SUNA has a crystal ball. As I gaze into it, there is a brightly colored, modern, sleek, fast-moving train with all of you - the SUNA members - on board. Our final destination is optimal urologic care for our patients.

Success is a journey, not a destination. SUNA's Long Range Strategic Plan (LRSP) is incorporated into the journey as a schedule of stops or goals along the way. Members are moving from car to car. There are numerous possibilities for all members on this train. Some have been on the journey for a long time as Board or committee members. Some have chosen to join task forces to work on a particular goal for a limited period of time, while others are keeping abreast of activities through the Uro-Gram, the Urologic Nursing Journal, SUNA's Web site (www.suna.org), and the electronic newsletter.

So, where is the train going?

First, our Patient Education Task Force created education fact sheets. At the 2002 Annual Conference in May, SUNA's Board of Directors approved six patient fact sheets on kidney stones, benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH), prostatitis, urinary tract infections, chlamydia, and genital warts. A clinician fact sheet on BPH also was approved. These will be available on the “Members Only” section of SUNA's Web site and in the Urologic Nursing. These education fact sheets will be the first of many, and more members are welcome to join this task force.

Second, a guidelines development panel on the role of health care clinicians in the management of erectile dysfunction (ED) was recently convened. This multidisciplinary group included SUNA members Jean Lewis, Jeff Albaugh, and Ira Amargo. The panel has proposed specific guidelines for the role of health care clinicians in the assessment and management of ED. This entire manuscript will be published shortly in Urologic Nursing.

Third, the Hartford Foundation of Geriatric Nursing Task Force proposed many ideas to focus SUNA members on geriatric care. The Board of Directors approved the following:

- a 4-hour pre-annual conference workshop,
- an annual award for outstanding work in the field of gerontology, and
- an increase in the number of geriatric focused articles in Urologic Nursing. There may even be one issue annually devoted solely to geriatric issues.

Additionally, based on the recommendations of the Membership and Marketing Task Forces, SUNA will initiate the following:

- a yearly recruitment contest highlighting the member who recruits the most new members into the organization,
- membership pins indicating the length of time members have belonged to SUNA, and
- creation of a brochure to describe our organization.

In addition, certification will be promoted within SUNA through more advertising and a breakout session at each annual conference devoted to the benefits and process of certification.

We also will focus on putting SUNA in the limelight through a public relations plan to increase our visibility to other health care professionals and the public.
Finally, directions your patients are willing to ask for.

The new VIAGRA Sample Pack. It contains 6 tablets, dosing instructions, and patient information. Use it to answer patient questions, open a discussion about VIAGRA, or hand it out with a prescription. Talk to your Pfizer sales representative or visit www.viagra.com for more information.
This issue is full of pictures and articles about SUNA’s 33rd Annual Conference in Orlando. It was a conference packed with education and inspiration. We look forward to having San Antonio host our conference in March 2003. The Alamo Chapter has promised a good time for all who attend. I attended my first SUNA conference in San Antonio, so I am looking forward to being there again.

In this issue you will find a new column about the history of our organization. I think it is fascinating to look at how far we have come and what it was like at the beginning of the organization. Our thanks to Ardeth Hale who is maintaining the history of SUNA. We hope to feature regular columns on SUNA’s history in upcoming issues of the Uro-Gram.

As always, if you have something you would like to see in an issue of the Uro-Gram, please contact me at eveyk@chartermi.net.

Evey Kliever, MA, RN, CRRN-A, CURN
Uro-Gram Editor
eveyk@chartermi.net

This column has been created to recognize “behind-the-scenes” members of SUNA who contribute to the organization and urologic nursing at the grassroots level. If you know of a member whose service to SUNA deserves recognition and would like to highlight his/her contributions in this column, please contact Uro-Gram Editor Evey Kliever (eveyk@chartermi.net).

I am pleased to have this opportunity to introduce Helen Rittenmeyer to the SUNA membership. Helen is the nurse manager of the Urology Outpatient Clinic at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, IA. Prior to working in urology, Helen held nursing leadership positions in the post-anesthesia care unit and the ambulatory surgery center. Since Helen joined SUNA she has been a very motivated and energized member. She is the immediate past president of the Mississippi Valley Chapter. While president of the chapter, she created a newsletter to increase communication throughout the membership.

