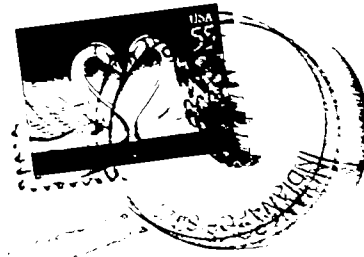


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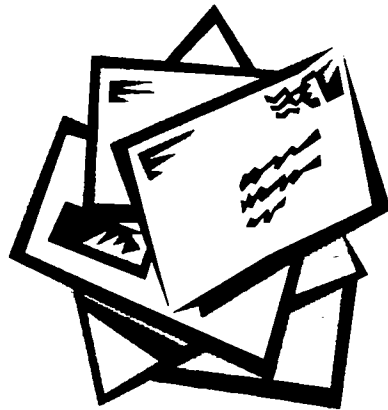
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A Message From Our President . . .



Thank you to everyone in the Mid-East Region for enabling me to become your President and those who assisted me in the transition from President-elect to President. Especially, I would like to express my gratitude to Shari Ballard -Krishnan. She had all the loose ends, problems, and paperwork taken care of for me. She has spent the last year preparing me for a smooth transition.

I also would like to thank another very special person. That person is Norma Gill. Without her dedication to others and her promotion of ET Nursing, ET Nurses worldwide would not have the profession that has given us such satisfaction. In October of 1998, at our regional meeting in West Virginia, we had dedicated our membership meeting to her and sent a note expressing our thoughts and wishes for her health. She passed away on

Sunday, October 25, 1998. She will be remembered and missed by all. There will be a memorial service for her on February 17, 1999 at the Cleveland Clinic. The previous memorial service was canceled due to an ice storm.

Sitting down to write this brought on great reflection as to what the profession of ET Nursing has given to me, all of you and many others throughout the world. It was Norma's love and caring of other ostomates that embarked the rudiments of our great profession. I know myself and many others think of her often and send our love and thoughts to Norma.

Judy Werner, President

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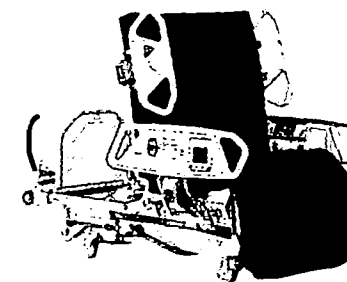
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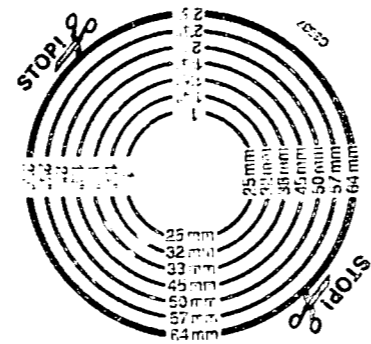
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IN MEMORY OF NORMA GILL-THOMPSON, ET JUNE 26, 1920 - OCTOBER 25, 1998

I am honored to dedicate this first issue of the 1999 Mideas Dropper to the memory of our friend and founder of the first Enterostomal Therapy school in 1961 at the Cleveland Clinic. We, as members of the Mideast Region, are proud to say that she was "one of us". Norma's work has touched the lives of many nurses and ostomates all over the world. Her friends and family say that she never stopped caring, sharing, and learning. During our regional meeting in October of 1998 we dedicated our membership meeting to her and our hopes that she would regain her health. But that was not to be and Norma passed away on October 25th, 1998. Our hearts go out to her family and all who loved Norma.

Norma Gill was a mighty lady and respected and loved by many all over the world. Norma received numerous awards and was a popular speaker on a local, regional, and international level. Even after her retirement, she stayed active with the R.B. Turnbull School of Enterostomal Therapy at the Cleveland Clinic. As we all move forward with our lives and careers, let us always remember those whom have made it possible for us to travel the path put down before us. To Norma Gill-Thompson: we thank you and are very proud to say you began the enterostomal therapy journey in "our" region.

Sincerely,

Patti Lilley BSN, RN, CWOCN

STANDARDS

No report submitted.

RESEARCH

No report submitted, will report in June.

ETHICS

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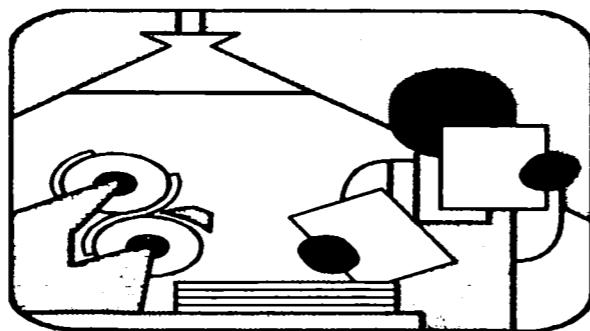
The legislative season is beginning to heat up in our five states. In West Virginia, the major health care issue this year will be a push to end rate-setting for hospitals. Over recent years all states but WV and Maryland have eliminated rate-setting. In Indiana, there is a bill currently in committee that would allow the Board of Nursing to license Canadian nurses by endorsement if they meet all the requirements of licensure under state law. Ohio and Michigan are just beginning their sessions and there is not information available at this time. Kentucky is in an off year and will have an organizing session only. Nationally, the big news is that in October, Congress included a provision in the 1999 Omnibus Appropriations Bill that increases the Per-beneficiary limit for home health agencies under the national median. Details about the bill can be found at the web site of the Visiting Nurse Associations of America. That address is www.vnaa.org. The site also contains information about membership, home care

issues which include talking points about subjects such as outpatient prospective payment systems. The site also allows you to e-mail your members of congress. If you don't feel comfortable writing your own letter, they provide you with samples to help you along. Remember, nurses will be heard only when they speak out. The AHA can be found at www.aha.org. The American Public Health Association has issued a call to Congress to pass a Patient's Bill of Rights during the 1999 session. Such a bill failed to pass in 1998. Information about their stand on this issue and other legislative information pertaining to public health can be found on their web site at www.apha.com.

