

## President's Report

Laura Shafer, BSN, RN, CWON



*Happy  
Spring  
Everyone!*

This is my favorite time of the year. I want to let all of you know what an honor it has been to serve as your President for the last 3 years! We just completed our Winter Board meeting and I want all of you to know that this has been the most wonderful group to work with and all of their energy and passion really make it exciting to be on the Board. Please consider running for an office this year. I look forward to seeing you in Charlotte.

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*Angela receiving her award*

## SER 2011 ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

**Angela Dye,**  
**RN, BSN, CWOCN**

Angela graduated from the WOCNEP at Emory University in November 2010 after expressing an interest in wound care. Angela previously worked on a surgical unit with complex wound and ostomy patients. She often volunteered to assist the WOC nurses with these patients.



Everyday, Angela comes into the department ready and willing to learn. At Emory Healthcare, we have a long list of consults daily; our patients have complex wound and ostomy needs. Angela consistently manages patient care as well as staff and physician relations with skill and grace.

She has taken a strong interest in our department in evaluating wound, ostomy and continence products. She participates in the development of our evidence based nursing Skin and Wound Care electronic documentation. Monthly, Angela attends the Emory Skin Wound Champion Meetings and offers guidance relating to SWC issues. She is engaged in the Atlanta Consortium Meetings and has taken a strong interest in the educational offerings the meetings provide. Angela is also actively involved in the Crohn's Colitis Foundation. She participated in the CCFA "Taking Steps" walk on May 15, 2011.

Other volunteer activities have included, educating Grady Hospital physicians on managing patients with complicated fistula management/troughing techniques.

It has been our pleasure to work with Angela over this past year. She has been a great asset and advocate for our department and for our patients.

Sincerely,

Emory's WOC Nurses -  
Cynthia, Aileen, Lauren, Merrill, Lorna, Marta



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## Communications Report

by Patti Haberer, MA, BSN, RN, CWOCN  
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### **"If Today Was Your Last Day" - Nickelback**



*My best friend gave me the best advice*

*He said each day's a gift and not a given right*

*Leave no stone unturned, leave your fears behind*

*And try to take a path less traveled by*

*That first step you take is the longest stride*

Each spring, your Board gathers together for a day and half of meetings. Again this year, Merrill Frasier (Secretary) graciously invited the Board to meet at her lake house in Martin, GA. We welcomed new members, Martha Davidson (Treasurer), Trudy Huey (Director of Conference Planning) and Michael Byars (Nominations, Chair). The relaxed atmosphere provided us the opportunity to get plenty of work done. The spring board meeting is a time of new beginnings. The meeting renews our energies and helps us plan for a bright future.

Like our spring board meeting, springtime is the perfect opportunity to do a little personal spring cleaning. It's a time reexamine and refocus our lives. One of my favorite songs is by the group Nickelback, "If today was your last day" - what would you do? Life was meant to be lived day by day. The past is the past, and worrying about the future is really irrelevant. What matters is today. Stop dreaming about the "could of" or your retirement plans? There is no time like today to "leave no stone unturned, leave your fears behind and try to take a path less traveled by"; just maybe it's time to dust off your bucket list. Understandingly that trip to Tahiti or the week on a dude ranch may have to wait. So instead, just for today take time to relax and really enjoy life.





### SER WOCN 2012 Conference

Merrill Fraser, MSN, RN, CWOCN  
Cynthia Timms, BSN, RN, CWOCN  
SER 2012 Conference Chairs



It has been our pleasure to work with such dedicated members of the SER WOCN over the past months. The 2012 conference planning committee and board members have offered their expertise, direction and time to make this conference memorable.

