

President's Report

Mary McNeil, RN, BSN, CWOCN

Well, we are indeed emerging from winter!

Although there are some chilly days ahead (for those of us above Florida and the Delta area) we are about to turn the corner from cold weather. I had my first glimpse of crocus shoots this week here in the mountains, a sure sign of warmer days ahead!

Early February, the board convened for the SER Winter Board Meeting to review and reflect on activities and actions in 2007 as well as to plan for 2008. 2007 offered another great year for the SER membership. We had a great conference in Greenville which provided outstanding education and a great time with friends. 11 WOCN scholarships were awarded to SER members. You nominated and brought attention to 4 of our outstanding "mentor" members; Phyllis Bonham, BJ Woodward, Dot Weir and Laura Shafer. And, the membership rallied



behind the "Scholarship Challenge" offered by Alvin Word.

2008 is lining up to be another "stellar" year as we look forward to our Fall Conference in Huntsville, AL... "Achievement through Excellence". 2008 is also going to offer many challenges to wound care clinicians throughout the country. Services for patients – across the continuum – continue to be challenged due to reimbursement restructuring. Providing the highest quality care while containing costs in this environment will offer greater opportunities for WOCNs in every setting. The need to optimize outcomes has never been greater and I continue to hear that institutions are recognizing how WOCNs are critical to help drive improvements in care.

Thank you for what you are doing in your setting and for your patients!

Spotlight on a Mentor

Anne Bowling was a mentor to me (**Judy Plemmons**). She taught me the ropes and greatly encouraged me to pursue the education at Emory as she had done. She gave me books and samples. She went with me to mark patients and to troubleshoot their peristomal skin problems. She had me sit beside her at the local support group meetings she introduced me to everyone and monthly told the local ostomates of plans for me to go to Emory. When the time came for me to leave for Atlanta, she brought me a care package and included study items she thought I might need. When I returned, she told local physicians who requested her to call me instead as she was scaling down her work schedule. I thought Anne had her eye set on full retirement but what I did not know was the extent of her own cancer. In the end, I realized Anne had passed the torch and mentored me because her goal years back was to be certain that her patients would be cared for. After her death, her husband delivered the items she'd set aside for me. I will always cherish the personal items and mementos of her career. She was truly an unsung hero.



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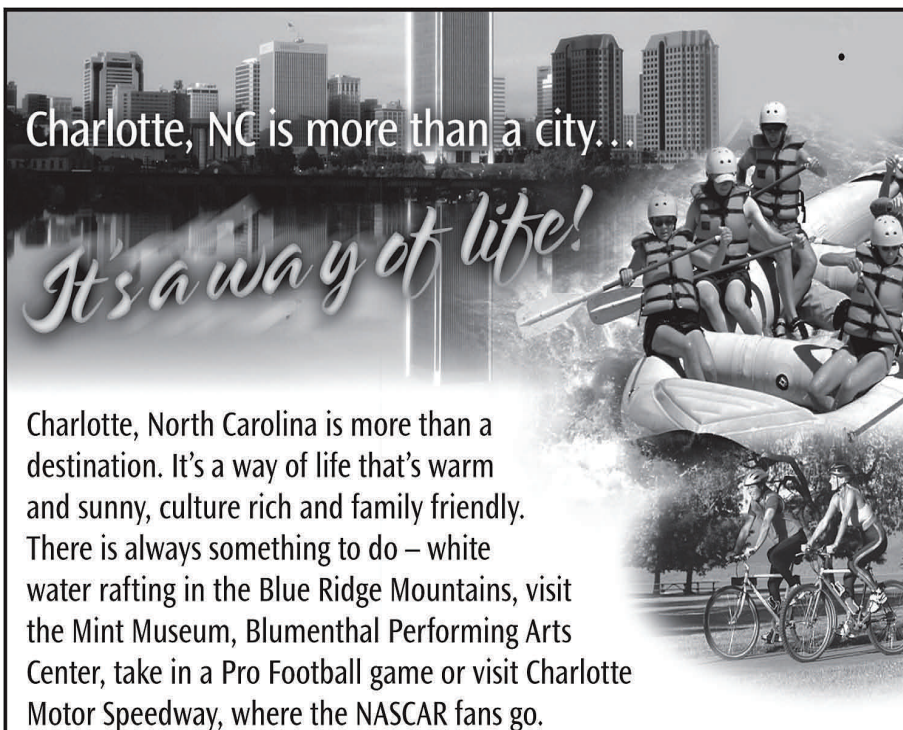
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Greetings from the Great State of Alabama

