



NURSE CORPS SOUNDINGS

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President's Corner

As I sit to write this newsletter, spring is in the air, the daffodils are popping their heads up, getting ready to bloom, and yet, some parts of the NE will be getting more snow in the next few days. We here in NE are the hardy type who go with the flow and can adapt to any weather change on a dime, right? Good weather and summer will soon be around the corner, this we know.

Well, your NENCA board has been meeting and talking about how we can best assist you this coming year to become more engaged with our community. We would love your input. So, read on to see when you can share your thoughts, ideas, wishes with us.

Let me update you on the BOD activities since the last newsletter:

1. Our last Luncheon was held in Newport on Oct. 15, 2022 at the Vanderbilt Grace. Meeting minutes from this luncheon were sent out shortly after the event. If you would like another copy sent by email, just let me know.

2. The **Board of Directors (BOD)** accomplishments these last few months:

a. **New BOD members:** We welcomed Kate Surman, as VP/Secretary, and Deb Brigadier as a new BOD member. Current BOD officers include, Irene Weaver as President; Kim Lyons, as Treasurer; along with Trish Culver and Peg Nation as BOD members.

A special thanks goes out to- Karen DiRenzo, outgoing VP/Secretary, and Patty Hicks as outgoing BOD member. Thank you for your time on the BOD!

b. **Treasury-** NENCA Financial Report – Dec. 31, 2022.

Checking-	\$ 4,284.17	
Savings-	\$ 5,997.28	
CD-	\$ 2,973.53	Total- \$13,254.98

Membership Statistics-Dec, 2022- 40 members; Dec 31, 2021 – 35 members; Dec 31, 2020- 34 members; Dec 31, 2019- 32. Thank you for joining our Chapter! Love to see these numbers grow.

c. **Scholarship Committee**- This past year we had 2 scholarship awards as 4 candidates applied, 3 BSN and 1 MSN. After BOD reviews and deliberations, two \$500.00 scholarships were awarded to the following:

MSN candidate- Maxine Dunn, from Peterborough, NH, attending Colby-Sawyer College;

BSN candidate- Madeline MacMullin, from Tewksbury, MA, attending University of RI.

Upcoming plans are to send scholarship applications to the 50+ Universities and Colleges in New England by email. We hope to receive more student applications who want to take advantage of our offer this coming year.

FYI- The fund raising with WAA takes place year-round- For 2021 we raised \$615.00; for 2022, we received \$140.00. This is evidence that if more marketing takes place with friends and family, more donations can be raised. Therefore, I ask that you share this link with friends and family, at any time, so that we can continue to support the scholarship fund in a robust way. We appreciate any and all continued support! www.wreathscrossamerica.org/RI0060P.

NOTE: A fund raising initiative was just approved by the BOD on March 10, 2023, which states that “those members who donate \$50.00, or more, directly to NENNCA, will receive a complimentary packet of NENNCA note cards”. Hope this helps with our fund raising!

Thank You for private donations. In 2021 we raised \$1420 plus WAA; In 2022 \$574 plus WAA.

d. **BOD Officer update and openings-** We are looking for a new **PRESIDENT candidate to take over my position in Oct/Nov 2023!** Please nominate someone, or volunteer to lead your NENNCA chapter! The Treasurer position is also opening, but thankfully, we have found a Treasurer candidate who will be taking over for Kim Lyons, in the Fall 2023.

NOTE: A BOD incentive was proposed on March 10, 2023, which notes- “starting the 2024 cycle, NENNCA BOD officers and members will have their NENNCA dues waived (\$15.00) for their time in office. Additionally: Any NENNCA member who has received a specific award from NNCA where the recipient’s National dues are covered for a period of time by NNCA, our local NENNCA dues will be waived for the same specified period of time.” **Both of these recommended waivers/initiatives will be voted on at the ZOOM membership meeting on May 4, 2023.**

3. **DAISY Award-** NENNCA/NNCA continues to sponsor the Navy Medicine and Readiness Training Command New England site. Next Award date will be May 10, 2023. If you are in the area, please feel free to drop by the clinic at around noon time frame to join in on the festivities. RSVP with me if you want to join in so that I can make the clinic aware of your interest.

We are still working with the Bristol Veteran's Home regarding DAISY Award sponsorship. Will let you know when this comes to a final agreement.

4. **Oral History volunteers-** We are putting a call out for volunteers to do Oral Histories for NENNCA/NNCA in MA, RI, CT, VT and NY areas. Please contact me so that I can set you up with the NNCA chair on this initiative! There have been no takers for this job, to date. I encourage you to connect with our members to see if anyone is interested in sharing their Navy story, so our history is not lost. I know some stories may not want to be told, but if we look at all of our stories together, we could really write quite the book. Wouldn't you like to be put into the National Archives? Just a thought.

4. **IMPORTANT! NENNCA Spring Gathering!**

There are 2 separate events that will be happening during MAY 2023! One event is a Board/member meeting and the other is a social brunch event, giving us time to share our friendship and camaraderie, nothing else. Hope you can attend at least one, or both, of these events.

1. **May 4, 2023 at 6:30 PM, there will be a ZOOM meeting for ALL interested members. This will be our Business meeting where we will go over a short agenda and then open the discussion to the floor so that you can give us your input and perspective on what your wishes are from our chapter.**
2. **May 10, 2023 from 0930 to 1130, I will hold a complimentary Brunch for all members, in my home (Irene Weaver) at 8 Ranger Court, Jamestown, RI, 02835. An RSVP is necessary- either by email, lweaver108@gmail.com, or by phone- 401-835-3413 by leaving a message; or by mail (registration forms will be sent out to our 3 members who do not correspond by internet.)**

For those of you who are planning to spend an overnight in Newport, the Navy Lodge and Navy Gateway Inns and Suites are located on the Newport Navy Base. This link is <https://ngis.dodlodging.net/property/Newport-NS>. This link will provide you the local telephone number and how to make a reservation in Newport during the May 9-10, or 11, time frame. The Navy Lodge is also available, or there are multiple hotels that may give good rates, prior the summer season starting. Hope you can join us during one of these two events!

Reminder! NEWS ALERT- FIRST TIME NNCA and NENNCA MEMBERSHIPS are FREE!! Please encourage your Nurse Corps Colleagues to join!!

Wishing you a wonderful Spring/Summer 2023! Please be sure to renew your chapter membership before May 1st!

Respectfully submitted- *Irene K. Weaver, President, NENNCA*- March 11, 2023