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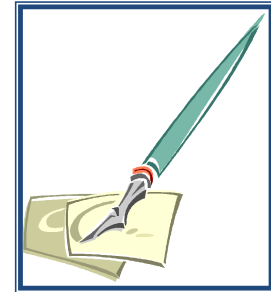
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From the President's Pen

By Debra Drexler, MS, RN, BC

Fall is here. I love watching the leaves change colors. It's as if God painted each leaf for a beautiful sight for us to behold.

I remember it was almost one year ago, when I volunteered to take over the presidency of WiSHET. I remember coming home and thinking "ok, what did I get myself into now?" It was like "buyer remorse" except it was "volunteer remorse." I was concerned that maybe I might be overextending myself. That maybe this would be difficult to do on top of all my other commitments. I can tell you in all honesty, I have enjoyed being president of WiSHET. All of us have chaired committees or teams where you seem to end up with 80% of the work. There are few teams or committees that I have been on where I can honestly say everyone did their job; being on the WiSHET Board is one of them. Maybe it is because the Board and WiSHET members consist of educators and we are all used to deadlines and getting things done. Whatever the reason, it has been a rewarding experience.



Part of WiSHET mission is to promote excellence in healthcare education and training and provide cost effective educational programs resulting in personal and professional growth. WiSHET has provided many excellent programs in the past and the Fall Conference "Making Change Successful" will be no exception with national and local outstanding speakers. To continue to grow WiSHET and provide cost effective educational opportunities we need your help. Please consider, if not becoming a Board Member, helping on several of the committees available. Not only will it be a rewarding experience, but it will give you the opportunity to give back to your profession.

We have a real need for a Newsletter Editor. *Carol Aslesen RN, BSN* has done an **outstanding job** as the current Newsletter Editor and we wish her well in her new endeavors. (*Editor's note: thanks for the compliment, but I certainly haven't done an outstanding job on the Fall edition!*) I also would like to take this opportunity to thank *Lori Soderberg RN, BSN*, who served on the Board most recently as past president, for her dedication and work to help make WiSHET successful.

If you have not been to the WiSHET web site, www.wishet.org, recently, please take a look. Mary Ruth Roedel Website Coordinator and Heidi Kramer Web Site Administrator have done an outstanding job! There are several new features on the website and additional features are being worked on. If you have any suggestions, please let them know or one of your Board members.

WiSHET is celebrating its **35th Anniversary** at the Fall Conference. *Sue Nordahl RN* has been coordinating this celebration. Sue has been with WiSHET since its beginning and not only a wealth of information about WiSHET but still has the passion to see WiSHET grow and reach to achieve even more. I hope to see you there!