



District 13, November/December 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:

Happy Holidays! As we approach the holiday season and the end of the year, we are encouraged to reflect on the true meaning of the season. As you celebrate during the upcoming weeks, remember to give your time, money, kind words, and other random acts of thoughtfulness to those that are less fortunate so they can also experience holiday cheer.

Compassion, care, and gentleness are characteristics that nurses possess. Nursing is the most trusted profession in America. On November 26, 2008, the American Nurses Association issued a news release stating, "For the seventh consecutive year, nurses were voted the most trusted profession in America in Gallup's annual survey of professions for their honesty and ethical standards. Eighty-four percent of Americans believe nurses' honesty and ethical standards are either "high" or "very high" (<http://www.nursingworld.org/FunctionalMenuCategories/MediaResources/PressReleases/2008PR/Nurses-Most-Trusted.aspx>). I am PROUD to be a nurse!

In celebration of our nursing profession and the Holiday season, we have planned an exciting *Holiday Fellowship Fundraiser... Celebrating Christmas with Bells, Boas, and Bling!* I can't wait to see you there. Please note the change in location....**It will be held at the Historic Millsaps Buie House** ~ Tonya

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! **District 13's Holiday Fellowship Fundraiser** **Christmas Bells, Boas and Bling** **December 16, 2008 6pm – 9pm**

NEW LOCATION: Historic Millsaps Buie House
628 North State Steet, Jackson, MS

Directions from I-55...Exit at High Street (Exit 96B). Continue on High Street, up a hill to 5th stop light. Go right on to State Street (On that corner is a small church on the right). Millsaps Buie House is 4th building on your right counting the church 628 N. State Street -- taupe colored house with a green roof

Bring a friend! YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A MEMBER TO ATTEND!

District 13 News

Christmas Bells, Boas and Bling

MNA members, family, and friends will meet at the *Historic Millsaps Buie House* for an evening of fun, mingling, and Christmas cheer.

What to expect....Wine, heavy Hor' dourves, and Live Entertainment by Kaye Bender, PhD. Other features of the evening will include silent auction items, networking, great door prizes, karaoke, and photos with Santa. Boas will be given to the first 20 attendees. Tickets are \$40 each.

A Community Service Activity

District 13 is partnering with MS Blood Services to sponsor a **Blood Drive Blitz** now through the end of January. There is a critical need for blood donations during the holiday season and immediately after. Nurses and nursing students 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). All donors will be entered into a statewide drawing for a 2009 Nissan Altima from Deuce MacAllister Nissan to be given away on January 30, 2009.

MNA Events 95th MNA Convention October 2008

Highlights... District 13 was adequately represented during the House Delegates with 26 delegates. Thanks to all that served in this capacity!

Elected MNA Board Members: Linda Todd (*district 16*) Secretary; Jeffrey Hallman (*district 13*) Treasurer; Laura Schenk (*district 13*) Council on Nursing Research; Bess Blackwell (*district 13*) Council on Health Affairs; Jackie Williams (*district 13*) Council on Advanced Practice.

The Expo GRAND PRIZE winner (a Cruise for two) – District 13 member, Vicki Hathorn **Congratulations Vicki!**

2009 Nursing Summit

Plan to attend on January 27, 2009 at the MS Trade Mart.

Next District Meeting

Tuesday, February 17, 2009

Guest Speakers: Sandor Feldman, MD; Rosalyn Howard, M.Ed.; and Lisa Byrd, PhD