



President's Report

Patti Haberer, MA, BSN, RN, CWOCN



Dear Members

Now that it's summer, our beautiful beaches, lovely lakes and countryside parks abound with family and friends enjoying outside activities. A few weeks before the Fourth of July, my favorite summer holiday full of patriotic celebrations and fireworks, the Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society™ (WOCN®) celebrates by holding its annual conference. This year over 60 WOC nurses from the Southeast Region traveled to Seattle where we attended one fantastic conference.

Time to set off celebratory fireworks! Our very own Phyllis Kupsick started her term as President of the Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society™. There's more, Carolyn Watts was elected President-Elect. Phyllis and Carolyn will follow in the footsteps of several other incredible WOCN® Presidents from our Region. Can I name them all? Bonnie Bolinger, Debra Broadwell-Jackson, Dorothy Doughty, Laurie McNichol, Margaret Goldberg, and Phyllis Bonham.

While in Seattle, Martha Davidson (SER WOCN President-Elect) and I attended the Regional/Affiliate Presidents Meeting and the WOCN® Leadership Workshop. During the WOCN® membership meeting, it was announced that WOCN® has 4875 members. Here in the Southeast Region we have just over 600 dedicated WOC nurses.

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Spotlight on 2012 Rookie of the Year:

Ramona Reed-Chism, BSN, RN, CWOCN

Submitted by Michael Byars, BSN, RN, CWOCN

Ramona functioned as a wound care nurse before attending Emory University's WOCNEP. She was recognized as a wound care champion while serving as a staff nurse and was quickly recruited to assist the WOC nurses. She enthusiastically embraced wound care and her skill level soared. Her calm but confident demeanor designated Ramona as the patient's, staff nurses and physician's choice to provide WOC nursing care.

Ramona's experience in the military is evident. She leads with a level of knowledge and professionalism which is admired by her peers and affords her a high level of respect. Her skills are evident as she organizes and leads monthly hospital wound care orientation for new hires. She is also the wound care nurse of choice by the vascular and general surgeons in her facility with which she leads the daily wound care team. She is organized in her daily care methods as well as in her ability to plan future events.

Ramona organizes and implements biannual wound nurse expert training. She schedules speakers within and outside her health care facility, orders meals, and provides CE credit which trains 15-20 nurses during this two day event. The presenters provide education regarding wound, ostomy and continence care. There are also hands on product and treatment demonstration. Ramona provides the practical application for every day nursing in these events which in turn supports better care and outcomes for all hospital and community health facility patients. These wound nurse experts are then called upon to share their knowledge with their peers and serve as wound care champions in their respective units. When NDNQI and P&I studies are required in the facility, these nurses are given the opportunity to get involved and designate themselves as leaders. They also become the "go-to" person to share new product, prevention or treatment modalities.

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Hi Southeast Region,

I hope everyone is enjoying his or her summer. Summer is a great time to relax and re-energize with family and friends. Whether you take a long needed vacation or a long weekend, summer is the time to relax and have fun! My summer has started off with a new job. I recently joined the WOC nursing staff at Northeast Georgia Medical Center in Gainesville Georgia. I will be working full-time in the outpatient Wound Healing & Hyperbaric Center. I am honored to have the opportunity to work with a wonderful staff of dedicated WOC nurses.

2013 SER WOCN® Conference "Let's do the Charleston: Choreographing New Steps in WOC Nursing Care" will be held on September 12-14th at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Charleston, S.C. Early bird registration (discounted rate) closes on August 1st. For more information about the conference please visit our website at: www.serwocn.org/2013conference/

Candidate biographies for 2013 SER WOCN® elections are posted on the website. Beginning July 15th through August 15th, online voting will take place. Please take the time to review the candidate biographies and then vote. This year you will be voting for:

- ~ Secretary
- ~ Treasurer
- ~ Director of Conference Planning
- ~ Director of Special Projects
- ~ Nominations Committee Members (6)

Have safe and wonderful summer! See you in Charleston!

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SER WOCN 2013 Conference

by Trudy Huey, MSN, RN, CWOCN
Director of Conference Planning

It is hard to believe that our regional conference will be in Charleston in two months! I hope you have made your plans to attend as you will not want to miss the great conference that the South Carolina group has planned for you. Dot Lawson and Elizabeth Jones, Conference Co Chairs, have led a wonderful group of talented and hardworking WOC nurses. They have demonstrated that planning an evidenced-based conference is as easy as ABC, if the ABC, is Mary Arnold-Long, Phyllis Bonham, and Carolyn Cuttino. They are the Education Planning Committee responsible for the stellar education program, "Let's do the Charleston... Choreographing New Steps in WOC Nursing Care".

