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News From Around the Region

Connie Lawrence was named "ET of the Year" in Columbus, at regional conference.

Cathy Blackwell is looking for help!!

If you are attending the Las Vegas conference, Cathy needs people who are willing to lend a hand at the MER Booth. Please contact Cathy directly.

Cathy also needs SILENT AUCTION items for the regional in Indy this year.

Do you have regional news? Please send information to Dea Kent, or submit in a word text format to her. Thank you!

Patti Burke was given the President's Award by Terri Ross, for her contributions to the Conference Planning Process by creating a conference resource binder.

A Message from Our President

Dear Mid-East Region Members,

Spring has finally arrived and so has your spring issue of the Mid- Eas Dropper!

The National WOCN Conference is returning to Las Vegas this year and I hope to see many of you there. I want to invite you to join me at the MidEast membership meeting on Sunday, June 12. You will find the time and room in the at -a- glance agenda you will receive when you register. We always have lots of fun and good food and this is a good time to net work with other regional members, see old friends, and maybe even met some new ones. It is also an opportunity to win a free registration to Fall conference.

As you browse this issue of the Dropper, please read about the many scholarships and grants that are offered to you just for being a MidEast region member of the WOCN.

Are you thinking of returning to school to pursue an advanced practice degree, or maybe publishing an article that you have written? Or, have you and a couple of friends developed a research project that you really think is neat, but are having trouble with funds? Well, let us help you..... the information you need is right inside.

I would also like to invite you to become more involved in your region. We are always looking for volunteers to help on committees or special projects. You can also nominate your friends (or yourself) for a position on the board. This fall we will be electing new officers for the position of Treasurer, Trustee #1 and Trustee # 3. Not only would you be helping out the region, all of these things can help you if you are recertifying by PGP.

The regional conference this year is in my home state of Indiana and will be held at the University Plaza Hotel and Conference Center in Downtown Indianapolis October 6-8th , so mark this date in your calendars now !

See you in Las Vegas,

Carolyn Smith



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- New Editor of Dropper
- Applications for awards available on website
- Back to Indy 2005
- MER member meeting in Las Vegas
- Jimmie Lou Ault, Columbus, Indiana to present poster in Las Vegas!
- 20 Things I've learned from nursing

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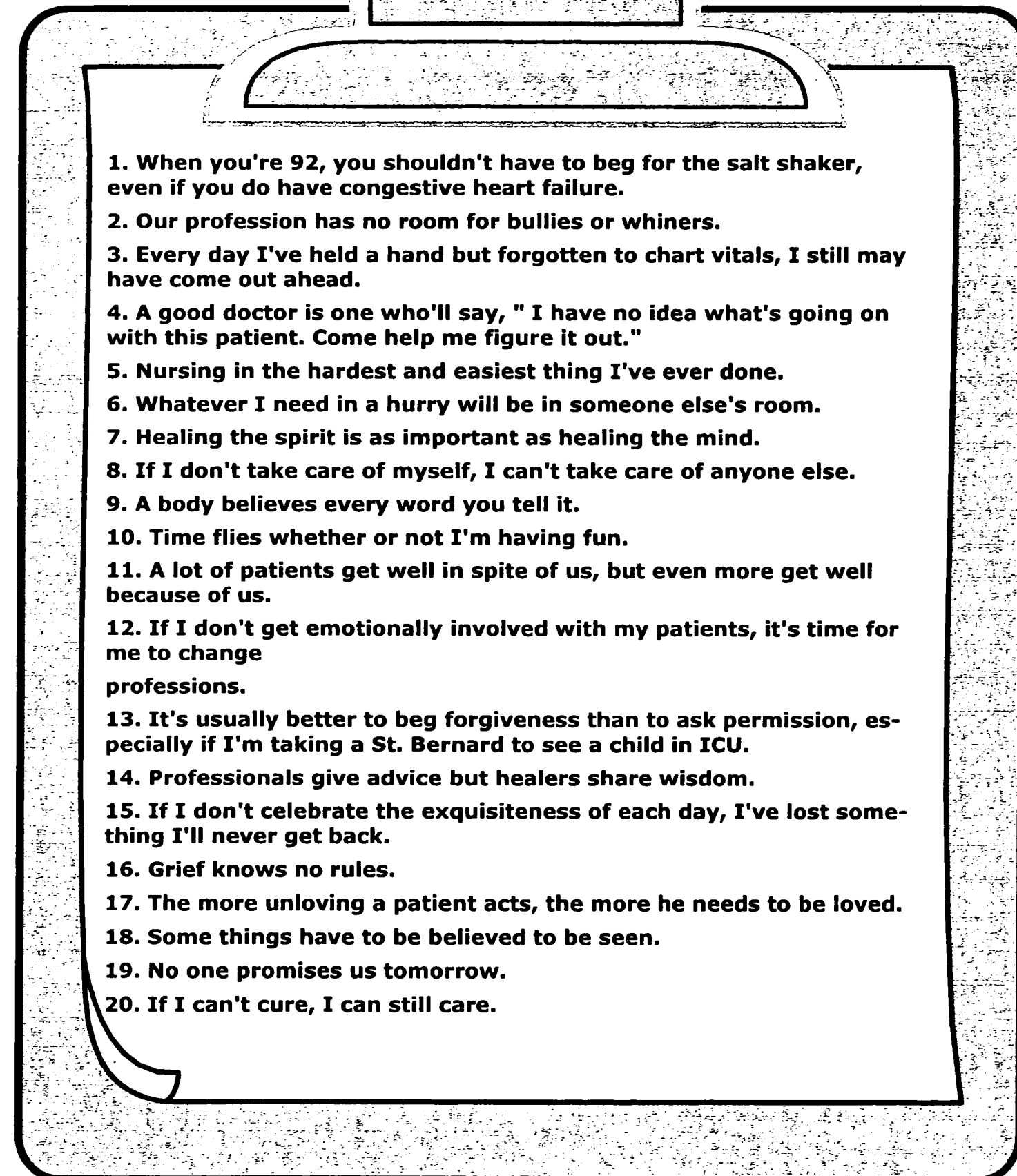
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20 Things I've Learned From Nursing

