



President's Report

Laura Shafer, BSN, RN, CWON



Hello everyone!

I for one am glad that we are heading towards fall. I really look forward to the leaves changing and cooler air. SER WOCN had an outstanding Fall Conference in Chattanooga led by Martha Davidson. We had about 200 attendees and 71 different vendors which was wonderful! Not only was the conference superb but the Great Comebacks sponsored by ConvaTec was very moving and everyone enjoyed the Dinner at the Aquarium sponsored by Hollister. We also had 2 breakfast symposiums sponsored by Coloplast and Molnlycke. Like you, I thoroughly enjoyed the speakers.

I look forward to seeing all of you in Savannah next year for lots of education and fun! Have a great season and I am honored to be your SER President!

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SER WOC NURSE OF THE YEAR

Submitted by Cindy Norris BSN, RN, CWOCN

Regina Holmes,
MSN, RN, CWOCN, CFCN, FNP-BC

Regina was awarded the SER WOC Nurse of the Year Award at our fall conference. I was one of her preceptors while she was a student in the Emory Program. She was always an inspiration to me during that time. She was enthusiastic, compassionate and professional. She had a way of making her patients feel special and could calm their fears and give them a sense of well being and security. She still does. Regina makes her patients laugh and as you know that is "medicine for the soul" and aids in the healing process whether it be physical or emotional. She is like the eternal ever-ready bunny. She is self-directed and has definite goals and she reaches them. Regina can multitask better than anyone I know. She values being the best that she can be for her patients, colleagues, employer, family and herself. Regina always puts herself last and often reserves little time for herself. This is evident by returning to school to achieve various degrees to enhance her knowledge and skills that will enable her to deliver quality, cost-effective care and improve patient outcomes. She worked full time at her local hospital, contracted with another hospital and worked some weekends in home health while working on her Masters. I never heard her complain.

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Laura Shafer, Cindy Norris, Regina Holmes



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Communications Report

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Passing time during my trip home from the SER Conference, I read an article in the local Chattanooga newspaper, The Chattanooga Free Press. The article made such an impression on me, I kept it. Looking back over the years, only one other time did I feel compelled enough to bring a newspaper article home with me. I suspect the title of the article is what caught my eye, "Survival kit for everyday living". Like many of you my family has a hurricane survival kit; but an everyday living survival kit? Please tell me more. In her article Dr. Neill Mohney lists nine items necessary for survival in today's world:

- *Toothpick* – to remind us to see only the best qualities in other
- *Rubber band* - to remind us to stay flexible
- *Band-aid (or moist wound healing dressing)* - to remind us to help those who are hurting
- *Eraser* - to remind us mistakes are the way we learn and grow
- *Mint* - to remind us we are worth a mint to our family
- *Bubble gum* - to remind us to stick with it - Perseverance
- *Pencil* - to remind us to make a list of our blessings
- *Tea bag* - to remind us to relax and have a quiet time

What a great list! What does your survival kit contain? I enjoyed seeing old friends and meeting new friends in Chattanooga. Let's do it again in Savannah!!

Spotlight on Mentor is a regular feature in the SER News. If you have a mentor that you would like to spotlight, please contact Patti Haberer at news@serwocn.org



*New Board Members
& State Nomination
Committee Members*

Cary Dowdy, Aileen Ankrom, Brenda Rutland, Michael Byars, Sharon Traylor, Trudy Huey, Martha Davidson, Merrill Frasier



Elections Report:

by Marta Bullard, BSN, RN, CWOCN
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Congratulations to our winners!

Thank-you to all who ran for an office and for those who voted.
This year's inaugural on-line voting process was a huge success.

Treasurer: Martha Davidson

Secretary: Merrill Fraser

Director of Special Projects: Sharon Traylor

Director of Conference Planning: Trudy Huey

Nominations Committee Members:

AL: Michael Byars (Nominations Chair), GA: Aileen Ankrom, FL: Lea Crestodina,

NC: Brenda Rutland, SC: Cary Dowdy, and TN: Barbara Dale

Let's not forget to remember our outgoing Board members – thank-you for your service.
Charlene Demers – 2 terms as Treasurer, Dot Lawson – 2 terms as Director Conference Planning,
Martha Davidson – 2011 Conference Chair and Marta Bullard – 1 term as Nominations Chair.

It is not too early to think about running for next year's available positions!

