



President's Report

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The SER of the WOCN® annual conference, "CHOOSE TO SHINE ... CHANGE THE WORLD! WOC NURSES - LEADING THE WAY!" held in Knoxville, TN at the end of September was filled with engaging speakers, expert presentations and peer networking. A HUGE "Thank You!" to the hard-working Tennessee conference planning committee led by Anne Rodgers, conference chair, for orchestrating a successful conference.



We greatly appreciate our conference exhibitors for their support of our region. They help keep our membership up to date on product innovation and educational information. Please note the links (on the right side of our website's home page) showcasing our generous Diamond, Silver and Gold sponsors for our conference. With our exhibitor and sponsor support, the SER of the WOCN Society can maintain annual conference rates at a very affordable fee.

I sincerely hope everyone enjoyed the conference! This year the board voted to improve the quality of the conference bag and include a gift to our members. Included was a copy of "Guideline for Prevention and Management of Pressure Ulcers (Injuries)" for each conference attendee. There were 200 attendees at conference this year!

Kudos to our 5 conference scholarship winners who were each awarded \$1200 to help defray their conference expenses: Kristy Gentry, Stephanie Grant, Hannah Hogan, Deborah Nelson and Aimee Quillen.

Heather Thompson (Emory) and Keatah Brooks (WEB WOC) were both recipients of a WOC nursing educational program scholarship. Laurie Crookenden, who is a graduate student in the MSN Community Health/Public Health Track at University of North Carolina and Maria Kotula Deininger, who is a graduate student in the MSN in Education track at Western Governors University; both are recipients of advance practice nursing scholarships.

Katie Smith (NC) from was awarded the Rookie of the Year Award for an exceptional WOC nurse with less than 2 years' experience. Trudy Huey (NC) was awarded the Nurse of the Year Award. Congratulations to you both!

Martha Davidson was deservingly awarded and pleasantly caught off guard when she was presented the Tennessee State Recognition Award. Congrats!

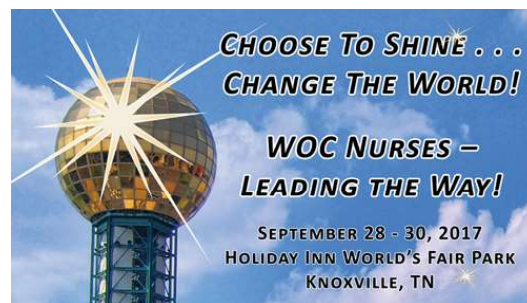
We had 16 posters on display at conference this year with the opportunity for 1 extra CE for viewing. Prizes were awarded for our top 3 posters. First-place (\$1000) went to Tina Baum, MS, CNS, ACNS, BC, CWON - *Utilizing Silver-Plated Fabric with Negative Pressure Wound Therapy: Improving Outcomes and Reducing Costs in Healing Acute and Chronic Wounds*. The second-place poster (\$500) went to Susan Scott, MSN, RN, WOC Nurse; Debra Fawcett, PHD, RN; Deena Guren, MSN, RN, CNOR, CNS-CP; Cassandra Munro, MSN, RN, CNOR - *Perioperative Pressure Injury Prevention (PPIP) Toolkit*. In third place (\$250) was Jamie Wyatt, BSN; Thomas Miller, MSN; Natalie Hurst, BSN - *Not All Scales are Created Equal in Critical Care*. All posters are available for viewing on our webpage.

Congratulations to all our conference winners and recipients of the awards!

Please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the board if you have questions.

Thank you for your dedication to your Society, patients and colleagues!

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If you missed conference in Knoxville, check out our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/serwocn/> to see pictures of your colleagues and vendors. It was a wonderful conference and Knoxville provided a really nice venue. We appreciate the efforts of the planning committee from Tennessee, headed by Anne Rodgers. Tennessee put on quite the conference. Please be sure to thank Anne and all of the planning committee members. See our photos from conference on facebook - stay tuned, more to come.

Speaking of conference, due to logistical issues, we are deviating from our usual state rotation in order to maintain a reasonable and outstanding conference experience for our participants. We are looking forward to Myrtle Beach, SC in 2018. Plan to spend the 20th- 22nd in beautiful SC with ample opportunities for beach walking, shopping, golfing, dining, day tripping or just taking in those ocean breezes while expanding your knowledge. Renee Epting, chair of the conference planning committee, has been putting together a program sure to help us in "Navigating the Waves Of Change". Stay tuned for our nautical themed program! Next, we'll be heading to Columbus Georgia in 2019. be sure to ask Elaine Rush about zip lining over the river from Georgia into Alabama. It's sure to be a great time.