Helen has agreed to run for another term as chapter president and is interested in continuing the newsletter and generating more membership participation. She has agreed to serve as the Assistant Regional Director for the North Central Region and is looking forward to starting her new role at the national level.

Helen has been busy this past year, both writing and speaking on a topic she has a special interest in – sacral nerve stimulation for voiding dysfunction. She has contributed to Urologic Nursing and presented at the Mississippi Valley Chapter’s Spring Seminar. Helen also was recognized by her colleagues when she was inducted into Sigma Theta Tau International this past spring.

Helen is married to Mike; they have three daughters. The two eldest daughters are in college (studying nursing!), and the youngest is a sophomore in high school. Helen enjoys golfing, driving her convertible, and scrapbooking. She also has an extensive Barbie collection.

Helen is really remarkable in that she refuses to remove her rose-colored glasses when she looks to the future, and she is committed to playing a role in SUNA’s future.

Lynn M. Fisher, BSN, RN, CURN
North Central Regional Director
President’s Trophy Winners
Announced at Annual Conference

Here are many members of SUNA who volunteer and give tirelessly of themselves. They commit a very precious commodity — their time. In addition, they contribute their knowledge and expertise as they willingly take on responsibilities to help their professional organization. Each year the SUNA President has the honor of recognizing two individuals to receive the President’s Trophies. One trophy acknowledges a member who has made a significant contribution to urologic nursing, while the second trophy recognizes a member who has made a significant contribution to SUNA. It was my honor to present these trophies to two deserving members during SUNA’s 33rd Annual Conference in Orlando, FL.

Outstanding Contributions to Urologic Nursing

The President’s Trophy for Outstanding Contributions to Urologic Nursing was awarded to Jane Hokanson-Hawks, DNSc, RN, C. Dr. Hawks has been a member of SUNA since 1986. She has authored several publications and has a background in research. She currently holds the position of associate professor at Midland Lutheran College and Fremont, NE, and serves as editor of the Urologic Nursing Journal.

Dr. Hawks received a BSN from St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN, an MSN from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, NE, and a Doctor of Nursing Science degree from Widener University in Chester, PA. She was awarded the Nursing Leadership Award by Sigma Theta Tau, Theta Omega Chapter in 1996 and the Positive Image of Nursing Award by District Two, Nebraska Nurses Association in 1994. She's been listed in Who’s Who in the World, Who’s Who in Medicine and Healthcare, and Who’s Who of American Women.

Dr. Hawks has presented numerous workshops on urology and nephrology as well as several publishing workshops at SUNA’s Annual Conference. She has been a member of the editorial board of Urologic Nursing since 1988 and has served as journal editor since 2001.

Outstanding Contributions to SUNA

Glenda Wilkinson, BS, RN, CRLS, CURN, was recognized with the President’s Trophy for Outstanding Contributions to SUNA. She has been a member of SUNA for 15 years. She lives in Winston-Salem, NC, and currently is employed as a Clinical Nurse Specialist for Urologix.
Glenda Wilkinson (right) accepts the President’s Trophy for Outstanding Contributions to SUNA.

Previously, she was a Clinical Nurse Manager at Piedmont Stone from 1996 to 2002.

Ms. Wilkinson received her diploma in nursing from Forsyth School of Nursing in Winston-Salem and her BSN from St. Joseph’s College in North Windham, ME. She is certified as a both a CURN and a CRLS (certified renal lithotripsy specialist).

Ms. Wilkinson’s service to SUNA has been exceptional and covers many years. She has served as: president of the Research Triangle Chapter, a member of the annual conference planning committee, leader of the ESWL/OR/Cysto SIG, and a member of the Long Range Strategic Planning committee. She has presented at both local and national SUNA meetings. She served on the editorial staff of the Uro-Gram from 1990 to 1993, as co-editor of the newsletter from 1993 to 1999, and as editor from 1999-2001. She is a past member of the SUNA Board of Directors and a current member of the Certification Board for Urologic Nurses and Associates (CBUNA).

Jean Lewis, BSN, RN, CNP
2001-02 SUNA President

Nancy Rolbiecki, LPN
Brandon, FL
“I found each presenter was very knowledgeable on their subject. I was able to take home lots of information to share with my colleagues and patients. The SUNA staff was very gracious and helpful with all my questions. It was a great experience.”