- ~ President
- ~ Vice President
- ~ Director of Awards
- ~ Director of Communications



*Outgoing Board
Members*

Dot Lawson, Charlene Demers, Martha Davidson, Marta Bullard



Awards Report

by Cindy Norris, BSN, RN, CWOCN
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What a wonderful SER Fall Conference! Hats off to all of those involved in the planning and execution of this tremendous event. Our WOC nurse family is so supportive of each other in so many endeavors.

I want to thank all of the nurses who took their valuable time to submit applications or nominations for our awards this year, in recognition of the contributions made by all of our award recipients. The SER Fall Scholarship recipients said that being able to attend this conference and networking with the WOC Nurses has changed their lives and are "on fire and pumped" in regards to WOC Nursing.

We did not receive any applications for the Dorothy Research Grant. I urge some of you to apply for this next year.

Enjoy the PowerPoint presentation.



View the entire slide show at:
<http://www.serwocn.org/2011-AwardWinners.html>

...Regina Holmes from page 1

Regina is always excited about what each new day will bring! Soon after she completed the Emory program, we were at conference and she was asked to run for the Director of Awards. Without hesitation she volunteered even though her plate was already full. She is a team player and an assertive patient advocate. Regina has excellent rapport with her colleagues, physicians and the interdisciplinary team. When I contracted with her hospital, the staff was always singing her praises. Physicians hold Regina in high regard as WOC nurse, teacher, coordinator and mentor. Without hesitation one physician said she was indispensable and very deserving of the SER WOCN Nurse of the Year award. Regina initiated and organized a very active local chapter of the UOAA in her home town. And in her spare time, Regina served on the SER Board for 4 years as the Awards Director and is currently serving on the national WOCN Board. WOC Nursing is her passion and she loves the challenges and rewards she receives from this incredible journey. She loves everybody she sees and we love her! Congratulations Regina.



2011 Conference Photos

Before Conference



Tennessee nurses busy setting up

Before Conference



Pat Dittes - Poster Chairperson unpacking Silent Auction donations

Board Meeting



Laura Shafer and Mary McNeil

Board Meeting



Sharon Traylor, Charlene Demers and Marta Bullard

Introducing 2011 Conference



Carolyn Watts (for Martha Davidson - who was ill) and Laura Shafer

Keynote Speaker



Dr. Katherine Jeter



more 2011 Conference Photos

General Session



Beryl Evans

Ribbon Cutting



Laura Shafer and Martha Davidson

Ribbon Cutting



Exhibitors come out to welcome attendees

Exhibit Time



Suzanne Collins leads a group of nurses to the exhibit hall

Exhibit Hall



ConvaTec Booth

Exhibit Hall



Hollister Booth



more 2011 Conference Photos

Exhibit Hall



Molnlycke Booth - Goldfish "Going with the Flow"

Exhibit Hall



Coloplast Booth

Exhibit Hall



*Judy Papen and Barbara Bagby -
Have you heard Judy's getting married !!!*

Exhibit Hall



*Sylvia Dawson collected signatures from all vendors.
She won a free 2012 Conference registration.*

Ostomy Panel



*Including our own Joanna Burgess, RN, CWOCN
from WakeMed in North Carolina*

Poster Presenters



*Patricia Moore, Sheila Carter, Barbara Bagby, Amy
Bandelier, Joan McInerney, Bonnie Thompson,
Angela Sutton and Christine Reuscher - accepting for
Marlies Niehuser*



2012 SER WOCN Conference

WOC Nurses Embracing Change with Southern Grace



Merrill Fraser, MSN, RN, CWOCN
Cynthia Timms, BSN, RN, CWOCN
SER 2012 Conference Chairs

"Change has a considerable psychological impact on the human mind. To the fearful it is threatening because it means that things may get worse. To the hopeful it is encouraging because things may get better. To the confident it is inspiring because the challenge exists to make things better". King Whitney Jr.

We all know that WOC nurses are inspired by new opportunities, new products, new technologies and advances in treatments for our patients. Our passion is improving the lives of others through the endless pursuit of best practice and innovation; we embrace change.

The 2012 SER WOCN conference, "WOC Nurses Embracing Change with Southern Grace" will take place in the charming historic district of Savannah, Georgia, on September 26-30, 2012, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.



