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Mission Statement: The Florida State Association of Rehabilitation Nurses promotes and advances professional rehabilitation nursing practice through education, advocacy, collaboration and research to enhance the quality of life for those affected by disability and chronic illness.

President's Message

Suzanne Sharman, RN, CRRN, CDMS, CCM FSARN President

My family recently celebrated the life of our 93 year old "Mum" in the UK. A time to reflect and be thankful for all the positive attributes she has given to each of us. Life is enriched by those special people in our lives and they are remembered every day. Each and every life experience will give us more tools to use for ourselves and for our clients.

"Resilience in Rehab...Refining Skills for Success", our Conference this year was an astounding success and those that attended shall, I know, join me in thanking each member of the committee for their hard work. Believe it or not they are already working on MAY 8-10th 2013!!!! Save the date NOW.

October 3rd-6th will be your time to energize and join us all for the enthusiasm and positive reinforcement of our profession.

Please join me for ARN 38th Annual Educational Conference in Nashville TN, "Rehabilitation Nursing and the Compassion of Caring: NOTES TO SUCCESS" Congratulations to Abbi Bentz for re-establishing the Palm Coast District. They have been meeting for the past few months. See page 6 for additional information. Wishing you all a healthy summer!



FSARN Conference attendees visiting the vendors

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The Future of FSARN – Part 2

Linda Bertino, RN, MSN

In the last issue of our newsletter there was an article which identified the different FSARN elected positions: President-elect, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Nominating Chairperson. If you are not interested in an elected position at this time, we hope you will consider participating on a board committee. These positions are appointed by the President but they need to know of your interest so you will be considered. Committee positions include members and a chair. We are looking for our members to be more active in our chapter so we can continue to set an example for other ARN chapters.

The FSARN committees are: Advisory Board, Bylaws, Communication, Continuing Education, FHA Liaison, Finance, Health Care Policy, Historian, Membership, Newsletter Editor, and Scholarships. These committees are open to any active member of ARN & FSARN. Committee chairs are appointed for a 2 year term after the installation of the newly elected officers at the annual FSARN Conference in May. The committee chair submits reports as required and participates in board meetings, most of which are telephonic.

- Advisory Board - Establish guidelines for and develop committee to manage the designated business of the committee. Identify and maintain current membership and communication with representatives of the business and professional community who agree to serve on the Board.

- Bylaws - Review Bylaws and keeps them current with ARN. Revisions are presented to the membership for approval following Bylaw guidelines and changes reported to ARN.

- Communication – Develops and maintains a current data base to use for with email communication with members and FSARN Board members. Develop and manage email messages to membership as

designated by the board. Identify resources available to promote FSARN activities and programs. A knowledge and understanding of social medias (Facebook, Twitter, etc) helpful.

- Continuing Education – Maintains/renews provider number with the Florida Board of Nursing. Keeps current Continuing Education Program Application available on web site, reviews applications, submits for approval and enters data after program completed. Maintains accurate records of programs offered according to provider requirements.

- FHA Liaison – Maintains current information regarding Florida Hospital Association (FHA) issues and concerns and shares information with board and membership. Contributes article to newsletter with current information, concerns and activity.

As you can see there are many opportunities to get active and support FSARN. Descriptions of the remaining committee positions will be included in the November issue of the newsletter. Committees typically communicate by telephone or email, so minimal time involved for most. Another way to get involved is to support your district as an officer or committee member. We need your help and support and hope you will consider a position with the FSARN Board as either an elected or appointed committee member. We hope this information will help you in making your decision to become an active member of the FSARN Board or a committee.

If you think you may be interested in an elected position please contact Sue Brown at suebrowncrrn@gmail.com or Sue Sharman at ssharmanflorida@gmail.com for committee positions or information.

Upcoming Review Courses

The Rehabilitation Institute of South Florida at Memorial Regional South proudly presents “Functional Independence Measure in an Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility” on Saturday, July 28, 2012. The material for this course is presented by Lisa Pervin, RN, CRRN, PhD. Two different sessions will be offered; 8a-noon or 4p-8p. There will be 4 CEU’s offered and the cost is only \$60. If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Donna Bagley at 954-518-5503 or 954-234-0260. Brochure can be found at: http://browardarn.org/News_and_Events.html.

