Welcome to the hot days of summer! Looks like we, once again, skipped Spring and went right onto the summer heat. I want to say Happy Nurses Day to all of us nurses. I hope that all of you took even a few short minutes to celebrate all that you do for others. Thank you!

June takes WNA members back to Washington DC to attend the 2014 ANA Membership Assembly. The theme this year is Nurses: Leading the way. Lobby Day is June 12. ANA members from each state will be headed for the Capitol to discuss important issues in nursing. The topics this year include advancing our profession, patient protection, and improving healthcare. Providing knowledge and obtaining support are the two main goals of these visits. WNA members will be meeting with Representative Cynthia Lummis and Senators John Barrasso and Mike Enzi.

Membership Assembly will also be a time for members to vote on proposed ANA bylaw changes. One of the more exciting features happening this year are elections. Our very own WNA member, Faith Jones, is running for ANA Treasurer. Faith has a Facebook page, www.facebook.com/FaithJonesBeEngaged. Follow Faith on her journey. WNA will be supporting her and plan on celebrating with her in DC while we are all there.

It is hard to believe that at the end of this summer will be the end of my journey as your WNA President. Its been an amazing two years. WNA is honored to have Anne Rage, President-Elect, who will be taking over the Presidential reigns. Anne is an incredible leader with strong leadership skills and ready to take us through two more years.

During some of your free time I encourage you to look at the ANA website. There is some great information out there, including a webinar on Meaningful Use. There is so much great information on the website. I hope that all of you have a fun summer. Always take time to stop and enjoy those that you love doing things that you love.
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~Leadership Positions~

The Wyoming Nurses Association (WNA) Nominations Committee is seeking interested WNA members who wish to serve in leadership roles on the WNA Board of Directors.

Elected in 2014 by Statewide Ballot for a two year term is:

President-Elect
Treasurer

Duties of each office:

The President-Elect shall assume the duties of the President in his/her absence or at the direction of the President. The President-Elect will become President of WNA in full of 2016 for a 2 year term following their term as President-Elect. The President-Elect shall serve as an ANA Membership Assembly Representative and attend Membership Assembly held in DC. The President-Elect in addition will serve as the Co-Chair of the Legislative Committee, with the Vice President. One of the responsibilities of the Legislative Committee is to plan Nurses Day at the Legislature.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for monitoring the fiscal affairs of the Association and shall provide reports and interpretations of WNA's financial condition to the Board of Directors and the WNA membership. The Treasurer shall serve as chairperson of the Finance Committee. The Treasurer shall serve as the elected Second Alternate for ANA Membership Assembly.

All candidates for office must submit a “Consent to Serve” form, a statement (200-220 words) on what you believe are the major issues before the Association, in particular the position for which you are a candidate, and a photo by August 1st to the WNA Office. To obtain a “Consent to Serve” form or to learn more about each of the leadership positions please visit the WNA Website at www.wyonurse.org or call the WNA Office at 1-800-795-6381. The nominations chair Faith Jones is also available to answer any questions you may have regarding running for office. Faith can be reached at 307-272-2207 or fjones@bresnan.net

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The Labor Health and Social Services (LHSS) had their first interim meeting on May 19th and 20th in Casper. This meeting was primarily to hear reports from various agencies and to begin discussion about potential legislation for the 2015 session.

The meeting began with a report from the Wyoming Insurance Commission. 11,969 people have enrolled in the Health Insurance Marketplace. This is by Federal calculations, though it is a little less by state calculations. Commissioner Hirsig indicated that it will be difficult to know the effect of the program for a couple of years because of the unknown amount of expenses that will be incurred in the future.

The University of Wyoming gave reports on the Dental program, The BRAND Program – which is the accelerated RN program, the APRN in Psychiatry Program and the Wyoming Investment in Nursing (WyIN) program. The committee recognized that it is important to start looking at extending or removing the Wyoming Investment in Nursing (WyIN) program. The RN program, the APRN in Psychiatry Program and the program, The BRAND Program – which is the accelerated program.

