

NEWS: NSNA® Convention Preview

Experience the Magic of Nursing

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It's time to start planning for the Annual Convention now that the MidYear Conference has come and gone (see January's *Imprint*® for a recap). Over 3,000 students will gather for NSNA's® 58th Annual Convention at the Disney Coronado Springs Resort in Lake Buena Vista (Orlando), FL, from April 7-11, 2010.

Inspired by the explorers who searched for the fabled Seven Cities of Gold, *Disney's Coronado Springs Resort* celebrates the character and traditions of the American Southwest and northern Mexico. Here, palm-shaded courtyards and Spanish-style haciendas create the perfect climate for business and pleasure. You can soak up the sun at a five-story Mayan pyramid that towers over an elaborate themed pool area, or indulge in the flavors of Mexico, the Caribbean and South America at the *Maya Grill*. Conveniently located in *Disney's Animal Kingdom*® Resort area, *Disney's Coronado Springs Resort* is a stone's throw from all four *Walt Disney World* Theme Parks, championship golf and Disney entertainment districts.



The keynote speaker is **Jennie Chin Hansen**, MS, RN, FAAN, of San Francisco, CA. Ms. Hansen is the current President of AARP (formerly known as

the American Association of Retired Persons), a position she has held since 2008. She has previously chaired the AARP Foundation Board and served on the AARP Services Board. Ms. Hansen serves in various leadership

roles including commissioner of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC), and board member of the National Academy of Social Insurance; the Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellows Program; and the SCAN Foundation. On Wednesday, April 7, she will bring her service and leadership experience to her speech on this year's theme, "Experience the Magic of Nursing."



On Saturday, April 10, the endnote speaker is **Corey Ciocchetti**, JD, who will present an inspiring message that will stick with attendees and leave them feeling

challenged. Ciocchetti is an Assistant Professor of Business Ethics and Legal Studies in the Daniels College of Business at the University of Denver and is also a national speaker.

Focus Sessions

A variety of focus sessions offered throughout Convention are offered on topics such as: Oncology Nursing, Rehabilitation, Advocacy, Aging Nursing School Exams, Nephrology Nursing, Pharmacology, Leadership, Ultimate Money Skills, Chat With the ANA President, Make Your Voice Heard-Rockin Nurse Advocacy, and Documentation-Avoiding Malpractice.

NCLEX® EXCEL!

Drexel University's NCLEX® EXCEL! program is NSNA's® official NCLEX prep course. Drexel has been helping student nurses pass the NCLEX since 1980 and its experts offer up-to-date strategies and tips to help you prepare for the biggest test of your

life. The nine-hour review covers health promotion and maintenance, physiological and psychosocial integrity and the nursing process. Pharmacology, pathophysiology, medical diagnosis and nursing diagnosis are part of the discussion, as well as obstetrics and psychology. Quizzes throughout the two-day course give you the opportunity to validate your learning and practice NCLEX type questions.

Awards

The top awards in each NSNA® program will be awarded during the Closing Ceremony on Saturday, April 10, 2010. The traditional General Scholarship and Promise of Nursing Scholarship recipients will be recognized during the Opening Ceremony on Wednesday, April 7, and the Marilyn Bagwell grant recipient and Honorary Member are recognized at this time. The Isabel Hampton Robb Award winner will be honored during the Thursday, April 8 plenary session, and the Leader of Leaders award presented during the Friday, April 9 plenary session.

Exhibit Hall

This is your chance to speak to recruiters, learn about the newest books and products, and network. Exhibitors are eager to speak with you. Learn about summer internships and residency opportunities, finding your first RN position, or locate the perfect school to continue your education.

NSNA® is providing a Career Counseling Center during exhibit hours to help plan your nursing career
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Before you arrive, prepare by making a list of your interests and needs, analyze your priorities and goals. Bring your resume to review with a Career Counselor. Take this opportunity to learn and discuss the basic steps for career success.

