

## President's Report

Laura Shafer, BSN, RN, CWON



**Happy  
Summer  
Everyone!**

I have been blessed to have served as your President for the last 4 years. As all of you know WOC nursing is an incredibly rewarding field! This is my 24th year working as an ET/WOCN. Looking back I remember the high excitement teaching students, to having a new ostomy patient change their pouch for the first time, to feeling overwhelmed with 20 new consults. As all of you know these highs and lows can occur in an hour.

I have always considered it a privilege to serve as a Board Member and as a benefit it's also been a real joy getting to know so many WOC nurses from the Southeast Region. Please consider volunteering next year as it is a rewarding opportunity! Hope to see you in Savannah.

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## Spotlight on: Joanna Burgess, RN, CWOCN

### **Great Comebacks® Recognizes our very own Joanna Burgess as National Award Recipient**

Southeast Region WOCN's very own Joanna Burgess was awarded this year's Great Comebacks® National Award recipient. ConvaTec's Great Comebacks® Program, now in its 27th year, annually honors outstanding individuals who inspire others to live life to the fullest after ostomy surgery.

Joanna's ostomy journey began when she was just 3 years old. She was diagnosed with a rare type of bladder cancer and given only a 10% chance of survival. Treatment including a urostomy and radiation saved her life, but it also caused many lingering health problems that still continue today. Strong cobalt radiation therapy affected the growth of her bones, and for much of her life she has had difficulty walking and recurring pain caused by radiation-induced colitis. She underwent bilateral hip replacements and bypass surgery to try to improve her walking, but Joanna would never regain full motion in her legs. Through all of her medical challenges, Joanna's positive attitude and desire to help others kept her going. She went on to earn her bachelor's degree in nursing, initially specializing in pediatrics.

"My passion has been to give back as part of my own journey to come back fully into life. I feel that I am succeeding and have been a source of strength for many people needing hope and guidance," said Joanna.

"It makes a difference to see someone functioning well and happy with an ostomy when you are just starting out on that journey. When I was growing up, I kept thinking, 'I wish there was somebody like me I could talk to.'"

Joanna soon found another passion in helping patients with lymphedema. When lymphedema caused her own leg to swell, she



For more information on  
Great Comebacks visit  
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## Communications Report

by Patti Haberer, MA, BSN, RN, CWOCN  
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During the annual membership meeting in Charlotte, NC – September 2010, a member asked, “when will SER WOCN have its own Facebook page?” After all these months, I didn’t forget. SER WOCN now has its own Facebook page. Currently, we have over 50 “likes” including National WOCN who has liked us. You can find us at [www.facebook.com/serwocn](http://www.facebook.com/serwocn).



Congratulations to Joanna Burgess, the 2012 National Great Comebacks® winner. If you haven’t already, spend a few minutes and read Joanna’s story. She is truly an inspiration for all.

Candidate biographies for 2012 SER WOCN elections are posted on the website. Beginning July 15th through August 15th, online voting will take place. At the recent SER meeting held at National WOCN, Mary McNeil announced that the SER Board has proposed we as a Region change our bylaws to closely mirror National’s bylaws. For example, instead of electing a President and Vice President, we would elect a President-Elect who after 2 years would move into the President position. Prior to our annual conference membership meeting in Savannah, recommended changes to the bylaws will be posted on the website.

The Southeast Region continues to be blessed with members who volunteer more than just their time to this wonderful organization. At the National WOCN level, we have:

- Phyllis Kupsick (NC) - President Elect
- Mary Arnold-Long (SC) - Secretary
- Carolyn Watts (TN) was just elected Treasurer
- Phyllis Bonham (SC) – Immediate Past President
- Regina Holmes (SC) was re-elected to Director Area #4
- Mary McNeil (NC) was just elected to WOCN’s Nominating Committee
- And finally, thank-you Ben Peirce (FL), out-going Treasurer for your years of service to the organization

Enjoy your summer, protect your skin and see you Savannah!



### SER WOCN 2012 Conference

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



As we all brave the increasing temperatures of July, August and September with southern grace and lots of sweet iced tea, we must remember that the SER WOCN conference is only a few short months away in beautiful, historic Savannah in the cool rooms of the Hyatt Regency.

