



## President's Report

Laura Shafer, BSN, RN, CWON



*Welcome to Spring everyone!*

I for one am happy spring has finally arrived. I especially love the mornings when I can hear the birds chirping. We had an outstanding SER Board

Meeting March 11 and 12th. **Merrill Fraser** graciously allowed the board members to stay at her lovely home on Lake Hartwell near Atlanta. I'd like to share with you just a sampling of the items that were discussed.

**On-line Certification Review:** 39 attendees signed up for the "live" webinar. Thanks to **Dorothy Doughty** for doing such an outstanding job. Her presentation was both entertaining and above all, informative. Since the "live" webinar, two more attendees have signed up for the certification review course. For those that missed the "live" version, there is still time to sign up for the recorded webinar.

**SER Conference:** Our conference is in Chattanooga, TN on Sept 15 – 18th.

**Martha Davidson** and the Tennessee WOC nurses are planning a terrific conference. Martha and her team have obtained vendor support to keep your out-of-pocket meal expenses to a minimum.

**National Conference:** If you are going to New Orleans, please email me. Like last year, I need to know how many will be attending the SER Meeting on June 6th at 5:30 pm. I want to make sure there is enough food for all. Contact me at: lshafer833@gmail.com

## SER 2010 Rookie of the Year

**Alice Lowery, BSN, RN, CWOCN**

According to **Fran Perren**, a WOC nurse at DeKalb Medical, **Alice Lowery** - a recent graduate of Emory WOC Program - was an answer to her prayers.

Alice became interested in WOC nursing while working on an LTAC unit after she graduated from nursing school. "Seeing how wounds could be so similar and yet so different at the same time sparked my interest to learn more. I went to WOC School wanting to work mainly with wounds. . ."

When Fran nominated Alice as the SER Rookie of the Year, she wrote, "Alice is brand new to the SER and ready to serve with pride. She is our future. Alice is one of the most well rounded WOC nurses that I know. She has a great healthy balance of work and play. She will never leave a patient or co-worker in need. She eagerly will assist others to get the job done. She sees the void; she fills it no questions asked." Alice is also willing to spend time in the evening introducing new Emory Nursing graduates to her role as a WOC nurse.

*"Seeing how wounds could be so similar and yet so different at the same time sparked my interest to learn more." - Alice Lowery*

It's interesting that Fran used the words "well rounded" when she described Alice, because Alice used the same words. If you remember, Alice went to WOC School to work mainly with wounds, "I like to be well rounded so I went for the continence and ostomy portion. Since working at DeKalb Medical I have decided my true passion is with ostomy patients. My goal is to begin an ostomy support group at DeKalb Medical. I am beginning to attend an ostomy support group in Atlanta and learn how to start a group that will thrive in the community."

Since her award, Alice has been working towards enhancing her knowledge and working to better her skills daily. DeKalb Medical recognized her Rookie of the Year award at one of the quarterly Skin Care Workshops with a banner.

"My experience as a WOC nurse so far has exceeded my expectations and I owe it all to my mentor and colleague Fran Perren."





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## Communications Report

by Patti Haberer, BSN, MA, RN, CWOCN



Imagine you're 17 years old – just about to enter college, full of hopes and dreams, and a lifetime of possibilities are waiting for you. Would you still become a nurse? Now, imagine you've graduated from nursing school, you're a little older, maybe a lot older, however in either case you're still full of hopes and dreams and the best yet, endless nursing career possibilities await you. Would you still want to practice as a WOC nurse? Without hesitation, I would definitely say "yes" and "yes". How about you?

While attending the NPUAP Biennial Conference in Las Vegas, I had the opportunity to share a small part of my life with Rachael, my 18-year old niece. Rachael is a freshman at UNLV and has her sights set on obtaining a degree in physical therapy specifically sports medicine. During the few short hours we shared at the conference, Rachael was introduced to a "pressure ulcer". I enlightened her to the fact that physical therapists are just one member of the holistic team who manage wounds. Within minutes she was texting her friends about what she had learned. If she continues to pursue her dreams of becoming a PT and if my hopes of her specializing in wound care come to fruition, she might remember the morning; she sat through Dr. Barbara Braden's lecture on the Braden Scale with a room full of my colleagues.

