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FAPHN ELECTIONS
To each member, the Ballot has been sent! If you have not received a Ballot, please notify Naomi Benton-Brown, Nomination Committee Chairperson @ (954) 658-8413 or e-mail: Naomi_Benton-Brown@doh.state.fl.us. You may also notify FAPHN through Treasurer at flintstonecrawford@comcast.net or http://webmaster@faphn.org

COMING SOON!!

FAPHN Annual Education Conference and Membership Assembly at Annual Business session is scheduled Thursday, September 13, 2012 in Altamonte Springs, Florida.

SAVE THE DATE!! SEPTEMBER 13, 2012!

FAPHN THEME: PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING: BUILDING HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES

LOCATION: Altamonte Springs Hilton, 350 N. Lake Blvd., Altamonte Springs

TENTATIVE DETAILS: FAPHN is partnering with FNA again this year. The strength of partnership benefits both organizations and members of both organizations. The projected hotel room rate is $99.00 + tax. Economical if several members share a room. STAY TUNED FOR FINAL ARRANGEMENTS! MEANWHILE, we hope you seriously consider participating. Plan your schedules! The Agenda is under development and will be shared with you in Special Notices and also on the FAPHN WEB site. http://www.faphn.org
It was 1908 when Theodore Roosevelt recognized the value of associations. He said, “Every man (woman) owes a part of his (her) time and money to the industry to which he (she) is engaged! No man (woman) has the moral right to withhold support from the organization striving to improve conditions!”

MEET YOUR CANDIDATES WILLING TO SERVE ON THE GOVERNING BOARD 2012-2013.

BILYEU, LINDA: Ms. Bilyeu has served FAPHN faithfully as Board Appointed Historian since 2009 and is a past President for FAPHN 2006-2007.

COE, FAYE: Ms. Coe is interested in serving on the FAPHN Board as Secretary. Faye continues as the Acting Community Health Nursing Director and Acting Manager for the Disease Control Program in administration for the Hillsborough County Health Department. Faye served as a board member at large from 2007-2009, and since September 2011 as Director-At-Large until December 2011 when she assumed the position as Secretary due to resignation of Board Secretary.

COYLE, DIANA: Ms. Coyle is interested in serving as Director-At-Large for FAPHN. Diana served two terms in this position and serves FAPHN as the chairperson of the Awards and Scholarship Committee 2007-current. Diana pitched in to serve as co-chair on the Mini-Grant Committee in 2006.

DORHOUT, PAULA: Ms. Dorhout is interested in remaining on the FAPHN Board in the position of 2nd Vice President. Paula joined the Board as a Director in 2009. Ms. Dorhout is the Nursing Director for Children’s Medical Services (CMS) in Palm Beach County.

HOGAN, DEBORAH: Mrs. Hogan accepted appointed position on FAPHN Board in 2011 as 1st Vice President. Ms. Hogan is interested in remaining in this position as an elected candidate 2012-2013.

HUNTER, HANNA: Ms. Hunter continues as 2012-2013 FAPHN Past President in accordance with FAPHN Bylaws. Ms. Hunter is currently the Director of Nurses for CMS South Region.

JORDA, MARY LOUISE: Mrs. Jorda is serving FAPHN in her second year as a Director-At-Large. Mrs. Jorda is a Senior CHN in the St. Lucie CHD.

KANE-CRAWFORD, AMALIA: Amalia is willing to continue as FAPHN Treasurer while searching for her replacement. She is hoping to mentor the appropriate interested candidate in the duties as Treasurer. Amalia assumed the position of Acting Treasurer for FAPHN early in 2005. Amalia was elected as Treasurer at the 2005 Annual Conference and in 2007and 2009.

LACOMB-WILLIAMS, LINDA: Mrs. LaComb-Williams is interested in the position of President-Elect 2013-2014. Mrs LACOMB-WILLIAMS Served FAPHN on the 2009-2011 Board of Directors.

SUREMENTY, SHARON: Sharon is interested in continuing as Director-At-Large for FAPHN. Sharon was past President of FAPHN 2007-2008 and continued as Past President 2008-2009.

THACKERAY, BOBBIE C: Ms. Thackeray is interested in serving FAPHN as President 2012-2013; elected last year to President-Elect.. Ms. Thackeray is currently retired as of 2010 where she served as a consultant to the Healthy Start Coalition of Hillsborough County from 2008. Bobbie served on the FAPHN Board of Directors in 2007-2008. FAPHN presented Ms. Thackeray the Outstanding Public Health Nursing Leadership Award in July 2008.