Coming Soon:

The Rehabilitation Institute of South Florida at Memorial Regional South and FSARN proudly presents a “Comprehensive Rehabilitation Nursing Theory & Application” course September 7-9, 2012. This course is presented by Lisa Pervin, RN, CRRN, PhD. Lisa has been in Rehabilitation Nursing for more than 30 years and has been teaching this course since 1990. The content for this course will provide a comprehensive overview of rehabilitation concepts as they relate to all healthcare professionals, assist in preparation for the CRRN examination and provide recertification hours to renew for CRRN certification. 24 CEU’s will be offered at only \$199. For registration and more information go to <http://www.memorialrehabinstitute.com/why-choose-us/rehabilitation-nursing-courses/index.cfm> or contact Donna Bagley at (W) 954-518-5503 (C) 954-234-0260.

**Our Sincerest Sympathy
to Suzanne Sharman
who recently lost her
“Mum”**

ARN Conference Scholarships!

Karen Dimick RN, CRRN

Scholarship Chair

ARN will host this year’s 38th Annual Educational Conference, the premier educational conference for rehabilitation nurses in Nashville, TN, October 3-6, 2012. The keynote speaker will be U.S. Navy Captain Mark Kelly, former Commander of the Space Shuttle, and husband of Congresswoman Gabrielle “Gabby” Giffords.

There are now 10 scholarships in the amount of \$1,350.00 each available for FSARN members to attend this conference. All you have to do is apply! Go to <http://www.fsarn.org/> and click “Scholarship Application” on the left hand side. Click on the phrase “You may DOWNLOAD AND PRINT the application by CLICKING HERE (Word Version).” at the top of the page and a MS Word document will come up. Type in your information and your essay “My Practice as a Rehabilitation Nurse”. Save the document. Then send an email to FSARN.Scholarship@msn.com and attach your application document to the email.

Don’t have access to email? Then download the application and send it snail mail or fax. The details are on the application.

Hurry! The deadline is August 3rd and we’ve already received one application!!

Educational Conference

Barbara Martelli, RN, CRRN

President-Elect

FSARN's 36th annual education conference will be held May 8-10, 2013 at the Wyndam Lake Buena Vista Resort which is located in Orlando, walking distance from Downtown Disney. The conference committee has already begun working on the conference and has listened to the attendee comments on topic requests. We will be doing our best to provide sessions focusing on these areas of interest. We are planning on providing the 2 hour mandatory on Medical Errors Wednesday evening. This year we brought back the break-out sessions with nurses being able to choose sessions on FIMS/Leadership or Medicare Set-Asides and intend on continuing this format. Poster Sessions will again be offered.

This is the first year we offered PayPal which was a convenience that was well received by both attendees and vendors and will be an option again in 2013.

A brief survey conducted at this year's conference confirmed our suspicions that our attendees come to this conference for the outstanding topics offered year after year, for the 12 contact hours which is a real value, and for the collegiality. This annual event is a time to reconnect with old friends and network with new contacts. The vendors offer our nurses knowledge and resources that help us to better serve our patients and also provide FSARN the opportunity to put on the conference at an affordable price.

Don't be left out...mark your calendars now and plan on attending the 2013 conference.

SAVE the DATE
ARN 38th Annual Conference
Nashville, TN
October 3-6, 2012
visit the ARN website for additional
details
www.rehabnurse.org

The deadline for application for FSARN Scholarship for the 2012 ARN Conference is August 3, 2012.

Florida State Association of Rehabilitation Nurses Newsletter Advertising

The FSARN Newsletter is currently published three times yearly: March, July and November.

It is distributed to members and rehabilitation professionals throughout the state. The newsletter and association is a not-for-profit organization with the purpose of providing educational information, professional events, updates and resource information. The closing date for submitting articles, advertisements and other professional information is the 15th day of February, June and October.

Rates: Computer Generated (Quark Xpress), High Res Adobe PDF, or MS Word (text only) advertisements only
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Board members maintain throughout the year a process of disseminating new information and decision-making via telecommunications.

