



President's Report

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I hope everyone is “weathering” our confusing Southeastern US (we can have all seasons in one week – just watch us!) weather!

I want to thank the membership, board and staff again for allowing me the honor of serving your society. I have found this position to be both challenging and exciting! I am very much looking forward to our future.

The Southeast Region of the WOCN® Society held its Winter Board Meeting in Knoxville, TN in January. The biggest topic on the agenda was the next SER of the WOCN Society Conference in Knoxville, TN, September 28-30, 2017. The theme for this year is CHOOSE TO SHINE...CHANGE THE WORLD! WOC NURSES - LEADING THE WAY! Anne Rogers, Conference Chair and her committees are hard at work obtaining the high caliber speakers you have grown accustomed to hearing at conference. The meeting location was specifically chosen so the Board members could complete a site visit at the conference location. This will allow the Board members to better assist our members while at conference.

It has been the Board's goal to extend a continued, concerted effort to be sure to invest in our members. We have voted on several additional benefits for members planning to attend our conference this year. Yes, I am shamelessly building suspense for our conference this year – this conference should not be missed!

We also confirmed the location of our 2018 conference which will be held in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. We realize we are out of our usual state location sequence, however due to circumstances out of our control we were unable to secure a Georgia location for 2018. Be assured, we are looking out for our member's best interests and are already working on our 2019 plan. We have officially appointed our 2018 Conference Chair – Reneé Epting. Congratulations!

I want to reiterate my invitation to serve this awesome membership. I want to encourage all of our members to consider volunteering for service. We will have the following positions available for the mid-year election with service beginning 2018 - Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Conference Planning, Director of Special Projects and 6 Nominations Committee Member Positions. The criteria to run for office: 1. Must be an active member of SER of the WOCN Society for one year immediately prior to election. 2. A dedicated commitment to serve your fellow SER of the WOCN Society colleagues. If service as a board member seems like a big first-step, we have other opportunities to serve open up throughout the year like state reporters, state conference committees and volunteering at conference to name a few. Feel free to contact myself or Terry Barton, Nominations Committee Chair with any questions!

Please remember this is your Society. Do not hesitate to contact me anytime for questions, to report successes or opportunities for improvement.

Warm regards,
Jennifer – president@serwocn.org

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Communications Update

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Greetings SER WOC nurses!

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve our region as Director of Communications. I appreciate the confidence you've placed in me. While I've only been on the board a short time, I'm impressed with my fellow board members and have found the experience enjoyable and fun. Elections are approaching – I encourage you to nominate yourself or a colleague interested in serving, learning, and growing professionally. Please read Terry Barton's submission for further information. As a reminder, professional growth points are awarded for your service.

The board met in Knoxville, TN in January for our Winter board meeting and to do a site visit for the Regional Conference planned for September 28-30, 2017. The city was hospitable with a nice shopping and dining area well within walking distance of the conference venue which is beautiful and will serve our purpose well. The program sounds stellar – we hope to see you there. As Jennifer stated, there will be an added benefit to conference attendees this year! We are already looking forward to conference in Myrtle Beach, SC in 2018.

Please don't forget to check our website for links to election information, award nominations, updates on pressure injury definitions and a FREE CE program on biofilms compliments of Dr. Gregory Schulz (<http://www.serwocn.org/>). Yet another added bonus to your membership! We also have a Facebook page - follow us there for conference information and more(<https://www.facebook.com/serwocn>).

I'd like to thank the State Reporters for their assistance in gathering your news for the SER of the WOCN newsletter. Please forward your professional newsletter items to your State Reporters for inclusion – our Region is doing some amazing things! Read further to see what your colleagues are involved in as well as a few moving toward retirement. We wish them well and thank them for their service and contribution to patient care. See contact info for the state reporters below.

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Florida: Kathryn Dere

Georgia: Angela Dye

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Please feel free to contact me with questions or communication related suggestions at news@serwocn.org.

Conference Planning

by Elaine Rush, RN, BS, CWOCN
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It seems to me that time passes so rapidly and now we are in the midst of conference planning for the 2017 conference. The September 28-30 "Choose To Shine... Change the World! WOC Nurses Leading the Way" will be our theme for 2017. Each of our WOC nurses choose each day to lead their work place in changing the lives of patients, staff and, yes, even physicians. We are surrounded by our team of other nurses, many other disciplines, our product partners (how many times do they come to our rescue) our physicians who have a passion for what we do and the love and gratitude of many of our patients. So in September we meet in Knoxville, Tennessee to expand our knowledge, talk with our peers and challenge ourselves to grow our practice with new modalities, research and education. I feel so very privileged to be a part of the Southeast Region of the WOCN Society.

