

NSNANational Student Nurses' Association
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CONVENTION NEWS

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The Magic
of Nursing

Friday, April 9

NSNA 58th Annual Convention

April 7-11, 2010

Disney's® Coronado Springs Resort
and Convention Center
Lake Buena Vista, Florida

Today's Highlights:

9:00 a.m.

Plenary Session

10:00 am

Florence Nightingale Letters Exhibit

10:45 am

House of Delegates

11:00 am

Exhibit Hall and

Career Counseling Center Open

1:45 pm

Sunshine Auction

2:30 pm

Candidates' Presentations, Part 1

3:30 pm

Focus Sessions, Part 1

4:45 pm

Focus Sessions, Part 2

5:00 pm

Candidates' Presentations, Part 2
and Presidential Debate

7:30 pm

Resolutions Hearing

10:00 pm

Meet the Candidates

Wednesday's Opening Ceremony Keynote Jennie Chin Hansen Addressed the Magic of Nursing

The Opening Ceremony began an inspiring rendition of the National Anthem sung by **Latricia Burwell**, nursing student at Olive-Harvey College in Chicago, IL. After NSNA platinum, gold, and silver sponsors were recognized, agency and individual sustaining members were applauded.

In delivering greetings on behalf of the National League for Nursing, President **Cathleen Shultz**, PhD, RN, FAAN, spoke on behalf of nurses when she said, "We are counting on you to build on what we've done. We look to you for what you have done and will do" to improve patient care.

In her greetings, American Nurses Association President **Rebecca Patton**, MSN, RN, told NSNA members "Of the many audiences I have addressed, you are one of the most important because I am looking at the future of my profession. As nurses, you will do what is best for patients, and you can trust ANA to do what is best for nurses."



Hansen

Keynote speaker **Jennie Chin Hansen**, MS, RN, FAAN, President of AARP, Senior Fellow UCA-SF, led a journey into the magic of nursing as she addressed the healthcare landscape, nursing's contemporary contributions to healthcare, and

highlighted the healthcare reform legislation and its impact on nursing.

Ms. Hansen pointed out that today's nursing students are in a unique position to change the course of

healthcare and healthcare delivery. She said that the federal healthcare reform legislation signed into law two and half weeks before the NSNA Convention will offer healthcare opportunities for individual patients and collective groups. She said that the legislation has identified nurses as critical players in meeting the healthcare needs of all Americans. It also contains important provisions for nursing—for example, graduate nursing funding to bolster nurse training, funding for FNP that includes a residency program, and additional funding for the National Health Service for loan forgiveness for nurses to serve in underserved areas.

In addressing healthcare reform, she commented that "Now and in the future, nurses need to be at the point of care to ensure compassionate and competent care. We can't do more of the same. We need to redefine healthcare. Disease prevention and self-care are important and are key elements in healthcare reform." She commented that nurses coordinate multidisciplinary teams and there are successful models to emulate, such as the veterans administration's use of advanced practice nurses and nurse managed centers. For example, the veterans administration has reduced length of hospital stays with better patient care outcomes by using advanced practice nurses in delivery of healthcare. She also cited the On Lok program designed to support care of frail elders in their own homes instead of nursing homes as a model on nurse-led, cost-effective care that began in San Francisco and has spread to 31 states.

She advised new graduates not to be concerned about finding a position. "I can guarantee there will be a position for you, although it may not be in the usual places of acute care." She pointed out that healthcare premiums have escalated and increasingly fall directly on individuals.

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the Opening Ceremony!

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She noted that a family of 4 cannot afford the typical \$13,000 in healthcare premiums cost if the earner is making no more than minimum pay. "Learn about the economics of healthcare. We need to know why the US spends so much more and gets so much less healthcare than any other country." She noted that it is important to build a workforce to care for the growing population of older adults with multiple chronic health problems. She urged students to consider opportunities to advance the health and healthcare of older adults.

In her concluding remarks, Ms. Hansen advised, "Work in teams. Be curious. Care deeply. Work within and outside our neighborhood of nursing. Engage the science, but do not be a slave to science. Understand others' ways of thinking."