Please join us for this exciting SER WOCN conference. You will all have the opportunity to attend informative and inspiring presentations by well known speakers and evaluate the newest ostomy, wound and continence products by leading manufacturers.

#### Call for Posters

There will be poster presentations prepared by your colleagues, and/or possibly YOU. Yes, YOU! You still have time to submit an abstract. The deadline is August 30, 2012, and the guidelines are provided online at [www.serwocn.org](http://www.serwocn.org). Your abstract can describe a research study, case study or practice innovation in the areas of professional practice, wound, ostomy or continence for your poster presentation.

#### Silent Auction

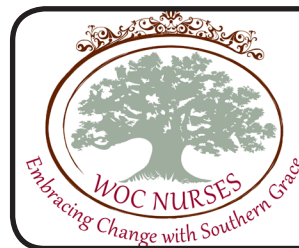
Please do not forget our silent auction, the proceeds of which will support SER WOCN conference scholarships. Beth Hendrix, our Silent Auction Chairperson, has challenged everyone to recruit one silent auction donor, but remember you can donate an item as well.

We look forward in seeing you at this year's conference, "WOC Nurses Embracing Change with Southern Grace." It is truly the year of change and growth for us all.

Please see your conference brochure or the online Schedule of Events for more detailed information.

#### Awards Banquet

The 2012 SER WOCN Conference Planning Committee has also planned an Awards Banquet on Saturday evening, September 29th to celebrate our extraordinary WOC nurses.



Join us  
**September 26-30**

Hyatt Regency Savannah  
Savannah, Georgia

#### Hotel Information

Note: Our group discount rate expires on August 15th. Go to <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/woundostomy> or call 1-888-421-1442 (mention our group) to make your reservations.

Best Regards,

Cynthia and Merrill  
2012 Conference Co-Chair



### SER WOCN ELECTIONS!

by Michael Byars, BSN, RN, CWOCN



At the 2010 SER Membership Meeting, members approved to change SER's voting system. Members will cast their votes online prior to the SER Annual Conference. The 2012 slate with each candidate's bios is now available for preview on our website.

When voting opens on July 15th, all current, active WOCN members who have listed SER as their Region/Affiliate will have an opportunity to cast a ballot. You will be asked to provide your first and last name, email address and WOCN membership number. Your information will only be used for eligibility validation purposes, and will not be seen by any SER officer or member. Only one vote per member will be counted. If you submit more than one vote, only the latest vote to be cast is counted.

If you need to look up your WOCN membership number, verify your membership status and/or selected Region/Affiliate visit [www.wocn.org](http://www.wocn.org).

### Online Voting

#### Important 2012 dates to remember:



**June 15:** Candidate's Bios available online



**July 15:** Online Voting Opens



**August 15:** Online Voting Closes



**September 29:** Election Results will be announced during the Membership meeting



### Awards Report

by Cindy Jones Norris, BSN, RN, CWOCN  
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### Greetings from South Carolina, the home of Myrtle Beach and the romantic city of Charleston!

The SER Board has worked very hard and diligently to encourage our WOC nurses to be more actively involved in the annual awards and scholarships this year. Once again email blasts were sent reminding our nurses to nominate or apply for the awards and scholarships. State WOC nurse groups were asked to encourage their members to promote this at their meetings. Personal emails and phone calls were made to encourage members to take the time to visit our website and familiarize themselves with the awards and scholarships. It was effective and successful! We have had an overwhelming response and your effort is appreciated.



Our exceptional, dedicated colleagues who have made an impact on our lives, our patient's lives and community, or have contributed to our SER WOCN organization will be honored at our SER Conference this September. Awards this year include: WOC Nurse of The Year, Rookie of the Year, Host State Recognition Award, and the Dorothy Doughty Research Grant.

#### Conference Scholarships

SER WOCN offered three \$500 scholarships to active SER WOC nurse members and one \$500 scholarship to an RN who is interested in wound, ostomy, and continence nursing to attend SER WOCN Conference. The \$500 will be awarded at conference. We had seven applicants apply for the active member scholarships. This is the first time these scholarships have been offered as a result of listening to our member's concerns and recognizing a need to assist our members financially in these economically challenging times.