Although Rachael's dreams do not include nursing school (yet), my hope was that sharing a few hours together, she would become interested in the care of patients with "pressure ulcers". Just like Aunt Patti the WOC nurse.

### Dr. Jeter's Stops within SER



- Dauphin Island, AL
- Pensacola, FL
- Crestview, FL
- Marianna, FL
- Quincy, FL
- Wakulla Springs, FL
- Perry, FL
- High Springs, FL
- Palatka, FL
- St. Augustine, FL

Follow Kathrine's blog at:  
<http://cyclingforscholarships.blogspot.com>



### SER WOCN 2011 Conference

by Martha Davidson, MN, BSN, RN, CWOCN  
SER Conference Chair

Greetings from the Tennessee 2011 Fall Conference Planning Committees! Our conference theme is "WOC Nurses on the River: We Go with the Flow". We have a variety of wonderful speakers and topics in store for you in beautiful Chattanooga, Tennessee. The Education Committee has worked diligently to provide an even distribution of contact hours in all four practice areas for those of you who recertify using PGP points. There will be an opportunity to earn up to 19 plus contact hours.



In addition to some fabulous educational offerings, you don't want to miss networking with colleagues, visiting with the vendors in the exhibitor booths, participating and/or viewing the poster sessions, and enjoying the breakfast and dinner symposia. You also won't want to miss our silent auction, guaranteed to have some unique Tennessee treats.

This year's conference brochure is near completion and will be posted on the website soon. Information for exhibitors is now posted on the website. Hotel reservation information is available on the website or the following Marriott Hotel link.

<http://cwp.marriott.com/chadt/serwocn/>

For further questions/information, please contact Martha at [Martha.w.davidson@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:Martha.w.davidson@vanderbilt.edu)

**Save the Date: September 15-18, 2011**

**We look forward to seeing you in Chattanooga, Tennessee  
at the Chattanooga Marriott Convention Center!**



## Poster Information

by Pat Dittes, MPH, BSN, RN, CWON

### SOUTHEAST REGION WOCN 2011 CONFERENCE

Posters are solicited for the 2011 SER WOCN Conference. Presentations should be in the field of wound, ostomy, continence or professional practice. They may include case study; original investigation; product trial; clinical review; innovative treatment.



Abstract submission is due by July 15, 2011, to **Pat Dittes** at: [pldittes@bellsouth.net](mailto:pldittes@bellsouth.net)

#### General Guidelines for Abstracts:

- Compose a brief summary of the goal of the poster presentation, including:
  - Clinical problem or case study
  - Clinical approach
  - Conclusion: What was learned? What was the outcome?
- Abstract should be brief
- Abstract and poster title should include:
  - Name and title of the presenter(s)
  - Name and location of the facility
  - Title of the poster
  - Avoid product trade names
  - Use generic names with an asterisk, then list the trade name at the end of the poster/abstract
- Entries will be judged by: (1) topic significance to wound, ostomy, continence, and professional practice; (2) purpose or problem clarity; (3) methodology; (4) statistics, if appropriate; (5) presentation of results and conclusions.
- References are optional
- Include contact information on all correspondence







## Introducing On-Line Voting

During the 2010 SER Membership Meeting, members approved to change SER's voting system. Beginning this year members will cast their votes on-line, unlike years past when members cast their votes during the SER Annual Conference. **Important 2011 dates to remember:**



- **June 1:** Deadline to submit "Consent to Serve" form
- **June 15:** Candidate's Bios available on-line



- **July 15:** On-line Voting Opens



- **August 15:** On-Line Voting Closes



- **September 17:** Election Results will be announced during the Membership Meeting



