

October 2007 President's Letter

When there is a reason to celebrate, my daughter will often shout "Woo-Hoo!" That is what I feel like shouting right now. Last month, I asked you as private citizens, voters, nurses and parents to contact your legislators and tell them, "No!" to any budget cuts in school health services. Our legislators listened. Although \$1 million dollars (total) was cut from local health departments across the state, NO school health services monies were touched! Thank You! Thank You!! Thank You!!!

A huge thank you also goes out to our conference committee. We have an awesome conference planned. School Nurses Educate for Life! It all begins Friday night with a keynote address from NASN President, Donna Mazyck. We end Saturday with a panel of school nurses discussing best practices in our state. The hours in between are filled with opportunities for learning, networking and browsing the Marketplace and Vendors, as we all share in some good FASN fun!

The conference will be held February 8-9, 2008, at the Orlando Marriott - Lake Mary. Once again, we will have on-line registration through the area AHEC. Look in the "Conference" link for copies of the brochure, the registration form, the scholarship form and the Poster Presentation form. We'll even have a link to the hotel so you can reserve your room early. At only \$96 a night, you'll want to be one of the first to get your room!

Get the word out! There has never been a better year to belong to FASN. Make sure your own membership is up-to-date! Thanks to a wonderful partnership with Florida's AHECs and FASN's commitment to education, there are over 75 scholarships now available to FASN members for this conference and the number is growing!

It's not too late to send in an application with your nomination for this year's School Nurse of the Year. Click on the SNOY link for the form! Rejoicing in School Nursing!

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