Reneé Epting, Poster Chairperson and her committee have been busy at work reviewing abstracts for conference. Thanks to Reneé, SER website now has an online education program on how to do a poster from an idea to presentation. This is a contact half-hour offering for free to members of SER. Thanks to Leanne Richbourg for graciously giving SER permission to use her PowerPoint presentation for our members!

Thanks to Elaine Rush, the Exhibit Hall will be teeming with vendors and many are new first time exhibitors. Our vendors are an important part of SER conference, so plan on time in the exhibit hall to visit and learn from our partners. Thanks to the support of our vendors, the following Conference Symposia are scheduled: KCI and Shire will present a Breakfast Symposia and Molnlycke will have a Lunch Symposia. Make plans to attend these informative sessions please. Instructions on how to register will be added to the SER WOCN website in the very near future.

Thanks to the hard work of the SER Board, our management group and possibly the greatest webmaster in the world, many changes continue to occur with moving our conference planning to

an online digital media world. Like last year, you will be able to pay online for conference with PayPal® (even if you do not have a PayPal® account), but there is more. Have you ever lost out on a truly wonderful auction item because you forgot to bring your checkbook or the bidding exceeded the cash in your wallet? No worries this year, because besides cash or check, we will accept credit cards at the Silent Auction so you can bid and not lose that special one of a kind item that is always at the SER Silent Auction. Contact Cindy Norris or Regina Holmes, the Silent Auction Chairs, at auctions@serwocn.org to donate auction items.

Handouts and PowerPoint presentations will be online again this year. And at the end of the conference, the evaluation and certificate can also be completed online. No more carbon copy papers to keep up with and your certificate can be printed in your pajamas at home if you so desire.

Charleston is a special place and the WOC nurses of SC group will welcome you to their city and state, warmly and graciously. The program is stellar, the food is wonderful (and most meals are included in your registration fee) and conference will end on Saturday afternoon so you can stay and explore all that Charleston has to offer or head home. The cost of conference is reasonable, the meeting of old and new friends is exciting and the opportunity to be in Charleston is..... priceless!





LET'S DO THE CHARLESTON : CHOREOGRAPHING NEW STEPS IN WOC NURSING CARE September 12-14, 2013

Hotel Accomodations

Embassy Suites Hotel

5055 International Boulevard
North Charleston, SC 29418
1-843-747-1882
SER WOCN Conference rate: \$139/night

A link for making your hotel reservations is available on the website: www.serwocn.org

Online Registration is open.

Registration Fees:	Before 8/1/13	As of 8/1/13
Member with Pre-Conference	\$300	\$325
Member - Conference Only	\$225	\$250
Non-Member with Pre-Conference	\$375	\$400
Non-Member - Conference Only	\$275	\$300
1 Day Only: Thurs, Fri or Sat	\$125	\$125



Image courtesy of Charleston Area Convention & Visitors Bureau (CACVB), www.charlestoncvb.com

Call for Poster Abstracts

Information on submitting your abstract is on the website.

\$200 prize for First Place

Accreditation

This continuing nursing education activity is being applied for through the Alabama State Nurses Association, an accredited approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

Attendees are responsible to self-report their earned contact hours to each individual state of licensure.

Target Audience:

Professionals involved in the care of patients with wound, ostomy and continence issues.

Objectives of the Conference

Upon completion of this conference, participants should be able to:

1. Discuss advances in theoretical and clinical knowledge impacting individuals affected by wound, ostomy or continence issues.
2. Describe examples of evidence-based practice and multidisciplinary approaches to enhance outcomes in various health care settings.
3. Describe examples of evidence-based practice as it pertains to WOC nursing specialties.

Dot Lawson, MSN, RN, CWOCN
Elizabeth Jones, RN, CWOCN, CFCN
2013 SER WOCN Conference Co-Chairs



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I am so proud to call SER WOCN my home.



Looking forward, if you haven't already registered for the 2013 SER WOCN Conference, now is the time to do so. Dot Lawson and Elizabeth Jones, conference co-chairs and their South Carolina conference committees continue to

prepare what will surely be a wonderful conference.

