



# KRNA NEWS

*Kenosha Racine Nurses Association  
District 1 Wisconsin Nurses Association*



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**Inserts enclosed:**

- Ballot**
- Ballot envelope**
- Banquet registration**

## Introducing Our President

Elizabeth Markham, the Vice President of KRNA, assumed the Presidency in January, 2010, when the position became vacant due to resignation.

Elizabeth moved to the Racine area several years ago from North Carolina where she had also been active in the nurses association. On arrival in Wisconsin, she taught nursing at Milwaukee School of Engineering. She is now the Nursing Program Director at Bryant & Stratton College in Milwaukee.



## Spring Banquet

The Annual Spring Banquet and celebration of Nurses Week will be held Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at Meadowbrook Country Club. The registration form is included with this newsletter. The cost again this year is \$33. The deadline for registration is April 30.

The speaker for the evening will be Lea Acord, Ph.D., RN, who will speak on "The Direction of Nursing Education in Wisconsin."

The Nurses Foundation of Racine, the scholarship arm of KRNA, will present scholarships to this year's scholarship winners. Please join us for the opportunity to network with other nurses, celebrate nurses week and meet our scholarship winners.

## Annual Meeting – April 20, 2010

The KRNA Annual Meeting will be held **April 20, 2010**, at UW-Parkside, Tallent Hall. Networking will begin at 6:00 pm followed by speaker at 6:30 pm and the annual business meeting. The speaker for the evening will be Theresa Hewitt, CDE, FNP-BC, APNP who will speak about current treatments for diabetes. She will review insulins, the newest diabetes medications and insulin pumps. Theresa is a nurse practitioner and diabetes educator at the St. Luke's Endocrine Center, Milwaukee and a member of KRNA.

During the annual meeting, the bylaw revisions will be presented and voted upon and the election results will be announced. The officers' reports and the budget for 2010-2011 will be presented. It is important to have members attend the annual meeting in order to have a quorum for conducting business. A ballot is included with this newsletter and can be returned by mail or brought to the meeting.

### Annual Meeting

- *Bylaw revisions to presented.*
- *Quorum needed to conduct business.*
- *Election results to be announced*
- *Speaker Theresa Hewitt will present information on Diabetes*

## Candidates Bios for KRNA Officers and Board

### President Elect

**Elizabeth Markham** – *Education:* BA, BSN, MSN, PhD. *Employment:* Nursing Program Director- Bryant & Stratton College

*Professional Activities:* Current KRNA President, Past KRNA Vice President, WNA, ANA, NLN, NBNA & K-R NBNA, Sigma Theta Tau-Pi Sigma Chapter

“I am committed to representing the membership and expressing their voice in issues which impact quality care, education and continued development, practice issues which affect satisfaction, safety and productivity. I will endeavor to assure that KRNA continue to lead in its community involvement. I will seek and encourage increased membership participation and support to improve communication with the membership.”

### Vice President Candidate

**Tammy Gandy** – *Education:* BSN – Marion College. *Professional Activities:* Currently on KRNA Board of Directors, WNA, INA, MCNBA.

### Secretary Candidate

**Marie Garwood** – *Education:* MS, BSN *Employment:* Nurse Consultant – State of Wisconsin-Bureau of Nursing Home Resident Care. *Professional Activities:* Past WNA President. Have served in various positions in KRNA, including President, Vice President and Board of Directors. Have also served on various committees for WNA & KRNA, ANA Delegate, Sigma Theta Tau – Eta Nu Chapter.

“Supporting nurses and nursing begins in the districts. Accurate record keeping at meetings provides our members with access to Board and membership actions. If elected, I will assure that vital communications are recorded and shared. I look forward to promoting KRNA and supporting the activities of the district.”

### Board of Directors Candidates

**Georgia Owens** – *Education:* BSN, MPH. *Employment:* Clinical Nurse Specialist – Aurora Lakeland Medical Center *Professional Activities:* KRNA, WNA, WNA-Nurse Practice Committee, NACNS (National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists).

