A Global Focus on Incontinence

This month multidisciplinary attendees will journey to beautiful San Francisco for SUNA’s Annual Symposium. The focus of this year’s meeting is incontinence. I have been given the privilege of delivering the keynote address along with my colleague Nancy Norton. Nancy is the founder and president of the International Foundation for Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders (www.ifgfd.org). As urologic nurses we often forget that incontinence also includes fecal incontinence, and it all involves the pelvic floor.

Nancy Norton was involved with the recent National Institutes of Health (NIH) State of the Science Meeting and will be reporting on the outcomes of this meeting as it relates to fecal incontinence. The main message of our keynote address is where we are in 2009 with the promotion and awareness of continence worldwide.

Having been involved in the field of urinary incontinence since 1993, it has been very exciting to be part of the work of the Continence Promotion Committee (CPC) of the International Continence Society (ICS) these last few years. The CPC became an official committee of the ICS in 1998, and its mission is “to promote awareness through its organizations members, as well as, to provide a forum to support the formation of individual public and patient-based organizations in interested countries.”

I have had the honor of representing SUNA as an organizational member of the CPC. Led by Diane Newman, the CPC has grown and flourished over these last years. In 2006, the CPC held a workshop in conjunction with the ICS meeting in Christchurch, New Zealand, on developing public awareness programs from all over the world. I was able to attend that meeting and present SUNA’s bladder health program.

At the ICS meeting in 2007, Dutch patient and professional continence groups held the first-ever CPC-endorsed public forum at the close of the educational meeting. There were approximately 200 attendees in the small town of Rotterdam. The ICS meeting in the fall of 2008 featured yet another public forum with approximately 370 attendees attending a dinner meeting. Also at this meeting in Cairo, to culminate work by several within the CPC, the ICS announced the designation of June 22-28, 2009, as the first World Continence Week. Diane Newman says, “The CPC feels the public forum is one way to bring attention to the general public and the global medical community of the life situation of people with incontinence.” Plans are underway for activities for 2009. Stay tuned!

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SUNA Immediate Past President

Have You Renewed Your SUNA Membership?

Annual SUNA membership renewal materials were recently distributed to members. Your membership entitles you to many benefits, including: six issues of Urologic Nursing, SUNA’s official journal; six issues of the Uro-Gram; networking opportunities with your peers through Special Interest Groups and local chapter activities; free educational fact sheets and clinical practice guidelines; educational programs such as the Annual Symposium and Annual Conference at significantly reduced fees; access to SUNA’s Web site and exclusive access to the Members Only section of the site; leadership development opportunities; scholarships and awards; discounts on SUNA publications; and much more! Effective April 1, 2009, membership dues will be increasing so be sure to renew NOW at the lower rate! Renew online at www.suna.org.
Introducing the Associate Editor

My name is Jeanne Held-Warmkessel. I am extremely pleased to have been selected from the pool of applicants to serve as the Associate Editor of the Uro-Gram. I have been a nurse for over 33 years with 25 of them as an oncology CNS. Since 1998, I have been a clinical nurse specialist (CNS) in medical oncology with a specialty focus in chemotherapy and targeted therapy at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia. My responsibilities include serving as the CNS on three inpatient medical oncology nursing units. Prior to that I worked in medical oncology in Philadelphia at a large tertiary care facility, and I also have worked as a full-time faculty member at a school of nursing. My areas of clinical expertise include care of patients with hematologic, urologic, and general medical oncology diagnoses undergoing systemic therapy.

I have been a member of SUNA since 2001 and I am a reviewer for Urologic Nursing. Additionally, I am an active member of the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) serving in many different volunteer capacities since 1990, including as associate editor of Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing and a review board member of Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing. I also belong to the Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses.

I write extensively and have written and edited textbooks on GU cancers and multiple articles and book chapters on GU and other cancers, chemotherapy and targeted therapies, and the nursing care of patients undergoing systemic cancer therapy. I speak regularly on a variety of topics including being a trainer in the ONS Chemotherapy and Biotherapy Course. I look forward to serving SUNA as Associate Editor over the next year and then as the Uro-Gram Editor.

Jeanne Held-Warmkessel, MSN, RN, AOCN®, ACNS-BC
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More Patient Education Fact Sheets Now Available in Spanish

Four more of SUNA’s Patient Education Fact Sheets have been translated to Spanish and are now available online:

- Kidney Stones
- Overactive Bladder
- Sacral Nerve Stimulation
- Local Estrogen Replacement for Urinary Incontinence Related to Urogenital Atrophy

The newly translated fact sheets as well as additional fact sheets developed by SUNA are available for free download on SUNA’s Web site (www.suna.org). In all, SUNA offers fact sheets on 17 urology-related topics, 10 of which are also available in Spanish. The fact sheets are a valuable resource for both clinicians and patients.

To access the fact sheets online, go to www.suna.org, click on the Resources tab, and select Patient Education Fact Sheets. SUNA members may access the fact sheets directly after they have logged into their Web site account; nonmembers are asked to fill out a short form and also may choose to receive information about becoming a SUNA member.
UNA’s 40th Annual Conference will be held October 2-5, 2009, at the Hyatt Regency in Chicago, IL. The planning committee met in January and is working hard to secure top-notch speakers to present relevant and timely information that will help you enhance your practice and improve patient care. The committee is excited about the diverse slate of sessions that will address major issues in urologic nursing.

October is a great time of year to visit Chicago so make plans to stay and enjoy some sightseeing while in town for the Annual Conference! Also known as “The Windy City” and the “City of Broad Shoulders,” Chicago has gorgeous architecture, incredible museums, diverse shopping opportunities, and wonderful restaurants. Some of the city’s top attractions are shopping on the Magnificent Mile (which is less than a block from the Hyatt Regency), the Sears Tower, the Shedd Aquarium, and the architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright.

You’ll also find magic in such sparkling Chicago attractions as the Navy Pier (the Midwest’s top tourist destination) and its boardwalk, 150-foot Ferris wheel, boat and Segway tours, and countless dining and shopping options. Millennium Park offers dazzling music, art, landscape design, and architecture, including the mammoth stainless-steel Cloud Gate sculpture.