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The Wyoming Investment in Nursing (WyIN) Loan Repayment Program

In 2003, the Wyoming state legislature passed legislation establishing the Wyoming Investment in Nursing (WyIN) Loan Repayment Program in order to address the nursing and nursing faculty shortages. The program provides loans to students in practical nursing and registered nursing programs. The program also provides funding for nurses who are obtaining master’s and doctoral degrees with the intent to become nursing faculty. The Wyoming Community College Commission administers the program and details about the loan program can be found on their website: http://www.commission.wcc.edu/nursing-education-program.aspx. Basically, a student who obtains a WYIN loan can repay that loan by professional practice in the State of Wyoming or if they work out of state the loan can be paid back in cash. In addition, the WYIN legislation provides funding to the community colleges for faculty positions if the college expands it nursing program.

The program is due to sunset in 2016 and as the nursing community gears up to extend the program, we have looked at the impact the program has had on the nursing workforce. The program has clearly been beneficial to nursing students at all levels. Between July 1, 2003 and June 30, 2013, the WYIN Program has supported 1069 graduates of RN programs. In 2003, prior to the start of WYIN, there were approximately 220 RN graduates from Wyoming nursing schools. After the start WYIN, the number of graduates has ranged from around 290 to 360, a sizable increase. This growth is not just from the WYIN program, but from a variety of factors, including nurses moving to Wyoming from other states.

The WCNHCP is the nursing workforce center and Action Coalition for the State of Wyoming. The mission of the center is to strengthen the nursing workforce through ongoing collaboration, communication, and consensus building to meet the health needs of the people of Wyoming. For further information, please visit the WCNHCP’s webpage at wcnhcp.org.

The Second day discussion was a forum on causes and possible legislative solutions to the high cost of health care and health insurance in the state of Wyoming. The Wyoming Hospital Association and other physicians gave testimony as to some of the major drivers to the cost of healthcare. These included:

- Efficiency of care and administration of healthcare
- Waste
- Failures of care delivery
- Preventive care not provided
- Fraud and abuse – over regulation.

There was a suggestion that solutions may live in new payment models. Many are still in a “fee for service” system. This leads to fragmented care and high risk of duplication – which increase cost.

Hospitals and providers need to be accountable to care they provide. This two day meeting allowed the LHSS committee to hear reports and gather information as they prepare for the next meeting which will be held September 4th and 5th in Lovell.

As the 2014 Election approaches, it is already known there will be a couple of changes on the LHSS committee. Matt Greene from Laramie and Leslie Nutting from Cheyenne are not planning on running for reelection. With new leadership in the House, it is possible that current committee members could be reassigned to other committees.

It is important to stay in touch with those that are running for an office in order to know how they stand on healthcare issues. Emails or personal invitations to events are good ways to communicate with the people that will be making legislative decisions. Committee meetings are also open to the public and the agenda is posted on the website: http://legisweb.state.wy.us
Awards will be given in the following categories:

- **Executive Director, Tobi Lyon Moore**: For a form to be mailed directly to you.
- **Outstanding Service to WNA Award**: Criteria to Include:
  1. Holds current WNA membership.
  2. Participates at district, state or national level by serving on committees or as an officer.
  3. Demonstrates involvement in promotion/recruitment efforts for WNA.
  4. Enhances the image of WNA.
  5. Exemplifies professionalism in nursing.
  6. Demonstrates a commitment of time, energy and dedication to WNA's Purpose.
  7. Recognizes the rurality of Wyoming and addresses specific needs of the organization statewide.
  8. Licensed as an RN in Wyoming.
  9. This award is not intended for the outgoing president of WNA.

