

April 2006

NOVA Chapter in partnership with the March of Dimes sponsored an excellent Spring Conference that was enjoyed by all. "Difficult Decisions: Providing Compassionate Care in a Challenging Environment", was held March 30, 31 and April 1, 2006. Thanks to all who attended and made this an unforgettable experience!

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The 2007 Virginia Conference will be held in the Fall of 2007 in Fredericksburg. Please feel free to fill out the survey in the newsletter and return to one of the conference leaders or [click here](#) to complete the survey on-line.

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National and Section Elections will be held this year. Sherri Simons, our Nominating Chair and her committee will submit an election ballot for VA Section Chair & Secretary -Treasurer for 2007- 2009.

The nominations for the Virginia Section have received some inquiries regarding additional candidates to the upcoming ballot for the 2007-2009 election. We have consulted with AWHONN Headquarters and have been given permission to add additional candidates to the ballot for Section Chair and Section Secretary/Treasurer. If you or anyone you know would like to run for an office please contact Sherri Simons by Friday April 28, 2006. All completed information, must be submitted by May 1, 2006.

Nominations Chair for VA Section AWHONN is:

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PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE In July when the ballot is placed online!!

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Please check your CHAPTER site and contact your CHAPTER LEADERS for local activities.

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AWHONN SECTION AWARDS

Joan Corder-Mabe, RNC, MS, WHNP and the Division of Women's and Infant's Health - Virginia Department of Health - Commonwealth of Virginia

Ms. Corder-Mabe, the Virginia Department of Health and the Perinatal Task Force (comprised of many recognized health care professionals) were recognized for their contribution to Women's Health Care by developing the Perinatal Depression Website. (<http://www.perinataldepression.org>.)

Debbie Vest, RN, BSN

Ms. Vest was recognized as the 2006 Virginia AWHONN Leader of the Year. Debbie serves as the Blue Ridge Chapter Leader. She has continued to make their Chapter "shine" with an excellent schedule of activities and enthusiasm. Thank you Debbie!

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AWHONN 2006 Convention

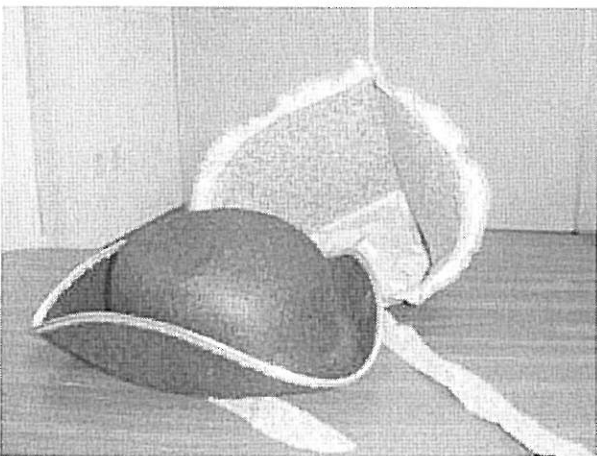
AWHONN Bazaar Fair to be held June 26th in the Exhibit Hall. The Virginia Section will participate.

Please stop by and say hello and support us!!

Virginia Section Reception - Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel
Potomac Room (3rd floor)
June 26, 2006 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

The President's Party will be Monday Night - "Showcase your Patriotic Spirit"
You can come dressed from your ancestor's country of origin or come dressed with a patriotic hat or bonnet! Many Virginia members will be wearing them.

Link to costume shop: <http://www.theatricalshop.com/hats.html>



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Great job to one and all! Remember, there are always opportunities to be an AWHONN Leader. Please get involved! This is your organization and it would be great for you to become more involved in a leadership role and politically. Please feel free to contact the Section Leadership for further information. The position of Web News Editor is open!! We are looking for someone who will gather information and articles of interest and work with our webmaster and keep our membership up to date.

Check out the National website for leadership, educational and political information. There is information for your practice and also new career opportunities. Thank you for your commitment and support promoting the health of women and newborns.

Thank you again for all your support with Virginia AWHONN!
Hope to see you at Convention in Baltimore!!