Make plans to explore the city’s astonishing architecture during a guided tour (on foot or aboard a Chicago River boat, lakeshore cruise, or sightseeing bus) which takes off right across the street from the Hyatt Regency. Or walk a few blocks away for a birds-eye view from the 103rd floor Sears Tower Skydeck and the 94th floor Hancock Observatory. The Sears Tower has an observatory from which you can view Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Indiana on a clear day. Interactive exhibits tell about Chicago’s dreamers, schemers, architects, musicians, writers, and sports stars. The John Hancock Center Observatory is the third-tallest building in Chicago and has the most impressive panoramic views of the lake and surrounding skyline.

The Hyatt Regency is right across the river from the Wrigley Building and is one block off the Magnificent Mile, home to some of the best shopping in the country. Science rules at the three great institutions that make up Chicago’s lakefront Museum Campus. Centered within the Field Museum’s 20 million biological and anthropological specimens is Sue, the largest and most complete Tyrannosaurus rex ever found. Explore the universe at Adler Planetarium and Astronomy Museum, the world’s only museum with two full-size planetarium theaters. Or head to the Shedd Aquarium and get up close with 22,000 aquatic species.

The Museum of Science and Industry, the largest science museum in the Western Hemisphere, offers over 800 captivating interactive exhibits, including the U-505 submarine, a working coal mine, a Boeing 727 airplane, and much, much more. Other internationally renowned institutions include the Museum of Contemporary Art, the Museum of Science and Industry with a “working” coal mine underneath the museum, and the Art Institute of Chicago, which has the country’s best collection of impressionist and post-impressionist art.

Chicago is such a food lovers’ paradise that diners face just one dilemma: How to choose from so many delicious options? One way to narrow your dining choices is by type of food. Eager for an ethnic meal? Along with the many restaurants serving outstanding Italian, Latin, and Asian foods, countless others offer excellent French, Greek, Indian, Mediterranean, Polish, German, or Ethiopian menus. Want seafood or soul food or barbecue? Find it downtown or in the city’s 77 neighborhoods. Chicagoans are famous for taking two classics very seriously: pizza and hot dogs. Sample these two favorites during your visit so you can officially join in the debate!

Make your plans now to come and learn, network with your friends, and enjoy the great city of Chicago. Watch the Uro-Gram and the SUNA Web site (www.suna.org) for more information about the educational sessions, networking opportunities, and fun activities that will take place at SUNA’s conference this year.
Call for Abstracts for Research Scientific Session

Presenters are invited to submit abstracts for oral and poster presentations for the Research Scientific Session during SUNA’s 40th Annual Conference. Submission guidelines and accompanying forms are available on SUNA’s Web site at www.suna.org. All presenters will be awarded a 1-day complimentary registration to the Annual Conference.

Please read and follow the submission guidelines carefully. Submissions that do not follow the guidelines will not be reviewed. It is often helpful to have a colleague or mentor review an abstract or manuscript prior to submission.

Abstract Submission Information
☞ Abstracts must be typed using New Times Roman.
☞ Abstract length is limited to fitting within the one-page abstract form.
☞ Abstract information must be received by the date specified in the call for abstracts.
☞ Email to suna@ajj.com. Faxed abstracts will not be accepted.
☞ A completed call for abstracts cover page must accompany each abstract.
☞ Final acceptance is conditional upon registration at the Annual Conference and meeting the format and criteria requirements for the abstracts.
☞ Contact the national office or visit the SUNA Web site (www.suna.org) for specific abstract information and material on writing abstracts and preparing posters.
☞ Abstract structure: Each abstract should contain the following, in separately labeled paragraphs, in this order:
  • Title and investigator(s).
  • Background: a brief background of the study, significance of the study, theoretical or conceptual framework, if applicable.
  • Purpose/aim/objective: two or three sentences stating that major purpose/aim or objective of the study.
  • Brief review of salient literature.
  • Methods: a brief description of the design of the study, collection of the data, description of the sample/subjects in the study, power/effect size, sample size, inclusion and exclusion criteria, ethical considerations.
  • Measurement instruments: reliability and validity information, data collection procedures.
  • Statistical analysis.
  • Results: summary of the study findings, including demographics, findings.
  • Discussion/implications: discussion of findings, implications for urologic nursing practice.
  • Limitations.
  • Future research.
☞ A resume of the presenter no longer than one page must be submitted with each abstract.
☞ Authors of accepted abstracts are strongly encouraged to consider publication in Urologic Nursing.

The deadline for submission of abstracts is June 12, 2009.

Preview of April Issue

Look for these feature articles in the April issue of Urologic Nursing.
• Paruresis or Shy Bladder Syndrome: An Unknown Urologic Malady? ~ CNE Feature
• Female Sexual Dysfunction ~ CNE Feature
• Procedure Competencies and Job Functions of the Urologic Advanced Practice Nurse
• A Brief Educational Video about Prostate Cancer Screening: A Community Intervention
• Comparison of the Effect of Water and Povidone-Iodine Solution for Periurethral Cleaning before Urinary Catheterization on Bacteriuria

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In Memory of SUNA Founder and Friend

Alice Morel, RN, CURN, an honorary lifetime member of SUNA, passed away on December 17, 2008. Alice was a dedicated urology nurse, educator, and patient advocate. She founded the Urology Nurses Association in 1969, which incorporated with the American Urological Association Allied (AUAA) group in 1972. She was one of the charter members of what is now SUNA and was very instrumental in the formation of the original organization.

Alice served as president of the AUAA during the 1979-1980 term. She focused her presidency on membership promotion and chapter development, and established the Chapter of the Year award program. Her passion for education of SUNA members led to the creation of the “Pearls” presentations at the Annual Conference, which are now known as “SUNA Search.” Alice was one of the first individuals to take the RN certification exam and later served on the Certification Board.

Alice is survived by her son, Manuel Morel, and her daughter, Maria Morel. Contributions in memory of Alice may be made to the SUNA Foundation or the Certification Board for Urologic Nurses and Associates (CBUNA).