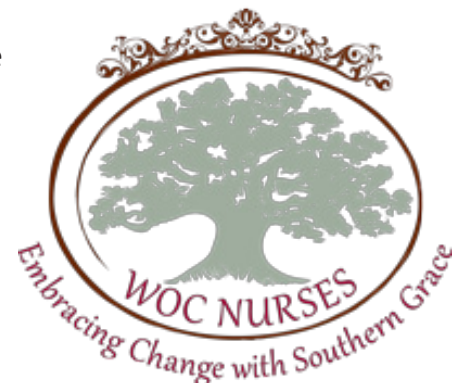
Dorothy Doughty will teach the WOC nurse review course again this year September 26 – 27, during preconference. The conference will officially start Thursday noon with our keynote speaker, Dr. Niall Galloway. He will be the first of many nationally recognized speakers participating in this year's conference. Conference attendees will be able to earn up to 18 contact hours. New this year, conference attendees will have a choice of different topics as we will be offering concurrent sessions on Saturday afternoon.

We have scheduled time Thursday and Friday to meet with our vendors who are so important to us and our patients and who make this conference possible. ConvaTec has again graciously agreed to sponsor The Great Comebacks Award Dinner which will be held at Savannah's beautiful Charles Morris House on Thursday evening. Hollister, KCI and Molnlycke have also kindly agreed to sponsor mealtime symposiums.

Saturday evening, the SER WOCN will have an awards celebration and dinner that you will not want to miss. We will end the conference by testing your knowledge of the content presented earlier in the week. Dorothy Doughty and Merrill Fraser will host our first Jeopardy-like game, so plan to take good notes!

We are looking forward to seeing you in September. Hotel information is already posted on the SER WOCN website. Conference details will be available soon.

Best Regards,  
Merrill and Cynthia



**Save the Date: September 27-30, 2012**  
**Hyatt Regency Savannah**  
**Savannah, Georgia**



### SER WOCN ELECTIONS!

by Michael Byars, RN, BSN, CWOCN



Serve Others and Help Yourself! Opportunities to serve the SER, make a difference in our specialty, give a voice to your state or region and earn PGP can be accomplished by getting involved. The fellowship and leadership opportunities are professionally enriching through committee membership. Accept the privilege to contribute your ideas and energy to the great SER WOCN! Please nominate someone (with their permission) or consider volunteering yourself for one of the following positions by completing the "Consent to Serve Form" at SERWOCN.org

#### **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 such 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**

The Director of Awards shall serve as the coordinator of all awards: WOC Nurse of the Year, Celebrate WOC Nurse Week, Rookie of the Year, State Recognition Award, and Dorothy Doughty Research Scholarship.

#### **Director of Communications**

#### **Top Six Reasons to Serve on the Board**

1. Your support allows for SER WOCN to continue promoting high standards for all WOCNs
2. Each Board member receives a stipend to cover expenses for Spring Board meeting and Regional/National Conference
3. PGP re-certification allows for leadership roles
4. Regional offices can help you to prepare for National Office
5. Great networking

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### VP Report

by Mary McNeil, RN, BS, CWOCN



At the recent board meeting, it was decided to propose a bylaws amendment to the membership. This amendment would offer the membership the ability to vote for on-line bylaw changes/amendments. This amendment will be presented at the membership meeting at the Regional Meeting during the WOCN Conference in Charlotte.

If you do not think you will attend this membership meeting and have questions about amending the by-laws to allow for on-line amendment voting, please contact Mary McNeil through the SER WOCN website.

**Submit your "Consent to Serve" form on-line at:**  
[http://serwocn.org/2012-consent\\_to\\_serve.html](http://serwocn.org/2012-consent_to_serve.html)

### On-Line Voting

During the 2010 SER Membership Meeting, members approved to change SER's voting system. Members will cast their votes on-line only. **Important 2012 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 29:** Election Results will be announced during the Membership meeting

**"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."**  
*Psalm 133:1,3*



### Awards Report

by Cindy Norris, BSN, RN, CWOCN  
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### Urgent and Special Bulletin – Call for Award Nominations

We as a Board have much new and exciting news for you. We have listened and responded to the many requests from our members. Active members of the SER WOCN can now apply for one of three \$500 scholarships to assist with conference expenses.

It is time again to begin the process of nominating those who have given so much to this organization – **WOC Nurse of the Year and Rookie of the Year**. Please take the time to nominate someone who you feel shines in the wound, ostomy and/or continence field and whose practice is exceptional and worthy of acknowledgment.