Have you visited our website lately at serwocn.org? In addition to information about your region and your board, there is a free CE offering from Dr Gregory Schultz about biofilms. Be sure to share with your friends as this is not confined to our membership. What an amazing added value! Don't miss out.

Be sure to get involved. Elections approach. Look to see where your talents may serve the society and membership and offer yourself and your time. In addition to professional growth, volunteering is fun. Give it a try, you'll like it.

Be sure to thank our outgoing board members for their service as well. Giving back is rewarding and fun.

See your current board members below & think about running for office!



Conference Planning

by Elaine Rush, RN, BS, CWOCN
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Congratulations Tennessee on an excellent conference. It is always nice to see old and new friends and have time to talk about what is going on in our practice each year. Thanks to Anne Rodgers, Conference Chair and her committee chairs, as well as all the committee members, who spent many hours preparing for this conference. Thanks also to Bernie Haberer, our business manager, as well as Angela Howell, our event planner, for their hard work to make this a successful conference. We owe a lot of gratitude to our exhibitors whose generous support and involvement in our conferences make it possible to provide this educational opportunity to our membership each year. Thanks to all of you, our membership and friends, who attended the conference and we hope you will come and invite your colleagues for the conference in 2018.

The SER WOCN Conference for 2018 will be in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina September 20-22. Their theme is "Waves of Change, WOC Nurses Anchored in Research and Practice". The conference Chairperson is Reneé Epting and she is busy getting the committees organized and the planning started to present to all of you a valued educational opportunity, as well as opportunity to talk with your peers and meet some new people in our specialty. Be sure and place this date on your calendar and plan on joining South Carolina at the beach.



In 2019 the conference will be in Columbus, Georgia, October 3-5. We begin planning the conferences about 2-3 years ahead so that we can get an excellent location, good hotel prices and convention space as well as letting you, our membership, know the plan so you can save the dates on your calendar.

A lot of time and thought goes into our conferences each year and we appreciate your input and interest as we try and meet the needs for education of our membership. We continue to grow each year, not only in number, but in diversity of practice. We have our new WOC nurses, people who may specialize in one or two of our specialty, our foot care specialty, as well as our advanced practice nurses. We strive to have something new for everyone at our conferences that will be helpful and they can use in their practice.

It is an honor and challenge, as Director of Conference Planning, to try and find a location, conference program as well as be respectful of cost each year for each of you. Thank you for this opportunity to serve the SER of the WOCN Society.

Special Projects Report

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Thanks to all of you who submitted abstracts and displayed your posters at SER of the WOCN's 2017 annual conference in Knoxville. The conference was awesome, and the posters were amazing. If you did not make it to conference, head on over to www.serwocn.org and view the posters there. I promise you will find multiple posters of interest. We had 22 abstracts submitted of which 21 were accepted. Authors presented 16 of these posters at conference.

Congratulations to those placing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the judging for the cash awards:

- **1ST PLACE (\$1000):** TINA BAUM, MS, CNS, ACNS_BC, CWON (TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA) FOR *UTILIZING SILVER-PLATED FABRIC WITH NEGATIVE PRESSURE WOUND THERAPY: IMPROVING OUTCOMES AND REDUCING COSTS IN HEALING ACUTE AND CHRONIC WOUNDS*
- **2ND PLACE (\$500):** SUSAN SCOTT, MSN, RN, WOC NURSE, DEBRA FAWCETT, PHD, RN, DEENA GUREN, MSN, RN, CNOR, CNS-CP & CASSENDRA MUNRO, MSN, RN, CNOR (MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE) FOR *PERIOPERATIVE PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION (PIIP) TOOLKIT*
- **3RD PLACE (\$250):** JAMIE WYATT, BSN, THOMAS MILLER, MSN, & NATALIE HURST, BSN (KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE) FOR *NOT ALL SCALES ARE CREATED EQUAL IN CRITICAL CARE*



First Place



Second Place



Third Place

Other poster presentations displayed at conference were:

- Amanda Eltz, BSN, RN, CWOCN (North Carolina): *It's Still Just Osto(ME)!: An Education Booklet for School-Age Children with Ostomies*
- Aileen Ankrom, BSN, RN, CWOCN; Cynthia Timms, BSN; Angela Dye, BSN (Georgia): *Competency of Champions of Skin Integrity (CSI) in Staging of Pressure Ulcers and Identification of Other Types of Wounds*
- Perla Swindall, BSN, RN, CMSRN; Gail Whatley, MSN; Aileen Ankrom, BSN (Georgia): *Relationship Between Amount of Post-op Ambulation and Return of Bowel Function in Patients Undergoing Major Abdominal Surgery*

- Patricia Moore, ASN, RN, CWCN; Jennifer Vandiver, BSN, RN, CWON; Hope Voegeli, RN, CWON; Megan McBride, BSN, RN, CWON; Sheila Carter, MSN, RN, FNP-BC, CWON, CFCN (Tennessee): *Pouching Road Blocks: Dips and Holes Everywhere!*
- Patricia Moore, ASN, RN, CWCN; Jennifer Vandiver, BSN, RN, CWON; Hope Voegeli, RN, CWON; Megan McBride, BSN, RN, CWON; Sheila Carter, MSN, RN, FNP-BC, CWON, CFCN (Tennessee): *Save Our Skin: Time to Get Our Hands Dirty!*
- Cathy Wogamon, DNP, MSN, FNP-BC, CWON, CFCN (Florida): *Utilizing Cryopreserved Human Amniotic Suspension Allograft (CASA) and Dehydrated Human Amniotic Membrane Allograft (DAMA) in the Veteran Population to Reduce the Incidence of Amputation*
- Judith Turner, DNP, NP-BC, CWCN, COCN-AP (Georgia): *Biosurgery (Maggot Debridement Therapy) as an Underutilize Alternative to Surgical Debridement in Chronic Wound Care*
- Bonita Terry, BSN, RN, CWCN, & Paula Shrader, BSN (Georgia): *Applying the Pressure: Can Therapeutic Compression Be Achieved in the Home Care Setting?*
- Ann Taylor, MS, RN, CWOCN; Krista Doline, BS, MT (ASCP), CIC, FAPIC (Georgia): *Avoiding Indwelling Urinary Catheters Using External Urinary Device for Females*
- Glenda Brunette, MSN, RN, CWON (South Carolina): *Simple Tool to Ensure Effective Enzymatic Debridement*
- Carolyn Hewett, ASN, RN, CWOCN & Amesh Patel, MD (Georgia): *The Use of Cryopreserved Human Umbilical Cord (cUC) in the Treatment of an Irradiated Tissue Wound Post Treatment for Basal Cell Carcinoma*
- Angela Becker, MSN, RN, NE-BC (South Carolina): *Automated Repositioning's Positive Impact on Hospital Acquired Pressure Injuries (HAPIs)*
- Mary Applegate, BSN, RN, CWOCN (New York): *Deep Tissue Injury vs All Things Purple*

All posters presented at conference can be viewed at: <http://www.serwocn.org/AnnualPosters/>

Finally, this will be my last report as I leave the SER Board after serving for four years in the position of Director of Special Projects. I thank you for the opportunity to serve you in this role as I leave with a wealth of knowledge, a better understanding, and full appreciation of all of the work that goes on behind the scenes. This has been a wonderful experience for me, and I encourage all of you to get involved on the leadership side of the region.

SER of the WOCN® Society Elections

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The Southeast Region of the Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society™ Election Results

We had 15 nominees run for 10 open positions for our election this year. Our operating guidelines require that 10% of the voting eligible SER members shall constitute a quorum for our election.

Our total membership as of 8/17/17 was: 720, with 536 being eligible to vote. 113 valid votes were received, representing 21% of eligible members, thereby meeting our quorum requirements of 10%.

I would like to thank all those who accepted the challenge to serve our great SER WOCN and run for a position.

I would also like to congratulate our winners:

- **SECRETARY: ANGELA GRAHAM**
- **TREASURER: MARTHA DAVIDSON**
- **DIRECTOR OF CONFERENCE PLANNING: ELAINE RUSH**
- **DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL PROJECTS: LORI BORJA**
- **AL NOMINATIONS: AMY ARMSTRONG**
- **GA NOMINATIONS: JILL DANAHY**
- **FL NOMINATIONS: NANCY PAEZ**
- **FL NOMINATIONS: SHAWNA PHILBIN**
- **SC NOMINATIONS: VALERIE KNEECE HARRIS**
- **SC NOMINATIONS: NINA BLANTON**

CONGRATULATIONS!

