

# North Carolinians in the News

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**Melody Austin** is the new President-elect for the NC group and will follow current President, **Colleen Spiller**. They will continue to lead the group in the deep tissue injury research project. The NC website continues to be popular averaging 67 hits per day and everyone was reminded at our meeting that grant money is available for recertification through WOCNB. The next NC group meeting will be August 6th in High Point.

**Suzanne Collins** reported from the Legislative Committee that the Medicare Learning Network website is easy to use and understand. It also offers the option of signing up for weekly emails. Additionally, the committee reported on the progress of the ANA towards recognizing WOCN as a specialty practice. Advanced Practice

nurses are expected to be one of the first groups with ICD-10 codes that will be integrated into Advanced Practice. The goal for the tri-specialty Advanced Practice nurse is to be recognized as a provider and have an identification number issued.

Other news includes our own **Phyllis Kupsick's** re-election as secretary of National WOCN. **Gloria Johnson** from CMC-Mercy is getting married on September 25th of this year. I (**Judy Plemmons**) recently lost my mother after caring for her at my home for the past three years. **Jody Bartner**, CWCN, employed at Harris Regional Hospital, Sylva NC, received a grant from WOCN towards her PGP recertification. **Fran Harris**, MSN, CDE, CWCN recently passed her wound certification exam. **Fran** is employed by Advanced Home

Care in High Point, NC.

**Susan Stafford**, CWOCN has been added PRN to the staff at



Watauga Medical Center as a WOC nurse and is assisting with developing a Wound Care Center. **June Smith** from Watauga Medical Center will be attending the 100th anniversary National Boy Scout Jamboree at Fort AP Hill and will be on the medical staff for the jamboree.

Remember that North Carolina will be hosting the SER Conference. We are requesting donations for the SER Conference Silent Auction. All contributions are welcome. We can provide a letter of receipt for you to use if you'd like to solicit donations from businesses/artists/friends/family. Please contact [lori\\_yerse@westcare.org](mailto:lori_yerse@westcare.org) for a copy of the receipt or for additional details. Thank you in advance for your help!

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