Time to set off those celebratory fireworks one more time! While in Seattle, Amparo Cano from Ft. Lauderdale was named the UOAA WOC Nurse of the Year and Martha Davidson from Nashville was named co-winner of the Great Comebacks Award WOC Nurse of the Year. Congratulations ladies!

It's just not Phyllis, Carolyn, Amparo and Martha; you all are winners, thank you for all you do to serve your patients, your communities, your colleagues and your families.

Written: July 4, 2013

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Remember to keep your WOCN® membership current

*Ramona receiving her 2012 Rookie of the Year award.
Pictured with Cindy Norris and Michael Byars*

Spotlight on 2012 Rookie of the Year continued from pg. 1

Ramona is always interested to promote WOC nursing. She is one of the founding members of the recently-formed Central Alabama WOC nurse affiliate. She helped to organize a state event which included a national speaker and several local speakers. Many vendors were involved and approximately 75 nurses and other health care professionals attended. As plans are being made for Alabama to host the 2014 SER WOCN Conference, Ramona was quick to volunteer her inclusion for organization and support.

Ramona is very popular with patients and her peers because of her positive attitude and her patience. She always takes the opportunity to explain and train. She has never hesitated to support the indigent population in the Montgomery area; those she has treated and educated as surgical patients who call upon her for additional information and for supplies. She is sensitive to their needs and provides services, supplies and treatments as needed. She will even allow them to come in to the hospital for treatment, using donated supplies from other patients and samples.

She does not hesitate to go to a surgeon's office to aid in the assessment and treatment of previous patients. In that she has earned their respect.

Congratulations Ramona!





SER WOCN ELECTIONS

by Michael Byars, BSN, RN, CWOCN



ALL THE BEST FOR UPCOMING SERWOCN OFFICE CANDIDATES!

Fourteen outstanding WOC nurses are seeking to serve and represent you in the SER WOCN.

Online voting is available from July 15 through August 15. The following is your list of prospective representatives.

- Secretary: Katrena Beckham, Cary Dowdy, Angela Dye
- Treasurer: Jennifer Anderson, Rose Murphree, Pam Whitley
- Director of Conference Planning: Trudy Huey
- Director of Special Projects: Reneé Epting
- Nominations Committee:
 - FL: Terry Barton
 - GA: Aileen Ankrom
 - SC: Kerry Watson
 - TN: Amy Bandelier, Elliott Douglass, Debra Schroeder

You can view the candidates' complete profiles in the Elections section on the website.

REMEMBER TO VOTE! LET YOUR VOICE RESOUND!

Results will be announced at The SERWOCN Conference in Charleston, SC,
September 12-14, 2013



July 15: Online Voting Opens



August 15: Online Voting Closes



September: Election Results will be announced during the Membership meeting

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Awards Report

by Cindy Jones Norris, BSN, RN, CWOCN
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Exciting News and Updates for our 2013 SER WOCN Awards and Scholarships!

Our South Carolina WOC Nurses are working diligently on making our 2013 SER WOCN Annual Conference exciting. This will be a conference you will always cherish because it will enrich your practice and your networking with colleagues. Just be sure to register for the conference, sit back and look forward to a great conference!

We will be doing "The Charleston" before you know it. Working with a great SER Board of Directors, Conference Planners and having the support of our great SER WOC Nurses creates a very successful team that provides an atmosphere of success.



I want to thank everyone of you on the behalf of the SER Board of Directors for taking your valuable time to nominate very deserving colleagues for the awards and scholarships. We had an overwhelming response from nurses applying for the conference scholarships.

Unfortunately we had more applicants than scholarships. We had six \$750 conference scholarships to offset conference expenses for our attendees. This is an increase from last year. It is so heartwarming to be able to contact the winners of the conference scholarships. The excitement on the other end of the phone is GREAT!

Cindy Norris BSN, RN, CWOCN
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I encourage all of you to apply for the awards and scholarships next year if you failed to do so this year. One nurse was so excited and her reply was "I never thought I would be chosen. I have never been able to attend our SER Conference in the past since I work in a very small rural hospital and the budget did not allow me to attend." Another nurse was shouting with joy and said she could not wait to call her husband and manager with this news.

Thanks to all of you who donated and participated in our Silent Auctions. Many of our scholarships are available to our nurses because of these successful auctions.

Just a FYI, if you go downtown, you may hear GULLA dialect. At the market you may find T-Shirts with such words as: "dicha, couldcha, wouldcha." See yah in the romantic city of Charleston, South Carolina in September.

