Greetings Florida AWHONN Members!

June is here and that means the summer heat has arrived and the AWHONN Convention is just days away! I hope to see many of you in Grapevine Texas for the 2016 National AWHONN Convention from June 12th through June 15th. If you have never experienced an AWHONN Convention, please consider saving for next year! The annual AWHONN Convention is like no other event that you will experience as an AWHONN nurse! It is powerful when you gather with thousands of other AWHONN nurses that are just as passionate as you are about providing the BEST care for women and newborns! There is power in numbers and this feeling is palpable during the AWHONN Convention! It is a great time to connect with colleagues across the nation, learn from experts, and have some fun at the president’s party! Have I convinced you yet that this is a “Must Attend” event? I sure hope so! If you are attending this year, please look for more information in this newsletter about our annual Florida Section picture at the president’s party and some badge ribbons to show your Florida AWHONN Spirit!

I would also like to highlight the 2016 AWHONN Florida Section Conference that will be held from July 29th – August 3rd at the Sheraton Sand Key Beach Resort! We are known for holding our Florida AWHONN Section conferences at beautiful beach locations and the Sheraton Sand Key has been a favorite in recent years, so we are returning their once again this year! This is going to be a phenomenal event at a bargain price that you do NOT want to miss! We have amazing topics and speakers that will help to prepare you for the challenges that you face in practice each day!

Another highlight for our Florida Section Conference is that we will be hosting our 2nd Student and New Graduate Symposium on July 29th! This outreach to our student nurses and new graduates is near and dear to my heart and the heart of the Florida Section Leadership Team! We want to impact the lives of these new nurses as they embark on their nursing journey. Our goal is to give them an opportunity to experience AWHONN because we know this is the best way for students to understand the benefits of professional nursing organization membership. Please help us to spread the word about this phenomenal event that is designed to meet the needs of all students and new graduates. If every Florida AWHONN nurse encouraged just one student nurse or new graduate to attend this event, our room capacity would be exceeded. Please consider helping us as we seek to reach out to the next generation of nurses!

All my best,
Shannon

Shannon Morse, PhD, ARNP, RNC-MNN, IBCLC
AWHONN Florida Section Chair
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“And of some have compassion, making a difference.” Jude 1:22
I would like to extend my gratitude to a special Florida AWHONN nurse who provided the most amazing gift for Laurie Collins, Dade County AWHONN Chapter Leader. This nurse reached out with a desire to pass along the blessing of financial support to cover the tuition cost for a Florida leader to attend the convention this year! Wow! What a blessing to pass forward! Although this individual wished to remain anonymous, I wanted to draw attention to the heart of this particular AWHONN nurse and the many additional AWHONN nurses that she represents! I am amazed at the ways that you each give of your time, talent, and treasure to grow families and to grow the next generation of AWHONN nurses!

Your anonymous gift of tuition for the 2016 AWHONN Convention is an amazing gift! Although “Thank You” seems inadequate for such a special gift, please know that my heart is overflowing with gratitude for this special blessing that you have bestowed upon Laurie! Thank you for all that you do as an AWHONN nurse each and every day and especially for this special gift that you have provided for Laurie!

Message from Laurie Collins: “I am so grateful for the gift and opportunity to attend the AWHONN Convention. It is truly a magnanimous act of kindness by the AWHONN member who provided this wonderful gift! I am grateful to be the recipient! Thank you so much!”

Badge Ribbons

Part of the fun at the National AWHONN Convention is adding all of the fun ribbons to your badge! I will be bringing some complimentary “AWHONN Florida Section” badge ribbons so that we can all show our AWHONN Florida Section Spirit! Please look for a poster on the communication board near the Host Committee Booth with these ribbons. First come / First Serve! So please stop by the communication board as soon as you arrive!

Presidents Party / Picture Time

Please meet at the photo booth at 8pm for our annual Florida Section Picture! This year’s theme is “Night in the Old West”!

2016 Florida Section Conference

July 29-August 1

Conference agenda, next page.

Click here for all the information and to register!