What can we expect this year? Anne Rodgers, 2017 Conference Chairperson, along with her team of Committee Chairpersons and committee members, are busy planning a creative and educational program which will enhance our practice but also inspire us to know that we have a new year ahead in our practice to try new things and find the joy we feel when we meet those challenges with success. I sometimes think, what more is there I can learn, but every time I go to conference I find this is a journey not a destination and we, as WOC nurses have miles to go and problems to conquer.

We have added speakers for our foot care nurses, new topics for our WOC nurses and speakers who will challenge us to push ourselves to the next level. We address the questions of limb salvage programs, those high output ileostomies, the always problematic pressure injuries, the growing need to be a leader in the area of continence, legal aspects of our practice and ever changing regulations.

*See page 14 for 2017 Conference registration fees.
Registration will open in mid - late March*

We will have the opportunity to spend time with our exhibitors who commit themselves to come up with new products and modalities to help with the problems we face. I am always amazed when I think about how they always seem only a phone call away and usually have "something in their car" we desperately need. We owe them our gratitude for their commitment to help us and partner with us in patient care.

So, put these dates on your calendar - September 28-30 (there are also 2 pre-conference sessions) for conference in Knoxville, Tennessee. The fall in Tennessee, what a treat. The Southeast Region is coming to town and awaits an exciting conference. A special thanks to all those planning this conference and their time, talent and commitment offered to the Southeast Region. Plan to come, meet new friends, share your practice knowledge, enjoy the many opportunities to learn and grow.

We are continuing our planning for 2018 and even 2019. I will only give you a hint about 2018 - "flip-flops". See you in Knoxville!



World's Fair Park - image courtesy of the Knoxville CVB

Special Projects Report

by Reneé Epting, MN, RN, CWOCN
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Greetings from balmy South Carolina. We had a very productive January SER Board Meeting discussing the upcoming SER of the WOCN fall conference in beautiful downtown Knoxville. The venue is beautiful, spacious, and right in the heart of things. The hotel is right across the street so it is very convenient.

Speaking of conference, we are now accepting abstract applications for the poster presentations. I know many of you have done interesting research, taken care of interesting patients, or developed new practice techniques or innovations. Now is the time to share with your peers....and potentially be paid for it. Poster awards are the same this year: \$1000 for first place, \$500 for second place, and \$250 for third place. You cannot win if you do not submit so get busy and submit an abstract. The application is on the website along with a tips sheet to help you get started. Scott Barnett is the 2017 Poster Committee, and he has Barbara Dale, Lindsey Cooley, and Yi Yang on board to help review abstracts and judge posters. Now...all we need is for you to provide them with some work to do.

Our second eLearn program has been posted to the website. We are grateful to Dr. Gregory Schultz for providing his lecture on "Battling Biofilms: How to Win the War in Wounds". It has been approved for one CE by the Alabama State Nurses Association and is free to our membership. I am in the process of working on our third eLearn offering....more to come on that in the next newsletter.

On a grateful (and sad) note, this will be my last year serving as your Director of Special Projects. It has been a wonderful experience, and one that I hope to repeat in the future. Until then, I need someone to hand this great position off to next. Please look at the job responsibilities for this position and see if it is something that you might be interested in pursuing during the fall elections. If you have questions about the position, do not hesitate to reach out to me at projects@serwocn.org or the Director of Nominations, Terry Barton at nominations@serwocn.org.

2016 Winning Posters



First Place



Second Place



Third Place

SER of the WOCN® Society Elections

by Terry Barton, BSN, RN, CWOCN
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The Southeast Region of the Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society™ invites you to make a difference!

The 2017 Call for Nominations is now open and we need your input. As we grow, we continue to need dedicated member volunteers whose backgrounds, skills and experience match our mission. You can make a difference by nominating yourself or an individual(s) who you believe can help us carry out the goals and mission of our region in 2017.

Accepting nominations for the following:

- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Director of Special Projects
- Director of Conference Planning
- Nomination Committee Members (6: 1 from each state)

Criteria to run for a SER of the WOCN Society™ Board position

1. Must be an **active** member of SER WOCN Society for one year immediately prior to election.
2. A dedicated commitment to serve your fellow SER WOCN Society colleagues.

