

THE CUTTING EDGE

The newsletter for AORN (Association of periOperative Registered Nurses) of Alameda County, CA
February 2003

U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps Then & Today

By Mary Ritchie, daughter of a U.S. Cadet Student Nurse

So many things remind me of my mother lately. Congress will be in Chicago this year. My mother attended her first and only Congress in Chicago March 17-23, 1973. She was looking forward to Congress in Anaheim in 1976 because my brother lived in Los Angeles (we lived in Central NY State). By 1976, I too lived in Southern California and attended a small part of that Congress. My mother died in 1974 after being an RN for 27 years. She received her RN training at The Genesee Hospital School of Nursing in Rochester, NY from 1944-1947. She was part of the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps. See if the following nursing shortage sounds familiar. History repeats itself.

Then

"With World War II raging in Europe and throughout the Pacific, about 250,000 nurses - more than 20 percent of the nursing workforce - were sent to the front lines to care for Allied troops."

"As a result, by 1942, there was such a shortage of civilian nurses in the United States that many immunizations were canceled and hundreds of clinics were closed. An alarmingly high number of babies were being delivered at home, without the assistance of medical professionals, and some hospitals were forced to shut wards."

"Across the country, nursing leaders, advocates, and government officials debated how to address this crisis. One solution was to have the American Red Cross train volunteers to assume nursing duties, but that was viewed as only a stopgap measure."

"Congresswoman Frances Payne Bolton, a longtime advocate of the nursing profession, introduced a bill to the U.S. Congress that would provide money to help pay for the education of undergraduate nursing students. When Congress passed provisions



of the Bolton Act on June 15, 1943, the United States Cadet Nurse Corps became the largest and youngest group of uniformed women to serve their country during World War II."

"Administered by the United States Public Health Service, the program provided nursing students (con't on page 5)

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Thank You WWII Vets!

By Mary Ritchie, daughter of a U. S. Marine

I had just finished reading my father's World War II letters (1942-1945) to his mother and was searching the Internet to guess where he'd been deployed in the Southwest and Central Pacific (I finally discovered that information on his discharge paper!). He was in radar maintenance and was overseas two years and never caught malaria or was wounded so he returned home in fine shape (He was about 30 lbs. heavier! The Marines fed those boys well!). During my search, I found some information I think is valuable to share.

"The memory of America's World War II generation will be preserved within the physical memorial and through the **World War II Registry of Remembrances**, an individual listing of Americans who contributed to the war effort. Any U.S. citizen who helped win the war, whether a veteran or someone on the home front, is eligible for the Registry. Names in the Registry will be forever linked to the memorial's bronze and granite representations of their sacrifice and achievement."

"A donation is **not** required to enter a name in the Registry. However, if you would like to receive a certifi-

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Nurse Ratio Hearings

www.orncc.org/Legis.htm

SUBJECT: Minimum Licensed Nurse-to-Patient Ratios by Unit Type in General Acute Care Hospitals (R-37-01)
TITLE 22, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS
SECTIONS: 70217 and 70225

STATUS: The public comment period is closed. The Department is reviewing and evaluating all comments received during the public comment period. The completed rule making record must be filed with the Office of Administrative Law by October 17, 2003.

The CA Hospital Association (CHA) is seeking a delay in the implementation of the ratios until 2006. The delay would provide time for the state to graduate the first of 2500 nurses under the new grant initiative. CHA is also seeking flexibility to allow qualified hospital charge nurses and nurse supervisors to fill in for staff nurses on break, and to allow the RN assigned to be base radio in hospitals designated by an emergency medical services agency to provide care when volume is low. It is also requesting a 1:8 ratio in psych units instead of the proposed 1:6.

cate that includes your name and the name(s) of the individual(s) you honored, a minimum \$20 donation is required. "

"The Registry itself is currently under development. When completed it will be available for viewing on this web site (www.wwiimemorial.com). It also will be available for viewing electronically on the grounds of the WWII Memorial when the memorial is dedicated in May 2004. "

"The first step in establishing the memorial was the selection of an appropriate site. Congress provided legislative authority for siting the memorial in the prime area of the national capital, known as Area I, which includes the National Mall. The National Park Service, the Commission of Fine Arts, and the National Capital Planning Commission approved selection of the Rainbow Pool site at the east end of the Reflecting Pool between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument. President Clinton dedicated the memorial site during a formal ceremony on Veterans Day 1995."