Merril Fraser and Cynthia Timms

The Georgia nurses have truly embraced the opportunity to make this conference one to remember. We will provide a wide variety of topics in all four practice areas. Our pre-conference workshop, WOC Nurse Review Course, will be taught by Dorothy Doughty. We hope to have at least one concurrent session, so you will have the freedom to choose a presentation that fits your practice the best. We are also planning a panel discussion with people who have lived with fistulas. Our colleagues and physicians will share with you advances and insights in evidence based practices and other topics.

Please e-mail us if you would like to participate in future conference planning, or if you have any suggestions or comments for our 2012 SER WOCN conference.

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Director - Special Projects

by Sharon Traylor, RN, CWOCN
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I want to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Director of Special Projects again these next two years. This has truly been a rewarding experience for me and I hope to be able to continue to provide the SER WOC nurses with educational opportunities. Please keep me in mind when you plan programs to let me know in advance so they can be added to the newsletter.

The SER WOCN's first Webinar was a great success. There were 39 attendees for the live session and about 34 who signed up after the live session. The webinar raised approximately \$6,000 for our region. We owe a great "Thank-You" to Dorothy Doughty for helping us make this such a wonderful educational opportunity

for our members. There is still about 3 months left if anyone would like to register.

The educational opportunities presented at the 2011 SER Conference in Chattanooga were awesome. Martha Davidson and the Tennessee WOC nurses had outstanding speakers who provided us with excellent programs in our three areas of practice.

The 2012 SER Conference in Savannah, Georgia will be September 27-30th: WOC Nurses Embracing Change with Southern Grace. Hope to see all of you there!



Here are some other things we can look forward to:

- SAWC/Fall - Las Vegas, NV; Oct. 13-15, 2011 Skin & Wound Care
- PESI HealthCare -West Palm Beach, FL Nov. 8, 2011; Orlando, FL Nov. 9, 2011; Tampa, FL Nov. 10, 2011
- FAET Spring Conference: Focus, Awareness, Education, Team April 20 and 21, 2012, Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay, Tampa, FL, 813-874-1234
- SAWC/Spring - Atlanta, GA; April 19-22, 2012
- WOCN 44th Annual Conference: Educating with Ideas for Tomorrow - Charlotte, NC; June 9-13, 2012
- 13th NPUAP National Biennial Conference - Deep Tissue Injury: The State of the Science - Houston, Texas; Feb. 22-23, 2012

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SER Certification Review webinar is still available until Dec. 31, 2011.

Register NOW on the SER website



Sharon on her way to the conference center



Here's what available online:

- WOCN website - Global Learning Center
- www.NursingCenter.com/CE - continuing education articles:
- CE's from WOCN journal
- CE's from topic skin/wound
- www.mhcwoundcare.com - six continuing education articles on wound care
- www.medlineuniversity.com - programs on pressure ulcer prevention, continence, wound care and more
- www.us.coloplast.com - programs on pressure ulcers, continence and ostomy management
- www.inquisit.org - online/live programs
- www.ehob.com - educational webinars
- www.nursingceportal.com - online specialty courses

Enjoy the wonderful changes of fall!

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Conference Poster Presentations:

1st Place

Marlies Niehuser

Title: "Routine Skin and Wound Care in the Emergency Department of Kennestone Hospital"

2nd Place

Barbara Bagby and Nancy Scott

Title: "Choosing the Right Skin Protectant Paste for a Cancer Hospital"

3rd Place

Joan A. McInerney, Mary Applegate, and Sandra K. Wheeler

Title: "Incontinence Quality Improvement Plan Results"

Other Presentations

Sheila Carter, Patricia Moore, Jennifer Vandiver, and Hope Voegeli

Title: "Improving Compliance with 'Nurse Friendly' Wound Dressings and Protocols"

Sheila Carter, Patricia Moore, Jennifer Vandiver, and Hope Voegeli

Title: "Justifying the Need for a Hospital Based Outpatient Ostomy Clinic"

Jill Cleary and Lorie Hanna

Title: "Obtaining the TJC DSC Certification for Minimally Invasive Colorectal Care"

Amy Bandelier

Title: "Effective Healing with Dermagraft on a Diabetic Foot Wound"

Angel Sutton

Title: "This Little Piggy Went to Market: and Didn't Come Home due to Diabetes"

Sheree Lee

Title: "An Innovative Stoma Loop Rod, the 'S' Rod"



To read more about this year's posters, go to: <http://www.serwocn.org/2011-PosterPresentations.html>



The Great State of Alabama

by Jessie Dickerson, RN, MSN, AP-CWON, CFCN
Retiree

The Alabama WOC Nurses are back to work as usual after taking a two (2) month break during the hottest period this summer (July/August). Most of us took vacations and spent much needed time with family and friends. After resuming our regular meetings the first Thursday in August we have started working on the following project(s): Updating our ostomy booklets (this is a huge project as we look at possible ways to contain cost in an attempt to avoid rate increases in the future). We solicit input from our ostomy booklet users and the SER WOC nurses. Thanking you in advance for your suggestions.