Glenna Altizer

PUBLICATIONS

At our regional meeting in WV in 1998 I announced my plans to continue the newsletter editing position only through the end of 1999. Our newsletter is our communication tool for our members and it is our responsibility as members to keep our newsletter alive and full of valuable information. I am asking for a person or a group of you to please volunteer to take over the newsletter at the end of 1999. Interested parties please contact me via my home address, phone or e-mail listed in this newsletter issue. Also remember to submit your reports by April 15, 1999 for the May/June issue of the Dropper. Photos to print in the newsletter are welcomed. Patti Lilley



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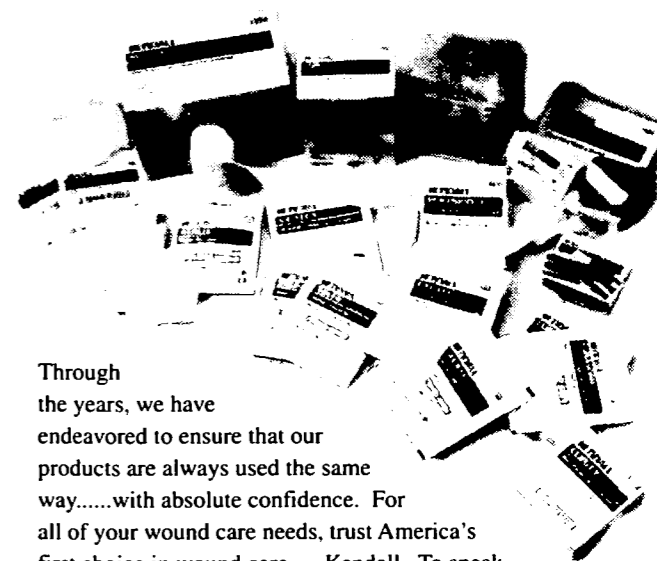
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And mingle with the flock?

Or do you just meet in private
And criticize the flock?

Do you take an active part
To help the work along

Or are you satisfied to be
The kind who just belongs?

Do you work on committees
To these there is no trick,

Or leave the work to just a few
And talk about the clique?

Please come to meetings often
And help with hand and heart:

Don't just be a member,
But take an active part.

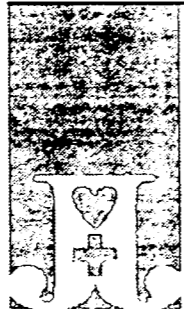
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Committee Reports, Continued

WOCN NURSE OF THE YEAR

Report and nomination form to be in May/June
issue

PR/SUNSHINE

No report submitted

CONFERENCE PLANNING 1999

No report submitted

SCHOLARSHIP

No report submitted

EXCELLENCE IN WRITING

A call for manuscripts!!!!!!

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OPERATIONS MANUAL

No report submitted

BYLAWS

No report submitted

NOMINATIONS

A sincere thanks to those that ran for
office and to those members that re-
turned their ballots. Thank you to
Sandy Duda, Pat Gallagher, and Beth
Gudde for the help in mailing the bal-
lots; and to Becky Roberts, Pat Gal-
lagher, and Beth Gudde for counting
the ballots.

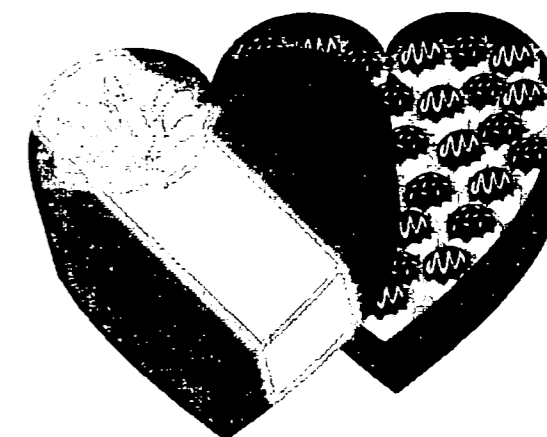
The results are:

President Elect: Allyn Davies
Secretary: Betty Winn
Trustee 2: Mary Arnold-Andrychuck
Trustee 4: Terri Ross

submitted by
Betty Winn, outgoing Nominations
chair

FUNDRAISING

No report submitted



News From Around The Region

1998 WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

Thank you to the West Virginia Conference Planning Committee members!

Glenna Altizer
 Vickie Godbey
 Nancy Martin
 Juanita Jenkins
 Sonya Lalberry
 Judy Benedetti
 Megan Padden
 Connie Lawrence
 Thelma Fuhs
 Maryann Capp
 Kelly Veroski

Dear Glenna and members:

The members of the Mideast Region of WOCN want to commend you all on the fine job you did in planning the conference in WV. Your hard work resulted in a very organized, well planned, and informative conference. We were all able to take home much information that we will be able to apply in our various practice settings. Your selection of speakers was excellent. Thanks again for all of your efforts on our behalf. We really appreciated all of the time you spent.

Sincerely, Mideast Region members



A CALL FOR NEW MEMBERS
 As members of our region, please remember that we are all ambassadors for our region and for the WOCN. Please encourage new WOCN's and student WOCN's to join our region and participate in our news and activities. This newsletter is mailed ONLY to Mideast Region dues paying members so share it with new and interested members to be. If you know someone that would like to have a newsletter mailed, compliments of our region, please contact Patti Lilley via the various methods listed in the board members information on the inside of the front cover of this newsletter. She will be glad to mail them a copy if you provide their mailing address and zip code. The newsletter is too long to fax.

