

### RNPA Board of Directors' Election

It is again that time of year when the membership has an opportunity to influence the governance of the RNPA. It is time to elect and/or reelect members to the RNPA Board of Directors (BOD). The annual election of the Board of Directors (BOD) takes place when ballots are mailed to the membership in mid-November to the last day a ballot can be post-marked which is December 8th. We will be electing four members who will each serve a two year term. The Board of Directors is comprised of ten members. The Board of Directors represents the membership, upholds the Bylaws as well as the Mission Statement, Purpose and Objectives. Candidates must be willing to become involved and be prepared for the time commitment. Aside from the challenge of the position comes the reward and excitement of being part of the Association that influences your profession as well as working conditions within the Santa Clara Valley Health and Hospital System.

In addition, to the BOD of Directors information, you will also receive Bylaw changes. If you do not receive a ballot via US mail, please contact the RNPA office.

#### Available positions:

- Vice President
- Negotiating Team Member
- Treasurer
- Publications Chairperson

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### RNPA 30th Anniversary BBQ



On September 17, 2008, RNPA hosted our 30th anniversary BBQ. The event was a success. It was a beautiful day and Idle Hands bestowed us with their traditional rock and roll. Some people danced while RNPA Board Members, as well as members and staff served over 700 hamburgers to RNPA members, support staff, patients, visitors, and administrators. Other attendees included Ken Yeager, member of Board of Supervisors District 4, as well as candidate for the Board of Supervisors District 2, George Shirkawowa. The event was so fun, that candidate for the Board of Supervisors, George Shirkawowa volunteered to barbaque hamburgers next year.



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## Meet our New Office Coordinator

RNPA has recently hired a new Office Coordinator, Lindsay Kelley. Lindsay is replacing Karla Sullivan. Karla and her husband relocated to Oregon to be with their new granddaughter.

RNPA is happy to welcome Lindsay to the RNPA office. Lindsay has come to RNPA with comprehensive office experience. She has extensive computer and organizational skills. Lindsay's work history includes managing a surgeon's office as well as an anesthesiologist's practice. We look forward to Lindsay helping RNPA get established in our new office.

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## Yes on Measure A...

Earlier this year, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to place a General Obligation Bond Measure on the November 4, 2008 presidential election ballot. The 840 million bond would provide the funding needed for Santa Clara County Valley Medical Center (SCVMC) to replace seismically deficient facilities in order to meet the 2013 state seismic (earthquake) safety requirements, as well as provide \$50 million toward the construction of outpatient medical services in downtown San Jose. A two-thirds majority is required to pass the measure. The funding would prevent the closure of over half of SCVMC's hospital beds and critical trauma services.

### Text of Measure A

To prevent the state mandated shutdown of half of Santa Clara Valley Medical Center's beds, closure of SCVMC's trauma, burn center; and improving earthquake safety of the hospital, meeting state seismic laws, and help replace closed medical facilities in downtown San Jose, shall the county of Santa Clara issue \$840 million in general obligation bonds with independent citizens' oversight committee, annual audits, and no money for administrators' salaries?

### What Measure A Will Do:

- Allows the County's only public hospital to rebuild and repair buildings so that it will remain standing and operational after a major earthquake.
- Prevents the closure of over half (272) of Santa Clara Valley Medical Center's patient beds.
- Maintains specialized medical services provided by the hospital's Level 1 Trauma Center and Santa Clara County's only Burn Center
- Will assess property owners less than \$14.00 per \$100,000.00 in assessed home value annually.

### If Measure A does not pass...

- SCVMC will fail to meet state requirements for seismic safety and will be legally required to close 272 of its 574 beds in the next five years. Hospital beds in Santa Clara County are already scarce, Santa Clara County has the fifth lowest ratio of beds per person in the nation at 1.5 beds per 1,000 residents.
- With fewer beds, SCVMC will be forced to close its nationally renowned Trauma and Burn Centers.
- The shortage in available beds would lead over 11,000 ambulances per year to be rerouted from SCVMC to alternative care centers.
- 70 hospitals have closed across California already. Without this bond measure, the hospital will be legally required to shut down half its beds.

### RNPA General Membership Meeting

**When:** Wednesday,  
October 22, 2008

**Location:** RNPA Office  
950 So. Bascom Ave.,  
Suite 2120

**Times:** 8:00AM, 2:00PM, 3:45PM,  
5:00PM

#### Agenda:

- Elections
- Bylaws
- Magnet/Deloitte
- Peer Review