

Baltimore Affiliate Report To Mid-Atlantic Region, WOCN

2009 has been a busy year for the Baltimore Affiliate, MAR,WOCN. The officers for this year are:

President	Harriet Piler
President Elect	Darlene Shutt
Secretary	Sue Grafton
Treasurer	Sandy Ricci
Past President (ExOfficio)	Lou Ann Rau

There are usually 5-6 meetings each year, with our last meeting for this year, scheduled for Wednesday, November 18th. We have averaged about 20-25 members at each meeting. We also have a healthy Sunshine Fund.

Our meetings have focused on education, via speakers, case study presentations, exchange of clinical issues within various clinical settings and updates on new products. We were appreciative of the support provided by the various vendors who sponsored speakers and provided information regarding new products and patient services being offering. We conduct the business of the affiliate during the last portion of the meeting.

Under the leadership of Cindy Walker, the affiliate sponsored a successful (and profitable) Ostomy Workshop for 60 nurses from LTC, HH and Acute Care. The goal was to provide a venue where non-WOCN nurses could update their skills on ostomy management and dispel old practices.

Lead by Phyllis Green, members of the affiliate assisted in hosting the German Nurse Exchange Group in September. The Affiliate hosted the group at our September meeting, providing an overview of our origin as WOCN's (ET nurses) and provided a peek into the "day of the life of...the ostomy nurse, the wound care nurse and the continence nurse". We were very fortunate to have nationally known speaker, Nancy Faller, PhD, ET Nurse, speak on the Continence Nurse (which also benefited our members who have limited experience in that area). Other members, hosted the group at their various facilities.

Other topics and speakers this year were:

Management of Wounds and Fistulas	Jane Fellows, MSN, RN, CWOCN
Skin Tears, Pyoderma, and Deep Tissue Injury	Sharon Brady, BSN, RN, CWOCN
Optimal Nutrition for Wound Healing	Mary Hobbs, RD, LD, MA Phyllis Green, BSN, RN, CWOCN

Other activities of the affiliate were:

Members of the affiliate participated in the Crohns and Colitis Walk
The affiliate donated \$200 to the WOCN Scholarship Fund
We joined our MAR affiliates in sponsoring Monica Watkins, serving as a counselor this year, to attend the Youth Rally. One of our members also attended the Youth Rally.
We revised and approved our Baltimore Affiliate WOCN By-Laws