If you'd like to register someone and don't have access to the Internet, please contact me (look to the left) and I'll send a form to you.

Taken from www.wwiimemorial.com †

Our updated bylaws are on our web site at:
www.geocities.com/alamedacounty/chapterbylaws.html

Changes were made to Article III section 3C, Article VIII and Article IX section E.

Alphabet Soup!


 **H**ealth care professionals often are uncertain about how to list credentials after their names. Various organizations choose to list credentials in different ways.

AORN lists the individual's license, highest academic degree earned, and any certifications obtained, in that order (e.g., RN, MSN, CNOR; RN, PhD, CRNFA, CNAA). AORN lists only nationally recognized certifications. Some individuals working as RN first assistants (RNFAs) use the acronym "RNFA" after their names in addition to their license and academic credentials. The letters "RNFA" stand for "RN first assistant," which is a job title, not a certification; therefore, it is inappropriate to use those letters as a credential after a name. AORN lists CRNFA (i.e. certified RN first assistant) as a credential, indicating that the individual has obtained certification as an RNFA. The purposes of certification include enhancing quality patient care, achieving professional growth, providing employing agencies with a means to identify professional achievement, and distinguishing professional nurses practicing in an expanded role. The use of the certification credential after a name recognizes this accomplishment."

"In addition, the credential "CNOR" does not stand for the words "certified nurse operating room." These letters were designated by CBPN to indicate that an individual has met all the education, examination, or experience requirements to be certified. These letters, however, do not stand for any specific words.

(Adapted with permission, AORN Journal, October 2002)"

From the article "Use your hard-earned credentials correctly" in the Fall 2002 CBPN Newsletter, page 5. Also in PDF at www.certboard.org in the blue box ("New Fall 2002 Newsletter now on line!"). †



Evelyn Steen is the new "Foundation Advocate" for our chapter. She will deliver information to chapter members regarding AORN Foundation activities, Congress assistance, scholarship assistance, and other members' benefits in a timely manner so members can take full advantage of all the Foundation's assistance. Evelyn can be contacted by phone or e-mail.

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This mailing list is unmoderated, and open to nurses and other health professionals interested in the care of patients immediately before, during and after surgical and interventional procedures. You must be a subscriber to receive and post messages to the list. Instructions for subscribing can be found at <http://periop.org/subscribe.html>.

Currently the list has nearly 1300 subscribers, representing 13 countries over five continents. It processes over 50 messages each day on a variety of professional topics. It allows rural or isolated OR nurses to network with their peers and get opinions and answers to their questions. It introduces North American nurses to healthcare culture in other parts of the world. †

Monthly Chapter Meeting Minutes

By Donna Rodgers, Secretary



December 4, 2002

AORN of Alameda County
Monthly Chapter Meeting
Nordstrom, Stoneridge Mall, Pleasanton
December 4, 2002

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1800 by President Sophie Taylor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The newsletter budget is close to being met and the deadline for submissions was November 29.
- The January 8, 2003 chapter meeting will be on the PNDS presented by Kathie Shea.

CHAPTER ACTIVITY REPORTS:

BYLAWS: Kathie Shea reviewed our chapter Bylaws/Policy Committee's recommended changes to our chapter bylaws as presented at the November meeting. These changes reflect changes to our National Bylaws passed by the House of Delegates at the AORN Congress, April 2002. A motion was made to accept the proposed language in Article III, Section 3 C; Article VIII; and Article IX, E. Following discussion, the motion was seconded and approved by the members present.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A closing balance of \$18,541.97 as of December 3, 2002 was reported by Treasurer Ann Ceasri.


WAYS & MEANS: The Christmas greens have arrived. Contact Donna Benotti to arrange for pickup.

RAFFLE: Gwen Hill of Summit won the \$100 Nordstrom gift certificate. The chapter realized a profit of \$163 on the raffle.