by Sally P. Karioth, RN, Ph.D



1. When you're 92, you shouldn't have to beg for the salt shaker, even if you do have congestive heart failure.
2. Our profession has no room for bullies or whiners.
3. Every day I've held a hand but forgotten to chart vitals, I still may have come out ahead.
4. A good doctor is one who'll say, " I have no idea what's going on with this patient. Come help me figure it out."
5. Nursing in the hardest and easiest thing I've ever done.
6. Whatever I need in a hurry will be in someone else's room.
7. Healing the spirit is as important as healing the mind.
8. If I don't take care of myself, I can't take care of anyone else.
9. A body believes every word you tell it.
10. Time flies whether or not I'm having fun.
11. A lot of patients get well in spite of us, but even more get well because of us.
12. If I don't get emotionally involved with my patients, it's time for me to change professions.
13. It's usually better to beg forgiveness than to ask permission, especially if I'm taking a St. Bernard to see a child in ICU.
14. Professionals give advice but healers share wisdom.
15. If I don't celebrate the exquisiteness of each day, I've lost something I'll never get back.
16. Grief knows no rules.
17. The more unloving a patient acts, the more he needs to be loved.
18. Some things have to be believed to be seen.
19. No one promises us tomorrow.
20. If I can't cure, I can still care.

Have you seen our website?

Sonya Perry is the web-mistress for the MER website. She is doing a marvelous job keeping it updated and current. If you haven't visited the site lately, take a cyber adventure and check it out! On the website you will find applications and information for regional award as well as all the criteria necessary for award consideration there.



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These award applications will not be printed in the Dropper routinely, since they are available on the website. If you do not have web access, please contact the Trustee or Committee Chairperson responsible for the award, directly, and they can assist you.

Other information on the website includes contact information for the MER Board, government links/legislative updates, pictures of members at meetings, and other information.

www.mideastregion.org



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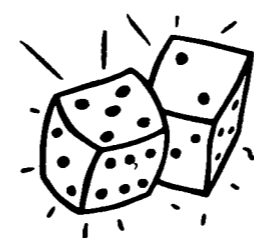


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From The Editor

In your hands is the first issue of the MidEas Dropper that I have had the pleasure to publish. It contains new formats as well as items you have come to expect in your region's newsletter. One change is that most award application forms are available for downloading from our regional website, www.mideastregion.org. The forms will generally not appear in the newsletter, but you will still have all the information you need about the awards both in the Dropper, as well as on

the website. Another change is the updated organizational chart, found on page 2 of the Dropper. These listings will help you to get in touch with the chairperson, trustee, or officer, that can answer your questions, listen to your suggestions, and help give you information about what is going on in the region.

This is YOUR newsletter, so I need YOUR help! Please let me know about happenings in your region or affiliate so that I can

relay them to the rest of the region. Happenings could be transitions, job changes, special meetings, unique challenges, ANYTHING! Also, if there is a feature that you would like to see in the Dropper that isn't there, please let me know. ANYONE can submit an article or story for the Dropper, so if you have an idea about an article you would like to do, I want to hear about it!