Jessie Dickerson, RN, MSN, CWON, CFCN

Alabama WOC nurses are busy as usual with plans for the Alabama State Meeting and the SER WOCN Conference. These are two upcoming events that you do want to miss. The Alabama State Meeting will be held April 11-12, 2008 at the Embassy Suites in Huntsville, Ala. Come early on Friday, April 11 as we get acquainted, network and enjoy a fun filled evening. On Saturday, April 12th, the focus is on the SERWOCN Conference with an interesting CEU offering provided. In order for both events to be a success, we need ALL ALABAMA WOC NURSES in attendance and participating. A block of rooms, at the group rate of \$119/night is available until March 11, 2008.

Reservations may be made by calling the Embassy Suites 1-800-Embassy or 256-539-7373. If you need further information regarding the State Meeting, contact **Sharon White**, CWOCN @ 205-516-1260.

WANTED!!!!

We are seeking Presenters to participate in the Product Great Debate involving the pros and cons of products such as KCI wound vac, Blue Sky, Medeala and Engenex at the SER WOCN Conference in September. If this is something that sparks your interest and you would like to share your findings, please contact: **Jackie Doubleman**, CWOCN at 205-939-7246.

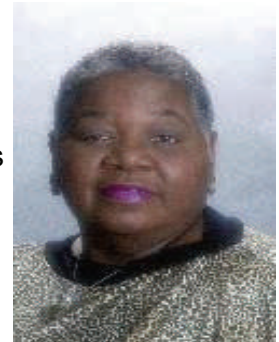
We are also in need of the Alabama WOC Nurses to present pictures of their worst wounds, fistulae, drains and complicated pouching issues for the ET nightmare sessions. Please contact **Karen Edwards**, CWOCN at UAB, 205-934-6903 with your selections.

We take this time to thank **Sherri Tidwell** our outgoing President for a well job done. New officers were elected in January and they are: **Cynthia Cunningham**, CWOCN - President, **Catrice Potts**, CWOCN, VP, **Laura King**, CWOCN, Secretary and **Hattie Stokes**, CWOCN, Treasurer. **Sharon White**, CWOCN has replaced **Amanda McCoy** with the Ostomy Booklets distribution and sales. We also wish to thank **Jeannine MacKnight**, CWOCN for her superb coordination and management of our website: www.Bhamareawoc.org.

We were delighted to learn that **Jeannine**

MacKnight and her daughter will be leaving in June to audition in HOLLYWOOD! We wish Jeannine's daughter well as she pursue her dreams as an artist. You can't beat ALABAMA for that God Given Talent.

Please continue to keep the following in your prayers: **Michele Croaker's** husband (Eddie); **Angela Graham's** husband, **Patricia Blakely's** mother, **Hattie Stokes'** mother and **Jessie Dickerson** as she continues to recover from an extended illness.



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Hello from Tennessee!

Mona Hector, BSN, RN, CWOCN

New officers for the Nashville WOCN group are as follows:

President: **Loretta Sullivan**,
Co-president: **Deb Gray**,
Secretary: **Pat Dittes**,
Treasurer: **Martha Davidson**.

Debra Gray also tells me that she is on the Hollister Advisory Committee and (catch this) they will be meeting in Ireland in May!

