

North Carolina Triad Association of Occupational Health Nurses

MARCH 2011

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Triad Members,

Triad continues to work together to keep our OHNs in the know and growing professionally and within the organization. We had 2 CEU programs and our annual awards dinner in 2010. JobReady Services educated us on ergonomics and the aging workforce and Greensboro Orthopaedics hosted their annual orthopaedic update CEU program for Triad nurses and case managers.

In November, Triad hosted our annual awards banquet at the Starmount Country Club. All thanks and praises to **Judy Garrett, Karen Beavons, Ellen Scott, and Sue Perkins** for planning and providing local sponsors for our dinner and a wonderful program for our meeting. A scholarship, drawn from attendees at all CEU programs/meetings for the year, was awarded to **Mary Kolb** with **Ann Brooke Caraher** as back-up.

Triad presented our **Clinical Nurse of the Year award** to **Sue Perkins** for her years of service to her employees at Duke Power. Sue is retiring and we wish her only the best in the years to come. We presented our **Nurse Leader of the Year award** to **Brenda Brawn** for her years of service to the local and state associations.

Congratulations to both ladies!!

Results of recent Triad elections are: Pres.-Elect - **Brenda Ratcliffe**, Treasurer - **Reba Roseman**, Directors - **Ellen Scott** and **Jinx Perrou**, Nominating Chair - **Wanda Smith** with members **Carol Harris** and **Ann Brooke Caraher**.

I encourage and challenge each and every Triad member to become more active in our association – run for an office, volunteer to work on a committee, assist in planning an educational offering, especially if you have heard a speaker or attended a seminar you think others would benefit from. We are currently in need of a Chairman for the Educational and Professional Standards

Committee and a Chairman for the Scholarship and Awards Committee. You have the ability to make a difference in our association.

Best wishes,

Jill Simons
Triad President

Minutes From the Board

The Board met January 20, 2011 with 9 members present. President Jill Simons called the meeting to order and a quorum was confirmed. The minutes from the previous board meeting on 07/22/10 were read and approved.

After the Treasurer's Report, reports from Communications, Membership, Finance, Scholarship, Educational and Professional Standards were presented. The Nominating Committee reported the following positions that will need to be filled on the September 2011 ballot: Secretary and 2 Directors. By-Laws for the Triad chapter were updated to match National By-Laws and changes to the Strategic Plan for 2009-2015 were discussed. After

making suggested changes, the Board approved the goals and objectives for 2011.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

The 2011 AAOHN Symposium will be held in Atlanta, Georgia April 29 thru May 5.

The 81st Annual NC Safety Conference will be held in Greensboro at the Joseph S. Koury Convention Center May 17-19, 2011. The NCAOHN luncheon program "OSHA Recordkeeping Update" will be Thursday, May 19.

Please make plans to attend and support your professional organization.

The NCAOHN Fall Conference will be held October 26-28, 2011 Shell Island, Wrightsville Beach so watch your email for more information.

MEMBER NEWS

Prayer Requests

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Carol Harris as she is dealing with issues of her

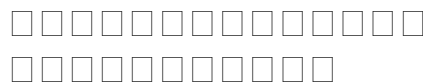
husband's health and caring for him during the past months.



Our heart-felt sympathy and prayers go out to Jinx Perrou and her family over the loss of her husband, Albert "Bruzz" who passed away October 12, 2010.

Also, sympathy and prayers go out to Judy Garrett and her family after the death of her son, Matt, in a car accident November 3, 2010. Judy also lost her father last year.

"God often uses His angels, in the form of "friends", to comfort, encourage, and sustain us during our time of sorrow and trials."



Congratulations and Accomplishments

Carol Harris was awarded the Medique Leadership Award by Bruce Shaw of Medique. Carol has been very active for many years in the professional organizations and is the past Secretary of

NCAOHN. She has also demonstrated her leadership in her work and community life areas. Congratulations to Carol!

The OHN of the Year / Medique Leadership Award is presented to a NCAOHN member who has demonstrated leadership in the area of occupational health and safety. Besides a plaque of recognition, a \$300 award is donated by Medique to NCAOHN to fund the Educational Programs. We are very grateful for this recognition of the accomplishments of our OHNs by Medique.

AAOHN Fellow!!!

Wanda Smith was selected to be inducted as a Fellow with AAOHN at the National Symposium. We would all like to congratulate her on this most prestigious award.

Congratulations to Pat Clapp at the birth of her grandson and to Susan Strader at the birth of both a grandson and a granddaughter....*let the spoiling begin!!*

Please submit any personal news items, announcements, or accomplishments you would like to be included in the newsletter to phyllis.cox@convatec.com

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

If you would like to post a job opening in the newsletter, please forward the information to Phyllis Cox: Phyllis.cox@convatec.com

Are you interested...

Would you like to be more involved in the workings of your local chapter? There are several opportunities in the upcoming elections. This would be an excellent time to get involved.

If you have heard a speaker you thought would benefit others in our association, or if there is a topic you have a particular interest in, please contact Jill Simons, jill.simons@highpointnc.gov,

If you are interested in serving on a committee, holding an office, or assisting in the planning of

an educational offering, please contact:

Jill Simons at jill.simons@highpointnc.gov

Wanda Smith at wsmith@armc.com

or Phyllis Cox at phyllis.cox@convatec.com