

What's Happening at SECA

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SECA 2011: It's All About Education, Fun and Fellowship

Savannah was a wonderful venue for the 62nd annual SECA conference and a good time was had by all! We've received really positive evaluations from the conference and we're especially pleased that some of the new additions to the program were well received.

We'll devote this issue of the newsletter to SECA 2011 and hope you'll enjoy all the photos that we brought back with us.

Many thanks to Lourdes Milan of Florida, a former SECA Board member, who was our photographer. Lourdes seemed to be everywhere at once and we found that most SECA members weren't a bit shy

about having their picture taken! You'll find lots of fun photos in the next three

pages. **See anybody you know? Maybe you'll be there in our 2012 newsletter!**



That's Lourdes on the left with Sherri Anders and Louise Davis of Mississippi! Not sure who was taking this photo since our photographer was in it!

2011 Keynotes

If you attended the conference or just want to get the information that our keynoters provided, we're posting the presentations as we receive them on the conference page of the SECA website.

We currently have the presentation by Dr. David Tayloe who represented the American Academy of Pediatrics. You'll find many ideas about working with your local pediatricians in his presentation.

We will have Rae Pica's hand-outs up shortly.

Keep checking for other presentations.

Janie is a Real Trooper!

The day before she was to leave Louisiana to drive to Savannah, **Dr. Janie Humphries notified the SECA office that she was in bed with muscle spasms in her back and couldn't make the trip.** That meant that she wouldn't be there for the

SECA Board meeting that occurs before conference, but as you can see, muscle spasms were no match for Janie! She made it to Savannah on Wednesday and presided over SECA 2011. With some good drugs and lots of support, she made it



Nancy Cheshire, President-Elect, Rises to the Challenge

What would you do if you were the new President-Elect of an organization and a day before a major Board meeting, you're notified that the President won't be able to be there? There goes your time to get acclimated to the Board and how it works!

For Nancy Cheshire, it's just another challenge to meet and she filled in for Dr. Janie Humphries at the winter SECA Board meeting. With very little time to prepare, Nancy conducted a successful Board meeting but was very grateful to

hand over the reins to Janie to preside over all the conference events!

This wasn't the first time that Nancy had picked up the duties of the SECA President at conference. In 2006 when the conference was at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, TN, Beverly Oglesby, SECA President, was unable



Nancy Cheshire
SECA President-Elect

President, was unable to attend because her son was desperately ill in Florida.

As the Vice-President of the SECA Board, Nancy was called on to conduct the Board meeting and preside over all conference events. Then, as now, she stepped in with grace and skill and we all made it through.

We are fortunate to have such dedicated leadership in SECA. Thanks Nancy!

2011 Public Policy Luncheon Features Dr. Joe Thompson and Dr. Matt Timm

With almost 150 persons in attendance, the SECA 2011 Public Policy Luncheon was one of our biggest luncheons in recent history.

The Public Policy Luncheon is an annual event designed to introduce persons to policymakers and issues that may be of help in advocacy work in their own state.

It is also the event at which we recognize an outstanding state advocate for their work on behalf of children and families. Each SECA state is designated on a rotational basis to select that advocate. Previous award recipients have included Dr. Cecil Picard of Louisiana and David Lawrence of Florida.

Dr. Matt Timm of Tennessee was selected by TAEYC as the recipient of the 2011 SECA President's Award for his



Dr. Timm accepts the 2011 President's Award.

work in that state on behalf of children.

Dr. Timm is the Director of Early Childhood Programs for Tennessee Voices for Children.

Dr. Joe Thompson of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center to Prevent Childhood Obesity was the keynote speaker at the luncheon.



Nancy Cheshire, Dr. Thompson and Dr. David Tayloe, our keynote speaker on Friday morning.



Dot Brown of AR, Nancy Alexander and Diane Aillet of Louisiana and Janet F. Brown, Editor of Dimensions of Early Childhood.

If You Weren't There, See What You Missed!



*Left: Welcome Louisiana!
Below: Phil and Lisa from Tennessee
Right: Alabama, West Virginia & Virginia—
Networking at SECA!*



*Top Left: Those red bags were everywhere!
Left: Two hospitality volunteers from GA
Top: Gera Jacobs, candidate for NAEYC
President, and Ruth Ann Ball of Oklahoma.
Right Center: Suzanne, Charlene and Sister
Roberta of Florida
Right: The State Presidents get ready to carry
their state flags in to open the conference!*

Terry Green of Kentucky is the 2011 Outstanding Member

Terry Green of Kentucky was selected by the SECA Board of Directors as the 2011 Outstanding Member. Terry has a long history with SECA, including serving as SECA President in 2006 and 2007. Upon leaving the SECA Board of Directors, Terry agreed to serve her state again as state president and has just

completed her term of Office as President of the Kentucky Association for Early Childhood Education.

Terry works for Audubon Area Community Services Head Start and has been instrumental in bringing the Reggio Emilia



approach to some of their classrooms.

As Outstanding Member, Terry carried the American Flag to open the first general session of the SECA conference.

Congratulations Terry!

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SEE ANYBODY THAT YOU KNOW? WE HAD A GREAT TIME!