Book your hotel room ASAP as our room block is filling up FAST! For reservations call 1-727-595-1611 and use group rate code: 2G26AA.
Friday, July 29, 2016
Student & New Graduate Symposium
2:00 - 2:10 PM Welcome/Opening Remarks
2:10 - 2:30 PM Culture of Engagement
2:30 - 3:30 PM Breaking the Mold: One Unorthodox Nurse’s Journey to a Fulfilling Maternal Child Health Career
3:30 - 3:45 PM Tools for success in a new work environment
3:45 - 4:00 PM Break / Networking
4:00 - 5:00 PM Speak Up! Thriving in a Healthy Work Environment
5:00 - 6:00 PM Round Table
6:00 - 8:00 PM Registration/Vendor Reception

Saturday, July 30, 2016
7:00 - 7:50 AM Breakfast with Vendors
8:00 - 8:30 AM Welcome/Opening Remarks
8:30 - 9:30 AM Let’s Talk About Sex Baby: Gender/Sex and Role Identity in OB Nursing
9:30 - 10:30 AM Elevating Communication Skills to Improve Performance
10:30 - 11:00 AM Break with Vendors
11:00 - 12:00 PM Breastfeeding and Health Equity from a Public Health Perspective
12:00 - 1:00 PM Preventing the First Cesarean
1:00 - 2:25 PM Lunch with Vendors
2:15 - 2:30 PM Prize Drawings in the Vendor Hall (You must be present to win!)
6:30 PM Sunset Yoga on the Beach

Sunday, July 31, 2016
7:00 - 7:50 AM Breakfast
8:00 - 9:00 AM If Looks Could Kill: The Treatment of Students and New Nurses
9:00 - 10:00 AM Category II Fetal Monitor Tracings
10:00 - 10:30 AM Break
10:30 - 11:30 AM Evidence Related to Care of Infants with NAS and their Mothers
11:30 - 12:30 AM Hypertension in Pregnancy: What’s New, What’s the Same

Monday, August 1, 2016
7:00 - 7:50 AM Breakfast
8:00 - 9:00 AM Perinatal Bereavement - Nurses’ Important Roles
9:00 - 10:00 AM Nitrous Oxide: Modality for Pain Control in Labor
10:00 - 10:30 AM Break
10:30 - 11:30 AM Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health (AIM) & Florida Perinatal Quality Collaborative (FPQC): You Can Make a Difference!
11:30 - 12:30 PM Dancing for Birth

Program highlights:
- Shannon Morse, MS, ARNP, RNC-MNN, IBCLC
- Rosalina Butao, MSN, BSN, RN
- Clifton Kenon, Jr., DNP, RN, IBCLC, RLC
- Pat DuRant, MSN, RN
- Candace S. Smith, MPA, BSN, RN, NEA-BC
- AWHONN Florida Leadership Team
- Kaitlin Brennan, BSN, RNC-OB, Certified Yoga Trainer

Please be aware that photos taken at the event may be used to promote AWHONN FL online and/or in print.
I would like to send a special thank you to an AWHONN Leader that has touched the lives of so many Florida AWHONN nurses, Mrs. Joan Hulett! (Pictured right) During her tenure as the Florida Section Chair, she took me under her wing and mentored me as a very new, yet very excited and engaged nurse! I will forever be grateful for her impact on my leadership path in AWHONN. Not only has Joan served AWHONN Florida Nurses through her position as the Florida Section Chair, but she has also served the Florida Section of AWHONN as she represented us on the Pregnancy Associated Mortality Review (PAMR) team for the past 17 years! Thank you Joan for your years of service to the PAMR team and your years of service as a Florida Section Leader! We wish you many blessings as you enjoy retirement!

We would like to extend our thanks to Candace Rouse, who has joined this team as a representative for Florida AWHONN.

**URGENT MATERNAL MORTALITY MESSAGE**

**Message #1: Hemorrhage and Placenta Accreta**

**Florida Pregnancy Associated Mortality Review (PAMR)**

**Background:**
- Hemorrhage is the leading cause of Pregnancy-Related maternal death in Florida (1)
- Placental disorders (including placenta previa, accreta/increta/percreta) accounted for 21% of hemorrhage related deaths > 20 weeks gestation (1)
- With the rising cesarean rate, the incidence of placenta accreta has increased (2)

**PAMR Message to Providers:**

**Diagnosis:**
- Essential before delivery
- If placental disorder suspected, get a Maternal-Fetal Medicine consultation
- Ultrasonography with supplemental MRI when necessary
- No imaging modality is perfect. If you suspect an issue - transfer to tertiary facility

**Know risk factors:**
- Discuss pregnancy and delivery risks with patients and family
- The risk of accreta increases with repeat cesarean sections, myomectomy, presence of placenta previa, multiparty, repetitive dilation and curettages and with advanced maternal age
- A low lying anterior placenta may be ominous with multiple prior cesarean sections