Nancy Mueller
SUNA Historian

Share Your Conference Memories

This year is an exciting one for SUNA! The association will celebrate its 40th Annual Conference in Chicago. In celebration of our ruby anniversary, Gyrus ACMI is joining SUNA in highlighting this special time at our conference. I am requesting members to share any pictures, mementos, or anecdotes they may have that relate to the early conferences. I would love to talk with anyone who attended one of the association’s early conferences in 1968, 1969, or 1970. Please contact me so we can make SUNA’s 40th Annual Conference a special time of celebration. Thank you!

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The SUNA Foundation Trustees have been busy planning. Plans include a raffle with valuable prizes at the Annual Symposium in March and the Silent Auction at the Annual Conference in Chicago in October. Both fundraisers are entertaining, rewarding, and provide funds for SUNA scholarships. The results of the raffle and the winners will be published in the May issue of the Uro-Gram. Reminders will be going out shortly for donation of items for the Silent Auction.

We would like to remind SUNA members that there are two scholarships available for the SUNA Annual Conference in October 2009. Application forms are available on the SUNA Web site, and completed applications must be received by June 1, 2009. There are also two scholarships available for the 2010 Annual Symposium, and completed forms for these scholarships need to be submitted by September 1, 2009. These scholarships are available to any SUNA member who meets the eligibility criteria. The criteria and application forms are available on the SUNA Web site. In addition, Life-Tech is offering complimentary registration for their next Urodynamics Workshop to be held October 24-25, 2009. We would like to hear from YOU!

Are you interested in getting a degree or taking the certification examination? There are also scholarships available to support these endeavors. If you are interested in conducting a research project, there are also grants available for Young Investigators or Experienced Investigators. There is a scholarship or grant available to meet every SUNA member’s needs.

As indicated in the January issue of the Uro-Gram, Norma Kirk-Vaden, RN, of Huntington West VA, attended the January 2009 Life-Tech Urodynamics Workshop in Houston. After attending the workshop, Norma shared: “I’ve been performing urodynamic studies for years but I really learned a lot from the conference. Everyone was very nice and knowledgeable. It was a great opportunity to network with other people who perform urodynamics.”

Donna Canada, ADN, RN, CURN, of Wilmington, NC, has been awarded the Annual Symposium Scholarship for 2009. Donna’s comments will be published in the May issue of the Uro-Gram. These two individuals are the latest members who have taken advantage of the benefits offered through SUNA and the SUNA Foundation. We would like to hear from YOU!

Ardeth Hale, CURN
SUNA Foundation Chair & Trustee
Attention Chapter Presidents!

Chapter Review Form has a new look

The Chapter Review Form is a great tool to communicate your chapter’s activities and accomplishments to the SUNA Board of Directors. In April this year you will be receiving the new version of the Chapter Review Form from your Regional Director in the mail. The Board of Directors hopes that you will find this form more concise and easier to complete.

The Chapter Review Form is required to be completed by each chapter president or designee on an annual basis in order to maintain your active chapter status. The form ensures that communication between your chapter and the SUNA Board of Directors remains constant. The form is also reviewed by the SUNA Secretary to select the prestigious Chapter of the Year Award as well as seven other awards to be announced at the upcoming 2009 Annual Conference in Chicago.

The Chapter Review Form is also available online on the SUNA Web site at www.suna.org. Just click on the “Chapters” tab and download the document directly onto your computer.

I look forward to hearing from each and every chapter this year! Please do not hesitate to contact your Regional Director or myself if you have any questions or concerns completing the form.

Best wishes for a rewarding relationship with SUNA! See you in Chicago!

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Nominate a Colleague as Regional Member of the Year

Four SUNA members – one member from each of SUNA’s four regions – are recognized annually with Regional Member of the Year Awards. The awards are presented each year at SUNA’s Annual Conference.

Winners are 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 receive points for specific criteria such as length of SUNA membership, being certified (or re-certifying) through the Certification Board for Urologic Nurses and Associates, publishing in the Uro-Gram or Urologic Nursing, serving on a national committee or task force, participating in community-focused projects, presenting educational content at chapter-sponsored meetings, and recruiting colleagues to join SUNA. The member with the highest score in each region is selected as the Regional Member of the Year.

Consider nominating a worthy SUNA colleague to receive this honor! An application form is available online. Go to www.suna.org, click on About SUNA, and select SUNA Awards. The deadline for nominations is June 1.
The Twin State Chapter held a meeting in December that featured a presentation on chemotherapy for the treatment of renal cell cancer. The chapter is also planning a special event for their founding president, Laura Stempkowski, who will be retiring from her NP position at the medical center. Congratulations and best wishes for your retirement, Laura! For more information, contact Kathy Felder at gkfelder@comcast.net.

Talks are underway between the Twin State Chapter and the New England Chapter for a joint educational offering in the spring. Kris Green with the New England Chapter can be reached at kgreen@crhc.org; or you can contact Kathy Felder at the Twin State Chapter.

I am currently contacting all members in the Metropolitan Washington DC Chapter to receive input on what they would like to do with their chapter. Several members have expressed an interest in working to restart this chapter. If anyone is interested, please contact me at clecroy@vwcenter.com so I can put you in contact with those members.

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Southeast

Everyone in the Southeast Region has been busy planning their activities for the new year. All of our chapters welcome new faces and fresh ideas for chapter programs. If you have not been active in your local chapter, please take the opportunity to meet your chapter officers and get involved!

The Research Triangle Chapter is busy planning the annual spring continuing nursing education (CNE) conference entitled Spring into SUNA, which will be held at the Embassy Suites in Cary, NC, on March 21. Topics for the meeting include: Foley trauma, overactive bladder/urodynamic evaluation, hypogonadism, kidney stone management, and cancer survivorship. Spring is a beautiful time of year in North Carolina, and the chapter would love to have you join them for this informative program.

The chapter’s dinner program chairperson is actively scheduling CNE dinners for the spring and fall. These small group opportunities provide members with networking, current information, and socializing at various locations throughout North Carolina. Thank you to vendors for their continued support, which makes these programs possible. For more information, contact President Sue Forloines-Lynn at slynn@unch.unc.edu.

The Central Florida Chapter is planning a dinner meeting and hopes that many chapter members will attend. Watch for more information on the date and topic. The chapter is also actively seeking members who are interested in assuming a leadership role. If you are
interested in participating, contact President Dee Parkes at dparkes@cfl.rr.com.