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- 3. Excellence in Writing - R. Trout: No applicants for the writing award. R. Trout resigned from chair. Sarah Davis from CCF will be the new chair. Bob encouraged the membership to publish. Thanks Bob for a good job.
- Trustee #4 - Sandy Duda
- 1. OPS Manual - J. Werner: J. Werner reported that the OPS Manual has been updated and is on disc. The Board have received their copies and a disc. If any of the membership is interested in a copy of the OPS Manual, they should contact J. Werner.
- 2. By-laws - M. Saulman: Proposed by-law changes will appear in the Dropper and voted on by mail vote. An issue that has been recently discussed is treasurer bonding which will eventually be covered in liability insurance.
- 3. Nominations- Betty Winn: Betty Winn reported the results of the election. She thanked Beth Gulide, Becky Roberts, Pat Gallagher, and Shari Krishnan for counting ballots. We received 155 valid ballots. 25 ballots were returned with no return address. The results are as follows:
 President Elect: Allyn Davies 152 votes
 Secretary: Betty Winn 151 votes
- Trustee #2
 Mary Arnold Andrecheck 86 votes * Trustee #2
 Esther Aszodi 64 votes
- Trustee #4
 Terry Ross 75 votes *Trustee #4
 Sandy Duda 75 votes
- Both Terry Ross and Sandy Duda received 75 votes. They drew straws as stated in the bylaws. Terry Ross won Trustee #4.
 Betty Winn moved that the ballots be destroyed. 2nd by R. DeBlase. Motion carried. Ballots to be destroyed.
- 4. Historian: P. Valmasuo- Sandy reported that the scrapbook will be available at each conference. It will be up to each conference committee to designate a photographer for the scrapbook.
- 5. Fundraising - Joan Sewickley: Joan reported that the Silent Auction made \$610, Shirts made \$104, and the jewelry made \$633, for a total of \$1363. The fundraising position can now be moved back to trustee #2.

VIII. Presidents Comments- S. Krishnan: S. Krishnan thanked her board and all of the members for the support they showed her during her term. She also thanked and recognized the persons who mentored her.

IX. Unfinished Business

- A. Certification/Outcome from the letter written at the National Conference - J. Werner: Judy Werner reported that we received no official response from our letter to the certification board. The letter written to the Certification Board was

printed in the September Dropper. Judy stated that she will resubmit the letter to the Certification Board and ask for a response.

B. Other Business: J. Werner thanked Shari Krishnan for a great job as president of the MER and presented her with a gift as a token of our thanks. She wished her well in her new endeavors. Thanks Shari for everything!

X. New Business - None

XI. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Allyn Davies
 Secretary

Midwest Region Annual General Membership Meeting
Saturday, October 24, 1998
Charleston, West Virginia

- I. Call to order:** S. Krishnan welcomed membership to Charleston, West Virginia. Membership introduced each other. Conference Committee thanked. Norma Gill has been ill. Proclamation for Norma Gill signed by all members in attendance.
- II. Quorum Determination and Voting Guidelines - Glenna Altizer -** Voting guidelines and rules for discussion explained. We had a quorum so business can be conducted.
- III. Additions or Deletions from Agenda:** S. Krishnan: M. Merrill moved that agenda be changed to add President's Award and Mid-East Region Look for 2000 after the Treasurer's Report. 2nd by K. Granby. Motion carried.
- IV. Secretary's Report - A. Davies:** We have 55 members in attendance. The minutes from the Salt Lake City meeting were printed in the September, 1998 Dropper. A. Davies moved that the minutes be accepted as written. 2nd by C. Smith. Motion carried. Minutes approved. A. Davies shared the following important dates: June 20 - 24: National Conference in Minneapolis; March 18 - 21: Professional Leadership Conference in Las Vegas; 1999 MER Regional conference in Cleveland; October 14, 15, 16, 1999.
- V. Treasurer's Report - S. Kennedy:** Proposed budget shared with membership. Proposed budget voted on and accepted. The books were audited by a CPA and will need to be audited by the trustees in Minneapolis. S. Kennedy suggested we hold on looking into investments for now. The region is looking into quotes for liability insurance which will hopefully be decided by the next membership meeting. The liability insurance would cover the treasurer bonding. A committee (Martha Saulman, Judy Werner, Becky Roberts, and Allyn Davies) to look at liability insurance and indemnity issues has been formed and they will report at the next meeting.
- VI. Addendum to Agenda:** S. Krishnan: S. Krishnan presented the President's Award to Glenna Altizer for her hard work and support as Parliamentarian. Congratulations Glenna, for this much deserved award.
MIDWEST REGION LOOK FOR 2000 - S. Krishnan shared the spirit and the vision of the MER Board for the millennium. Key areas involve marketing, electronic technologies as we develop our Web site, recruitment, leadership, outcome optimization, ownership - "our region" buy in, and keeping on our own business track. See attached information sheets with further description of the MER Look for 2000.

VII. Trustees and Committee Reports:

A. Trustee #1: Becky Roberts

1. Standards: Vacant
2. Research Website Update: M. Herbeck: Report attached to minutes. B. Roberts reported that it would cost approximately \$1000- \$1500 to develop Web site. M. Herbeck asked for volunteers to help with set up. Sonia Laliberty, Sandy Braun, and Judy Werner volunteered to help.
3. Government Affairs- G. Altizer: G. Altizer is following the legislative activities in all five states and will report on activities in the Dropper. She is collecting E-mail addresses, and fax numbers to facilitate communication. She is open to suggestions for other areas of interest. The President-Elect will attend NTVI in 1999.
4. Ethics- Pat Gallagher: No report

B. Trustee #2: Joan Sewickley

1. Publications - P. Lilley: P. Lilley encouraged members to solicit vendors for ads for the Dropper. Article deadlines are Jan. 15, April 15, and Aug. 15. P. Lilley is looking for vendors/ hospitals to cover the mailing. P. Lilley plans to remain editor until October 99. She is looking for her replacement. Anyone interested should contact P. Lilley. She also encouraged any one who took pictures at the conference to send them in and she would include them in the next issue.

Z. MER Nurse of the Year - Judy Werner: Judy Werner presented the MER

Nurse of the Year Award to Doreen White. Congratulations to Doreen. Judy encouraged membership to start thinking now about nominees for next year.

