

Message From the President

The program "Use of Simulation – Combining Academia and Service" on June 15 at Little Company of Mary in San Pedro was fabulous.

Jane Kleinman, RN, MA, started off the day with an overview of Simulation in Health Care and discussed why partnerships with academia makes sense. She defined simulation as an immersive educational technique that provides a realistic, safe, flexible environment to practice. Students can apply critical thinking skills, by learning from errors and using objective feedback with guided self reflection to enhance experiential learning. It augments clinical experiences, demonstrates pathophysiology in action, gives practice in linking assessment with interventions, and helps to understand outcomes. Their labs are used for new nurse orientation and

new grad training, specialty care area training, inter-disciplinary team training, patient care management, new policy/procedure implementation, and humanfactor and system validation.

Ellen Horton, RN, MSN, explained the importance of simulation in developing a nursing workforce that is integrated into the hospital by the efforts of community donors, community hospitals, community college and the RNs in the community. They have developed a new grad residency program with RN's at the hospital that are coaches, role models, and counselors, based on ACNL Mentoring Tool Kit. Christopher Riccardi, EMT, and Lab Technician, then explained the technical aspects of the Simulation Lab, discussing the tools/equipment, and challenges. His tour of the lab was informative and exciting- Nursing

Arts brought to the next level. Taking care of patients as if you were on the floor, with immediate feedback on the video tapes that were just made of your scenario/patient situation. Very futuristic stuff!!! The Sim Person can even cough, talk, and makes all kinds of "body noises".

Thank you for your commitment to our organization.

Sincerely,

Susan Berg Levy, RN, MSN
President OHE

Upcoming Program:

Friday, November 2, 2007,

7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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C.H.L.A. Magnet Panel

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