Images from the 2012 Silent Auction





Director - Special Projects

by Sharon Traylor, RN, CWOCN
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Summer is finally here. I hope you all have plans for some fun and relaxation. If not, make some because we all need time to refresh so we can continue to learn and be there for those in need...including ourselves.

Here are some other conferences we can look forward to:



- SER Annual Conference: September 11-14, 2013: Charleston, SC
- Baptist Health South Florida 8th Annual Wound Care Symposium: Sept. 21, 2013: Miami, FL
- SAWC Fall: September 27-29, 2013: Las Vegas, Nevada
- Clinical Symposium on Advances in Skin & Wound Care: Oct. 23-27, 2013: Orlando, FL
- NPUAP: The Unavoidable Outcome: A Pressure Injury Consensus Conference Feb. 27, 2014: Baltimore, MD
- FAET: March 7-8, 2014: Gainesville, FL
- SAWC Spring: April 24-27, 2014: Orlando, FL

Here's what available online:

- WOCN® website (www.prolibraries.com/wocn/) - sections within Continuing Education Center includes: Conference library, Webcasts, Continuing Education and Wound Treatment Association Program
- www.NursingCenter.com/CE - continuing education articles:
 - CE's from WOCN® journal
 - CE's from topic skin/wound
- www.medlineuniversity.com - programs on pressure ulcer prevention, continence, wound care and more
- www.us.coloplast.com - programs on pressure ulcers, incontinence and ostomy management
- www.woundprepcourse.com - wound certification prep course -17 CE's
- www.presentwoc.com - CE/CCU lectures, eTalk, profile page
- www.nursingceportal.com - online specialty courses
- <http://mhcwoundcare.com> - programs on wound care
- www.inquisit.org - online/live programs
- www.ehob.com - educational webinars



**Enjoy the summer ~
but don't forget the sunscreen!**

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Greetings from the Great State of Alabama

by Amy Armstrong, BSN, RN, CWOCN

Hello All!

In April, WOC nurses from all over the state gathered in our capital city of Montgomery to plan the 2014 SER WOCN® conference. The Central AL WOC nurse group hosted an informative, entertaining planning meeting at the site of the 2014 Conference - the Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center. Stay tuned for upcoming details!

Congratulations to Misty Bailey on passing her certification exams. Misty is currently working as a WOC nurse at Princeton Hospital



Other news from around the State:

- Children's of Alabama now has a full time WOC nurse. Jennifer Day is now providing specialty care to our state's littlest patients.
- Hattie Stokes recently joined Bonnie Keisler as the inpatient WOC nurse at the Birmingham Veteran's Administration
- UAB welcomed their 6th WOC nurse to the team, Sharon White
- Roz Jordan and Cheryl Lane are both members of the WOCN® Professional Practice Committee and listed as contributors to the current Professional Practice Manual, fourth edition .
- Rebekah Grigsby just returned from a trip to the Philippines, where she is setting up a wound care educational program for a medical team/clinic as part of her doctoral work.

In May, the Birmingham Area WOC nurse group partnered with the local UOAA® chapter during Older American Day at East Lake Park where over 1000 seniors were able to gain information on GI disorders and ostomies. Deborah Thedford, CWOCN, and Lyn Hayes, president of the local UOAA®, and several other UOAA® members manned the station. The oldest senior in attendance was 99 years old!

The Birmingham Area WOC nurse group

will have a workshop August 15th for 7.2 contact hours titled, "From Head to Toe and in Between: Trends in Wounds, Ostomy, and Continence," at the St. Vincent's Hospital Bruno Conference Center.

Please send your Alabama news to: al.statereporter@serwocn.org



Florida - The Sunshine State

by Linda Ravenhorst, BSN, MBA, RN, CWON

TAMPA BAY AREA

From Moffitt Cancer Center--Nancy Scott and Barbara Bagby were WOC preceptors for Mr. Jean Neptune who attended Emory University's WOCNEP.

Nancy Scott enjoyed her god-daughter's wedding/reception during a 7 day Carnival cruise in March. Barbara Bagby and her husband are Civil War buffs and are going to the Pennsylvania to experience the 105th Commemoration of the Battle of Gettysburg.

Barbara's daughter, Beckie, who is visiting Barbara for a month and is a missionary in Africa, will be going back to an orphanage in Uganda in July. She will be assisting in many capacities, but wants to learn about the "bush medicine" of herbs and treatments that is only available to the poor there. She is a nurse with lots of ICU experience but will be going from one extreme to another.



