President’s Message

Representing NCGNP on your behalf is a wonderful privilege. There really is not a day that goes by that I don’t seem to have the opportunity to speak about being a GNP and specifically about being involved with our great organization. Whether it is to friends, family, colleagues, or clients, the message of NCGNP is one that touches people – they are simply amazed at the nature of our work as providers of health care and as members of a professional organization advocating on behalf of the tens of thousands of older adults we serve and the professionals who provide high quality care for them.

What a great opportunity we all have to celebrate NCGNP’s important contribution to advancing the health care of older adults and of our profession as we draw nearer to the time when we will all gather together for our 25th Anniversary Celebration at the Sawgrass Resort in Ponte Vedra, near Jacksonville, FL.

Each year we assemble as colleagues, friends, co-workers, alumni, faculty, students, and administrators - all of us eager to share, learn, re-connect, and even renew ourselves. Part of the annual gathering includes the election of new officers, an event that should hold great interest for all of you. It certainly does for me. As the President, I wonder who will be guiding NCGNP forward in the next years. Not only as President/President-Elect but also as Treasurer, Secretary, Member-at-Large, and even the Nominating Committee. The Board of Directors has to be a hard working group, fully committed to the task at hand. Board members have to be passionate about advance practice nursing with older adults, competent in organizational leadership, and willing to serve. I have had the privilege of working with such a group over this past year, and from the slate of candidates that Heidi Sykora and the Nominating Committee so capably compiled, I can see that while your choice may not be easy, no choice would be a bad one. How fortunate NCGNP is to be able to have among its ranks and running for office the leaders in gerontological advance practice nursing!

Each of you has the ability to be a leader in your own way. My call to increasing your recruitment of members, increasing your involvement in the organization, and increasing your political presence remains the same. Through these simple but powerful ways, you can be a leader as well. NCGNP relies on all members to spread the great news about NCGNP. Just reading the newsletter always inspires me to be able to see what the organization and the members have accomplished, such as the creation of the NCGNP GNP Certification Exam Review Course. Come to Sawgrass to learn even more and bring a colleague! Your colleague won’t ever want to miss another NCGNP Conference.

Let’s celebrate together 25 years as the premier organization for advance practice nurses who work with older adults – a legacy of leadership and clinical excellence! See you in Sawgrass!

Best Regards, Sharon Roth Maguire
MS, APRN-BC, GNP, President

Save the Date

25th Anniversary Conference

Where the Past Meets the Future: A Legacy of Leadership and Clinical Excellence
Sawgrass Marriott Resort & Spa, Ponte Vedra, FL

September 27–October 1, 2006
Call for Photographs from the Past

As part of the 25th anniversary celebration, we are asking NCGNP members to submit photos of themselves from 25 years ago. The photographs will be highlighted at the 2006 conference, September 27th through October 1st. Please forward your photographs (include name, date, and event) to Sharon Maguire at smaguire@assisted.com or mail to:

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Get Ready, Get Set, Vote!

Come one and all to cast your votes for the next leaders of NCGNP. In this issue of the newsletter, you will find a complete listing of all of the candidates and their statements. All members are encouraged to cast a vote. This may be done in two ways: 1) by a requested paper ballot or 2) in person at the conference in Ponte Vedra, FL.

If you do not plan to attend the conference and would like to vote, please contact the National Office (ncgnp@puetzamc.com) for a ballot and be sure to mail it back before September 15, 2006.

If you do plan to attend the conference, come to the Opening Reception at the Pool on Wednesday, September 27th, from 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., to meet the candidates. To vote, attend the Business Meeting on Friday, September 29th, from 3:40 p.m. – 4:40 p.m., sign in, and cast a written ballot.

We still need candidates for the Nominating Committee so if you want to add yourself to the ballot, let the Nominating Committee know as soon as possible by e-mailing Heidi Sykora at hsykora@aol.com. The candidate with the most votes will also be the Chair of the Nominating Committee.

Immediately following the voting, with the help of volunteer tellers, the Nominating Committee will determine your wishes, and the newest members of the Board will be announced and put to work! For those of you who are elected, please plan to attend a short transition Board meeting at the end of the conference.

