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2009 Board Member Ballots to Go Out to Members the First Week in October

2009 is upon us, and like the upcoming National election, OHE is having our own elections. In the mail, OHE members will be receiving an all-important ballot. Please take the time to review the candidates and make your selections. It is imperative that our members participate in this important event. We are counting on you! The new 2009 OHE Board of Directors will be installed at our January 30th program.



The program will be held at the California Endowment Conference Center in Downtown LA near Chinatown.

Please save the date!

For more information on the California Endowment, go to: <http://www.calendow.org/chc/index.html>

O.H.E. Board Member Honored

On April 13th Ramona Convent Secondary School honored their alumna Susan DePietro RN, MN, JD as a 'remarkable woman' for her exemplary community service and professional activities. She is only the second recipient of this award in the history of the high school.

Susan has held every office within OHE (including 2 stints as president) since she became a member about 30 years ago. She is now the legal liason, attending Board meetings and writing about legal issues in the OHE newsletter.

Additionally, she is an active COPPS (Council of Past Presidents) member and greatly enjoys all the social events and friendships with her COPPS colleagues.

She is currently President of the CSULA Alumni Association and has taught in the nursing department for over 12 years. Weekly she commutes to Orange County where she is the patient safety/risk manager at Anaheim Memorial Medical Center.

Susan is on the Board of Trustees of Hospitaller Brothers which is a health care organization with three facilities in Southern California, each providing independent, assisted living, skilled nursing and Alzheimer's care.

She also serves on the Board of the Southern California Association of Healthcare Risk Management.

Susan lives in the Los Feliz area and has been married for 35 years to Dennis who is an architect with his own firm. Daughter Erin is married and lives in Tucson where she is completing her Ph.D in astronomy education.



Susan DePietro RN, MN, JD

Son James lives in Houston, just received his MBA from Rice University and is getting married in January 2009.

She truly is quite a woman who can do it all. OHE is grateful for her many years of service, loyalty and commitment.

Ellen Rosen

Message from the President

Summer will soon draw to a close, and, in another breath, the November elections will be upon us. This forthcoming event draws attention to our undeniable opportunity to make a difference and a privilege that no one should ever neglect. In short, voting is a must and should not be taken for granted.

The strength of any profession, and, in this case, nursing, lies within its internal unity and ability to mobilize collective action. Yet, only about 5% of registered nurses in the United States belong to the American Nurses Association (ANA), the organization that represents nursing at the national level. This is a problem for the leaders as well as the members of the nursing profession. It also represents the missed chance to pull together as advocates both for ourselves and our patients in crucial healthcare concerns.

There are 2.7 million RNs nationwide, but the fact that so few belong to a national organization speaks volumes about nursing and reflects the potential lessening of the strength of the profession's power. Individual nurses who are not members are cut off from participation in the collective and from information that can help them in their practice. Nurses need to vote for the simple reason that when there are issues that are relevant to all nurses with a need to act or vote from one position, nursing can speak with a united voice and effect policy change.

The upcoming presidential elections offer us an excellent occasion to not only learn about key issues and strategies for change, but also to evaluate



possible courses of action. In Thomas Jefferson's words, "Let us in education dream of an aristocracy of achievement arising out of a democracy of opportunity." Let us all exercise our rights and realize the opportunities promised by democracy by voting this November!

Finally, there is another occasion to practice our voting skills! OHE is getting ready to send a ballot in October to elect its new Board members. All members are encouraged to vote. OHE is looking forward for a new year of quality programs and increased membership!

Jo (Joanna) Rowan, RN, MSN, EdD
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<http://www.getoutthevote.org/>

If you have moved, if you have not voted in the last several elections, if you have not received election materials in the mail- you may not be not currently registered:

California Registration Deadlines:

In order to be eligible to vote in the statewide election on:	Your registration must be post-marked no later than:
November 4, 2008 (General Election)	October 20, 2008



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The **Organization of Healthcare Educators** was founded in 1979 as a local chapter of the American Society for Healthcare Education and Training. **OHE** is a non-profit organization that provides a forum in which healthcare education professionals can gain a broader perspective in healthcare education issues of local and national importance, and a setting in which healthcare educators can come together to network, share ideas and problem solve mutual educational objectives.

OHE Board

Meetings are open to all Members!

The Board meets every other month for a dinner meeting in Glendale or Pasadena, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. Please join us. We welcome your input and expertise.

Remaining 2008 Board Meeting : November 13, 2008
2009 Board Meeting Dates: March 19, May 14, July 16, September 3, November 12

Would you like to join us and contribute to our community of professionals?

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Save the Dates for 2008 & 2009 Events



The remainder of 2008 & early 2009 has some great topics for our OHE events! Here is what we have planned:

November 7, 2008

Lynette Dahlman, RN, MSN
"Facilitation Basics for the Healthcare Educator"

*Program Brochure available on our website

Other Educational Events:

2009 Installation Luncheon & Program:

January 30, 2009

California Endowment Center, Downtown LA

Featured Speaker: Nancy Seck, CNO Los Robles Hospital & Medical Center, Thousand Oaks

2009 Program

Dates:

March 27, June 19, September 11, November 6

Interested in any or all of these events? Go to our Website for details!
<http://www.o-h-e.net/>

Welcome New Members!

OHE is excited to welcome 5 new members who have joined since June 2008! The Organization now has 113 members!

Welcome to our new members:

-Salpy Akaragian, RN-UCLA Health System
-Mickey Bladh, RN, MSN- CPR Training

Center
Nora Gambling, RN, Dip, Ed, MS, CMSRN-
El Centro Regional Medical Center
Sandy Olsen, RN- Kaiser Permanente
Mary Wilde, RN

During conversation with new members, it has been clear that the most effective way to recruit new members is by way of invitation from existing members.

I'd like to thank all of our members who continuously help in recruitment. Since we became an NNSDO affiliate, the OHE increased its number OHE members who are also NNSDO members. Before our affiliation, we had a total of 11 OHE/NNSDO members and we now have 23 such members.

To obtain a list of our members, please visit our website at: <http://www.o-h-e.net/> and enter your user name and password. If you have forgotten your username and password, please e-mail me and I will resend it to you.

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We're on the Web!

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