FSARN Conference Needs You!

FSARN Conference Committee

Anyone who has attended our conference knows the work that goes on during the event by the committee members. However, there is a lot that goes on "behind the scenes" that many members are not aware of. The committee requires assistance throughout the year to prepare a rewarding educational event, while maintaining the quality and diversity that the members have come to expect. The conference committee needs volunteers to help during the year with the preparation and some after event tasks. We know there are many of you that can provide a few hours here and there to help the committee chairs, so we have decided to provide some committee information. Each of the sub-committees has a chair and they have listed the basic tasks for their committee. We ask that you read the information and see where you might be able to assist the conference committee.

Education Committee - responsible for selecting topics and confirming speakers, sending speaker letters, obtaining required credentials and submitting speaker information and program for continuing education approval. In addition, they prepare the conference brochure for dissemination, coordinate speaker introductions, compile evaluation data and sending speaker thank you letters.

Poster Committee- responsible for announcing a "Call for Abstracts", reviewing submissions, notifying accepted poster presenters with requirements, getting credentials for submission for continuing education approval, and sending thank you letters post conference.

Vendor Committee - responsible for getting exhibitors for the conference, preparing Vendor agreement, (set deadlines and fees omit), and sending confirmation letters with exhibitor information, making arrangements with Drayage company and preparing floor layout prior to exhibitor set up; securing premier sponsors and sponsors for activities, sending thank you letters to all exhibitor participants

Publicity - responsible for all email Blasts related to conference activities, keeping Data base current, generating additional contacts for data base, etc, sharing information with Web Managers using Constant Contact, web site and social medias to promote activities, arranging for advertizing with other professional groups to promote conference.

Hotel Liaison - Negotiates with hotel on contract, prices, menus, room block and all hotel related issues.

Conference Treasurer - responsible for managing conference account and attendee registration including making badges, preparing attendee sign in sheet daily and sign in sheets for CE's

On Site Registration - responsible for registration beginning Wednesday evening through Friday morning including making sure attendees sign in daily for CE's, making sure conference bags are prepared for attendees, arranging for staffing of registration desk, contacting scholarship recipients to provide assignments for working at the conference, providing attendees with name badges, arranging for distribution of records, coordination of supplies needed at registration including lap top computer, printer, extra name badges are available, office supplies are available.

Silent Auction - responsible for generating donations for the Silent Auction through District and company donations, monitoring the auction during the conference, announcing winners and collecting payments.

As you can see there is plenty to do to put on a conference. Many hands make light work. This is a great opportunity to get involved with the FSARN organization so if you are interested in participating on any of the committees, please contact Barbara Martelli, FSARN Conference Chair at Barbara.Martelli@Healthsouth.com or call 954-742-7999 (w).

Career Corner

Kathleen Sobczak, RN, BS, CRRN, COHN-S, CNLCP,
CCM

Editor's Note: "Career Corner" is a new feature that will discuss evolving roles of rehabilitation nurses and job enhancement skills. FSARN would like to hear from you about how your role has evolved with the many changes in healthcare. Please submit your article to suebrowncrrn@gmail.com Read below as Kathy describes her role as Healthcare Navigator/Case Manager.

KINSHIP CARES INITIATIVE

Imagine getting an urgent telephone call from out of state advising your four grandchildren or your nieces and nephews were being placed into foster care unless you come and take them to live with you. Most of you would get on an airplane and rescue those children. But then what do you do next? They have no health insurance; some have medical conditions, the children need immunizations, and consent papers to be registered in a local school, along with needing to be fed and clothed. Many of us wouldn't know where to start. The Kinship Cares Initiative (KCI) of Broward Health in part provides advocacy services for these families educating and empowering caregivers to be proactive in addressing the needs of their families.

"Kinship care" is defined as the provision of full time care of a child by relatives (usually grandparents) or other adults who have a bond with child (Child Welfare League of America, 2007). Kinship caregivers face a variety of stressors including strains on family resources, legal issues, healthcare and other social challenges. The KCI was created to assist kinship families residing in Broward County to navigate the various healthcare systems throughout the county. Kinship caregivers can find accessing services to be daunting and overwhelming and without help, they often in crisis, seek care at area hospital emergency rooms.