Suzy Scott MSN, RN, CWOCN was featured in a lengthy article in the Memphis Commercial Appeal. The article elaborated on Suzy's years of pressure ulcer programs including the tracking and establishment of the prevention and treatment programs in Little Rock and Memphis. National attention has been brought to the VA due to Suzy's research efforts on OR pressure ulcers and she was leaving for Baltimore when I spoke with her to present at the National VA Human Subject Research meeting. Way to go Suzy! **Alvin Word** was welcoming **Ellen Schroeder-Stanley** to the Hilton Head area as director of his Costal Carolina HBO Wound Center. He also is eagerly anticipating an upcoming 12 day mission trip to Senegal, West Africa. We send him our thoughts and prayers.

It's about giving back... and giving forward!

At our 2007 SER convention we were offered a challenge to

raise \$10,000 for scholarship funds that would offer attendance to a SE region WOC program. Although we have reached about 60% of our target, we still have about \$4000.00 to go. Unfortunately, once the meeting was over, the momentum slowed considerably... please know that we **very much** need your help in reaching this goal.

If each SER member could contribute \$15 to 25 dollars we would meet our target. The deadline has been extended to June 1 to offer the membership an opportunity to contribute as the monies need to be turned into the national office. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated!

Contributions are being handled by Cathy Womack, Custom Association Management, Inc. (CAMI). For your convenience, a contribution form has been placed on the SER website www.serwocn.org. Please download the form today and offer a contribution that you feel may assist us in reaching our goal. This is a tax deductible donation.

The future of WOC nursing will be enhanced through your involvement in this scholarship challenge. Please join your fellow members as we build the future of WOC nursing!

Remember the dollars raised will be matched by both the region and Alvin Word – a \$30,000.00 potential!

Job Openings:

1. University of TN hospital in Knoxville is seeking a FTE ET nurse with a bachelor's degree, masters preferred, wound and ostomy certification or obtained within 14 months of employment, Monday through Wednesday daytime. Contact **Lennis Floyd** at (865)544-9870 or Kenny Trent (865)544-6011.
2. Jackson-Madison Hospital in Jackson, TN is looking for a third full time WOC nurse. **Hope Voegeli** and **Patricia Moore** are the WOCNs at Jackson-Madison and they can be reached at (731)425-6985. **Hope** reports that their facility was not damaged by the massive outbreak of tornadoes that passed through TN during the first of February.

Here in Memphis we also held recent elections and new officers are: President: **Kathleen Chambers**, Secretary: **Kris Wilson**, Treasurer: **Tonya Warmbrod**

Remember everyone can be a reporter and you know how much you like to read what is going on around Tennessee.

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Keeping Up with Georgia Vi Poteete, RN, CWOCN

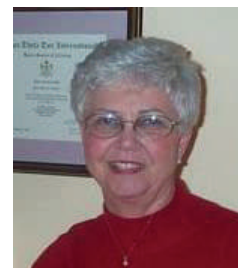
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta is running strong and keeping busy with the little ones. After a very busy and successful 2007, we are looking at making 2008 even better! This February, we welcomed our newest WOC-on-the-block, **Megan Reese**, as a newly-approved, part-time addition to our team. As a former Technology-Dependent Intensive Care Unit (TICU) nurse, short-term PRN WOC nurse, and a part-time educator for the Dream House for Medically Fragile Children, Megan brings her experience and new ideas to our team. The Three Musketeers now becomes the Fabulous Four, providing inpatient consultation for a total of 500 beds between Scottish Rite and Egleston campuses. Next steps, building an 'official' outpatient pediatric ostomy clinic...

Onto a personal note with the peds WOC Nurses: **Marie Orem Sosbee's** brother has recently safely finished his 14-month Iraqi deployment as an Army captain and will be re-stationed in the U.S. Her other brother has recently been accepted to perform with the Navy NATO band as a pianist and is traveling to places she didn't know existed! Trish is busy as the matron of honor speed-planning her sister's upcoming wedding in Charleston. **Peggy McGarity** is running around preparing for her youngest son's college plans, and she will be taking a family trip to Italy this spring. Megan is excited about her own wedding planning for a lovely autumn wedding.

Amanda Shepherd from Gwinnett Medical Center had a little boy on January 31. His name is William Grantland Shepherd (Chip). Congratulations Amanda!