**Readiness:**
- Develop and discuss with the patient, family and hospital staff an individual delivery plan
- Consider early transfer to a tertiary center for access to sufficient blood bank supply and subspecialties

**Delivery Plan:** Essential elements include:
- Preoperative counseling regarding risks
- Timing of admission and delivery: see ACOG guidelines, may vary if patient unstable
- Consult with neonatologist regarding corticosteroid administration, if applicable
- Place blood bank on alert for potential massive transfusion protocol
- When delivery is scheduled, discuss timing with a multispecialty team to optimize expert surgical and anesthesia assistance
- Do not try to remove the placenta. Hysterectomy is usually the best option.
- If you have called for help and cannot control the bleeding surgically, compress the aorta or uterine vessels while waiting for help to arrive.

**PAMR Message to Community:**
- There is a high risk for bleeding due to placental disorders that can occur after having multiple cesarean sections.
- Talk with your provider to understand your hemorrhage risk and about the plan for your delivery.
- Your provider may recommend that you deliver at a different hospital.
- Know when you should go to the hospital.
- Before delivery, make plans for who will be caring for your children in your absence.

**References:**
3. Florida Perinatal Quality Collaborate. *Obstetric Hemorrhage Initiative Toolkit (v. 12/2014).*
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- Performs hearing screens using automated Auditory Brainstem Evoked Response (a-ABR) screening equipment
- Provides screening equipment and all necessary supplies
- Offers and performs hearing screens to all infants in the newborn nursery, NICU and elsewhere when indicated
- Prepares reports in compliance with all state regulations regarding record keeping and reporting of results
- Helps facilitate appropriate follow-up for all infants who require additional screening after hospital discharge
- Designates an audiologist or a physician to oversee the program’s management

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Performance-Driven Physician Services
The Fifth Annual FPQC Conference was held on April 7-8, 2016 in Tampa. The conference was an excellent opportunity to network with perinatal health care practitioners on a variety of perinatal health care PI initiatives. National speakers included Julie Vasher, DNP, RNC-OB. Julie is a licensed CNS and is currently the clinical implementation lead for California’s CMQCC. Her presentation covered California’s Hypertension in Pregnancy initiative. Dr David Legrew, perinatologist also from CMQCC spoke on National and Regional efforts to reduce primary cesarean sections rates. He is co-chairing the AIM Safety Bundle taskforce on increasing intended vaginal birth rates. Several breakout sessions were held providing excellent opportunities to hear about the latest FPQC Initiatives! Dr Bill Sappenfield presented the latest initiative for hospitals: perinatal quality indicators (see below). There were many break out sessions including Mother’s Own Milk Quality Initiative. The last speakers for the conference were 2 patients who had experienced Hypertension in Pregnancy (HIP). Their stories highlighted the importance of raising awareness of HIP in our communities! 

Some of our AWHONN Nurse experts also spoke on the panels including: Nancy Travis, MS, RNC, Margie Boyer, MS, RNC, Patricia Walton, BSN, RNC, Lorraine Parker, MSN, RNC, Teresa Lance, MSN, CNS, Vida Miller, BSN, RNC & Angelia Nolley, RN. This was an excellent opportunity for interdisciplinary quality improvement with our physician colleagues. (pictured above) 

Perinatal Quality Indicators System
The FPQC invites all Florida delivery hospitals to participate in the latest Initiative: Perinatal Indicators System.

The purpose of this is to support hospital quality improvement efforts by providing hospital-specific quarterly reports of perinatal indicators. Corresponding data quality reports will be provided based on existing state data sets.

This initiative is being offered to all Florida delivery hospitals at no charge. Hospitals may enroll at any time on a rolling basis. Information is available at www.fpqc.org.

Link HERE to the latest FPQC newsletter.
As part of the March of Dimes mission to prevent premature births, the Florida chapter is implementing a new program that was initially piloted in Kentucky. The program is called Healthy Babies Are Worth The Wait, and although it will eventually be rolled out throughout the state, the initial implementation will be in Broward County where they scored an "F" for preterm births. Currently the state of Florida has scored a "C" which is 9.9%, with one out of ten babies born prematurely. The state goals for decreasing prematurity are as follows: for 2020 is 8.1% and 5.5% by 2035.