Candidate for President-elect:
Lynn Chilton, DNS, RN, GNP-BC, FNP-BC

Candidates for Secretary:
Lisa Byrd, PhD, RN, CFNP
Charlotte Kelley, MSN, RN, GNP, ARNP

Candidates for Member-at-Large:
Sandra Kamp, APN, GNP
Ann Luggen, PhD, RN, GNP-C, ARNP, CNAA

Member in the Spotlight:
Kathleen Jett, PhD, GNP, BC

Kathleen Jett, Chair of the Communications Committee, tells us about herself:

Hmmm – It was easier to put some of you in the spotlight than it is to be asked to say something about myself! What does one say? Well, I am a 52-year-old sister, wife, mother, and grandmother of identical twin boys. I like to read, Alpine ski, mountain hike, quilt, and recently began to learn ballroom dancing, but I have a hard time finding time to do any of them. I prefer junk and fast food to health food but try to control myself. I am also a dedicated chocoholic! And I have naturally curly hair! I think that about does it – then there is the “me” who is a nurse gerontologist and member of NCGNP.

I come from a long line of women who turned prematurely gray. I thought that they were all ancient as I was growing up in a large extended family of German Catholics, but, mostly, I thought they were way cool. So when I became a nurse, I gravitated toward older patients with considerable bias. I assumed that many had important lessons to teach me – and I was right! After graduating with my BSN from the University of Florida, I first worked as a public health nurse in home care and as the supervisor of a large nursing home.

Oh, yes. When money was tight, there were those hospital shifts as an oncology nurse! Research questions kept popping up in my practice, so I went back to school for my master’s and doctoral degrees in nursing (still at UF). Along the way I also worked as the administrator of an assisted living facility and the program director of a hospice.

My experience in advanced practice has been as clinical nurse specialist in a large teaching hospital and as a director and GNP on a large study of urinary continence in a private fee-for-service internal medicine practice. In the practice I was responsible for all patients in long-term care facilities as well as walk-in and urgent appointments in the office.

Working with older adults and improving health and quality of life has been a consistent theme in my work and volunteer activities. During my doctoral work, among other things, I studied the survival on page 4)
Communications Committee

Our small committee has been responsible for editing the newsletter and providing oversight to the visibility and educational opportunities the organization has in various professional publications. Starting with this issue, the National Office will now assume responsibility for the newsletter, same deadlines – so be sure to get your materials to Miriam Nicholson at mnicholson@puetzamc.com. She needs all of our suggestions and contributions so that the newsletter can continue to be a vehicle for your voice! The Committee would also like to take this opportunity to thank Ann Schmidt Luggen, PhD, RN, GNP-C, ARNP, CNAA, for the last several years of leadership and a lot of hard work with the NCGNP section of Geriatric Nursing. This rotating position is one more example of the behind-the-seasons efforts of members. Thank you, Ann, for your dedication and commitment. Oh, yes, and we need a new Chair this year!

Kathleen Jett, PhD, GNP,BC
Chair, Communications Committee

From the Research Committee

NCGNP is looking forward to some exciting research presentations this year at the 25th Anniversary Conference in Ponte Vedra, FL. At the preconference on Wednesday, September 27th, there will be a research session held for novice and experienced researchers. There will be two sessions for oral presentations which will examine issues extremely pertinent to geriatric advanced practice nursing. On Thursday, September 28th, the morning session will include the following presentations: “A Preliminary Exploratory Project Examining Primary Care Provider Needs for Assessment, Intervention, and Counseling of Elderly Drivers,” presented by Carol Patton, PhD, RN, APRN, BC, CRNP; “Mind Loss in the African American Community: Dementia as a Normal Part of Aging,” presented by Kathleen Jett, PhD, GNP, BC; and “Improving UI Care: An Opportunity for GNP Role Modeling,” presented by Linda Keilman, MSN, APRN, BC - this research was done in conjunction with Barbara Resnick, PhD, CRNP, FAAN, FAANP, Larry Lawhorne, MD, Barbara Calaresu, RN, and Pamela Parmelee, PhD. Thursday afternoon’s session will include “The Utilization of Nurse Practitioners in the Nursing Home: A Comparison with Physicians,” presented by Debra Bakerjian, PhD, MSN, RN, FNP; “Sensory Impairment and Associated Conditions in LTC Elders,” presented by Pamela Cacchione, PhD, RN, ARNP, Suwattana Kumsuk, PhD, RN, and L. Willoughby, PhD; and “Building a Safety Network for Skilled Nursing Home Patients,” presented by Brenda Bergman-Evans, PhD, APRN, BC, and Susan (continued on page 5)