3. PR Sunshine - M. Merrill - M. Merrill asked that she be notified when a member of the region has a significant event i.e. graduation, birth, death in family, award etc. and she will send out a card in the mail. Her e-mail address is merrill.20@osu.edu

Trustee # 3- Carolyn Smith

1. Conference Planning 1998- G. Altizer: G. Altizer recognized the West Virginia Committee. The Committee was congratulated on a very successful conference.

Cleveland, 1999- Sara Davis: Sara Davis reported that the 1999 conference will occur on October 14, 15, 16 at the Renaissance Hotel in Cleveland. The program is not yet confirmed.

Indianapolis, 2000 - C. Smith: Committee formed and are looking into the Indiana University Plaza in Indianapolis.

2. Scholarship - C. Smith: C. Smith suggested that our existing scholarships be turned back to National to be managed due to all of the time involved. Any new scholarships established will be managed by the MER, focusing on advanced degrees for ET nurses. She suggested these new scholarships be managed by someone we have contracted with to manage the scholarships. More info to come.

News From Around The Region, Continued

Michigan's Nurses Impact '99

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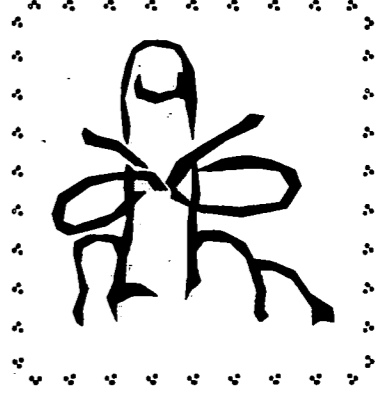
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SOUTHEAST MI ET NURSE MEETING

Our meeting was held at Covenant Medical Center in Saginaw, MI. It was hosted by the Tri-City Group; Barb Illka, Judy Werner, Lynn Bieberitz, and Linda McGee. There were thirty in attendance with a luncheon provided by HillRom and many good speakers. Dr. R. Barby gave a presentation on dermal skin lesions and Al Barmanito RPHD gave a presentation on Short Gut Syndrome and methods to manage. One of his patients talked about how her life has been changed by his managing her short bowel syndrome. Thanks to all who helped this meeting. Judy Werner



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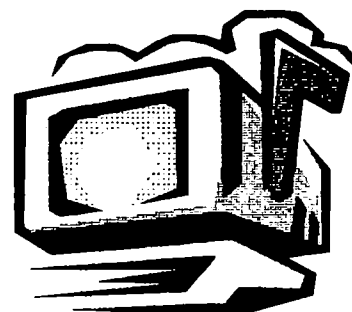
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This list has become a chore in itself to keep up with, therefore unless a volunteer from our membership comes forth prior to April 15, 1999, this section of our newsletter will not be included. Please volunteer to keep this section, it is of great benefit to our members.

Please accept apologies for any errors in the addresses as handwriting analysis was not my major. Also remember when giving your e-mail addresses to be **EXACT** with the lower case vs capitals and spacing and 's . It means the difference between correct and incorrect addresses. Contact Patti Lilley if interested in keeping list. 317 835-4439 or e-mail as listed previously.

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A Message From Our President



The Officers and Board of the Mid-East Region have just returned from the Professional Practice Institute Conference. We combined a Spring Board Meeting with the conference. We met on Thursday during the day prior to PPI starting in the evening. The conference was excellent. There were very informative sessions on different professional aspects, such as: Conflict Resolution, Leadership Strategies, Parliamentary Procedure, Legal Issues Impacting WOCN/ET Nurses, Professional Communication, Balanced Budget Act, and the Center for Clinical Investigation.

The second focus of the conference concerned WOCN Briefings, Sharing Sessions, and Focus Group Dialogue Sessions. These sessions gave us the opportunity to share regional issues and concerns with the national leadership members of other regions. This part of the conference stood out in my mind the most. Over and over again there was the repeating concept "As your national officers and board, how may we be of assistance to you?"

Many of the other regions are dealing with some of the same issues as we are: recruitment and retention, volunteerism, and web page development. Several regions are having difficulty with financial aspects and low attendance at regional conference. Again, the message was loud and clear from the national leadership asking how they can assist the regions. National, together with Bernie and Dorothy are open to ideas and input from us. Please feel free to contact any of the members and directors.

We will be adding a new section to our newsletter that will list the names and addresses of new members and newly activated members of our region. If anyone knows of any new ET's or new members please let me know so we may welcome them.

Judy Werner, President

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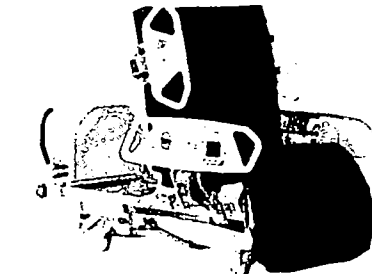
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MIDEAST REGIONAL MEETING

The next Mideast Regional Meeting will be held during WOCN National Conference in Minneapolis. Substantial appetizers will be provided. Attendees only will be eligible for a door prize : Complimentary registration for the Mideast Regional Conference in Cleveland in October 1999. You must be present to win! The meeting will be held on Sunday evening June 20, from 7:30-10:00 pm. For additional information, contact any of the MER board members.

BARIATRIC CARE

Many of us have been involved in caring for bariatric patients. Frequently, obtaining the needed equipment and supplies becomes problematic. In August 1998, the Cleveland area ET nurses met at Metro-Health Hospital (hosted by Allyn Davies) to learn more about bariatric care. A list of resources for bariatric equipment was started. We would like to keep the list current.

If you have information or a list of resources to contribute, I would be glad to compile and make the list available for members at the October MER meeting.

Incidentally, a session on bariatric care is part of the professional practice offerings at national (June 23, 1999).

Please call or e-mail with your information, Thanks!