I would like to thank and recognize the current Nomination Committee members:

- **AL: BONITA TERRY**
- **FL: KRISTIN MATARAZZO**
- **GA: PRISCILLA GRANT**
- **SC: NINA BLANTON**
- **TN: AMY BANDELIER**

2018 Upcoming Positions Available

- **PRESIDENT ELECT**
- **DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS**
- **DIRECTOR OF AWARDS**

Thank you for the pleasure of serving you as Nominations Chair.

SER of the WOCN® Society Awards

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2017 AWARD WINNERS



Rookie of the Year

Katie Smith, BSN, RN, CWOCN, CFCN

**Nominated by Leanne Richbourg,
Angela Richardson & Stephanie Yates**

WOC Nurse of the Year

Trudy Huey, MSN, RN, CWOCN

Nominated by Patti Haberer



TN State Recognition Award

Martha Davidson, MN, BSN, RN, CWOCN

Submitted by the TENNESSEE WOC Nurse Group

Five Conference Scholarships were awarded to deserving members of our organization. Each recipient was asked to share their experience after attending this year's conference.

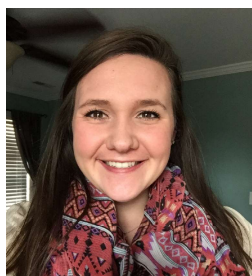


Kristy Gentry , BSN, RN, CWON

HUGE thanks to the SER of WOCN for selecting me as a scholarship recipient. This award allowed me to attend my first conference. The conference was an amazing, eye-opening experience. I realized that I have joined the best region of nurses that share the same crazy interests as me in the world of wounds and ostomies. The speakers and presentations provided me with a broader knowledge of various topics and situations that I will not only apply to my practice, but also share with my partners and patients. The exhibit hall was fantastic and I loved seeing the samples and hearing the information of the many different options available for use. Most of all, I enjoyed the warm and inviting feel by the board and members attending this amazing conference. I look forward to seeing everyone next year in Myrtle Beach.

Stephanie Grant, BSN, RN, CWOCN

I thoroughly enjoyed my first conference at the SER Knoxville conference. I had heard so many wonderful things about the SER conferences and it really did exceed my expectations! The speakers were great and so informative. It was great to connect with the vendors as well as other fellow WOC nurses. I attended almost all of the symposiums and would recommend to anyone else planning to attend a conference. It was nice to receive such a warm welcome as a "first time attendee" and I feel so fortunate to have received a scholarship to attend the SER conference. I look forward to another one!

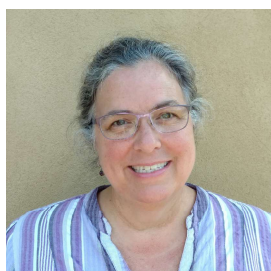


Hannah Hogan, BSN, RN, CWOCN

I was honored to be awarded a scholarship. I became a CWOCN in 2016 so it was incredible to be able to spend time with everyone, sharing thoughts with colleagues, learning from experts, and hearing from all of the experienced WOC nurses. I hope to use the knowledge to expand my practice. I particularly appreciated the following: Susan Scott and her insights about perioperative pressure injury prevention, Christine and Dr. Muldoon speaking about high output ileostomies, and Rhonda Sullivan's advice regarding the legal aspects of WOC nursing. Special thanks to Martha Davidson for encouraging me to come to conference. I came home with a kick start into how I can better my practice and lots of specific tools to help me along the way.

Deborah Nelson, BSN, RN, CWOCN

This SER Conference "Choose to Shine" was spectacular! The sessions were all relevant and engaging. I was very pleased with the caliber of speakers. I was able to bring three specific items of change to my facility. I was excited about the poster topics and utilized viewing time with the presenters. This level of peer to peer interaction is invaluable for our specialty. I had the privilege to experience the conference from the perspective of a volunteer and committee member. I would highly recommend if you are considering getting more involved to just do it. I am a fairly new WOCN, and look forward to our Regional Conference as a compass to guide my practice. I feel privileged to "Rub Elbows" with such a brilliant group of clinicians. Hope to see everyone next year in South Carolina. P.S. I loved our canvas bags this year!