VICKERY, LYNNE: Lynne is interested in serving FAPHN as a Director-At-Large. Lynne served as 2nd Vice President of FAPHN from 2010-2012 and Communication Chairperson and co-Editor of THE FAPHN VOICE.

SUBMIT BALLOTS BY AUGUST 10!
Dr. Kim Curry reports in this issue about Yellow Fever and a skilled physician John Gorrie, M.D.. Did you know Apalachicola was once one of the largest port cities in the United States? In the 19th century, it thrived as a port for shipping cotton, until the railroads came to Florida and passed it by in favor of other panhandle towns. The landowners then turned to lumber. This lasted until the surrounding forests were clear cut and the mills went out of business. Apalachicola did have the Gulf of Mexico and seafood to focus on instead of the cotton. This town had to reinvent itself several times over. For many years, the biggest threat to Apalachicola was not losing industry; it was YELLOW FEVER!

Yellow Fever epidemics plagued Floridians from the earliest days. A severe epidemic in the nearby city of St. Joseph’s in 1841 reduced that town to a ghost town! The problem was that no one knew what caused the illness. Physicians believed it was hot, moist air. Biologists believed that it might be tiny animals, but they could not prove this! There were 135 major yellow fever epidemics in American port cities between 1668 and 1893. Infection with Yellow Fever was characterized by high fevers, black colored emesis, and jaundice that gave the disease its common name. We now know the cause is a living thing: the yellow fever flavivirus, and RNA virus carried by the aedes aegypti mosquito. In the 19th century, the mortality rate from the disease ranged from 20%-70%. Every year, panic and terror arose in towns that were affected by the annual yellow fever season of August 1st—November 1st.

Dr. John Gorrie moved to Apalachicola in 1833, establishing himself as a skilled physician active in many community organizations. Raised in South Carolina and schooled in New York, Dr. Gorrie believed what most physicians at the time believed: there was something in the damp, swamp air causing the horrible yellow fevers that killed so many. Although Gorrie had no idea of the actual cause of the illness, he sought a way to reduce suffering and end the fevers. Gorrie invented a machine that made air ice cold by first compressing and then releasing the air. The chilled and condensed air was sent through pipes into a sick room, creating a cool and dry environment even in the hot Florida summer. Gorrie and his assistants discovered that by compressing air over an extended period of time, ice was created. Suffering patients were more comfortable, and Dr. Gorrie realized there was an enormous commercial application for his device.

Dr. Gorrie sought and obtained a patent in 1851. However, northern ice manufacturers were quick to note the threat to their industry. Before Gorrie’s invention, there was a huge trade in ice carved from frozen lakes and shipped to southern states. Ice manufacturers foresaw the end of their profitable industry, and some set out to smear Gorrie. Their tactics were successful, with one New York newspaper calling Gorrie a “crank down in Florida...who claims he can make ice as good as God Almighty.”

Dr. Gorrie was unable to find backers for the production of his invention. He died impoverished in Apalachicola in 1855. A friend of Gorrie’s, Dr. Alvan Chapman, continued to speak out on Gorrie’s behalf after his death, and Gorrie was finally recognized in 1911 as the inventor of the predecessor of air conditioning, and one of the greatest inventors of the 19th century. The John Gorrie Museum State Park in Apalachicola contains a replica of his first ice machine. It is a worthwhile trip for those interested in yet another example of how infectious diseases have changed history throughout the state, county, and world.

POSTSCRIPT: Yellow Fever is still endemic in parts of South America and Africa, with a mortality rate of over 10%. There are approximately 200,000 cases and 30,000 deaths annually. These are preventable deaths: a vaccine for yellow fever was developed in 1936.


AWARDS and SCHOLARSHIPS

Chairwoman Diana Coyle announces this is the time of the year for YOU to consider nominating a colleague or yourself for one of these Awards:

- Outstanding Public Health Leadership Award
- Public Health Nurse of the Year—2012

The 2011-2012 BOARD of Directors supports Ms. Coyle’s suggestion for FAPHN to encourage applications/nominations for the Awards. Also, applications for Scholarships and for Mini-Grants are encouraged. Depending on the amount of applications, the review COMMITTEE will determine how many Scholarships and/or Mini-Grants will receive funding. Membership is so important! DONATIONS to the Scholarship Fund help to replenish the funds.