ADJOURNMENT: The business meeting was adjourned at 1815 by President Sophie Taylor.

PROGRAM: "Holiday Fashions and Spring Trends," a fashion show, was presented by Ildiko Scott, Wardrobe Consultant, Personal Touch Manager, Nordstrom. †

Our chapter received \$800 from the AORN Exhibitor's Advisory Committee to send one or two chapter members to Congress! We will use the money to help fund our delegation of six.



January 8, 2003

AORN of Alameda County
Monthly Chapter Meeting
Eden Medical Center, Conference Room
January 8, 2003

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1803 by Vice President Donna Benotti.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Submissions for the February newsletter are due by January 31, 2003.
- The California Luncheon at Congress will be Monday, March 24, 2003. There will be one contact hour offered and the speaker will be Linda Groah on "Working Relationships in the OR."
- Sophie has class scheduled on Wednesdays for the next ten weeks, so Donna Benotti will conduct the meetings while Sophie is absent.
- Mary Ritchie's chapter (South Bay of Southern CA) is selling raffle tickets. The grand prize is a weekend getaway to a Napa Valley B&B and Wine Train excursion. Please contact Mary for details at (310) 944-9822 or at marymac@hotpop.com.
- AORN SF/Marin is presenting a workshop on legal issues, professionalism, and the power of perioperative nursing on Saturday, February 8, 2003, 8:00-4:00 p.m. at the VA in SF. Contact Martha Smith at (415) 333-7560 for details.
- If you have a committee report, please e-mail Sophie one week prior to every meeting so it can be placed on the agenda.

CHAPTER ACTIVITY REPORTS:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: We are seeking candidates for the offices of President-Elect, Treasurer, Board of Directors (two), and Nominating Committee (two).

BYLAWS: A copy of our updated bylaws has been e-mailed to headquarters. It was accepted and filed with them.

The Foundation Focus newsletter has asked that each chapter have a volunteer to act as liaison between the Foundation and the chapter. Evelyn Steen offered to be ours.

PROGRAM: "The Perioperative Nursing Data Set: An Introduction" was presented by Kathie Shea, RN, BSN, CNOR.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 1925 by Donna Benotti. †

U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps

(con't from page 1)



with free tuition, uniforms, room and board, and a monthly stipend. In return, graduates of the corps were required to serve in the program for the duration of the war. All state-accredited schools of nursing were eligible to participate if they agreed to accelerate their programs and arrange for senior cadets to complete a residency in their

home hospital, a state or federal hospital, or other public health service facility."

"While the Cadet Nurse Corps was created primarily to help ease the nursing shortage, it also helped improve nursing education by upgrading schools of nursing. The program set a precedent by providing federal funds for the education of undergraduate nursing students. By the time the Cadet Nurse Corps was dismantled in 1948, over 124,000 women had been graduated from 1,125 participating schools of nursing."

Today

"With the current nursing shortage threatening to cripple the nation's health care system, there is talk about bringing back a variation of the Cadet Nurse Corps. Several bills have been introduced in Congress, including the Nurse Reinvestment Act. This legislation would provide scholarships to persons seeking nursing education; in exchange, these individuals would provide service in areas especially hard hit by nursing shortages."

"We need to make nursing more attractive to would-be RNs," said Acker. "I think the government should consider reinstating the Cadet Nurse Corps. Perhaps by offering educational financial assistance and making rotating shifts less daunting, more young women and men can be enticed to enter the nursing profession. And along the way, they would learn how gratifying it is to serve one's country."

From "The Nation Responded: 1943-48: Cadet corps created when 20 percent of nursing workforce called to front lines" By Mark Soroka. www.discover.pitt.edu/media/pcc010924/nurses.html †



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The President Speaks!

By Sophie Taylor

Dear members,

This president's address will be shorter than the near opus magnums I usually write. I want to update you on some of the things that are going on within the organization, national as well as local. The good news first - the chapter has become a recipient of the AORN Exhibitors Advisory Board's Grant to send members to Congress in Chicago this March! We will use the money to send our delegation. This is a big financial relief for us. □

Patient Safety is going to be a big topic at Congress this year. President Donna Watson has been working very hard to get the Patient Safety Initiative going.

