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## The 31st Annual Georgia Perinatal Association Conference

The 31st Annual Georgia Perinatal Association (GPA) Conference was a 40 year celebration of GPA: GPA 40 years strong. The conference was held at the King and Prince Beach & Golf Resort on St.Simon's Island. I know many of us were concerned about Hurricane Irma potentially canceling this conference, but the King and the Prince staff worked endless hours to ensure we all enjoyed the conference and the island. The pre-conference discussed maternal and family opioid addiction, DFAC referrals, legal obligations as healthcare workers, and resources available in Georgia. The focus was creating a safe commUNITY. Wednesday afternoon, the conference opened with Dr. Lara Jacobson discussing perinatal and maternal morality followed by the do's and don'ts of legal documentation.

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**SAVE THE DATE**

32nd Annual GPA

Wednesday evening the attendees enjoyed the conference reception and exhibitor's visitation. Thursday the conference continued with the following topics: QI in the NICU, intimate partner violence, Baby- Friendly, preterm labor management, and personalities and leadership. The T. Rae Dismuke award is awarded each year to a GPA member who exemplifies the work, mission and values of GPA. This year Jo-Ellen McDongouh was presented with the T. Rae Dismuke award. A fun time was had by all during the shopping scavenger hunt at several shops in the village. Also, this year GPA hosted a 40th Anniversary Celebration Mixer allowing participants time to relax and network in the cozy Wesley Cottage. Thank you United Obstetrics, and Gynecology (UOG), Danette Glass, Compass Strategy, and Jodi Hudgins for sponsoring this event. I would like to give Heather Daniels GPA member a huge thank you for all the hard work put in to helping put together the Silent Auction which was a great success. The conference concluded on Friday with Safe Sleep Practices and Low Milk Supply Management. We all left the conference with greater insight and knowledge of our everyday care of mothers and newborns. Don't forget to save the date for next year's GPA conference scheduled at the King and Prince Resort September 19-21st, 2018.

*Jan St. John*

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Conference  
Sep 19-21, 2018  
King & Prince  
Resort  
St Simons Island

### UPCOMING EVENT

The CSRA  
Breastfeeding  
Coalition  
Conference  
October 26, 2017  
Augusta, GA



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