



## President's Report

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Dear Southeast Region Members,

Last week I noted daffodils leaves are peeking out their green heads from the ground and today snow covers the Nashville area grass and roads. Punxsutawney Phil, I'm ready for spring, flowers blooming, and NO snow!

Kudos to Jennifer Anderson (President Elect) and her task force who devised our new and improved Southeast Region logo.



I hope you are planning to join us in Greensboro NC, August 25-27, 2016 for "WOC Nurses Soaring to New Heights". Karen Sanders, Conference Chair, and her team have been hard at work assembling a fantastic line up of speakers and educational opportunities.

The SER WOCN® will continue to offer our membership quality education at a reasonable price. The Board voted to retain the conference registration at \$225 for Early Bird registration. Also, we will be offering five (5) \$1200.00 scholarships for the 2016 SER WOCN® conference. Check the website for more information: [www.serwocn.org](http://www.serwocn.org).

**If you are attending this year's WOCN® Society Annual Conference in Canada, please join us for our Regional Meeting. The meeting will be on Monday June 6, 2016 from 5:15 pm to 6:30 pm. Light refreshments will be served. Room location to be determined, so please stay tuned for more information.**

We welcome all members to be involved with our Regional activities. If you are interested in serving on the Board or to participate with conference planning in the future, please don't hesitate to reach out to me (or anyone on the Board). Thank you, WOC nurses; for all that you do to serve your patients, your communities, your colleagues and your families.

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President - SER of the WOCN Society  
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## **Communications Update**

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### **Happy spring to all my fellow WOC nurses!**

As many of you may know, the Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society™ (WOCN®) was founded in 1968. Nursing practice has changed dramatically since then, and it continues to be a dynamic force within the health care arena. Our professional society, WOCN®, works tirelessly to support us by ensuring that we have the resources to provide evidence based care to patients with wounds, ostomies and incontinence. As WOCN® keeps us moving in a forward direction, the SER of the WOCN® strives to align itself with our professional society. We recently changed our logo and fulfilled other requirements consistent with all Branding Standards of the Society. In keeping with that same forward motion, it was decided at a recent board meeting of the Southeast Region of the WOCN® to suggest changes to the membership in regards to our newsletter content. The suggestion is that all content in the SER of the WOCN® newsletter be related to the field of wound, ostomy and continence nursing. This change would be effective for the Summer 2016 edition of the newsletter. Please feel free to email comments and/or suggestions to [news@serwocn.org](mailto:news@serwocn.org)

I would like to extend a great big thank you to our State Reporters for bringing their local news to our region:

- Alabama – Sonya Hicks - [al.reporter@serwocn.org](mailto:al.reporter@serwocn.org)
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I want to welcome Sonya Hicks as our new Alabama State Reporter. I appreciate your willingness to serve! State Reporters are SER of the WOCN® Society active members who volunteer to serve a term of 2 years with the option of a second term with the approval of the Director of Communications. The State Reporter is responsible for gathering information pertinent to his or her state membership and composing an article to share with our southeast community through this newsletter. If you are interested in becoming involved in your SER of the WOCN® Society, this is a great way to start!

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions at [news@serwocn.org](mailto:news@serwocn.org).

## Conference Planning

by Elaine Rush, RN, BS, CWOCN  
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Another year has ended for the Southeast Region of the WOCN Society. The year brought us joy and success in our practice, challenges and growth opportunities as individuals, and helped us “Experience the Magic” in Orlando.

We are now embarking on a new year with a new set of adventures:

- A Southeast Region Conference on August 25-27 in Greensboro, North Carolina at the Sheraton Greensboro Hotel Koury Convention Center. “WOC Nurses Soaring to New Heights” is the theme and an excellent conference awaits all our members, friends and exhibitors. Karen Sanders is our Conference Chair and her talent, knowledge and enthusiasm has developed a program and conference experience you do not want to miss. Mark the date on your calendar and prepare to soar into our exciting and changing practice.
- The challenges of our ever changing practice await us in this new year: changes in the WOCN Society, changes in our practice setting, new legislation, new rules for reimbursement, new modalities, and always learning experiences. We have changes in the Southeast Region with a new group of WOC Nurses beginning their journey in our practice. We embrace them and offer them our mentorship, encouragement, problem solving and support on their path.
- We also have a new Director of Conference Planning ( that would be me) . Although I have been a part of the Southeast Region for many years and have served on the SER Board before, this is a whole new experience for me. I face this adventure , thankfully, now alone but with the help, encouragement and knowledge of the other SER Board members and also of the past Director of Conference Planning, Trudy Huey. I want to express a special thanks to Trudy for taking our region through many changes growing pains, and providing a solid foundation for growth and change.