Procedure for running for a SER of the WOCN Society™ Board position

1. Verify and confirm your membership is **active** and **current**.
2. Complete and submit the 2017 Consent to Serve form online (www.serwocn.org) by June 1st. The information submitted will become your online biography.
3. Submit a high resolution picture of yourself by June 1st to be used with your online biography to nominations@serwocn.org (we will crop as needed)

Please contact me if you have any questions at: nominations@serwocn.org. Take this opportunity to have a direct impact on the future of the SER of the WOCN Society™ and submit a nomination today!

Candidate profiles will be posted on our website starting June 15th. Voting will begin July 15th.

SER of the WOCN® Society Awards

by Nancy Scott, BSN, RN, CWOCN
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At our 2016 Annual SER of the WOCN Society® Conference, we presented awards to some of our colleagues who demonstrated extraordinary work ethic and dedication to our profession.

I encourage you to think about nominating your peers who shine and deserve recognition. These awards will be presented at our 2017 annual conference: "Rookie of the Year", "Nurse of the Year," and the "Tennessee State Recognition Award".

In the last SER of the WOCN® newsletter, 5 recipients submitted a brief summary of their rewarding experiences related to attending the annual conference. They applied and were selected through blind voting for a conference scholarship of \$1200 each to offset their August conference expenses. You too can submit an application, save the date and plan to attend on September 28-30, 2017.

Who is enrolled or planning to return to school for WOC Nursing or Advance Practice? Are you considering getting involved in research or need financial assistance to do so? Qualifying members may achieve educational opportunities through 3 school scholarships and the Dorothy Doughty Grant for research. Please visit the www.serwocn.org website and submit your application electronically by June 1st, 2017.

I look forward to seeing you at our exciting conference entitled, "Choose to Shine, Change the World: WOC Nurses Leading the Way!" in Knoxville, Tennessee.

2017 Southeast Region Awards

Nominations / Applications are due by June 1, 2017

Awards and Scholarships:

- **Nurse of the Year Award**
- **Rookie of the Year Award**
- **State Recognition Award**
- **Dorothy Doughty Research Grant**
- **Annual Conference Scholarship (5 \$1200 scholarships available)**

Education Scholarships:

- **WOC Nursing Education Program (WOCNEP) Scholarship**
- **Advanced Nursing Education Scholarship**

For award / scholarship criteria and on-line nomination forms, go to the Awards Information Page on www.serwocn.org website.



Alabama News

by Sonya Hicks, MSN, AG-PCNP, CWOCN
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Well, wintertime is about to be a thing of the past here in the South and the SER Alabama group is geared up and planning the spring workshop! The conference is entitled:

Sealing the Deal:

Tips & Tricks for Managing Difficult Fistulas & Ostomies

It will be held on Friday, May 12, 2017
Location: Homewood Public Library Auditorium
1721 Oxmoor Road, Birmingham AL 35209

This conference will have several speakers as well as two hands-on skills portions to include pouching difficult fistulas/stomas and using Negative Wound Pressure Therapy with difficult fistula/stomas and associated wounds. Two great learning topics to master your stoma skills with difficult pouching and placement technique!

Vendor booths will be available as well as breakfast and lunch provided.

***Early registration (thru April 27th): \$35 per person
April 28 – May 12: \$45 per person (may pay at the door)
May register with PayPal or mail check to:
Birmingham Area WOC Nurses Association
P.O. Box 55353, Birmingham AL 35255



HUGE congratulations to our very own Shannon S. Polson, MSN, MSW, RN, LICSW, PIP, CWCN, CFCN, CNL, for getting published!! The following citation denotes the article and location of Shannon's publication:

Britt, S., Coles, K. & Polson, S. (In Print 2017) Medical adhesive- related skin injury following emergent appendectomy. Journal of Wound Ostomy and Continence Nursing, 44(2), 1-5.

It is coming out in this next issue of JWOCN!!

Shannon and colleagues also presented a podium presentation at the 29th Annual Southern Region Burn Conference in Atlanta, GA on November 6th, 2016. The presentation was titled: "Similarities between burns and medical adhesive-related skin injury and focused on increasing awareness of prevention and treatment of patients being treated for burns and the importance of minimizing skin tears during their treatment process."

Our group is very proud of your accomplishment!

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Alabama continued



The Birmingham Area Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Association had their annual Christmas Party on December 15th at the Bright Star Restaurant. The group was proud to be able to provide local charity donations this year to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, The Hope House and Crohn's & Colitis Foundation. Here is a snapshot of one of the recipients, The Hope House.