The goal of the Healthy Babies are Worth the Wait (HBWW) program is to develop partnerships and programs to decrease preterm births. The program contributes to decreasing preterm births by increasing community awareness, changing attitudes and behaviors for providers and consumers, and implement strategies to prevent preterm birth measures.

The specific strategies include:
• Strengthening collaboration among local MCH organizations, health care providers, and other community stakeholders
• Improving coordination of, and access to, prenatal health care and related services
• Promoting the adoption and sustainable implementation of evidence-based clinical and public health interventions according to local needs.

I am serving on the state wide steering committee for the implementation of the HBWW program in Florida. If you would like more detailed information about the program feel free to contact me.

I also have information on the upcoming Requests for Proposals for the 2016 March of Dimes community grants. The grant proposals should support the March of Dimes goal of decreasing preterm births. Again contact me if you are interested in more information including an application.
The Broward chapter of AWHONN had two recent meetings: Briana Black, PhD, RN presented on Human Trafficking sponsored by Mead Johnson Nutrition hosted at Caprio Restaurant, Pembroke Pines. Previously, Noreen Commella, Psych D. presented on Perinatal Mental Health at Blue Moon Diner, Cooper City sponsored by Grand Canyon University. Both meetings were well attended by nurses in the clinical and academic settings as well as nursing students.
The Central Florida Chapter met April 27 with 32 people coming out to our meeting. Four nursing students, eager to get started in their OB careers joined us. Awesome!! Dulce Loehn, a Certified Business Coach, gave us a great talk on stress and how to improve our lives. The most successful people are those with a positive attitude. Our chapter is off to a great year of the "2016 Bring a Friend Challenge."
AWHONN Members Are Public Health Nurses!
Just as we saw 2 years ago with Ebola, the news is filled with ZIKA. As professionals dealing with women across the lifespan, we need to be prepared. The number of cases in Florida keeps rising each week. This points out that members of AWHONN have a vital role in public health of our communities as well as on a patient and family level. The public trust nurses and we are obligated to provide evidence-based information and prevention measures.

The following are great sources of information:
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Florida Department of Health
- World Health Organization
- American Academy of Pediatrics

Preventing Mosquito bites is an important public health prevention measure. Here are some recommendations from the CDC:

- Cover exposed skin by wearing long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and hats.
- Use an appropriate insect repellent as directed.
- Higher percentages of active ingredient provide longer protection. Use products with the following active ingredients:
  - DEET (Products containing DEET include Off!, Cutter, Sawyer, and Ultrathon)
  - Picaridin (also known as KBR 3023, Bayrepel, and icaridin products containing picaridin include Cutter Advanced, Skin So Soft Bug Guard Plus, and Autan [outside the US])
- Always follow product directions and reapply as directed:
  - If you are also using sunscreen, apply sunscreen first and insect repellent second.
- Stay and sleep in screened or air conditioned rooms.
- Use a bed net if the area where you are sleeping is exposed to the outdoors.

Environmental measures are also important and you can do these around your home or report to your local Mosquito Control Board including emptying containers with standing water (tires, planters, kids pools). The CDC has clear and concise steps to take. Link here.

Professional Licensure Law changes in 2016:
The Florida Legislative session featured two nursing practice actions. House Bill 423 allows ARNPs to prescribe certain controlled substances in limited amounts. The Board of Nursing has appointed a committee including ARNPs, physicians and a pharmacist to develop the formulary. The law goes into effect January 1, 2017. The second one places Florida in the Interstate Licensure Compact. Effective Date: December 31, 2018 or upon enactment of the Nurse Licensure Compact in to law by 26 states, whichever occurs first - House Bill 1061. It will allow a nurse licensed in a compact state to practice in Florida without applying for endorsement. Likewise, a Florida licensed nurse can practice on her FL license in a compact state. Practicing in a state that is not your home one, still obligates the nurse to practice under the rules and regulations for nursing in that state. Nearby compact states include South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia. Any actions on a license for violations of the Practice Act are reported both in Florida and to the central compact database.

Sarasota-Manatee Chapter
Holly Park
Hello Sarasota-Manatee County AWHONN Members and Friends! I would like to again thank, Mrs. Sharon Hall for her wonderful and informative presentation, “The Do's and Don'ts of Giving Your Deposition” at the May dinner event held at the Polo Grill. I also would like to thank our sponsor, Mead Johnson Nutrition for their support of the dinner.