### Certification Review Webinar

presented by **Dorothy Doughty**

On-line recorded Webinar is available anytime

through **December 31, 2011**

**Cost: \$100.00**

[www.serwocn.org/webinarinfo.html](http://www.serwocn.org/webinarinfo.html)



## Director - Awards

by Cindy J. Norris, RN, BSN, CWOCN

### Special Bulletin and Call for Award Nominations

All of us have another important task at hand. As you know, it is time to start thinking about the various awards we will be presenting at our SER WOCN Conference in September. There are numerous deserving "potential" recipients for all of the awards. Please take the time to read all of the qualifications/nominee criteria for each award that is listed and described on the SER website. The awards include:

- **WOC Nurse of the Year**
- **Rookie of the Year**
- **Southeast Region Conference Scholarship**
- **Dorothy Doughty Research Grant**
- **WOCN Week Recognition** – April 17th - 23rd
- **Honorary Scholarship Award** from Tennessee



**Deadline is  
June 1, 2011!**

### **Deadline for all nominations is June 1, 2011**

with the exception of UOAA Scholarship for Camp Assistance (Youth Rally) applications. Please send or email a photograph of yourself when you submit your application. Photos are requested so they may be used at the SER Awards Presentation. Applications and more information can be found on the SER website.

### **UOAA Scholarship for Camp Assistance (Youth Rally)**

#### **Deadline for UOAA Scholarship for Camp Assistance applications is May 1, 2011.**

This will allow enough time to notify staff and campers. Applications and more information can be found on the SER website.

As a board member, I recently attended my first board meeting. I commend all of the board members who volunteer their time and work so very hard to make our WOCN Society a great success. It was evident that all of our board members were very passionate and serious about the work at hand under the direction of our President "Laura Shafer" and Vice President "Mary McNeil". I am looking forward to serving on our SER Board and being able to recognize some of our most deserving WOCNs who make so many contributions to our profession. I urge you to submit applications for the awards without delay. You can submit an application for yourself or a colleague.

Happy EASTER to all of you,  
Cindy Norris





### Director - Special Projects

by Sharon Traylor, RN, CWOCN

Spring has finally arrived. I'm ready to put away all my winter things and start warming up. I enjoy walking through my neighborhood and watching everyone raking leaves, trimming dead foliage and planting pretty flowers. It's time for us to get to work cleaning out the old, learning the new or just refreshing what we know.



#### Let's look forward to:

- Memphis Area WOCN Conference: April 8-9 - Holiday Inn, Memphis, TN
- SAWC – Spring: April 14-17 – Gaylord Texan Hotel, Dallas, TX
- 2nd Annual Wound Care Conference: April 30 – James Haley VA, Tampa, FL
- FAET: May 6-7 – Lago Mar Resort, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- Birmingham Area WOCN Conference: May 19 – Bessemer Civic Center, Bessemer, AL
- WOCN 43rd Annual Conference: June 4-8 – New Orleans, LA
- **SER Conference: Sept. 15-18 – Marriott Hotel, Chattanooga, TN**

#### Here's what is available on-line:



- WOCN website – Global Learning Center
- [www.NursingCenter.com/CE](http://www.NursingCenter.com/CE) – CE articles:
  - CE's from WOCN journal
  - CE's from topic skin/wound
- [www.medlineuniversity.com](http://www.medlineuniversity.com) – pressure ulcer prevention, continence, wound care programs and more
- [www.us.coloplast.com](http://www.us.coloplast.com) – pressure ulcer, continence and ostomy management programs
- [www.ehob.com](http://www.ehob.com) – educational webinars
- [www.nursingceportal.com](http://www.nursingceportal.com) – online specialty courses

Don't forget to add our DVD's to your collection of educational material.

Enjoy the splendors of spring....

Sharon Traylor, RN, CWON  
Director of Special Projects



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

**Register NOW on the SER website**



## SER Elections

Marta Bullard, BSN, RN, CWOCN  
Nominations Committee, Chair



### Wanted: "A Few Good Women or Men"

This is your opportunity to serve your Southeast Region!! As a member we would like to invite you to consider nominating an individual (or yourself) for an open position. Positions available are (4) Board positions and (6) Nominations committee members, one from each state. If you're interested in running for an office your name can be added to the slate complete the Consent to Serve Form on the SER website.