The West Texas Whirlwinds Chapter, under the guidance of Stacy Brothers, is currently planning annual activities and programs. If you have any questions or contributions, contact Stacy at sbrothers@yahoo.com.

Greater Houston Chapter President Randee Regan and her board members are making arrangements for a half-day seminar in the spring. Make plans to join these enthusiastic chapter members in their endeavors. If you have any questions regarding upcoming activities, contact Randee at randeereg@aol.com.

The San Antonio-Alamo Chapter supported “Books for Soldiers,” spearheaded by Nancy Mueller, for the Christmas holidays. A variety of books, DVDs, candy, hot chocolate, and other goods were shipped to our heroes overseas in time for the holidays. Kudos! Coloplast and CCS Medical sponsored a dinner for the chapter, and approximately 20 members attended. The representatives discussed the latest and greatest in urology products over a delicious Mexican buffet. Chapter members brought donations of nonperishable food items for the local food bank. Special thanks to Sylvia E. Sluter and her husband for delivering the goods to the San Antonio Food Bank. The chapter is planning their 17th Annual Conference on March 28. Visit the chapter’s Web site at www.alamosuna.org for further details.

The Florida Sunshine Chapter is gearing up for the annual Relay for Life event this spring. They have been very successful selling their crafts — handmade jewelry, blankets, holiday decor, and baked goods. The chapter recently held a jewelry sale with all proceeds going towards the fight against cancer, and raised over $700 for this great cause! The chapter started a study group for those interested in becoming certified in urology. The group meets once a month, and there are more than a dozen participants so far. If you would like to join or would like information on starting your own study group, contact President Cindy McLean at cmclean456@comcast.net.

The chapter is also currently planning their 8th Annual Conference, which will be held at Edison College on April 18. Watch for further information.

The Rocky Mountain Chapter board met recently to plan the new year’s activities. They are looking forward to sponsoring several dinner meetings and their annual seminar in August. The chapter is also working with a local physician at the Denver Health Medical Center in coordinating a program to be held in Breckenridge in the summer of 2010. This program will be a 2- to 3-day combined physician and nursing conference. Plans are in the early stages and information regarding dates, venue, and agenda will be posted once available. This is an exciting endeavor for the chapter as they anticipate having some international attendees.

The chapter is very organized and offers wonderful programs for its members. There are also continuing to recruit new members. Contact Carolyn North at carolyn7176@comcast.net for more information regarding upcoming programs.

The Rocky Mountain Chapter is saddened to report the untimely passing of SUNA member, Laurie MacEachen. Laurie was a great asset to the chapter and a devoted recruiter. She will be greatly missed. Our thoughts go out to her family and friends.

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North Central

Mother Nature welcomed my beautiful state of Minnesota to 2009 with record low temperatures. While I try to stay warm in the -15 degree weather, I am cuddling up with my computer to write this regional update.

Fellow wind-chill watchers, the Chicago Metro Chapter, remain active with their community involvement, not just during the holidays, but all year long. They have joined the Greater Chicago Food Depository and request that attendees at chapter meetings bring donations of nonperishable items. Chapter members continue to donate personal items, clothing, money, and time to a local women’s shelter. They collected items during their annual Christmas party, which was pot luck this year in response to the current economy.

The Chicago Metro Chapter’s education calendar is busy as well. They started the year with an offering on LHRH Therapy for Prostate Cancer in January. In February there was a presentation on erectile dysfunction and cardiovascular disease since February was Heart Month. The chapter’s spring conference, My Kinda Urology, will be held in Oakbrook, IL, in March.

New Chapter President Vanessa Spears and her chapter are excited about being the host city for SUNA’s Annual Conference as well as the fact that the United States President and the SUNA President are both from Chicago!

President Mary Campigotto writes that it was a tumultuous fall in the Mississippi Valley Chapter as they went through three chapter secretaries due to several job issues. Mary and her chapter say they will miss their original secretary, Jackie Timmons, but are happy for her as she begins a new job. Kathy LoBello has stepped up to the plate for now, volunteering to serve as secretary until the end of the term in August.

Several chapter members were instrumental in the success of the Annual Conference in Philadelphia: Debbie Buback spoke on a preconference Practice Issues Panel on the Nurse Practitioner as Surgical Assistant, Gina Powley spoke at the Chapter Leadership Workshop, and President-Elect Reggie Boon attended the Chapter Leadership Workshop. Debbie Buback also spoke on da Vinci Robotics at the 16th Annual Perioperative Clinical Update.
The chapter held a Holiday Party in December, and all members brought cans of food to donate to a local food pantry. The chapter held a conference in St. Louis, MO, on February 28. They also are planning for a spring conference in Cedar Rapids, IA, on April 9. Mary reports that the chapter has had a hard time pinning down sponsors for speakers and meetings with the new economic conditions and had a panel discussion at their January meeting to discuss how this is affecting local practices, hospitals, etc. Perhaps Mary and her team will share any suggestions as I am sure all chapters are struggling with this issue.

Southeast Nebraska Chapter President Peggy Poe reports that her chapter had a good turnout for their November meeting with approximately 30-35 people present. They are looking forward to a meeting in March, which will focus on sacral nerve stimulation. Peggy continues her efforts to set up a presentation on bladder health at a local women’s shelter. She and her team are also making progress on the creation of a chapter Web site, having put it on the back burner over the holidays. Hopefully by next issue of the Uro-Gram, they will have it up and running!

Kansas City Chapter President Bea Stuck and her team are hard at work planning their annual conference for September 2009. Keep an eye out for more news from this chapter.

According to President Gwen Hooper, the Kentucky Chapter has struggled but made it through its first year. They celebrated this event with a New Year’s meeting in January and a presentation by Dr. Denis Yalkut, the exclusive local provider of Cyberknife® surgery for prostate cancer patients. Chapter members were excited to have an opportunity to hear about this new treatment option.

Like the rest of the nation, Kentucky weather has been unusually cold and wet and Gwen is hoping that this will spur chapter members to go to sunny California in March for the Annual Symposium. Gwen states that she can attest that the symposium is an excellent learning opportunity!

