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## Conference Edition 2004

### 36th Annual WOCN National Conference

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**Remember!**  
This is the last paper edition of the Five Alive!  
For future communications, go to [www.scrwocn.org](http://www.scrwocn.org)

Kathy Murphy asked me to write a “few words” about the 36th annual WOCN Society Conference in Tampa, Florida, June 5-9, 2004. I truly thought it was phenomenal, as has been the standard of this conference. I arrived late Saturday and was very disappointed to have missed the Special Interest Networking Groups, and of course, the regional board meeting. I did make it in time for the informal networking at the Marriott Waterside bar to catch up with some good friends. Sunday, June 6th, I enjoyed all of the sessions I attended. I loved the opening session with Tim Porter O’Grady—it’s always fun to start off the day with a laugh. I came back armed with the information on the PDA’s (personal data assistants), their software, and many other database programs we can use for documenting and tracking our patient information. The resources listed by Marta Krissovich were numerous! The lecture on Evaluation of Lab Data for Wound and Ostomy Patients by Barbara Bancroft was fabulous. It’s a dry topic but believe it or not she made it fun and interesting. I learned a great deal. I missed the luncheon that day and rode the trolley to Channelside to go shopping. There



were several events going on that evening, and we joined the Hill-Rom dinner cruise—lots of fun! On Monday and Tuesday, the 7th and 8th, I hit the poster sessions and exhibits hard. I was on a mission with a long list from Murphy on what to pick up for her. The oral presentations that morning were all very interesting—and that *pedi-girl* had the best crayon background slides! It was a tough process deciding which session to go to because there were so many that were worthwhile offered at the same time. The posters were great, and it was nice to enjoy the continental breakfast while mo-seying along the (cont. page 2)

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## 36th Annual WOCN National Conference (cont.)

(cont.) aisles. I successfully picked up loads of stash from the exhibitors and took full advantage of the SCR Bag Your Booty—leaving my heavy bags with them while I browsed. I found the green popsicles at the Healthpoint exhibit and the Haagen-dazs ice cream at the Convatec booth to be nice afternoon pick-me-ups. Our hotel was across from the stadium, so we got to hear the celebration of the Tampa Bay Lightning win the Stanley Cup. Since I had to leave the conference early, I missed the parade on Wednesday.

It was a good time, and my brain was maxed out on all of the new information I brought back to share. See you next year!

**Kathy McClane (pedi-girl), Texas Children's Hospital**

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

### Elections are approaching!

This year's elections call for positions of President, Treasurer, and Nominations Chair. There are also appointed positions to Bylaws.

If you are interested in running for office, please complete the enclosed consent to run.

If you would like to recommend someone for nomination, please e-mail or call me.

Thank you!

**Catherine Short, Nominations Chair**

## SCR Bag Your Booth—Another Year of Success at Nationals!

Our National booth was well-received this year by all. Everyone stopped by and commented on how creative our booth was. Thanks again to everyone who helped out at the booth. We checked several bags and sold lots of scissors. We made \$633.00 this year. Twenty of those dollars were “Tea Party” donations.

Susan Dixson from Baton Rouge won the raffle...nice to keep it in our Region’s family!

*Jill Conwill, Treasurer*

### ***Public Relations News***

Once again, we have had a successful Tea Party, raising \$465.00 for the general fund. This will help support all of the education programs we have (UOA camp, Annual Conference, and the Beverly Hampton WOCNEP). Thanks to everyone for your continued support. We will have opportunities to donate at the regional convention if you would like to donate at that time.

With the national conference behind us (what a great educational and networking opportunity we had in Tampa!), it is now time to look to the upcoming regional conference. We will be naming the WOC Nurse of the Year at the conference. Please nominate the WOC nurse you feel meets the criteria for this award! We need your nominations by August 1, 2004.

If you are a past WOCN of the Year, please contact me and let me know if you plan to attend the regional conference. We would like to recognize past WOC nurses of the year at the regional conference.