Our next two dinner events are in the final steps of planning and I will be emailing the invitation and details out once they are finalized. Our next event will be in September and then our final meeting of the year will be in October.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Florida AWHONN Conference!

Brevard/Indian River Chapter
Jennifer Reeg
Brevard/Indian River AWHONN Chapter Meeting
Monday June 27, 2016
Join AWHONN Brevard/Indian River Chapter from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Monday, June 27,2016, at Health First Holmes Regional Medical Center, Auditorium B, for an inspiring program: "Nitrous Oxide Analgesia during Labor" and "Implementation of Skin-to-Skin Care in the OR," presented by AWHONN Speakers Nancy Travis, MS, BSN, RN, BC, CPN, CBC, DFB, and Carol Lawrence, PhD, MS, BSN, RNC-OB, CBC, Supervisor of Perinatal Practice, Education, Research, and Lactation, Lee Memorial Health Systems, Ft. Myers, Florida. Come enjoy cool summer treats, great company, and settle back to learn the evidence for, and real-world implementation of, these innovative approaches to care of women during childbirth. Application for Continuing Education credit (CME/CEU) is currently in process. PLEASE REGISTER ON EVENTBRITE HERE. Roll out those Lazy Hazy Crazy Days of Summer!
The 2016 Florida Section Conference is the perfect venue to display a student or nursing unit project or share an innovative idea with your colleagues. This is a great opportunity to build your resume and practice your presentation skills. Last year we had more than a dozen great posters from hospitals, clinics and colleges covering a multitude of topics.

Please send your abstracts to me, Barbara Nash-Glassman at barbaraglassman@aol.com no later than June 3, 2016. You will be notified of acceptance by July 1, 2016.

Abstracts will only be accepted via email and must be in the following format:

- 1 page maximum abstract- 1 inch margins, Microsoft Word 2003 format with 12 point font.
- Title, objectives, description/methods and results in either paragraph or outline format
- On a separate page submit biographic information including: presenter's name(s), credentials, place of employment and position, as well as contact information (phone and email)

We are happy to extend up to two discounted registrations for poster presenters. The discounted registration rates are: AWHONN Member - $145/Non-member - $175. You must mail in your check and registration form to qualify, as the online payment option is not available for this discounted rate.

So please get your abstracts in to me! We look forward to seeing you in Clearwater!
2016 Florida State ACNM Conference and Gala

Who: Midwives, Women's Health Nurse Practitioners, Registered Nurses and others involved with women's health
When: Saturday, September 24th, 2016
Where: Rosen Plaza, 9700 International Drive, Orlando FL 32819
Special room rate of $149 until Tuesday, August 23, 2016 by using this LINK.
What: Six continuing education credits, optional lunch sessions by sponsors, evening gala including silent auction, plated dinner and keynote speaker followed by dancing
How: Register Here

Tentative Schedule

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE
7:00-8:00 AM  Registration open
7:45-8:00 AM  Welcome
8:00-9:00 AM  Menopausal Hormonal Therapy: an evidence-based approach to managing interventions
by Diane Pace PhD, APRN, FNP-BC, NCMP, FAANP
9:00-10:00 AM  Celebrating Cultural Diversity in Childbirth by Cindy Farley CNM, PhD
10:00-10:30 AM  Morning break in exhibit hall
10:30-11:30 AM  Keeping the Low Risk Mother Low Risk- the Case for Physiologic Birth Practice
by Holly Powell Kennedy PhD, CNM, FACNM, FAAN
11:30 AM-12:15 PM State ACNM Affiliate meeting and exhibition
12:30-1:30 PM  Optional sponsored lunch program or lunch on your own
1:45-2:45 PM  Improving Patient Outcomes and Safety Through Collaboratives: The Florida experience with obstetric hemorrhage and antenatal corticosteroids
by Annette Phelps, ARNP MSN
2:45-3:15 PM  Afternoon snack break at exhibit hall
3:15-4:15 PM  Promoting Positive Sexual Health in Menopause: It's all about the Quality of Life
by Diane Pace PhD, APRN, FNP-BC, NCMP, FAANP
4:15-5:15 PM  Precepting to Clinical Competence: providing feedback with kindness, honesty, and grace
by Rhonda Arthur DNP, CNM, WHNP-BC, FNP-BC, CNE and
Tonya Nicholson DNP, CNM, WHNP-BC, CNE Frontier Nursing University