On a personal note, I want to thank Donna Benotti for conducting the monthly meetings while I am taking a Wednesday class in Healthcare Economics. You are all in my thoughts while I'm struggling with concepts such as price elasticity, supply and demand, and market baskets.

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Women In Military Service For America Memorial
Ceremonial Entrance, Arlington National Cemetery

The Women In Military Service For America Memorial

The Women In Military Service For America Memorial is a unique, living memorial honoring all military women past, present, and future.

Situated on 4.2 acres of land at the ceremonial entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, the Women's Memorial is the nation's first major national memorial honoring women who have served in our nation's armed forces during all eras and in all services.

The history of women serving in defense of our nation began more than 220 years ago with women who served in the American Revolution and continues with those who serve today.

Work on the Memorial was in progress for about 11 years and it was dedicated October 18, 1997.

Eligibility as a member includes living or deceased women veterans, Active Duty, Reserve, Guard, and U.S.

Public Health Service Uniformed Women, and women in the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Civil Air Patrol.

Eligibility as a "We Also Served Member" includes women who served overseas during conflicts, in direct support of the armed forces, in organizations such as the Red Cross, USO, and Special Services. **Those in the U.S. Public Health Service Cadet Nurse Corps are included in a special Honor Roll of Cadet Nurses.**

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Cadet Nurse Legislation

Congresswoman Nita M. Lowey (NY) introduced a bill (in 2001) in the U.S. House of Representatives which is now called the **United States Cadet Nurse Corps Equity Act of 2003 (HR 476)**. If passed, this legislation would grant veteran status and benefits to all nurses who served in the Cadet Corps during World War II. If you are a former member of the Corps and would like to help promote the bill, please contact Ruth Sartori, 196 Leonia Avenue, Leonia, New Jersey 07605. Telephone (201) 944-8923. The bill was first introduced in May 2001 as HR 1724 and was introduced again January 29, 2003 as HR 476.

From www.enw.org/CAL-ENA-Historian.htm and Ruth Sartori (via telephone February 9, 2003).

H.R. 476

To provide that service of the members of the organization known as the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II constituted active military service for purposes of laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

For purposes of this Act, the term "qualified service" means service of a person as a member of the organization known as the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during the period beginning on July 1, 1943, and ending on December 15, 1945.

From <http://thomas.loc.gov> (type in H.R. 476). †

Welcome!

Lauren Gribbons
UCSF Mt. Zion

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Number years AORN member

Number of years Nursing

Number of years OR Nursing

Chapter Activities (Within past five years)

Chapter Offices held:

Committees:

Committee Chairman:

Other:

Percentage of chapter meetings you attend per year
If you attend fewer than 75% of chapter meetings, explain:

National AORN Activities:

Offices held:

Committees:

Committee Chairman:

Number Congress attended:

Delegate:

Alternate:

Other Professional Organizations:

I give permission for my name to be submitted for the elected position(s): President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Board of Directors, Nominating Committee

Signature:

Date:

Please provide an election goal statement of 50 words or less for each elected position checked above.

Find this form near the bottom of the page at:
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Please copy and complete this information on another paper!

How would you like to travel to these cities and have AORN of Alameda County pay for a large part of your expenses? It's easy! Simply run for an office (look to the left!) or become part of a committee (see the last page). The more work you do for the chapter, the more points you accumulate (see page 9). Delegates are selected by the number of points. Funding for delegates this year is \$1200/person. Congress is a great experience! Please join us!

Future AORN Congress Dates/Locations

March 23-27, 2003 - Chicago, IL

March 21-25, 2004 - San Diego, CA

April 3-7, 2005 - New Orleans, LA

March 19-23, 2006 - Washington, DC

March 18-22, 2007 - Orlando, FL

March 30-April 3, 2008 - Anaheim, CA

2009 - To be determined
(I vote for Las Vegas!)

March 14-18, 2010 - Orlando, FL

March 13-17, 2011 - San Antonio, TX

The chapter work you do in 2002-03 earns you points for Congress in San Diego. Work done in 2003-04 earns points for you to be a delegate for Congress in New Orleans. Please join us!