A new Scholarship is under development! The Board approved a $500 Scholarship in memory of Ethel M. Myers, FAPHN’s eldest member who died January 5, 2012 at the age of 98. The criterion for the $500 scholarship is under development and will be announced at its completion and Board approval.

The WEB site is updated to present the 2012 application and criteria. All Scholarship applications, Mini-Grant Applications and Award nominations must be received by AUGUST 3, 2012. E-Mail to: Diana Coyle @; dcoyle_se1@comcast.net. Ask questions by contacting Diana Coyle. Tel: (904) 794-7624

PLEASE NOMINATE A PHN FOR AN AWARD! SELF NOMINATIONS ARE ACCEPTED. THIS IS ONE OF THE FAPHN BENEFITS TO ITS MEMBERS!

The Award recipient and Scholarships recipients will be honored September 13, 2012 at the Altamonte Springs Hilton.

HOW IS FAPHN DIFFERENT FROM OTHER PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS?

FAPHN is totally supported with dues from members.
FAPHN is totally managed by a voluntary Board of Directors—13 in number.
FAPHN DOES NOT have any PAID support staff or other “employees”.
FAPHN dues have not been increased since its inception—FAPHN now in its 10th year.
FAPHN is committed to public health nurses, public health services and furthering educational programs and information that is pertinent to YOU...the Public Health Nurse.
FAPHN is supportive of all nurses in all specialties; partners with other professional organizations to assist them in achieving some of their objectives.
FAPHN is a Florida tax exempt organization.
FAPHN is approved by the I.R.S. as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.
FAPHN is approved by the I.R.S. as a Public Charity under Section 509 (a) (2)
FAPHN is a member of JUST GIVE and can easily accept donations on the FAPHN WEB site using the DONATE NOW button.
FAPHN is approved by the Florida Department of Health as an accepted organization for its employees to join.
FAPHN is a MY Florida Market Place vendor.

ENCourage YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS TO MAKE FAPHN THEIR PREFERRED CHARITY!
FAPHN is experiencing a more challenging time in reaching prospective members. The Membership Committee is working to contact past members and recruit new members. FAPHN needs your assistance.

WILL YOU HELP? Please share the importance to them to INVEST in themselves and enhance their chosen specialty! MEMBERS NEEDED! There is strength in numbers...PLEASE JOIN!

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!

“Nursing Heroes: Caring for the Community”

Dr. Kim Curry reports that Members of the former District IV of The Florida Nurses Association (FNA) have planned the first ever museum exhibit devoted to telling the story of how nurses have shaped the delivery of health care in the Tampa Bay area. “Nursing Heroes: Caring for the Community” will be featured at the Tampa Bay History Center from May 2 through AUGUST 1, 2012. [DATE EXTENDED!]

The Exhibit begins by telling the stories of 5 local nursing heroes who each took risks to break through gender and racial barriers to serve their country, save lives, and improve the health of all citizens. These nurse Heroes are: Mary T. Cash, Dorothy Ebersbach, Joyce Ely, Clara Frye, and Imogene King. Many Florida Public Health Nurses will recognize most, if not all, of these women’s names. Nurses Cash, Ebersbach, and Ely worked in the Florida public health system. The Exhibit is professionally curated by Julia Gorzka Freeman. Specific features are photographs and archival documents from days gone by. For additional information about this Exhibit or attendance at the opening gala, please contact Kim Curry. (kcurry@ut.edu)

Dr. Curry reports this exhibit is a great achievement for FAPHN as so many of the featured nurses were public health nurses (3 out of 5). “This is just a real feel-good experience for any nurse.” Dr. Curry identifies a “wonderful restaurant...the Columbia, located right outside the museum, so it makes a great summer day trip!”
ALACHUA CHD RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD

The Bureau of Immunization announced April 24, 2012 that Parker Small, M.D. was selected as the first Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Childhood Immunization Champion for the State of Florida. This awards program is new, launched by the CDC and the CDC Foundation to honor immunization champions across the 50 U.S. and the District of Columbia during National Infant Immunization Week (April 21-28, 2012). Dr. Small was nominated and selected from a pool of healthcare professionals, coalition members, parents, and other immunization leaders as having made a significant contribution to public health in Florida through his work in children’s immunization. In an effort to increase vaccine rates among middle and elementary school students, Dr. Small served as the driving force behind the Alachua County, Florida, school-located influenza vaccination (SLIV) program. This program received national recognition as a model for community participation and high immunization rates. Through collaborative efforts, the program immunized 25% of the county’s public and private preschool, elementary, and middle school students.

