

TAVNET

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Houston

Spring 2009

Of

Texas Association of

Vocational

Nurse Educators



TAVNE Celebrates 30 Years!

Spring Conference:

March 25 – March 27, 2009

Houston Hobby Airport - Marriott

9100 Gulf Freeway

Houston, Texas

Room Rates: \$135.00

Reservations: (713) 943-7979

Seminars for Spring Conference:

Wednesday starts with registration, then a speaker from 1:00 to 3:00 followed by the General Membership Meeting and Keynote Speaker, Dr. Mary Ashley, 3:00 to 5:00. We will culminate the evening with a wine and cheese reception from 5:00 – 7:00.

On Thursday, Breakfast is 7:00 to 8:15, then Tammie Brown will talk about Laparoscopic Surgeries the first morning session from 8:30 to 10:00. Break is 10:00 – 10:15 with another

session 10:15 to 11:45. Lunch is from 12:00 to 1:15, another session from 1:30 to 3:00, break 3:00 to 3:15 with a final session from 3:15 to 4:45.

Thursday, March 26, 2009 30th Celebration 5:00p – 9:00p Banquet & Music / Play Exhibits/Vendors

Friday begins with Breakfast from 7:15 – 8:30. Our morning consists of a presentation from 7:30 to 8:30 and 8:45 to 11:15 with a break at 10:15. Our Business Meeting and CEU wrap-up, from 11:15 to 12:00, are the final components of the conference.

DOOR PRIZES NEEDED!!

**Each School please bring at
least one door prize.**

CEU's for full attendance to be determined.

FOR INFORMATION ON OTHER TOPICS AND SPEAKERS:

*Watch the TAVNE website for
updated Conference Agenda*

Registration Times:

Wednesday, March 25: 11:30a – 12:45p

Thursday, March 26: 7:30a – 8:30a

Please abide by these times so the ones assisting with registration can also enjoy the meetings.

*See online registration information on
TAVNE website*

Exhibitor/Vendor Times:

Thursday, March 25: 7:00 – 8:15

11:45 – 1:15

5:00 – 9:00

Voting Times:

Thursday, March 26: 11:45 – 1:15

4:30 – 5:00

Conference Fee Refund Policy:

All refund requests should be submitted in writing to the Treasurer. The request should include the reason the refund is requested, who to make check payable to (i.e. individual or college), and where the refund check should be mailed.

No refund checks will be prepared or mailed until all outstanding debts/credits for the meeting are tabulated. If refunds would result in TAVNE losing money on the function, no refunds are issued. Members requesting a refund are notified that no refunds would be forthcoming.

Refund of registration fees for meetings (spring convention or fall conference) will be provided at 75% if the member notifies TAVNE 2 weeks prior to the meeting date.

No refund will be made if the above timelines are not met.

Fall Conference

(Save the dates)

October 28 – 30, 2009

Austin: Omni Southpark

TAVNE Executive Board

Click on "Executive Board" on TAVNE Website homepage

President's Message

By Karen Malloy, MSN, RN

Hello TAVNE members,

I can hardly believe how fast time has gone by since my last message. There have been many issues and challenges for a number of us over the past year. I am sure you heard about a little storm named "Ike" that made his presence known to a number of us. Ike created some unusual challenges for those of us who were off while building repairs were being completed. (Hmm, sounds like a potential conference topic).

Plans are underway for the spring 2009 conference to be held in Houston. As you may know – this will be the 30th

year birthday for TAVNE. We will kick off the celebration in Houston in the spring and wind it up in the fall in Austin. As a part of that celebration, we are looking for photos, stories and other memorabilia reflecting our first 30 years of existence. If you have items that you can donate, scan or send electronically to Floyd Green, TAVNE Historian / Parliamentarian at flyaire@coastalbend.edu - we would greatly appreciate it. We will need those items no later than Feb. 15th to be sure to include them on a CD he is compiling. We are also working on another project to commemorate 30 years of existence and we would like to have one nursing program patch from each nursing program in Texas. Thirty years with 225+ members – that speaks volumes about the need for vocational nurses and vocational nurse educators in Texas. We have all been faced with increasing demands on enrollment, decreasing budgets and faculty issues. Now more than ever, we must keep our presence and voices in the political arena. We need to keep TAVNE membership serving on statewide committees and on committees in our own organization. (By the way, there are a number of positions on the TAVNE board of directors that will come open this spring. Please consider taking an active role in your organization and/or representing your organization).

The spring conference marks the end of my tenure as president of TAVNE. I have truly enjoyed serving this organization. I know that TAVNE will be in very capable hands when Betty Sims takes over as president at the end of the spring conference.

Karen



CELEBRATE OUR 30TH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

In celebration of the 30th anniversary of TAVNE, the organization would like to commemorate all participating Vocational Nursing programs with a banner. This will be displayed at the Spring 2009 conference in the main meeting room. We ask that each school bring their VN program cloth "patch" that students/faculty usually wear on their uniform or lab coat. We will have a ceremony to "pin the patch" on the banner at the evening event. The individual or entire group attending from that school is encouraged to say a few words about their involvement in TAVNE and their nursing program as they are recognized to pin their patch.

The patches will be permanently affixed to the banner for future display.



ANY NEWS OR INFORMATION

Share it with TAVNE. Send to:

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