Congratulations Corner

Karen Edwards (WOC nurse at UAB Hospital) has been extremely busy this year. Karen is one of the contributing authors on the article written about the Skin Tear Consensus Panel. This article appeared as a supplement in the September 2011 *Advances in Skin and Wound Care Journal*. The article is titled "Skin Tears: State of the Science: Consensus Statements for the Prevention, Predictions, Assessment, and Treatment of Skin Tears".

In addition, Karen asked four (4) members of SER WOCN to review the above article and they are listed on the International list of reviewers: Angela Graham, Michael Byars, Regina Holmes and Mary McNeil.

Karen also did a presentation for Hollister on Skin Tears at the SAWC in Baltimore, Maryland in September.

This is good stuff folks! We are so proud of the work this group of dedicated WOC nurses who are producing and we wholeheartedly thank them so very much.

Nancy Strunk, President of the Birmingham Area WOC Nurses, is the proud (first time) grandmother of a handsome grandson, named Zechariah. What a beautiful prophetic name. Congratulations to Nancy and Zechariah's proud parents.

Sharon White has recently left her position at Princeton Hospital to return to her first love as a representative

at Kinetic Concepts Inc., (KCI). I first met Sharon many years ago when she was employed as a clinician and sales representative for KCI. She was an inspiration and so helpful to me and others in the clinical arena. I take this opportunity to speak on behalf of the Birmingham area WOC nurses as we wish Sharon the very best in her career chose.

Michael Byars has accepted the position of SER WOCN nominations committee chair. He will represent our great State at the SER Board meetings.

And finally we want thank Kelly Suttle for representing Alabama for the past 2 years on the SER nominations committee.

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Karen Edwards and Alicia Stack at the Milliken Booth





Summer in Georgia

by Kathie Fuller, BS, RN, CWOCN

Greetings from Georgia...

What a fabulous SER WOCN Conference in Chattanooga, Tennessee last month! Kudos to the Tennessee WOCN's for putting on such a great conference. Katherine Jeter makes me want to jump on my bike and pedal off into the sunset.

There were too many other great speakers to mention. In any event, the bar has been set high for the 2012 SER WOCN Conference to be held in Savannah, Georgia. Merrill Frasier and Cynthia Timms are still looking for energetic committee members to work on various projects for the upcoming conference. Contact Merrill or Cynthia at conf.chair@serwocn.org.

Congratulations to Georgia's own Angela Dye named WOCN Rookie of the Year. Angela was nominated by her team mates at Emory University Hospital after graduating from the Emory WOCNEP in November, 2010.



Angela Dye, Cindy Norris, Merrill Frasier

Well deserved kudos and accolades also go out to Marlies Niehuser for her SER WOCN Conference 1st Place Poster "Routine Skin and Wound Care in the Emergency Department of Kennestone Hospital". Congratulations Marlies!



Aileen Ankrom of Emory University WOC Nursing Department also presented a poster at the 43rd Annual WOCN Society Conference. Aileen's poster was "Pressure Ulcer Reduction in the Medical Intensive Care Unit: Success of MICU Skin Breakdown Prevention Protocol". Aileen is also the newly elected Nominations Committee Representative from Georgia.

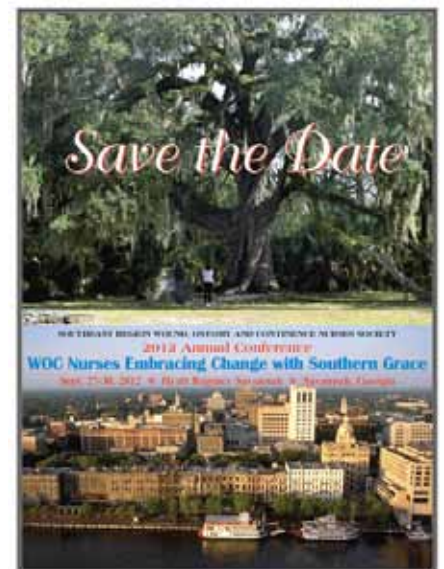
If you are interested in serving the membership of SER WOCN—contact Aileen. You may also contact Laura Shafer for the 4-1-1—she'll tell you there's nothing to it!