As the Healthcare Navigator/Case Manager, working alongside other KCI staff, it is our role to help kinship families find answers to their basic healthcare needs; thus improving their overall quality of life.

In our community and nursing organizations, we find that many grandparents, relatives and even friends are raising children that are not their own. They find themselves in a new role as parents or guardians to their grandchildren or other extended family members. Various reasons play a major role in this lifestyle upheaval that range from the biological parent (s) drug addiction, incarceration, debilitating illnesses, death of a parent or parents, unemployment, abandonment, abuse, homelessness and more.

In partnership with schools, social and health service agencies throughout the county, we receive referrals from school counselors, judicial staff, healthcare and social service professionals, and other individuals. After an initial telephone assessment with the caregiver of this blended family, a home visit is completed where the family's healthcare needs are further assessed and care plans are developed to ensure appropriate services are arranged.

KCI staff work to assure the healthcare needs are fully addressed for the kinship families who seek services through our program. These services may range from assisting the kinship caregivers to apply for health insurance for themselves or for the children in their care; ensure each family member is established with a medical home or a primary care physician; arrange or ensure appointments are made for wellness examination, including dental, vision and/or specialty care as well as immunization updates. Oftentimes KCI staff work tirelessly to get these services provided at no or minimal cost.

Ongoing health and nutritional education is provided to family members with chronic illnesses such as diabetes, hypertension and asthma. As the healthcare navigator, I sometimes attend the initial medical appointments with the family to enhance communication with the physician, and to ensure treatment plans are followed correctly by the family member.

The KCI also links kinship families to social service programs and organizations as many are overwhelmed with how to financially make ends meet especially given the additional cost incurred with now having to raise small children. Caregivers are so preoccupied with making sure the children do not go into foster care that they often do not give consideration to the expense of a child's well being.

We have made well over two hundred referrals on behalf of families we serve for legal, housing, counseling, and transportation assistance, as well as other support services. Families often express their gratitude and feel less intimidated and more empowered to take control of their health and economic situation after having received assistance from the KCI.

The Kinship Cares Initiative has experienced great success over the four years of service to the Broward County kinship community. Listed below are four unique stories of kinship families we are most proud of having helped.

An 82 year old grandmother raising her two teenage grandsons after losing both parents within two months of each other while living in the Bahamas. This kinship family is one of the first members to be enrolled in the KCI. The children came to live with grandmother because other family members were not able or willing to take them in. Both the grandmother's and the children's healthcare and social service needs were great. KCI staff were able to obtain healthcare coverage for the children, establish them with a medical home within the Broward Health's network, schedule and attend doctors' appointments with the family, and took the leadership in finding and scheduling a medical examination with a civil surgeon in order for the children to receive their green cards. Staff also assisted with social services linkages for housing, transportation, counseling and other basic essentials. Sadly, the children's grandmother died recently; however, the children were taken in by their grandmother's long term friend and the one of the children needing major surgery is recovering in the hospital and the family is receiving grief counseling.

A middle-aged couple raising eight children, one of which is a grandchild and all below the age of twelve, on a one-salary income; residing in a two bedroom apartment. Several of the family members were uninsured and in need of medical care and social services. The KCI has been providing services for this family for over a year assisting the family to obtain health insurance for all of the children. KCI scheduled wellness exams, established medical homes, and was instrumental in qualifying and relocating the family into a new community townhouse complex. The family was able to move into a five-bedroom reduced rent townhouse. The KCI linked the family with several other organizations for assistance including a local church that provided dozens of Christmas gifts for the children.

A middle-aged grandmother raising her two year old grandchild who has a cancerous tumor intricately located in her lower spine, with whom doctors have said they done all medically possible; chemotherapy did not work. The grandmother does not work because of the frequency of the child's medical treatment and physical therapy appointments. The grandmother is challenged with her own health problems, including an elevated high blood pressure, which was being neglected because of her fixation on the child's well being. The KCI obtained health insurance for the caregiver; the child was already receiving care when the family enrolled in the program. Medical treatment, assistance with medication cost, and occasional transportation to doctors' appointments was provided. Multiple social services were arranged to assist the family.

