



## AWHONN Virginia Section

**Jessica Fenton**  
Virginia Secretary/Treasurer



Greetings,

I hope everyone has thoroughly enjoyed these past couple months of wonderful summer weather! As we make the transition to fall over the next couple weeks, I'm sure many of you are looking forward to festivals, football, and the changing of the leaves that accompany this season. I know many of you were looking forward to attending the Virginia Section Conference that was planned for later this month. It is with sadness, that due to a fire at the conference center, we had to cancel this year's Section Conference. I know much hard work, time, and effort was dedicated to the planning of this conference. I would again like to thank Lisa Klein and her committee members Dona Dei, Carola Bruflat, Barbara Moran, Marie Kodadek, and Candy Sullivan for their dedication to planning our conference. We are anticipating our next Section Conference to be in early spring in Virginia Beach. Stay tuned to your email and our webpage for the dates to be announced. We know this will be a fun and educational weekend and a time for you to meet with other Women's and Children's nurses from across the Commonwealth!

In the meantime, there are still plenty of local and state meetings and conferences in which to participate! Our chapter leaders should be holding 3 chapter meetings a year which can include a webinar, live speaker, social get-together, or a mini-conference. Be sure and check out our website, [www.awhonnva.org](http://www.awhonnva.org) for more information on happenings around the state.

Finally, we now have a Facebook page for the Virginia members! Join the group at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/AWHONNVirginiaSection/>. We are excited to be able to use social media as another form of communication to our members!

We thank you for supporting us in promoting the health of women and children this past year! Have a great fall!

Jessica Fenton, MSN, RNC  
Virginia Section Secretary/Treasurer

## Virginia Chapter Leaders and Updates

### **NOVA/DC Chapter**

Chapter Leader: *Lisa Klein*

*The NoVaDC Chapter is so disappointed that we will not be hosting our AWHONN nursing colleagues from across the Commonwealth. We had prepared a program that we think would have been interesting and stimulating. Please look over the brochure and let our Virginia leadership know if there are any topics or speakers you want us to invite for the upcoming meeting in April 2016. Thank you all for your support and we look forward to hosting in the future.*

### **Peninsula Chapter**

Chapter Leader: *Abigail Webber*

*There will be a Peninsula Chapter meeting at Tabb Library at 7:00 pm on 9/23/2015. Webinar: "Nurses Leading Implementation of Nitrous Oxide Use in Obstetrics". Please join us!*

### **Richmond Chapter**

Chapter Co-Leader: *Barbara Gesme*  
Chapter Co-Leader: *Amy Prince*

*There will be a Richmond Chapter Meeting at St. Francis Medical Center from 9 am to 1 pm on Saturday, December 5, 2015. Visit the Richmond Chapter website to share your opinion on topics of interest and preferred meeting formats. We hope everyone have had a great summer and look forward to seeing you in December!*

### **Tidewater Chapter**

Chapter Leader: *Lenore Giovanelli*

*Join Virginia Beach Obstetrics and Gynecology's physicians, staff, and patients as they host a viewing of "NED" at Regal Strawbridge Marketplace Theatre on September 16th. All proceeds benefit The Foundation for Women's Cancer. Tickets are on sale now for \$12, and MUST be purchased in advance. [www.tugg.com/events/40271](http://www.tugg.com/events/40271)*

### **Blue Ridge Chapter**

Chapter Leader: *Lora Davidson*

### **South Central Chapter**

Chapter Leader: *Denise Doss*

### **Rappahannock Chapter**

Chapter Co-Leader: *Liz Forjan*  
Chapter Co-Leader: *Sharon Scott*

### **Jefferson Chapter**

Chapter Co-Leader: *Sharon Fickley*  
Chapter Co-Leader: *Paula Pippin*

## Virginia Section Leaders and Contacts

**Section Chair**

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**Membership Co-Chairs:** *Heather Tackling and Kim Edmondson*

**Virginia Maternal Mortality Commission Rep:** *Debbie Levin*

**Student Nurses:** *Britney Howell*

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## Did You Know?

### VA AWHONN is now on Facebook

- Join us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/AWHONNVirginiaSection/>
- After September 11<sup>th</sup> the group will become more restrictive in accordance with direction from our National AWHONN leaders.
- If you are interested in joining the group but have missed the window, please contact Deanna Daniel at [pio@awhonnva.org](mailto:pio@awhonnva.org)
- Though it is very exciting to be able to reach members through social media, we know there are members who are not interested in joining the Facebook community. Please know we will continue to communicate through the website, emails, meetings, newsletters, etc.

### Have an event coming up?

- Send details to any leader and we will include it in our next newsletter as well as on the website

## Mark Your Calendars...

### **N.E.D (No Evidence of Disease)**

**Cancer Surgeons become a rock band.**

**Patients become fans.**

**Music can change the journey.**

Regal Strawbridge Marketplace Theatre on September 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:30 pm

Tickets are \$12 and must be purchased in advance

[www.tugg.com/events/40271](http://www.tugg.com/events/40271)

### **Peninsula Chapter Meeting**

Tabb Library

September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm

Webinar: "Nurses Leading Implementation of Nitrous Oxide Use in Obstetrics"

[peninsula@awhonnva.org](mailto:peninsula@awhonnva.org)

### **Inpatient Obstetric Nursing Exam Review**

Lashea Wattie, MEd, BSN, RNC, C-EFM

September 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Newport News, VA

<https://www.bsvaf.org/VAOB>

### **Richmond Chapter Meeting**

St. Francis Medical Center

13710 St. Francis Boulevard

Midlothian, VA 23114

Conference Rooms (first floor behind café)

December 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 1:00pm

[Richmond@awhonnva.org](mailto:Richmond@awhonnva.org)

Newsletter submissions and/or suggestions are always welcome; we want to know what's going on in your chapter.

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