Member in the Spotlight:

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strategies of older African American women living alone in rural communities. I was hooked then and spent the next 15 years or so conducting research with and for older adults of color. My colleagues and I have just completed a study to improve the health outcomes of Haitian elders and are currently testing two diabetes education programs that were designed by the participants in an African American and in a Haitian American group. I finally figured out that most of what I had done was about cross-cultural communication – if only I had become a linguist! If you have similar interests I would love to hear from you.

Currently, I am an associate professor of nursing at Florida Atlantic University where I coordinate the master’s GNP/CNS program and an undergraduate gerontology certificate program designed for non-nurses. At the University I have the opportunity to write, research, teach, and do volunteer practice in a local community with a large number of African American and Caribbean elders. I am privileged that they share their time with me.

I have been a member of NCGNP on and off for years since first presenting some of my research at a meeting in Texas! Since then I have served as the chair of the Nominating Committee. I am currently the chair of the Communications Committee and immediate past editor of this newsletter. My new role is in editing the NCGNP section in Geriatric Nursing – but I hope with all of your help! Send me your ideas of what you want included!

See you at the conference in September!

Kathleen Jett, PhD, GNP, BC
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Update Member Information

Is your member contact information updated in the database? Did you know that you can log on at the NCGNP Web site (www.ncgnp.org) to check the current contact information that is currently on file for you? Please update your e-mail address and mailing information to ensure you are receiving all mailings and e-mails that are going out to current members. You can either log onto the Web site with your username and password or contact the National Office at (866) 355-1392, (850) 471-7075, or by e-mail at ncgnp@puetzamc.com to update your information with the Member Services Specialist.

Member in the News

Congratulations to Lisa Byrd, PhD, RN, CFNP, Chair of the Research Committee!

Lisa recently earned her doctorate in nursing with an emphasis in ethics at The University of Southern Mississippi. Along the way she also completed a certificate in gerontology!

Her research was entitled Development of an Instrument to Identify the Virtues of Expert Nursing Practice: “Byrd’s Nurse’s Ethical Sensitivity Test” (Byrd’s Nest).

Facility in the News:

A Day at Summit ElderCare in Worcester, MA

My name is Ruth Miller, and I work for Summit ElderCare (SE), an innovative approach to elder care. SE is one of two programs in Central Massachusetts that allows elders to maintain their independence while providing necessary support for both them and their caregivers. This is a Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), one of more than 30 nationwide. I want to share a day in my life as a GNP at Summit ElderCare.

Our Mission at SE is to maximize the dignity and respect of older adults; enhance their quality of life and autonomy; preserve and support the older adult’s family; and enable frail elders to remain in their homes and their communities as long as medically and socially feasible.

Care and Services

- Delivering all needed medical and supportive services, the program is able to provide the entire continuum of care and services to seniors with chronic needs while maintaining their independence in their homes as long as possible
- Adult day care that offers nursing; physical, occupational, and recreational therapies; meals; nutritional counseling; social work; and personal care
- Medical care provided by a PACE primary care provider familiar with the history, needs, and preferences of each participant
- Home health care and personal care
- All necessary prescription drugs
- Social Services
- Medical specialists such as audiology, dentistry, optometry, podiatry, and speech therapy
- Respite care
- Hospital and nursing home care when necessary

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Facility in the News: A Day at Summit ElderCare in Worcester, MA (continued from page 5)

I came to Summit ElderCare after three years with an organization I loved and cared about but, subsequently, left for a chance to “age in place.” The interview process was somewhat intimidating as I was asked to meet not only geriatricians and administrative staff but also THE TEAM. And what a TEAM it is!