Thank you for letting me serve you as reporter. Please forward your news to me at: ga.statereporter@serwocn.org.

See you in Savannah!



Jane Bircheat enjoying the exhibit hall





Florida - The Sunshine State

by Linda Ravenhorst, BSN, MBA, RN, CWON

Tampa Bay News

Tampa Bay networking group is meeting again on October 18, 2011, place to be determined with information by Alicia Deeb from Healthpoint. They will continue to prepare for the upcoming FAET conference to be held in the Tampa Bay Area for 2012.

Nancy Scott from Moffitt Cancer Center read and provided input on Brenda Elsagher's new book "It's in the Bag and Under the Covers". She recommends WOC nurses and ostomates read these stories about sex, intimacy and care giving about people with ostomies. More info about this author, who is an ostomate is located on her website www.livingandlaughing.com The President of the Hernando County Ostomy Association, Ellen Boldt, is one of the contributors to Brenda's book.



Also from Moffitt Cancer Center, Barbara Bagby, Nancy Scott and retired co-worker Janet Hill were involved in a taskforce to develop an educational DVD video on "Continent Urinary Diversions" which highlights a live demonstration of a patient performing self-catheterization and irrigation of her Florida Pouch; included in the DVD are two Urologists who explain the surgical procedure. It became available for Moffitt patients/staff in both English and Spanish this month. Way to go ladies.

From Nancy Scott---My question is:

"How many of WOC nurses are involved in an Ostomy support group?" if so – please provide meeting dates/times/location. At Moffitt Cancer Center we have patients from the entire state; national/international areas – we would like to inform them of any group you may lead in Florida or elsewhere in Southeast Region. Remind your patients to submit their testimonials to the Great Comebacks program. One of Moffitt's urology patients was selected for the Great Comebacks panel. She was excited about a free round-trip opportunity to share her experience with WOC nurses as a new ostomate.



Barbara Bagby and her 2nd place poster

Barbara Bagby attended SER conference at Chattanooga. Barbara and Nancy co-authored a poster "Protecting from the Flow: Choosing the Right Skin Paste for a Cancer Hospital" Congrats are in order as this poster won 2nd place. Information about the 2011 posters is located on the serwocn.org website.

After 7 years with Coloplast, Patti Haberer has accepted a position with ArjoHuntleigh. We wish her the best of luck in her new role. We also send her our condolences with the recent loss of her mom.

Tampa Bay News *continued*

From Gina Samion at UCH (formerly University Community Hospital) is now Florida Hospital of Tampa under the Adventist Health System. Our hospital is undergoing major transformations not only cosmetically but internally with direct patient care. The Adventist Health System is a faith based organization with a focus on wellness, health promotion, patient centered care, and efficiency. We will be completely computerized spring 2012. Susan Lewin RN, BSN of UCH is taking her re-certification exam in October. Good luck Sue!

South Florida News

Ben Pierce presented an excellent lecture at SER Conference entitled "Legal Issues with Managing Photographs Within WOCN Practices". Thank-you Ben for all you do for WOCN.



Ben Pierce presenting at Conference

Orlando News

Ric Cherry has rejoined the Florida Hospital WOCN team. We are thrilled to be working with him again. Kudos to Meryl Greene. She recently completed her tri-certification!! Way to go Meryl!!! Florida Hospital WOCNs welcome Patti Helminger and Star CamCam to the team. They are currently up at Emory completing their didactic portion of the WOCN Program. Brandee Heath has left Florida Hospital and is now working part-time at Orlando Health.

Fort Myers – Naples News

First time SER conference attendee Joan McNerney's poster entitled "Incontinence Quality Improvement Plan Results" won third place. Good job Joan!!

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Joan McNerney accepting her award for her 3rd place poster



North Carolina NEWS

by Judy Plemmons, RN, CWON



North Carolina nurses meet at the 2011 SER Conference

Laurie Crookenden just returned from a 2 week medical mission trip to Kenya. She was able to provide school screen ins for many students who have never had "well visits". She was also able to teach wound care classes at Tenwek Mission Hospital for the nursing staff as well as the graduating nursing school class. The trip and the classes were very rewarding. She also went on safari in Maasai Mara. (Ask her to show her photos with you!)

