Message from the Editor

Reflecting on Good Work

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This issue of the Southern Online Journal of Nursing Research features good work. It provides a link to new knowledge, a link to inspiration for discovery, a link to new friends and collaborators--yes it is the link to the abstracts of the 2011 Conference of the Southern Nursing Research Society. This year, the depth and breadth of dissemination of discovery seemed to surpass our best. We celebrated 25 years of remarkable work by nurses in the Southern region.

This issue also notes a transition of the Southern Online Journal of Nursing Research, or SOJNR, as the Executive Board considers next steps for its future. It has been a delightful sojourn to work with authors to share their contributions to the discipline. They have done good work. I came to the Southern region just a few years ago. I was greeted at Georgia Southern University by the tradition of football. Georgia Southern is justly proud of its eight Southern Conference championships and six national championships. Football came alive under the legendary Erk Russell in 1982, who is said to have brought the College to the first record of 15-0 in the twentieth century. He was known for a simple encouraging phrase, "Do good."

The SOJNR has a remarkable heritage, history, and hope for the future to "do good." It will be my pleasure to watch. For now, I encourage my fellow authors and send the journal into the future with the similar words of Garrison Keillor, "Be well, do good work, and keep in touch."
