



NNVAWI NEWSLETTER

Janet Ericksen, Editor
Spring 2003

Message from the president

Greetings to everyone. Spring is here! Soon it will be June and the 12th NNVAWI Conference in Adelaide Australia! This conference aims to provide a forum for all those who work in human services to come together and discuss the work that is occurring to end violence against women and children and promote their safety. The objective of the conference is to rethink current paradigms and explore innovative approaches to ending violence.



The preconference, Friday, June 20th, features presentations by Jackie Campbell on safety planning and Judith McFarlane regarding midwifery and intervention tools. Donna Chung will discuss evaluation research. The two-day conference that follows includes keynote speakers, breakout sessions and a debate on topics that include screening, intervention, and practice in communities and hospitals. The health, recovery and healing of children, young people, pregnant women and families will be highlighted.

The Board members are very excited about having this international conference in Australia and the opportunity to share work on ending domestic vio-

lence with other people and cultures. This is a circumstance where we can truly listen to and learn from one another.

The conference brochure can be seen and accessed at NNVAWI.org or at the conference web site: www.nursing.sturt.flinders.edu.au/violence/index.htm. For questions you can send email to: vaw-conf@flinders.edu.au.

Register soon. The early bird registration of US \$245.31 ends April 21, 2003. Full registration thereafter is US \$273.84 or \$171.15, per day. There is also a student fee with status verification.

On another note, I am very pleased to report that we have a new hosting service and an updated NNVAWI Website thanks to our secretary, Janet Ericksen, and Web Weaving & Consulting, the web maintenance service we hired. The site looks familiar with our logo in colors of green and brown and our mission statements, however, it has many new features and links to other organizations with common interests. We hope that the new changes will assist members and nonmembers alike to find informa-

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message FROM THE PRESIDENT (Cont.)

tion, communicate with us and navigate the links.

One new feature of the website is a link to members' research programs. This page is a work in progress; if you would like your projects or research programs or articles linked, please send them to Janet Ericksen, our current secretary, at ericksen@telus.net. If you have other ideas or things you would like posted on the website, send them to the secretary who will screen them for suitability for inclusion on our website. Materials may be sent in any computer format, and after approval will be sent on to the web maintenance service for inclusion on our website. Please note that the Board reserves the right to determine what material is appropriate and that a new secretary will be elected at the

2003 conference.

This has been an exciting time to be president of NNVAWI. We have accomplished much. Give us ideas and feedback on our work. The board members are here to listen and to serve you and the organization. This has been my privilege. Hope to see you in Adelaide in June 2003 and in Boston June 2004!

Geri Diemer
President
Nursing Network on Violence
Against Women International

Archives Needed

NNVAWI has made arrangements with the Center for Historical Inquiry at the University of Virginia, School of Nursing to catalog and archive our history. The Center only accepts materials over 10 years old. However, since our first conference was in 1985, we do have a history (herstory). The History Center has archives for several other nursing organizations such as NAPNAP and SERPEN. Just think, some day someone will be writing our history! They are particularly interested in correspondence or evidence of early issues. Barbara Parker has volunteered to coordinate the archives so please send her any materials you believe relevant to our organization. Only send materials from before 1992. We can send new materials as they become 10 years old. If you have questions or want to query if something has already been submitted she can be reached at bparker@virginia.edu.

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NNVAWI member's profile

Diane K. Bohn, DNSc, CNM, RN is a former president of NNVAWI (1994-1998) and current Assistant Professor at the University of Minnesota, School of Nursing where she teaches in the nurse-midwifery and women's health nurse practitioner programs. She completed her BSN at the University of Minnesota in 1984 and her DNSc at Rush University, Chicago in 1993. She has been a Certified Nurse Midwife since 1988.

Dr. Bohn's professional involvement in the issue of violence against women began in 1987 when she accepted a position as a Nurse Counselor for the hospital-based Family Violence Program at Rush Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago. She subsequently worked as a shelter volunteer and conducted her dissertation study on the health effects of lifetime abuse among urban Native American women. Since that time, VAW has been her passion and the topic of several research projects and numerous regional, national and international presentations. Her work focuses on the health effects of individual and cumulative abuse events, including childhood and adult physical and sexual abuse. She has published several articles and book chapters on these issues as well as on abuse during pregnancy.