Barbara Bagby is Coordinator of the UOAA® National Conference to be held in Jacksonville--organizing an ostomate clinic

for the nationwide attendees. Several nurses from the Tampa Bay area are volunteering their services to this clinic--Anna Resulta, Christine Bennett, and Linda Ravenhorst.

Barbara says there are a few more spots to fill, so please email Barbara at Barbara.Bagby@moffitt.org for more information. Please help if you can and maybe enjoy part of the conference as well.

Please let your Ostomy Support Groups/Organizations know that the registration for the UOAA® is much lower than expected and encourage them to attend. Jacksonville is a beautiful city with the river running through it and close to the Atlantic



Ocean Beach. There will be some great presenters at the conference. Please visit www.ostomy.org/conference2013.shtml for more information the dates for the conference are August 6-10, 2013.

There will be four members from the Hernando County Ostomy Support group going to Jacksonville for the Conference.

One more thing about UOAA®--The Colossal Colon will be appearing at the UOAA® Conference in Jacksonville. This is a wonderful exhibit where you can actually walk through a colon. In there you'll see what a polyp and colon cancer look like. Don't miss this wonderful educational opportunity!!

And don't forget Author/Comedian Brenda Elsagher will be there signing all of her 4 fabulous books provided for the conference by Hollister Incorporated. Joan Jacoby from Hernando County will be going to the Youth Rally in Seattle, Washington, July 13-20th to work as a WOC nurse. The Youth Rally is a summer camp that provides a non-threatening environment for kids between the ages of 11 and 17 with bowel and bladder dysfunction. It is designed to help these impressionable youth understand that they are not alone and that everyone has the same opportunities to achieve their goals regardless of any medical or physical differences. You can view the rally at www.rally4youth.org. Congratulations Joan for doing that for those kids.

Also from Hernando County, Linda Ravenhorst spent a week near Houston for a family reunion with all of her sons, their wives and five grandchildren from Stuttgart, Germany; Denver, Colorado, and Greenville, South Carolina. We rented a home, 30

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Tampa News continued...

minutes from Galveston for beach activities with nice waves and nice sand and 20 minutes from NASA "This is Houston" space center for a cool activity since the weather is much like Florida--Hot and Humid. And then a little bayou behind the house to go canoeing in. Only one canoe tipped and the 3 ½ and 4 year old grandsons were wearing life jackets. But one son lost his glasses in the muddy water at the bottom, but the phone in his pocket was able to be revived. Boys sure love an adventure don't they??

From Florida Hospital in Tampa:

Sheryl Fulmer has joined the awesome team at Florida Hospital. Sheryl will be re-certifying this year and very hard to believe those 5 years has gone by so quickly.

Howard Utra passed his wound boards and continues to up his game as a wound and ostomy nurse. Way to go Howard--keep up the good work.

Beverly Higbea was promoted to Team Leader and also received the Nursing Exemplar for Clinical Outcomes during nursing week. Congratulations to you Beverly--job well done. Sheryl and Beverly attended the FAET conference in Lake Mary and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Florida Hospital is undergoing major renovations. All windows and air conditioning units are being replaced; a new façade is being added to the front of the hospital. The yellow brick being painted like the brick on the Pepin Hospital (red/brown). A new Emergency Department is being built by the Women's hospital giving better access to parking and the Emergency Department--however a hold has been put on until the sinkhole anomalies have been filled in hopefully within 6 months (do we live in Florida or what??)

From Citrus County:

Mary Bruno has been published in "Case in Point" (October 2012) magazine with an article which she originally entitled "The healthcare provider from the other side of the bedrail" which was changed to "Battling cancer, personally, and professionally." The article discusses how one nurse's personal struggle transformed her professional role. Mary has since been asked to make a presentation based on the article at a conference at the 3rd Annual Patient Advocate Conference in December of this year. Congratulations Mary and we are proud of your success

Florida East Coast

Lori Wallace from Cocoa spent 8 days in May with Project Medishare in Port Au Prince, Haiti, volunteering her wound, ostomy, and continence services at Hospital Bernard Mevs. Lori is now preparing for her second WOC nurse travel assignment to Brunswick, Georgia for 13 to 20 weeks. Hope you have a good time Lori and we know the patients and medical staff will be blessed by having you there

Orlando Area News

Molly Brethour reports from the Veteran's Administration that the South Lake Hospital is opening a new outpatient hyperbaric oxygen center on July 15. The Orlando VA Wound clinic is starting a Telemed Wound Clinic with the Viera VA clinic.