*Kimberly Stallo, Public Relations Chair*

### **SCR Members Stepping Out at the 36th Annual WOCN Conference**

*The SCR can boast of its fine membership who presented themselves and their hard work at the poster session and lecture series.*

*Remember to congratulate these members when you see them again!*

*•Linda Woodward (TX) - Wound Care Challenges in Leukemia and Lymphoma Patients*

*•Kim Bookout, Kathy McLane, Shannon McCord (TX))-Case Study: Use of Silver Dressings with Neonatal Abdominal Evisceration*

*•Cynthia Worley (TX) - lecture- “Care of the Patient Undergoing a Total Pelvic Exenteration”*

*You can view additional abstract details on the web at [www.wocn.org](http://www.wocn.org).*

*Janet Davis, President Ex-Officio*

## Linda Woodward: Winner of the Arceneaux Nursing Award 2004

Congratulations to Linda Woodward, RN, BSN, CWOC, OCN!  
She is the winner of the Ethel Fleming Arceneaux Outstanding Nurse Oncologist Award this year. This is the nurse clinician of the year award given at MD Anderson. The recipient is awarded \$15,000 !

Linda completed her wound, ostomy, continence education program at MD Anderson.

You can e-mail Linda at [lwoodwar@mdanderson.org](mailto:lwoodwar@mdanderson.org) with your congratulations!



### IMMERSE YOURSELF

*Relax - Retain - Rejuvenate*

*at*

***30th Annual SCR WOCN Conference***

***Hot Springs, Arkansas***

***OCTOBER 14-16, 2004***

***Hot Springs Convention Center and Embassy Suites Hotel***

**Events:**

***14th - Wine & Cheese Reception  
Dinner & Auction***

***15th - Entertainment on your own***

**Topics include : *Pressure Ulcer Litigation***

***How to get Published***

***Urinary Incontinence Update***

***WOCN Survival Skills***

***Albumin : Useful or Useless?***

**Questions? Charlotte Martin at [cmartin@wregional.com](mailto:cmartin@wregional.com)**

## Job Opportunities for WOCNs!!!

**Austin, TX: Seton Healthcare Network** is a not-for-profit organization of Central Texas including 8 hospitals, several community clinics, and a home care/hospice. MAGNET-designated 2002—4 hospitals. Currently have an opening for a WOCN Certified Nurse. The role of the WOCN is to primarily serve patients with ostomies, fistulas, and wound care needs. Practice is collaborative with the physical therapy depts. at each hospital. Contact info.: Mary Viney, RN, MSN, Director: Mviney@seton.org, (office) 512-324-4046, (pager) 512-624-1456; Karen Hollis, RN, BSN, COCN, CWCN, Lead WOCN: Khollis@seton.org, (office) 512-324-1053, (pager) 512-604-3010.

**Location TBA: Coloplast, North America** seeking a **Clinical Project Coordinator** to support the Ostomy Specialist Initiative. The successful candidate will work closely with the sales organization in their region, developing key relationships with WOCN nurses through educational programs and support. They will assist in increasing the visibility of ostomy products within hospitals, long-term care facilities, and the end-user. Contact info: Diane Westmore Bowen, Office 770-979-5673 or Cell 678-640-6935, bowe5673@bellsouth.net.

**Clear Lake, TX: Cornerstone Hospital of Houston** is seeking a full-time WOCN with at least 2 years wound care experience. Contact info: 709 E. Medical Center Blvd. Webster, Tx. 77598, 281-332-3322, or fax resume to 713-551-5673.

**Norman, OK: Norman Regional Hospital** is seeking to hire a "Wound & Ostomy Registered Nurse" - qualifications to include BSN, graduation from a WOCN Society accredited program, 2 yrs. previous RN nursing experience required, experience as a WOCN required, certification as a WOCN preferred, current Oklahoma RN license required. Schedule: Mon.-Fri./8-5/some off shifts with support groups. Contact info.: Sue Nicholson, RN, Nurse Recruiter, Norman Regional Hospital, 405-307-1591, snicholson@nrh-ok.com; www.normanregional.com.

**Portland, Oregon WOCN** : I am a recruiter specializing in healthcare placement. This is an excellent opportunity for a WOCN with one of the premier healthcare providers in the Pacific Northwest. This is a hospital-based position for an individual with a hospital background. Interviews have begun, so please respond within a day or two of reading this and feel free to attach your resume. I will not present your resume without your verbal permission after we talk on the phone. If you know someone who might be interested in hearing about this opportunity or someone whom I can contact, I'd appreciate an e-mail or phone call. If anyone is interested in positions elsewhere in the USA, please let me know.—Lynn Dotson, Horizon Associates, Toll free: 877-806-7019.