A middle-aged mother raising her biological daughter who has a heart condition, and three other teenage relatives, one of whom is blind in one eye sustained in a playful accident with a friend. None of the family members were insured. The child received emergency care for the initial accident but no follow up care was provided because the caregiver could not afford the medical cost. The KCI was able to obtain health coverage several members of the family, but unfortunately, due the child's immigration status, he is currently not qualified for any affordable insurance plan. However, staff was successful in connecting the family to the Lion's Club who has agreed to pay for the vital surgery the child needs to possibly regain his vision.

Kinship care is the fastest growing form of in-home living arrangements for children whose parents cannot care for them. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 2010, the number of children in the United States living in grandparents headed homes today is 4.9 million; almost one million of those children are being raised by grandparents alone; and 1.9 million children are currently being raised by relatives other than grandparents. Also based on current census data, an estimated 9,774 kinship families, with 15,345 kinship children and 11,045 kinship caregivers, reside in Broward County in 2010. The KCI has served some 700 kinship families including nearly 1000 children.

For further information about the Kinship Cares Initiative, please visit our website at www.browardhealth.org/KinshipCares



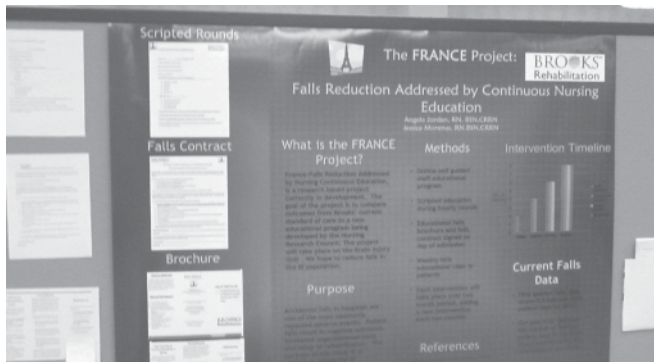
District Development: Identifying New Leaders/Elections

Sue Brown MSN, RNC, CRRN, CCM

Editor's Note: The following is a segment in an ongoing series. These segments are designed to support new district leaders and help established districts promote growth and depth within their organizations. Future topics will include, attracting members, leadership & mentoring, fiscal management and communication. This is an open forum and your input is encouraged. Until the next issue, please feel free to contact me with your ideas at suebrowncrm@gmail.com

It has been said that a leader's primary responsibility is to develop people. This can be very challenging and sometimes a daunting task. However, it is a necessary and worthwhile function of any organization.

The Florida State Association of Rehabilitation Nurses is a volunteer organization whose mission is to "promote and advance professional rehabilitation nursing practice through education, advocacy, collaboration and research to enhance the quality of life for those affected by disability and chronic illness." I would venture to say, that for many members, it is a passion for rehabilitation that brings of us to the organization. It is this passion and belonging to a community that motivates us to participate. FSARN has a high level of participation (membership). Many participate through attendance at educational meetings and conferences. Some are willing to work on conference planning committees at their district or state levels.



Poster submitted by Angela Jordan, RN, BSN, CRRN and Jessica Morenus, RN, BSN, CRRN of Brooks Rehabilitation Hospital

Nominations Committee

Sue Brown, MSN, RNC, CRRN, CCM Nominations Chair

We are currently one year into our 2 year term for the elected officers of the FSARN Board. Elected positions include President, President-elect, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Nominations Chair and Past-President.

We will be holding elections for the 2013-2015 FSARN Board of Directors in the winter of 2013. The 2013-2015 FSARN Elected Board of Directors will be installed at the 2013 (next year) annual educational conference. In order for the ballots to go out timely, I would like to present a slate of nominees to the board at the first board meeting of 2013.

Therefore, all submissions of potential candidates should be submitted by January 15th, 2013, including incumbent officers who wish to run for another term. Please submit information regarding nominations to Suebrowncrm@gmail.com.