GALA SCHEDULE
6:00 PM  Cocktail reception and Silent Auction in lobby area
7:00 PM  Doors open to Gala with plated dinner served during key note presentation
7:30-7:50 PM  Keynote Speaker - Dr. Holly Powell Kennedy PhD, CNM, FACNM, FAAN
Executive Deputy Dean and Helen Varney Professor of Midwifery Yale School of Nursing
7:50-11:00 PM  Dessert and dancing

TICKET INFORMATION
CONFERENCE ONLY: Early bird registration: ACNM - $90, Early bird non-member - $95
Registration after June 30: ACNM - $115, Non-member - $120
SNM $45

EVENING GALA ONLY: $75 includes plated dinner, key note speaker Holly Powell Kennedy, silent auction, and dancing

Continued...
Rhonda Arthur, DNP, CNM, WHNP-BC, FNP-BC, CNE completed her Doctorate in Nursing Practice at Case Western Reserve University. She completed her certifications in Nurse Midwifery, Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner and Family Nurse Practitioner at the Frontier School of Midwifery and Family Nursing. Rhonda has worked in rural primary care and is currently serving in rural and underserved community members through the New River Health District Health Department. Rhonda is an active volunteer and worked with Midwives for Haiti, JP HRO in Haiti, Apple Ridge Farm – Helping Children grow program, as well as the Virginia Medical reserve team. Rhonda was Program Director for Frontier Nursing University for five years and worked extensively with clinical students and preceptors. Dr. Arthur has presented at professional conferences both on the state and national level about precepting clinical students and problem solving.

Cindy L. Farley, CNM, PhD, FACNM, studied midwifery at Emory University. She earned her BSN and PhD from The Ohio State University and her MSN from Emory University. She is an Associate Professor at Georgetown University in the Nurse-Midwifery/Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner (WHNP) program. She serves as a locum tenens clinician for the midwifery practice at Pomerene Hospital, Millersburg, Ohio, home of the largest Amish and Anabaptist population in the world. She has taken midwifery students to Haiti to work with the nongovernmental organization (NGO), Midwives for Haiti, working toward building the Haitian midwifery work force and saving lives of Haitian mothers and babies. Dr. Farley serves as a legal expert on selected cases involving midwifery regulatory issues and clinical care. She is co-editor of a classic midwifery text, Clinical Practice Guidelines for Midwifery and Women’s Health, coming out soon in its 5th edition. She is also co-editor of the American College of Nurse-Midwives 2015 Book of the Year, Prenatal and Postnatal Care: A Woman Centered Approach. Dr. Farley has been active in working toward the development of a Doctorate of Midwifery, as part of an American College of Nurse-Midwives ad hoc committee writing doctoral competencies and as part of a think tank of midwifery educators and stakeholders writing curricula for this innovative new degree. Making midwives to improve the health of women and their families is her passion.

Tonya Nicholson, DNP, CNM, WHNP- BC, CNE is the Associate Dean of Midwifery and Women’s Health for Frontier. She has a rich history with FNU as a 1999 graduate for midwifery, the first DNP graduate in 2009, and a WHNP graduate in 2011. Tonya served the women of central Florida in full scope practice from 2000-2006 where she also directed the midwifery service. In 2006, she joined the Frontier faculty and then became the Program Director in 2010, and subsequently the Associate Dean in 2015. She has a variety of teaching experience, but the majority of her faculty teaching has been focused on the prenatal period and in clinical courses. Tonya is very interested in communication and civility at the individual and institutional levels and focuses most of her scholarship in this area. Tonya has been married to her high school sweetheart for 29 years and has 3 sons- this has given her a wealth of experience with civility and communication issues :)

Dr. Diane Todd Pace is a Family Nurse Practitioner and a Fellow in the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. She earned her diploma in nursing in 1971, a certificate as a NP in 1976. After earning 2 non-nursing degrees, she obtained a BSN in 1995, MSN in 1996, and earned her PhD in nursing in 1998 from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis, Tennessee. She is Associate Professor at UTHSC College of Nursing where she serves as the Director of the DNP Program. Dr. Pace maintains a private clinical practice providing women’s health and primary care at the Methodist Teaching Practice in Memphis. Dr. Pace was the first NP to serve as President of the North American Menopause Society (2012-2013) & is a NAMS Certified Menopause Practitioner since 2001. She is a contributor to the 5th edition of the NAMS textbook Menopause Practice: A Clinician’s Guide, was a beta-tester for and a contributor in the publication describing the evidence-based methodology for the NAMS MenoPro app to assist Providers in prescribing hormone therapy and was the only non-physician to be represented on the Menopause Curriculum Task Force developing a curriculum for residents and other clinicians. She serves on the NAMS scientific committee, as a reviewer for The Journal of Menopause, & has contributed to many publications and more than 100 presentations. Dr. Pace has been awarded an AANP State of Tennessee Award of Excellence, was the National Organization for Nurse Practitioner’s in Women’s Health (NPWH) 2014 Inspirations in Women’s Health Awardee, and was named one of the Top 20 Women’s Health Professors in the US by NursePractitionersSchool.com online publication in 2015.