- **Leadership in Nursing Award**: Criteria to Include:
  1. Participates in professional nursing organizations.
  2. Contributes to the advancement of nursing.
  3. Demonstrates creativity/leadership skills.
  4. Serves as an articulate spokesperson for promotion of nursing.
  5. Performs as a change agent or develops innovative approaches to further nursing practice.
  6. Encourages recruitment/retention of qualified nurses in the nursing profession.
  7. Demonstrates ongoing commitment to the lifelong nature of nursing education through continuing education, publications, research, presentations, or advanced education.
  8. Collaborates with the legislative/political processes related to nursing.
  9. Commits time, effort, and energy toward the profession of nursing.
  10. Licensed as an RN in Wyoming.
  11. Holds current WNA Membership.

- **District Nurse of the Year Award**: Criteria to Include:
  1. Participates in district activities and supports their district.
  2. Licensed as an RN in Wyoming.
  3. Holds a current WNA Membership.

- **Outstanding Leadership for WNA Award**: Criteria to Include:
  1. Participates in professional nursing organizations.
  2. Contributes to the advancement of nursing.
  3. Demonstrates creativity/leadership skills.
  4. Serves as an articulate spokesperson for promotion of nursing.
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  8. Collaborates with the legislative/political processes related to nursing.
  9. Commits time, effort, and energy toward the profession of nursing.
  10. Licensed as an RN in Wyoming.
  11. Holds current WNA Membership.

- **Leadership in Nursing Award**: Criteria to Include:
  1. Participates in professional nursing organizations.
  2. Contributes to the advancement of nursing.
  3. Demonstrates creativity/management skills.
  4. Serves as an articulate spokesperson for promotion of nursing.
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  8. Collaborates with the legislative/political processes related to nursing.
  9. Commits time, effort, and energy toward the profession of nursing.
  10. Licensed as an RN in Wyoming.
  11. Holds current WNA Membership.

- **Community Service/Health Promotion Award**: Criteria to Include:
  1. Active in development/delivery of community/patient education.
  2. Provides service to health care consumers.
  3. Develops and/or delivers health promotion, health prevention or risk reduction program to the community.
  4. Demonstrates an impact on community or target populations.
  5. Active in recognized volunteer health organizations (March of Dimes, AHA, etc.)

- **Excellence in Clinical Nursing Practice Award**: Criteria to Include:
  1. Direct patient care in the clinical arena of nursing.
  2. Practices at least 20% of work in a direct patient care setting.
  3. Exemplifies behaviors reflecting the caring attitudes of nursing.
  4. Demonstrates proficiency in the skills and techniques required by his/her clinical area.
  5. Devotes time and energy towards delivering quality patient care within the clinical arena.
  6. Serves as a role model for other nurses within the clinical arena.
  7. Impacts the quality of patient care delivery and/or the response of patients to care they receive.
  8. Licensed as a RN in Wyoming: (WNA Membership is NOT required.)

- **Prescriptive Authority**: *Bilingual applicants are encouraged to apply.*

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Leadership In Nursing: Mary Burman, Laramie
Outstanding Service to WNA: Sue Howard, Gillette
District 1 Nurse of the Year: Paula Bellknap, Cheyenne
District 6 Nurse of the Year: Karlena Sheehan, Rock Springs
District 10 Nurse of the Year: Rose Remnell, Gillette
District 12 Nurse of the Year: Norma Wilkerson, Laramie
District 16 Nurse of the Year: Celia Solis, Powell
District 50 Nurse of the Year: Judy Dixon, Rawlins