Young children rely on the champions in their lives to keep them safe and healthy. Champions may be parents who keep a record of their child’s vaccinations and ask at each doctor appointment whether their child is up-to-date on immunizations. Champions may also be doctors, nurses, physician assistants, and other healthcare professionals who share scientifically-accurate, up-to-date information about vaccines with parents. Families, healthcare professionals, and public health officials must work together to help protect our children by making sure they are vaccinated. Dr. Small is an inspiration to all of us who care passionately about children’s health in Florida, and we are pleased and honored to congratulate him on this well-deserved award.

FAPHN is PROUD of Alachua CHD and the members of FAPHN who are working in this progressive and influential public health arena. FAPHN’s 2nd Vice President Lynne Vickery is part of the Alachua County Flu Immunization Program. The citizens of Alachua are most fortunate! To read Dr. Small’s profile, and to learn more about the award, please visit the CDC’s Childhood Immunization Champion Award program website.

FAPHN MEMBER REQUESTS ASSISTANCE

I am a proud member of FAPHN, a RN, and a graduate student completing my MSN. Degree completion requires a thesis in the form of a research project. I have chosen the problematic phenomenon of, Nurse-to-Nurse Abuse: Impact on the Profession. I am conducting a simple online survey via SurveyMonkey. FAPHN members will have the opportunity to voluntarily participate in a self-administered, anonymous survey, conveniently online. Participant will be guaranteed anonymity as no individually identifying data will be collected for this study. Findings can be used to understand the prevalence of a problematic area within the profession and protect against future occurrences of the phenomenon. Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns and utilize the URL below to access the research survey.

Thank you very much. Deborah Harris, BSN, RN, 813-475-4347, dharris204@tampabay.rr.com

SurveyMonkey URL: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/673PGDV
Linda LaComb-Williams submitted the following letter:

I was honored to attend the Florida Public Health Association (FPHA) Regional Conference with the Broward County Health Department (BCHD), entitled, “Enhancing Childhood Immunization Strategies and Viral Hepatitis Prevention: Where Private and Public Health Intersects.” FAPHN had a wonderful exhibit and was one of the sponsors of the conference. Other Sponsors included the Broward County Medical Association (BCMA), Nova Southeastern University, and AHEC. The conference, held in Ft. Lauderdale at the Riverside Hotel on April 27 & 28.

Several public health nurses were involved in planning the conference, in presentations, and did an excellent job, including FAPHN members Amalia Crawford, Ethel Edwards, Deborah Hogan, and Marie McMillan. This conference made me realize even more how valuable public health nurses are to our communities and how well we can work together with the private sector.

Information presented on Friday regarding Florida’s enhanced Perinatal Hepatitis B program included a statewide hepatitis overview, Florida SHOTS, integrating hepatitis medical management in the practice setting, addressing concerns about vaccines, hepatitis C virus infection in the 1945-1965 birth cohort with implications for public health policy, immunization panel discussion and hepatitis C and liver cancer.

Saturday’s program had information on managing vaccines in the physician’s office, including tool kits for private physicians regarding immunization management; the A, B, C’s of hepatitis lab interpretations, Florida SHOTS, HIV and Hepatitis C; billing and coding for immunizations; case studies in hepatitis B care and management. I was able to take information to the Hillsborough CHD on the “tool kits” physician’s can use to assist with immunization practices in their private offices.

FPHA President Jeffrey Keiser did an outstanding job moderating the program. The food was excellent. The continuing education hours were beneficial. As we enter periods of change and further budget and personnel cuts, it is so very important to form partnerships with private health care providers. BCHD and BCMA are to be commended for the advances they have made in getting services, including prevention services into their communities. Hoping to see you in August with the FPHA conference and September with the FAPHN conference. Sincerely, Linda

A FEW PHOTOS FROM APRIL 27-28 REGIONAL CONFERENCE

ABOVE: Christopher Smith, Business Analyst– with Phil Reichert, Administrator Hepatitis Prgm. - DOH
CENTER: Jon Dodd, MPH, D.O. &
RIGHT: Amalia Kane-Crawford with Ellen Murray & Poster from Dr. Terri Ogilby, Nova S.E.
FAPHN Display: (L) A. Kane-Crawford; ML Jorda; L. LaComb-Williams and N. Benton-Brown
NEW FIELD SERVICES COORDINATOR for the
HEPATITIS PREVENTION PROGRAM