From Terry Barton, the President of the Florida Association of Enterostomal Therapists, Inc. On the heels of WOC Nurse Week we were encouraged & reinforced in the knowledge that nurses who care for patients with wounds, ostomies, and incontinence are not created equal. The difference is in the evidence that patients in facilities with WOC nurses compared to those without WOC nurse have significantly better outcomes.

Our Congratulations and thank you to our 2013

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News from Georgia

by Kathie Fuller, BS, RN, CWOCN

Georgia WOC Nursing was proudly represented at the 2013 National WOCN® Conference last month by Terrie Greer, RN, BSN, CWOCN. Terrie co-presented with Dr. Joyce Black on “New Scientific Advances in DTI” and with Pam Unger, PT, CWS on “Clinical Results of DTI Treatment Options.” Terrie also spoke on “Early DTI Intervention with MIST Therapy—One Facilities Experience”. To contact Terrie about her results with MIST therapy, email: terrie.greer@dekalbmedical.org. Way to go Terrie!

Congratulations also to Wellstar Cobb Hospital’s Donna Pope (now Donna Owens) who was married on May 4th in Nashville, TN. After honeymooning in beautiful Rome, Florence, Sorrento, and Capri, Italy, Donna and husband Will have settled in Smyrna, GA.

The Northeast Georgia Medical Center WOC Nurse group would like to wish a warm welcome to the newest member of their team Kathy A. Boyle, MSN, RN, CWON. Kathy will be working full-time in the Wound Healing Center @ NEGMC. Kathy most recently worked at Gwinnett Medical Center for 8 ½ years as an inpatient WOC nurse before moving to NEGMC. She is also the Communication Director for SER WOCN.

Congratulations to Lauren Flook Brown of Emory Healthcare and her husband Nathan on the arrival of their new baby boy! Holden William Brown weighing in at 8 lbs., 11 oz. and 22 inches long was born on March 5, 2013. Lauren and Nathan are enjoying their new roles as parents—best wishes to the Brown Family!

The Emory Healthcare WOC Nurse group would also like to welcome two new team members:

Lois Kriner Millsap, RN, BSN, CWOCN graduated from Northern Michigan University with a BSN

and a secondary major in psychology. Lois is a member of Sigma Theta Tau and is also a licensed massage therapist with 20 years experience in therapeutic/medical massage. After living in nine states, Lois still considers the Upper Peninsula of Michigan home. Lois enjoys reading, knitting and sewing with her companions Jack, the yellow tabby and Paddy, the Boston Terrier at her side. Christina Palau, RN, BSN, CWOCN was born in Miami, FL and attended nursing school at the University of Florida in Gainesville. It was at U of F that Christina fell in love with WOC Nursing! After graduating in 2009, Christina spent three years working in the Burn ICU at Shands Healthcare in Gainesville. Christina recently relocated to Atlanta and joined the Emory Midtown team first as an ICU nurse and now as a WOC Nurse!

Welcome also to the Emory University WOC Nursing Education Center’s newest instructor/clinician--Lynette E. Franklin, MSN, APRN-BC, CWOCN-AP is originally from Canada and has had the privilege of nursing in three countries. Lynette’s most recent role was Clinical Nurse Specialist in the Urology Department at the Medical University of South Carolina where she worked for 17 years. Lynette says she is a proud aunty to Emily (4) and Madison (2) and pet owner to Chicklet, her Jack Russell Terrorist (14)!



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Journal Club: Atlanta Area Journal Club will meet on Saturday, August 17 @ 9:30 AM at Emory University WOC Nursing Education Center, 1762 Clifton Rd NE, Suite 2200, Atlanta 30322. Contact Rose Murphree for more info: rmurphr@emory.edu

Job Posting: Wellstar Kennestone is seeking a full time, certified WOC Nurse for in-patient wound care. Salaried position works four 10-hour shifts Monday-Friday. For more information contact Heath Brown at: (770) 793-7187 or heath.brown@wellstar.org.



Velma Bragg, RN, BSN, CWOCA

(Emailing from Aruba last month) has taken down her shingle after 50 years as a nurse with 33 of those years as a WOC Nurse! "What will you do now?" Velma says she is commonly asked. Well...