Gwinnett will be holding their annual seminar July 25, 2008. Elizabeth Ayello and Edna Atwater will be two of the four speakers. Contact lshafer@gwinnetmedicalcenter.org if you are interested in receiving a brochure.

Sharon Hornbuckle is now back working at St Joseph's after a 16 month LOA. Her immune system finally got strong enough to return to work. Sharon is doing patient safety and quality but she said "I would much rather be doing WOC nursing." The Atlanta WOCN's are thrilled that she is doing much better!



Great news from Atlanta... Congratulations to **Merrill Fraser** and **Lorna Buntichai**, WOC Nurses from Emory Crawford Long Hospital, who were recipients of the Daisy Award for Extraordinary Nurses. The Daisy Award is a nationwide program that recognizes and rewards nurses who consistently demonstrate excellence through clinical expertise, extraordinary service and compassionate care. We are certainly proud of these ladies and applaud them for a job well done!

We would like to express our condolences to the family of **Aileen Ankrom**, WOC Nurse from Emory University Hospital who lost her mother over the Thanksgiving holiday.

Wellstar WOC nurses **Marlies Niehuser** and **Vi Poteete** were selected as Career Advancement Program (CAP) recipients. This program replaces the former levels process and provides recognition for nursing achievement above the norm and encourages the nursing support of community activities, educational offerings and mentoring. Marlies has also had two poster presentations accepted for the National WOCN Conference in Tampa this June! Congratulations on all of these achievements.

Congratulations to **Laure Kraker** who has just completed the WOCNEP at Emory. Laure is a member of the Wellstar Kennestone in-patient WOCN staff. The Wellstar in-patient staff also welcomes **Andrea McCorkle**. Andrea will assume a PRN staff position and provide much needed support.

Vi Poteete ♦ vipoteete@bllsouth.net

News from South Carolina

Cindy Norris, RN, CWOCN



Cissy Deas from McLeod Health Regional has no news

except very busy with patients. **Yvonne Quillens** is working at Regency. **Jane Mansfield** has the charter for the Pressure Ulcer Task Force re; The Five Million Lives Campaign and is asking for nurses to contribute or become active in this. The Task Force is a cross setting multidisciplinary group that is dedicated to improving pressure ulcer prevention and treatment practices across the continuum of care. By communicating through discussion, needs and nuances of practice for each care setting, we can work to improve the delivery of care, decreasing variability in the care practices which results in more efficient and effective transitions of care for the S.C. residents. If interested contact Jane at mansfije@dhec.sc.gov.

Belinda Bradley said our State meeting is in April. She will e-mail the date. She recently had neck surgery

and her mother died. We offer our condolences and will keep you in our prayers in the great loss. **Karen Fann** is now working in the Spartanburg Regional Wound Center.

Carolyn Cuttino hopes there is a lecture on "sunburn" offered on the SC Wound Cruise. MUSC's new hospital for Cardiology, Digestive Diseases, etc. has now opened. It is called the Ashley River Towers. Call **Pam Srinivas** for details. Carolyn asks that we show her daughter "the ropes of wound care" since is a rep for MPM Medical. That means to be kind and give her some business!

The nurses from Orangeburg Regional who planned the great Bahamas cruise set sail on the "Navigating the Wound Care Seas" February 28. Great speakers, food, fun and fellowship!

Last but not least, I just had cataract surgery on both eyes and recommend it to everyone who needs it! Cataracts are no longer just for the "OLD."

Several E-Mails were returned to me. If you have a new E-Mail address, please forward it to me.

Thought for the day:

"God's hands are more skilled than a great surgeon. They are more tender than a caring nurse: They are more precise than a fine diamond cutter; They are more creative than the finest artist or designer." Do you know Him? This was taken from TODAY IS YOUR BEST DAY by Roy Lessin.

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North Carolina News

Judy Plemmons, RN, CWOCN

If you have not visited the NC website, you MUST do so! www.ncwocn.org **Shawn Hogan** is responsible for this awesome site that features a draft letter for nursing schools, upcoming events, a directory and membership information. We'll have more news later on a pocket sized Spanish/English Ostomy guide that we plan to make available on our website.