Amanda Griffin recently retired from Rowan Regional Medical Center in Salisbury. She will begin employment at the VA Center in Salisbury as a Clinical Nurse Specialist.

Colleen Spiller's son is now an Army Ranger and is currently in Fort Campbell, Kentucky where he is in air assault school. Colleen recently hiked 83 miles on the Appalachian Trail and climbed a total of about 22,000 feet in 1 week. She had to perform wound care on her husband while they were hiking because he insisted on wearing new boots!

Joanna Burgess became a new member of the WOCN ostomy committee in July 2011. She is also doing content validation work on the topic of Incontinence-Associated Dermatitis.



WOC'N & Fall in South Carolina

by Barbara Righter, RN, CWOCN

SC WOCs on the Move

Rhonda Antonnetti is the new WOC nurse at the VA Medical Center in Charleston. Good Luck Kemahsabe...we wish you well. Mary Arnold Long has relocated from Ohio to Charleston. Mary will join the inpatient team at Roper St. Francis.

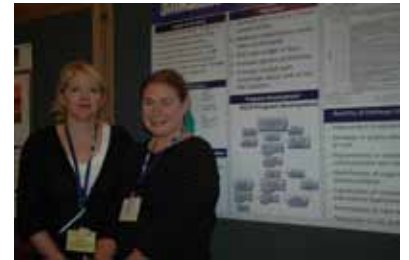
Everyone is super excited to have her! Palmetto Health Baptist – Columbia welcomes Vicky Jervis-Rozycki to the WOC Nursing team. Vicky will be starting Emory in the near future.

Trident Medical Center's Outpatient Advance Wound Center is delighted to have Belinda Bradley return after her LOA. Judy Burbage reports diverse MD coverage at the Wound Center to include Plastics, Vascular, ID, General Surgery, and Podiatry.



After Hours

CWOCN's - Regina Holmes and Jane Mansfield mentor the North Strand Ostomy support group. At the November 6th meeting (2 PM) Justin Blum, Great Comeback Award Winner from Florence, SC is speaking to the group. The group meets at the Sea Coast Medical Center in Little River, SC on the first Sunday of each month. Please share this information with any ostomates in the Grand Strand area, all are invited to attend.



Lorie Hanna and Jill Cleary with their Poster

Congratulations to Nina Blanton (Palmetto Health Baptist - Columbia) on the birth of her first grandchild - Arlington Elizabeth Blanton.

Renee' Epting of Palmetto Health Baptist ~ Columbia struck item #1 off her bucket list by going to Alaska in August. Renee' highly recommends the experience...it was AWESOME!!!



Elizabeth Jones and Elaine Rush enjoying their time together

Barbara Righter, Michele Rinauro and Cheryl Rodgers are participating in Trident Health System's 'Pink Glove Dance' to support Komens' Race for the Cure. In addition, during October, pink gloves are substituted for the routine unsterile beige gloves Health System Wide in an effort to reach out to staff & customers re Breast Care Awareness. Watch for them on U Tube!

Always looking for SC WOC News

If you do not receive my email request for news... please contact me at: sc.reporter@serwocn.org.

Thanks,
Barabara



Correction

Correction from last newsletter - Danae Blanks is the new ET/ WOC at Carolinas Hospital System. Danae, an RN for 5 1/2 years and a WOC for 1 1/2 years, attended Emory and plans to take her boards soon. "She is a self-starter, enthusiastic and asset to our hospital" reports Cindy.



Greetings from Tennessee!

by Mona Hector, BSN, RN, CWOCN

Barbara Dale is staying super busy these days. She did a presentation for home care professionals in Nashville on 9/21/11, "Implementing a Moist Wound Healing Program in your Agency!" at the National Quality Outcomes and Oasis-C conference. Barbara's first article, "Say Goodbye to Wet-to-Dry Wound Care Dressings" has been published in the peer reviewed publication Home Healthcare Nurse Journal. She has already completed research on a catheter article and is looking for another nurse as co-author, one who understands the stats part. Anyone know a statistician who can help her?



