

## ED Notes

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Our annual ASNA House of Delegates and Convention was held 20-22 October at the Auburn University Hotel and Dixon Conference Center in downtown Auburn. We were once again joined by the Alabama Organization of Nurse Executives (AlaONE) and the Alabama Association of Nursing Students (AANS). Beginning with an outstanding lineup on Thursday (the Mable Lamb Continuing Education Day) – highlighted by Dr. Patricia Pearce’s keynote address on Evidence Based Practice and Its’ Use in Safety and Quality in Nursing - we enjoyed a superb list of speakers and presenters throughout the entire event. Following the President’s Reception Thursday evening we gathered for our annual Awards Banquet. The evening meal received rave reviews, not the least of which was a “chocolate bomb” of a dessert with at least 2,000 calories! Well, you should splurge once in a while, right? Congratulations to all of our deserving award winners, scholarship recipients and “Face of Nursing” calendar winners, along with many photos, listed elsewhere in this edition of *The Alabama Nurse*. We were especially honored to present **Representative April Weaver**, (R) Alabaster with our Alabama Legislator of the Year Award for her terrific support in this year’s legislative session. Rep. Weaver is, of course, a nurse and ASNA member, and we are very proud and fortunate to have her in our corner.

We had additional continuing education opportunities on Friday, our annual Fall Board of Directors meeting, and a very productive House of Delegates session in the afternoon. In addition, after dinner Friday night we all enjoyed the very funny musical production of the play “*Nunsense*” put on by the St. Mark’s Players from Prattville. AL.

The House of Delegates concluded Saturday morning with the final business session, including announcement of the election winners for 2012. Congratulations to: **Jackie Williams**, Vice President (reelected for a second term); **Julie Freeman**, Secretary; Commission of Professional Issues – **Rebecca Huie, Deborah Andrews, Shannon Morrison and Glenda Smith**; Nominating Committee – **Cicely Hooten and Voncile Stallworth**; and ANA delegates – **Joyce Varner** (ASNA President), **Arlene Morris** (ASNA President Elect), **Helen Wilson, Brian Buchmann, Jean Ivey, Rebecca Huie, Laura Chapman, Marilyn Johnson and Debra Litton**. ????????? The House also passed 7 Resolutions, including one spelling out ASNA’s position calling for protection of nurses and other medical personnel in light of Alabama’s tough new Immigration Law passed in the recent session. (See listing elsewhere in this newsletter.) The House also took the opportunity to thank outgoing officers for their hard work throughout the year, presenting each with a Certificate of Appreciation: **Jackie Williams**, Vice President; **Mardell Davis**, Secretary; **Ruby Morrison**, District 2 President; **Henrietta Brown**, District 4 President; **Karen Davidson**, Chair, Advanced Practice Council; **Jean Ivey**, COPI Chair.

We are very pleased to announce that several fundraising efforts for our **Alabama Nurse Foundation**, the 501(c)(3) scholarship arm of ASNA met with considerable success during Convention. The annual Silent Auction raised \$4,041.00, a new record; the ASNA

sales table generated \$181.00 and Dr. **Bobbie Holt-Ragler's** superb fundraising tactics (and a darn good speech beforehand!) raised \$2,775.00. All this for a grand total of \$6,997.00, and we have some additional pledges for up to \$500.00. This presents us with a terrific start for the 2012 scholarship drive. Thank you all, and keep those donations coming! Also, I would be remiss if I didn't mention significant contributions from ANF Board of Trustees Chair **John Beard**, CEO of AlaCare and **Mark Miller**, President of Arthur Davis Publishing (who does our quarterly newsletter) again this year for the 2012 scholarships we disbursed at Convention. A special thanks to both of them for their longstanding support.

We also need to take this opportunity to congratulate the new inductees into the Alabama Nursing Hall of Fame, introduced at a formal banquet in Tuscaloosa on October 13<sup>th</sup>. The new members are: **Elizabeth Cleino, Gregory S. Eagerton; Norma Mobley; Elizabeth A. Morris; Carol J. Ratcliff;** and **Regina Yarbrough**. Morris, Ratcliff and Yarbrough are all ASNA members.

Lastly, a few dates to remember for 2012:

15 February	Nurses Day at the Capitol (Montgomery).
17 April	FACES 2012, Eastmont Baptist Church (Montgomery).
20-22 September	ASNA Convention/HOD, Embassy Suites (Birmingham).
13-16 June	ANA Convention/HOD (Washington DC).