

HIGHLIGHT ON THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE (GRNA) EDUCATIONAL TOUR OF THE REGIONS

PREAMBLE

The national council gives approval to the NEC to undertake an educational tour of the regions, districts and the sub-districts. So far Greater Accra, Northern, Upper East and upper west, Brong Ahafo and Ashanti Region have benefited from the programme.

It is in this vein that we undertook this recent tour (January and February,2006) of the eastern and Volta respectively.

CORE PURPOSE

The core purpose of the tours is to sensitize and create awareness for members as regards the new trends in the labour front and that of our employers.

It is also to fraternize with members and encourage them to improve upon their work performance, problems that they encounter in the course of their work and how best to assist them to resolve them

PARTICIPANTS

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| 1. Mrs. Alice Darkoa Asare-Allotey | - president |
| 2. Mr. Richard K. Henneh | - 1 st Vice President |
| 3. Mrs. Bertha Boakye Agyeman | - 2 nd Vice President |
| 4. Mrs. Mary Larbi | - National Treasurer |
| 5. Mrs. Margaret Appiah Tufour | - Asst. National Treasurer |
| 6. Mrs. Rose Owusu Yeboah | - Asst. Pro |
| 7. Mr. Samuel MacCarthy | - National PRO |
| 8. Mr. Edwin T. Adams | - Acting Asst. Gen. Secretary |

DEPARTURE

The executive left Accra for Koforidua, the eastern regional capital at about 6:00 p.m. on the 15th January,2006. Got there at about 7:40 p.m and was received by the regional executive of the association. We were driven straight to our sleeping place.

The tour lasted for six (6) days. Places visited in the Eastern Region were:

- Koforidua NTC & Midwifery Training School
- New Juaben Municipality
- West Akim & Kwabirim Districts
- Nurses from lower and upper Manya District and Yilo Krobo Nurses at Atua Government Hospital
- Nurses from Holy Family Hospital and New Abirem at Nkawkaw Government Hospital
- Nurses & Midwives students at Atibe Ntc
- Nurses from Afram plains

The executive returned to Accra on 21/1/06.

The Volta Regional tour was on the 5th February to 12th February,2006

AREAS VISITED IN THE REGION

- Ho and Peki District Nurses
- Community Health Nurses and Registered General Nurses Trainees at the NTC
- Kpando & NN/HC and Anfoega Nurses at kpando District Hospital
- Hohoe, Kadjebi & Jasikan Nurses at Hohoe District Hospital
- Nkwanta, Krachi and Papase Nurses at Nkwanta District Hospital
- Afloa and surrounding Nurses at Ketu District Hospital
- Nurses from surrounding Nurses at Ketu District Hospital
- Nurses from surrounding Districts at Keta Districts Hospital
- Nurses from south tongu at sogakope
- Nurses at Battor Catholic Hospital

In all these tours the topic/ messages were as follows

- GRNA Structure
- GRNA and International Conferences
- Local AND International Dues
- Re-registration of Nurses
- Relationship of the Association with (MOH/GHS,ICN,CNF,WACN)
- Labour Act 651 of 2003
- NHI Act 650
- ILO Convention 149
- GRNA Website
- Ghanaian Nurse Magazine
- Association Regional Secretariat Project
- Nurses Hostel
- GRNA best nurse award
- Education and research committee programme for 2006
- Finances of the association
- Generation of funds for the association
- Nurses provident fund
- Attitude and Behavior towards clients, patients, public and colleagues
- ADHA current development
- Salary and conditions of service

FORA

The floor was opened in all instances for members to ask question and contribute
Some of the concerns raised were:

- Career Progression: The Association concern
- Placement of Diplomat in the service and salary structures

- Accreditation : the role of GRNA
- Acquisition and renewal of PIN (Professional Identification number)
- Decentralization of N&MC (Nurses % Mid wives Council)
- Provident Fund Modalities, Disbursement etc

These concern were addressed by President and other Executive Members. It has been very useful ventures and members were delighted in meeting the new Executive members. Though it was big challenge and tedious it would be worthwhile to tour the remaining two (2) regions namely Western & Central Regions.

We are most grateful to all the people in authority in the regions visited for the assistance granted their regional and district executive in connection with the visit and pray that the cordial relationship existing between them and our members will continue to flourish.

(Signed)
Edwin T. Adams (Mr.)
(Ag. Gen Secretary)