So, now we are ready for this new year with excitement and anticipation. My wish for us all is that we continue to be the bright light that “Soars to New Heights” in our professional practice this year.



**See you in Greensboro. Watch our website for details and registration information**

## Awards Report

by Nancy Scott, BSN, RN, CWOCN  
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At our last Annual SER of the WOCN Society® Fall Conference, we presented awards to some of our colleagues who demonstrated extraordinary work ethics and dedication to our profession.

I encourage you to think about nominating your peers who shine and deserve recognition. These awards will be presented at our 2016 August annual conference: "Rookie of the Year", "Nurse of the Year," and the "North Carolina State Recognition Award".

In the last SER of the WOCN® newsletter, 5 recipients submission about their rewarding experiences related to attending the annual conference were published. They applied and were selected through a blind voting for a conference scholarship of \$1200 each to offset their conference expenses.

Who is enrolled or planning to return to school for WOC Nursing or Advance Practice? Are you considering getting involved in research or need financial assistance to do so? Qualifying members may achieve educational opportunities through 2 school scholarships and the Dorothy Doughty Grant for research. Please visit the [www.serwocn.org/AnnualAwards](http://www.serwocn.org/AnnualAwards) web page to review requirements and submit your application electronically by May 1st, 2016.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our exciting conference in Greensboro, North Carolina.

### Youth Rally 2015

by Colleen Spiller

As you all know, SER of the WOCN® are strong supporters of Youth Rally. For those of you that may not be familiar with Youth Rally, it is a non-profit organization that hosts a camp for children that live with congenital birth defects, chronic illness, or physical trauma has caused a disruption to their bowel and/or bladder systems. SER of the WOCN® contributed \$2000.00 to their organization in 2015, and we received a very lovely thank you with some personal notes written by some campers. We thought you would like to read them... they really do warm the heart!

<http://serwocn.org/AnnualAwards/2015/youthrally2015.html>

### Friends of Ostomates Worldwide by Colleen Spiller

Many of us volunteer our time and efforts in both our professional organizations, and our communities. For those that do, you know how much that is appreciated and how fulfilling volunteering can be. However, it is also time consuming, and there are some of us who would love to volunteer but just cannot, due to time constraints. The SER of the WOCN® recently donated to Friends of Ostomates Worldwide (FOW-USA), and we thought we would share a little about the organization, as it is a worthy cause you could donate to - without too much time involved! FOW-USA is a volunteer-run, non-profit organization providing ostomy supplies and educational materials in need around the world. Founded in 1986, they collect donated ostomy equipment from suppliers, ostomy groups, WOC nurses, individuals, hospitals and others and ship to those in need. You can help by donating new, unused ostomy supplies including: pouches, flanges, skin barriers, skin wipes, paste, belts, pouch covers, scissors, and pediatric supplies. When sending supplies, take them out of original boxes, put in plastic bags, and mark each plastic bag with the brand and size. Please place the donor's name on both the inside and outside of the carton. A letter of receipt that can be used for tax purposes will be mailed to each donor. Feel free to visit their website at [www.fowusa.org](http://www.fowusa.org)

## Special Projects Report

by Reneé Epting, MN, RN, CWOCN  
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Greetings from South Carolina! Since our fall conference will be a little earlier this year, we are gearing up to recruit abstracts for the poster presentation portion of the conference. Jan Johnson, MSN, ANP-BC, CWOCN will be chairing the North Carolina Poster Committee, and I'm delighted to have the opportunity to work with her on this important part of our conference. If you have an interesting research project, I want to personally invite you to submit an abstract for consideration for fall conference. We love nothing more than showing off the awesome projects that our members develop as well as the research that you conduct so please share your work with us and earn those PGP points in the process. You can also earn cold, hard cash for your efforts:

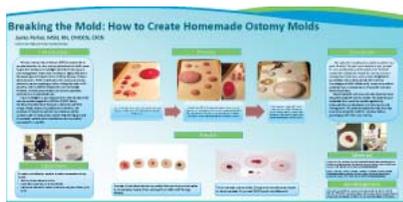
- **First Place: \$1000**
- **Second Place: \$500**
- **Third Place: \$250**