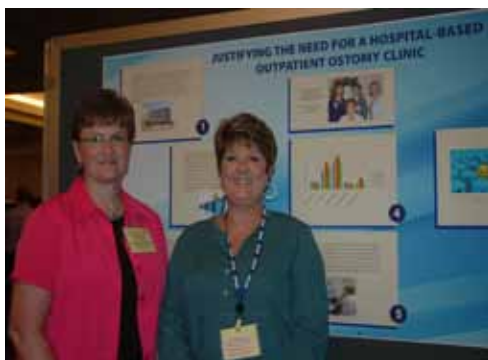
Lennis Floyd sends us news from University of Tennessee Hospital. They are looking for a full time Enterostomal/Wound care nurse. If interested, please call Lennis Floyd or Karen Gallagher at 865-305-9870. Lennis and Karen are excited about doing a research poster on "Enterostomal Therapy, Growth and Excellence thru Team Work" to show their progress in pressure ulcer reduction and growth of their department. Way to go!



*Linda and Byron Lipscomb
at the Awards Luncheon*

Joanne Martin with Deaconess Homecare in Savannah, TN wrote a PolyMem® "Pearls for Practice" article. The article entitled "Cellulitis and Wound Management" was published in the August issue of Ostomy Wound Management. Kudos for sharing what we do in our practice.

Thank-you to all the Tennessee nurses who spent hours making this year's SER WOCN Conference in Chattanooga a grand success. Martha Davidson and her team did us proud. Tennessee was well represented in presenting posters. Sheila Carter, Patricia Moore, Jennifer Vandiver, and Hope Voegeli submitted 2 posters - "Improving Compliance with 'Nurse Friendly' Wound Dressings and Protocols" and "Justifying the Need for a Hospital Based Outpatient Ostomy Clinic". Sheree Lee presented a poster on a unique ostomy loop rod and Amy Bandelier presented a poster using a bioengineered tissue on a Diabetic Foot Wound. Please read more information about the conference within this newsletter.



*Sheila Carter and Patricia
Moore with their poster*

Candi Haggard joined the WOCN group at Vanderbilt and we are so excited to have her. Candi came from Huntsville Alabama and graduated from the Emory program. Shannon Lynch was hired by Vanderbilt Children's Hospital to fill the WOCN position and is presently enrolled in the Emory WOCN program. Sharon has done a great job fulfilling the WOCN duties and we are very excited she has agreed to take this position full time. Carolyn Watts has completed her reign as National Conference Planning chair and she has represented the SER and Vanderbilt in such a

positive light. Carolyn was also the recipient of the SER WOCN of the Year award and we are very proud of her success. Martha Davidson did an excellent job as the Conference Chair which was proven by the big success of the conference. We were very proud and honored to have so many Vanderbilt staff participating in the recent SER WOCN conference. Martha has also been elected as the Treasure of the SER Region WOCN Society. Marilyn Hargrove and Bonnie Thompson were co-chairs of the Education Committee for the Conference and both were speakers at the conference. We are so blessed to have such a talented group of WOCN's at Vanderbilt.

More news from the Cleveland-Chattanooga area. According to Alvin Word the Cleveland - Chattanooga area WOC nurses and those affiliated with us, are re-grouping and will begin monthly meetings in January. After a great SER WOCN conference, it was decided that we needed to re-start our educational programs. We have 12 commitments from various vendors and suppliers to sponsor these educational meetings. Anyone interested in attending needs to send me their contact information, as the old information is either out dated or not available. Also, FYI...I have just opened a new HBO clinic in Cleveland, I'll not be competing with the local wound center, however, our clinic will focus more on neurological issues, such as autism, stroke, traumatic brain injury, etc. If you're interested in knowing more about this service can view our web site...www.hbotn.com.

From west Tennessee comes the news of the election of officers for the Memphis Area WOCN, 2012-2014. Tony Micheletti has been elected President and Helen Moore as Vice-President. Other officers elected were secretary, treasurer, public relations and 3 members for the board of directors. Looks like more great things to come! Jenny Hurlow and Donna Zimmaro Bliss recently had an article "Dry Skin in Older Adults" published in the July issue Geriatric Nursing. They found there is very little recent information on this very common problem impacting so many of our patients.

In closing, I am passing my job as Tennessee editor to Amy Bandelier. I'll continue to stay active in nursing activities, especially our WOC group, but I'm no longer working at a facility. I am a certified faith based community nurse along with other stuff so no worries, I'll remain super busy. Feel free to pass on any news out of habit and I will forward to Amy or just spread the gossip! Amy can be reached at: tn.reporter@serwocn.org so keep the news coming.

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Amy Bandelier at the Great Combacks Dinner

**Thank-you
Mona for all
your years of
service to
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