Phyllis Nale, LPN
Rockford, IL
“There is so much work put into the conferences. It shows, as they get better and better! I enjoy the regional meetings, too.”

Kris McKay, RN
San Diego, CA
“The selection of classes for all areas of practice was excellent and varied. I attended a variety of classes... had laughter and tears, and lots of information.”

Kelli Perry, RN
Little Rock, AR
“This has been my first conference. I have thoroughly enjoyed each session that I attended. My favorite session was on humor and motivation. We all need a good sense of humor to work in urology!”

Chapters Honored at Annual Conference

The following chapters were recognized at SUNA’s Annual Conference in Orlando:

**Chapter of the Year**
Sponsored by VIVUS, Inc.
San Antonio-Alamo Chapter
Southeast Region

**Chapter with Most New Members**
Columbia-Presbyterian Chapter
Northeast Region

**Chapter with Most Certified Members**
South Central Pennsylvania Chapter
Northeast Region

**Chapter with Most Educational Offerings**
Utah Chapter
Western Region

**Most Improved Chapter**
Rocky Mountain Chapter
Southeast Region
SUNA Members Recognized at Annual Conference

Congratulations to the following individuals who were recognized with awards at SUNA’s 33rd Annual Conference in Orlando:

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<td>Judd W. Moul, MD, FACS, and Karen Civitelli, RN, for their article “Managing Advanced Prostate Cancer with Viadur™” (Leuprolide Acetate Implant),” which was published in the December 2001 issue of Urologic Nursing</td>
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<td>2nd Place (tie): Pat Meade-D’Alisera, BSN, CRC, CURN</td>
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SUNA President Jean Lewis presents Jan Giroux (right) with an Honorary Lifetime Membership Award. Ms. Giroux was recognized for her years of service to the organization in many roles, including national president, national secretary, research committee chair, annual conference planning committee chair, approver unit chair, and journal editorial board member.

Diane Newman (right) accepts the Award for Outstanding Contributions to Continence Care from Nancy Muller from the National Association for Continence (NAFC).

Linda Waterworth (right) receives the Jan LeBouton Certification Scholarship from Incoming SUNA President Donna Brassil. This scholarship, which is awarded annually to promote and encourage certification, includes a stipend to cover the cost of the certification examination, a copy of SUNA’s Study Guide, and complimentary registration to SUNA’s Annual Conference.

Karen Graf, president of the Certification Board for Urologic Nurses and Associates (CBUNA), presents Alvin Lynn Roberts with the MacFarlane Award. Mr. Roberts was recognized for earning the highest score on the urologic nursing certification examination.

Barbara Zoltick, a member of the annual conference planning committee, presents Jeffrey Albaugh with the first place award for his research podium presentation entitled “The Impact of Spirituality on Finding Meaning with Life-Threatening Illness.”

Pat Meade-D’Aliser (center) and Melissa Wentland-Morena (right) tied for second place for the research poster presentation category.
Regional Members Recognized

One member from each of SUNA’s four regions was recognized with a Regional Member of the Year Award at the 33rd Annual Conference in Orlando. The winners were selected based on the following criteria: a demonstrated commitment to SUNA and urologic nursing, participation in the education of SUNA members and self, and mentoring of new and established members. Within these general categories, nominees received points for specific criteria such as length of SUNA membership, being certified by the Certification Board for Urologic Nurses and Associates (CBUNA), publishing in the Uro-Gram or Urologic Nursing Journal, presenting educational content at chapter-sponsored meetings, and recruiting colleagues to join SUNA. The member with the highest score in each region was selected as the Regional Member of the Year.

Northeast

The first Regional Member of the Year Award from the Northeast Region goes to Doreen J. Shore BS, RN, CNOR, from Manchester, NH. A SUNA member for 7 years, Doreen has worked within her community as both an educator and chapter leader. First and foremost, Doreen’s energy and enthusiasm has allowed her to reach out to other nurses and involve them in forming the New England Chapter, creating opportunities for growth for her peers. Second, her work within the community has focused on forming a support group for prostate cancer patients and numerous educational programs and activities. In the last year she has recruited and helped mentor many new faces while continuously working to gently guide and assist new chapter leaders. Having held many chapter positions, she knows what is involved and is always there to lend a helping hand or listening ear.