Various members of the NC WOC nurses group have been volunteering as speakers at college and university nursing programs. They've been lecturing on topics of wounds, ostomies or continence. Don't forget we have a sample letter on our website if you would like to volunteer. This provides the students opportunities to hear from experts in the field and you can earn PGP points for your effort.

We are currently pleased to have **Leanne Richbourg** presiding. Outgoing President, **Amy Dunbar Clegg**, did a fabulous job. Amy and Leanne's put their efforts together with a poster that was accepted to the National WOCN

conference. **Tracie Bullins** is serving as secretary and **Shawn Hogan** as treasurer.

The NC group has completed their first research project on heel ulcer characteristics with interesting results, and the article will soon be underway. Now that we have our feet wet, we're anticipating another group research project in 2008.

Our meeting in February included discussion regarding the Present on Admission Indicators. Many in the group have been busy inservicing nurses and MD's on the changes and on staging. One facility is planning to have the WOCN perform an assessment including the stage and communicate with a sticker in the progress notes that will require the MD signature for agreement. Pocket cards are being provided for RN's and MD's.

Colleen Spiller reported that she has been educating the medical staff and has provided them with a folder containing

NPUAP guidelines for staging, the CMS article and the Ostomy Wound Management

Journal article. For another facility with electronic documentation, WOCNs or nurses have the ability to add additional signors who must acknowledge the documentation. The physician can then make an addendum that he or she concurs with the documentation or make changes.

Lori Yerse reported on an informal salary survey of NC WOCNs that she conducted last May. We determined this bears further research and have a goal to survey all NC WOCNs this year for an up-to-date look at salaries and other aspects of our work.



Judy Plemmons
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The Southeast Region is proud to announce the recipient of the WOCN NIWI Scholarship for 2008 she is Nancy Scott from Florida.

Congratulations Nancy!

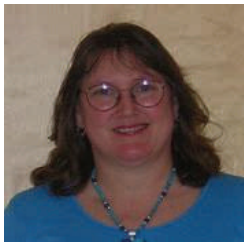
Call for Poster/Abstracts and Case Presentations:

20087 Annual Conference

The committee for posters/presentations encourage you to "**blast off**" your ideas, new and innovative practices, and research projects at the SERWOCN conference in Huntsville, AL. Deadline for abstracts is June 31, 2008. For additional information, please contact Karen Edwards, CWOCN at 205-934-6903 or e-mail kedwards@uabmc.edu

Hello from Sunny Florida

Kathryn Dere, RN, CWOCN



It's hard to believe that Spring is here, but the orange blossoms have

sprouted and the air is filled with wonderful aromas. Much of the Florida WOCs are hard at work with conference planning and horizon expansion.

The Florida Association of Enterostomal Therapists (FAET) have put the final touches on their annual conference "Sharing Pearls of Wisdom", celebrating 30 years as an association. The agenda presents a full scope of practice with many well known speakers. Courtney Lyder on F-Tags and Regulations, **Dorothy Doughty** on Challenges in Wound Assessments, James Spahn, MD on Heel Ulcers, **Susan Steele** on Bowel Management Strategies, **Teri Robinson** on Pediatric Ostomies, **Dot Weir** on Healing Infected Wounds, and Walter Conlan, MD on Atypical Wounds. For information, contact **Terry Barton**

Terry.Barton@FLHOSP.ORG
or **Kathryn Dere**
kathryn.dere@orhs.org.

The group in Tallahassee has a conference planned April 10 at the Florida State University. Courtney Lyder will address the CMS guidelines and Performance Payment, Other topics include Lymphedema, Wound Assessments for atypical and typical, and Goal Based Treatment Decisions. This looks like a really good conference. For more information or a brochure, contact **Robbie Sharpe @ RSharp9376@aol.com**.

Some news is trickling in through out the state. **Dot Weir** recently was promoted to Director of the Osceola Wound Center. Dot says, "So much to learn other than clinical...it's a whole new job!" But she's up to the challenge. Congratulations Dot on this accomplishment!