#### WOC Nurse Week Winner

The WOC Nurse Week winner will receive a conference registration scholarship to help offset conference expenses. A summation of the winner's WOCN Nurse Week events will be included in an upcoming issue of SER News.

#### Youth Rally Scholarship

The Youth Rally Scholarship was handled differently this year. Scholarship money was sent directly to the Youth Rally to use for campers in the SER at their discretion.

Our Board appreciates all that you do every day, whether it is administering care and encouragement to patients and families or working in the area of an educator or researcher or other areas of WOC nursing. Hats off to every one of you! Keep up the good work. Hope everyone had a great July 4th to celebrate our GREAT Country and freedom we all enjoy and often take for granted. Hope to see many of you in Savannah.

Your Director of Awards and Scholarships,  
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### Director - Special Projects

by Sharon Traylor, RN, CWOCN  
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I hope everyone who attended the National Conference in Charlotte, NC had a wonderful time. It's always exciting to go to conference and learn something new. I enjoy meeting new people and networking with everyone. I am really looking forward to the SER Conference in Savannah and hope you all are too.



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



- SAWC Fall - September 12-14, 2012 - Baltimore MD
- SER WOCN 2012 Conference - September 26-30, 2012 - Savannah, GA
- 13th NPUAP National Biennial Conference - Deep Tissue Injury: The State of the Science - February 22-23, 2013 - Houston, TX
- SAWC Spring - May 2-5, 2013 - Denver, CO
- WOCN Annual Conference - June 22-26, 2013 - Seattle, WA

#### News from WOCN Society:

WOCN's Continuing Education Center (CEC) formerly called the Global Learning Center has been recreated. Sections within CEC include: Conference Library, Webcasts, Continuing Education and Wound Treatment Associate Program. Take time to explore this newly created website - [www.prolibraries.com/wocn/](http://www.prolibraries.com/wocn/)

#### Here's what available online:

- [www.medlineuniversity.com](http://www.medlineuniversity.com) - programs on pressure ulcer prevention, continence, wound care, ostomy management and more
- [www.us.coloplast.com](http://www.us.coloplast.com) - programs on pressure ulcers, incontinence 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
- [www.mhcwoundcare.com](http://www.mhcwoundcare.com) - programs on wound care

Enjoy the lazy days of summer  
but don't forget the sunscreen!

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### Certification Review Webinar

presented by **Dorothy Doughty**

Online recorded Webinar as been extended, and is available online anytime through **December 31, 2012. Cost: \$100.00**  
[www.serwocn.org/webinarinfo.html](http://www.serwocn.org/webinarinfo.html)



## Greetings from the Great State of Alabama

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



In spite of the sweltering triple digit temperatures we have continued to experience in Alabama; the WOC nurses in Alabama have managed to remain productive.

On April 28th, we had a very successful State meeting that ultimately resulted in a great planning session for our upcoming 2014 WOCN SER Conference to be held in Montgomery, Alabama. This conference will be chaired by the capable leadership of Michael Byars and his co-chairs, Jennifer Anderson and Karen Eubank. Be on the lookout for further details in future issues.

On August 16, 2012, the Birmingham WOC nurses will hold a one day workshop. This workshop will be held at the UAB Highland facility. The cost to attend is only \$10 and according to our latest registration count of 108; the workshop is already sold out. We wish to thank all of our participants in advance for making this workshop so successful.



### Congratulations Corner

Mary Hooper and colleagues had a poster presentation sponsored by Stryker at the National Conference recently held in Charlotte. The poster was entitled:  
Interdisciplinary Pressure Ulcer Prevention Program Reduces Hospital-Acquired Pressure Ulcer Prevalence 63%.

Cheryl Lane and Roz Jordan were selected to participate on the WOCN Professional Practice Committee for the term 2012-2014. We expect great things from these two.

Julie Bray and husband Bryan welcomed their new baby boy (David Brooks) on May 1st. Needless to say, this is one happy couple.

Cynthia Cunningham received a \$100 donation from the Birmingham WOCNs for her participation in the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation walk-a-thon.

