

New Jersey Nurses: Embracing a Culture of Change:

Oct. 11-14 at NJSNA/IFN Convention

Dear Colleague,

It's that time of year again! That time when nurses in New Jersey come together to celebrate all that is great about our profession.

New Jersey State Nurses Association and the Institute for Nursing are hosting their 113th convention with its theme "*New Jersey Nurses: Embracing a Culture of Change.*" The convention will be held at the Bally's Casino and Resort in Atlantic City on October 11-14, 2016. The Convention offers participants the opportunity to share ideas, network, and receive up-to-date information on the latest topics in healthcare, plus visit exhibitors and view informative poster sessions. All this is included, as well as the opportunity to earn Contact Hours required for licensure renewal.

Register early and join us on Tuesday evening as the Institute for Nursing hosts its first Research Dinner with renown speaker Cynthia Clark, PhD, RN, ANEF, FAAN, Professor Emeritus, Boise State University who will be speaking on "Heeding the Call for Transformational Change: Fostering Civility, Professionalism and Ethical Practice in Nursing."

On Wednesday, get up early and have breakfast with our exhibitors and have a chance to win one of the weekend getaways and more. Have a chance to win a stay at the Carisbrooke Inn or at the Cove Pocono Resorts, or Bally's Casino and Resort, and more.

We are fortunate to have as our keynote speaker, Beverly Malone, PhD, RN, FAAN who is the Chief Executive Officer of the National League for Nursing. Dr. Beverly Malone is among America's notable nursing leaders who will discuss the nurse educator shortage, and the role of nursing in ensuring access to safe, quality, culturally competent care to diverse patient populations. Following Dr. Malone is the MHANJ's NJ Mental Health Players whose presentations provide audiences with a dynamic way to receive basic education about mental illness and become sensitized to the stigma that is often associated with having mental health challenges. Our audience will have the opportunity to interact with the players as they transform the healthcare environment to prevent nurse burnout and to ask questions about mental health issues.

Purchase your lunch ticket early and become enlightened on "Why Money Matters for Nurses." Louis G. Hutt, Jr. Esq. C.P.A., provides businesses with tax and legal advisory services. His practice focuses on areas including forensic and compliance auditing, CFO support, tax planning, representation in tax controversies and litigation support. Clients have included the NFL Players Association; Thurgood Marshall BWI Airport; Howard County, Maryland Government and more. Hutt has received numerous awards and recognition, which include Leadership in Law (*The Daily Record*), Accounting Advocate of the Year (U.S. Small Business Administration), and a host of other awards.

As the day winds down, the NJSNA opening business meeting will provide an update on current issues. Join Norma Rodgers, President of NJSNA and roast, toast and boast as she celebrates her presidency and begins to transition into passing the gavel.

Thursday we have more exciting topics with outstanding speakers. Jeffrey Brenner, MD, Founder of the Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers will take us on a journey: Building the Medicaid ACO in Camden, New Jersey. Join us at the Health Care Plenary session with

speakers Dr. Ernest Grant, PhD, RN, FAAN, Vice President, American Nurses Association and Michellene Davis, Esq., Executive Vice President, Corporate Affairs, Barnabas Health followed by NJSNA's voting business meeting.

As you can imagine, there is much planning and work involved in producing the Convention. We have a wonderful group of professionals on our Convention Committee. Join us for an exciting convention and we promise that you'll come from this convention energized and enthusiastic with current information to enhance your practice and take back to your facilities.

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