Nancy Scott is one of five recipients of the WOCN scholarship for the 2008 Nurse in Washington Internship (NIWI) in Wash DC. She will join WOCN President Jan Colwell, Lee Ann Krapfl, Chairman of WOCN Public Policy Committee and Bill Applegate, WOCN lobbyist.

Cheryl Lynch is speaking at the FI Magnet conference Feb 28th about a Pressure Ulcer Prevention Project. **Linda Ravenhorst** was recently interviewed on the local radio station WWJB 1450 regarding the Hernando County Ostomy support group. She shared the spotlight with the president of the Ostomy Support Group, Nancy Backinger. Way to go ladies!

Please keep the news rolling. You should be applauded for the activities you're involved in, and I like to share the wonderful news with our colleagues through out the SER.

Kathryn Dere
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CEU Opportunities

Elaine Rush, MSN, CWOCN

We are beginning another year, with excellent opportunities for continuing education in our specialty. The following are publications available for CEU hours:



WOUND

Advances in Skin and Wound Care, December 2007, Volume 20, Number 12, page 655. "Best Practice Recommendations for the Prevention, Diagnosis, and Treatment of Diabetic Foot Ulcers Update 2006."

Advances in Skin and Wound Care, January 2008, Volume 21, Number 1 Page 42. "Measuring Wound Length, Width, and Area: Which Technique?"

Advances in Skin and Wound Care, November v2007, Volume 20, Number 11, Page 611. "Best Practice Recommendations for the Prevention and Treatment of Venous Leg Ulcers: Update 2006."

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Journal of WOCN, Volume 34, Number 6, November/December 2007, page 615. "The Indwelling Urinary Catheter: Principles for Best Practice."

Journal of WOCN, Volume 35, Number 1, January/February 2008, Page 93. "Behavioral Therapies for Overactive Bladder."

There are several opportunities on the www.wocn.org website Click on Global Learning Center under the "Education" heading.

Place on your calendar the SER Conference in Huntsville Alabama on September 11-14. Brochures will be coming in the mail to you soon.

The WOCN 40th Year Celebration Conference will be June 21-25th in Orlando Florida. If you did not receive a brochure, it is on the WOCN website.

Hope you are able to take advantage of some of these education opportunities to expand your practice and enhance your knowledge of our practice. If you have any offers that would benefit the association please contact me at elainewr@bellsouth.net.

SER 2008 Elections—Seeking Board Members

Terry Barton, RN, CWOCN



Open for election are 3 board positions. The Board of Directors would like to persuade each of you to consider running for an office and provide support to your region. If interested in running for office, your name can be added to the slate by contacting any of the Nominations Committee members. You may request to run for office up to and at the Business Meeting at SER conference in the Fall.

Qualifications for office: Active member of the SER WOCN with membership one year immediately prior to election.

Offices to be filled:

President

The President shall serve as the chief executive officer of the SER WOCN. The President shall also serve as a member ex-officio, with the right to vote on all committees except the Nominations Committee. The President shall make all required appointments of standing committee chairpersons and special committees with the approval of the SER Board of Directors. The President shall perform other duties as are necessary to the office of president or as may be described by the SER Board of Directors. The President shall serve one year as a non-voting member of the SER Board of Directors upon completion of the term of office.

Vice-President

The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence or incapacity of the President. The Vice-President shall serve as the official representative to the WOCN National Public Policy Committee. The Vice-President shall serve as bylaws chairperson and is responsible for maintaining the bylaws and the policy/procedure manual.

Director of Awards

Serves as coordinator of Youth Rally Sponsorship, Celebrate WOC Nursing Day, Rookie of the Year, Dorothy Doughy Research Scholarship and Nurse of the Year Award.