Project Showcase and Poster Sessions

NSNA® members and chapters are invited to showcase their projects and other research by displaying posters at Convention. Projects relating to Community Health, Legislation and Education, Breakthrough to Nursing®, Membership Disaster Preparedness, Image of Nursing, and Newsletters, will be on display as well as all of the award-winning projects. This is a great way to share community outreach ideas and learn what fellow nursing students are researching. Please call NSNA® for more information at (718) 210-0705 or email nsna@nsna.org.

Student Activity Tables

School and state constituents may sell fundraising items at the Annual Convention. Tables are available on a first-come, first serve basis. The cost is \$20 for a half-table. Register for tables at the Convention Office when you arrive.

Auction

The FNSNA® Auction is one of Convention's most popular events. Money raised during the event supports the Mary Ann Tuft Scholarship Fund. Held on Friday, April 9, 2010, it will feature interesting and unique items from across the country donated by individuals, chapters, sponsors, and other contributors. Don't miss out! Bring donation items with you to Convention and come and bid on your favorite items!

Spirit of Nursing Award

The Spirit of Nursing (SON) Award Program is a joint effort between the U.S. Army Recruiting Command

and NSNA® and serves as a great way to reach out to all nursing programs. Established in 1991, the SON Award Program provides accredited schools of nursing the opportunity to recognize an exceptional student. Deans and directors of nursing programs are encouraged to nominate one student who demonstrates a commitment to excellence through community, professional and academic achievements. See selection criteria on page 15.

U.S. Army Recruiting Command pays for the winner's registration fee, lodging and airline ticket to attend NSNA's® 58th Annual Convention at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Lake Buena Vista (Orlando), FL, from April 7 - 11, 2010. The winner is expected to attend conference sessions and is recognized at the Opening Ceremony. Information about the Spirit of Nursing award is mailed to schools in the fall or can be obtained from the Army Nurse recruiter in your area.

Board Meeting Highlights

The NSNA® Board of Directors met in Phoenix, Arizona on October 27 and 28, 2009. The following highlights their actions:

Accepted/approved the following minutes: June 2-3, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting; October 7, 2009 Board of Directors conference call; April 15-18, 2009 House of Delegates Proceedings.

Accepted reports from the following committees: Finance, Legislation Education, Membership, Breakthrough to Nursing, Community Health, Disaster Preparedness, Convention and Program Planning, Bylaws and Policies, and Image of Nursing.

Approved the following:

- Restoration of \$5.00 for NSNA® membership dues for new members (currently \$20; \$25 beginning July

1, 2009). * Dues for Total School Membership participants will remain \$20. There is no change in the membership dues for the two-year membership category.

- Added \$5.00 to all 2010 NSNA® Convention registration categories.
- Approved making the January 2010 *Imprint® Career Guide* available only online (not printed and mailed as hard copy magazine).
- Adopted the interpretative statements for the *NSNA® Code of Academic and Clinical Conduct*.
- Approved changes to the Campaign Regulations.
- Adding the following to the NSNA® Business Book: "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."
- Appointed Denise Landers to the Spirit of Nursing Selection Committee.
- Reappointed Dr. Cheryl Schmidt to a second term as the American Nurses Association Appointed Consultant to NSNA®.

*Note: According to the NSNA® Bylaws, Article IV, Section 5 Dues, NSNA® membership dues are \$30 annually per member. In 1992, the NSNA® Board of Directors reduced the dues to \$20 for new members (see NSNA® Bylaws Article IV, Section 5 1. c). The October 2009 action by the NSNA Board of Directors restores \$5.00 of the reduced dues for new members.