#### Host State Recognition Award

The Honorary Scholarship Award has been renamed “Host State Recognition Award”. This award recipient will be selected by the host state conference planning committee. A donation in the recipient’s honor will be presented to the WOCN Scholarship Committee.

#### SER Conference Scholarships

Four \$500 SER Conference Scholarships will be awarded this year to help offset conference expenses. Three active members and one applicant who is interested in wound, ostomy and continence nursing will have the opportunity to receive these scholarships. Scholarship winners will be notified by July 1, 2012. Scholarship recipients must attend SER Conference, where they will be awarded their \$500 scholarship.

#### Celebrate WOC Nurse Week Award

April 8 – 14, 2012

The SER WOCN is proud to support and sponsor WOC Nurse Week. The WOC Nurse Week Award recipient will receive reimbursement for their conference registration fee. The award winner will be notified by July 1, 2012 and will be awarded their conference registration scholarship during the SER conference.

#### Youth Rally

The Youth Rally has asked that our annual camper assistance scholarship be sent directly to them. This will give the Youth Rally flexibility to use our scholarship for any camper(s) within the SER who needs financial assistance. Our Board agreed to send a \$2000.00 scholarship donation to the Youth Rally.

#### Dorothy Doughty Research Grant

This grant is available to support planned research expenses, such as supplies, research consultation, med/surg supplies, etc... The maximum research grant amount is \$1,500 per research project.

Please take a few minutes of your precious time to apply or nominate yourself or a colleague for these awards and scholarships. I have learned so much serving on the Board this year and challenge you to run for office. Deadlines for submission and applications are located on the SER website. Happy Easter to everyone.

Your Director of Awards and Scholarships,  
Cindy Jones Norris  
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### Director - Special Projects

by Sharon Traylor, RN, CWOCN  
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Spring is finally here and I can't really say "I'm glad for warmer weather" because we haven't had much cold weather this year here in Florida. As I drive in to work, I love seeing all the things in bloom. We have beautiful trees called Tabebuia, both in yellow and pink, and the azaleas are gorgeous. As the plants around us blossom and grow, so should we with new knowledge and skills. Our SER 2012 Conference will be in Savannah this fall. What a beautiful city.



We just took our Girl Scout troop there to visit Juliette Gordon Low, the founder of Girl Scouts, birthplace and home. I'm looking forward to a more peaceful visit this fall. Hope to see you all there.

### Here are some other things we can look forward to:

- SER WOCN 2012 Conference: September 27-30, 2012 - Savannah, GA
- FAET: April 20-21, 2012 - Tampa, FL
- SAWC Spring: April 19-22, 2012 - Atlanta, GA
- WOCN 44th Annual Conference: Educating with Ideas for Tomorrow: June 9-13, 2012 - Charlotte, NC
- 13th NPUAP National Biennial Conference – Deep Tissue Injury: The State of the Science: Feb. 22-23, 2013 - Houston, TX



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### Certification Review Webinar

presented by **Dorothy Doughty**

On-line recorded Webinar as been extended,  
and is available on-line anytime  
through **December 31, 2012**

**Cost: \$100.00**

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



### Here's what available online:

- WOCN website - Global Learning Center
- [www.NursingCenter.com/CE](http://www.NursingCenter.com/CE) - continuing education articles:
  - CE's from WOCN journal
  - CE's from skin/wound topics
- [www.mhcwoundcare.com](http://www.mhcwoundcare.com) - six continuing education articles on wound care
- [www.medlineuniversity.com](http://www.medlineuniversity.com) - programs on pressure ulcer prevention, continence, wound care and more
- [www.us.coloplast.com](http://www.us.coloplast.com) - programs on pressure ulcers, continence and ostomy management
- [www.inquisit.org](http://www.inquisit.org) - online/live programs
- [www.ehob.com](http://www.ehob.com) - educational webinars
- [www.nursingceportal.com](http://www.nursingceportal.com) - online specialty courses

Have a safe and wonderful Spring and Summer! Don't forget the sunscreen!!

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### Congratulations Ian Cordes

Ian Cordes of Corecare Associates (SER Management Company) has been selected to serve on FMQAI's Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) Strategic Council (QSC).