However, one cannot be a Geriatric Nurse Practitioner at PACE without acknowledging “the team approach.” I start my day at 7:00 a.m., which allows me to “set” the day in my head. Since our phones don’t turn over until 8:00 a.m., I find the time useful to catch up on dictations, make phone calls with families who help get participants on early vans, review labs, and follow up a myriad of ongoing issues or projects. I work five days a week and share the clinic with two geriatricians, David Wilner, MD, and Glenn Randall, MD. One or more of us is present in the clinic, and we see participants between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., or later if complications or admission to the skilled nursing facility (SNF) or hospital.

Our morning starts at 8:30 a.m., with the team meeting. This exchange of information sets the tone for the day. We discuss problems called to the on-call nurse, update status of participants in long term and acute care, and discuss any issues team members want to present for review. Each team member has a chance to discuss any issue, participant, or family and ask for help, an opinion, or direction. Our discussions are enlightening, thought-provoking, and often quite lively. Our meeting occasionally ends on time (9:45 a.m.) and providers discuss the day’s schedule, which, by 10:00 a.m., isn’t the same schedule it was an hour ago.

Our clinic day is short by comparison to the usual office hours; 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., is an average length of time participants stay in the day health program. There are activities geared toward the participant with dementia (Devenshire program) and others who are less compromised (Summit program). Somehow we have to see them between what they need to do and want to do. Competing with BINGO is difficult.

We see patients for routine visits, emergencies, and annual and biannual exams and often see as many as 9-15 patients in our short day. Visits are interspersed with phone calls to families, follow up with consultants, working with the team to get someone home as opposed to the SNF unit, transferring to the local emergency department (ED) for evaluation, meetings, fire drills, and an occasional disaster drill. Much of this is done prior to 12:15 p.m.-1:00 p.m., when we gear up for the afternoon and the rush to get the participants out the door to their van on time.

By 3:30 p.m., if we’re lucky, the clinic day is winding down. I participate in the End of Life Committee, Skin Team, and Coordinators meeting. Several of us are working on implementing an exercise program using our unique specialties (nutrition, exercise physiology, physical therapy, functional assessment and aging, and medical diagnosis) to help frail elderly remain independent longer in their environment. We have identified 6 participants as a focus group to pilot test our program. We hope to expand to 20 by 2007.

At the end of my day, I’ve spent hours working with the team, hours working with participants and their families, and hours learning to recognize what a great program this is and how we are meeting the needs of the PACE participants in a unique atmosphere of care and caring for participants at Summit ElderCare.

Ruth Miller, GNP
Summit ElderCare, Worcester, MA
Lynn Chilton, DNS, RN, GNP-BC, FNP-BC
Position: President-Elect

Lynn Chilton has been a GNP since 1986. She received her DSN from the University of Alabama-Birmingham in 1996 and a post-master’s certificate as an FNP in 1997 from Mississippi University for Women. She has practiced as a GNP in several rural and outpatient clinics.

Lynn has been an active and dedicated member of NCGNP since 1995. She has served as Chair of the Legislative Committee from 2001-2004 and was instrumental in the passage of key legislation for GNPs. She has been the NCGNP representative to the ACNP where she also served as Co-chair of the Public Policy Committee and Secretary. She is currently completing her service as Secretary for NCGNP. She has been active on many NCGNP projects including the creation of a GNP certification review course.

Lynn’s goals for NCGNP include her passion of keeping NCGNP in the forefront of current health affairs and changing policies to be sure that NCGNP has a place at the table when decisions are made that affect NP practice with older adults. She would also be instrumental in completing the transition of the organization to the new National Office in Pensacola, FL. She lives 45 minutes from the new National Office, which will help this transition. She would like to organize an annual GNP review course. Finally, Lynn will promote the growth of NCGNP to become recognized as the expert organization on gerontological health care.

Lisa Byrd, PhD, RN, CFNP, Gerontologist
Position: Secretary

Lisa received her MSN as an FNP, her PhD in nursing with an emphasis in nursing ethics, and completed a Certificate in Gerontology at the University of Southern Mississippi. She is currently pursuing a Nurse Educator’s Certificate at Alcorn State University.