Alabama - Kelly Suttle: 205-934-6904, ksuttle@uabmc.edu

Florida - Kim Kehoe: 386-314-9964, kkehoe@medline.com

Georgia - Kathy Boyle: 678-312-2607, kaboyle@gwinnettmedicalcenter.org

North Carolina - Cordelia Lucas-Sherrod: 252-443-8521, clucas-sherrod@nhcs.org

South Carolina - Tena Jordan: 864-725-5018, tjordan@selfregional.org

Tennessee - Marta Bullard: 423-495-4325, Marta.bullard@kci1.com

### Positions Open in 2011

#### Secretary

The secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings and record decisions of the SER Board of Directors, review minutes and assure distribution to the SER Board of Directors and membership.

#### Treasurer

The treasurer shall be in charge of the SER funds and records. The treasurer shall oversee the accounting procedures for the handling of funds and shall be responsible for monitoring of disbursement and investment of SER WOCN funds as approved by the SER Board of Directors.

#### Special Projects Director

This director shall develop products for sale to supplement professional practice of SER members, such as slides or other educational support materials.

#### Conference Planning Director

The Director of Conference Planning, the Conference Planning Chair, the President and the association management company will work together to determine a site for the meeting and recruiting committee members as needed. The Conference Planning Director, will assist the committee in facilitating the planning process.

#### Nomination Committee Members (6)

One from each State in the Southeast Region. Committee members shall be responsible for soliciting nominations for all elected positions. They shall also support the Nominations chairperson with the voting process.



## The Great State of Alabama

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

The Alabama WOC nurses have finalized plans for their Spring Workshop and you are invited to attend. This awesome workshop is entitled: Birmingham Area Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nurses Association Presents: "Treatment Choices in Managing Complex Wounds and Ostomies". The workshop will be held on May 19th at the Bessemer Civic Center in Bessemer, AL. The cost is nominal - only \$65 for registration, six (6) contact hours and lunch. What a bargain! If that's not enough, outstanding speakers such as Dr. Steven Thomas will enlighten us on the new advancements in burn treatment and Dr. Joyce Black will, no doubt, mesmerize the audience as she speaks on complex wounds and deep tissue injury. This is just an appetizer. There are other dynamic speakers available to provide the entrée and dessert. You don't want to miss this interesting, dynamic and educational workshop. There will be plenty of vendors and door prizes. Register early, space is limited. For further information and registration contact: **Hattie Stokes Reasor**: [hsReasor@aol.com](mailto:hsReasor@aol.com). REMINDER: Alabama Nurses bring your license so it can be swiped.



- **Deborah Thedford** surprised us all with the announcement that she married her long time beau (Harris) in December 2010. We were delighted with the news! **Deborah** is now **Mrs. Deborah Thedford Zimmerman**.
- **Nancy Strunk's** daughter Laura also married in December 2010 and is now expecting her first baby with her new husband (Laide Yusuf). **Nancy** is happily expecting the arrival of her first grandchild in August 2011.
- **Karen Edwards** participated on an international skin tear panel in Orlando, Fla. last Jan 26th. She excitedly reported on the work of this distinguish panel. Look for a white paper to be published that will provide consensus as it relates to the documentation of skin tears. We are very proud of **Karen** for being selected to serve on such an awesome panel.
- **Cheryl Lane** is actively involved with the MS Foundation and was recently the recipient of honors for her dedicated work with this Foundation. She will participate in the MS Walk-A-Thon on April 9th. The Birmingham Area WOCN group provided a donation for sponsorship. We were grateful for the opportunity to sponsor **Cheryl** in this endeavor. **Cheryl's** passion in working with the MS Foundation is in part due to her two family members having been diagnosed with MS. To **Cheryl** we say God Bless you and keep up the good work.
- **Cynthia Cunningham** will also participate in a walkathon in May. She will participate in the annual Ulcerative and Colitis Foundation Walkathon.

