

MEMORANDIUM

TO: State Vice Presidents/Chair Convention Planning
Committee

FROM: Evette Eubanks, NSNA Vice President and
Chair Convention Planning Committee

RE: Fall Memo

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IT'S HALLOWEEN

It's Halloween! It's Halloween!
The moon is full and bright
And we shall see what can't be seen
On any other night.

Skeletons and ghosts and ghouls,
Grinning goblins fighting duels,
Werewolves rising from their tombs,
Witches on their magic brooms.

In masks and gowns we haunt the street
And knock on doors for trick or treat.
Tonight we are the king and queen,
For tonight it's Halloween!

~Jack Prelutsky~

What could be better than spending Halloween in Phoenix, AZ? Spending Halloween in Phoenix, AZ at NSNA's 27th Annual MidYear Career Planning Conference! Only four short weeks away, this year's MidYear Conference will be held in the warm and sunny city of Phoenix, AZ on October 29-November 1, 2009 We are thrilled that registrations have been rolling in and the NSNA Board of Directors is looking forward to seeing each and every one of you. For those of you who have not registered, you still have time! Please visit www.nсна.org and click on Member Services to get registered and Meetings (MidYear

Conference) to read more about conference activities and register for your hotel. Ideas to raise funds to help your chapter or state attend can also be found in Publications (*Guidelines for Fundraising*).

The focus of the MidYear Conference is career planning and many exciting opportunities await you. Running for national office, an introduction to nursing specialties, resolution writing and employment considerations are just a few of the many workshops you will have a chance to attend. You can view the tentative conference schedule at www.nсна.org to get a complete list of the various workshops that will be presented. Our keynote address will be given by Kathleen Bartholomew, MN, RN, RC, consultant, national speaker, and author. Having written books such as *Ending Nurse-to-Nurse Hostility: Why Nurses Eat Their Young And Each Other* and *Stressed Out About Communication Skills*, she's guaranteed to deliver an empowering and entertaining speech and I'm sure as the chapter of one of her books says, she will "Aim for the Heart."

Whether you choose to be a skeleton or a ghoul, a werewolf or a witch we anticipate seeing you at the FNSNA Masquerade Fundraising Event. Have fun dressing up and come dance the night away for a great cause to help the Foundation continue to raise funds to give scholarships to deserving nursing students such as you. From beginning to end, NSNA's 27th Annual MidYear Career Planning Conference promises to be an exciting and educational time for students and faculty alike.

I hope this year has started off well for everyone and continues to get better. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me at directorn@nsna.org. I am elated to serve as your Convention and Program Planning Committee chair, along with members Liz Patail and Denise Landers. We invite you to come and see what tricks your NSNA Board of Directors has under our sleeves and we vow this year's MidYear Conference will be a treat!

cc State Presidents

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