



## District 13, July/August 2008

### 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:

This is an exciting era for Americans and HEALTH CARE. The Presidential election debates have put “health care” on the map as one of the top three important issues concerning Americans. Conversations about health disparity, health care insurance, and tobacco tax (to name a few) are occurring daily among state and national officials. This is an opportunity for nurses to be informed and get involved. MNA is doing a fantastic job staying abreast of the health care needs of our State. I urge you to attend local district meetings, conferences, and annual conventions so you are attuned to discussions about health care!

District 13 officers have discussed plans/goals for the 2008 – 2009 year. The goals will be discussed at the next meeting. In general, we plan to continue to have bi-monthly meetings, provide educational sessions during the meetings, enhance communication by utilizing the district’s page on MNA’s website, and conservatively manage the district’s budget. We look forward to working with you to make sure these plans/goals are successful.

### District Officers: 2008 - 2009

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## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**

### **District 13 Meeting**

**August 19, 2008 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.msurses.org](http://www.msurses.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 Glimpse of what to expect at the August 19<sup>th</sup> meeting...**

A discussion of the district’s plans/goals for the upcoming 2008 – 2009 year

### **Presenters**

Betty Ruth Hawkins, Director of Marketing, MNA will update us on convention activities

Dr. Melinda Rush, Executive Director of the Board of Nursing (BON), will spend about 20 minutes sharing her vision for the BON

### **MNA Convention**

The 95<sup>th</sup> MNA Annual Convention will be held October 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> in Biloxi, MS at the Beau Rivage Resort and Casino. Make plans to attend.

**A FEW GOOD NURSES ARE NEEDED!!!** I still need 8 delegates and 2 alternate delegates to serve during The House of Delegates (HOD) session at Convention (Wednesday, October 22, 2008). Sign up Now!!!

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Developing Nurse Leader (DNL) Program** will be held during Convention

### **Networking**

Meet and mingle with your colleagues. Bring your business cards, pen, and paper so you can exchange contact information.

### **Next District Meeting**

Tuesday, December 16, 2008 at 5:30pm  
No District meeting in October because of convention

My goals for District 13 meetings are to 1) provide educational sessions, 2) present information that directly affects the district, and 3) promote networking among district members. ~Tonya