

THE FAPHN VOICE

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- SAVE THE DATE MAKE RESERVATIONS EARLY
- CALL FOR POSTERS
- CALL TO ACTION MEMBERS NEEDED
- NEW MEMBERS
- FAPHN Application

FAPHN CONFERENCE 2006

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! SAVE THE DATE!!

FAPHN and FPHA are preparing for the 2006 Annual Conference. The dates for FAPHN are **July 31 and August 1, 2006**. FPHA dates are August 2-4, 2006.

Customize your conference experience to fit your personal schedule. The conference location is **The PGA National Resort and Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida..** Be sure to request the FPHA **special** group rate of \$95.00 (standard) per night single or double occupancy. The cut-off date for this special rate is June 20, 2006. Space available at this rate after June 20, 2006.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! PLAN TO JOIN US FOR FUN AND INFO!!

REGIONAL CONFERENCE EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS!!!

"What a great time we had in St. Augustine on Friday", exclaimed FAPHN 1st Vice President Judith A. Ryan following the first cooperative effort between NE FI AHEC and FAPHN in presenting an educational conference opportunity to public health nurses. St. John County CHD Director, Dr. Allicock welcomed everyone. The morning filled us with two super

presentations- one by Ellen Bowser, a nurse/dietician with the University of Florida and the other an ARNP with the University of South Florida, Allison Edmonds. After lunch hosted by FAPHN, participants received first hand knowledge on how **FUN it felt 2B Fit**, lead by FAPHN Board mem-

ber Dr. Barbara Kruger and NE Florida AHEC member Karen Coleman.

The afternoon session had 3 round table topics going on simultaneously. Every 30 minutes, the speakers rotated counter-clock wise until all tables had the opportunity to participate in the 3 topics. (continued page 2)

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Members: Hello once again!!



I would like to use this opportunity to share with you just how much FAPHN has been recognized as an organization that can have an impact on future decisions made for the promotion of Public Health Nursing.

As FAPHN President, I am currently representing FAPHN on the Florida Emergency Systems for Advance Registration of Health Professionals (ESAR-VHP) Advisory Committee. We communicate by electronic surveys and through e-mails. At the time of this writing, we are addressing the development of a state system that will handle the surge in requests for professional healthcare volunteers. These volunteers include:

- Recruiting, Training and Retention of volunteers
- Credentialing and Resource typing
- Security, Privacy, and Authorized Access
- Liability and Regulations

The survey responses are shared prior to subsequent surveys. Other states that are also working on their workforce surge ESAR VHP have been contacted by Florida and asked to share their insights. A draft proposal is under development to attract, recruit, and to retain volunteer health professionals who agree to be deployed quickly and responsibly in helping to

meet the needs of people finding themselves in the aftermath of a disaster.

FAPHN is embarking on securing grants to support some of the suggestions received from you in achieving the stated mission, vision, and purposes of this organization. This is an exciting time and each successive Board of FAPHN seems to be consistently thoughtful and appreciative of the former Board and Officers' accomplishments and plans that continue to be beneficial to achieving the goals and objectives of FAPHN. Keep your suggestions coming. Join in! I look happily forward to seeing you July 31 and August 1, 2006 at the PGA National Resort and Spa located in Palm Beach Gardens, 400 Avenue of the Champions. Telephone (561) 627-2000

Linda Bilyeu, BSN, RN President of FAPHN



Quote from John Maxwell...

"There are two ways to raise the level of leadership in your organization: (1) train them and (2) trade them."

"What a great time we had in St. Augustine on Friday!" [February 24, 2006]

REGIONAL CONFERENCE EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

The topics were:

- Higher education in the PHN workforce
- Public health nursing recruitment and retention
- Continuing Education needs
- FAPHN: What it is and FAPHN benefits

The speaker panel included nursing representatives from each university in this region that provide higher degree education for nurses. Panel members were:

Dr. Loriz from University of North Florida

Dr. Hart from Jacksonville University

Dr. Tigar from University of Florida; Dr. Bushy from University of Central Florida and Paula Berry-Zeller from the University of Phoenix.