She has written and been published in the Urologic Nursing Journal. She is an active attendee at SUNA national conferences, presenting at poster sessions and lectures.

Certainly a role model for all of us, Doreen is indeed a very deserving individual to receive the first Northeast Regional Member of the Year Award. Congratulations, Doreen!

Lisa Neu, BSN, RN, CNP
Northeast Regional Director

Western

Congratulations to Pat Jacobsen, former president of the Utah Chapter, who was named the Western Regional Member of the Year. Pat is a 15-year member of SUNA and has been active in her chapter for a number of years. She led her chapter to a chapter award for accomplishments in the year 2001.

In addition to working within her chapter in a number of ways, she has published in the Uro-Gram and has authored a book chapter on urologic nursing. She also has participated in a SUNA-sponsored community project on prostate screening. Well done, Pat!

Joyce Colling, PhD, RN, FAAN
Western Regional Director

Southeast

When I received the applications for the Regional Member of the Year, I was very impressed by the accomplishments, work, and support that the members who were nominated had contributed to SUNA. My thanks and appreciation goes out to each of the nominees.

The winner of this year’s Southeast Regional Member of the Year Award is Frank Salazar, LVN, from the San Antonio Alamo Chapter. Frank earned a total of 266 points, and a large portion of that was from recruiting colleagues to join SUNA.

In addition to the objective accomplishments Frank has contributed to urology nursing, he always has a smile and a kind word and is always there when needed. Frank is truly a goodwill ambassador for SUNA.

Nancy McFadin Mueller, MA, MSN, RN
Southeast Regional Director

North Central

Evey Kliever, MA, RN, CRRN-A, CURN, was the winner of this year’s North Central Regional Member of the Year Award. The award was presented to Evey at the Annual Conference Awards Luncheon/Business Meeting on May 27, 2002.

Evey made many contributions to SUNA over the last year! A member of SUNA since 1992, she served on both a local chapter committee and a national task force. She delivered three presentations at SUNA conferences and attended two national SUNA meetings. She also recruited a new member to SUNA.

Evey has been a member of her local chapter’s board of directors for over 6 years and travels 300 miles round trip to attend the board meetings. Traveling through all kinds of Minnesota weather, she has never missed a board meeting! Evey is truly an exemplary member of SUNA!

Lynn M. Fisher, BSN, RN, CURN
North Central Regional Director
1. Members of the Board of Directors join President Jean Lewis as she “cuts the ribbon” to officially open the conference exhibit hall. Pictured (from left) are Nancy McFadin Mueller, Virginia Lewis, Marie Page, Lynn Fisher, Jean Lewis, Lisa Neu Tamara Dickinson, and Janelle Harris.

2. Leslie Gibson, a general session speaker, discussed “Humor and Motivation in Health Care.” She encouraged conference attendees to reap the rewards of laughter and a sense of humor — decreased stress and anxiety, a healthier immune system, self-motivation, and a positive attitude!

3. Keynote Speaker Barbara Mintzer holds a tee-shirt that reads “I’m not pushed by my problems — I’m led by my dreams.” She challenged nurses to adopt this motto and move from “change-victims” to “visionaries” in the health care arena.

4. Members of the 2002 Annual Conference Planning Committee include (from left) Jeffrey Albaugh (chair), Connie Whitesell, Marie Page, Carolyn North, Frances Foley, Debbie Hensley, Karon Smith, and Cheryl LeCroy. Not pictured is Barbara Zoltick.

5. SUNA President Jean Lewis welcomes entertainer and prostate cancer survivor Harry Belafonte to the annual conference. Mr. Belafonte shared his personal experience of “Living with Prostate Cancer.”

6. Members of the Certification Board for Urologic Nurses and Associates (CBUNA) answer questions about certification at the CBUNA booth in the conference exhibit hall.

7. San Antonio-Alamo Chapter members proudly display their Chapter of the Year Award.

8. Outgoing SUNA President Jean Lewis (right) passes the gavel to 2002-03 President Donna Brassil.
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### Lectureship Awards

The following individuals received lectureship awards for their presentations at SUNA’s 33rd Annual Conference in Orlando.