### Prayer Requests

We continue to solicit your prayers and well wishes for **Karen Edwards**, **Laura King's** cousin Rick and **Cheryl Lane's** husband.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jessie Dickerson, RN, MSN, AP-CWON, CFCN  
Retiree

**Alabama  
Spring WOCN Workshop  
May 19, 2011**

**For Info: [hsreasor@aol.com](mailto:hsreasor@aol.com)**





## Florida - The Sunshine State

by Linda Ravenhorst, BSN, MBA, RN, CWON

We in Florida love the spring! Here's the Florida News...

### South Florida

The Florida Association of Enterostomal Therapists (FAET) 2011 Conference is being held in Fort Lauderdale on Friday, May 6 - Saturday, May 7, 2011 at the Lago Mar Resort and Club. The Conference theme is "WOCN Practice: The Gold Standard." The topics to be included for this conference are Stoma Complications, Fecal and Urinary Incontinence Nursing and Management, Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy, Podiatry Lecture, Case Study Presentations, and SDTI Update. Contact **Amparo Cano**, Conference chair at [acano@browardhealth.org](mailto:acano@browardhealth.org) or see the FAET web site at [www.FAET.org](http://www.FAET.org) for more information about registration and room reservations.

**FAET CONFERENCE**  
**May 6-7, 2011**



**For Info:**  
**[acano@browardhealth.org](mailto:acano@browardhealth.org)**

### Tampa Bay Area

The 1st Tampa bay Net working group was fabulous. There were twenty-nine attendees. Medline introduced a new line of scent-free skin products. The 2nd meeting is planned for Friday, April 15. The location and topic is still to be determined. If you live in the Tampa Bay area and would like to be involved, share on-going product trials, or research please contact: **Sheryl Fulmer** at [Sheryl.Fulmer@baycare.org](mailto:Sheryl.Fulmer@baycare.org) or phone 727-462-7243.

The Second Annual Wound Care Conference: Beyond the Wound at James A. Haley Veterans Hospital, Second Floor Auditorium on Saturday, April 30, 2011 from 0730-1700. If you are interested in attending the conference, contact **Doug Rye**. Topics for this

conference include: Flaps and Graft, Post Operative Seating Protocols: Flaps & Grafts, What Came First: Pressure Ulcers or Emotional Distress?, The Role of Nutrition in Wound Healing, The Diabetic Foot, Legal Aspects of wound Documentation. Quantum Acupuncture and Wound Care, Be Outrageous! Passion is Contagious! Sure sounds as if there are a great variety of topics.



Also from Tampa is the good news that **Nancy Scott** became engaged after a Caribbean cruise. One of her sons was promoted to First Lieutenant in the USAF. Recently **Janet Hill** one of Nancy's co-workers retired. **Barbara Bagby** now works at James A. Haley VA. **Kathryn Murray** from Morton Plant Hospital has also retired.

### Broward County

**Martha Taylor** made a decision to switch gears away from wound care into Hospice. She will be working for Gold Coast Hospice, part of the Broward Health System, as the in-house coordinator at Broward General Medical Center. **Martha** will maintain her WOCN ties and networking as she has a feeling that she will also be the resource for the hospice system. **Argelia Welber** recently joined the Vascular Medicine department as the Wound care Nurse Clinician in the outpatient clinic of Cleveland Clinic Florida, Weston, Florida. Argelia brings 15 years WOC experience with her to CCF. **Helen Marquez** and **Mary Lou Boyer** were recognized last week with a Service Excellence Award for "outstanding service above and beyond the call of duty." **Helen** and **Mary**



## Florida Continued...

**Lou** work with ostomy patients in conjunction with six Colorectal Surgeons and three Urologists in both the clinic and hospital settings. Currently they also cover the wound care consults in the Hospital as well. On October 7, 2010 **Mary Lou Boyer** served as



Speaker at the American College of Colorectal Surgeons 96th Annual Clinical Congress in Washington, DC. As part of the Thursday morning

session, "Update on Construction and Management," **Mary Lou's** assigned topic was "Free Air in the ER: How Do I Mark My Patient Emergently on the Way to the Operating Room." Over one thousand Surgeons and Fellows attended the session and panel discussion. The information was well received and the Surgeon Panel members were very supportive of the role of the WOC nurse.