There are some important deadlines to keep in mind related to abstracts and posters submissions for the Greensboro conference:

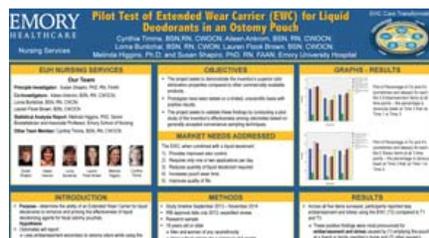
- **March 1, 2016:** We will begin accepting abstracts. Conflicts of Interest forms must be included for each author listed on the abstract.
- **July 15, 2016** (midnight, EDT): Ends the period for abstract submissions. This will also be the deadline for all final edits that may be requested by the Poster Committee so please get those abstracts in early!
- **July 31, 2016** (midnight, EDT): PDF copies of the actual posters are due.

We are also still looking for continuing education presentations that we can put up on the SER website to offer our membership free of charge. Dr. Gregory Schultz, a speaker from the 2015 Orlando conference, has very graciously granted us permission to use his lecture entitled **"Battling Biofilms: How to Win the War in Wounds"**. Look for it to be available on the website soon. If you presented a poster at the 2015 Orlando conference, please consider developing it into a PowerPoint and submit it to me at projects@serwocn.org for consideration of a continuing education opportunity for other SER members. I'll be glad to do the paperwork for the CE credits...you just need to provide the information. I hear from a very reliable source that there are PGP points available for this, too!

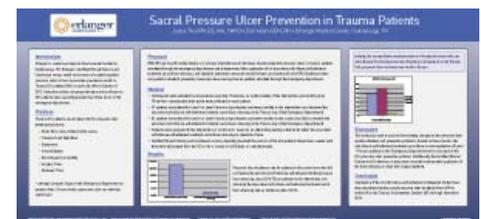
## 2015 Winning Posters



First Place



Second Place



Third Place

## SER of the WOCN® Society Elections

by Terry Barton, BSN, RN, CWOCN  
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### Southeast Region of the Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society® invites you to make a difference!

The 2016 Call for Nominations is now open and we need your input. As we continue to grow, we continue to need dedicated member volunteers whose backgrounds, skills and experience match our mission. You can make a difference by nominating yourself or an individual(s) who you believe can help us carry out the goals and mission of our region in 2016.

Currently the SER of the WOCN® Society is accepting nominations for the following positions:

- President-Elect
- Director of Awards
- Director of Communications

Criteria to run for a SER of the WOCN® Society Board Position

1. Must be an active member for one year immediately prior to election.
2. A dedicated commitment to serve your fellow SER of the WOCN Society™ colleagues.

Procedure for running for a SER of the WOCN® Society Board Position

1. Verify and confirm your membership is active and current.
2. Complete and submit the 2016 Consent to Serve form online ([www.serwocn.org](http://www.serwocn.org)) by May 15.
3. Submit a picture to be available on the SER of the WOCN® Society website by June 1 and remit to [nominations@serwocn.org](mailto:nominations@serwocn.org).

Please contact me if you have any questions at: [nominations@serwocn.org](mailto:nominations@serwocn.org).

Take this opportunity to have a direct impact on the future of the SER of the WOCN® Society and submit a nomination today!

### TOP SIX REASONS TO SERVE ON THE SER of the WOCN® Society BOARD

1. Your support allows for SER of the WOCN® Society to continue promoting high standards of care for all WOC nurses.
2. Each Board member receives a stipend to cover expenses for Winter Board Meeting and annual SER of the WOCN® Society Regional Conference.
3. SER of the WOCN® Society Board Leadership Roles provide PGP points towards recertification.
4. Regional Offices can help you to prepare for National Office.
5. Great networking opportunities.
6. Become a valued member of SER of the WOCN® Society.



## Alabama News

by Amy Armstrong, BSN, RN, CWOCN  
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### December News:

(Condensed-Article submitted by Cheryl Lane, DNP, CWCN)

On "Giving Tuesday" December 1, 2015, the Birmingham Area Wound, Ostomy and Continence (WOC)



Nurses organization presented the National MS Society, Hope Lodge and the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation with a "big check" of \$300.00 each as a charitable donation. Each year the Birmingham Area WOC nurses group hosts an educational conference and the proceeds are used to sponsor youth to ostomy camp and to contribute to charitable organizations which have a similar mission and serve the same population cared for by these nurses.