- Spoil my poodle Oliver a little more
- Reflect on hundreds of stories from my patients and laugh a lot—maybe cry a little
- Travel
- Read all the books that I never had time to read
- Assist with seminars at Palms of Pasadena Hospital in St Petersburg, FL (BCIR procedure support—Velma has been involved for many years)
- Continue to support the Quality Live Association, Inc. (a group Velma co-founded with Dr. Barnett for individuals with continent diversion)
- Visit friends and family
- Try to stay connected with so many colleagues

When asked about her career as a WOC Nurse, Velma says she never thought about doing anything else...oh and keep in mind—"I was very, very young when I began this journey!"

Thanks Velma!

Thanks to all Georgia WOC Nurses for the work you do everyday and you for letting me serve you as your Georgia reporter.

Please forward your news to me at:
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Kathie Fuller





North Carolina NEWS

by Colleen Spiller, MA, BSN, RN, CWOCN

North Carolina News "The Tar Heel State"

Summer is upon us in North Carolina with blackberries and blueberries ripe for the picking, hot, humid days, and long awaited beach trips! North Carolina WOC nurses are in full swing with all these fun activities as well as our professional lives.



A large group of us recently attended the WOCN® conference in Seattle where we heard from great speakers, enjoyed wonderful food, and experienced great fellowship with our peers. Our SER meeting was well attended and it was an opportune moment to meet and catch up with other region members.

Our **SER elections** are just around the corner and online voting will be available from July 15th through August 15th. Our very own **Trudy Huey** and **Pam Whitley** are both wanting to continue their elected positions and am sure would appreciate your support. Trudy is our Director of Conference Planning and Pam is our Treasurer. Good luck ladies, you do a wonderful job and we hope to see you back in your positions!

Professional news...

Laurie Crookenden congratulates Stephanie Steimer on passing the WOCN® wound and ostomy certification exams and welcomes her as the full time WOC nurse with Carolinas Rehabilitation.

MedWest Health System in Western NC has had 2 employees successfully complete the wound module of the Emory WOC program and plan to take their certification exams soon: Nancy Peneff, FNP and Sherry Lee, RN. June Smith reports that the Wound Care Center at Watauga Medical Center has moved to a new beautiful building to better serve their patients in Watauga and surrounding counties.

As the 2011 national Great Comebacks recipient, Joanna Burgess participated in the Great Comebacks event at national conference. She interviewed the regional recipients at the evening gala event and discussed what she has done over the last year as far as connecting with ostomates across the country. She also lectured at the national conference with IBD ostomy awareness ribbon co-founder Lois Fink. They spoke at the general session on what ostomy patients face once leaving the hospital - title: What We Wish You Knew - Driving Through to Better Understanding.

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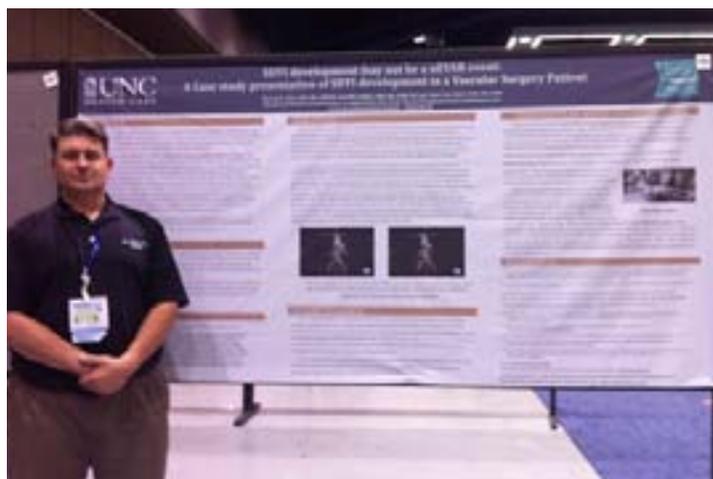
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Great job June and Michael!

June Smith, CWOCN at Watauga Medical Center presented a poster entitled "Painful necrotizing nightmare to closure without grafting."

Michael Kalos, CWOCN at UNC Chapel Hill had two poster presentations at National WOCN in Seattle. One was entitled "SDTI may not be a NEVER event: A case study presentation of SDTI development in a vascular surgery patient." His second poster was entitled "Going Green Isn't Always Effluent".



Family news...