Respectfully submitted,

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## Summer in Georgia

by Kathie Fuller, BS, RN, CWOCN

**See you in Savannah!**

### Greetings from Georgia...

I can't believe that summer is here! As I write this, Georgians are expecting record temperatures for the weekend! As the thermometer climbs to 100 degrees on Saturday, WOC Nurses will be dreaming of cool breezes in historic Savannah in September! Wait a minute - there's still a lot of work to be done before SER Conference. Beth Hendrix, Silent Auction Chairperson has received many silent auction items and promises of items as well. Beth encourages everyone to take up the One Donor Challenge - the challenge: every Georgia SER member is asked to get one silent auction donor. Silent auction monies provide assistance through scholarships. Merrill Fraser and Cynthia Timms are busy with conference preparations; please contact them at [conf.chair@serwocn.org](mailto:conf.chair@serwocn.org) if you have time or talent to volunteer.



### Atlanta Area WOC Nursing Consortium

A special thanks to Coloplast Corp. for sponsoring dinner and education at the Atlanta Area WOC Nursing Consortium on May 31st. Joe Edgar of Knoxville, TN, long time ostomate and Coloplast Quality of Life Study participant gave a presentation on his journey through cancer and life with an ostomy. Joe reminded WOC nurses of the lives they touch and the importance of what they do. Patti Haberer instructed attendees on the use of the peristomal skin evaluation tool developed as part of the Coloplast Quality of Life Study. The next consortium is planned for July 17th hosted by Hollister Corp, entitled Visualizing the Death of Wound Microorganisms. RSVP to Aileen Ankrom at [aileen.ankrom@emoryhealthcare.org](mailto:aileen.ankrom@emoryhealthcare.org)

### Moving On – A New Challenge

After 21+ years as Gwinnett Medical Center's Wound Treatment Center Manager, Laura Shafer has left to take on a new challenge. Laura is the new Mid-South Regional Clinical Specialist for Molnlycke Health Care. Laura covers Southern Illinois, Western Indiana, Missouri, Kentucky, Arkansas, Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi and Georgia. Laura says her new job combines lots of travel with tons of fun. Speaking of tons of fun, Laura has just returned from 12 days in Italy including a week on beautiful Lake Como. Congratulations Laura!



### New Additions to the Georgia WOC Nursing Family – Welcome!

- Emory University Hospital welcomes Martha Lincoln who graduated from Emory WOCNEP in March 2012. Martha is an Emory BSN graduate from 2008 and has worked on 11E Urology/Gynecology.
- Northside Hospital welcomes Kate Lee. Kate also graduated from Emory WOCNEP in March and is in the process of taking her certification exams. Kate will work primarily at Northside-Forsyth.
- The Wellstar Kennestone group is pleased to welcome Marie Turner, BS, RN, CWON as its newest team member to the in-patient department. A native Charlestonian, Marie decided it was time to break out and explore. "Being a CWON allows me to surround myself with confident, knowledgeable and sharing colleagues. It's a great time to be a CWON... you can see the world!"

Thank you for letting me serve you as the Georgia reporter. Please forward your news to me at: [ga.statereporter@serwocn.org](mailto:ga.statereporter@serwocn.org)

Kathie Fuller



## Florida - The Sunshine State

by Linda Ravenhorst, BSN, MBA, RN, CWON

It's summertime in Florida. The sun sure feels good after all the rain we recently had. Did you ever think you would say, "No more rain?" Let's keep our fingers crossed that Florida has a mild hurricane season and that Tropical Storm Debby was the worst we have to encounter this year.



### FAET

The annual FAET conference was held on April 11 and 12th in beautiful Tampa, FL. Sheryl Fulmer, Conference Chairperson did an outstanding job in organizing this year's conference. Pictures of the 2012 conference are on the [faet.org](http://faet.org) website. The theme of the conference was well received.

**F** - Focus on WOCN as a specialty

**A** - Awareness of the importance of the WOCN role for healing & rehabilitation

**E** - Educate & mentor

**T** - Teamwork

Congratulations to Terry Barton who was re-elected as FAET President, Jane Nichols who was elected as Vice-President and Sheryl Fulmer who was elected as Membership Director. A big thank you goes out to Ron Sotomayor and Barbara Bagby for your years of FAET service. Charlene Demers will be hosting the 2013 FAET conference in the Orlando area.