Aimee Quillen, BSN, RN, CWON

The logo chosen for the conference "*Choose to Shine, Change the World! WOC Nurses – Leading the Way!*" made a powerful statement with this first time attendee to a WOCN conference. All the topics were interesting and the presenters were engaging. The Poster Exhibit was full of information. I was delighted to see how many projects were going on. The exhibit hall was a great place to mingle and learn of new products. The sponsored symposia were inspiring. Networking at the conference has given me some ideas and good resources to reach out to. My biggest surprise was finding a quality improvement project to introduce at my hospital. This conference proved to me that the logo adopted can become reality. Feeling inspired is the way I left the conference, and it created a desire and a knowledge base to share in my facility and community.

Four Educational Scholarships were awarded to deserving members of our organization.

Education Scholarship WOC Nursing Education Program



Heather Thompson, BSN, RN

- Resides in Stockbridge, GA
- Works at Piedmont Henry Hospital
- Student at Emory WOCNEP

Education Scholarship WOC Nursing Education Program



Keatah Brooks, MSN, FNP-C

- Resides in Browns Summit, NC
- Works at Piedmont Health Senior Care
- Enrolled in WEB WOC Nursing Program: Metropolitan State University

Education Scholarship Advanced Practice



Laurie Crookenden, BS, RN, CWOCN, CRRN

- Resides in Indian Trail, NC
- Works at Carolinas Rehabilitation
- Graduate student: MSN in Community Health/Public Health at University of NC

Education Scholarship Advanced Practice



Maria Kotula Deininger, MSN, BSN, RN, CWON

- Resides in Lake Wylie, SC
- Works at Carolinas Medical Center
- SER of the WOCN® Rookie of the Year 2015
- MSN in Education at Western Governors University



Alabama News

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Happy Fall from the Birmingham Area WOC Nurses' Association!

This season has proved to be another busy time for us. Our group has just completed our 2nd annual Run for Resilience Ostomy 5K to support the UOAA. We wanted to say thank you to everyone who came out and volunteered for Ostomy 5K. We ended up with about 40 participants and raised almost \$2000 for UOAA. Here are some snapshots of our day!



NEXT YEAR, the Ostomy 5K will be on October 8, 2018 at George Ward Park.

We will begin planning and fundraising in January 2019.



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Alabama continued



Congratulations to Ms. Deborah Thedford Zimmerman. Deborah received the 2017 Outstanding New Member Award by the Alabama State Nurses Association. This is an award given to a new member, member for 2 years or less, who has shown evidence of significant contribution to ASNA district and county. We are very proud to have Deborah as a paramount leader in our group!

Congratulations to Ms. Angela Graham was re-elected as Secretary for the SER WOC group! We are very proud to have Angela represent us for our region. We appreciate her dedication and time towards our professional organization.

Sharon McCarthy was a presenter this year at the SER Conference in Knoxville. Her topic of choice for the Preconference Workshop was Managing Containment and Skin Issues of a Patient with a Fistula or Complex Ostomy. As usual, Sharon represented our group well and we are proud of her service to our own chapter as well as our regional group!

Congratulations to Sonya K. Hicks. Sonya completed her Master's Degree earlier in the year and now is certified by the ANCC as an Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner. Sonya is currently working in a privately owned Long Term Care Nursing and Rehab Facility as the sole Nurse Practitioner. She will definitely utilize her CWOCN skill set to assist in appropriate treatment for the residents she cares for.





Florida News

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Hello from Florida!

I sincerely hope hurricane Irma was not too destructive for you. I know some people were out of power for a few days to couple of weeks, some lost their roofs, and our colleagues in the Keys lost everything. My thoughts and prayers are still with you.

Here's what's happening around the State.

- Nancy Scott, from Tampa, Director of Awards for SER of WOCN society attended SER conference Sept 28-30, 2017 in Knoxville TN. Nancy says "There was lots of networking, excellent speakers, and I learned about new products from vendors/exhibitors". Her position is up for election in 2018- please consider running.
- Terry Barton, from Orlando, FL, SER of WOCN Society's Director of Nominations also attended the conference. Terry felt there was "lots of interaction with colleagues and speakers. It definitely was a great conference."

