

November 16, 2006

Dear SCR members,

A lot has happened over the past couple of months. We had a great regional conference in Dallas. The Conference Planning Committee out did themselves! We had 181 WOCN's and had 50 vendor booth spaces, with over 100 vendors attending. On the last day of the conference there was an additional educational offering for local nurses focusing on wound and skin care. This was a great hit.

The President's Award winners for 2006 were announced at the conference by Kathy Murphy. There were two recipients this year: Ann Glosso RN CWOCN and Janet Anderson RNC WHCNP. Ann and Janet were recognized for their contribution in the WOC area of continence care. Janet and Ann did a survey of their community in Marble Falls, TX and found that in their area people with continence care needs were being sadly underserved. They studied incontinent care and opened a Continence Clinic that has been in operation for several years now.

There was discussion at the business meeting regarding the status of the Hurricane Relief Fund. Since the beginning of the year we have tried to locate those WOCN's renewing their certification for 2006 who sustained damage from the 2005 hurricanes. We had only a couple of people apply for this scholarship. We have advertised it in various venues: phone calls, email letters, enews and at our booths at both national and regional conferences. It was suggested that after December 31, 2006 we would identify those active members that sustained, not recertifying in 2006 and award them a check for \$200 from our fund.

We also discussed the Beverly Hampton Scholarship Award. Currently it is awarded through the National Scholarship Committee. The National office has suggested that if our scholarship of \$3500 was not awarded that the money be put into the general funds to be used as needed for other recipients. All felt strongly opposed to this request. There have been several misunderstandings over the past year regarding our scholarship requirements with the National office so it was proposed at the business meeting that the South Central Region handle our own scholarship award. It was put to a vote and unanimously approved. The Scholarship Committee will be working on the application and award process for this coming year. It was also proposed that SCR donate \$1500 yearly to the National Scholarship Fund to be awarded to a SCR nurse attending any recognized ETNEP program.

If you haven't seen the October Five Alive enews click on this site:

<http://www.scrwocn.org/newslet/index.htm> . We are always looking for input from our members for the *Clinical Corner* or news from the various local WOCN groups. It would be nice to hear from YOU. Bette Kussmann is our Communication Chairperson and can be contacted to answer any question you may have about an article you want to submit.

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Best wishes for the upcoming holiday season from the SCR Board and Council,
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