2011
Excellence in Clinical/Practice of Nursing: Jason L. Jones, Rock Springs
Community Service and Health Promotion: Penelope Caldwell, Laramie
Leadership in Nursing: Maria C. Kidner, Cheyenne
Outstanding Service to WNA: Jeanine Niemoller, Laramie
Lifetime Achievement: In loving Memory of Marjorie Wilson
District 1 Nurse of the Year: Jan Beeken, Cheyenne
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2012
Excellence in Clinical/Practice of Nursing: Leslie Comly, Laramie
Community Service and Health Promotion: Barbara Jean James, Rawlins
Leadership in Nursing: Anne Raga, Gillette
Outstanding Leadership for WNA: Faith Jones, Powell
Lifetime Achievement: Baerbel Merrill, Gillette
District 2 Nurse of the Year: Jolene Knaus, Casper
District 12 Nurse of the Year: Caitlin Vasquez, Laramie
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2013
Excellence in Clinical/Practice of Nursing: Patti Legler, Casper
Community Service and Health Promotion: Lynn Rogers, Kemmerer
Leadership in Nursing: Vickie Winney, Douglas
Outstanding Service to WNA: Kathy Luzmooth, Rock Springs
Lifetime Achievement: Norma Wilkerson, Laramie
District 1 Nurse of the Year: Shirley Evans, Cheyenne
District 2 Nurse of the Year: Cheryl Wraper, Casper
District 6 Nurse of the Year: Kristy Nielson, Rock Springs
District 10 Nurse of the Year: Ramona Bushor, Gillette
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2009
Excellence in Clinical/Practice of Nursing: Phyllis O’Connor, Cheyenne
Community Service/Health Promotion: Tia Hansuld, Casper
Leadership In Nursing: Rebecca Carron, Laramie
District 16 Nurse of the Year: Jennifer Jones, Powell

2008
Excellence in Clinical/Practice of Nursing: Nancy Gallinger, Lander
Community Service/Health Promotion: Denise Schuler, Powell
Leadership In Nursing: Maria Kidner, Cheyenne
District 1 Nurse of the Year: Paula Bellknap, Cheyenne
District 16 Nurse of the Year: Lisa Horton, Otto

2007
Excellence in Clinical/Practice of Nursing: Marcella Wright, Bosler
Community Service/Health Promotion: Cathy Blanchard, Cody
Leadership In Nursing: Robin Roling, Powell
Outstanding Service to WNA: Krista Blough, Powell

2006
Leadership In Nursing: Mary Kay Goetter, Cheyenne

2005
Leadership In Nursing: Cheryl Wrasper, Casper

2004
Excellence in Clinical/Practice of Nursing: Karolyn Rood, Powell
Community Service/Health Promotion: Laura Wright, Cheyenne
Leadership In Nursing: Faith Jones, Powell

2003
Excellence in Clinical/Practice of Nursing: Noreen “Lynnac” Seeley, Powell
Leadership In Nursing: Hannah Health, Gillette
Outstanding Service to WNA: Ronda Eagleson, Cheyenne

2002
Outstanding Service to WNA: Beverly McDermott, Laramie
Leadership In Nursing: Cheryl Koski, Cheyenne
Community Service/Health Promotion: Sue Hume, Cheyenne
Leadership In Nursing: Alixe Fiedor, Cheyenne
Community Service/Health Promotion: Diana Esteve, Laramie
Excellence in Clinical/Practice of Nursing: Mariah Perkins, Powell

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Excellence in Clinical/Practice of Nursing: Rolanda Meza, Powell
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1. Renee Gamline
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2. Deborah Center, RN, MSN, CEN, CCRN-CT
   Education Program Director
   Colorado Nursing Excellence
   Facilitator for several programs related to leadership and interdisciplinary teams. Since joining the Center in 2008, she has led many grant-funded programs related to VNS nursing education and nursing workforce pipeline initiatives.

Dr. Lutik has 30 years experience in nursing and has held many positions from a staff level to executive leadership. She values the input of all team members. Her experience is built on a solid foundation of evidence and supporting developmental learning. She has been a national author and presenter on several publications related to nursing and leadership. Deborah’s clinical and leadership experiences in the acute care and critical care units have provided the foundation for her leadership in acute care and advanced practice nursing.

3. Christine Lutik, PhD
   Professor of Nursing and Health Policy
   Oregon State University, College of Public Health and Human Sciences
   Her PhD research focused on the importance of leadership in organizations. She has been a faculty member at the University of Colorado School of Nursing for 14 years and during this time has successfully navigated the changes in healthcare delivery. She is currently Chair of the Department of Nursing at the University of Colorado Denver.