We had several posters presented at SER conference this year!

- Carolyn Hewett from St Petersburg had an informative poster entitled "*The Use of Cryopreserved Human Umbilical Cord (cUC) in the Treatment of an Irradiated Wound Post Treatment for Basal Cell Carcinoma*". She thought it was well received.
- Cathy Wogamon from north Florida presented her poster entitled "*Utilizing Cryopreserved Human Amniotic Suspension Allograft (CASA) and Dehydrated Human Amniotic Membrane Allograft (DAMA) in the Veteran Population to Reduce the Incidence of Amputation*".
- Tina Baum from St Petersburg received **first place** for her poster "*Utilizing Silver-Plated Fabric with Negative Pressure Wound Therapy: Improving Outcomes and Reducing costs in Healing Acute and Chronic Wounds*". Congratulations ladies!!! To see the posters, visit serwocn.org/conference/2017.

Nancy Scott and SWAT (Skin Wound Assessment Team) presented their 8th biannual Skin Integrity conference "Teamwork for Skin Integrity" at Moffitt Cancer Center, Tampa, FL on Oct 16th. She was very happy with the turn out. Nancy also shared that, as a Retired Colonel in the USAF Nurse Corps, she attended the Women's Memorial 20th Anniversary Celebration in DC, Oct 20-21. She said "Any woman who served in any military branch may register in their website so that all who come may look up their name/years of service. www.womensmemorial.org. Plan a visit to this amazing Memorial building next to Arlington Cemetery".

Save the date: Feb 9-10, 2018 the FAET (Florida Association of Enterostomal Therapists) will be hosting their 40th annual conference titled "Stop the Madness" in Orlando, FL. There will be 2 workshops on Friday and 7 sessions on Saturday, plus time with vendors. All nurses and nursing students, and interdisciplinary members are invited. Visit www.faet.org for more information. Registration will soon be open. For those of you who would like to volunteer your time please contact Karen Durigan at: karen.durigan@orlandohealth.com or Teri Robinson at terisa.robinson@flhosp.org. Good for PGP points.

If you have any news you could share PLEASE send my way. I like to brag about your accomplishments! Enjoy the Holidays and may the seasons be merry and filled with family and friends.

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Georgia News

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Greetings from Georgia

Group Updates and Announcements:

- Emory University Hospital (EUH) would like to welcome our newest member to the team, Diane Hays, MSN, ACNS-BC, RN, CWOCN. Diane has recent experience working at Ochsner Medical in New Orleans. She is excited about this “totality awesome” new opportunity at Emory and we are so excited for her to be joining us!
- Angela Dye, CWOCN and Aileen Ankrom, CWOCN attended SER conference in Knoxville, TN (left). Aileen presented 2 posters and Angela presented 1 poster. “Conference was extremely educational and Knoxville was a very gracious host city. Thank you!” –Angela



Lastly, it is with mixed emotions that I announce that after 9 years with Emory Healthcare, I have taken a new position with Northeast Georgia Health System (NGHS) in Gainesville. Emory has been an embracing environment where I have thrived and learned. I am excited to call NGHS my new home, join a great, new team and serve a new patient population. I will continue to be your GA SER Reporter. --Angela

- Kennestone Hospital in Marietta, GA now has 2 newly certified WOC nurses: Amy Little MSN, RN, CWON (Ostomy), Supervisor inpatient wound/ostomy care, and Tonja Briggs BSN, RN, CWCN (Wound).

We also want to welcome to our team Sharon Hornbuckle BSN, RN, CWON from Decatur, AL.
Thanks, Amy Little, MSN, RN, CWON

Consortium Announcements:

*If you know of a company who would like to sponsor an educational consortium, please contact Aileen Ankrom:
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North Carolina News

All's quiet on the northern front... Please contact Glenda Brunette at: news@serwocn.org if you are interested in serving as state reporter for North Carolina.

We do know that the SER WOC Nurse of the year hails from North Carolina. We would like to congratulate Trudy Huey on receiving that award at regional conference in Knoxville, TN in September. Thanks Trudy for your years of service and outstanding care. If you'd like to see more pictures from conference, please like us on facebook at www.facebook.com/serwocn/. New photos from conference are being added periodically so be sure to follow us there.

Don't forget to visit our website (serwocn.org) to see several outstanding posters from conference as well as to take advantage of a free CE program on biofilms.

