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Hello Virginia AWHONN members!

Greetings from the Newsletter Editor:

Please join me in welcoming our new Section Chair, **Mary Ann Lucia**. Mary Ann has been an OB nurse for 34 years and is still learning. She is currently the nurse manager of obstetrics at Martha Jefferson Hospital in Charlottesville, Virginia. She is NCC certified in In-Patient Obstetrics. She has a BSN from Mt St Mary's in Los Angeles. Her interests include her 5 children, 5 grandsons, and her new puppy. In her spare time she enjoys hiking, traveling, and acting in community theater.



Mary Ann Lucia, RN
 Virginia Section Chair

Our Membership grows!

We currently have **854** active AWHONN members in Virginia (down from 863 since our last newsletter). Keep recruiting! We LOVE our NEW members. . . Of course we love our "old" members too!

Please bring a friend to the next AWHONN meeting or event.

Congratulations!

Culpeper Regional Hospital becomes the first **Baby Friendly Hospital** in Virginia! CRH is 74th in the U.S. to earn the Baby Friendly hospital title. Currently there are over 19,000 Baby Friendly Hospitals worldwide!

Congratulations!

Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital—now the 12th Magnet Hospital in Virginia and the first community hospital in the Richmond area to receive **Magnet Status**.

Notes from the Past Section Chair

Dear Virginia AWHONN members, I have enjoyed serving you as your Virginia Section Chair these past two years. It's been my privilege and my honor. I have enjoyed getting to know more AWHONN members and working with the leaders across the state. I now leave you in good hands, with a strong leadership group and a capable new section chair—Mary Ann

Lucia. I'll be working closely with her as she transitions into this new role. I know you will support her too. Hope to see you at the next AWHONN event!

Thanks for all that you do,

Emily Drake



Mary Gibson, Emily Drake and Nancy Jallo at AWHONN '08

National News from AWHONN



Jan Botkin RN from Augusta Medical Center enjoys the Virginia Section Conference

**"AWHONN:
Promoting the
Health of Women
and Infants"**

2009 Connecting the Heart and Science of Nursing

AWHONN National
Convention
San Diego, CA
June 28-July 1, 2009

2010 Sharing Science, Finding Solutions

Nashville, TN
June 12-16, 2010

Call for Abstracts

Deadlines:
Specialty Papers 5-11-09
Research and Case Study
Presentations
(Paper or Poster): 8-17-09

Plan Ahead

Future National
AWHONN Conferences:
2011 Denver
2012 Washington, DC

Breastfeeding Advisory Board Update

The Virginia Breastfeeding Advisory Board begins the "Ban The Bags" campaign.

Currently only 4 Virginia Facilities have stopped giving their patients bags from formula companies:
[DeWitt Army Community Hospital](#), Fort Belvoir, Va
[Culpeper Regional Hospital](#), Culpeper, Virginia
[Martha Jefferson Hospital](#), Charlottesville, Virginia



[Naval Medical Center](#), Portsmouth, Virginia

To Learn more about Baby Friendly initiative
<http://www.babyfriendlyusa.org/>

Congratulations!

Cindy Curtis wins 2008 Virginia Section Service Award, as our AWHONN representative to the Virginia and national breastfeeding advisory boards.

Report from 2008 Virginia Conference



AWHONN members are Big Winners at the Foxfield Races

The 2008 Virginia Section conference: "Race to Safety" was a clear winner!

Thanks to all the conference planning committee members: Paula Pippin, Mary Ann Lucia, Leith Mullaly, Sharon Fickley, and their dedicated team who worked hard to make this conference happen!

We had record breaking attendance! Over 150 attendees from all over Virginia came together in Charlottesville for two fun-filled days of learning, networking and great food. We all left the conference re-energized and ready to run!

Nationally known speakers presented on topics on Patient Safety-The Josie King Story, Communication, Infant Abduction, SIDS Prevention, High Risk

Perinatal Nursing, Late Preterm Infant, Rh Safety, Co-leading for safety, Safeguarding Emotional Health and even Belly Dancing!

Thanks to our many Exhibitors and Sponsors. They all helped make the conference fun!

Chapter Activities

Going Hog Wild About
AWHONN!

Cecilia Moro & Leith Mullaly,
AWHONN Emerging
Leaders Program



Gerald Low presents "Developing
Your Leadership Team"
At the 2009 AWHONN
Leadership Conference



The Rappahannock Chapter,
welcomes new leaders Joan Bushore and
Hishami Perera, both from Mary Washington
Hospital Labor & Delivery.



Northern Virginia Chapter

"February =
Heart
Health
Month

The NoVA Chapter kicked-off its 2008-2009 agenda by travelling to Charlottesville to attend the VA Section AWHONN Conference, "Race to Safety". Over 30 chapter members attended, and were pleasantly surprised and honored to receive the 2008 Chapter Excellence Award.

In October, the chapter held its first dinner meeting and educational offering of the 2008-2009

season, "Laboratory Values in Pregnancy: Do the Numbers Go Up or Down?" presented by chapter member Carol Glismann, MSN, RNC. The December chapter dinner meeting and educational offering, "Lateral Violence in Healthcare: Who's Bullying Who?" was presented by chapter member Marjorie Quint-Bouzid, MPA, RNC, NEA-BC. As a community service project, chapter members brought

women's or children's gifts/toys to the meeting which were donated to the City of Alexandria Domestic Violence Program's Battered Women's Shelter for Holiday gifts to families residing in the shelter.

Next Meeting:
Thursday, February 26,
6:15 – 8:30 p.m.
Reston Hospital Center, Conference room C
"Heart Disease in Women"

Richmond Chapter

Next Meeting:

Dinner and Educational
Presentation

Topic:

"Virginia Laws and Legislative Action"

An overview of how bills become laws in Virginia and a discussion of what legislation in 2009 General Assembly impacts the health of women and infants in the Commonwealth.

Speaker: Joan Corder-Mabe,
Director, Division of Women's and
Infants' Health Office of Family
Health Services, VDH

February 24, 2009

Time: 6:30- 8:30 P.M.

Location: Orvieto Room, St. Francis
Medical Center

Pre -registration required
Call: Faith Miller at 287-7767
Fee: Non- members: \$5
Members: No charge
1 CEU provided

Dinner Sponsored by Hologic



Paula & Linda model
Virginia AWHONN
t-shirts



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Upcoming Dates

January 24-26, 2009 AWHONN Leadership Conference in
Washington DC
March 14, 2009 Spring VA AWHONN Leaders Meeting in
Charlottesville, VA
June 28-July 1, 2009 AWHONN National Conference in
San Diego, CA
October, 2009 Virginia AWHONN Conference in
Williamsburg, VA

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HEART AND SCIENCE OF CARING**



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