

**La Crosse District Nurses' Association  
Annual Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** May 7, 2003

**Time:** 5:30 p.m.: Social, 6:00 p.m.: Dinner, 7:00 p.m.: Program and Annual Meeting

**Place:** Ciatti's Restaurant

**Present:** There were approximately 25 members in attendance.

**Welcome:** Mary Proksch, outgoing president of the LDNA, welcomed all who were present. She also introduced all officers and board members, recognized and thanked the outgoing officers and recognized and thanked all of those who planned the Nurses' Celebration event.

**Program:** M. Proksch welcomed and introduced the speaker, Mary Lu Gerke, who spoke on the topic: "The Image of Nursing: Humor in Nursing." This program gave everyone a chance to reminisce and enjoy the foibles that many of us have experienced in nursing.

**Introduction of LDNA President:** M. Proksch introduced the incoming president of LDNA, Stephanie Genz, and turned the conduction of the meeting over to her. Stephanie honored and recognized Mary for her leadership as president of the LDNA.

**Approval of Minutes of Last Annual Meeting (May 14, 2002):** The minutes are published in the Annual Report (2002-2003) and were approved as written.

**Approval of Budget:** The proposed budget for 2003-2004 is published in the Annual Report (2002-2003) and was approved as written.

**Voting:** The following members were elected: 1) Second vice president (2 year term): Jennifer Hedrick Erickson, 2) Treasurer (2 year term): Joan Callahan, 3) Board of Directors (3 year term): Rose Pressor, Kathryn Lammers, and Diane Schmidt, 4) Nomination committee (1 year term): Judy Berger, Julie Meyers, and Shirley Newberry.

**Approval of Annual Report:** All reports in the Annual Report (2002-2003) were approved as written.

**Scholarships:** S. Genz announced that two scholarships were given to nursing students by the LDNA this past year. One was given to a Viterbo University student and one was given to a WWTC student.

**Summary of Recent Events:** Recent nursing events were summarized including: 1) Nursing Research on the Green (There were 37 posters and approximately 300 people attended it.), 2) Proclamation of National Nurses' Week (May 6-12) by Mayor John Medinger at City Hall with a flag raising with several nurses, nursing students, and a television station present to film the event for the local news broadcast, and 3) the recognition of the nursing profession in a statewide television advertisement and local newspaper adds.

**Honor a Colleague:** Joan Callahan, Stephanie Genz, and Cindy Tracey presented two Honor a Colleague awards. One award was presented to Mary Proksch for her leadership in the LDNA and the other was presented to Ramona Rasmussen for her work on the

web page for the LDNA. Descriptions of their characteristics, efforts, leadership, and commitment to the organization were read. LDNA donated a monetary gift to the Wisconsin Nurses' Federation in honor of these women.

**Committees:** S. Genz announced that volunteers are needed for committees of the LDNA.

**Communication:** All members are asked to provide their email addresses, which will be used, for informing members of various activities. Some postage costs may be saved, if email can be used.

**WNA Officers:** Mary Lu Gerke stated she is on the WNA nominating committee and that the committee is looking for candidates.

**WNA Convention (2003):** The convention will be held in Eu Claire. The focus will be on a healthier mind, body, and spirit. There will be a silent auction. LDNA will get together a basket of items---money can be donated.

Rose Kreutz was honored and recognized for her work on the 2002 convention last fall.

**Next Meeting:** The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 19, 2003 @ 5:30 p.m. @ Viterbo Univ., Brophy Nursing Center, Room 121.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Sanwick,  
Secretary