

President's Message . . .

“Coming together is beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.” Henry Ford

The temperature is finally below the 90's, and we always know when Fall has arrived in Florida when we smell the cinnamon brooms in Publix! Another sign of the new season approaching is when the annual Fall FAET Board Meeting takes place. We met together the end of August welcoming the new board members **Shirl Nix-Rogers**, Director of Awards; **Patrice Muse**, Director of Nominations; **Sheryl Fulmer**, 2012 Conference Chair. We also welcome the new Nomination Committee members **Lori Wallace** and **Marsha Thoemke**.

There was definite evidence of success as we worked together throughout the day with exciting ideas and plans for FAET for the upcoming year. Planning for our Spring Conference in Tampa is well underway by Sheryl and her conference committee. An acronym which the conference committee came up with for FAET is: **F**ocus **A**wareness **E**ducation **T**eam

The Board all agreed that the acronym did indeed embody our organizational goals! **Barbara Bagby**, Membership Director and **Kathryn Dere**, Communication Committee Member have been working on a brochure that members can share with others who may be interested in FAET. Hopefully, this will be available at our Spring conference. Peruse the newsletter for more FAET updates.

We want to get to know our “people of passion” in our wound, ostomy, continence world in Florida and see how our fellow Floridians are embracing the life that is calling them to serve their world. Please notify your reporter to spotlight and celebrate a WOC nurse, physician, patient, family member, or ostomate who has “illuminated the world with their spark”.

And –oh – by the way we are now on Facebook for you Facebook fans!!