Until next time, happy reading!

Dea Kent

ET Nurse of the Year

"I appreciate them so much as a colleague. When I need to bounce something off someone, they're the first person I call because they have such a wealth of knowledge."

"She has a wonderful sense of humor and uses it to relate with her patients. She is empathetic with her patient's problems, but she intervenes with humor to keep them from getting down in the dumps."

"Whenever I refer a patient to him, I know that they'll be in good hands. His expertise in wound care is second to none in our state."

Do these quotes make you think of a WOC/ET nurse you know? Perhaps it's your partner or a former preceptor or yours. Maybe it's the seasoned colleague across town that everyone depends on when they have that difficult patient situation. Whomever that WOC/ET nurse is, they deserve to be nominated for the MidEast Region ET Nurse of the Year Award.

Look for the application in this issue of the Mid Eas Dropper. Fill it out and write your nomination story.

Send it to:

Mary Arnold Long
4177 Eastlake Drive
Mason, OH 45040

Or, you can send the pertinent information along with your nomination story via email to:

marnold4@cinci.rr.com.

Nomination stories will be judged by members of the MidEast Region Board. The awardee will be announced during the membership meeting October 8, 2005 following the MidEast Regional Conference in Indianapolis.

We Want You!

Fall Elections 2005

Elected Positions
Open
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Trustee #3



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Trustee #4

Volunteer Positions Open: Committee Chairpersons

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Requirements for Elected Officers

To hold an office, a person must be an eligible member for at least one year immediately prior to election and have consented in writing to serve. No Regional officer may concurrently hold a national W.O.C.N. office.

Each officer shall be elected for a term of two (2) years, and no officer shall be elected to the same office for more than one (1) consecutive term.

Elected Trustees

No person shall be elected to the Board of Trustees who has not been an eligible member for at least one year immediately prior to election, and who has consented to serve in writing.

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Treasurer Duties

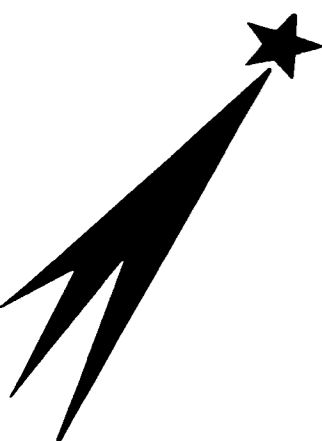
- Have the care and custody of all funds of the region
- Sign all checks for the region
- Keep accurate books of account, and give a written financial report to Board of Trustees and Membership
- Become bonded
- Exercise all duties related to being treasurer

Trustee Duties

- Attend all board and membership meetings
- Oversee assigned committees
- Serve as advisor to President
- Write a report for each region newsletter