FMQAI is the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization for the state of Florida, which aims to reduce hospital-associated infections, healthcare-acquired conditions, and adverse drug effects, as well as improve transitions of care, promote the use of electronic health records, and engage in the improvement of cardiac health, through the use of Learning and Action Networks (LANs). These LANs will help guide FMQAI in their quest of improving quality care delivery and health outcomes for all Florida Medicare beneficiaries.

The 14 member panel representing providers, practitioners, beneficiaries, and family members, will provide guidance and expertise to FMQAI in the initiation and direction of QSC's goals to achieve maximum spread of best practices statewide. Council members will also serve as subject matter experts and brand ambassadors to ensure that stakeholders understand the importance of the QIO program and its intended benefits for the improvement in quality of care and the health care community.





## Greetings from the Great State of Alabama

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

The New Year began with another destructive tornado in January but we are still standing and as the old adage goes "we shall overcome". Needless to say, the Alabama WOC nurses are taking it all in stride as they are busy planning our upcoming State meeting to be held April 27, 2012. In addition, we are planning a "Lunch and Learn" on Skin Issues at the End of Life; to be held at Flemmings. This program will be sponsored by Stryker on May 3, 2012. If this is not enough, the Alabama WOC nurses are also working out all the details for an August workshop to be held at UAB Highlands entitled "2012 Spotlight on Wounds, Ostomy and Continence". For additional information on any of the programs listed you may contact Karen Edwards at 205-934-6809.



### Congratulations

#### Corner

Angela Graham was promoted to a new position as Manager of Educational Support Services with Alacare. This couldn't have happened to a more deserving person. Well done Angela!

Jessie Dickerson received an \$8,000 scholarship to start another career as a "doula". A doula is a Greek word meaning "Caretaker of women". Jessie will be mentoring -pregnant women prenatally, during labor and delivery and postpartum for the BirthWell Partners and International Dona Org. This is Jessie's way of giving back for the many blessings she has received in her life.

Sharon White passed her WOCN Re-Certification Examination. You go girl!!! You are good to go for another five (5) years

### Condolences

Condolences are extended to Joyce Carroll in the recent loss of her mother-in-law.

### Community Service Projects

The Birmingham WOC nurses are one of the sponsors for the following community projects: Deborah Thedford's will participate in the "Walk from Obesity" on April 14, 2012 in Regions Park. Karen Edwards solicitation on behalf of the Alabama Colorectal Institute's "Rump Shaker's Run" on March 31, 2012. The website is: <http://aldives.razoo.com/> Cheryl Lane is forming a team "Walk these LANES for MS" which will be part of the MS Walk in Homewood Park on April 14, 2012.

Karen Edwards is requesting everyone to send pictures of skin tears to include skin tears where the top layer of skin is completely gone; skin tears that are able to be partially approximated and skin tears that can be completely approximated. These pictures are needed ASAP to assist the work of the International Skin Tear Panel.

**We wish to thank our outgoing President Nancy Strunk for a job well done and welcome our new 2012 officers:**

Karen Edwards	President
Najia Washington	Vice-President
Hattie Stokes Reasor	Treasurer
Cheryl Lane	Secretary

Respectfully submitted,

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





## Summer in Georgia

by Kathie Fuller, BS, RN, CWOCN

### Greetings from Georgia...

The WOC nurses at Wellstar Kennestone Hospital have been busy! The team is happy to announce that Donna Andrew, Lisa Sherman and Sharon Hornbuckle have joined Christine Reuscher and Marlies Niehuser in the in-patient wound care department. Donna comes from Wellstar Hospice and has completed her WOC education and passed her boards as a CWOCN! Congratulations Donna! Lisa previously worked in one of the Kennestone surgical units and has recently completed the WOC course at Emory WOCNEP. Lisa is preparing for her certification exams—Good luck Lisa! Sharon has “come home”—as she puts it—to work in WOC Nursing again. Sharon retired from St. Joseph Hospital and left her administrative work behind to get WOC-recertified! Welcome back



Sharon! Congratulations also to Christine Reuscher and Marlies Niehuser who achieved the Clinical Advancement Level II and III respectively. The Kennestone Outpatient Wound Center is proud to announce that Yvette Mier has presented a poster titled: “The Importance of Correct Product Selection in Offloading Heel Pressure Ulcers” at the National WOCN Society Conference and at SAWC. Congratulations also to Yvette for achieving Clinical Advancement Level II. Liza Clemens joined the Kennestone Wound Treatment Center from one of the cardiac units. Liza recently passed her certification exams and is now a CWOCN. Congratulations Liza!