She and her chapter also wish to congratulate Melinda Staton, a nurse practitioner member in Louisville, who has wisely and bravely decided to start her own practice. They send good will and best wishes her way as she begins to build her practice.

Finally, Gwen shares her chapter’s New Year’s resolutions: to recruit new members and sustain the membership they already have and to provide additional and more varied educational opportunities for their membership. She hopes that the second goal will in turn support the first and asks us to remember there can be no SUNA without U.

President Theresa Kolle reports that the Upper Midwest Chapter has been busy planning a Spring Conference for April 4 in Rochester, MN. Topics will include hyperbaric oxygen therapy and its use for the urology patient, sacrocolpopexy, the male physical urological exam, disenfranchised grief, and pre/post operative instructions. Thanks to Diane Mann, Mari Olsen, and Jamie Olson for their work on this conference.

Please visit the chapter Web site at www.umcsuna.org for registration information.

The chapter extends thanks to Maureen Johnson and Michelle Radke for their willingness to serve at the national level on the Planning Committee for the 2009 Annual Conference. Several other members continue to be active on bladder health and prostate health committees along with developing an outreach committee for the chapter to better serve the community. Theresa is also delighted to announce that six members recently achieved their certification. Way to go!

Great Lakes Chapter President Todd Morningstar writes that their January meeting on LH-RH: For the Palliative Treatment of Advanced Prostate Cancer with speaker Randy Chudler, MD, was very well attended. Chapter member Silvia Maxwell received the Presidents Award for her outstanding dedication, willingness to serve, value as a board member, and promotion of urology nursing care for the chapter.

The planning committee put the final touches on the 2009 Inside Urology Conference, which is scheduled for March 20 at the Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel. Todd says they have a lot of extra exciting things planned for the conference. For further details, visit the chapter Web site at www.glsuna.com.

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Western

Spring will be here soon, and for some of the Western Region chapters it will be a welcome relief after a winter with record snowfall and flooding. With spring comes renewed motivation, and the Western chapter presidents continue to work hard planning educational programs for their members. It is their dedication that makes SUNA such a strong organization.

Renee Benoit, president of the Portland Chapter, is looking for any new or seasoned members to step forward and pick up the reigns to recharge this chapter by taking on leadership roles. She is organizing a meeting with chapter members to plan future educational offerings. Renee is asking for your support and ideas. You can contact her at renee@theurologyclinic.com.

Under the direction of Jean Dearn, the Puget Sound Chapter held a “mid-winter” event in February. This offering included interesting topics on urology in the 21st century, endocrine disruptors, preventive medicine, and traditional Chinese medicine. This very active chapter is asking current members and recruiting new members to become involved to help with chapter activ-
ities and leadership. Contact Jean at jdearn@comcast.net with any questions.

Members of the Yakima Chapter sponsored an evening program in February. Dr Jack Lovern gave a very informative presentation on the changes in PSA criteria and prostate cancer screening. This chapter would like to see more involvement from members to help in planning future activities. To become involved and support this chapter, contact Cindie Neufeld at cneufeld@yua.com.

Edith Acey reports that the Utah Chapter held a planning meeting in January and is working with corporate sponsors to organize some educational dinner meetings in the near future. Chapter board members are actively recruiting new members by mailing information about SUNA and the benefits and opportunities of SUNA membership to the urology clinics in the Utah area. To learn more about this chapter and upcoming events, contact Edith at eacey@middletonuro.com.

Arizona Chapter President Linda Sabre has been working hard to recruit new members by visiting some of the larger urology clinics in her area to promote SUNA and encourage staff members to become involved at the local level and take advantage of the educational and networking opportunities that SUNA offers. The chapter will be having an educational offering sponsored by Coloplast in the future. Linda welcomes local members to become involved with activities. She can be reached at davlinsabre@msn.com.

The Northern California Chapter has been busy organizing the WSAUA/SUNA conference that will be held in October in Las Vegas. Many interesting topics will be presented so stay tuned for more details. This chapter also will be hosting the Annual Symposium in San Francisco in March. Jan Jensen and Linda Adams are seeking help from the other Western Region chapters to contact industry representatives for support. Please contact Jan (kpuronurse@hotmail.com) or Linda (ladams@stanfordmed.org) to let them know in what capacity you can help.

Debbie Bailey, president of the Big Sky Chapter in Montana, is working with chapter members to organize a meeting. She would appreciate any input that you may have on location or topics. You can reach Debbie at dbailey@billingsclinic.org

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Call for Papers for 2010 Annual Symposium

SUNA’s 2010 Annual Symposium will be held March 10-13 at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, CO. The Program Planning Committee has issued a Call for Papers for the symposium. You are invited to submit abstracts for oral presentation addressing topics related to urologic patient care. Paper presentations must be identified as basic, intermediate, or advanced.

Submission Guidelines
1. Abstracts must be typed, single spaced on 8.5" x 11" white bond paper.
2. Abstracts must be in narrative form and not exceed 300 words.
3. The title of the abstract should appear at the top.
4. List primary presenter first, then additional presenters with credentials (PhD, MA, BSN, RN, etc.) below the title.
5. The author(s)’ work/home/email addresses and telephone/fax numbers should be listed on a separate page.

Instructions also are available online at www.suna.org (under Events). Each submission will be evaluated by the Program Planning Committee to determine the final selection for the meeting program. Send abstracts to: suna@ajj.com; or SUNA National Office, East Holly Avenue Box 56, Pitman, NJ 08071-0056.

Submissions must be received by May 15, 2009.

Celebrate National Nurses Week

May 6-12, 2009

National Nurses Week is celebrated annually May 6-12 throughout the United States. The theme for 2009 is “Nurses Building a Healthy America.” National Nurses Week begins on May 6, marked as RN Recognition Day, and ends on May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of nursing as a modern profession. The week is devoted to highlighting the diverse ways in which registered nurses, the largest health care profession, are working to improve health care. For more information about National Nurses Week, visit www.nursingworld.org.
Helpful Hints from the Approver Unit

By this time most of you have seen the Approver Unit’s new forms for the continuing nursing education (CNE) application process. Two forms that are still giving members difficulty when completing include the Disclosure Declaration Memorandum (DDM) and the Commercial Support form. Both forms are new requirements from the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation (ANCC-COA) – SUNA’s accrediting body – and must be completed and submitted with each CNE application.