She has also incorporated VAW into her work as a CNM. Beyond routinely addressing this issue with patients in clinical practice, Dr. Bohn has chaired the Committee on Violence Against Women for the American College of Nurse Midwives for eight years. She was involved in the ACNM national Domestic Violence Education Program and represented ACNM at several national and international conferences including those sponsored by the CDC, FVPP, DHHS, FIGO, UNFPA and ICM. In her role as assistant professor, she has worked with numerous masters and doctoral students whose projects are focused on VAW and has been involved with educating graduate and undergraduate nursing students to address this issue in the clinical setting. For these and other efforts, Dr. Bohn was awarded the first Excellence in Education Award by the NNVAWI in 2001.

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Dr. Bohn's current research and manuscript writing projects include data addressing relationships between abuse and socioeconomic status, health care costs and interventions, health risk behaviors, pregnancy and other health outcomes, including mental health status, as well as the psychometric properties of the Lifetime Abuse Event Inventory, a research instrument she has developed. Her plan for the near future is to leave the U of M and life in the city for a lake home in rural northern Minnesota where she will continue her work on VAW in an as-yet undecided capacity. For a time, she hopes to simply sit on her deck and watch the eagles soar.



Call For 2003 Award Nominations
Nursing Network on Violence Against Women, International
NNVAWI

The NNVAWI is calling for nominations for awards to be presented at the 2003 conference in Adelaide, Australia. The **Excellence in Nursing Practice** award is for recognition of a NNVAWI member who has made outstanding contributions to nursing practice with women and children experiencing violence. The **Excellence in Research** award is for recognition of a NNVAWI member who has made outstanding contributions to research in the area of violence against women. The **Excellence in Nursing Education** award is for recognition of a NNVAWI member who has made outstanding contributions in the area of violence against women through nursing education.

The deadline for submission of the one-page nomination letter is **May 1, 2003**. The Awards Committee encourages nominations and is happy to answer questions regarding preparation. Nominations of Australian members of NNVAWI are highly encouraged. The current NNVAWI Board of Directors and Members-at-Large are not eligible for award nomination. For questions, please contact:

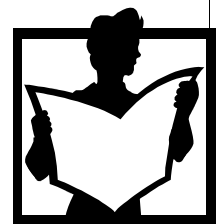


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Newsletter Submissions

Please submit information about yourself and/or your colleagues that would be suitable for inclusion in future NNVAWI newsletters. Some suggestions: recent awards and research grants, recent publications, recent initiatives of which you have taken part, interesting activities re: violence prevention in your community, etc. Program announcements, calls for abstracts, news items, case studies, media/book reviews, inquiries about research/clinical issues etc. are also welcome.



Send submissions to:
Email
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Attention: Janet Ericksen

NNVAWI Board Member Nominations

As we prepare for the upcoming conference, it is that time again for members to begin to think of nominations for board members. Please think about nominating yourself or others to serve as a Board Member. Nominations will be accepted for the President Elect, Secretary Treasurer and 5 members at large on the board. Only active and emeritus members of the organization can serve.

Board members shall be nominated by the Nominations Committee and the membership at large. A nomination ballot will be presented during the annual meeting at the conference in June 2003 and the election will be held. Election is by a majority vote of those members voting at the meeting. Currently, the term of office is from the close of the conference and meeting at the time of the election until the close of the next conference and meeting.

Please send nominations including a short biosketch about the nominee. Nominations can be submitted by e-mail to Natalie McClain at: pedsnp@yahoo.com by June 1, 2003 or nominations can be made from the floor during the meeting at the conference.

NNVAWI Website
www.nnvawi.org

You may have noticed that our website has been revamped – it is faster and easier in which to move around, and some of the links have been changed. There are three things in particular that we want to call your attention to:

- 1- We can place publications on line.
- 2- We can link your research program/clinical project to our site
- 3- The brochure for the 2003 NNVAWI conference is now on line

If you have relevant publications that you would like considered for placement on our website, and/or you would like your research program to be linked, please email the publications and website addresses to the secretary, Janet Ericksen, at ericksen@telus.net. Publications can be accepted from most software programs currently barring Publisher 2002 and Quark X Press 5.0 (compliance for those will come shortly).

FVPF Website Info

What's the latest on the Family Violence Prevention Fund Website??

The FVPF web site continues to be an excellent source of up to date local, national and international information and issues of violence for individuals, families, and communities. Currently, in addition to the regular links, the web site features links to two upcoming events; Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) in April and their Founding Fathers 2003 Fathers Day Campaign.