**Orlando**

**Meryl Green** is the newest addition to the Florida Hospital WOCN team. She recently completed the Emory University WOCN Program and is waiting to sit for her certification exams. **Rebekah Field** and **Mini Varghese** successfully completed the Emory WOCN Program and are certified in the tri-specialty!! **Vivian Bartlett** recently completed her MSN and is teaching at the Florida Hospital College of Nursing as an adjunct professor one day per week. **Malou Madarang** has taken the plunge and is back in school working towards her Master's Degree. **Sloan Bartlett** has volunteered to become the Communications Chair for the FAET and has taken on the challenge of compiling



the FAET Newsletter-entitled "The Beeper" and GOING GREEN and sending it out on-line.

I look forward to serving; please send any Florida news to **Linda Ravenhorst** at: [jravenhorst@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jravenhorst@tampabay.rr.com).

## Katherine Jeter - Welcome to Florida!

FAET is also showing our support to the Cycling for Scholarship bicycle ride from California to Florida. We are contributing to each Adopt-A-Stop at every destination in Florida.

**Robbie Sharp** from Tallahassee is in communication with National WOCN to plan for celebrations across Florida.



For more information, please contact **Robbie** at: [rsharp9376@aol.com](mailto:rsharp9376@aol.com) (850-508-9106).

The WOC nurses of Florida hope that St. Augustine, Florida will offer excellent weather as **Dr. Katherine Jeter** bikes into the area on April 28, 2011. Thank-you Katherine for our blood, sweat and tears as you assist new WOC nurses take over for those retiring from this special area of nursing.





## Cycling Through Georgia

by Kathie Fuller, BS, RN, CWOCN

The Georgia WOC nurses are busy making preparations for the 2012 SER WOCN Conference to be held September 25 – 28, 2012 in Savannah, Georgia. The host site for the conference will be the Hyatt Regency Savannah on the Savannah River. Conference Co-Chairpersons are **Merrill Fraser** and **Cynthia Timms**. **Merrill** and **Cynthia** are seeking lots of creativity in making this the best conference ever—and as you know our colleagues in the SE have raised the bar over the last few years! Please contact **Merrill Fraser** at: [merrill.fraser@emoryhealthcare.org](mailto:merrill.fraser@emoryhealthcare.org) (404) 686-8174 or **Cynthia Timms** at: [cynthia.timms@emoryhealthcare.org](mailto:cynthia.timms@emoryhealthcare.org) (404) 712-5621 to volunteer your time and talents.

**Merrill** also wants the SE Region to know how proud they are of their newest CWOCN—**Angela Dye** just passed her boards! Congrats to **Angela!**

As busy as the Emory team is, **Lorna Buntichai** somehow found the time to vacation in her homeland Philippines over the Christmas holiday.

All 11 of **Lorna's** siblings attended the "Grand Reunion" as did many nieces, nephews and grandchildren; 50 plus family members all totaled. **Lorna** is number 10 of 12 just in case you were wondering if she is the baby or the big sister. **Lorna** also visited the Ancient City in Thailand, homeland of **Lorna's** husband and the city where the King and I movie was adapted.



In February, the Atlanta area WOC Nurses in conjunction with Molnlyke Health Care sponsored a Valentine's Dinner with education on pain associated with wound care.

**Mary McNeil** of Molnlycke was the guest speaker. The Atlanta group presents an educational consortium quarterly—all Georgia WOC Nurses are invited. Contact **Merrill Fraser** or **Kathie Fuller** ([kathie.fuller@northside.com](mailto:kathie.fuller@northside.com)) for more information.