- **Arthur T. Evans Lectureship**
  - Sponsored by the American Urological Association
  - Evey Kliever, MA, RN, CRRN-A, CURN
  - “The Wonderful World of Catheters”

- **Ian Murchie Thompson Memorial Lectureship**
  - Sponsored by Greater Houston Chapter
  - Cheryl LeCroy
  - “Establishing a Continence Center”

- **Past Presidents’ Lectureship**
  - Sponsored by SUNA Past Presidents
  - Valre Welch, CPNP
  - “Comprehensive Program for Dysfunctional Voiding in Pediatrics”

- **Russell Church Memorial Lectureship**
  - Sponsored by Western Region
  - Jeffrey Albaugh, MS, RN
  - “Urodynamics Case Studies: What Does It All Mean?”

- **Vance Caselman Lectureship**
  - Sponsored by Central Virginia Chapter
  - Barbara Zoltick, MSN, RN, CURN
  - “What the Urology Nurse Should Know about Chemotherapy”

- **Wyland F. Leadbetter Lectureship**
  - Sponsored by Upper Midwest Chapter
  - Betsy Omeis, BSN, RN
  - “Basic Urodynamics”

### Inpatient SIG News

The Inpatient SIG has received many member inquiries related to patient care issues. The subjects have ranged from catheter care issues to the care of patients with a variety of urologic disorders. Many of these were topics of discussion at the Annual Conference in Orlando.

The previously mentioned idea to develop clinical pathways for surgical procedures was suspended as recommended by the Board of Directors. The Board felt that this would be difficult to accomplish as many hospitals have their own protocols and standardization may not be possible. The SIG accepted the Board’s recommendation.

**Susan Lippy, CUNP**
Inpatient SIG Leader
**Legislative Update**

**Nursing Home Staffing Improvement Act of 2002**

Recent reports about the widespread poor staffing at nursing homes throughout the country has prompted the House of Representatives to support a bill that would improve care to residents of long-term facilities/nursing homes by legislating the staffing requirements of these facilities. U.S. Representatives Henry W. Waxman (D-CA), Janice D. Schakowsky (D-IL), and Brad Carson (D-OK) sponsored the bill. Based on a report from the Department of Health and Human Services, the bills calls for minimum staffing recommendations for RNs, LPNs, and nursing assistants. The bill also asks for these facilities to maintain records on staffing patterns.

Federal regulations require nursing homes to have only one RN available 8 hours a day and one LPN available 24 hours a day. These minimum requirements apply to all Medicare and Medicaid certified facilities — regardless of whether there are 10 or 100 residents. Members of Congress are looking for quality patient care for our nation’s elderly. While nursing home staffing improvement does not mention urologic nursing or urology care, it does apply to our patients and perhaps our significant others – parents, aunts, and uncles – and ultimately each of us. Quality of care to Medicare and Medicaid recipients is of paramount importance as our nation ages.

What are your thoughts on staffing in nursing homes and hospitals? Do we need legislation to protect ourselves and our patients, or should nursing regulate staffing patterns? Please share your thoughts.

- Paula Forest, MSN, OCN, GNP, ARNP
  Legislative Task Force Chairperson
  paula-forrest@uiowa.edu

**CBUNA Announces Staff Changes**

Marlene Diedrich recently retired from Anthony J. Jannetti, Inc., and thus retired from her position as Executive Secretary of CBUNA. Marlene worked tirelessly behind the scenes for CBUNA and the certified members of SUNA. We wish her well in this new chapter in her life. Thanks, Marlene, for a job well done.

CBUNA welcomes Carol Potzinger as the new Executive Secretary. Carol recently joined the Jannetti staff. She previously worked in the fraud division of a major insurance company. Outside of work Carol’s interests center around her family and grandchildren. Having two sons and a daughter-in-law who are chefs keeps her busy looking for specialized cookbooks, pastry cookbooks, and classic kitchen equipment. Carol also quilts, likes to bake, and frequents craft shows and flea markets. Welcome to CBUNA, Carol.

Carol can be reached at the CBUNA office at 856-256-2351 or potzinge@ajj.com.

- Glenda Wilkinson, BS, RN, CRLS, CURN
  CBUNA Member

**Approver Unit Applications: As Simple As 1, 2, 3**

Maximizing your chances of having your chapter’s educational program approved for continuing education through SUNA’s Approver Unit can be as simple as 1, 2, 3.