*Pictured from left to right are Bonnie Keisler, Cheryl Lane, Nancy Strunk, Cynthia Cunningham, Misty Bailey- Edwards (president-elect), Sarah Streety, Ming Shiow Hsu, Deborah Thedford- Zimmerman, Chiharu Dows, Jeanenne Macknight, Karen Edwards, Kelly Suttle, Joy Lynch, Angela Graham, Shana Peagler, and Amy Armstrong.*

### January News:



Karen Edwards MSS, BSN, RN, CWOCN is recognized for her first solo publication this year. Her article entitled New Twist on an Old Favorite: Gentian Violet and Methylene Blue

Antibacterial Foams was published in *Advances in Wound Care*, January 2016 5(1). This is a great read for any WOC nurse looking to improve outcomes, decrease cost and practice evidenced-based care. Congratulations Karen, Birmingham WOC group is very proud of you! Karen's article can be viewed at the following link: <http://online.liebertpub.com/doi/pdfplus/10.1089/wound.2014.0593>.

Along with this outstanding accomplishment, Karen's second publication this year is entitled *The Art of Dressing Selection: A Consensus Statement on Skin Tears and Best Practice*. Both articles provide a wonderful evidenced-based discussion on wound dressing application as well as practice guidelines.

- New Twist on an Old Favorite: Gentian Violet and Methylene Blue Antibacterial Foams. *Advances in Wound Care*, Volume 5, Number 1. January 2016.
- The Art of Dressing Selection: A Consensus Statement on Skin Tears and Best Practice. *Advances in Skin and Wound Care* Volume 29 Number 1 January 2016

### Events:

The Birmingham area WOC group is participating in the Project Homeless Connect (PHC) sponsored by One Roof. Karen Edwards has organized a foot care clinic for the homeless population of Birmingham on Saturday, February 27th at the BJCC. There is a great need for specialized care to this population. If anyone is interested in volunteering next year or wants to learn how to develop a similar program, please reach out to Karen by email at [kedwards@uabmc.edu](mailto:kedwards@uabmc.edu).

The UOAA Ostomy Awareness 5K is being planned for October 1, 2016. The location will be in Birmingham - details still to be determined. This event will be an official site for Ostomy Awareness Day through the UOAA and all proceeds raised will go toward the UOAA foundation. We are looking for local sponsors, any suggestions or ideas for this event. If you are interested in participating or volunteering please contact Katie Warriner at [Katie.warriner@bhsala.com](mailto:Katie.warriner@bhsala.com).

The Birmingham WOC group is planning their Spring Workshop

- April 21, 2016
- Location: Margaret Cameron Spain Auditorium-UAB Hospital
- Registration @ 7:30-8:00
- Preregistration \$35, At the Door registration \$45, CEUs, Lunch and Breakfast provided
- Preregister at [https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=\\_s-xclick&hosted\\_button\\_id=7A9LZTQBKPMAG](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=7A9LZTQBKPMAG)
- Contact Sharon White at [sharonwhite@uabmc.edu](mailto:sharonwhite@uabmc.edu) for information

The Birmingham WOC group meets the first Thursday of each month at The Kirklin Clinic first floor. The meeting begins at 4:30 pm.

### Employment News:

- Congratulations go out to Amy Armstrong of UAB for her promotion. Amy is the new Advanced Nursing Coordinator for GI Surgery Stepdown and GI Surgical Oncology. She will be missed in her role as CWOCN with the UAB WOC nurses but luckily Amy is not far away! Best of luck goes to Amy in her new role.
- Positions available include: 2 Wound Care Positions at DCH in Tuscaloosa and 2 CWOCN positions at UAB Hospital



## Florida News

by Jane Nichols, MSN, CWON  
President, FAET



### Mark your calendars: FAET Conference 2016

The Florida Association of Enterostomal Therapists (FAET) Board wants to invite you to attend this year's conference in Fort Lauderdale, the Venice of the Americas! The theme for the 2016 Conference is "Oceans of Options". We assure you that the conference committee members are working very hard to make this conference a great educational experience.

The conference will be held on *April 29th & 30th* at the Hyatt Pier 66 Hotel overlooking Fort Lauderdale's beautiful intercostal. The room rate for our group is \$ 159 for Marina Pool View Single/Double Occupancy. The Hyatt Pier 66 Hotel is conveniently located 5 miles south west from the Fort Lauderdale International Airport.