Public Health nursing, recruitment and retention was discussed by Dian LaTour from DOH Office of Performance Improvement, and Lorraine Wells from DOH Office of Public Health Nursing-Nursing Student Loan Forgiveness Program. Continuing Education needs were surveyed by Lynnette Peace with the NE Florida AHEC. FAPHN representatives Judith Ryan, Diana Coyle and Dr. Barbara Kruger discussed what FAPHN is, activities occurring within FAPHN and benefits to members of FAPHN.

MEMBERS: CALL TO ACTION

Your **Nominating Committee** is looking for names of members who will agree to run for one of the vacant positions on this year's 2006 ballot.

The vacant positions are:

- President Elect
- 1st Vice President
- 2nd Vice President

- Secretary
- Board Member (1)

Please do not be fearful of making a decision to serve in the capacity of a leader. You did join! You are a valuable member!

Quote from John Maxwell...

"Leadership is not a right—it's a responsibility."

Susan Crawford is the Nominating Committee Chairperson. Please contact Susan at (407) 343-2047 [SC 357-2047] or send her an e-mail by using the FAPHN website www.faphn.org. **Please submit your notification by May 15, 2006** and we thank you for your courage and interest.



"Real leaders are ordinary people with extraordinary determination." John Maxwell

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GOING BEYOND... BECOMING A PART OF AN EXCITING VENTURE THAT PROMOTES THE ADVANCEMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING...SEEK A CHALLENGING AND RESPONSIBLE POSITION IN FAPHN AS A BOARD MEMBER/OFFICER. CONTACT SUSAN CRAWFORD BY MAY 15, 2006!!

MINI-GRANTS 2006 !!
Mini-Grant application is available. All proposals are **DUE May 20, 2006**. Send to **Dr. Barbara Kruger** at bkruger@unf.edu. Awards may range between \$500 to

\$1000.00. The categories are :

1. Community Health Projects (such as service projects, interventions, education programs);
2. Research Proposals

(that impact on health or priority need related to Florida PHN/public health)

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**HELLO!
ANNOUNCING
2006 MINI-GRANTS**

ARE YOU "DUE" FOR "DUES"?

It never fails but dues paying time rolls around. At the inception of FAPHN with the charter group of members, the Board of Directors entertained the thought to have all members pay on October 1 regardless of the month of their original payment of

dues. For this reason, some have paid more frequently and their membership date was extended accordingly. Your volunteer Board found this process too much to handle (over 200 members to renew at the same time) so, the process is that dues are due on the member's

anniversary date. If you look at your membership card, it will have your renewal due date on it. Also, Marie McMillan and Amalia Kane-Crawford will be sending dues reminders.



Membership!! Questions? Contact FAPHN at www.faphn.org OR the newsletter editors. See e-mail address on back.

MINI-GRANT



Identifying Information: Please complete the following table:

****GO TO WWW.FAPHN.ORG TO DOWNLOAD THE WORD DOCUMENT!**

Proposal Title: _____

Author's Name: _____

Position Title, _____

Credentials: _____

Affiliation/Agency: _____

Contact Phone: WORK # _____ Cell #: _____ Home #: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

County: _____ ZIP _____

Additional Author: _____

Name, _____

Position Title _____

Credentials, _____

Affiliation/Agency _____

Additional Author: _____

Name, _____

Position Title _____

Credentials, _____

Affiliation/Agency _____

Additional Author: _____

Name, _____

Position Title _____

Credentials, _____

Affiliation/Agency _____

FAPHN AWARDS , SCHOLARSHIPS AND POSTERS



FAPHN offers **awards** and **scholarships** annually at the Annual Conference. The categories are: *PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE of the YEAR*;

OUTSTANDING PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING LEADERSHIP AWARD; and a *FAPHN SCHOLARSHIP*. The current plan is to send to the membership a notice about the FAPHN Awards and Scholarship toward the end of May 2006.