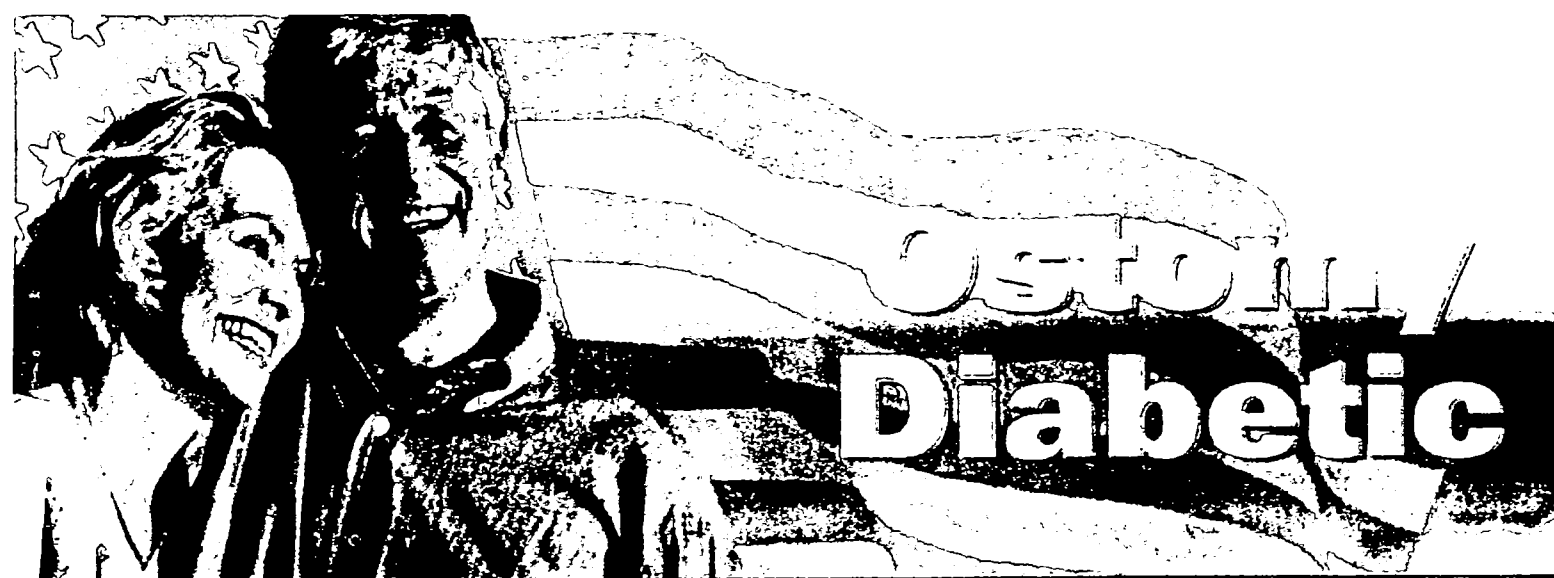
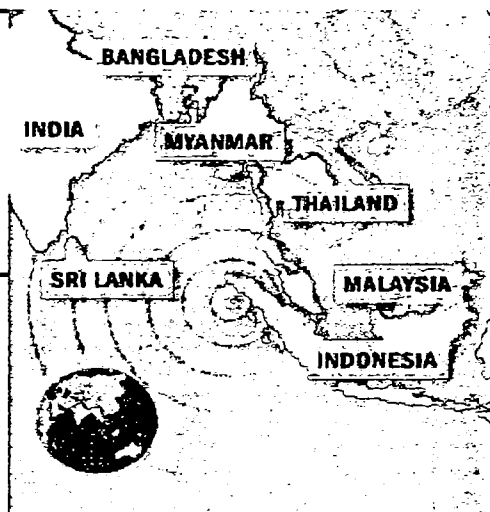
Volunteer Duties

We are ALWAYS looking for volunteers to fill positions and lend the region a helping hand. If you are interested in serving the region, please contact one of the members of the board, listed on the inside page of this newsletter.



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cery store, as Barb's husband's company restocked the grocery shelves, and gave the woman inventory to restart the business, so that she could stay there and make a living.

Barb visited three different islands while on her trip. Each had varying degrees of damage. Barb relayed that it's so flat

cation of the people going on, to try to make them not be afraid of the water.

Barb actually stayed in a Muslim fishing village on the mainland. It is from here that many truckloads of sand and rock that are divided into sacks, then loaded on boats, then sent to the islands. It is very hard and manual labor to achieve all these things for rebuilding.

One of Barb's interesting experiences, was that of seeing a new boat be placed in the water. She told the story of a Muslim Abbott (a Priest) blessed the boat. Barb said that in the boat, dishes of seafood, rice and other things are placed, Also, colorful ribbons are braided around the bow of the boat for good luck to the boat and to the fisherman. Then, the boat is taken to the water, placed in, fixed for leaks, and if all is well, goes into commission!

Barb also visited Bangkok, while in Thailand. She said there literally are elephants walking around in the streets, and it is a "very interesting" city.

Thanks, Barb, for sharing your story!

FACTS

Date: Sunday, December 25, 2004

What: 9.0

Underwater Earthquake Triggering a Tsunami, originating off the coast of Indonesia

Who: 295,000 people died 5400 Thailand residents

there, that you can see the water. As a matter of fact, one resort owner actually said that he could see the Tsunami coming for about 15 minutes, before it hit—he just didn't know what it was. By the time the people knew it was a wall of water, they started to head for high land, but it was too late. The island Barb stayed on had some barrier islands, so it sustained little damage, but the degree of damage did seem to be impacted by how deep the shore of the particular island was.

Barb relayed that at first, the government allowed just a few houses to be rebuilt, but as time is going by, things are getting better. Also, there is a lot of edu-

Barb Metz recently took a trip to Thailand, and visited villages where the December 26, 2004 Tsunami left a wake of devastation. "This was a phenomenal opportunity", Barb said, that came about as a result of the company her husband works for—they have an office in that region of the world. Barb was able to loan some nursing perspective on community projects, and was able to give some good ideas to the locals on basic issues.

Barb told a story about one of the office workers who was on vacation in the area during the literal time that the Tsunami hit. He remarked that he was with his two children, in a boat, and while he thought the water was "acting funny", they were not injured, not did they see anything. Upon return to their resort, the village was gone!

"People were so kind...we were walking on the beach one day, and a [Thai] lady was sitting on a matt. She was paralyzed in one arm, and we didn't know her. But she offered us a drink of water or a coke..." Barb said. It was amazing that even though these people had so little, they were very willing to give to her, a stranger.