**Linda McDonald** – *Education:* MSN, Marquette University. *Employment:* VA Primary Care Clinic – Union Grove. *Professional Activities:* Currently serving appointed term on KRNA Board of Directors, AKA

### Nominations Committee Candidates

**Pat Anderson** – *Education:* RN, BSN *Employment:* Public Health Nurse at City of Racine Public Health Department *Professional Activities:* WNA, KRNA

**Rita Hagen** – *Education:* Diploma, BSN, MSN *Employment:* Manager Outpatient/Ambulatory Surgery Aurora Medical Center Kenosha. *Professional Activities:* KRNA, ANA, WNA, SGNA, ASPAN, AORN and Sigma Theta Tau.

**Nancy Smiegowski** – *Education:* MSN-Marquette University *Employment:* Nurse Practitioner at Aurora Health Care & Palliative Care Nurse at Zablocki VA Medical Center. *Professional Activities:* KRNA, WNA, Milwaukee Metro Nurse Practitioners, Geriatric Advanced Practice Nurses Association.

“Given the dynamic state of health care reform, the professional of nursing is a powerful witness in safeguarding and promoting the health and welfare of our community. Each and every one of us had the opportunity to advance the profession through our contributions to practice, education, administration and knowledge advancement. With my work at KRNA, I will work to promote nursing and its efforts to provide quality care of all persons consistent with the values of the profession.”

## National Nurses Week

National Nurses Week begins each year on May 6th and ends on May 12th, Florence Nightingale's birthday. These permanent dates enhance planning and position National Nurses Week as an established recognition event. As of 1998, May 8 was designated as **National Student Nurses Day**, to be celebrated annually. And as of 2003, **National School Nurse Day** is celebrated on the Wednesday within National Nurses Week (May 6-12) each year.

The nursing profession has been supported and promoted by the American Nurses Association

(ANA) since 1896. Each of ANA's state and territorial nurses associations promotes the nursing profession at the state and regional levels. Each conducts celebrations on these dates to recognize the contributions that nurses and nursing make to the community.

The ANA supports and encourages National Nurses Week recognition programs through the state and district nurses associations, other specialty nursing organizations, educational facilities, and independent health care companies and institutions.



## Proposed Bylaw Revisions

The bylaws committee, Marie Garwood and Jackie O'Connell, has completed a revision of the KRNA bylaws. The proposed revised bylaws will be presented for approval at the KRNA Annual Meeting, April 20, 2010. The proposed bylaws are available for review on the District 1 page of the WNA website [www.wisconsinnurses.org](http://www.wisconsinnurses.org). Copies will also be available at the Annual Meeting.

The revision will bring the KRNA bylaws into agreement with the WNA bylaws, reduce the number of required committees for KRNA, and reduce the number of required meetings of the general membership.

Thanks to Marie and Jackie for their work on the bylaws. The KRNA board approved the revisions at the March board meeting.

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*Proposed revised  
bylaws are available  
on District 1  
webpage at  
[www.wisconsinnurses.org](http://www.wisconsinnurses.org)*

## Fall Workshop—Mark Your Calendar

The KRNA fall workshop will be held Tuesday, September 29, 2010, at the Roma Lodge, Racine. The committee has been working and are now in the process of confirming the topic and speakers.

The workshop is held annually to provide an educational opportunity for community professionals and students.

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend the workshop this year. Watch our website for

announcement of the topic and registration information.

The workshop committee is always looking for topics for future workshops. If you have ideas for topics for coming years please share those with the district leadership. We are also always looking for committee members for planning the workshop in future years.



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### 2009–2010 KRNA Officers and Board

President - Elizabeth Markham (2009-2011)

Past President—Sarah Fouse (2009–2010)

Vice-President—Vacant

Secretary—Joyce Woodward (2008–2010)

Treasurer—Thelma Jones (2009–2011)

Board Members - Tammy Gandy (2008–2010)

Linda McDonald (2008–2010)

Pamela Graper (2009–2011)

Joyce Wadlington (2009–2011)

## Looking Ahead

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|-----------------|---|
| April 20, 2010  | KRNA Annual Membership Meeting<br>(See separate article in this newsletter) |
| April 30, 2010  | Reservation Deadline for Spring Banquet                                     |
| May 11, 2010    | KRNA Spring Banquet<br>(See article and flyer in this newsletter)           |
| Sept 29, 2010   | KRNA Fall Workshop Topic - TBA  |
| October 7 -     | 2010 WNA/WSNA Annual Meeting and Conference                                 |
| October 9, 2010 | Monona Terrace and Conference<br>Madison                                    |