Positions for election include: President-elect; Recording Secretary; Corresponding Secretary; Treasurer; and Nominations. Job descriptions of the positions were described in the April 2012 issue of the FSARN newsletter. Candidates must be members in good standing in ARN and FSARN and local districts if applicable.

How do you take that level of participation to the next level? Good leaders inspire others. They are also concerned with continuing the legacy of the organization and passing key knowledge to the next generation of nurse leaders.

In order to pass knowledge along to the next generation of leaders; you must first identify who they are to be. There has been a lot of discussion in the literature about succession planning in nursing leadership. Simply stated, it includes the assessment and development of people for future leadership positions.

At the FSARN and district levels, there are many committed members. They have been showing up for educational meetings and conferences for years. They are engaged in rehabilitation and passionate about the work that they do. **These very same members are your potential future leaders!** Have you asked them to step up their level of involvement by inviting them to join a committee or help out on the day of a conference? Many people are reluctant to volunteer but would be flattered if asked to lend their expertise. Often, employment related experiences and skill set will transfer well to meeting the needs of the professional organization.

Succession planning speaks to preparing nurses for future positions in leadership. It is an organizational approach to plan for the shortage of nursing leadership as the baby boomers retire out. The same issues will impact professional nursing organizations as well. It is time to identify the next generation of FSARN leaders, invite them to participate, accept their input and allow them to flourish while providing a supportive environment.

I encourage each of you to look at the membership within your districts and state chapter and identify those that have the commitment and passion to be future leaders. Please solicit their participation, encourage them to attend the ARN Leadership Course, October 1-2, 2012, and consider nominating them for an elected office.



FSARN board members Donna Bagley and Barbara Martelli get together for a quick picture at the conference



Kevin Glennon (conference committee), Lisa Pervin (speaker/conference committee) and Kathy Doeschot (Immediate Past President-ARN/speaker) take a well-deserved break between sessions.

District Updates

Broward (BARN)

BARN continues to hold their monthly educational meeting the 3rd Tuesday of the month. 2012 Meeting dates, locations and topics will be posted on the web site as they become available at: www.browardarn.org

BARN had another successful annual educational conference in March and is in the process of planning for the Rehab Update 2013. Bernard Siegel, JD, Executive Director of the Genetics Policy Institute has announced the 8th World Stem Cell Summit will be held on December 3-5, 2012 at the Palm Beach County Convention Center. Information regarding this summit will be available on our website soon. BARN will hold the annual summer bash at the Blue Martini Lounge in Ft. Lauderdale on August 14 from 5:30 to 7:30pm. Contact info: inafletcher@comcast.net

Central Florida (CFARN)

CFARN meets regularly on the third Friday of each month in the community conference room at the Central Florida Educators Building located at 1000 Primera Blvd., Lake Mary, FL 32746. CFARN runs a year long drive to collect items for The Russell Home for Atypical Children, concluding with an annual holiday party in December of each year. Contact: paulette.howard@newtms.com

North East (NEFARN)

In an effort to increase attendance, daytime meetings will be offered as well as evening meetings. We are working on a community project for the year and details will be provided as they become available. For meeting information contact: rwkr@comcast.net

Palm Coast (PCARN)

The next PCARN meeting will be held on Tuesday June 26, 2012 at 8:30am at Cornell Institute for Rehabilitation Medicine at Bethesda Memorial Hospital. Our speaker will be: Rhona Campton, RN, BSN, Program Director Bethesda Memorial Hospital Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine Program. Rhona will speak on "Advanced Wound Therapies and Hyperbaric Medicine for the Rehab Patient". Please RSVP by 6/25/12 to abentz@villagehomecare.org. Membership applications will be available at the meeting. Dues are \$10 for Voting RN members (members of ARN/FSARN) and \$30 for nonvoting members. Bring your list of interested speakers, topics, and locations so we can plan our fall and winter meetings. If there is anyone who would like to attend the meeting remotely (via internet or phone), please let me know as soon as possible so arrangements can be made.

Tallahassee (TARN)

Contact Jharris022@embarqmail.com for information

West Coast (WCARN)

WCARN continues to meet monthly. Please contact dawn.etman@ahss.org for meeting times and locations.