Barb visited lots of people while in Thailand. One woman had lost her husband in the Tsunami—they owned a grocery store there. She and her two children have been able to re-open the gro-

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MIDEAST REGION MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 2, 2004; Columbus, Ohio

I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: TERRI ROSS: Called the meeting to order at

11:50 a.m.

II. INTRODUCTIONS, RECOGNITION OF FIRST TIME ATTENDEES, WELCOME PAST PRESIDENTS: Terri Ross welcomed members to the regional meeting. Thirteen first time attendees were recognized and introduced. Allyn Davies, past president was recognized.

III. QUORUM DETERMINATION/VOTING GUIDELINES: GLENNA ALTIZER:

Quorum declared. The rules of meeting and voting guidelines were reviewed.

IV. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA: Terri Ross added the following under new business: "B. Tax Exempt Status. C. Door Prizes. D. Nominations Committee Drawing. E. President's Award." Mary Merrill moved that the revised agenda be approved. Sue Schaeffer seconded the motion. Agenda approved.

V. SECRETARY'S REPORT: BECKY ROBERTS: June 5, 2004 membership meeting minutes were reviewed. Becky Roberts moved that minutes be accepted as written. Allyn Davies seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT: CECILIA KRUSLING:

The checkbook balance as of September 30, 2004 was \$25936.71. The money market account balance was \$19924.20. The 2005 Budget was presented. The fee for bonding (due every 3 years) was included. The ET nurse of the year award was increased. The money market account included a \$125 management fee.

VII. PRESIDENT- ELECT REPORT: CAROLYN SMITH: No report.

VIII. TRUSTEE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TRUSTEE #1: LISA KIRK:

1. WEB PAGE: Lisa Kirk reported that Sonya Perry has updated the

Web page and has done a great job. The Web site is mideastregion.org.

2. RESEARCH: MARY ARNOLD LONG:

Poster Presenter Award: Mary Long presented the poster presentation award criteria (see attached).

b. Mid-East Region Nurse Researcher Award: Mary Long announced the winner of the Nurse Researcher Award as Nancy McClees, MSN, RN, CCRP. Her research was titled: "A Pilot Study Examining the Use of a Glycerin Suppository By a Person With a Descending or Sigmoid Colostomy To Establish Continence Control." Denise Taylor accepted the award on her behalf.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS: GLENNA ALTIZER: Glenna reported that two persons were sent from the region to attend NIWI this year, and two more will attend in 2006. The Web site has been updated for the election. Special links to related election information sites were added. Information updates will be emailed to members who have submitted an email address to national.

Cecilia Krusling attended NIWI this year, and was asked to become

a member of the national committee titled "WOCN Public Policy" Cecilia reported that the meetings are by conference call. The committee is assigned to check the forums for issues of interest, such as the recent change in OASIS documentation. They are informed about the issues such as the "Compact Nurse" licensure and licensure for Advanced Practice Nurses. Another responsibility is determining who receives awards from national to attend NIWI.

4. MEMBERSHIP: LISA KIRK: Reported that she has mailed membership information to new graduates of the ETNEP programs.

5. UOA YOUTH RALLY COUNSELOR SCHOLARSHIP: ALLYN DAVIES: Stated the region supported two persons in 2003 to serve as counselors for the UOA Youth Rally. No one applied in 2004 for the scholarship.

B. TRUSTEE #2 MARILYN WHITEHEAD: Terri Ross reported for Marilyn.

1. PUBLICATION: RITA POCHARD: Rita announced her plan to resign as editor of the Mid-Eas Dropper. She is willing to help the next editor. Administrative help is being sought to facilitate publication of the Dropper.

Rita proposed that the ad rates stay the same since the Dropper is going to two issues a year. The proposed deadlines were:

Spring issue deadline of April 15 with Dropper to membership by May 15.

Fall issue deadline of August 15 with Dropper to membership by September 15.

2. ET NURSE OF THE YEAR: CAROLYN SMITH announced the winner of the ET Nurse of the year as Connie Lawrence.

Dea Kent and Cecilia Krusling were given runner-up awards.

3. FUNDRAISING: CATHY BLACKWELL: Reported that fundraising efforts at national conference yielded a net profit of \$1080. The regional meeting efforts resulted in \$1258. The customized lab jackets and polo shirts have been very successful.

PR/SUNSHINE: BECKY ROBERTS: No report.

C. TRUSTEE #3 PATTI BURKE

1. CONFERENCE PLANNING: PATTI BURKE

Getting To Know You

In this issue, let's Get To Know Sonya Perry, the MER webmaster (or is it webmistress....?)