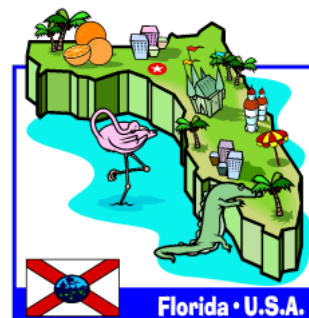
### WOCN Society's Annual Conference

Florida was well represented at the WOCN Conference in Charlotte, NC with at least 30 WOC nurses from across the State attending. Many presented posters:

- Amparo Cano from Broward General Medical Center, Efficacious Modality in the Treatment of Stage IV Pressure Ulcers
- Argelia Welber from Cleveland Clinic Florida had 2 posters, The Effectiveness of Active Leptospermum Honey and a Novel Super-Absorbent Hydrogel Colloidal Sheet in Managing Challenging Lower Extremity Wounds: A Case Study Series and A Sweet Solution to a Bitter Life Problem: The Use of Active Leptospermum Honey Wound and Burn Dressing in a Lower Extremity Chronic Lymphedema Patient: A Case Study
- Barbara Gonzalez, Angela Alder, Kathleen Kenney, and Linda Johnson, Jackson Health System had 2 posters, Overcoming Challenges in Pressure Ulcer Prevention in a Large Hospital System and Conducting and Organizing a Quarterly Pressure Ulcer Prevalence Study in a Large Hospital System
- Joan McInerney, Mary Applegate, and Sandra Wheeler from NCH Healthcare System, Building a Cost-Effective Wound Care Formulary
- Loren Hayes from Wound Technology Network, Wound Care Challenges and Opportunities with Elderly Patients
- Nancy Scott and Barbara Bagby from H Lee Moffitt Cancer Center, Choosing the Right Skin Protection Paste for a Cancer Hospital
- Shawna Philbin from Palm Bay Hospital, Use of a Highly Absorbent Dressing for Multiple Wound Types

### SER WOCN Annual Conference

Looking forward to the SER WOCN Conference this coming September, again Florida will be well represented. Kudos to the conference planning committee for selecting two of Florida's favorite speakers, Dot Weir, who will be speaking on Healing the Recalcitrant Wound and Lea Crestodina, who will be speaking on Diabetes Update & Evidence-based Wound Healing for the Diabetic Patient.



### Job Postings

- Venice Regional Medical (Venice) - Immediate opening for CWON. Full time inpatient / outpatient position. Small hospital with very active wound center. Call Marie Flynn at 941-486-6016 for further information.
- Blake Medical Center (Bradenton) – Looking for a full-time wound care specialist position/from an accredited wound certification program. If interested, apply through the HCA Blake Medical Center website.

Florida wishes you a safe...

# Summer Vacation

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learned about lymphedema therapy. Through her efforts she was also inspired to become a national advocate for lymphedema patients and cofounded one of the first lymphedema treatment centers in North Carolina. Joanna inspired us all with her lecture on lymphedema at this year's National Conference.

In 2010, Joanna married her husband Ross, who continues to be a vital and supportive partner in building her confidence. She also cares for four rescued pets and serves on the board of an environmental service organization. And even with these important responsibilities, Joanna is now working to open an outpatient ostomy clinic at her local hospital so that patients in her area can access educational materials prior to surgery and work with an ostomy nurse through all of their follow-up care.

*Modified from [www.greatcomebacks.com](http://www.greatcomebacks.com)*



*From Left: Debbie Orr, Jane Fellows, Michelle Rice, Melanie Johnson, Joanna, Leanne Richbourg, Leigh Ammons*



## North Carolina NEWS

by Colleen Spiller, MA, BSN, RN, CWOCN

The North Carolina group has been busy, busy, busy! Congratulations to Sheila Heesch who graduated from Emory in Nov. 2011 and passed her CWOCN exam in February 2012. Happiness abounds with Melody Austin and Colleen Spiller who recently recertified as CWOCN's through the PGP process. Good luck to Jackie Clark, a new member, who started the distance learning program through Emory in May. Maurleen Fincher is the new wound ostomy nurse at Lake Norman Regional Medical in Mooresville, NC. Have you heard that Jennifer Kaylor is a candidate for a RN staff nurse position on the NC Board of Nursing?



