 North State Street
Jackson, Mississippi 39216**

Directions: From I-55 take Lakeland Drive West exit (98B). Take a left at the 2nd light (UMC-Lakeland Entrance). The Norman C. Nelson Student Union building is on the right. Parking is available across the street in the School of Health Related Professions' parking lot or the School of Dentistry Parking lot.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A MEMBER TO ATTEND!

Bring a friend or colleague!

MNA Web site

www.msnurses.org

Check out MNA's Website. You should find it very user friendly. Visit the website to learn about upcoming MNA events, and scholarship information through the foundation. You may also update your e-mail, mailing address, and membership dues.

District 13 News

A Community Service Activity

District 13 is partnering with MS Blood Services to sponsor a **Blood Drive Blitz**. There is a critical need for blood donations during the holiday season and immediately after. Nurses in Hinds, Madison, Rankin, and Yazoo counties are encouraged to go to MS Blood Services on Lakeland Drive and donate blood. Please tell them you are with MNA District 13 (group code C013).

A Glimpse of what to expect at the February 17th meeting...

Presenters

Sandor Feldman, M.D., Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics, will share timely information regarding immunizations and vaccines

Rosalyn Howard, M.Ed., Executive Director, will share her vision and plans for the Mississippi Nurses Foundation

Lisa Byrd, Ph.D., President of MagGAPN, will share ideas about district 13 collaborating on another educational offering, "Seminar at Sea"

MNA Events

2009 MS Nightingale Awards Gala

March 2, 2009 at the Jackson Marriott Hotel

Next District Meeting

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

More information to follow...

My goals for District 13 meetings are to:

- 1) Provide educational sessions;
- 2) Present information that directly affects the district;
- 3) Promote networking among district members ~Tonya