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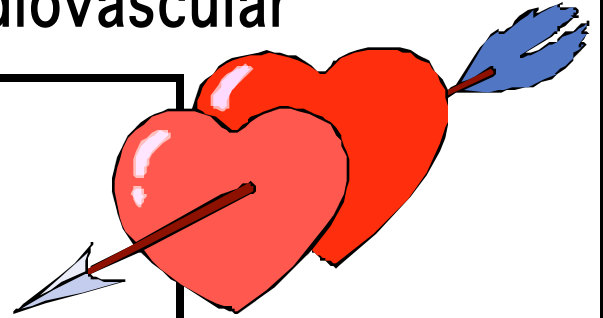
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Washington Addresses Nursing Shortage

By Donna Rodgers

Washington Hospital will donate \$300,000 a year to Ohlone College for the next five years to expand the school's nursing program. The grant, totaling \$1.5 million, was made in response to a recent appeal for funding by Ohlone officials to local health care providers.

Sixteen qualified nursing applicants were recently turned away due to space limitations of the program's skills lab. Washington has stepped in and offered space in the hospital's Washington West property across the street from the main hospital. In addition to funding the project, faculty support will be provided by hospital staff.

Washington's partnership with Ohlone dates back to 1971, when the

hospital provided the original \$30,000 to begin the school's nursing program. It has been a mutually beneficial partnership. Graduates of Ohlone tend to be loyal to the community and facilities where they receive their training.

Ohlone officials have also met with representatives from Fremont and Hayward Kaiser facilities and from ValleyCare Medical Center in Pleasanton to seek funding. Targeted facilities have a long history of hiring Ohlone graduates. Hopefully, these efforts will be successful as well. †



President Speaks!

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Now it all makes sense why there has been such a great shift from the inpatient to the outpatient arena (or the "treat them and street them" mentality). It saves a lot of money.

For those going to Congress who wish to sign up for the ORNCC luncheon where Linda Groah, Past President, will be speaking, please send \$40 to Vicki Countryman, 20315 Trails End Rd, Walnut, CA. 91789. This address was omitted on the flyers that I received, as well as their web site. This should have been corrected by now. That's all folks. †

*Happy Presidents'
Day
February 17!*



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National AORN News

www.aorn.org/clinical/smallpox.htm
www.aorn.org/world/default.htm

Phase I of the national smallpox vaccination program was activated on January 24, 2003. The issue regarding provider-to-patient transmission of the virus after vaccination is of particular concern to perioperative nurses. Because the current smallpox vaccine is a live virus, and the vaccinated site is an open draining wound during the first week following vaccination, AORN believes that vaccinated personnel should be restricted from providing direct patient care or handling medical devices used in performing invasive procedures until a scab has formed over the vaccination site.

With the threat of impending war in the Middle East and tensions increasing in the Southeast Asia region, the AORN Board of Directors has opted to postpone the 2003 World Conference on Surgical Patient Care scheduled for August 17-22, 2003 in Hong Kong until 2004. This change does not affect the schedule for any future AORN World Conferences. †

Points information was in the October 2002 newsletter on page 10. It's also on our web site and also available from Donna Rodgers (510) 791-2428, (510) 791-5374, dgrodgers@email.msn.com

Activity	Points
CNOR	1
New member recruitment	3/recruit
Attendance at education portion of chapter meeting	1
Attendance at business portion of chapter meeting	1
Attendance at a committee meeting	1
Attendance at a Board of Directors meeting	1
Attendance at a chapter sponsored workshop	2
Elected position (e.g. officer, BOD, Nominating Committee member)	6
Committee chairman	3
Committee member	1
Assigned committee work	1/hour
AORN chapter meeting presenter	6
AORN workshop presenter	6
Article published in the chapter newsletter	1
Article published in the AORN Journal	6

Points are earned July 1 - June 30 and must be submitted to Donna Rodgers on a Points Form by June 30.