### WOC Nurse in Washington program



Melody Austin recently had the opportunity to visit Washington DC and experience firsthand how federal and state laws can impact WOC practice. Here is what she had to say:

"Thanks to the WOCN Society for a great experience in DC.

The WOC Nurse in Washington program was a wonderful experience that I would recommend to anyone who has interest in grassroots efforts for the profession of WOC nursing, and for the profession of nursing in general. I was so surprised how excited I was when I arrived and learned about the legislative process and what type of impact we can make. We spent two days learning how we can have our voices heard and impact the care of the patients we serve. This experience gave me the confidence I needed to promote my specialty to others outside of the medical profession. In addition, it fueled my passion to come back to my home state of North Carolina and really understand what is going on with regards to healthcare, and especially the bills that will impact the care that we deliver. I would recommend this experience to all WOC nurses across the country. Make a difference in your profession and get involved in your state and national government, as a voice for the WOC nurses in your state. I would also like to thank my very own NC WOC group for your support!"

### Carolinas Center for Medical Excellence

In addition, some of our members have been participating in CCME (Carolinas Center for Medical Excellence). Here is what Tracie Bullins, CWCN shared: "Carolinas Center for Medical Excellence has an initiative that focuses on Long-term Care Facilities who have a pressure ulcer prevalence rate greater than 6%. Facilities participating in this voluntary initiative hope to reduce their "acquired" pressure ulcers. CCME provides wound care consultants and a CCME staff member to serve as resources. My role along with the CCME staff member is to review the facility's policies and procedures related to wound care, review medical records of those residents who have a pressure ulcer, observe wound care treatments and make recommendations on areas for enhancement. A written synopsis of the site visit is provided to the Director of Nursing and wound treatment staff. I encourage you to become involved with these types of programs in 2013. The need for wound care expertise is apparent within the LTC market. The standards of wound care that we are so familiar with are many times foreign concepts to these LTC staff nurses. The role of the CWCN or CWOCN can take many paths. Not only do we educate our colleagues and patients, but we can shape the future of governmental awareness on just how important interacting with their local chapter of WOC nurses can be."

*The North Carolina group of WOC nurses hope you have a great summer and see you in Savannah!*

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## South Carolina News

by Barbara Righter, RN, CWOCN

**WOW... SER was well represented at the National WOCN Conference in Charlotte. Did we have fun? Did we learn something new? Did we eat a lot of chicken? The Conference was awesome and such a motivator to return home and start doing research or organizing a poster for next year. Salute to the Conference organizers for a job well done.**



### WOCs 'On the Move'

Beth Bradley, WOCN Director of Clinical Affairs with Innovative Therapies, Inc. (ITI), has been promoted to the VP Clinical Position.

Palmetto Health Baptist - Columbia welcomes Vicky Jervis-Rozycki, RN, BSN to the WOC nursing team. Vicky will be starting Emory in the near future.

Faith Singleton, CWON reports that Jacqi Streeter is a new addition to the WOC nurse family at Roper St. Francis Healthcare. She recently graduated from the Emory Ostomy Program and will be sitting for ostomy certification soon.

Cary Dowdy, CWCN, who received the Dorothy Doughty Research Grant in 2010, joined Cindy Norris and the staff at Carolinas Hospital System as the Director of Wound Care Services. Cary recently completed her master's degree and has experience in coordinating the development of a wound center from the ground up. According to Cindy, she is energetic and has much initiative. We welcome her on board!

Carolyn Cuttino, CWOCN (MUSC Charleston) is featured in the upcoming Webinar "Heel Pressure Ulcers: Your Journey Toward Zero Prevalence" on June 27th at 1pm and Sept 26th at 2pm. It's free, so sign up as many nurses that you can! Register at: [www.o-wm.com/DMsystemswebinar](http://www.o-wm.com/DMsystemswebinar). For webinar questions, call 800-237-7285 ext 203. The webinar will last about 50 minutes then be open for Q&A.

Mary Arnold Long, CWOCN (Roper-St Francis, Charleston) was published in the May/June 2012 WOCN Journal, "Incontinence-Associated Dermatitis in a Long-Term Acute Care Facility". We are super proud!