April is *Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM)* and advocates around the country are planning events to raise awareness about sexual violence, alert victims to the services that are available to them and encourage people to take action to end rape and sexual assault. The National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC), a project of the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape, has created a SAAM packet that includes information, resources and materials to help advocates with their SAAM outreach efforts and enhance awareness month events and activities. The packets are available from a link on the FVPF or at <http://www.nsvrc.org/>.

The slogan this year, *Decide to End Sexual Violence*, was submitted by Arlene Averill of the Vermont Network Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence following a nationwide contest. "Raising awareness of sexual violence takes many voices and a continued effort. Ending sexual violence requires moving past awareness to responsibility, and then to action. The SAAM slogan, *Decide to End Sexual Violence*, works so well because it moves in a positive way to increase awareness and to empower us to action" (FVPF website).

Use the month of April to raise awareness and to speak out about sexual violence.


On Father's Day 2003, the Family Violence Prevention Fund will celebrate and recognize extraordinary men who have chosen to take a stand on a critical issue: *to stop violence against women and children*.

- The Founding Fathers are men who:
- demonstrate strength and courage.
 - know that it's more than just about their own kids; violence affects everyone.
 - inspire other men to get involved.

The FVPF is looking for men that are leaders who exemplify how important it is that men participate in ground-breaking programs that seek solutions to family violence.

If you would like to find out more about the Founding Fathers 2003 Campaign, please contact Rachel Smith: rachel@endabuse.org

Have You Seen or Heard From...

<p>Many NNVAWI members have apparently moved and we do not have their current addresses. If you know how to contact any of the following folks, please have them send us a current address.</p> <p>Donna F. Burt, Marjorie Cole Gail Coleman, Sharon M. Coyer Lori Cummings, Wendy Everingham Anne Finigan, Karmen E. Galman</p>	<p>Jane Koziol-McLain, Maryhelen Kreidler Patricia Kwetkauskie, Mary Lanby Yuko M. Leong, Manuela Martinez Barbara McDonagh, Rachel Mullen Ruth A. Pakieser, Kathleen S. Rizzo Marjorie Sable, Consuela Scott Jan Simone, Marilyn E. Smith Lynn K. Stuart, Janette Y. Taylor Earline Westphal-Miller</p> <p>Also if you are aware of others who have address changes or know you will be changing soon, please send address changes to:</p>	<p>Kathi Mills, NNVAWI, PMB 165 1801 H Street, Suite 5 Modesto, CA 95354-1215</p> <p>Or visit our website at www.nnvawi.org</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>
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NNVAWI MEMBERSHIP INFO

IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME. The membership year for NNVAWI is from January 1 - Dec 31. Our membership brochure is attached in this mailing. The membership fees as of January 2003 are:



Regular Yearly dues	\$50 (\$75 Canadian/ \$100 Australian)
Student Yearly dues	\$25 (\$35 Canadian/\$50 Australian)
Special Circumstances	\$25 (\$35 Canadian/\$50 Australian)

Please return membership brochure with any changes or visit our website at www.nnvawi.org with current information or address changes. If you are a current member please feel free to share our brochures with others who are interesting in bringing an end to domestic violence. **Your current membership status is indicated on the corner of the envelope mailing label.** If you need more brochures please email me at katem1@mindspring.com/ Your support is greatly appreciated.

NNVAWI Shirt Order Form

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Address

Phone or Email Address

Sweat-shirt	Henley	Quantity	Size	Cost (each)	Total cost
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Please **ADD \$3.95** per shirt if you want shirt sent by Priority mail to your address in the USA. Add 5% Sales Tax for Wisconsin residents. If you have any questions, you can contact me via email.
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 We Have T-Shirts and Sweatshirts with NNVAWI on them available for purchase. They are cream colored with teal NNVAWI initials.

Sweatshirt – \$15.00
Short Sleeved Henley – \$15.00
Long Sleeved Henley – 18.00



"Arms linked to symbolize
nurses working together
to eliminate violence in
the lives of women."

Upcoming NNVAWI Conference
June 20-22, 2003

See Enclosed Conference Information

Additional copies may be obtained by contacting:

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Or by visiting the conference website

At

<http://wwwnursing.sturt.flinders.edu.au/violence/>

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