The SER Alabama group continues to support the Project Homeless Connect program by offering foot care services to those in need. Below is the information for the upcoming event:

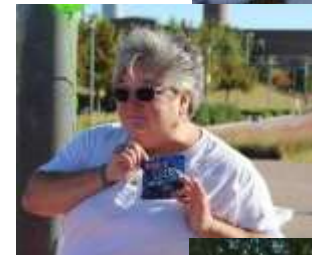
Project Homeless Connect (PHC) ONE DAY. ONE PLACE. ONE GOAL.

Event Information

Location: Boutwell Auditorium (across 8th Avenue North from Linn Park)
1930 8th Avenue North
Birmingham, AL 35203
Phone: 205-254-2820

Date/Time: Saturday, March 4th from 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Contact: General Information: Michelle Farley, 205-617-6208
Guest Intake/PromisSE: Laura Chaath, 205-617-6207
Other questions: Don Lupo 205-335-4573



The Birmingham Area WOC Nurses' Association organized the inaugural **"Run for Resilience: Ostomy 5K" for Alabama.**

The run was held on October 8, 2016 at Railroad Park. We are looking forward to next year!

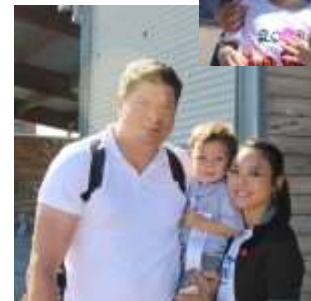
We would like to send a big **THANK YOU** to our vendors, businesses, and volunteers who helped make the event possible.

We would like to offer a special **THANK YOU** to our sponsors:

Hollister– Byram– Birmingham UOAA Support Group– ConvaTec– Coloplast– A&R Supermarkets– Bud's Best Cookies– DJ Fuzzy– Bevell State Nursing Student Volunteers– Samford University Nursing Student Volunteers– Edwards Jones– Lee Farms– The Calverts



And, of course, **ALL OF OUR PARTICIPANTS**– without whom the event would not have been possible!





Florida News

by Kathryn Dere, RN, MSN, CWOCN
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Welcome to the Florida news.

The Florida Association of Enterostomal Therapists (FAET) had a very successful annual conference February 11 at the Sand Key Resort, in Clearwater, Florida. The speakers and topics were right on the mark and consisted of the following: "Antibiotics Use in Wound Care" by Dr. Reynald Allam; "Risk Issues in Wound Care" by Lavonneda Hyland RD; "Teaming Together to Understand Pressure Ulcer Injuries" by Debbie Ritter CWOCN, FACCWS; "Enhanced recovery Pathways in Colorectal Surgery: Implications for Stoma care" by Dr. Haane Massarotti; "Taking Root: Acellular and Cellular Tissue Products" by Catherine Milne APRN, ANP/ACNS-BC; "Achieving and Maintaining Healthy Skin for Life" by Bea Hunter, LC, COA. The conference was preceded by a Compression Workshop by 3M. 120 attendees found the conference and the resort amazing and well worth the time.

The 2018 FAET Conference will be in Orlando. Dates and location to follow in the next newsletter. If you are interested in helping, please contact Karen Durigan (Karen.durigan@orlandohealth.com) or Teri Robinson (Teri.Robinson@FLHOSP.ORG).

My fellow Floridians, if you have any news to share, please send it my way. I would love to hear from you and include your news in the next newsletter. You may contact me via email at Kathryn.dere@Orlandohealth.com

It is with great sadness that we have to report that Deborah Warner, 66, of Brandon, has passed away on Monday February 6, 2017. She was an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner and owner of Warner Options, Inc. Deborah loved her Jin Shin Jyutsu Spiritual Practice, Tai

Chi, golfing, hiking, and most of all, her family. Deborah became a ET nurse in 1988 via a program in Illinois, which was her home state. She worked at Tampa General Hospital (TGH) and developed the role of the wound/ostomy nurse at the facility. Debra was always on the hunt for more education and knowledge growth, so she attended University of South Florida in the advanced practice nursing program. After she completed her MSN at USF, she briefly worked as an ARNP at TGH. Debra worked as a WOC nurse at St. Joseph Hospital, Tampa (about 1992) and then at Vencor – which became Kindred. Throughout her nursing career, Debra was highly sought out for her expertise as WOC nurse as well as legal nurse consultant. She had set a standard for all of us, as nurses and WOC nurses, to strive for. We'll miss you Debra, knowing there is another angel in heaven. May you rest in peace. Donations can be made to the National Brain Tumor Society at www.braintumor.org.