The Keynote speaker was sponsored by Nurses Service Organization, Hatboro, PA. The Opening Ceremony was sponsored by the Johnson & Johnson Campaign for Nursing's Future, New Brunswick, NJ. ■

Health and Accident Insurance

NSNA members and their eligible spouse and dependents can purchase group injury and sickness insurance provided by UnitedHealthcare Student Resources.



The plan includes prescription drug coverage and **continuation privilege for a period of up to nine months after graduation** if eligible. It is affordable for students and their dependents. Available in most states. Visit www.uhcsr.com/NSNA for more information. ■

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Florence Nightingale Letters Exhibit

10:00 am - 3:00 pm • North Registration

This one-of-a-kind exhibit features two letters handwritten by Florence Nightingale in 1861 that highlight her remarkable contributions to the education of nurses. Brought to you by Nurse.com, Nursing Spectrum and NurseWeek. Sponsor: The Johnson & Johnson Campaign for Nursing's Future.



NSNA First Night Party

MAGIC AND MAKE BELIEVE!



Thanks to our Sponsors for making last night magical!



Annual Challenge

During tomorrow's House of Delegates break, there is a special "challenge" to raise much-needed funds for the Haiti Nursing Foundation. The FNSNA invites everyone to make a contribution, not just delegates in the House. Contributions by school/state associations, as well as individuals, are encouraged. Please help us provide assistance to student nurses who were affected by the earthquake in Haiti. To take part in the challenge please complete the Annual Challenge form located in the NSNA Convention & Fundraising Office (Coronado M). Thank you for your generosity and support of this important Fund. ■

Voting Tomorrow

MANDATORY
Attendance for Delegates

Voting Hours

Voting for the 2010-2011 Board of Directors and Nominating and Elections Committee takes place tomorrow morning in room Monterrey from 8:00 am - 9:30 am. Delegates must be credentialed to vote. Bring your Convention badge, delegate ribbon, and the blue voting card you received when you were credentialed. These are required to cast your ballot. Voting ends promptly at 9:30 am.

Voting Rights of Delegates

Voting is an individual right and individual responsibility. Each delegate has the right to vote their mind and is not required to adhere to instructed or block voting. ■

Feeling Famished?



Grab lunch, a snack, coffee or drinks at the concession stand today in the Exhibit Hall (Veracruz BC) from 11:00 am - 2:30 pm. ■

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Registration count as of press time
on Thursday, April 8

3,089

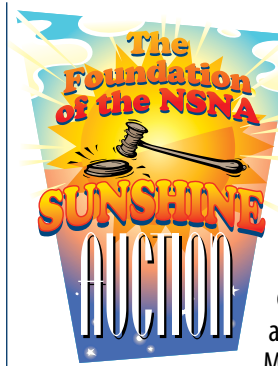
Delegate count as of press time on
Thursday, April 8: **578**



Caribbean Beach Resort Bus Hours

A special thanks to Disney® for accommodating our attendees staying at the Caribbean Beach Resort. Buses will pick up and drop off at the Porte Cochere, across from the Coronado ballrooms in the Convention Center. At the Caribbean Beach Resort, buses will pick up and drop off at Aruba - Building 56. Below are the special bus hours:

Friday: 6 am - 11 am,
and 7:30 pm - 12:30 am;
Saturday: 7 am - Noon, and 2 pm - 7 pm



Sunshine Auction TODAY!

Be sure to attend the Sunshine Auction today at 1:45 pm in the back of the Exhibit Hall (Veracruz BC). The auction, organized by the Foundation of the NSNA and sponsored by allheart.com, raises money for the Mary Ann Tuft Scholarship Fund. ■

Leadership U Certificates may be picked up in the NSNA Convention Office (Coronado M) from 8am-5pm Wednesday through Friday, and 8am-3:30pm on Saturday.



10 Candidates Added To Slate At Wednesday's Opening House Session

The House opened with the traditional roll call of state pride: California and Florida students broke into song; the count included Iowa hawk eyes and Ohio buckeyes, Maine lobsters and Maryland crabs, Pennsylvania Hershey kisses and South Carolina grits, as well as Nebraska cornhuskers, Oklahoma twisters, Oregon tree huggers, and Tennessee volunteers.



