

2009 Tennessee Nurses Association Annual Convention Highlights Photo Album

October 16-18, 2009

Chattanooga Marriott & Chattanooga Convention Center
Chattanooga, TN

All 2009 TNA Annual Convention photos were taken by Jim McCarter, husband of TNA member Connie McCarter, Memphis. TNA sincerely appreciates Jim volunteering his time, expertise, and camera equipment this year to take all official TNA photos during Convention! Jim also took numerous photos during last year's Convention. Excellent work!



The 2009-2010 TNA Board of Directors, including newly-elected officers and District Presidents, were installed October 18 at the TNA Annual Convention. Front row, from left, Janice Harris, District 15; Ruby Black, District 10; Kathleen McCoy, District 9; Lena Patterson, District 4; Mimi Bowling, District 6; Sharon Bailey, Treasurer; Keesha Reid, Secretary; La-Kenya Kellum, District 1; Margie Gale, District 3; Billie Sills, District 5; Laura Beth Brown, Immediate Past President; and Tommie Norris, Vice President. On stage, from left, Beth Smith, President; and Susan Sanders, Past President. Not shown in photo are Susie Compton, District 8 President; and Doris Glosson, District 12 President.

The Honorable Ron Littlefield, Mayor of Chattanooga, delivered welcoming remarks in the House of Delegates opening session on Friday.



The Cancer Queens, a non-profit group that works to increase awareness about cancer prevention, entertained and educated attendees during the General Session on Friday with the Cancer Queens: A Cancer Prevention Musical Revue, filled with dancing, singing, and a heartfelt message.

Long-time TNA members Dava Shoffner, District 2, front row left, and Leo Lindsay, District 3, enjoy watching the Musical Revue by the Cancer Queens.



Jed Mescon, co-anchor of Channel 3 Eyewitness News for WRCB-TV in Chattanooga served as emcee for the TNA Awards Luncheon. Each year during its annual convention, the Tennessee Nurses Association takes time to recognize and honor those who have contributed greatly to the nursing profession and the organization.



Diana J. Mason, PhD, RN, FAAN, Editor-in-Chief Emeritus, American Journal of Nursing, delivered the keynote address Health Care Reform: What's Nursing Got To Do With It?

District 4 members enjoyed the District 4 Welcome Reception including, from left, Linda Foster, Eloise Waters, and Gretchen Davis.





District 1 members Diana Baker, left, and Connie McCarter, both from Memphis, enjoy the hospitality and networking during District 4's Welcome Reception Friday evening.

The Exhibits and Schools of Nursing Luncheon offered attendees a time for meeting and greeting, along with enjoying the delicious fare from the salad, soup, and baked potato bar.



Numerous posters were presented. On Saturday, attendees had the opportunity to walk through all of the posters and talk to the presenters during the Q & A Session.



Beth Smith, the 2009-2011 TNA President, speaks at the podium during a House of Delegates session.

District 4 President Lena Patterson greeted attendees at the opening House of Delegates session on Friday morning.



The House of Delegates conducts official TNA business during the TNA Annual Convention each year. Ninety-four State TNA Delegates participated in the HOD session on Saturday in 2009.



On Saturday morning, Heather McQuiston, President, Tennessee Association of Student Nurses (TASN), brought greetings and gave a report on TASN initiatives to the House of Delegates. McQuiston is a student at Middle Tennessee State University. Next year, TNA & TASN will hold a Joint Convention on October 22-24, 2010, at the Franklin Marriott Cool Springs in Franklin, Tennessee.

Enthusiastic District 5 members traveled from East Tennessee to Chattanooga to attend the 2009 TNA Annual Convention.



Attendees dined on delicious cuisine during the Exhibitor and Supplier Reception held at the Tennessee Aquarium on Saturday evening before the tour.