Submitted by FAPHN Member Marie McMillan

Donna Wheeler joined the Hepatitis Prevention Program staff as a new Field Services
Coordinator. Ms. Wheeler worked in financial analysis for Raytheon, Inc. in the Tampa Bay area
several years ago and has remained in the public health arena for 19 years. Donna served in the Correc-
tional Medical Authority, the Agency for Health Care Administration, the Department of Health Information
Technology and for the past seven years, in the state Office of the Surgeon General for the Florida De-
partment of Health. Ms. Wheeler has experience working with federal and state government processes,
protocols, data collection and analysis and reporting.

According to Phil Reichert, MPH, the Administrator of the Hepatitis Prevention Program, Ms. Dena Hall
will work with Ms. Wheeler over the next several months to familiarize her with processes associated with
the Hepatitis 09 Program (including vaccine ordering and accountability, quarterly reports from the funded
CHDs and lab and testing issues.) Ms. Wheeler’s e-mail: donna_wheeler@doh.state.fl.us and her
phone number is 850-245-4444 x 2430.

WE REMEMBER…..

Carol Jubelirer who passed the bonds of earth peacefully in her sleep May 12, 2012. Ms. Jubelirer was
the Nursing Director at the Marion CHD. A Memorial Service was held May 17th in Ocala, Florida at
the Hiers-Baxley Funeral Home. Daughter Allison requested donations sent to the Humane Society of
Marion County at 701 NW 14th Road, Ocala and cards to S. Allison Roberts at 209 NE 12th Avenue,
Ocala 34471.

IS THIS OF INTEREST?

Source: Consumer Union; based on limit for a 173 lb. adult.


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Deborah Hogan, 1st V.P and Lynne Vickery, 2nd V.P. for FAPHN are co-chairs in planning the Educational Agenda for the September 13, 2012 Annual Conference. They are assisted by FAPHN Board Member Paula Dorhout, Treasurer Amalia Kane-Crawford, President-Elect Bobbie Thackeray and Member Ellen Murray.

If you have any suggestions to offer these ladies or if you would like to join them in planning, please contact one of them at your earliest convenience. They can be reached at phone number (561) 634-0776 or e-mail to webmaster@faphn.org. Your contact message will be forwarded to them. They will contact you.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
TAKE ACTION on THESE TIMEFRAMES

SUBMIT NOMINATIONS FOR AWARD BY AUGUST 3, 2012
SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS BY AUGUST 3, 2012
SUBMIT BALLOTS BY AUGUST 10, 2012
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PAYMENT of DUES: CREDIT CARD: OR CHECK: CONTACT TREASURER: (561) 634-0776 for Credit Card payment! E-MAIL: flintstonecrawford@comcast.net or FAPHN E-MAIL: webmaster@faphn.org

Benefit of 3 or more members paid by employer OR as a GROUP (paid at same time) = 10% discount!!

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY: CHECK ONE! ANNUAL DUES $50.00 [renew on anniversary date]

_____ ACTIVE REGISTERED NURSE: [$50.00] ELIGIBLE FOR BOARD POSITION & VOTING.

ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

_____ RETIRED REGISTERED NURSE: HALF-PRICE [$25.00]: SAME BENEFITS AS ACTIVE R.N.

_____ STUDENT R.N.: [$25.00] MAY NOT HOLD BOARD POSITION. MAY NOT VOTE.

Eligible for Scholarship if criteria met!

_____ ASSOCIATE MEMBER: HALF PRICE [$25.00] An individual or business interested in supporting FAPHN. And Public Health Eligible to receive newsletter & reduced registration or vendor fees for conferences. Not eligible for Board position or voting. Not eligible for Awards or Scholarships.

MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES: Please check your area of interest(s)!

SERVE ON THE FAPHN BOARD: YES ________  NO ________

SERVE ON COMMITTEES:  BYLAWS ___  CONFERENCE PLANNING __  COMMUNICATION ___

EDUCATION _____  LEGACY PROJECT _____  MEMBERSHIP _____  NOMINATING ___

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Leadership/ Mentorship/ Preceptorship
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Advance Public Health Nursing through evidence-based research.

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