Happy Fall, y'all!





South Carolina News

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The News from South Carolina!

Fall greetings,

Finally, cool weather has arrived in SC, at least, for the moment. Tomorrow is another day and another forecast!

News from the Medical University of South Carolina – MUSC is happy to welcome Cindy Miller, RN, CWOCN to our team. Rebecca Rothemich presented a foot care poster at the fall SAWC conference and was invited by Wound Journal to write up the poster for publication in the journal. Rebecca will be also be filming a 2 minute segment for their online publication.

MUSC pressure injury preventionist, Valerie Harris RN, CWCN, started the Ostomy and Continence Modules at Emory WOCNEC in October 2017. Valerie was also elected to the SER-WOCN Nominations Committee and has submitted 2 abstracts to NPUAP in March 2018, pending acceptance.

MUSC had 100% participation in their first NDNQI Survey with Partner-Swapped Units (each unit surveyed a like unit instead of their own, which is an NDNQI Best Practice Guideline). Please see the current JWOCN for an update on unavoidable pressure injuries by South Carolina's own Phyllis Bonham, Glenda Brunette and others.

Self Regional Healthcare is excited to welcome Mary Kate

Skinner. She is a breath of fresh air in the upstate and we are so happy to have her expertise is our facility. They are the three musketeers!

South Carolina was very well represented at this year's SER Conference. Tennessee WOC Nurses did an outstanding job! Thanks for all of your hard work! If you'd like to see highlights from conference, please like our facebook page. New photos of your colleagues and vendors will be posted periodically – invite your wound care friends to follow our page at www.facebook.com/serwocn/.

SC is excited to host next year's regional conference in beautiful Myrtle Beach! Elaine Rush, director of conference planning, and Renee Epting, conference planning chair are hard at work planning already. Our nautical theme will be: "Navigating the Waves of Change; WOC Nurses anchored in research and practice". It is sure to be a fun and enriching experience. Plan to spend September 20-22, 2018 with us at the Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center Hotel. Please attend our next planning meeting in January and volunteer for a committee. We need you!

Please be sure to submit your professional news to Joan Jackson. We want to hear about all of your good work! Enjoy your upcoming holidays.





Tennessee State Report

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September 28th through the 30th, the SER WOCN conference was held in Knoxville, TN. We had terrific weather for the conference. Conference was held downtown just mere blocks away from the University of Tennessee and right next to the 1982 World's Fair Park.



The big rival football game on Saturday with the Georgia Bulldogs may have put a kink in hotel accommodations and reservations but did not wreak havoc on our own festivities as much as we had anticipated thanks to SER Board and Staff who not only facilitated hotel rooms accordingly but also arranged free parking for commuters just across the street from the conference center. The conference educational line up, posters, exhibits, and networking opportunities were fantastic. Many thanks to Fort Sanders Medical Center's Anne Rodgers for serving as chair of the conference planning committee.

As a volunteer in filling up the 200 plus tote bags, I also have to give kudos out to the conference hospitality committee for such a great tote bags. There were lots of useful items and some nice goodies instead of just product fliers. Last year's planners also helped to get us sturdy and durable tote bags this year. The exhibit hall compared to national conference with so many vendors and space to interact.



Congratulations to our own Martha Davidson (Vanderbilt) for taking home the Tennessee state recognition award for her seemingly never ending work and longstanding dedication to the patients and members of our region. Martha has also been elected as Treasurer for the region.

October 7th was National ostomy awareness day (UOAA). We celebrated the day in Cookeville at one of only 5 nationwide 5K events. The inaugural event was organized by Cookeville Regional Medical Center's Deborah Nelson and included vendors and prizes for runners. Deborah recruited Nashville's Manny Cuevas, renowned fashion designer and owner of Wear it Out by Manny, as one of the runners. Manny raved to us about his WOC nurse Jeanne Rudden who "has been there for the duration". Manny also facilitated Governor Haslam's state proclamation of October 7th as Ostomy Awareness Day.



Deborah Nelson and Manny Cuevas

- Nashville WOC group meets every other month. Please contact Jenny_evangelist@northcrest.com for more information.
- Knoxville area WOC group meets monthly. Please contact Tracy Widby: trwid@aol.com for more information.

I look forward to conference next year in Myrtle Beach with our South Carolina friends!