The program will start on Friday at 3:00 PM and conclude with dinner and presentations as well as time to network with fellow WOC Nurses and exhibitors. On Saturday, we plan to start early, at 7:00 AM until 3:00 PM, leaving you time to explore Fort Lauderdale, take a water taxi or cruise looking at the homes of rich and famous, or enjoy one of the area's finest restaurants.

Please see the website: Florida Association of Enterostomal Therapists for conference topics.

[www.faet.org](http://www.faet.org)

We are pleased to announce that as in past years, members will have the opportunity to present a topic or case studies pertinent to any of the three specialties. If time allows, each participant will have 15 minutes to provide the information and 5 minutes for Q & A's. Maybe it's YOUR turn to present this year!

We look forward seeing you in Fort Lauderdale this year!





**Georgia News**

by Angela Dye, BSN, RN, CWOCN  
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Greetings from Georgia! The weather is a beautiful 75 degrees in February and a little over a week ago we had a light snow!

**Group Updates and Announcements:**

- **Emory University Hospital (EUH):** Aileen Ankrom, BSN, RN, CWOCN has a poster accepted and will be presenting at National Conference in June. Angela Dye and Aileen Ankrom proudly announce that they both successfully recertified in Wound, Ostomy and Continence in January 2016! Angela returned to work this winter after being away since March 2015 on bed rest and maternity leave. She has a new beautiful baby girl, Elliana Grace.
- **North Fulton Hospital:** Sharon Hornbuckle, BSN, RN, CWON is settling in to her new job as an inpatient WOC nurse at North Fulton Hospital. She happily announces that it is a "Great place to work!"
- **The Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing Education Center (WOCNEC):** Rose W. Murphree, DNP, RN, CWOCN, CFCN would like to announce that her daughter, Ashley, got married on November 14, 2015 to Jimmy Apple. Also, Emory's WOCNEC will be moving Feb. 4 to a new location at Wesley Woods Hospital. See below for details.
- **Wellstar Cobb:**  
Crystal Perkins- completed the Emory preceptor training at Emory University  
Vicky Bryan RN CWON- poster accepted at the 2016 WOCN society & CAET joint conference
  - Awarded an Advanced Practice Scholarship from the WOCN society Foundation Scholarship Fund
  - Currently in the FNP program at Georgia State University
  - Obtained Level 4 – clinical advancement program
 Donna Owens- graduated for Kennesaw State University with a master's degree - Family Nurse Practitioner  
Danielle Byrd- Obtained Level 4- Clinical Advancement Program
- **Wellstar Douglas:** would like to announce and welcome their new wound care nurse Elia Caldwell. Elia is presently attending the Emory WOCNEC to obtain her certification.
- **Wellstar Windy Hill:** Denise Lindhardt- obtained Level 4- Clinical Advancement Program
  - Poster accepted at the SAWC spring 2016 conference

(Thank you Vicky Bryan for all the information)



*Holden, playing in the snow. Son of Emory Midtown's Lauren Flook Brown, CWOCN.*

*Angela's daughter, Elliana Dye, little miracle baby.*



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## General and Individual News:

1) Joy Hooper, RN, BSN, CWOCN, OMS, WCC has great news! I am going to the WOCN conference in Montreal this year...as a vendor! That's big news for a small homegrown company like mine. I am one of a few nurses who has invented a product, patented it and taken it to market...I'm sure excited about it. Hope to see you in Canada. Thanks. -- Joy [www.apronsbyjoy.com](http://www.apronsbyjoy.com)

2) ATTENTION! PLEASE NOTE: Emory's WOCNEC will be moving Feb. 4 to a new location at Wesley Woods Hospital. The phone numbers will remain the same, but they will have a new address.

Wound, Ostomy & Continence Nursing Education Center  
Emory University Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing  
1821 Clifton Road, NE—Pod A  
Atlanta, GA 30329-4021

## Consortium Announcements

- **Mölnlycke Health Care:** Location and Time in April 2016 TBA
- **Smith & Nephew:** Location and Time on July 2016 TBA
- **Hollister:** Location and Time in October 2016 TBA

If you know of a company who would like to sponsor an educational consortium, please contact Aileen Ankrom. If you do not receive these emails, please email [aileen.ankrom@emoryhealthcare.org](mailto:aileen.ankrom@emoryhealthcare.org)



*Happy New Year from Winston!  
Aileen Ankrom's "son"*



## North Carolina News

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## Greetings from North Carolina!