Annette Phelps is an advanced practice nurse in adult health with a Master of Science in Nursing from the University of Florida. With over 40 years of experience mostly focused on maternal and child health, she currently works as a nurse consultant for the Florida Perinatal Quality Collaborative at the University of South Florida’s Lawton and Rhea Chiles Center for Healthy Mothers and Babies.
The Miami-Dade AWHONN Chapter held its first meeting on March 31st at the Brio Tuscan Grille before a max capacity seating of AWHONN members and visitors. The University of West Florida sponsored the meeting. Roselle Samson-Mojares MSN, RN, Barry University PhD student and instructor was the keynote speaker. The topic for the meeting was Incivility in Nursing and the Culture of Safety. One continuing education credit was provided to those who attended.

On May 5th Nurses Week kicked off early at Jackson Memorial Hospital and North Shore Medical Center. The morning visit included treats, AWHONN Smartbreif trivia, and networking. Additionally, the benefits of membership, blossom where you are planted and sow some seeds among your colleagues were discussed.

Pictured below are Labor room nurses from North Shore Medical Center.

I am always happy for the invitation to come out and plant some seeds for AWHONN.

Thank you to all the nurses and Happy Nurses Week!
The meeting was held on June 1st at 5.30pm at Seasons 52 in Palm Beach Gardens, which was sponsored by Mead Johnson. We had another record turnout with over 50 attendees!!! The guest speaker Dr. Adrian Florens presented Visual Diagnosis Challenge. His presentation was very interactive and got everyone involved, he shared a lot of great information and made it fun too.

SAVE THE DATE! Our next meeting will be on September 7th at 5.30pm, the topic/speaker and venue will be emailed out to members as soon as possible.
The AWHONN Florida Section would like to welcome the following new members. Feel free to contact any of your chapter or section leaders for information on activities in your area.

New Members: January - June 7, 2016

Jill Christman
Janet Worrell
Lisa Valeriy
Diana Griswold
Dana Koger
Kayla Letzring
Jacquelyn Kitzer Wallace
Stephanie Fishman
Christy Brown
Cusheena Daniel
Keisha Lopez
Brittany Isom
Debbie Spencer
Julie North
Jennifer Mestre
Mobolaji Oluwole
Jennifer Cannon
Adrienne Geathers
Rebecca Wezensky
Carrie Konn
Sonia Donaldson
Cheryl Greene
Jennifer Mestre
Jospeh Pillow
Gabrielle Chin
Breonna Membreno
Marie-Dany Auguste
Theresa DeSantis
Nikki Knowler
Kaitlyn Proschold
Lori Graham
Cynthia Vassas
Natalie Powell
Janice Stone
Silma Cervantes
Lisa Dunn
Stacey Georges
Asma Shihadeh
Susan Deneault
Sabrina Townsend
Laura Schmidinger
Lynn McDaniel
Mauva Beharie
Rinda Brown
Bridget Carney
Kristin Kilgore
Carol Yoder
Aimee Carlen
Jennifer Lackey
Pamela Taylor
Donna Isaacson
Sarah Bailey
Margaret Blais
Denae Dudley
Karen Eckers
Karen Rohe
Sharon Valdez
Jill Christman
Janet Worrell
Lisa Valeriy
Diana Griswold
Dana Koger
Kayla Letzring
Jacquelyn Kitzer Wallace
Stephanie Fishman
Christy Brown
Cusheena Daniel
Keisha Lopez
Brittany Isom
Debbie Spencer
Julie North
Jennifer Mestre
Mobolaji Oluwole
Jennifer Cannon
Adrienne Geathers
Rebecca Wezensky
Carrie Konn
Sonia Donaldson
Cheryl Greene
Jennifer Mestre
Jospeh Pillow
Gabrielle Chin
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