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Meanwhile in Indy , plans are being made for the Y2K conference in Indianapolis



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IN MEMORY OF PATRICIA GRIZZLE

Last October the Kentuckiana ET Nurses lost a wonderful friend and colleague, Pat Grizzle. Pat dies after a brief illness. She had been a nurse since 1955 and became an ET nurse in 1981 after attending the program at the University of Kansas. she immediately became an active member of the local ET group and was always known as someone you could depend on to help out, give advice, precept a new ET nurse, take on a new project, or just be a supportive and good friend. In 1991 she was selected as Nurse of the Year. The following is a poem written by a nurse who worked with Pat. It says a lot about Pat Grizzle was and what she meant to a lot of people. We will miss her!

Joan Baptie Hardin

*She was a nurse, and a good one too
There wasn't much she couldn't do.
She was a nurse, she cared a lot
She gave far greater than she got.
She watched the patients come and go
And cared for folks she didn't know.
She gave the best that she could give,
She helped them heal, she helped them live.
She knew of pain, and what made it worse,
She knew because, she was a nurse.
If you were wrong, she'd let you know,
And with her peace said, away she'd go
To another patient down the hall.
She loved her work, she loved us all.
She was a nurse through good and bad
I remember all the times we had,
When changes seemed too much to do,
But somehow she would help us through.
They changed policies, changed the name,
But her devotion stayed the same.
She was a nurse and this is true,*

*Today I think it's only fair,
That we are here because we care.
Our Lord sent Christ to care for you,
He also sent this woman too.
In heaven she'll do lots of things,
Right now she's mending angel's wings.
With pride I'll say this at the end,
She was a nurse, she was my friend.*

Bernie Cox Bryant



WORDS OF WISDOM from NU-HOPE

- "The quality of life is in the mind, not in material."
 - "The world is filled with beauty when your heart is filled with love."
 - "We grow because we struggle, we learn, and we overcome."
 - "Goodness is the only investment that never fails."
 - "Live every day of your life as if you expect to live forever."
 - "Be not simply good, but good for something." "To have character is to be big enough to take life on"
- submitted by Mary Baker*

Committee Reports

EXCELLENCE IN WRITING

A call for manuscripts!

The Excellence in Writing Committee invites you to submit your published articles. Members of the Mideast Region of WOCN who have published in 1998 or 1999 are eligible. The winner may receive \$400. If you are interested, please submit a copy of your article by September 15, 1999 to:

Sara Davies RN, CETN
9500 Euclid Ave. KK54
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FAX: 216-445-6343

OUTSTANDING ET NURSE AWARD

We all work very hard and are rarely recognized for the contributions we all make. The Mid-East Region provides that vehicle for recognition of an outstanding individual who is nominated by their peers for the Outstanding ET Nurse Award. Why not nominate that ET nurse/friend of yours who you believe deserves recognition? The award will be presented during the MER membership meeting in Cleveland.

Send the application to President-Elect, Allyn Davies, 8196 Creekside Trace, Broadview Height, OH 44147 phone@ (H)440-526-6429 (W)216-778-5436 FAX 216-778-4219 E-mail: ADavies@MetroHealth.org
Deadline: September 1, 1999.

Prerequisites:

- Nominee must be a member of the Mideast Region of the WOCN for a minimum of two years.
- Nominee must attend at least one WOCN meeting a year (either Mideast Regional or National Conference).
- Nominee must be board certified in ET Nursing.

The award will be presented to the winner at our Annual Regional Conference. Send nominations to President-Elect.

The Selection Committee is comprised of a WOCN member from each state in our region.

The Selection Committee is not appraised of the names or agency affiliation of nominees until the selection is completed.

Briefly describe the nominee's qualifications for the award and provide examples based on the following criteria. (Note: the nominee must meet 80 percent of the criteria.)

1. Demonstrates excellence in the full scope of ET Nursing practice.
2. Devotes at least 50 percent of professional practice to providing direct care to patients with dermal ulcers, stomas, wounds and incontinence.
3. Shares knowledge by providing professional and community education via one on one education, seminars and symposiums.
4. Promotes the specialty of ET Nursing by actively participating in professional, political and/or community organizations.
5. Actively promotes the growth and development of ET Nursing by providing peer support, precepting and recruitment.



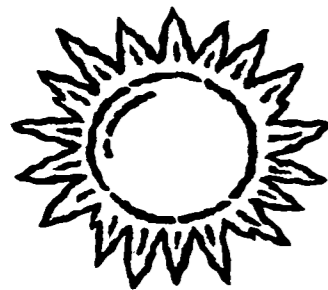
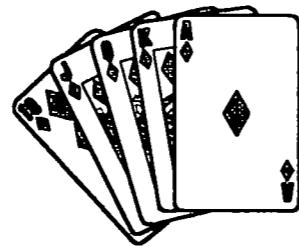
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Send your response by July 1, 1999 to:
Mary Andrychuck via phone @ (317) 841-5650 OR FAX @ (317) 351-7860 and be sure to mark for attention to Mary Andrychuck on your fax. OR you may e-mail Mary @ mcandryc@commhospindy.org

Thank you for your participation. Don't forget to respond by July 1, 1999.

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SURVEY FOR TOPICS IN 2000

In preparation for the MidEast Region's Conference planning for Oct 2000, we want to know which "hot topics" would interest you at regional conference.

Please identify, in order, the 5 topics below which most interest you. If you have speaker suggestions include them with your response.

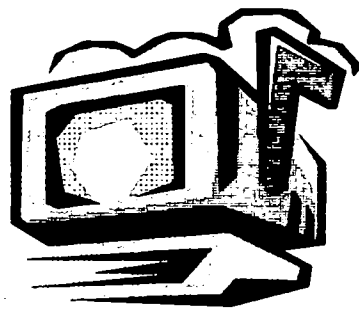
Suggested topics:

- Reimbursement (specify segment of interest...balanced budget act, Medicare, OP, etc.)
- Pain management & wound care
- Diabetic foot ulcers
- Setting up a foot care clinic
- Setting up OP services
- Nutritional issues related to fistula & small bowel stoma management
- Incontinence-fecal-assessment
- Incontinence-fecal-management
- Incontinence-fecal-history taking
- Incontinence-urinary-assessment
- Incontinence-urinary-management
- Incontinence-urinary-history taking
- Incontinence-associated perineal skin integrity issues
- "Advances" in wound care ie: VAC, lavage, e-stim, growth factors, biologicals
- Professional practice-issues in rural health settings
- Professional practice-effective consulting techniques
- Wound debridement
- Dermatological lesions-recognition
- Intro to ostomy pouching
- Innovations in ostomy pouching



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PUBLICATIONS

A Call for a new Newsletter Editor

Last October in Charleston, I announced that I would be stepping down as our Publications Committee Chairperson. This has been a great experience for me personally and I have enjoyed formatting and editing our newsletter, however it is now time to pass it on to another MER member to improve and enjoy.