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Spinal Cord Injury Support Group, Broward Chapter

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The Spinal Cord Injury Support Group is growing by leaps and bounds. Here is the update on the Broward Chapter.

SCISG Broward Chapter hosted their 3rd Annual Golf Tournament on May 19, 2012 at Woodmont Golf Course in Tamarac. The winner of the 50/50 Helicopter Golf Ball Drop was Ron Walling with a prize of \$2,290.00 cash. Between the silent auction, raffles, golf tournament, etc. we were able to raise \$15,000 which will go towards members admission to Marlins games, movies, theater, bowling, Butterfly World, boating, Jungle Island, SCUBA diving, race car driving, etc.

On June 11, 2012 SCISG welcomes members, family and caregivers for a Family Night Out at Bru's Room for free dinner and drinks.

SCISG started a Boot Camp for Wheelers every Weds at 6pm at the Bridge building at Healthsouth; cost is \$10 per session.

SCISG will be participating in Macy's Shop for a Cause on August 25, 2012.

The Sunrise Suns, SCISG's wheelchair basketball team celebrated their first year with a scrimmage with the Miami Heat Wheelers. Mike Ryan, Mayor of Sunrise, enjoyed the fun and excitement. The Sunrise Suns have been actively fundraising in order to finance their trips to state tournaments. We are very proud of them and wish them great success.

Mark Your Calendar!

FSARN 36th Annual Education Conference

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Tri-level Membership – 340
Prospective Members – 175

ARN has changed to a new system and it is causing havoc with the membership records. At the present time ARN is trying to fix the problems but for the time being we do not have an accurate list of chapter members. Two years ago, I challenged the membership to reach a membership of 500 and I am proud to announce that based on the current ARN list, we are at 515! Thanks to all of you.

The FSARN Magical Membership Challenge” was initiated last year in my absence. This was to encourage you as members to sponsor a new member to ARN/FSARN. The winner is Sue Brown who sponsored Julie Elias. Sue received a certificate and a voucher for a free conference registration which could be used until May 2013. Julie Elias was recognized by the membership and awarded a FSARN pin. In case you did not know, if a new ARN member uses your name as a sponsor you will receive a one month extension to your ARN membership.

FSARN Magical Membership Challenge winner was Sue Brown. New Member Julie Elias

Communications

Linda Bertino, RN, MSN

Communications Chair

Constant Contact. This is our method for sending our email blasts. On average, we have 25-30% of our blasts opened and a small percentage get bounced due to incorrect and non-existent emails. This year we spent a great deal of time developing a data base for vendors, facilities, and insurance companies. We also made contact with some professional organizations who agreed to send our conference information out to their members on our behalf. We need your help in getting contact names for your organization so we can add them to our list for future events. We are also in the process of adding to our data base. If you know of nurses who may be interested in our activities please ask them to go to our web site and “Join our Email”. If you are a member of an organization, please send me an email with organization name, contact person and email address. I will contact them directly for necessary permission.

Webpage

Linda Bertino & Donna Bagley

Web Managers

As the Web Manager the board was presented with an option to change to a self managed site. This was approved by the board and as of February we changed to a self-managed web site. In addition, Donna Bagley, our recording secretary agreed to be on the Web committee with me. Donna has been very instrumental in making this venture a reality. Special Thanks to Donna. You probably noticed a few differences but we tried to maintain similar content. We are starting to use social media to promote our events. If you use social medias and know the ins and outs about how best to use these programs I would like to hear from you. This is not my strength so need help from the members who are. We want to know how best to promote our events. We would like to hear from YOU, the members with any ideas you may have for the web site.

Another big change to the web site was the addition of PayPal and a link to Facebook. PayPal was used for exhibitor and attendee registration fees. We hope this was beneficial for many of you. PayPal has also been added to the Job Mart to make it easier for ads to be placed and paid for in a timely manner. As a reminder we also have a Vendor spot where Vendors can place an ad for a nominal fee on the web site and get a free business card ad in our newsletter. We will also be adding a place for facilities to advertise. Check out our site and let us know what you think. Send information and ideas to:
Linda@FSARNweb@live.com.

Save the Date

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Condolences to Helen Cole whose Mother recently passed away





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