



## District 13, September/October 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:

Many of us are getting ready to travel to Biloxi for convention. MNA has worked long hours to ensure that we have a convention that is first-class in education and entertainment. I look forward to seeing many district 13 members in Biloxi.

Dr. Melinda Rush, Executive Director of the MS Board of Nursing, has been working tirelessly to “protect the public” and “support the nursing profession”. It was a delight to have Dr. Rush as our speaker at the last district meeting! Her enthusiasm for leadership, academics, and practice makes her a perfect fit for the ED position.

Rosalyn Howard, Executive Director of the Mississippi Nurses Foundation (MNF), will be at convention. Please welcome her to MNA/MNF!

I am excited about our upcoming event. *We are planning a Holiday Fellowship Fundraiser with Wine, heavy Hor’dourves, and Live Entertainment by Dr. Kaye Bender.* This is a holiday social for members, family, and friends. Please support the district by purchasing tickets.

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

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## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**

### *Next District 13 Meeting*

**December 16, 2008 6pm – 9pm**

**Location: Alexander’s Restaurant  
1896 MAIN ST, STE A, Madison, MS**

Directions: *Take I-55 N to Madison Exit # 108. Take a Right onto MAIN ST(MS-463). Drive approximately half a mile. Alexander’s Restaurant should be on the Left.*

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

### District 13 News

### Holiday Fellowship Fundraiser...

We want our district members, family, and friends to join us at Alexander’s Restaurant in Madison on **Tuesday, December 16th from 6pm until 9pm** for an evening of fun, mingling, and Christmas Cheer. Live entertainment by Dr. Kaye Bender. Boas will be given to the first 20 divas to arrive. Come dressed as you like, but be prepared for lots of Bells, Boas, and Bling.

*What to expect...* Christmas Bells, Boas, and Bling; Wine and heavy Hor’dourves; Live Entertainment by Dr. Kaye Bender; Silent Auction; and Door prizes.

**Tickets are \$35 before November 1<sup>st</sup>. After November 1<sup>st</sup> tickets will be \$40.00 each.** Ticket sales are limited to 175 tickets. Reserved seating is available. Special pricing/purchases include: Table of 6 (1 table available) will be sold at \$300; table of 4 (5 tables available) will be sold at \$200 ea. To purchase your ticket(s) contact Michelle Burns at 601-815-1821 or email at [mjburns@nursing.umsmed.edu](mailto:mjburns@nursing.umsmed.edu); or Tonya Moore, at 601-815-4241 or email at [tmoore2@hospadmin.umsmed.edu](mailto:tmoore2@hospadmin.umsmed.edu). **Committee members are needed! Contact Michelle if you are willing to serve!**

### **95<sup>th</sup> Annual MNA Convention Oct. 21 – 24, 2008 Biloxi, MS**

The House of Delegate (HOD) session is Wed., Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>. The HOD will act on the following resolutions: 1) Protection of the Title of Nurse; 2) Funding of Regional Simulation Labs; 3) Protection of the Scope of Practice for NPs; 4) Promotion of SIDS Awareness; and, 5) Mandatory Continuing Education as a Requirement for Licensure Renewal.

Delegates will elect 5 members to MNA’s Board of Directors. Candidates are: **Secretary** - Linda Todd, MS; **Treasurer** – Jeffrey Hallman, MSN; **Director, Council on Nursing Research** - Laura Schenk, PhD; **Council on Health Affairs** - Bess Blackwell, MSN; and, **Director, Council on Advanced Practice** - Anne Romig Tucker, PMHN-PBC AND Jackie Williams, MSN.

**Next District Meeting** No District meeting in October. We are at Convention!

**Tuesday, December 16, 2008, 6pm – 9pm. District 13’s Holiday Fellowship Fundraiser at Alexander’s Restaurant.**