The newsletter is formatted on PUBLISHER 97. PUBLISHER 97 is on CD ROM and I have saved numerous newsletters on discs along with the organizational chart in WORD.

Anyone interested in taking over the Publications Committee Chairperson - newsletter editor will need to come forward at our national WOCN meeting in June in Minneapolis. You may contact me via phone, fax, e-mail inside cover of this newsletter.

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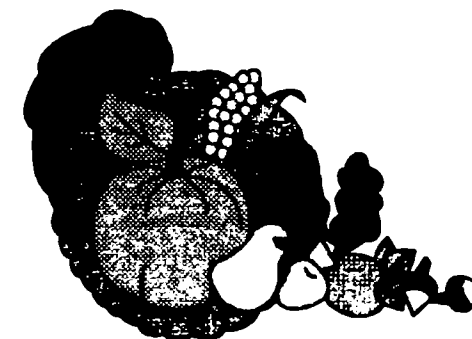
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A Message From Our President . . .



Oh Dear!!! Here it is the end of the summer and I am scrambling to get the President's message written. I'm not sure where the summer has gone. It is like when I was a child, my parents' would always tell us on the 4th of July that summer is almost over. We always laughed and did not believe them because school had only let out 2-3 weeks before. When Labor day rolled around and it was back-to-school time, they would remind us, and it was amazing to our young minds where summer had disappeared.

This happens to all of us at some level or another. I always come back from conferences reenergized and with new ideas and plans. Another level is when I return from a regional meeting with great goals of things to accomplish, but then the everyday work and responsibility sets in and I do not achieve all of my goals.

We all need to realize that as professionals and nurses that not everything can be completed or finalized, but most of us accomplish a great deal. All the work we do and volunteer our time for our patients, our organization, and our profession reflect that. At our regional meeting in Minneapolis, we had 69 attend on Sunday evening (18 were first time attendees). There was much information shared, work accomplished, and ideas exchanged. It always makes me proud of E.T. Nurses.

Judy Werner

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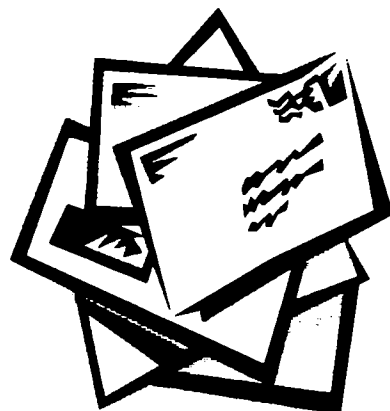
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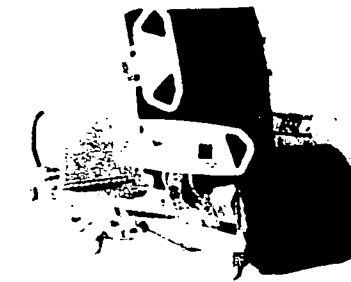
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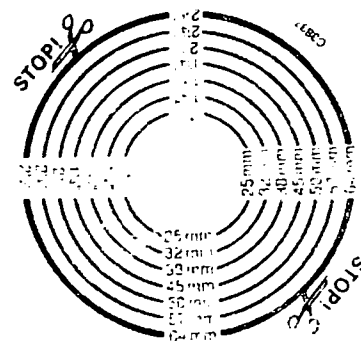
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EXCELLENCE IN WRITING

Hurry, hurry, hurry! The submission deadline for Excellence in Writing is September 15, 1999. Published articles, chapters, and manuscripts are eligible. Send your entries to:

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The winner will be awarded \$400 at the MER WOCN meeting on October 16th, 1999 in Cleveland. Entries received after Sept 15, will be considered in 2000.

Sara Davis

PUBLICATIONS

I will be handing over the newsletter publications editor position to Mary Andrychuck and Peg Jones in the Indianapolis area. Please send any news and committee reports directly to Mary Andrychuck until further notice. Mary may be reached at:

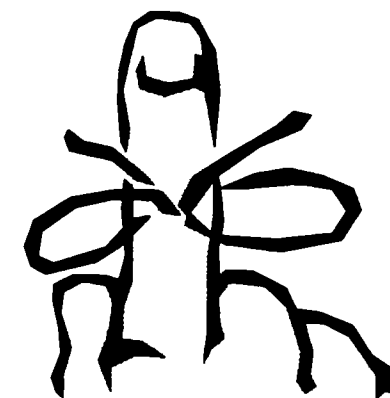
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I have enjoyed putting the newsletter together for the past 3 years and wish Mary and Peg success with their publication. Please send ideas and photos to them to publish.

REMEMBER THE DEADLINES:
JANUARY 15, for the Feb-Mar issue
APRIL 15, for the May-June issue
AUGUST 15, for the Sept-Oct issue

Patti Lilley



REGIONAL CONFERENCE 1999

Are you planning to attend the last MER conference of this century? If not, make plans to do so! I hear we are in for a WOCN' good time. It is at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel, Cleveland, OH. If you have not received your brochure, please contact The Cleveland Clinic Educational Foundation, P.O. Box 931653, Cleveland, OH 44193-1082.

Carolyn Smith



SCHOLARSHIP

ANNOUNCING
The
Mideast Region Advanced Practice
Scholarship

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The Mideast Region Advanced Practice Scholarship is ready for distribution. All we need is for you to apply. We want to award our first ever MER Advanced Practice Scholarship in Toronto in June 2000.