American Red Cross - 4-hour Certificate Program

Participants will be certified in an accelerated version of the official ARC Shelter Operations and Disaster Health Response courses. They will receive course certificates and the ARC Student Nurse Pin, but more importantly, will gain the knowledge and skills to volunteer at disaster shelters in their communities. ∞



Spirit of Nursing Selection Criteria

A selection committee convenes once a year, and consists of one Army Nurse Corps officer and two representatives from NSNA® who review all nomination forms and select the winner based on the following criteria:

1. Statement by School's Dean or Director
2. Candidate's Statement
3. Community Involvement (community projects or volunteer work)
4. Professional Involvement (candidates' involvement in the nursing profession- i.e., membership in professional organizations, health fairs, etc.)
5. Leadership Experience (office or committee positions held by candidate in school or professional organizations)
6. Academic Achievements (scholarships, academic awards, honor societies)
7. Cumulative Grade Point Average.

Candidates can receive up to 5 points in each of the seven categories. Maximum points: 35

BUDGETING INFORMATION FOR THE 58th ANNUAL CONVENTION DISNEY'S CORONADO SPRINGS RESORT, ORLANDO, FLORIDA APRIL 7 - 11, 2010

The following information is being provided to assist you with budgeting for the 58th Annual Convention. Estimated Expenses (excluding travel) are for 5 days and 4 nights.

MINIMUM COST BUDGET

Registration	\$100.00
(Member, Convention only, Register in Advance)	
Hotel	\$201.38
Coronado Springs Resort - 4 nights, 4 person room, (\$179.00 per night, plus Florida tax of 12.5%) = \$805.52 split 4 ways	
Meals (5 days)	
Breakfast	\$40.00
(\$8 per day, including tip)	
Lunch	\$60.00
(\$12 per day, including tip)	
Dinner	\$105.00
(\$21 per day, including tip)	
Minimum TOTAL	\$506.38

MAXIMUM COST BUDGET

Registration	\$120.00
(Convention & NCLEX Review, Member, Register in Advance)	
Hotel	\$715.50
Coronado Springs Resort - 4 nights, single room, (\$159.00 per night, plus Florida tax of 12.5%) = \$715.50	
Meals (5 days)	
Breakfast	\$60.00
(\$12 per day, including tip)	
Lunch	\$75.00
(\$15 per day, including tip)	
Dinner	\$115.00
(\$23 per day, including tip)	
Maximum TOTAL	\$1,085.50

Additional costs and information

Baggage tips at airport and hotel (\$1 per bag)
Check with your airline for fees associated with checking baggage.

Disney's Magical Express Service (free shuttle to and from the airport)

If you're arriving by air, Disney's legendary service starts the moment you touch down. There's no need to hassle with your luggage at baggage claim. *Disney's Magical Express* Service is complimentary and exclusively available when you stay at a Disney Resort hotel. Disney will pick you up at Orlando International Airport and retrieve your checked luggage, then take you to your Disney Resort hotel. And when your meeting is over, they'll do it all in reverse.

In order to utilize this service, a *Disney's Magical Express* reservation is required and must be arranged prior to arrival at the airport. To book *Disney's Magical Express* Service, call 407-827-6777 or visit www.disneyconventionears.com/dme for more details.

You must make your hotel reservation before you make your shuttle arrangements because DME needs to know your hotel information and have a confirmation number.

Taxi: Approximately \$65 one way between airport and hotel

Hotel Parking

Complimentary self-parking at all Disney hotels. Valet parking is \$12 per day (subject to change).

Hotel Amenities and Features

- Disney's Coronado Springs Resort is one of the first convention resorts in Florida to receive Green Lodging certification.
- Outdoor swimming pools, nature walk, bike rentals
- Complimentary access to fitness center
- Complimentary Hi-speed Internet access in each guest room and public spaces
- Complimentary Disney transportation throughout the *Walt Disney World*® Resort
- PURCHASED IN ADVANCE Discounted tickets to Disney parks after 4:00pm on Thursday, April 8, 2010 (More information to come - check www.nсна.org for updates)

****Debit Cards are not recommended since the hotel immediately deducts the first night's deposit and will freeze \$50 per day, per room for incidentals upon check-in. You will not have access to these frozen funds for up to two weeks after check-out.**