**See you in Savannah!**

The Emory University Hospital team is happy to announce the addition of Lauren Flook-Brown. Lauren will work primarily at Wesley Woods. Cynthia Timms and Merrill Frazier, also of EUH, continue to work diligently on 2012 SER Conference. According to Merrill, there will be volunteer opportunities before and during the conference. Let Merrill know if you are able to help with registration or room monitoring. Beth Hendrix, Chairperson for the silent auction encourages you to contact her with any silent auction items or ideas. Contact Beth at [elizabeth.hendrix@northside.com](mailto:elizabeth.hendrix@northside.com). Thanks to Regenesys Biomedical for sponsoring the Atlanta Area WOC Consortium in March. The next consortium will be sponsored by Coloplast Corp. in late May—date, time and location to be announced.

Thank you for letting me serve you as reporter.  
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Kathie Fuller





## Florida - The Sunshine State

by Linda Ravenhorst, BSN, MBA, RN, CWON

Let's start our story from Marsha Thoemke in Southwest Florida, Naples/Fort Myers by saying that the winter season has been very busy this year. All those snowbirds have been finding their way from the northern states to keep those WOC nurses with job security!!

Let's continue up the west coast, did you know Jill Lindsay just graduated from Emory University long distance WOCN Program and received her certification in November, 2011. She is now working at Fawcett Memorial Hospital. Congratulations, Jill, we love to see new certified WOC nurses coming up through the ranks!



Then continuing to Sarasota Memorial Hospital where Lisa Leedom has been working for 10 years on a specialty inpatient wound care unit. Lisa accepted the house-wide position as a wound care and ostomy consultant in September 2011 and enrolled in the WOCN program shortly after that. Congratulations Lisa on working full time, studying and completing all of her clinical hours. She finished her certification exams last month and is officially a new CWOCN--Congratulations. Now her job is to convince administration about the value of having more than just her covering all of the house-wide needs on a daily basis. She has enjoyed that fact that everyone is incredibly supportive and helpful as she manages the role by herself. The Florida nurses hope to meet you at the FAET Conference in April.

## Tampa Bay News



Did you hear – Judy Papen got married February 11, 2012 to a wonderful guy who she met on eharmony.com - named Bob Cannistraro. They've been together a little over 2 years and after being a single lady for 66 years; Judy decided to tie the knot!!! She is learning how to share and compromise and having fun figuring it all out. To add to this joy in her life, she has decided to retire from Molnlycke Health Care. With a new man in her life and most of her friends retired, she thought it would be the right time. She has lots of things to do in the future, including traveling, which they both love. If anyone is interested in having a great job as a Regional Clinical Specialist with a fantastic company, let Judy know.

Beverly Higbea just completed WOCN School at Emory University in November 2011. She is currently studying to take her certification exams to become a CWOCN. She currently works at Florida Hospital Tampa. Congratulations Beverly.

Our next stop will be at the VA of Tampa. Christine Bennett has recertified for the first time in Wound, Ostomy and Continence through PGP. Congratulations on your recertification. Christine will agree with

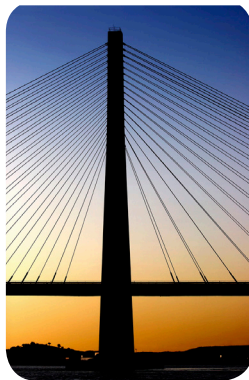


## Tampa Bay News *continued*

all of us who have re-certified through PGP, no more pressure from having to sit for the exams. Did you also know that Jane Nichols has a summer wedding planned? Have you noticed the smile on her face and the twinkle in her eye??