The DDM has been causing confusion in how to complete. Each section must be completed in its entirety. The following is a review of each point of the form.

A. Verification of Attendance: Must include participants’ requirements for obtaining contact hours. This should be more than a simple statement of 100%. Examples include: “Participants must be present 100% of the conference.” You may or may not include “must complete evaluation form” if a self-study. “Must complete test questions and evaluation.”

B. Vested Interest: Yes, this is repeating the information on speakers’ and planning committee members’ vested interest forms. You must include ALL vested interests reported for everyone on this sheet.

C. Commercial Support: This is to notify participants if a vendor has paid for the speaker, meal, or anything else. This does not include vendor tables at conferences.

D. Non-endorsement: Please make sure you include your chapter’s name at the end of this statement.

E. Off Label Use: If there will be any discussion of off label uses of medications or products, you need to disclose this information here.

The Commercial Support form needs to indicate whether someone is paying for the speaker, food, printing of materials, etc., for your program. This form does not need to be completed if a vendor is paying for a booth/table at your conference.

I hope this information helps you complete these forms with ease.

Gina Powley, MSN, APRN-BC
Approver Unit Chair

Nursing Coalitions: Influencing Health Policy

SUNA has been busy working with several nursing coalitions on policy development. A coalition is a group of individuals and/or organizations with a common interest that agree to work together toward a common goal (Berkowitz & Wolff, 2000). Challenges or opportunities are usually the impetus to forming a coalition. I would like to share information regarding the current coalitions with which SUNA is working.

Several SUNA members participated by providing feedback to the National Clinical Nurse Specialist Competency task force developed in 2006 to reach a consensus on an approach to licensure, accreditation, certification, and education of advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs). In November the SUNA Board of Directors endorsed the core, entry-level Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) competencies that outline the initiatives and processes for implementation at entry level.

Currently, SUNA is participating in the development of a document that will be presented to President Barack Obama’s health care team with solutions for improving access, cost, and quality. This document is entitled “Commitment to Quality Health Reform: A Consensus Statement from the Nursing Community.” Once this document is approved by the Board, it will be the goal of the legislative committee and the nursing community at large to urge the new administration and Congress to incorporate our designated principles in crafting and implementing reform measures. Please be watching for that update and request!

Saundra L. Seidel, APRN-BC, CUCNS
Legislative Committee Chairperson

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Legislative Update

SUNA has launched the 2009 Membership Recruitment Campaign.

Go to SUNA’s Web site (www.suna.org) for more details on this year’s campaign.

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Membership Campaign

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Advanced Practice

The following is a very brief synopsis of discussions held with the SIG via the Internet.
- There has been some discussion lately by the group on reimbursement for percutaneous tibial nerve stimulation (PTNS). A Medicare update specific to a fiscal intermediary was shared with the group.
- Data was shared regarding the cost-effectiveness of the nurse practitioner performing PTNS. Scheduling maneuvers were shared, and actual procedure tips were discussed.
- Treatment protocols for osteopenia and androgen deprivation with prostate cancer patients were discussed, regarding which ICD-9 code to use, medication replacement, and DEXA scan schedules.
- The RigiScan® device was a topic of discussion – the price of the device, why and how to use it, and troubleshooting tips.
- Two case studies were presented for discussion. One focused on a postpartum patient with new onset of a neurogenic bladder, and the other addressed an elderly gentleman being treated for overactive bladder and benign prostatic hyperplasia.
- Join the discussion! If you are a mid level provider, simply email me to have your name added to the roster.

Sacral Nerve Stimulation

March is here, and Cindy Dobmeyer-Dittrich is hoping to visit with many of you in San Francisco at SUNA’s Annual Symposium. She wants you to bring along any patient education materials so that we can put together something consistent for all the educators of sacral nerve stimulation (SNS). I hope to be able to share the information with you following the symposium. I wish I could be there, but Chicago is calling me.

There will be a half-day preconference on SNS at the 2009 Annual Conference in Chicago. I have been talking with several people about SNS who are interested in participating and speaking. If a SIG member is interested in participating or if there is an important topic that has not been covered, please let me know.

Just a reminder that the PowerPoint on SNS that was developed in 2008 is now available online. Entitled Use of Sacral Neuromodulation in the Management of Voiding Dysfunction, this continuing nursing education program offers 1.0 contact hours and is available for download on the SUNA Web site. Go to www.suna.org, click on the Education tab, and select Continuing Nursing Education Activities/Offerings.

Have a great time in San Francisco, and I hope to see many of you in Chicago – if not for the preconference workshop, then at least for the meeting. It is always fun attending a national conference. I look forward to seeing you there!

Urodynamics

I am so excited and honored to be this year's SIG leader. Urodynamics (UDS) found me 8 years ago in a private urology group where no one else wanted the job. After some very limited instructions, my journey began in the world of urology. I went to the basic course that everyone goes to when you buy new equipment. Leaving the course even more confused than when I started, I was determined to find out what all the lines meant and how that related to my patient.

After working a year with this private practice, I began to look at the academic setting. I heard about an opening at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Department of Urology. I spoke to someone named Betsy Omeis, whom I attempted to convince UDS was my forte and that I had developed the South Texas Pelvic Floor and so on. Little did I know that Betsy...
was one of the leading experts in the field. I called her about every 2 weeks until she granted me an interview. The interview was a success, and I got the job. I had the pleasure of working with Betsy Omeis over the next 6 years as she mentored me until I moved on to be the Nurse Director of the Urodynamics and Pelvic Floor Program at the Department of Urology, Audie L. Murphy, South Texas Veterans Health Care System, where I have been for the past 2 years.

I remember as I began my urologic career and I was introduced to SUNA, I became very aware for the first time in my nursing career that I had found my niche. I hope I make Ruth Shields and Betsy Omeis proud as I take on this position with the SIG. They are both dedicated leaders with all the hard work they have accomplished throughout their nursing careers. The things I love about my job are the time I spend one-on-one with my patients, the daily puzzles I face and attempt to solve, and the reality that we can usually make our patients’ quality of life better. How rewarding it is to be our best at our patients’ worst.