Things have been very busy here in North Carolina with WOC nurses on the move doing great things in their field, and conference planning. We are very excited to be hosting the

2016 Southeast Region of the WOCN® Society conference in Greensboro, NC. Please mark your calendars to attend, August 25-27, 2016.

You won't want to miss the great events that Karen Sanders, BSN, RN, CWON and her team have planned! In addition to being conference planner, Karen is also the NC WOC Nurses Group President. She is joined by June Smith, RN, CWOCN as President Elect, Rachel Beth Breazeale, BSN, RN, CWOCN, CFCN as Secretary, and Cordelia Lucas-Sherrod, BSN, RN, CWON as Treasurer. Thanks so much ladies for your commitment to our profession.



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### Professional news...

Jennifer Simpson has passed the wound certification and is doing an excellent job at Carolinas Rehabilitation! Welcome her into the fold!

Jenni Saunders, BSN, RN, CWON graduated from Winston Salem State University RN-BSN program in December, 2015. She started a new job in August of 2015 at Iredell Memorial Hospital in Statesville, NC. Jenni also recently got engaged during a snow storm! Congrats Jenni!

Carolinas HealthCare System has added new CWOCN's to their staff:

Amy Bandelier CWCN, COCN has 18 years of wound ostomy experience in home health, acute care, industry, and a wound care center. She recently relocated to Charlotte from Centennial Medical Center - Nashville, TN. Amy served as an officer in the Nashville WOCN® group and the SouthEast Regional of the WOCN® Board.

Lise Turner NP,CNS has 39 years nursing experience in acute care, school health. Most recent 15 years on faculty at Mercy SON. Lise is new to WOC in 2015, she finished the program at Emory, and is now working towards wound, ostomy certification.

Julie Elliott CWCN, COCN has 32 years nursing experience - acute care, consulting, community . Worked in wound/ostomy care from 1996 to 2005 and left to pursue personal endeavors. Julie has returned to CMC after a 10 year absence to re-vive her WOC career!

Maria Kotula has joined the team at Carolinas HealthCare System Pineville. They are busy and growing, by leaps and bounds!

### Family news...

- Rachel Beth Breazeale BSN, RN, CWOCN, CFCN is expecting "Baby Boy Breazeale" on/around March 14th, 2016.
- Randi Rollinson CWOCN competed in the Virginia Beach Lifeguard Association Ocean Swim Series. This is a one mile swim in the ocean.
- Helen Kennard MSN, RN, CNS,CWCN walked in her first half marathon in Nags Head, NC in November.

Leanne Richbourg MSN, APRN-, CWON-AP, CNS wrote an article about IPAA that should be helpful to novice WOC nurses. The article is available for free on the internet! Thanks Leanne!

Role of the ostomy specialist clinician in ileal pouch anal anastomosis surgery <http://woundcareadvisor.com/role-of-the-ostomy-specialist-clinician-in-ileal-pouch-vol4-no6/>

WakeMed Health and Hospitals is pleased to congratulate Becka Waugh on her certifications in Wound, Ostomy, and Continence and welcome her to the WakeMed Cary Hospital. Their team is really excited to have her join them! WakeMed is also proud to announce that since July 2015, they have been offering outpatient ostomy services.

Rex Healthcare would like to announce that they have an outpatient ostomy clinic that is associated with Rex Surgical Services.

High Point Regional-UNC Healthcare has an outpatient ostomy clinic.

Melody Knox, BSN, RN, CWOCN announced that she is now working for Vidant Medical Center in Greenville, NC. Good luck Melody!

Essie Williams is now Wound Care Nurse/Education Coordinator at Blowing Rock Rehab and Davant Extended Care. She is working on her WOC certification.

The Appalachian Regional Healthcare System Wound Care Center has just started an ostomy support group.



## South Carolina News

by Joan Jackson Meekins, BSN, RN, CWOCN  
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### Greetings from the Palmetto State!!

We have lots of things to report for the Spring newsletter. Our State has been busy!!!!

DHEC home health has been bought by Gentiva Home Health. This was a state wide purchase. As of now they do not have any CWOCN's employed. Jane Mansfield that was employed by DHEC has moved to the Greenville Hospital System as their Wound/Ostomy nurse. She has moved to Greenville for her new position and to be closer to her daughter and handsome grandson. We wish her the best of luck.