Let's skip over to Moffitt Cancer Hospital, where Barbara Bagby just got recertified through PGP for another 5 years! Yeah and Congratulations! She is also excited that her daughter will be visiting from South Africa in April for 10 days. Nancy Scott's son 1st Lt. Daniel Scott will return in March from a USAF deployment in Kuwait. She asks that we pray for the safe return of all our troops. Nancy is on a vacation/business trip to her native Puerto Rico as this is being written--Enjoy Nancy. Barbara Bagby and Nancy Scott are participating in "March: Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month" at Moffitt Cancer Center's community events.

We'll jump over the bridge to the BayCare hospitals next. We learned that Debbie Crum recertified by PGP in all 3 areas a few months ago. Linda Ravenhorst retired on 11-11-11 from the BayCare system, then got her plane tickets to Germany for Christmas to see her son, Major HR Ravenhorst, (really to see the 3 grandchildren) and celebrate Julie, her daughter-in-law's birthday. She enjoyed the villages with huge fairs of Christmas events. Her son Rusty took her to Holland so they could celebrate Linda's brother and sister-in-law's 50th wedding anniversary. If you retire you wonder how you had time to work!! Linda is finished knitted sweaters for her grandchildren for Christmas, teaching some CPR classes, back to playing piano at church, and planning to become a Faith Community Nurse.



## Orlando Area News

Now we are going to turn East and go to the middle of the State. We wish to give our condolences to Sharon Traylor from Winter Haven Hospital on the death of her husband. Times like that are never easy and our thoughts and prayers are with you, Sharon.

Next to Florida Hospital Orlando--listen to this--Patti Helmlinger took 4 certification exams in one day and is now a CWOCN and a CFCN. Yahoo Patti!! Maria Soto recently became recertified through the PGP. Way to go Maria.

Richard Cherry PhD, ARNP, CWOCN was invited by KCI to San Antonio to learn about innovative application techniques for VAC therapy. Florida Hospital has also added a new WOC nurse to their staff. Her name is Myunghwal Lee. She is a recent graduate of Emory University's WOCN program. Welcome to the WOCN group Myunghwal.



**It is not too late to register for the Florida Association of Enterostomal Therapist Spring Conference being held at the lovely Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay on Friday evening April 20 and all day Saturday April 21st. There you will find a great variety of topics to learn about nursing specialty. Visit the website [www.FAET.org](http://www.FAET.org) for a copy of the brochure to register and share. For further information you may also contact Sheryl Fulmer at [Sheryl.Fulmer@baycare.org](mailto:Sheryl.Fulmer@baycare.org) or work phone 727-462-7243.**





## North Carolina NEWS

by Colleen Spiller, MA, BSN, RN, CWOCN

As your new State Reporter, I want to personally thank Judy Plemmons for all her years as the North Carolina State Reporter. The NC WOC Nurses group is proud to have a second group research project published. Please see our newest article in the November/December 2011 JWOCN entitled: Suspected Deep Tissues Injury Evaluated by North Carolina Nurses. Thanks to all who participated!

Melody Austin is President of the North Carolina Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Group. President Elect is Laurie Crookenden and Secretary is Peggy McCracken. Welcome aboard everyone and thanks for your service to our group.

Leanne Richbourg has had an article accepted in Gastrointestinal Nursing on the subject of dietary changes after ostomy surgery. Well done Leanne! Donna Partin is to precept at Duke in preparation for taking the ostomy certification exam. She completed the ostomy course at Emory in October.

Along those same lines, Brenda Emmerth was recently accepted to the Emory Distance Learning Program for ostomy and continence. Good luck Donna and Brenda. Brenda's daughter Madison Fox graduated from UNC Chapel Hill last December and is now working at Duke Medical Center. Congratulations!

Peggy McCracken has rejoined the Specialty Wound Care Team at Advanced Home Care. We are excited to have her back on our team! She covers the TriCities, TN and Wise, VA. areas. Welcome back Peggy!