The requirements are simple and the application, we hope, user friendly. There will be two (2) \$500 scholarship grants per calendar year. One (1) to be awarded in June at National Conference and one(1) in October at Regional Conference. The application deadlines are January 30th for the June scholarship and June 1st for the October scholarship. To apply, simply fill out the application form, provide the required information and tell us how you plan to use your advanced education to contribute to WOC Nursing. That's all there is to it.

Mail your applications to:
Carolyn Smith
Scholarship Committee Chair
3917 South Houck
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Good Luck!

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Smith

Mideast Region Advanced Practice
Scholarship Application

Your application **MUST** contain all requested information or it will not be processed.

Do not leave blanks.

A typed application is preferred.

Handwritten applications *must be legible*.

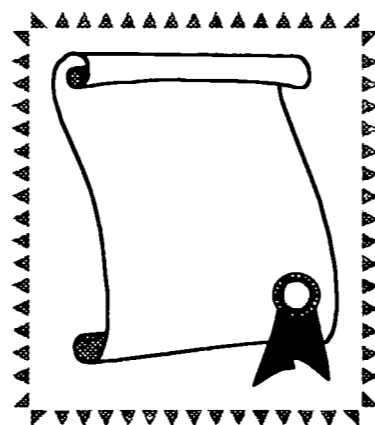
Submit four(4) identical stapled sets of your application in the following order:

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2. Copy of acceptance and evidence of current class enrollment in graduate program.
3. Copy of completion of ETNEP program.
4. Copy of current certificate of certification from WOCNCB.
5. Proof of WOCN (Mideast Region) membership for one (1) year prior to application.
6. Essay (100) words or less on How you plan to contribute to WOC Nursing with this knowledge/degree.

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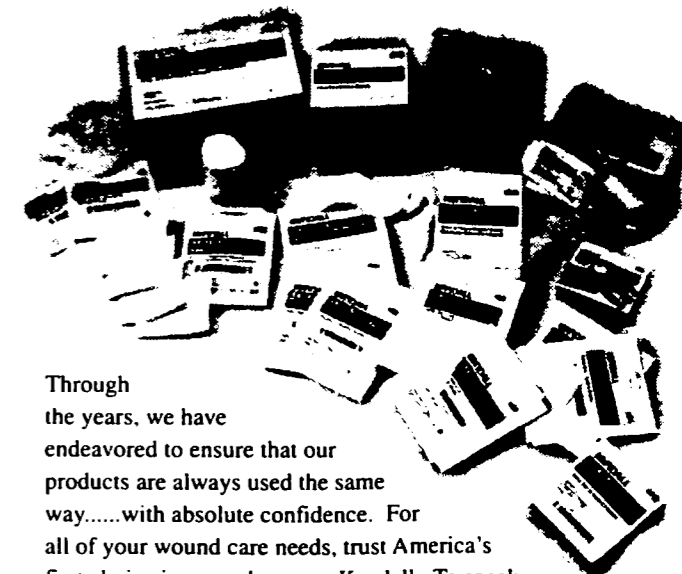
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Fax (765) 449-5073

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Allyn Davies



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June 1999



SKIN CARE COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

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One hundred Wound Care Nurses were surveyed, and the top answers were:

Top Reasons Diabetics have amputations:

- Life threatening infections
- Ischemia
- Intractable pain

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- Untreated foot injuries
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- Plantar callouses
- Corns on toes
- Maceration in toe web spaces
- Dry, cracked skin
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MER Membership Meeting Minutes

June 20, 1999

Minn. Minnesota

Scholarship C. Smith MER Advanced Practice Scholarship is available for \$500. Applications and criteria will be published in the next Dropper
Excellence in Writing S. Davis-Needs submissions \$400 prize

Trustee #4-T. Ross-Bylaws-M. Saulman-not present Terry discussed need to look at changing Section III Review of Member, and other sections Bylaw changes will be done and a mail vote will be sent to membership

Nominations-S. Duda-Three positions open for election this fall. Treasurer and Trustees 1 and 3 Mail vote will be done and results announced at the October Membership Meeting Please pay attention to the voting directions especially for returning the ballot Ballots cannot be counted unless correctly returned

Historian P. Valmarco not present per T. Ross Web page will have a page of History, send inf. to T. Ross if you want it included on the Web page. P. Erwin Toth donated the book about Norma Gill

Old Business-Treasurer is now bonded for three years
The MER Vision will be republished in the next Dropper

New Business-none

Past Presidents Comment-Happy to see everyone here

Announcements-Be sure to submit Budget to Sharlene Kennedy
Judy Werner received Saginaw Valley Distinguished Alumni Award---Congratulations !!!!!!

Door Prize Winners-Two Conference Registrations to Cleveland 1999-Esther Aszodi and Paul Lilly. Cleveland Bag of Goodies donated by Paula-Joan Sewickly.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Barb Metzger Seconded by Allyn Davies-all in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 10PM.

Respectfully Submitted,


Betty Winn, Secretary

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MER Membership Meeting Minutes

June 20, 1999

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Motion by Wynona Stifler to discuss Non ETNEP attendees and Certification, seconded by Linda McGee-Motion Passed. Discussion: P. Erwin-Toth reports that each individual section must have 1500 hours documented practice as well as 50 contact hours, and Full Scope needs to have 4500 documented practice as well as 150 contact hours or be a graduate of an approved school. As of the year 2000 must have a Bachelorate Degree. Barb Piper-PGP requirements more stringent than those for MSN Certification. Discussion of recertification by CEU'S. The Recertification is under a separate testing corporation (need to write them with specific complaints, as well as can write WOCN)

J. Werner: last year membership wrote a letter to the WOCN Board of the concerns with Recertification-no direct response was ever received. If more concerns members need to write.