Over the next year I hope to find answers together, share tips of the trade, and discover important disease processes that affect our patients’ bladders. It is my hope that this SIG will help make your adventure with UDS fun and easier to understand. Remember, SUNA has a valuable resource, A Practical Guide to Performing Urodynamics, available for sale. This book is a good place to start if you are new to UDS. It is also an important resource to have in your library as a reference.

A big thank you to Melissa Morrison for heading up the SIG meeting during the Annual Conference in Philadelphia since I was unable to attend. She met with the SIG and all of our leaders with all the hard work they have accomplished throughout their nursing careers. The things I love about my job are the time I spend one-on-one with my patients, the daily puzzles I face and attempt to solve, and the reality that we can usually make our patients’ quality of life better. How rewarding it is to be our best at our patients’ worst.

Plan to attend the Annual Symposium in San Francisco in March. The meeting will feature the UDS track.

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SUNA President Featured in Online Interview

The Nursing Show (www.Nursingshow.com) interviewed SUNA President Mary Anne Wasner about the specialty of urologic nursing, and that interview was included in a recent podcast. Wasner talks about the specialty of urologic nursing as well as the benefits of joining a nursing association like SUNA. Listen to the interview at www.Nursingshow.com (scroll down to the January 30th podcast). You also can sign up for the podcast, which features news, commentary, assessment and treatment tips, and medication information in an easy-to-download format. The Nursing Show also posted links to all of SUNA's great resources, including SUNA's patient education handouts and clinical practice guidelines.

Congratulations ...

to the following individuals who became board certified by passing one of the urologic nursing certification examinations administered by the Certification Board for Urologic Nurses and Associates (CBUNA) at test centers across the country in October 2008.

Certified Urologic Assistant (CUA)
Keri Mcgee-Carriere, Eunice, LA
Vera Fitts, Boise, ID
Traci Gardner, Surprise, AZ
Cristina Hammer, Sahuarita, AZ
Nancy Harder, Cambridge, MN
Michelle Singer-Escobar, Columbia, MO
Susanne Tallebian, Herndon, VA
Nadine Wiley, Augusta, GA

Certified Urologic Nurse Practitioner (CUNP)
Darlene Bewick, Ardmore, PA
Robert Blakey, Murfreesboro, TN
Ann Kolar Chinnakotla, Dallas, TX
Ross Duos, Ville Platte, LA
Jeff Escuadro, Los Angeles, CA
Jeremy Flowers, San Diego, CA
Mary Ann Geary, Chatham, NJ
Shirlee Helton, Litchfield Park, AZ
Julie Heuser Prospect, KY
Lori Hoenemeyer, Tampa, FL
Linda Jackson, Pueblo West, CO
Darcy Jenkins-Holick, Fredonia, WI
Kelley Kiesler, Louisville, KY
Beverly Miller, Cuba, MO
Janda Modenhauer, Lithia, FL
Andrea Ohr, Louisville, KY
Gale Sandoval, Jackson, MI
Katherine Schwegel, Santa Clarita, CA
Christine Smith, Tempe, AZ

Certified Urologic Registered Nurse (CURN)
Mary Anderson, Anchorage, AK
Tina Bearden, Moody, AL
Ann Binkiewicz, Binghamton, NY
Adrianne Byrnes, Bethlehem, PA
Elena Campana, Houston, TX
Heather Causseaux, Oakton, VA
Linda Clark, Raleigh, NC
Marisol Colina, Katy, TX
Jan Culver, Waukesha, WI
Kathleen Donlon, Bethpage, NY
Miriam Fontanilla, Cherry Hill, NJ
Monica Hahn, Wilmington, DE
Alice Hoffman, Wilmington, DE
Jessica Hus, Rochester, MN
Jane Kippel, Lake City, MN
Nora Love-Rettinger, Farmingdale, NY
Beth Miller, Fairfax Station, VA
Nico Elizabeth Mollmann, Newport, RI
Patricia Moon, Mebane, NC
Deborah Newsome, Westlake, OH
Doreen Dever Papajcik, Alexandria, VA
Anna Phillippi, Macedonia, OH
Irene Power, South China, ME
Heidi Rebekah Remele, Phoenix, AZ
Rosemary Rochford, Woodbridge, NJ
Manuela Rorie-Kelley, Grovetown, GA
Kate Singley, New Hope, PA
Michelle Sortor, Rochester, MN
Melissa Steward, Northampton, PA
Kathleen Mancini, Canandaigua, NY
Alma Sweeney, Niles, MI
Susan Taylor, Elmwood, NE
Karen Wall, Roughmont, NC
Kristin Wosmek, Pine Island, MN
Thank You to Outgoing Members

In October 2008, Jan Giroux, CURN, who served faithfully for many years, rotated off the Certification Board for Urologic Nurses and Associates (CBUNA). Jan served as president beyond her original appointment and extended her time on the Board to mentor us for the challenges that followed. She was a valuable asset and will be missed.

Patrick Scoles, CUA, served for 5 years and was treasurer when he retired from the Board in October. He enlightened all of us on the valuable role that an experienced technician brings to urology practice. His input regarding CUA testing was invaluable.

Introducing Current Members

I want to take this opportunity to introduce the current Board and provide some background information about each member.

Tina Cimini, CURN, serves as Immediate Past President. Tina lives in Palmetto, FL, with two fantastic golden retrievers. She is a nurse manager on the Urology/Nephrology/Pulmonary Unit at Morton Plant Mease Healthcare and is currently enrolled in a masters in organizational management program. She brings to the Board a hospital inpatient focus and a dedication to service that is difficult to match.

Mary Lynn, CURN, is currently the longest serving member of the Board and will be rotating off this coming October. Mary was a nursing supervisor of a seven-physician urology practice in northern Virginia. She recently completed her masters as a Nurse Practitioner (NP) and was hired by the same practice. This speaks for her knowledge, talent, and integrity.

Susanne Quallich, CUNP, is President-Elect. She hails from Rochester Hills, MI, and is the wife of a gastroenterologist and the mother of three young children. Her subspecialty practice is sexual dysfunction and andrology at the University of Michigan Medical Center. She was awarded the SUNA President’s Award for Outstanding Contributions to Urologic Nursing in 2008. We are proud of her accomplishments.