Hello fellow Mid-East Region members. My name is Sonya Perry. I have been a member of the Mid-East Region WOCN since I began my ET career in 1998. I am certified in wounds, ostomies and continence. I've been asked to be "profiled" for our new edition of the MidEas Dropper. I was so honored that I felt I needed to participate. I graduated at 30 years of age from Marshall University in Huntington, WV with my BSN. I am very proud that I chose nursing as a career. Looking back now I still feel a sense of accomplishment about my graduation day and "passing the Boards". It was so great to have my family all together, especially my Grandparents. They were in their eighties then and still came to watch the ceremony. It was like the high school graduation I never had, since I quit school in the 10th grade. My husband Norman also received a diploma for his tolerance, and assistance at our family graduation dinner. He passed away in 1997 after a two year battle with cancer.

I am remarried now to Tim and we live on a 130 acre farm. Our combined family enjoys camping, hiking and boating. I like water skiing and knee boarding. Every year we look forward to a cabin at Babcock State Park when the autumn leaves are at their peak. No television, but plenty of time for family games, food and even pedicures. My daughter Bryana is 15 years old and son Timmy is 18. Timmy is graduating this year. They are both wonderful students and very responsible young adults. I also have twin grandsons by my older son Joshua. Gavin and Gage are 2 years old and are our little "munchkins". We enjoy when they come to visit on the weekends.

Even in nursing school I had always been interested wound care, healing, and prevention of pressure ulcers. My grandfather once said to me that "growing old is terrible". As a staff nurse I always admired the autonomy of our ET nurse, and wanted to find out more about how she became qualified to do her job. When I asked Connie Lawrence about her position, she was elated that I was interested. We talked and soon after that I was in Cleveland, Ohio taking classes.

I am employed at Charleston Area Medical Center in Charleston, WV. It's a three campus, level I trauma center. Memorial Hospital is one of the top 10 cardiac centers in the United States. It also has a Vascular Center of Excellence, several intensive care units, medical /surgical units and oncology. General Hospital is the Trauma Center which also has a renal, orthopedic and rehab unit. Women's & Children's Hospital has a medical/surgical gynecological unit, obstetrics, pediatrics and a very large neonatal ICU. Within these campuses we have a department of two Enterostomal Therapy Nurses. We may be consulted by physicians or nurses to see clients for wound, ostomy or continence needs. We may also be paged to see patients in outpatient surgery or medical clinics. The majority of our practice is pressure ulcers, vascular ulcers and ostomy education.

As a WOC nurse I am proud of the work our department has done to influence pressure ulcer prevention and treatment. As I read my Journal of WOCN and review abstracts and poster presentations online I realized more and more how far we have to go. I want to continue to grow within my practice and contribute to the healing of chronic wounds. One of my goals is to participate in case studies and outcome research studies with physicians. I would like to work with patients who have vascular and diabetic ulcers, and be more involved with some of our trauma wounds with the use of negative pressure wound therapy. Eventually I would like to publish some case studies or articles in our Journal of WOCN to contribute to the healing of patients with chronic or traumatic wounds.

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2005 UOA Youth Rally University of Boulder, Colorado Saturday, July 9 - Wednesday, July 13

Are YOU a UOA Youth Rally Volunteer?

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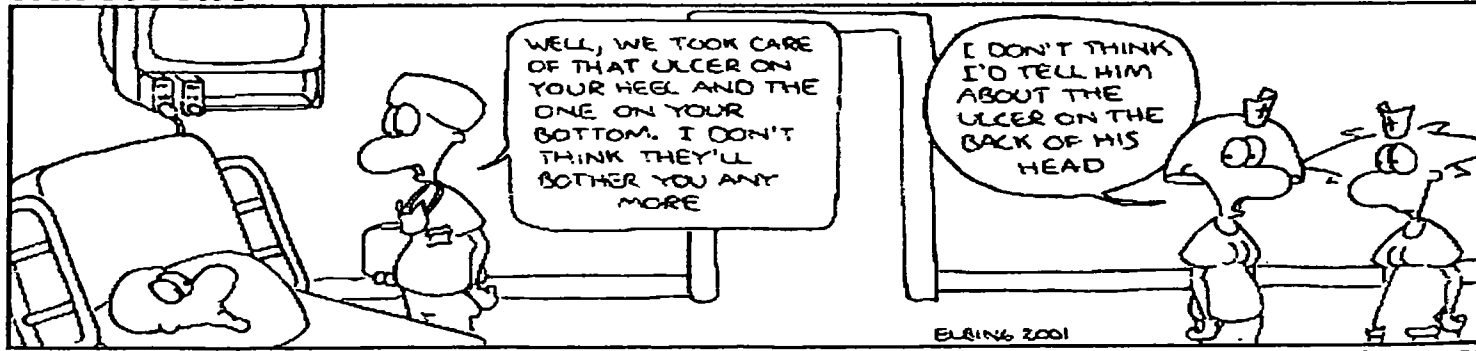


Thank you to
Rita Pochard,
who served as
Dropper Editor
for several years.