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The Wyoming Center for Nursing and Health Care Partnerships and the Wyoming Nurses Association invites health care leaders to participate in the Wyoming Nursing Summit and the WNA Convention, September 25-26, 2014 held at the Holiday Inn, Rock Springs, Wyoming.

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Wyoming Nursing Summit and Convention

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gether we will explore several key concepts and identify strategies to apply
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2:15pm - 3:45pm
Mindfulness and Healthcare
Christine Luntik
Readings throughout the past year have assured us that research in
showing mindfulness can have an effect on happiness, focus, and health.
As we move forward, this session will introduce and define
mindfulness. It will discuss the research that has been completed
specific to healthcare, the implications, and limitations of this research.
It will then introduce the ways this is currently being applied within
healthcare settings, throughout the country, in support of both
healthcare workers and patients.

3:45pm - 5:15pm
Mindfulness in the Workplace
Christine Luntik
Mindfulness can help with health worker burnout. Research has shown
that mindfulness practices can support healthcare workers by possibly
lowering the rate of burnout and improving their ability to
compassionately do their job day in and day out. This session would
discuss this research and provide tools and practice using these tools,
for beginning a mindful contemplative practice and applying this practice
within the workplace.

5:30pm - 6:00pm
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District News

Casper District 2

Jolene Knaus, District Past President

Wanted: WNA District Presidents

“I know my district needs help with leadership but I don’t know the first thing about how to be a district president.” Help is on the way...in the form of an orientation for district presidents. The orientation was developed with the help of your WNA Board, which does have district presidents as part of the board. The orientation is in the form of a check list on which the topic for orientation and date it is accomplished are included. The orientation will be initiated at the WNA convention in Rock Springs the end of September. You can anticipate being introduced to the WNA bylaws, budget and strategic plan. You will meet other district presidents at this orientation as well as all the Board. A calendar of events for 2015 will be given to you so you know the dates and deadlines for various activities. Please consider this as an invitation to help your district by becoming the district president.

2014 Nurses Week is behind us and DNA #2 celebrated “Nurses Leading the Way” with a fundraising auction of teacups/saucers with cupcakes. We had 37 attendees including WNA members, non-members and students. The event was held at the Casper Petroleum Club and included hors d'oeuvres and wine. There were door prizes galore including a membership to ANA/WNA to the lucky winner, Sheena Snyder. Networking was the goal of the evening as well as recruiting new members. You will meet other district presidents at this orientation as well as all the Board. A calendar of events for 2015 will be given to you so you know the dates and deadlines for various activities. Please consider this as an invitation to help your district by becoming the district president.

Rock Springs District 6

Kathy Luzmoor

District #6 Nurses Association celebrated Nurses Day with an annual breakfast at Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County. Forty-five nurses, retirees, nurses, and students attended the buffet breakfast. Patty O’Lexey, district member, was instrumental in the breakfast, handling everything!

Patty is a graduate of WWCC and most recently the University of Wyoming with her BSN.

Four nurses/groups were nominated for the District Nurse of the Year award. Nominated by Patty O’Lexey the Nurse Case Managers and Care Transition team from Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County (Jeanne West, Robin Jenkins, Leslie Taylor and Greer Ferrero) for their hard work, expertise, professionalism, collaboration and patient centered care.

Jean Brunz, Sweetwater County Public Health Nurse was nominated by the department’s director, Dr. Grant Christiansen. Jean has been a PHN for almost 40 years. Jean was nominated for the excellent care she has provided to thousands of home health and maternal/child patients and families. Dr. Christiansen that Jean did a superb job in promoting the health of the community. He also commended Jean for her leadership during reorganization of the program.

Same Day Surgery Nurse, Timi Pivic was nominated by Heidi Brown, Heidi, Instructor of Nursing at WWCC for their hard work, expertise, professionalism, collaboration and patient centered care.