Nazy Zomordian, CUNP, joined us after being the first NP to score 100% on the certification exam. She is from Los Angeles, CA, and is the Director of Genitourinary Clinical Trials Office at the UCLA School of Medicine. Nazy will replace Mary as Secretary in October.

Jeff Guse, CUA, is from Dunsmore, PA. He is senior sonographer, video urodynamics technologist, and training program clinical coordinator at Delta Medix, PC. Jeff is energetic, intelligent, and brings comic relief to the Board.

Russell D. Clay, CUA, is from Chesapeake, VA. Doug brings valuable experience in the surgical and clinical arena as an instructor, training Navy and Air Force personnel in the field of urology. He brings a reserved strength to the Board.

Finally, I am Phyllis Matthews, CUNP, CBUNA President. I live in an adult, golf course community in Aurora, CO, and serve as the clinical director of the urology service at the Eastern Colorado Health Care System, Department of Veterans Affairs. I provide urologic care to veterans in the outlying and rural clinics in Colorado and oversee the urology service at the Denver VA.

When I was invited to join the CBUNA Board in 2003, some of the members had been serving for several years and were exhibiting classic signs of burnout. In the 5 years that I have served on the Board, I came to see the importance of limiting terms, whenever possible, and recruiting new Board members who can bring fresh ideas, current knowledge, and vitality to their positions. The Board is currently recruiting CURNs who may be interested in a commitment to excellence in urologic nursing. If you are interested in participating in this challenging mission, please contact Pat Davey (daveyp@ajj.com) at the CBUNA National Office.

Phyllis A. Matthews, MS, ANP-BC, CUNP
CBUNA President

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The following awards and scholarship are available to SUNA members annually. The award and scholarship program is administered through the SUNA Foundation. Additional information and application forms are available on the SUNA Web site. Go to www.suna.org, click on the Foundation tab, and click on “What We Provide.”

Annual Conference and Annual Symposium Scholarships

Scholarships are available to assist members to cover the cost of attending SUNA’s Annual Conference in the fall or SUNA’s Annual Symposium in the spring. Two scholarships are available for the 2009 Annual Conference in Chicago, IL, and two scholarships are available for the 2010 Annual Symposium in Colorado Springs, CO. Scholarships include conference registration; economy airfare, train fare, or mileage and parking (not to exceed $500); one half of the SUNA negotiated room rate at the conference hotel for 4 nights; and a per diem ($50) during days of the meeting when meals are not provided.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:
• Current member of SUNA in good standing.
• Member of SUNA for a minimum of 2 years.
• Currently employed in urologic nursing.
• Program content must relate to area of employment.
• Provide a completed application, write a letter to the SUNA Board of Directors describing the experience and the effect it had on their career, and provide permission to publish the letter.
• Submit provided expense form and receipts.

Ron Brady Career Mobility Scholarship

The Ron Brady Career Mobility Scholarship supports a qualified SUNA member in pursuit of a baccalaureate degree in nursing or other advanced nursing degree that will enhance his/her urologic nursing practice. This $1,500 scholarship is available to applicants who meet the following criteria:
• Current member in good standing of SUNA.
• Member of SUNA for a minimum of 2 years.
• Currently employed in urologic nursing.
• Accepted or enrolled in a baccalaureate or other advanced nursing degree program.

Suszette McKay Memorial Excellence in Urologic Nursing Award

The Suszette McKay Memorial Excellence in Urologic Nursing Award is given to a nurse who provides exceptional patient care and advocates for urology patients. This award is named in honor of Suszette “Zette” McKay, a passionate pioneer in the field of urologic nursing who willingly shared her expertise in urodynamics, pelvic floor rehabilitation, sexual dysfunction, and urology with everyone she met.

Nominees for this award must meet the following criteria:
• Be an active SUNA member in good standing for at least 1 year.
• Be employed in the field of urology for a minimum of 2 years.
• Be able to meet all other financial responsibilities associated with taking the certification exam.

Jan Le Bouton Certification Scholarship

SUNA awards this scholarship annually to promote and encourage certification in urology. The scholarship recipient receives a stipend to cover the cost of the CBUNA certification examination, copies of the SUNA Urology Certification Review/Overview of Urology and the CBUNA Examination Preparation Guide, as well as complimentary registration to the SUNA Annual Conference.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:
• Be an active SUNA member in good standing for at least 1 year.
• Be employed in the field of urology for a minimum of 2 years.
• Be able to meet all other financial responsibilities associated with taking the certification exam.

The deadline to apply for or nominate a colleague for most of these awards and scholarships is June 1. The only exception is the Annual Symposium Scholarship. The application deadline for the 2010 Annual Symposium Scholarships is September 1.
**CHAPTER ACTIVITIES**

**March 20, 2009**
**Sixth Annual Inside Urology.** *Host: Great Lakes Chapter. Location: Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel, Novi MI.* For more information or to download the program brochure, go to www.glsuna.com.

**March 21, 2009**
**Spring into SUNA.** *Host: Research Triangle Chapter. Location: Embassy Suites, Cary, NC.* For more information, contact: Fran Bryant, bfbryant52@hotmail.com or 919-681-6341.

**March 27-28, 2009**
**My Kinda Urology.** *Host: Chicago Metro Chapter. Location: Hyatt Lodge, Oak Brook, IL.* For more information or to register online, go to www.chicagometrosuna.org.

**April 4, 2009**
**UMCSUNA Spring Seminar 2009: Putting It All Together in Urology.** *Host: Upper Midwest Chapter. Location: Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN.* For more information, go to www.umcsuna.org.

**April 9, 2009**
**Urologic Spring Conference.** *Host: Mississippi Valley Chapter. Location: Marriott Hotel, Cedar Rapids, IA.* For more information, contact Carralee Sueppel: 319-683-2739 or carralee-sueppel@uiowa.edu.

**April 18, 2009**
**8th Annual Conference.** *Host: Florida Sunshine Chapter. Location: Edison College.*

**OTHER ACTIVITIES**

**June 6-7, 2009**

**September 29 - October 2, 2009**