Please contact a nominating committee member below if you are interested in running for office or if you have any questions:

AL – Jan Hale Stevens	256-494-4116	jan_stevens@gadsdenregional.com
FL – Terry Barton	407-646-7523	terry.barton@flhosp.org
GA – Lorna Buntichai	404-686-8174	lorna.buntichai@emoryhealthcare.org
NC – Pam Whitley	704-984-4388	pam.whitley@stanly.org
SC – Tena Jordan	864-725-5018	tjordan@selfregional.org
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ON-LINE VOTING

Many organizations have converted to an on-line voting process. To better serve you, the SER Board would like to ask the membership your thoughts regarding converting to on-line voting. As with anything, there are advantages and disadvantages. Some items to consider are:

1. Is it less personal?
2. There would be no opportunity to have nominations from the floor.
3. There would be no opportunity to campaign and meet the candidates in person.
4. Would it be more effective for absentee voting?
5. Would it be a quicker more efficient process?
6. Would it improve voter response?

Please help us serve you better by giving this some thought and responding online at www.serwocn.org “talk to the board” on the leadership page. Thank you.

2008 Award Information

Regina Holmes, CWOCN

Hello everyone, I hope you all are doing well. I have been extra busy, as I know you all have been as well! We live such fast paced lives that we sometimes forget to stop and just relax and enjoy life. I want to ask you all to take a moment and ponder about your peers and the wonderful work that they do in the field of wound, ostomy, and continence nursing. It is that time of year when we submit nominations for: SER WOCN Outstanding Nurse of the Year, Rookie of the Year, submit request for assistance for campers to go to the UOAA Youth Rally, and submit applications for the Dorothy Doughty Grant for planned research expenses. We are also going to be celebrating WOC Nursing Day April 19, 2008.

We are again this year planning to waive the fall conference registration for those nurses with a BSN that are interested in wound, ostomy, and continence nursing, so submit your nominees soon. The deadline for all applications and nominations are May 31, 2008.

SER WOCN Outstanding Nurse of the Year and Rookie of the Year

The SER WOCN recognizes their peers for contributions made to the WOCN Society and to the patients that we serve. Qualifications include excellence in the practice of WOC Nursing, exemplifications of high professional standards, service to the community, and the promotion of pride in the WOCN and SER WOCN.

UOAA Rally

If you work with youths between the ages of 11-17 years of age who have had ostomy or related surgery and would like to assist them in going to camp notify me by May 31, 2008.

Dorothy Doughty Research Grant

This grant is available to support planned research expenses, such as supplies, research consultation, medical/surgical supplies etc... The maximum research grant amount is \$1,000 per research project.

Celebrate WOC Nursing April 19, 2008

The SER WOCN is proud to support and sponsor WOC Nursing Day. The SER WOCN will provide one paid registration to the fall conference in Alabama. Submissions should include what you did for WOC Day including photos. Just a reminder if you have several WOCNs in your department only one member will get the registration to the conference paid.



Fall Conference Scholarship

This scholarship to attend the SER WOCN Conference will be given to an RN with a BS who is interested in the care of patients with wounds, ostomies, and continence problems. Those members who are interested in nominating a deserving candidate should briefly (no more than 2 paragraphs) describe why you feel the nominee should be chosen to attend the Fall Conference. You may nominate yourself.

All applications for nominees will be posted on our website www.serwocn.org. Email applications to rholmes@lorishealthcaresystem.com. You may contact me Regina F. Holmes via above email, cell phone 843-602-5732. Or mail applications to:

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Loris, SC 29569.

I look forward receiving the upcoming nominations. As always I am honored to serve the SER WOCN and thank you for the opportunity! God Bless and remember to stop and enjoy the upcoming spring!

P.S. Alabama, please remember to vote for your honoree.

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Spanish Translation
Ostomy Teaching Booklets
Revised and Reprinted in 2002

The Birmingham Area ET (WOC) Nurses were awarded an educational grant from Carrington Laboratories, Inc. *in honor of Dr. Sheri Smith*, from Alabama. The grant was written to translate, print and disseminate the Ostomy teaching booklets into Spanish. Revenue from these booklets will be used to print more booklets, help sponsor children to attend the Youth Rally and send sets to all WOC Educations Programs.

The following booklets are available for \$3.50 each in Spanish or English

- Living with your Colostomy
- Living with your Ileostomy
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