Rita, we appreciate your
hard work and dedication
to the MidEast Region!

by Carl Eibing

Nurstoons



Extended thanks to Mary Merrill and her committee. Approximately, one hundred and ninety three persons attended the conference. They were given a round of applause.

Fall 2005: Indiana- Carolyn Smith reported the selection of Indiana University Place hotel and conference center for October 6,7, and 8, 2005. A flyer about the conference was distributed.

Fall 2006: Kentucky- Need location and a chairperson.

2. SCHOLARSHIP: BARB METZGER: Reported she had not received any applications for the advanced practice scholarship.

3. EXCELLENCE IN WRITING: DEA KENT: Announced the winner of the award as Mary Arnold Long for the article titled, "Assessment and Management of Pressure Ulcers- the Current Evidence for Care." The article was published in Critical Care Clinics, November 2003.

TRUSTEE #4 ALLYN DAVIES

1. OPERATIONS MANUAL: CAROLYN SMITH: Operations manual revisions will be completed before handing it over to the President-Elect.

2. BYLAWS: GLENNA ALTIZER - No changes to report.

NOMINATIONS: DEANNA BOYD: Reported that four hundred and thirty two ballots were mailed, and one hundred and forty three ballots received. Election results were: Mary Arnold Long as President Elect, Becky Roberts as Secretary, Dea Kent as Trustee #2, and Deanna Boyd as Trustee #4. Sharlene Kennedy moved that the ballots be destroyed. Rita Pochard seconded the motion. Motion approved.

A form was distributed to find out who was interested in serving on a regional committee or project. The completed forms were entered in a drawing.

HISTORIAN: JOY PITTMAN - no report.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

AWARDS TO RECOGNIZE ET NURSES TASK FORCE: The proposal for awards as printed in the Summer 2004 Mideas Dropper was reviewed. Terri Ross clarified concerns raised at previous meeting. Members can self nominate for an award. Members do not have to practice the full scope to win one of these awards. Rita Pochard moved that the manufacturer's representative award be awarded at the membership meeting during national conference. Kina Wellman seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Tricia Hogan moved that the professional Educator of the Year be awarded at the fall regional conference. Mary Merrill seconded the motion. Motion approved. It was then decided that the rest of the awards would be presented at fall regional conference.

Sue Schaffer moved the criteria for the Lifetime Achievement Award be a current certified or past certified nurse by the WOCN board and an active member of region. Kathy Bailey seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Rita Pochard moved that the amount of \$400 be placed in the budget for the awards. The vendor of the year would not be a monetary award. President- Elect will manage the awards. Kinda Walden seconded the motion. Approved.

B. 2005 BUDGET: Cecilia Krusling requested approval of the revised 2005 budget. Deanna Boyd moved that the budget be approved. Carolyn Smith seconded the motion. The budget was approved.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. NATIONAL WOCN SOCIETY: STEPHANIE YATES, WOCN Treasurer: Stephanie Yates informed members about the actions of the National Board of WOCN. The strategic planning meeting is scheduled to this fall. She clarified the proxy vote for bylaws. This method would give the board direction to vote on our behalf.

TAX EXEMPT STATUS: TERRI ROSS reported that Stephanie Yates had helped to clarify the tax- exempt status. The Mid East Region has federal tax- exempt status under the WOCN. Tax forms do not have to be filed. However, the region does have to pay for tax on food or hotel taxes.

DOOR PRIZES: The Columbus Conference Committee provided several door prizes. Winners were: Linda Harlan, Dea Kent, Ruth Cohen, and Deanna Boyd.

NOMINATIONS DRAWING: Laura Dixon won the drawing.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD: Terri Ross presented the president's award to Patti Burke for the revision of the conference planning binder.

NEW BUSINESS: The vendor evaluations included the suggestion that attendees need to talk more to the vendors.

Sandy Bruns stated that several persons stopped at the registration center asking about wound centers. Questioned whether the region should develop a list. Tabled for further discussion.