## SER Winter Board Meeting

Lake Hartwell, GA



Charlene Demers, Dot Lawson,  
Sharon Traylor,  
Martha Davidson (by Phone)



Cindy Norris, Laura  
Shafer, Merrill Fraser



Mary McNeil

photos by Patti Haberer



## North Carolina NEWS

by Judy Plemmons, RN, CWON

The North Carolina WOC group met in February with a roundtable program presented by **Joanna Burgess** on lymphedema. Announcements included several educational opportunities. The Southeastern Regional Medical Center hosted a Wound Care Symposium in Lumberton, NC on Thursday March 17th. Upcoming Conferences highlighted were the Annual WOCN Conference in New Orleans in June and a Tri Specialty Conference in April at the Memphis Holiday Inn. Scholarships are being offered for the April 12-13 WOC Nurse in Washington launched by the National WOCN. **Lori Hayden** mentioned the upcoming Wound Care Conference CMC Northeast at the Hamrick Theater.

Accomplishments of the group were recognized. The National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel held a national conference in February. Advanced Home Care, High Point WOC nurses presented a poster at the NPUAP Biennial Conference in February called, "Comparable Outcomes using Gauze Based NPWT." **Lori Yearse** is now on the National PGP development committee so tracking the points using specialized software was discussed. The group's initiative of a single page promotional fact sheet has been achieved. This sheet

emphasizes the benefits of membership for NC WOC Nurses' Group and it will be useful as a Public Relations tool. Other 2011 focuses to be achieved will be a sexual counseling booklet and ostomy support.



Our legislative chair, **Suzanne Collins**, shared two links to two encouraging interviews that demonstrate the mindset of the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Chair of CMS. They are available at <http://healthpolicyandreform.nejm.org/?p=13521&query=home> and <http://vimeo.com/17405573>.

There is also a very important advocacy for the home care community in the APN arena as a result of the ION/Future of Nursing report. Free OASIS continuing education can be obtained for participating in the survey. It is funded by WOCN to conduct research to evaluate the influence of WOC specialty nurses on wounds and incontinence outcomes in home care. Participation is being sought for any home health agency even those without a WOC nurse.

Judy Plemmons  
JDplemmo@aol.com



The North Carolina WOC Nurses Group has donated \$500.00 to Dr. Katherine Jeter and WOCN's Cycling for Scholarships as she raises money for WOCN Society Foundation Scholarship fund. We are proud to be able to contribute to the cause and wish Dr. Jeter a happy and safe cycling experience.



## Springtime in South Carolina

by Barbara Righter, RN, CWOCN

The azaleas are in bloom....and the Cooper River Bridge Run (April 2) preparations are underway....two annual signs that spring has arrived in Charleston! Just have to love it! Just a reminder ~ SC WOCs will meet at Lexington Medical Center on April 5th from 1000-1400. As always the agenda will be worth the trip...and the opportunities to network with your SC colleagues ~ priceless.



MUSC's Wound Care Education Program just completed the Feb – March class and is preparing for the April 2-23 Course. **Dr. Phyllis Bonham**, Program Director, reports participants come from all over the US and included active duty military nurses from the Navy and Air Force. Kudos to all those dedicated preceptors and supporters since inception in 1994. How we are motivated by those students!