Haney

In her report to the House, NSNA President **Kenya Haney** highlighted her participation as NSNA's representative to the International Council of Nurses held in South Africa and other alliance-building meetings. She thanked members for giving her an opportunity to serve and applauded the achievements of the 2009-2010 NSNA Board of Directors.

In her report, Executive Director **Diane Mancino** named the first 5 NSNA chapters recognized in NSNA's newly established Stellar School Chapter Program: Emory University in Georgia, Georgia Baptist College of Nursing, Riverside Community College in California, Molloy College in New York, and Brigham Young University in Utah.



The slate of candidates doubled when the floor for was opened for nominations. The following were added to the slate: Jasmine Bhatti, AZ, for President; **Holly Rodriguez**, TX, for Vice President; **Reneka Turner**, IL, for Breakthrough to Nursing® (BTN) Director; **Christopher Malpaya**, VA; **Danielle Miller**, MD; **Pennie Hartley**, VA; **Christine Bono**, PA, for Director - East; **Erin Zundle**, UT, for Director - West; **Jeffrey Goodhart**, AK, for NEC - South; **Colleen Brophy**, PA, for NEC - East.

The House reconvenes today with nominations open for 8 offices: Secretary/Treasurer; *Imprint*® Editor; BTN Director; Director - North; NEC - North, South, East, West. Also on Friday, delegates consider action on 28 resolutions (see below). ■

Resolutions to Come Before the House

To view the list of resolutions to come before the House of Delegates during this Convention use the Cyber Café outside of the Exhibit Hall and go to www.nсна.org/Publications/Resolutions.aspx. For a one-sheet hard copy of the list, visit the NSNA Press Room in El Paso 2, while supplies last. ■

Opening Ceremony



Top row, left to right: Student Nurse **Latricia Burwell** opened with a breathtaking rendition of the National Anthem; Spirit of Nursing Award winner **Becky Arand**, University of Missouri Sinclair School of Nursing, with Brigadier General **Margaret Wilmoth**; FNSNA Treasurer **Ken Dion** with **Lorie Kraynak** (left) and **Andrea Higham** (right) of the Johnson & Johnson Campaign for Nursing's Future; NSNA President **Kenya Haney** presenting NSNA's highest honor, Honorary Membership, to **Beverly Malone**, Chief Executive Office, National League for Nursing; **At left:** Agency sustaining members, who give vital support to NSNA.

Exhibit Hall & Career Counseling Center Grand Opening!



After the traditional ribbon cutting with the Board of Directors, attendees were off in search of different nursing schools, graduate programs, potential employers and the latest and greatest NCLEX® review book! Students came prepared to network with business cards, address labels, resumes and even a shortened resume on labels! Many students stood in line and took advantage of the Career Counseling Center for assistance with their resumes and general career questions. **Jillian Schleicher**, a junior from University of Central Florida (UCF) in Orlando came to Convention for the leadership opportunities and was

impressed to see all the exhibitors as a bonus. She is interested in all the different professional associations to get involved in and trying to decide which ones. **Christine Ferrell**, also at UCF, was interested in looking at the different schools for the plethora of options to continue her education after she graduates. Many attendees were practicing a little self-care and exploring some comfortable footwear options!

Right, top to bottom:

The traditional opening of the Exhibit Hall saw the Board of Directors cutting the grand opening ribbon; Convention attendees exploring all that the Exhibit Hall and exhibitors have to offer; The 2009-2010 NSNA Board of Directors with their new special friend (left to right): **Cheryl Taylor**, NLN-appointed consultant; **Cheryl Schmidt**, ANA-appointed consultant; Carylin Holsey, BTN Director; **Alison Faust**, *Imprint* Editor, **Denise Landers**, Secretary/Treasurer; **Jill Beasley**, Vice-President; **Kenya Haney**, President; **Evette Eubanks**, Director; **Liz Patail**, Directors; **Hershaw Davis**, Director; **Diane Carbone Peck**, Director; and **Dana Jennings**, COSP Chair and Ex-Officio.