SUNA is bound by the rules and regulations of the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation (ANCC-COA) in approving programs. Therefore, all aspects of the application must be accurately completed and submitted to the SUNA National Office in a timely fashion. Getting the application right the first time will minimize any delays due to forms or application content that does not meet necessary criteria.

SUNA knows your time is valuable and no one wants to do extra work when you are trying to put together an educational program. Here are some suggestions regarding the application process for you to consider. They might save you time and effort in the long run. Remember, it can be as simple as 1, 2, 3:

1. **The Right Tools for the Right Job.** Use SUNA’s Guidelines for Continuing Education Approval Manual as your guide and reference. This manual has step by step instructions on how to complete the application as well as a sample application. For additional guidance, the manual also has the “Program Application Review Checklist” on page 29. This checklist is used by the review committee members to make sure your program is in compliance with the ANCC standards. This might serve as a handy checklist for your chapter to make sure all elements have been covered before you submit your application.

2. **Make It Easier for Your Speakers.** Consider copying pages 66-69 and page 80 from SUNA’s Guidelines for Continuing Education Approval Manual for your speakers when you are preparing for your next educational program. I know some non nurse speakers may not be familiar with making objectives and outlines for continuing education programs. Giving them a correct format to follow may save you and your committee precious time in making corrections at the last minute.

3. **Prep Time is Important.** Please make sure you read the application closely and follow the directions carefully. The Record Keeping statement on the first page of the application is often missed. Remember, the application must be typed. Handwritten or incomplete applications are not accepted and will not be sent out for review. Be aware of the application deadlines. Applications postmarked less than 30 days before the educational activity will not be reviewed and will be returned to the program chairperson. Planning ahead can be a lifesaver in the end.

The Approver Unit is here to assist you in any way we can to make the approval process work for you and your chapter. As a reminder, all chapter presidents should have a copy of the SUNA Guidelines for Continuing Education Approval Manual. Please contact the SUNA National Office if you require one. Working together, we can continue to provide SUNA members with quality continuing education offerings.

- Jan Giroux, MSN, CURN
  Former Approver Unit Chairperson
Regional News

Western

Sixty-five urology specialists made the long trip from the Western Region to Orlando to attend SUNA’s 33rd Annual Conference. All states in the region were represented by at least one person except Hawaii. Andria Joiner, new president of the Utah Chapter; Dawn Berthiaume, president of the South California Chapter; Jan Dryden, new president of the North California Chapter; and Renee Benoit, Portland Chapter president, attended a day-long Chapter Leadership Workshop. They have gotten many new ideas with which to energize their chapters.

There were five conference presenters from the Western Region: Carmen Golang, Jan Giroux, Angela Joseph, Tracy Sanford, and Debbie Wiechman. In addition, Pat Jacobsen, former president of the Utah Chapter, was this year’s recipient of the Regional Member of the Year Award. It was great to see so many Western Region participants and presenters at this year’s meeting.

Joyce Colling, PhD, RN, FAAN
Western Regional Director

North Central

SUNA’s chapters are the foundation upon which the organization is built. Through chapter activities, SUNA members gain knowledge, educate their communities, and develop and meet their professional goals. Chapter leaders play an essential role in keeping chapters on track and thriving. In this issue, I’d like to welcome and recognize three new chapter presidents in the North Central Region.

Jan Green is the new president of the Upper Midwest Chapter. She took office in March 2002. Jan works at Miller Dwan Medical Center in Duluth, MN. She is very involved in the brachytherapy program at Miller Dwan and is considered one of the key members of this program. Jan is also a quilter and has entered two quilts in the Minnesota Quilt Show! Jan is married to Doug and they have two children. Rachel is a third year medical student, and Jon is a junior in college, majoring in writing.

Vic Senese is the new chapter president of the Chicago Metro Chapter; he took office in January 2002. Vic is a nurse clinician with the practice of Gersack, Demarco, Hoyme, and Associates in Oaklawn, IL. His clinical interests include urodynamics and erectile dysfunction. Vic is one of the founding members of the Chicago Metro Chapter! He is married to Jody and they have three children. Victor is studying to become an airline pilot, Bill is in high school, and Rebecca is in elementary school.

Lori Honts is the new president of the Mississippi Valley Chapter. She is a staff nurse in the Urology Outpatient Clinic at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, IA. She is the nurse colleague of Dr. Badrinath Konety. Lori also has extensive urology operating room experience. She is married to Ronnie and they have a son, Derek. Derek just graduated from kindergarten! He had a wonderful time at Disney World while Mom was at the SUNA Annual Conference!

