

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SUMMER



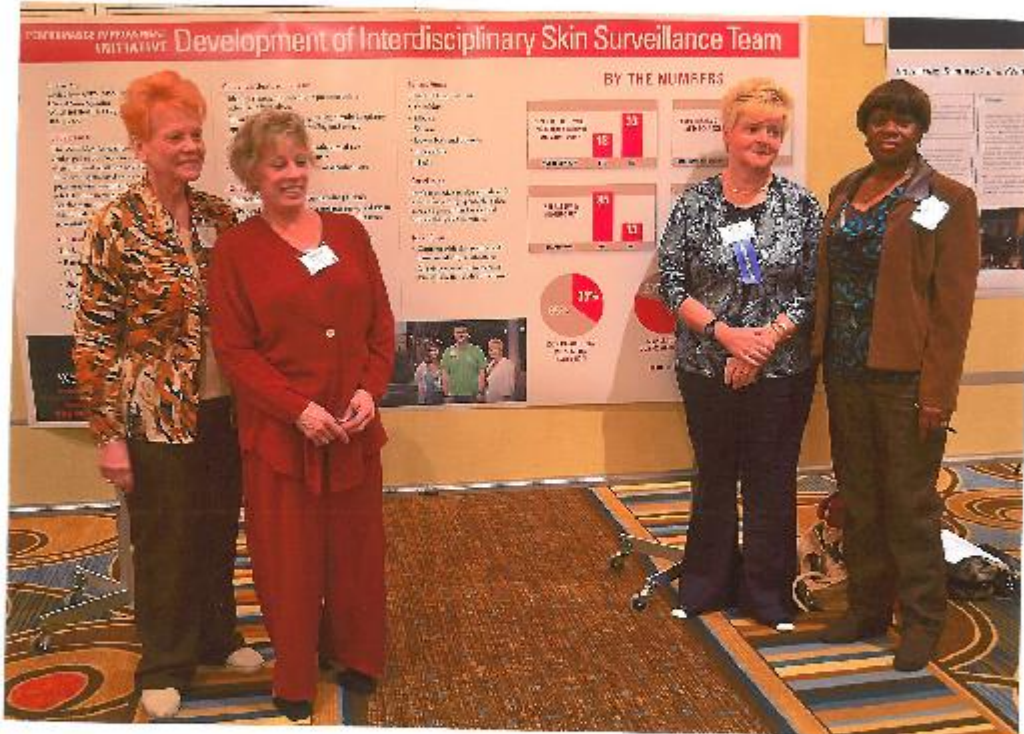
*The Greater North Carolina Chapter of the
Association of Rehabilitation Nurses*

What an interesting and exciting year it has been! Our **GNCCARN Chapter** has sponsored or been involved in several activities and educational events this past fiscal year. In November we sponsored the **CRRN Review Course** in conjunction with Whitaker Rehab at Forsyth Medical Center. I was privileged to attend the **ARN National Conference** in Las Vegas, also in November, where I had the opportunity to tell other Chapter leaders from around the country about our chapter's activities. In March we met for an all day seminar, **Improving Patient's Experiences in Rehab** at Durham Regional with 55 members and guests who attended. In April several of us from around the state attended the Southeast Regional ARN Conference in Greenville, South Carolina entitled: **2012- A New Beginning in Rehabilitation**. Our Chapter sponsored a deluxe picnic supplies and cooler basket which was auctioned for \$ 100 in the fund raiser portion of the conference. The conference featured several spectacularly interesting and passionate speakers that we may want to invite to one or more of our future conferences.