Another suggestion was to allow the wound centers to serve as vendors.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Kathie Bailey moved that the meeting be adjourned. Jenny

Balascio seconded the motion. Motion approved. Carolyn Smith adjourned the 7meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Conference Wrap Up

Patti Burke Trustee # 3

Congratulations to the Columbus Conference Planning Committee. This was the first regional conference that the group had planned and from the comments that were received from the attendees, it was a success! "Weaving Your Practice Together" was attended by 195 Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses.

Vendors assisted in making the conference an affordable learning experience for the attendees. Special thank you to all the vendors and especially those who assisted in underwriting specific costs of the conference:

Hollister sponsored the theater company
ConvaTec sponsored Dr. Lyder's presentation
KCI sponsored Michael Dionne's presentation
Gentiva sponsored Ben Pierce's presentation
Span America sponsored Laurie Rappl's presentation
3M and KCI also provided unspecified sponsorships

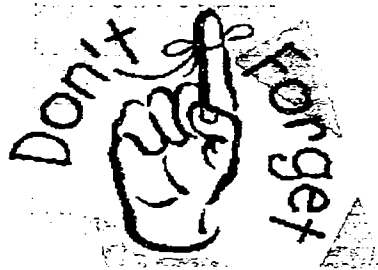
On behalf of the MidEast Region I would like to thank the Columbus Conference Planning Committee for their time and hard work on hosting the 2004 Regional Conference:

Conference Chairperson: Mary Merrill

Kay Bobbitt	Sue Schaefer	Sandy Bruns	Connie Bohn
Molly Pierce	Cindi Rine	John Smrecansky	Mary Saup
Judy Lewis	Nancy McClees	Ruth Coen	Linda Gemmell
Sherry Birdsall	Barb Stein	Mindy Harper	Denice Taylor
Carolyn Thompson	Diane Adams	Denise Phelps	Bety Heximer

Remember to mark your calendar for the up coming MidEast Regional Conferences:

Indianapolis October 6-8, 2005. Conference Chair - Carolyn Smith
Lexington, Kentucky 2006 Conference Chairs - Pam Baker and Kim Masters
Michigan 2007 Conference Chair - Annette Scoville



The MidEast Region Membership Meeting in Las Vegas begins at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday evening, June 12, 2005. Hope to see you there!



"Do we have a quorum?"

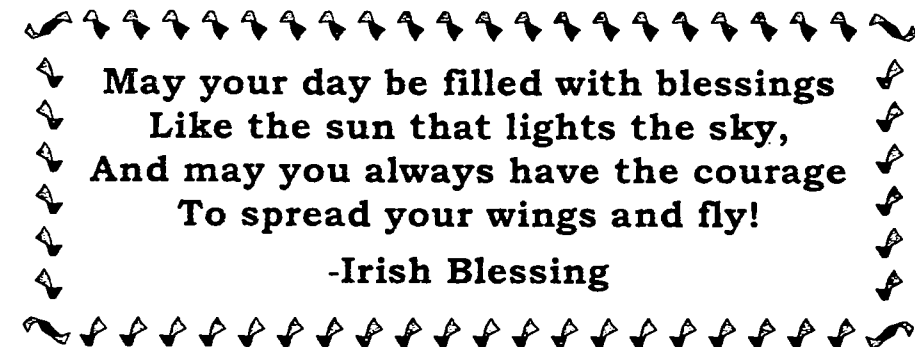
Yes, those are Glenna's words, and I think maybe the first words I ever heard her speak—not hello, but instead, "Do we have a quorum?" Recently Glenna (Altizer) Bailey gave us the news that she was stepping away from her long-held positions as Parliamentarian, Bylaws Chair, and Government Affairs Chair. At our MER Board Meeting in April, I learned why. Glenna has exciting career and life opportunities. She will be graduated from Duke University with a degree in Informatics by the time you are reading this. She is stepping away from her present WOC job, and will be using her talents in Informatics and Nursing

together in a job change. She will also be traveling for several months to Ireland. WOW—life is full of transitions!

So, sitting in the Board Meeting, I learned that Glenna has been active on the Board for 15 years or better. She remarked that the Parliamentarian before her had not been a nurse, but one of the ETs who was an ostomate. She smiled as memories were shared of Board Members and times gone by, with her helping keep order! Glenna has been faithful in her service to the MidEast Region, and now we wish her all life's best as she embarks in the next chapter of her journey.

Glenna—thank you! Thank you for your lively spirit, for your example of servitude, and for being a great mentor and role model to many over the years.

DK



Reason # 24

To attend the MER Meeting in Las Vegas

TWO

Conference Registrations for the MER Conference in Indianapolis, October, 2005 will be given away
You must attend to win!

Congratulations

Jimmie Lou Ault

Mid East Region Poster

Scholarship

Winner

See you in Vegas!