Georgia News

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Greetings from Georgia!

Group Updates and Announcements:

Wellstar: Sharon Hornbuckle announces her retirement from Wellstar in February and that she is moving to Decatur, Alabama. She says, "Grandchildren make you do crazy things sometimes. I will miss all my friends in the WOC world." Congratulations, Sharon. Enjoy time with your family! Ann Taylor announces her return to Wellstar Spalding Regional Hospital as CWOCN.

The Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing Education Center (WOCNEC):

"Emory WOCNEC has GREAT news:

- In December, 2016, the Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nursing Education Center of Emory University's Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing received full accreditation through the WOCN® Accreditation Committee.
- In February, 2017, the offices will be moving to 17 Executive Park NE, Suite 650, Atlanta, GA 30329-2227. Our phone numbers will remain the same. Check us out at www.wocnec.org

General and Individual News:

Lynette Franklin would like to announce that she is serving on the board of the Worldwide Fistula Fund. The Worldwide Fistula Fund "is an incubator, funder, and promoter of innovative solutions to improve global women's reproductive health. The Worldwide Fistula Fund supports research, treatment, prevention, and social service programs directed at obstetric fistula and related maladies, with a special emphasis on improving the capacity of low-resource countries to meet these health care needs." For more information on how you can participate, see the website: <http://worldwidefistulafund.org/home.aspx> The Worldwide Fistula Fund is a 501©(3) nonprofit global health organization and all donations are tax deductible. Fundraising events are scheduled for 2017!

Consortium Announcements:

If you know of a company who would like to sponsor an educational consortium, please contact Aileen Ankrom by email at: aileen.ankrom@emoryhealthcare.org



North Carolina News

North Carolina State Reporter
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SER of the WOCN® Society's Board of Directors would like to thank Colleen Spiller for her service as both our NC reporter, as well as stepping in to temporarily take on the position of Director of Communications last year.

**We are now looking for a volunteer to serve
as the State Reporter for North Carolina!**

**Please contact Glenda Brunette, Director of Communications
via email if you are interested at: news@serwocn.org**

**You can see information / pictures from our
2016 Conference in Greensboro, NC**

on our website at:

<http://serwocn.org/Conference/pastEvents.html>



South Carolina News

by Joan Jackson Meekins, BSN, RN, CWOCN
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Greetings from South Carolina!

We are looking forward to hosting the 2018 regional conference in Myrtle Beach. As always, you can look forward to an outstanding educational program and ample opportunity for networking with colleagues and vendors.

In Charleston, Valerie Harris, RN, CWCN & Rebecca Rothemich, RN, CWON, CFCN from the Medical University of South Carolina & Faith Singleton, RN, CWOCN from Saint Francis Hospital are looking forward to presenting posters at National Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah – congratulations!

Teresa Kelechi, Margie Prentice, Mohan Madiseti, & Glenda Brunette had an article published in the Journal of Hospice & Palliative Nursing on palliative wound care entitled *"Palliative care in the management of pain, odor and exudate in chronic wounds at the end-of-life: A cohort study"*.

Cindy Norris sent a note regarding her ~

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I am due for recertification this year. This will probably last time I will recertify. I will be 72 years old in 5 years, the next time I am due for recertification. Looking into the future, it is a very sad realization that my WOC nursing career will coming to a close. It is like anticipating a death. Being a WOC nurse for so many years has enriched my life so much by being such an integral part of my patients' lives. This is by being there for their support, education and holding their hands with guidance and in assisting with navigation of each step they took in the unknown world of experiencing wounds, ostomies, incontinence and tube management. The emotional, financial and self-esteem factors often encountered could have been more devastating without the empathy and compassion of the WOC nurse. Our profession is so needed to enhance our patient and families to return to a successful, productive person and a life enriched with relationships with others. Over the years I have realized that WOC nursing is one of the most needed and rewarding professions anyone could have. I encourage you to promote our profession in your work place to recruit more nurses for our profession.
Cindy Jones Norris, CWOCN

Please send your professional news to our South Carolina reporter, Joan Jackson Meekins at the email address listed above. We want to hear from you!