### News From Around the State

Congratulations to **Mary Kate Skinner** CWCN@ Roper/ Saint Francis on the birth of a daughter, Mary Margaret Skinner on November 20, 2010. Trident Health System, welcomes **Judy Burbage** CWCN as the new clinical director of the Outpatient 'Advanced Wound Center'... **Belinda Bradley** CWCN has moved from inpatient to join **Judy**. The doors opened for patients in February and will provide all aspects of outpatient wound care to include Hyperbaric Therapy. Meanwhile inpatient WOC Services welcomes **Michelle Rinauro** CWON from Memorial Medical Center in Savannah. **Greg Loftis** CWCN will be relocating to East Cooper Wound Care Center. Orangeburg Medical Center's **Marie Gehling** CWOCN has obtained her MSN from Graceland University and is preparing for her Nurse Practitioner Exam.....way to go Marie. **Alexandra Collins**... & **Laura Fogle**... are patiently waiting for WOCNCB to confirm they are recertified. **Cary Dowdy**, CWCN from Pamplico SC, completed her MSN through Walden University in December 2010 and recently accepted the Wound Care Clinical Coordinator position in Kingstree SC. The WOC Crew from Palmetto Health/Baptist Hospital in Columbia report sorrow over losing **Ashley Taylor** CWON who will be moving to Virginia in April. Best of Luck Ashley....you will be missed. Condolences to **Edwin Vartanuan**, CWON on the loss of his mother in February. Congratulations to **Cindy Norris** CWOCN on the birth of her new granddaughter, "Cynthia Suzanne Skeleton" born February 4, 2011.

And finally huge SC congratulations to Lt Col (Ret) Justin Blume, Florence SC, on being chosen as the 2010 Great Comeback Award Recipient. **Cindy Norris** suggested Lt Col Blume (from her UOAA Support Group) submit an application for the Award. He was in the top 5 winners from SER. Lt Col Blume attended the 2010 SER Conference and will attend National Conference in New Orleans to receive this award. He also won the Tony Snow Public Service Award. He recently visited Washington to meet with politicians, UOAA members, and Great Come Back representatives regarding Medicare and Medicaid coverage for ostomy supplies. Lt Col Blume will also be working with the "Wounded Warrior Program", with emphasis on the rehabilitation of our soldiers returning home from war with ostomies. Go to the Great Come Backs website for Lt Col Blume's story and more information.

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## Greetings from Tennessee!

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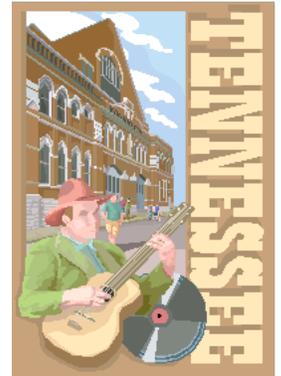
Spring 2011 is here! Incoming news has been scarce. I guess folks are hibernating except for east and west groups working like crazy on conventions.

### Annual SER Conference

It's Tennessee's turn for the Annual SER Conference. Mark your calendars for the 2011 SER WOC nurse conference in Chattanooga, Tennessee, September 15-18, 2011! Call for posters -contact **Pat Dittes** for more information :

pldittes@bellsouth.net. **Janeen Lee** is looking and collecting items for the SER conference goodie bag and silent auction. If you have any contacts for

goodie bag donation or would like to contribute to the silent auction - please contact **Janeen** at Janeen.Lee@kcil.com. The event is being held at the beautiful Chattanooga Hotel and Convention Center. For those of you who have never been there plan for a real treat with free and easy access to downtown, the river, and world acclaimed aquarium and museum. Look for additional advertisement in this newsletter.



### Tennessee News

Don't think I have mentioned that **Kitty Hagner** has been working at Suncrest Home Health for several months now and **Lois Porter** is a CWON who works for the surgical group in Cookeville. **Jenny Hurlow** has been invited by ConvaTec to be a member of their Global Wound Care Expert Panel. Their format includes discussing clinical challenges in the wound care setting, exploring new research, and participating in a global round table discussion around clinical needs, new evidence and emerging technologies. This will take place in the UK at the end of the month.

### Memphis Area WOCN Conference

The Memphis Area WOC nurses are thrilled to be providing their spring conference, "Heal on Beale", April 8 & 9, 2011. With capacity reached, registrations are closed but all are thrilled to see support from both SER and SCR WOC regions. It has truly been a labor of love with national speakers lined up and a broad range of topics the conference will provide both education and networking to promote our specialty.

Don't forget to send me news for the newsletter at any time at my e-mail address: monahector@bellsouth.net or phone me @ (901) 358-2667.

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