Lisa has 20 years of nursing experience. Her RN experience includes critical care, acute care, management, community-clinic care, and care for elders in the community and skilled nursing facilities. As a nurse practitioner, Lisa owns and operates a busy clinic in Bolton, MS. Her patient population includes infants to elders. Her experience is rich in caring for the elderly in the community setting as well as at multiple skilled nursing facilities. Lisa’s expertise is in dementia care.

Lisa has served as Chair of the Research Committee for NCGNP for 2006 and has been a member of the Research Committee since 2004. She has served on the Mississippi Nurses Association’s (MNA) Provider Unit planning conferences for Mississippi and chaired the Conference Planning Committee for nurses in the Community Organization for Health Awareness, 2000-2003. She is a member of multiple professional organizations.

She is a published author of articles that focus on dementia and ethical issues surrounding feeding tubes in patients with advanced dementia. She has served as a case study reviewer for the past two years for Sigma Theta Tau’s Web site.

Lisa’s goals for NCGNP include maintaining a strong membership and seeking innovative ways to increase NCGNP’s numbers, encouraging sharing of knowledge through publications, providing educational opportunities to enhance the organization’s reputation as the leading source of knowledge for geriatric nursing care, and fostering alliances between NCGNP and other organizations focused on care for the elderly.

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Charlotte Kelley, MSN, RN, GNP, ARNP

Position: Secretary

Charlotte earned her diploma in nursing from Allen Memorial Hospital Lutheran School of Nursing in 1978, her BSN from Grand View College in 1992, and her MSN and Gerontological Nurse Practitioner from University of Iowa in 1997.

Charlotte’s employment experience as a registered nurse includes home health care and long-term care; she was Director of Nursing for Long-term Care and research assistant. As a nurse practitioner, she is a continence specialist and has worked in an internal medicine practice. Currently, Charlotte is in private practice in an ambulatory care clinic and is president of Charlotte Kelley & Associates, P.C.

Charlotte lives in Des Moines, IA. She is co-founder and Past-President of the Iowa Nurse Practitioner Society. She is adjunct faculty at the University of Iowa, College of Nursing. Charlotte serves as national affiliate representative to the American College of Nurse Practitioners and is a member of numerous national professional organizations. At the state level she has served on the Iowa Patient Safety and Health Outcomes Project and has been involved with CE for the Iowa BNE.

Charlotte’s goals for NCGNP are to maintain a presence nationally to advocate for health care for the aged population through political and professional involvement. She feels strongly that we exhibit commitment as NPs through practice and that NCGNP gives structure to organized and unified work.

Sandra Kamp, APN, GNP

Position: Member-at-Large

Sandra received her BSN in 1975 from Michigan State University, her Master of Nursing Administration from the University of Illinois in 1987, and, not having enough, obtained her MSN at Rush University in 1998 and completed her Gerontological Nurse Practitioner.

Sandra’s 28 years of practice have focused on care of the older adult. Her work as a GNP includes long-term care and managing program development and geriatric services in long-term care, acute care, and community settings. She currently works as a Certified Diabetes Educator for a community hospital and continues her practice as a GNP with an internal medicine practice.

Sandra lives in Chicago, IL, and is a founding member of the Chicagoland Chapter of NCGNP where she served as chapter Treasurer from 1999 to 2003. In 2002 she served as the NCGNP Conference Committee Chair and participated in the application process to ANCC for designation as a Continuing Education Provider Unit. Sandra continues to serve tirelessly as NCGNP Provider Unit Manager. Through this experience Sandra has been afforded firsthand understanding of the growth, operational requirements, and promising potential of NCGNP.

Sandra pledges to support the strategic plan and goals of NCGNP as defined by the Board of Directors. Her personal interests include fostering the ongoing development of continuing education opportunities for NCGNP members, collaborating with the new management company to assure a strong association infrastructure as a base for growth, and continued emphasis to make NCGNP responsive to the members.