Faith Singleton, WOC-RN at St. Francis Hospital won the President's Humanitarian Award. This is the highest honor in the Roper St. Francis Healthcare system. She received this award for her continual portrayal of excellence and compassion in nursing. We are so proud of her!!!

Barb Richter has retired from Trident after many years. We wish her well in her retirement!!!

Carolyn Cuttino is the Vice President of Clinical Services for a new telehealth company, Corstrata. Corstrata is looking for certified wound nurses to monitor wounds remotely. This is a full and part time positions. If anyone is interested, contact Carolyn at cuttnoe@aol.com.

MUSC welcomes Lisa Stewart, BSN, RN and Valerie Kneece, BSN, RN to their team of seven WOC nurses!!! Lisa is completing her onsite bridge week at Emory February 19th. She is training tri-specialty as well as foot care and will finish her precepting with MUSC by mid March. Valerie will be starting with MUSC early March and will fill the newly developed position of Pressure Ulcer Preventionist. Her role will focus on elimination of their last 2.5% of HAPU's system-wide. She will attend Emory's Wound care program this spring and will work closely with the WOCN coordinator in her new role.

MUSC said bon voyage and all the best to Emily Pellegrini, BSN, RN, CWOCN as she moved on to expand her experience in WOC nursing. She was off to Nepal to work in a burn care hospital for 6 weeks and is planning to do travel nursing as a WOC nurse. She will be greatly missed.

MUSC staff will be presenting 2 posters at the upcoming WOCN/CAET conference in Montreal. Glenda Brunette, MSN, RN, CWON and Phill Botham, BSN, RN, ET, CWON continue to be active on the national level with committee work establishing clinical practice guidelines related to the role of the WOC Nurse. Phill was one of the 4 MUSC staff to receive the 2016 Palmetto Gold Award.

Rebecca Rothemich, BSN, RN, CWON, CFCN received her Ostomy certification from the WOCNCB and now functions as a CWON.

Allyson Rigel, BSN, RN, CWOCN, CFCN and Julie Ross, BSN, RN, CWOCN continue to lead the MUSC research initiatives with a follow up study on massive flap donor site management with NPWT to start this spring. This study is a follow up to their previously published study related to our success with management of the ENT sites.

MUSC also achieved Magnet status this past fall!!! One of three hospitals in the state with such recognition. WOC Nursing was an integral part of that journey.

Joan Culley, PhD, MPH, RN, CWOCN was invited by the Environmental Public Health Readiness Branch/Chemical Weapons Elimination branch of the CDC to assist with the preparation of a Public Health Virtual Tabletop Exercise (VTTX) related to a chemical leak. This new public health exercise is now based on her research and chemical triage algorithm. She participated as a content expert and the only nurse during this session hosted by FEMA.



## Tennessee State Report

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### We are super excited in Tennessee.

Planning for the 2017 Southeast Region of the WOCN® Society Conference is underway with Fort Sanders' own Anne Rogers, CWOCN taking the lead as chair.

The conference will be September 28-30, 2017 in Knoxville. A great central location for a lot of Tennessee folks. Anne has already engaged a focus group for planning to make the 2017 conference one for the history books. Maybe she can get UT's own Peyton Manning to show up for an event? Anne is looking for volunteers of all types. If you can assist, she can be reached at [arodgers@covhlth.com](mailto:arodgers@covhlth.com).



*World's Fair Park - image courtesy of the Knoxville CVB*

Jackie Thul, CWOCN has moved from Erlanger all the way across the street to Siskin. Jackie will be their new wound care coordinator. She raves about Siskin's core values of patient focus and their extraordinary leadership.

Vanderbilt is hosting a one day Wound Conference, March 5, 2016. They have an excellent line up of topics and speakers, and will provide 7 CEs. For more information you can contact Martha Davidson at Vanderbilt.

Our beloved Amy Bandelier, CWOCN has moved to South Carolina to be closer to family. What Tennessee has lost The Carolinas have gained! But the SER still holds her.

Just an FYI, St Thomas, ConvaTec, Kindred, & Select Specialty (Nashville), Bristol Regional Medical Center(Bristol) and Erlanger (Chattanooga) all have open WOC nurse positions. Looking forward to seeing everyone in Greensboro NC and/or Montreal!!