Thank you Jan, Vic, and Lori for agreeing to volunteer your time and talent to SUNA! And continued thanks to Annemarie Welbes, Janey Rouse, and Mary Jo Bosworth for serving another term as chapter president!

Joyce Colling, PhD, RN, FAAN
Western Regional Director

Nancy McFadin Mueller, MA, MSN, RN
Southeast Regional Director

Lynn Fisher
Southeast Regional Director
The Beginning

Thirty-three years ago, there was an organization in existence known as the Urological Nursing Association (UNA). The organization was founded by Alice Morel, RN, for the purpose of providing continuing education directed specifically to allied health professionals caring for urologic patients. This group encouraged the formation of chapters throughout the country and made the urologists aware of the fact that these professionals wanted more education in order to provide knowledgeable care for patients with urologic problems.

The American Urological Association (AUA) began providing scientific programs for allied health professionals as early as 1970 after being made aware of the need. There was little promotion of these early programs, which were staffed by and created by urologists. With the input and persistence of Alice Morel, Russell Church, Frances “Jan” Moss, Katherine Jeter, Ann Weber, and others, AUA decided an organized group should be formed. In 1972, this group became a reality and members of UNA were encouraged to join.

The 1972 Paraurological Seminar was held in conjunction with the AUA Annual Meeting. The registration fee was $30. AUA inducted 115 allied health professionals at that meeting, with 75 applications filed for review and approved for induction the following year.

In the beginning the group was to be called the Allied American Urological Association. This was soon changed to the American Urological Association Allied (AUAA). Chosen by the Allied Health Professions Committee of AUA, the AUAA Council consisted of President Russell Church, President-Elect Karolyn Bruner, and Secretary Katherine Jeter. There were eight Section Representatives complementing the eight Section Representatives on the Allied Health Professions Committee of AUA.

Ardeth S. Hale, CURN
History Committee Chairperson

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The Urologic Nursing Journal will be introducing a new column entitled “Intimacy Issues.” The purpose of this column, which will be co-authored by Susan Kellogg-Spadt, PhD, CRNP, and Jeffrey Albaugh, MSN, RN, is to share ideas and disseminate information regarding female and male sexuality.

The column will debut in the October 2002 issue of the journal and will be a question and answer format. You are encouraged to submit questions that patients have asked you in the past or that you anticipate receiving in the future. Questions of personal relevance are also encouraged.

Questions may be submitted by email to urons@ajj.com or by regular mail to Urologic Nursing, Intimacy Issues Column, Anthony J. Jannetti, Inc., East Holly Avenue, Box 56, Pitman, NJ 08071-0056.

History & Heritage

Enjoy this new column about the rich and interesting history of the Society of Urologic Nurses and Associates.

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- SUNA206 Issues with Anesthesia and Conscious Sedation
- SUNA207 Clinical Staging for Urologic Cancers: What Does it Mean?
- SUNA208 How to Conduct a Medical Comprehensive Evaluation for Kidney Stones and Stone Analysis
- SUNA209 General Session and Luncheon Symposium — Innovative Strategies for Managing Erectile Dysfunction - New Opportunities for the Urologic Nurse Health Care Clinicians Guidelines for the Diagnosis at Treatment of ED
- SUNA210 Nurse Entrepreneurs
- SUNA211 Beyond the Basics of Biofeedback
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- SUNA213 TURP and TUR Syndrome
- SUNA214 Common Complaints in Pediatric Urology: Diagnosis, Treatment and Referral
- SUNA215 Specific Coding Challenges in Urology
- SUNA216 Pelvic Floor Dysfunction

Sunday, May 26
- SUNA218 General Session — Diet, Vitamins, Minerals, Herbs, and Other Alternative and Conventional Options for the Treatment of Osteoporosis and Hot Flashes. What is Worthwhile and What is Worthless?
- SUNA219 General Session — SUNA Search
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- SUNA232 Packaging Yourself with a Professional Portfolio
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- SUNA234 Evaluation and Treatment of Male Infertility
- SUNA235 Interstitial Cystitis: Diagnosis and Treatment Options for the Painful Bladder

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