Certification Board is looking for Volunteers to serve. (Patricia McDonald was speaking time limit up no motion to continue subject closed)

Trustee #1: Becky Roberts-Standards Committee-vacant

Research-M.B. Herbeck-Report submitted-Web hosting account opened, initial fee \$139 for domain registration and first 3 months fee. After that \$30/month or \$90/quarter. Report will be in next Dropper. www.MERWOCN.org is the web address.

Ethics-P. Gallagher-no activity.

Governmental Affairs-G. Altizer-will use the Web Page to keep members updated on GAC. All Legislators have Web Sites. Will list links on our web page. Discussion of letter writing campaign for the BBA. Hand written notes are most effective with Legislators. Speaking with an Aide can be as effective as speaking with the Legislator.

Trustee #2: M. Arnold-Andrychuck-Publications-P. Lilley-apologies to those not receiving Dropper difficulties due to different numbers of labels received from National office. Samantha Morgan will do an E-mail list. Need to get more adds in Dropper contact your local reps. More \$\$ generated with small business card size adds. Patti needs to hand over Publication to someone else. Reporters from each state might Peg Inns from Indianapolis will consider Publication of Dropper

Meeting Interrupted by visitors--National Officers came to greet members.

Peggy Crawford-Secretary, Laurie McNicol-Chair Professional Practice,

Margaret Goldberg-Chair Clinical Practice, Nancy Witten-Director,

Gail Hull-Director, Kelly Jaszarowski-Treasurer. Members can contact any of the Officers if questions or comments.

ET Nurse of the year-Allyn Davies-Needs lots of Nominations, deadline is September 21, 1999 form will be published in Dropper.

P/R Sunshine/Membership-M.Merrill-not present M.Arnold-Andrychuck gave report-Need to work on welcome to new members, will send Dropper and a letter of welcome to new grads. Be sure to send M. Merrill a note so she can send a card to anyone celebrating an event, anyone who is ill, or that has experienced a loss.

Fundraising-J. Sewickley-MER will be in Booth 329 in Exhibit Hall. Balance \$1,430.10. Check sent to Treasurer for \$1200. Purchase totals for conference-\$1343, shipping \$16.25 Balance due-\$1359.25. Jewelry is on sale at this conference, will have shirts for sale at the Fall Conference.

Trustee #3-C. Smith-Conference Planning-1999-P. Erwin Toth-October 15, and 16th in Cleveland, OH. Dorothy Doughty will do the Norma Gill Oration. Program will also include Fistula, Burn-acute and chronic wound management, On Saturday Dr. J. Church will speak on inherited colon cancer, genetic testing. Holister is sponsoring the Friday night event. The Conference will be held at the Renaissance Hotel in Downtown Cleveland. Thursday will be the Grand Opening of Exhibits. Still openings for Exhibitors call Pat at CCF. Trying to keep registration cost @ \$99.95 and hotel @ \$142.

Conference Planning 2000-Indianapolis is busy planning. The Conference will be October 5,6,7, 2000 at PUPPY Campus.

Conference 2001-Will be in Kentucky.

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MER Membership Meeting Minutes

June 20, 1999

Minn. Minnesota

Meeting Called to Order by Judy Werner at 7:45PM. Excellent turnout 69 members in attendance.

Voting and Quorum Determination: Glenna Altizer reviewed that active, retired and honorary members can vote. Debate on a specific agenda item is limited to 10 minutes, unless membership votes to extend the time limit.

Additions to the Agenda: Presidents Update, Change in Bylaws, Introduction of Carol Smith-Director over MER. Let her know of any problems that need addressed at the National level.

Recognition of Past Presidents: Karen Granby, Paula Erwin-Toth, Sheri Krishman are present.

Recognition of First-Time Attendees: 18 first time attendees present, introductions made.

Minutes of October 24, 1998 Membership Meeting: Joan Sewickley made a motion to approve the minutes. Allyn Davies seconded the motion and all members present voted to approve.

Treasurers Report: Sharlene Kennedy Treasurer reports that the checking account balance is \$57,508. Review of those eligible for reimbursement. Standing Committee Chairs receive \$100 for attendance at Membership Meetings. If Board Member and Committee Chair only eligible for one reimbursement.

There is research money available-\$1,500. Motion by L. Coven to delegate \$500 to National's Ostomy Care Research Project. Discussion followed. Reminder by Becky Roberts that currently the \$1500 has been allocated for the Web Site. Carolyn Smith amended the motion to table the first motion until the Fall Meeting so further investigation could be conducted. Allyn Davies seconded this amendment to the original motion. Vote on the amendment passed. L. Coven will do further investigation on this project and report at the October Membership Meeting.

Region received Thank You from National for Scholarship contribution, in the future Region can designate Scholarship Funds.

President Elect Report: Allyn Davies reports that the OPS Manual was updated by J. Werner and the Board at the Spring Board Meeting. Computer Disc of Manual is being updated, contact J. Werner in Writing if copy wanted.

Allyn will be moving to Long Island NY. She will continue her membership in the MER and continue as Pres-Elect. Introduction of Bonnie Blackburn who will be Allyn's replacement at MHMC.

President's Message: J. Werner attended Presidents Meeting prior to this Membership Meeting. Questions as to why next National Meeting Out of the United States--to reestablish relations with the Canadian ET Nurses.

Balanced Budget Act: there will be a station in the exhibit hall for a letter writing campaign to Legislatures as to how this will affect nurses and patients.

Election Returns for National were 34%

Record keeping and communications with Alder-Droz is still a problem and is being addressed. a customer survey form will be sent out to the members-(be sure to respond). They are working on a data base of members.

Discussion of resuming ET/WOC Nurse Day Nationally(write your comments to the Directors)

Cindy Percibo is the current contact person at National for information or labels.

Convatec is sponsoring new members: Per P. Erwin-Toth this is extended to full scope as well as individual program nurses. This has started in the Summer/Fall (check with Convatec if you are a recent grad to see if you qualify).

Reminder to attend the Membership Forum.

Good feeling from National re working with the Regions.

Discussion was held re Non ETNEP attendees and Certification.

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