The Carolina Healthcare System are working in conjunction with Charlotte AHEC to present a workshop entitled: "Ostomy Care 101 - a Primer for Ostomy Care Principles for Nurses". The date is April 17th 2012. For more info, contact Brenda Rutland at 704-667-5002. The class is open to hospital, homecare, physician offices and long Colleen Spiller: [nc.reporter@wocn.org](mailto:nc.reporter@wocn.org)



**June 9-13 sees Charlotte as the site of the WOCN convention for 2012.**

**Registration is now open - mark your calendars!**





## South Carolina News

by Barbara Righter, RN, CWOCN

### Announcing ..... SER Conference 2013

#### "Let's Do the Charleston"

**"Choreographing New Steps in Wound \* Ostomy & Continence Care**

**September 18 – 21, 2013**

The SC WOC's/WC's have been working hard to plan the 2013 SER Conference in Charleston, S.C. Conference chairs, Elizabeth Jones and Dorothy Lawson report that the great team of dedicated SC nurses are organizing a wonderful conference, in a beautiful city. So mark your calendars and start practicing your dance steps !



#### **WOCs 'On the Move'**

Congratulations to Tena Jordan, CWOCN, a 2011-2012 Palmetto Gold Award recipient; Tena will be recognized at a reception on April 21.



Meredith Dew RN has completed her WOCN course at Emory WOCN program and is taking the exam in the next 2 weeks. Meredith works with Elaine Rush at the Wound Healing Center of St. Frances Healthcare in Greenville SC who reports "it's great to have Meredith on our team".

Congratulations to Trident System's Cheryl Rodgers CWON (Inpatient) and Belinda Bradley CWN (Outpatient Advanced Wound Center) for successfully completing the requirements for WOCN recertification.

#### **Classifieds**

"Carolinas Hospital System" in Florence SC is looking for a full time WOCN to be the Nurse Manager for the Wound Center and Acute Care WOCN. There is also a WOCN position available. If you interested, contact Cindy Norris CWOCN at 843-674-5645.

Interested in working on the Silent Auction Committee for the 2013 SER Conference, in Charleston, SC, please contact Cindy Norris at [cnorriscwocn@bellsouth.net](mailto:cnorriscwocn@bellsouth.net).

Going to SER in Savannah and need a roommate to share expenses? E mail me at: [Barbara.Righter@HCAhealthcare.com](mailto:Barbara.Righter@HCAhealthcare.com) and I will help to make the connection



#### **Always looking for SC WOC News**

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Thanks, Barbara



## Greetings from Tennessee!

by Amy Bandelier, BSN, RN, CWOCN

This is my first installment for the newsletter as the new Tennessee reporter. It must be quiet in the state of TN as I did not hear from anyone about any changes coming about, so I guess I will tell you the only news I have.

As of March 16th I will no longer be a Clinical Manager at the Advanced Wound Center at Southern Hills Medical Center in Nashville, I am going to a team of WOC nurses at Centennial Hospital. I am looking forward to jumping back into a hospital WOC nurse role and also about working with this team of nurses. I hope to have more news with the next newsletter.

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## Katherine Rides Again...

On October 22, 2011, my dear friend Katherine Jeter and I, her friend Marge, who completed the cross country ride last spring, Stephen - one of her sons and her daughter Sally completed a milestone - a century bike ride - 100 miles in one day!

We rode on the Silver Comet Trail from Smyrna, Georgia to Anniston, Alabama.

Katherine's husband Jack served as logistics manager and SAG wagon coordinator and we couldn't have done it without him. Luckily we had no accidents or bicycle failures, not even a flat tire. Very blessed indeed!

It was a beautiful but chilly day at 38 degrees when we started. The trail is very nice, mostly flat except one 5 mile stretch (that was very difficult for this Florida flatlander), but we made it! All five of us were, as Katherine put it, "first in our age group" for the ride.....of course, we were all the only ones in age group but hey - we did it!!

After the ride I discovered the miracle of Epsom salts for taking away muscle pain - it really works! Left there feeling pretty proud of myself and amazed that I was able to do it. Katherine can be very persuasive and is certainly helping me not get rusty. It was great fun and I treasure the time we had together.

Linda Moore BSN, RN, CWON  
Largo, Florida



Left to Right: Marge, Katherine, Linda, Stephen and Sally