Glenda Brunette, CWON (Roper-Saint Francis Home Health, Charleston) presented two posters at the WOCN Conference in Charlotte: "Resolution of Recalcitrant Wounds with Maltodextran Powder" & "Quality of Life Improvement in a Terminal Home Care Enterocutaneous Fistula Patient". Nice work Glenda.

### Announcements

Jill Haynie Cleary, CWON (East Cooper Medical Center, Mount Pleasant SC) reminds us to begin planning for World Ostomy Day on October 6th. The national UOAA is really promoting that we recognize ostomates and support them. The local Greater Charleston Ostomy Association is trying to get the word out that there are trained ostomates willing to visit your patients who have or who are planning to have ostomy surgery. Mary Ellen Millhouse (843-708-9917) and Jean Brown are the facilitators of this growing group. Thank you for your support of this very special and important group in Charleston. They appreciate anything that we as WOC nurses can do to help grow their positive support group.

### After Hours

- Congratulations to Nina Blanton (Palmetto Health Baptist - Columbia) on the birth of her first grandchild - Arlington Elizabeth Blanton.
- Renee' Epting, CWOCN (Palmetto Health Baptist - Columbia) struck item #1 off of her bucket list in August by going on an Alaskan vacation for 17 days. She highly recommend the experience...it was **AWESOME!!!**



Have a safe and fun summer!  
Remember WOC News is News....  
contact me at

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Thanks, Barbara

### Advice PRN

Please share your facility's assessment of multiple wounds (including pressure ulcers) and how much detail you expect the staff nurses to document?

Email responses to:  
[alma.epting@palmettohealth.org](mailto:alma.epting@palmettohealth.org)

### Congratulations

Regina Holmes, CWOCN (Loris Community Hospital) has been re-elected as Area #4 Director for another 2 years. Way to go Regina!

## Save the Date

### The Southeast Region WOCN 2013 Conference September 27-30, 2013

## LET'S DO THE CHARLESTON - CHOREOGRAPHING NEW STEPS IN WOCN CARE

### Classifieds

Cindy Norris, CWOCN, the 2013 SER Annual Conference's Silent Auction Committee Chairperson is looking for Silent Auction Committee volunteers.  
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## Greetings from Tennessee!

by Amy Bandelier, BSN, RN, CWOCN

So it is official, after 45 years in nursing and 17 years at Centennial Hospital, on June 15, 2012 Pat Smith hugged all of her coworkers good bye as she is now officially retired. In interviewing Pat for this piece, she shared with me that she graduated from the University of Tennessee in Memphis in 1967. She then spent 30 years working in various positions in Memphis. When she went off the MD Anderson to become a WOC nurse, she came back and had the pleasure of working with two wonderful ladies at a Memphis Hospital who were her mentors; Ozena Ackerson and Judy Guthrey. Pat will be missed at Centennial Hospital by almost everyone there. I have the wonderful privilege of being the new kid on the block at Centennial, filling Pat's position, but never will fill her shoes... In her immediate plans for retirement, Pat is going to take a 50 day road trip with her two sisters to visit the beautiful west. The Nashville area WOC nurses will miss seeing her monthly at our group meeting, but know she deserves to take this long awaited break!

Martha Davidson shared with me that in the last year four Vanderbilt nurses have gone to WOC nurse school. Nicole Harris, Paula Harris, Elizabeth Vaughn all completed the full scope course and

Beth Hardeman completed the wound section. Nicole headed west to work in the beautiful city of Glendale, Arizona and Elizabeth is now the WOC nurse at Vanderbilt Children's hospital. Speaking of Vanderbilt, Carolyn Watts has been elected to serve as Treasurer for National WOCN Society. Congratulations Carolyn!

Lennis Floyd informed me that they have a new WOC nurse addition to the group at University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville, Melissa Ferrell. According to Lennis, she and Karen Gallagher are very proud that Melissa has joined the team. Lennis also stated that UT Knoxville is now a Magnet hospital. Congratulations on that accomplishment, I know how hard it is. I have worked for two hospitals going for Magnet status... and yes they both received it.

Good healing out there.

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**"A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken."**

- James Dent