Tennessee State Report

by Barbara Dale, BSN, RN, CHHN, CWOCN
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We've been busy in Tennessee planning the 2017 SER WOCN Conference "Choose to shine, Change the World. WOC NURSES --- leading the way" to be held September 28-30, in Knoxville. Anne Rodgers, RN, CWOCN of Ft. Sanders in Knoxville is chairing the planning committee. Jenny Evangelist, CWOCN of Northcrest in Nashville is the education chair, Scott Barnett, CWON of Covenant Health Knoxville is the poster committee chair, Rita

Blafeld CWOCN CFCN of University of Tennessee (UT) Medical Center in Knoxville is the exhibitor chair. Also from UT, Lennis Floyd, COCN, CWS leads up the hospitality committee. Additionally there are 15 volunteers on committee team rosters to assist the chairs and make this another wonderful Southeast Region conference.

Other News:

At the other end of our State, Jennifer Vandiver, RN, CWOCN of Jackson Madison County General Hospital tells me that they have a new WOC nurse. Megan McBride completed her wound and ostomy education at Emory and will be taking her certification tests in January. They have teamed up with their surgeons and OR staff and are working on pre-op ostomy education and pouch site recommendations as well as pressure injury prevention in the OR. Great job ladies! Keep us in the loop.

The Nashville WOC group has 48 members and is continuing to meet quarterly due to low attendance. We have to keep the groups afloat and attendance is vital to grow our profession and group. I saw a lot of new faces and was very pleased to see everyone at last month's meeting with colorectal surgeon, Dr. Roberta Muldoon, who gave a spectacular presentation on management of high output ileostomies.

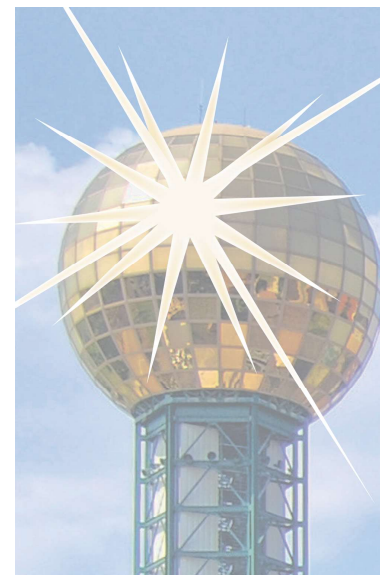
Rebecca Dubois, RN, CWON informed me that Laura Luttman, RN, CWOCN moved to CEO of retirement and Andrea Minor, RN, CWOCN has joined their team at St. Thomas in Nashville.

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WOCN Society president Carolyn Watts, CWON was invited to Japan as a speaker for the Wound Healing Society of Japan in Tokyo. She did lectures in Osaka and at the Tachibana University of Kyoto's WOC program. She says "It was an amazing experience to learn about the Japanese healthcare system and the differences in WOC nursing practice in our two countries. It was my first time in Japan and it was a beautiful country." Thank you Carolyn for your international representation of our wonderful Society.

We are so privileged here in Tennessee to have WOCN Society president, Carolyn Watts and SER past president Martha Davidson, RN, CWON from Vanderbilt. Martha says "I have enjoyed serving the SER as President and have rolled off the board (as of December 31, 2016) after serving my 2 years as President. I will serve this year as Past-President to assist the new board as they transition into their new positions. We are proud of our National President, Carolyn Watts as she continues to lead our organization for another year."

To sum it all up, we are busy in Tennessee and can't wait to see each and every member in Knoxville in September.



REGISTRATION WILL OPEN IN MID - LATE MARCH

REGISTRATION FEES

Registration Type	Early Bird Pricing*	Starting July 13th
Member - with Pre-Conference <i>(includes Awards reception)</i>	\$ 300	\$ 375
Member - Conference Only <i>(includes Awards reception)</i>	\$ 225	\$ 275
Member - Pre-Conference Only	\$ 75	\$ 100
FOR MEMBER PRICING, YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE WOCN® SOCIETY, WITH SOUTHEAST REGION SELECTED		
Non-Member - with Pre-Conference <i>(includes Awards reception)</i>	\$ 375	\$ 450
Non-Member - Conference Only <i>(includes Awards reception)</i>	\$ 275	\$ 325
Non-Member - Pre-Conference Only	\$ 100	\$ 125
*TO QUALIFY FOR EARLY BIRD PRICING, PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY <u>JULY 12, 2017</u>		
Single Day Option		
1 Day attendance	\$ 125	\$ 150