POSTERS: A call for **POSTERS** to be presented at the Annual Conference July 31 AND August 1, 2006 is out. Abstracts are due June 1, 2006. This is an opportunity to share best practices, service projects, or research. CEUs are not required this year; *just the abstract*. Presenter Eligibility requirements include the name of a FAPHN member listed on the abstract, collaborators do not have to be members, and one poster abstract submission per agency/institution. Nursing students may be members (student rate \$25.00) or sponsored by a FAPHN faculty member in a Florida institution of higher learning (BS or MS program).

Peer Review is conducted by members of the FAPHN Education Committee and presenters will be notified by email of acceptance by June 30, 2006.

Set-Up and Display may be on August 1 by 8:00AM. Presenters should provide their own backboard/display board and push pins/Velcro.. Presenters must stand next to poster during the scheduled 50 minute poster session. Two posters will be set up at each table. They may present their poster informally during the breaks. All POSTERS must be removed at 5:00PM on August 1, 2006. The awards for the BEST PHN and BEST Student Poster will be presented from 4:00-5:00PM.

Submit Abstracts electronically to

FAPHN POSTERS

Judy_Ryan@doh.state.fl.us with Subject Line **FAPHN POSTER** and attach identifying information (Page 1) and abstract (Page 2) in a MS WORD document. For further information, contact Submission deadline is June 1, 2006. **Rename the file** with submitters last name.

PLEASE GO TO WWW.FAPHN.ORG FOR COMPLETE WORD DOCUMENT

NEW and RENEWED MEMBERS

This section of the newsletter is added due to interest expressed by members. New and renewed memberships will be reported each quarter. Keep in mind that memberships are renewed based on anniversary dates . FIRST QUARTER 2006

<i>Albers, Kris-Tena</i>	<i>Barley, Kathryn C.</i>	<i>Brown, Christie</i>	<i>Byczek, Julie</i>
<i>Chapman, Lois</i>	<i>Chapman, Shay</i>	<i>Clark, Christina</i>	<i>Clouse, Richard E.</i>
<i>Cotton, Arlene</i>	<i>Eaton, Karen</i>	<i>Elder, J. Cheryl</i>	<i>Henderson, Elizabeth</i>
<i>Hill, Deborah</i>	<i>Hughlett, Pamela</i>	<i>Jordan, Mary Ellen</i>	<i>Jung, Jonna Keen, Linda</i>
<i>Keller, Sally D.</i>	<i>Kiesel, Michele</i>	<i>Mathewson, Arlene</i>	<i>Mulford, Laura</i>
<i>Murfin, Rhonda</i>	<i>Parker, Rose (Avie)</i>	<i>Risher, Valerie</i>	<i>Seals, Susan Straub, Sara</i>
<i>Tauro, Sandra J.</i>	<i>Twarog, Judith</i>	<i>Vick, Stephanie</i>	<i>Wennlund, Dolores</i>
<i>Waterman, Teresa</i>	<i>Williams, Tammy J.</i>	<i>Wood, Julia W.</i>	<i>Young, Linda</i>



WELCOME EVERYONE!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR(S)

EDITOR(S) NOTE: We did not receive any letters this quarter. Is it safe to think that "NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS!?" We do welcome your thoughts and suggestions.

Best wishes as you celebrate yourselves and one another April 3-9, 2006 during the National Public Health Week. The theme for this year's celebration from American Public Health Association is "***Designing Healthy Communities: Raising Health Kids.***" It is reported from the American Public Health Association that the W.K. Kellogg Foundation provided a \$100,000 grant to help fund the 11th annual National Public Health Week. This special week's focus will highlight the many public health challenges such as access to fresh and healthy food, air and water quality and opportunities for our children to increase their physical activities.



Membership Application

Florida Association of Public Health Nurses, Inc.

P.O. Box 22994 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33335

First Name: _____ Last Name _____

Street Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Employer: _____

Status (please mark appropriate selection):

_____ Active Registered Nurse (\$50.00)

_____ Retired Registered Nurse (\$25.00)

_____ Full Time RN Student (\$25.00) School Name:

Are You Interested in Becoming an Officer or Board Member? Yes _____ No _____

Please make check payable to FAPHN and mail to P.O. Box. 22994, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33335. FAPHN is a DOH reimbursement approved organization. Thank you for your interest.