We have an additional half-day conference (0830-1300) planned for **Friday, August 3, 2012** in Greenville, North Carolina at the Edwin W. Monroe AHEC Conference Center. It is entitled, "**What Now?? Challenging Behaviors in Cognitive Disorders and Strategies for De-escalation**". **The program is very economical (\$15 for members; \$25 for non-members). Speakers for the program are Laurie Leach, PhD and Martin Case, JD.** Both are experienced and knowledgeable practitioners who deal with brain injured and/or cognitively challenged patients on a regular basis. I hope you will plan to join us for the program, a boxed lunch, and short business meeting with installation of our new officers. Our next CRRN Two Day Review Course is planned for September 20-21 at WakeMed in Raleigh. Stay tuned for more details to come. GNCCARN has sponsored the course twice before; it has had a 90%+ pass rate for those who have taken it. Additionally, it too, is a great value and very economical, compared to other certification review courses. I have had the honor of being your President since July, 2011; my term ends in July, 2012. Thanks to each of you who have participated in the various activities of the Chapter during this time. I especially want to recognize the hard work of the Education Committee, Judy Motsinger, Secretary and Terry Johnson, Treasurer. This year we have also had more of you step up and volunteer to run for office and/or to assist in the other functions of the Chapter. We always need and want new blood! In July, **Kathie Fisher** will assume the position of President. She will be ably assisted by the Board, the Education Committee, and many of you. I expect nothing less than great continued success for our Chapter and for those of us who practice in the many areas of Rehabilitation Nursing in the future. We are already busily planning our two day Conference next spring, which will once again be held in Wilmington. I hope you will take advantage of the variety of opportunities for networking and education offered by our Chapter. Hope to see you in August! **Ann Bene', RN, BSN, MBA, NE-BC**



ARN Region 3 Wakemed acute rehab and skilled facility staff and below Poster presentation by Wakemed



From May 2012 ARN update



We have updated the ARN website with a fresh, new layout that is easier to navigate and find exactly what you need. From updated conference information, to CRRN exam dates, it's all here, right at your fingertips.

Visit www.rehabnurse.org today!

We Want Your Photos! "The Day in the Life of an ARN Nurse" Photo & Caption Contest

We are pleased to introduce the 1st Annual Day in the Life of an ARN Nurse Photo & Caption contest. Open to all ARN members, we hope you will show us your life as a rehabilitation nurse through photos. Be creative! We welcome posed shots, candid shots, nurses with patients, nurses with colleagues, and/or rehabilitation in action. These photos will ultimately become ARN's way of representing our fabulous nurse members. (Photo permission and release forms will be provided)

THE BEST PART IS.... ALL ENTRIES ARE WINNERS! Every photo submitted (up to three) earns one free month of extended ARN membership.

Submissions must be made by **July 1, 2012**. At that time, ARN members will get an opportunity to vote for their favorite four photos. Winners will be on displayed at the 38th ARN Annual Educational Conference in Nashville, TN. and receive fabulous prizes including:

First Prize
AMAZON Kindle Fire

Second Prize
\$100 Amazon Gift Card

Third Prize
One year ARN Membership

Runner Up
\$25 Starbucks Gift Card

For more information on how to submit your entry, visit [here](#).



ARN 38th Annual Educational Conference: Registration is Open!

ARN will host this year's 38th Annual Educational Conference in Nashville, TN, October 3-6, 2012.

Registration is now open at [Conference Web Central](#), the ARN online conference site. Visit often because this will be the place to find all the up-to-date information on conference educational sessions, pre conference workshops, networking events, travel information, and Nashville.

We look forward to seeing you in October!



GNCCARN Election time-Ballots to go out mid June

Lots of committee opportunities with our active chapter.

Would like to send ballots out by mid June Return to me by **18th of June** and news due September 5th so you can send me at least 2 emails!!

Recent news and president's message on web site gncc-arn.org

Calendar

GNCCARN Summer Conference

Installation of New Officers

August 3, 2012 9am - 1pm

Greenville, NC

Brochures just mailed, contact me if you did not get one! JM

CRRN Review Course

Lynda Jones, RN, MSN, CRRN

September 20 - 21, 2012

WakeMed - Raleigh, NC

High Pass Rate for Nurses taking this course

Brochure coming

ARN 38th Annual Education Conference

October 3 - 6, 2012

Nashville, TN

Brochure - rehabnurse.org

GNCCARN 2 Day Conference

NC Beach location

April 2013

Details to come

2013 ARN in our state, Charlotte, NC!!!

Watch for upcoming
educational programs
in 2012 – 2013



Thanks to contributors, next news due September 5, 2012

ARN photo contest extended until July 13!



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