“Revolution and Renaissance”

20th AORN Congress in Chicago - March 17 - 23, 1973

“**D**uring the period of your attendance at Congress '73, we wish to take you through some of the current upheaval taking place in the profession of operating room nursing and lead you to an understanding of the potential for rebirth and renewal which exists for the progressive modern nurse of the Seventies.” Martha J. Parlapiano, 1973 President, AORN

Major Events of 1973

- Democratic Republic of Vietnam (North Vietnam), and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam (Viet Cong) sign a peace agreement in Paris, France (Paris Peace Treaty).
- Egypt and Syria attack Israel and Israel defeats the Arabs in the Yom Kippur War.
- Posted price of Arab crude oil raised 70% (October 16).
- Atomic Energy Commission says nuclear power is needed to avoid dependence on Middle East oil.
- President outlines steps for fuel conservation.
- Alaskan pipeline bill signed.
- Arab nations announce an additional 100% increase in posted prices for crude oil (December 24).
- Large layoffs planned by auto firms and airlines (December 29).
- General Pinochet overthrows the elected Allende government in Chile in a violent coup.
- Britain, Ireland and Denmark join European Economic Community.
- British TV networks introduce first teletext system.
- The American Psychiatric Association (APA) voted to delete homosexuality from its official list of mental disorders and issued a strong state-

official list of mental disorders and issued a strong statement of support for gay rights.

- VAT (value added tax) is introduced to Britain.
- First black newscaster in Britain - Trevor McDonald.
- Driving is banned on Sundays in Holland to save petrol reserves.
- The longest solar eclipse is visible from the Sahara desert.
- There are only 950 windmills left in Holland!
- The disposable lighter is invented.
- Federal Express begins operations in April.
- Black and Scholes introduce their options pricing model in the Journal of Political Economy: May/June 1973.
- "Watergate Committee" begins hearings. November 17, 1973: Nixon declares, "I'm not a crook," maintaining his innocence in the Watergate case.
- October 10, 1973: Spiro Agnew resigned due to an uncontested charge of tax evasion in 1967. Gerald Ford replaced him.
- January 22, 1973: Abortion legalized (Roe v. Wade).

Your delegates for the 50th AORN Congress in Chicago March 23-27, 2003 will be the first AORN Congress group there in 30 years! Your editor's mother was there in 1973 and your editor will be there in 2003. Look for our Congress reports in the April and June newsletters. By the way, in 1973, your editor was in nursing school, year two of three. Where were you?

The Conrad Hilton was the headquarters hotel in 1973. A single room was \$18-33, a twin was \$33-54 and a suite was \$58 and up. Congress registration for the week was \$10

(nonmember was \$30). The fee per day was \$3 and for nonmembers, the daily fee was \$10. My mother worked full time as an OR supervisor and earned less than \$9000/year in 1973 so don't be overly impressed with the prices!

Dr. Elisabeth Kubler Ross spoke on March 21, 1973 on "Dying Patients: Challenge for Caring" Also that day were "Are You Ready for the 4-Day Week?" and "Fact or Fantasy - Laminar Air Flow." Leland Kaiser spoke March 22 on "Consumer's Conception of Care in the OR." There was also "Games Nurses Play in the OR" that day.

The Congress theme "Revolution and Renaissance" captures the essence of the entire educational program.

"Revolution" is symbolic of the belief that nurses are presently engaged in constructive revolutionary activities which will cause dramatic changes within the discipline of nursing.

Although nurses are advocating and demanding vast changes in nursing, they are not endorsing destructive insurrection or rebellion. **Instead, their organized actions are designed to revolutionize nursing, thus contributing to the revival of nursing as a viable profession.**

"Renaissance" is descriptive of the "new birth" of the modern nurse of the Seventies. It refers to the period of restoration and revitalization. Within the framework of the Chicago Congress, renaissance is a by-product of revolution.

From the 1973 Congress brochure. Bolded section is to show that even 30 years ago, we were trying to make nursing an attractive profession - even as the diploma nursing schools were planning to close or convert. †

March 5 Chapter Meeting *April 9 Chapter Meeting*

TIMES: 5:30 p.m. Dinner (optional)
6:00 p.m. Business
6:15 p.m. Program

LOCATION: Eden Medical Center, Conference Room, 20103 Lake Chabot Road, Castro Valley

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