Tracie Bullins's daughter, Taylor graduated from high school in May. Colleen Spiller's son Luke graduated from high school in June. Colleen's older son Kingsley serves in the US Army and received a Bronze Star in June. Laurie Crookenden's daughter got engaged in February and will be married next March in Charleston, SC. Peggy McCracken's daughter, Jessie graduated from medical school, son-in-law, Cory graduated from College and son, Jake graduated from high school in May. June Smith's son, Zach, graduated from high school and will be attending Appalachian State in the fall with a major in art education. Phyllis Kupsick had three graduates in May – her son made a career change and graduated with a Physical Therapy Assistant degree; his oldest daughter graduated with a Master's in Social Work and his youngest daughter graduated with an Associate Degree in Nursing. It's been a really busy 2 years for them but she is very proud of them. And, lastly, her oldest daughter, who holds a NP license has recently started Emory's Distant Education Program in Wound Care with a position awaiting her the a local Wound Center in our area. Our families are on the move...just like us!

Have a fabulous summer everyone and safe travels

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your NC state reporter for SER WOCN.

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South Carolina News

by Joan Jackson-Meekins, BSN, RN, CWOCN

Laura Fogle received the Nightingale Award for Excellence in Nursing during Nurses Week. Presented annually, the award is nominated by members of Regional Medical Center's nursing staff. Honorees must demonstrate clinical excellence and concern for patients, family and co-workers; demonstrate leadership; and possess enthusiasm while having a healthy work ethic.



Cindy Norris' daughter (Rebecca) gave birth to Maddison Adelle, a 9lb 4 oz., 21 ½ inches long baby girl on July 4th.

Cindy wants to remind everyone that the Silent Auction will be Thursday, September 12th at our SER WOCN Annual Fall Conference. It will be from 4:15 to 6:45pm. Please bring an item to be auctioned. Most of the proceeds go towards our SER WOCN Conference scholarships. For more information, please email Cindy at: auctions@serwocn.org.

Joan Jackson-Meekins, RN, BSN, CWOCN is the new administrator of Florence Visiting Nurses Services as of July 1st. She has been employed at this home health agency for over 12 years.

If you have SC News, contact me at: sc.statereporter@serwocn.org



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Greetings from Tennessee!

by Amy Bandelier, BSN, RN, CWOCN

Hello from rainy Tennessee

Well we are post the National WOCN® conference. I saw a few of my Tennessee colleagues enjoying their time in the beautiful city of Seattle. For all of us that did attend the conference, we had some very good classes with good speakers and I can tell you that I came away from some new knowledge. That is all my news from Tennessee.



Amy Bandelier, tn.reporter@serwocn.org

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Conference Chair Charlene Demers and her hardworking committee from Orlando for making our way seems shorter! They presented a fabulous FAET Conference in Lake Mary, April 19 & 20. There was plenty of good company in our journey as attendees, vendors, and speakers all got "On Board" the FAET Train.

Welcome Jacqueline Wiseman our new secretary, Anne Dammers, our new Treasurer, Nancy Scott (returning in a new position as Nominations Committee Chair), Lori Wallace & Christine Bennett as nomination committee members.



Florida's Linda Moore

Every year in New York, the first Sunday of May, the city blocks traffic and has a bicycling event called the "5 Borough Ride." You start in lower Manhattan in the Battery Park area ride uptown through Central Park and into the Bronx, then over a bridge to Queens, through Queens and over another bridge to Brooklyn, through Brooklyn and over a bridge to a long haul on the Long Island Expressway, then over the Verrazano Narrows Bridge and onto Staten Island. Then you ride down to the ferry and catch

it back to Manhattan. There were 32,000 riders and I tell you, it was a blast! It is a total of 42 miles. My hotel was at Central Park South so I rode 6 miles to meet the people I was going to ride with so I did about 47 miles. All was wonderful except the Verrazano Bridge – I made it without getting off and walking the bike but it sure wasn't pretty. Very long uphill, wind in our faces, and with a heavy rental bike it was intimidating. Am so blessed to still be able to do this kind of thing in my advanced years! After the ride and turning in the bike, I took the subway back to the hotel, took a 30 minute hot shower, ate a \$40.00 cheeseburger in the hotel, took an Advil and went to bed – a wonderful day!

Linda Moore used to be our Convatec ostomy rep in days gone by. She still works for Convatec but has moved up in the company. She is really a great person and WOC nurse.

See y'all in Charleston!