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Ann Luggen, PhD, RN, GNP-C, ARNP, CNAA
Position: Member-at-Large

Ann received her Diploma in Nursing from Jewish Hospital School of Nursing in 1975 and her BSN and MSN from the University of Cincinnati in 1980 and 1982, respectively. Her PhD, also from the University of Cincinnati, is interdisciplinary in nursing, social psychology, and education with a minor in research. Her dissertation was a Case Study Analysis of Pain in Ten Elderly Women. Ann completed this in 1985. In 2001, Ann received a post-master’s certificate from Northern Kentucky University as a Geriatric Nurse Practitioner.

Ann’s professional life experience includes multiple clinical positions in the acute care setting including Assistant Vice President of Nursing at Jewish Hospital of Cincinnati. She has practiced part-time as GNP in the Evercare Practice with United Health Care in Cincinnati since 2002. Ann is a tenured professor, now retired, at Northern Kentucky University where she has taught since 1990.

Ann lives in Cincinnati. She has held multiple board and committee seats at both the national and local levels. Highlights include first President of Ohio GNPs 2001 - 2003; Steering Committee, NCGNP, 2001-2003; Research Committee Chair, NCGNP, 2001-2002; Publications Committee Chair, NCGNP, 2002-2004; multiple offices held with National Gerontological Nursing Association (NGNA) between 1990-2000.

Ann has been editor for multiple publications. She is the author of several peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters. She is a nationally recognized speaker.

Ann has a great deal of praise for the leadership of NCGNP to date, and she feels strongly that the current trajectory should continue with emphasis on involvement with other organizations. Ann puts emphasis on more interaction with publications specific to NPs with the goal-sharing evidence with other NPs not gerontologically savvy to assist them in providing better care to older adults. Ann also would foster growth and spread of local chapters, including internationally with emphasis on Canadian gerontology nurses. Finally, Ann would like to involve the general members more in sharing knowledge and case studies.

Chapter News SEW GAPN News

There is a new chapter in the Mid West! We are called SEW GAPN, South East Wisconsin Gerontological Advance Practice Nurses. We were granted formal approval this spring.

SEW GAPN has approximately 25 members, and we are also inviting non-members to our events in order to spread the word about geriatric care to our colleagues. We have been busy building membership through different events. According to the members, one of the most enjoyable activities is the “Daring Discussion over Delectable Desserts.” This is an informal roundtable discussion facilitated by a guest. The topics already discussed with delicious caloric input have included polypharmacy and medication concerns in the elderly and a two-part series on hospice and palliative care. Our dinner meetings covered the topics of anemia and treating Alzheimer’s dementia. All have included excellent information, questions, networking, and food!

We are proud that the current President of NCGNP, Sharon Maguire, MS, APRN-BC, GNP, is also a member of this chapter. She has been a great role model.

Future events being discussed include a half-day seminar with contact hours on a topic to be determined. One of our biggest goals is to draw in nurse practitioner students and encourage them to consider becoming a GNP or at least having a geriatric experience during their practicum. If you are ever in Milwaukee, look us up!

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The National Conference of Gerontological Nurse Practitioners, incorporated in 1983, invites all advanced practice nurses who specialize in the care of older adults to become members of our organization.

Goals:
1. Advocate quality care for older adults.
2. Promote professional development of advanced practice nurses.
3. Provide continuing education for advanced practice nurses in geriatrics.
4. Enhance communication and professional collaboration among healthcare providers.
5. Educate consumers regarding issues of aging.

Membership Benefits:
1. The NCGNP Newsletter, a quarterly publication written by and for GNPs.
2. Complimentary subscription to Geriatric Nursing Journal.
3. Publication opportunities.
4. Annual convention providing current research and clinical information (reduced fee).
5. Networking opportunities with other GNPs.
6. Website for information exchange and referral.
7. NCGNP is a member of American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), which allows members a 25% reduction in initial and recertification fees.
8. NCGNP is a member of the American College of Nurse Practitioners (ACNP) and is building affiliations with other national healthcare associations.

Membership:
There are four levels of membership:

- Active: (Advanced Practice Nurse; voting privileges) ..................................................$75.00
- Associate: (Nonadvanced Practice Nurse) ................................................................$75.00
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- Retired: (Previous NCGNP member, now retired; voting privileges) ..............................$35.00

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