### SCR Regional Conference 2005

From historic Galveston, Texas, you can have a fabulous **cruise vacation and conference**. This 5-day weekend cruise takes you to the day & evening excitement of Cozumel, the jewel of the Yucatan with a second day to explore all the attractions of Calica /Playa del Carmen. Two great vacations plus conference aboard one spectacular floating resort!

The ship, the Ecstasy, will be in dry dock 3 weeks before we set sail-fresh with new carpet and paint. What more could you ask for? For more information, contact Janet M. Davis (W) 713- 745-0216 , Email: jmdavis@mdanderson.org .





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### Wound, Ostomy, Continenence Education Programs

**The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Wound, Ostomy, Continenence Nurse Education Program (WOCNEP)**  
 UT M.D. Anderson Cancer Center  
 Attn.: Shirley Woolems (Unit 163)  
 1515 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77030-4009  
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 Also see MD Anderson's website-  
[www.mdanderson.org/departments/woundostomy](http://www.mdanderson.org/departments/woundostomy)

Program Director: Coni Ellis, MS, RN, OCN, CWOCN; Program Co-Director: Janet M. Davis, MSN, RN, APRN-BC, CWOCN  
**8-Week Traditional Programs: 2004:** 1/12/04; 3/22/04; 9/13/04. **2005:** 1/10/05; 3/21/05; 9/12/05.  
**4-Week On-Site Houston Didactic/4-Week Off-Site Clinical Program:** Start dates same as 8-week programs.  
**Emory University Wound, Ostomy, Continenence Nursing Education Center (WOCNEC)**  
 The Emory Clinic, Room AT 732  
 1365 Clifton Rd., NE

Atlanta, GA 30322  
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**9-Week Traditional Program on-site:** 3/1—4/30/05; **5-Week Split-option program—**1/12—2/13/04; Distance Learning Program—Ongoing.  
*(Also, check the [wocn.org](http://wocn.org) website and click on "Education" for more options.)*

### WOCNs in Action (where your local group meets)

**Austin, TX**—Meets 2nd Wed. at 6:00 PM. Contact Karen Hollis @ (512)-324-1053.  
**Arkla-Tex**—Meets 2nd Fri. of each quarter at 6:30 PM in Bossier City, LA. Contact Margaret Davis @ (318)-675-6924.  
**Biloxi, MS**—Contact Paula Green @ (601) 288-4244.  
**Dallas, TX**—Meets 2nd Thurs. at 11:30 AM at the American Cancer Society, 8900 John Carpenter Fwy. Contact Jacqueline Vaughn @ (972) 235-1771 or [jmavaughn@aol.com](mailto:jmavaughn@aol.com).  
**Northeast Texas WOCN**—Meets quarterly at various locations in the

Longview-Tyler area. Contact Tammi Short@ (903) 297-2560.  
**Fort Worth, TX**—Meets 1st Thurs. at 11:30 AM at the Klabzuba Tower. Contact Valerie Pemberton @ (817) 820-4970 (W).  
**Houston, TX**—Meets 4th Wed. at the Rotary House at 11:30 AM. Contact Sheridan Myers @ (281) 564-2563.  
**Houston Northwest**—Meets every 3rd Thursday of the month at 6PM. Contact: Pat Thompson, (W) 281-397-2799; (H) 832-484-8656; [pat.thompson@tenethealth.com](mailto:pat.thompson@tenethealth.com)  
**Lafayette, LA**—Meets 3rd Thurs. of each quarter at 6:30 PM. Contact Rita Hernandez @ (337) 981-4935.  
**Oklahoma City, OK**—Meets 3rd Wed. of every other month on "on-call"basis

in the American Cancer Society of- fice. Members will receive mailing notice of when meeting will be held. Contact Sharon Williams @ (405) 949-3770.  
**San Antonio, TX**—Meets 3rd Wed. at the American Cancer Society at 4:30 PM. Contact Diane Rudolph @ (830) 336-3565 (H).  
 Please send any updates about your local WOCN group to Tammi Short. Send by US mail or by email to [ettammi@aol.com](mailto:ettammi@aol.com).