The orientation is in the form of a check list on which the topic for orientation and date it is accomplished are included. The orientation will be initiated at the WNA convention in Rock Springs the end of September. You can anticipate being introduced to the WNA bylaws, budget and strategic plan. You will meet other district presidents at this orientation as well as all the Board. A calendar of events for 2015 will be given to you so you know the dates and deadlines for various activities. Please consider this as an invitation to help your district by becoming the district president.

Laramie District 12

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Lois Pine, Jeannine Niemoller and Mary Burman

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On Friday afternoon, May 9, WNA District 12 again joined with the Alpha Pi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International for the induction of new members into Sigma Theta Tau. This event was also WNA District 12’s celebration of Nurses Week by gathering to welcome our newest nurses. The event was held at St. Paul’s Newman Center in Laramie, WY. The STTI inductees and members of both organizations enjoyed another lovely meal prepared by Robert Niemoller. Then the STTI inductees received their honor cords, ribbon, and a fresh rose. Lois Pine, outgoing STTI President, was honored for her years of service to the organization.

WNA District 12 will be holding an organizational meeting in September, 2014 to discuss upcoming district events. For more information on joining WNA District 12, please contact Rebecca Carron, President, at rcarron14@aol.com or 307.721.4058.
Connection Between Nurse Staffing and Patient Outcomes Can be Made in All Hospital Clinical Areas with Expanded Measures

Registered Nurse Safe Staffing Bill Introduced in Senate

Bill Highlights Importance of Nurse Staffing Levels

Principles for Nurse Staffing, and development of a national nursing quality database program that correlates staffing to patient outcomes.

To date, seven states have passed nurse safe staffing legislation that closely resembles ANA’s recommended approach to ensure safe staffing, utilizing a hospital-wide staffing committee in which direct care nurses have a voice in creating the appropriate staffing levels. Those states are Connecticut, Illinois, Nevada, Ohio, Oregon, Texas, and Washington.

For more information on ANA’s safe staffing legislative efforts, please visit http://www.RNAction.org/

ANA is the only full-service professional organization representing the interests of the nation’s 3.1 million registered nurses through its constituent and state nurses associations and its organizational affiliates. ANA advances the nursing profession by fostering high standards of nursing practice, promoting the rights of nurses in the workplace, projecting a positive and realistic view of nursing, and by lobbying the Congress and regulatory agencies on health care issues affecting nurses and the public. Please visit www.nursingworld.org for more information.

Confused about what screening recommendations to make to patients?

Wyoming’s State Cancer Control Plan recommends colorectal cancer screening beginning at age 50 with a colonoscopy every 10 years.

Rescreening more frequently than every 10 years may be recommended based on results of the first colonoscopy. Immunochemo ( stool) testing should be done annually beginning at age 50.

Individuals are encouraged to talk with their provider about initiating screening before age 50 if they have a family history of colon cancer. No-cost colonoscopies are available for Wyoming residents who meet certain eligibility guidelines.

For more information visit us on the web at www.health.wyo.gov/phsd/ccp or call 1-866-205-5292. Wyoming Colorectal Cancer Screening Program

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Welcome New WNA Members

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Ashley Jarrett, Powell
Patty O'Leary, Rock Springs

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Karen Bowen, Cheyenne
Charmiin Eigemian, Cheyenne
Mike Tarbuck, Cheyenne

District 2
Kelly McConnell, Casper
Amber Mellema, Casper
Giner Sims, Casper

District 10
Sherry Bailey, Gillette
Misty Cummings, Gillette
Kellie Meadows, Gillette
Dawn Tieg, Gillette

District 14
Mignon Herrmeier, Lander
Beth-An Piette, Lander

District 50
Shelby Feost, Cowley
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  - RN-employed full or part time
- REDUCED 50% OF FULL ANA/WNA MEMBERSHIP DUES
  - FIRST YEAR NEW GRADUATE
  - RN who is unemployed
  - RN over 62 years of age & earning less than maximum allowed receiving Social Security
  - RN enrolled in baccalaureate, masters or doctoral program, at least 20 credit hours per year
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