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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jill Reese, RN, BSN, OCN

July 2013

Have you ever had a desire to do more than what you are doing now? Have you thought of going back to school and earning your bachelor's or pursuing a master's degree? A desire to be on the board but do not feel like you have enough time? As we all know – life is too short so, why not make the time and/or set a goal for yourself. Where would you like to see yourself in a year? Three years or even five? How about starting with a position on the board? Many of our open positions do not require a lot of time. You could help out with programs or help out with nominations. Maybe you know someone that would like to be on the board but needs a little bit of encouragement. I was asked to be on the board years ago, but did not have the time. When I was approached again I thought, why not go to a meeting and see what it entails. I went to another meeting and then realized I was going on a regular basis, observing and taking it all in, and really enjoying the time I was spending. What a great group of nurses that give up their time to be on the board! I enjoyed being at the meetings and getting to know everyone a little bit better. Next thing I know I accepted the position for memberships and started to get more involved. I have had the privilege to attend two Leadership weekends for National ONS in Pittsburgh, PA to experience great networking with other nurses with my same interests as well as learning more about what National ONS is all about, and everything that they offer.

So, why not think about attending a board meeting. We would love to have you and there a number of open opportunities. A great way to begin to get involved!

I would love to hear from you with any suggestions or questions. Please feel free to contact me at sjzcreese@earthlink.net



DORIS MURPH

She is the winner of the 2013 Alice Jordan Award

and

2013 ONS NATIONAL ELECTION VOTING AWARD FOR THE LARGE CHAPTER CATEGORY WINNERS

Our chapter won the 2013 ONS National Election Voting Award for the Large Chapter Category.

FUTURE MEETINGS

September 19, 2013

Presidential Banquet Center

Product Fair

The speaker will be

Dr Pulaski – gyn oncology

Vendor Booths open at 5pm

Program begins at 6:00pm

RSVP to Nan no later than Monday, September 16th

October 17, 2013

Cancer Support Community

Topic of Kadclya with Erika Hawley speaking

Sponsored by Genentech, Gary Sherman

Registration begins at 5:30pm

Program begins at 6:00pm

RSVP to Nan no later than Monday, October 14, 2013

WCO-ONS members are welcome and encouraged to attend.



Contact Mary Murphy @ 937-256-4490 x4417

Go green as efforts are made to carpool to the event with other members

LEADERSHIP WEEKEND AND BOARD MEETING

SUSIE NEWTON, RN, MS, AOCN, AOCNS

Although I have attended other ONS Leadership weekends prior to this year, this was my first experience as an ONS board member (Director at Large). I arrived on Wednesday, July 24th and we met as a board that afternoon. On Thursday we continued our board meetings and we had strategic partnership meetings. This is where members of the board meet with various pharmaceutical partners who are major sponsors of ONS. We had lively discussions regarding how we can best partner, including supporting outcome studies, looking at adherence issues, and patient advocacy issues.

The next day I attended the Special Interest Group (SIG) leadership meeting. This group of leaders shared best practices and brainstormed as to how to make the SIGs more impactful. One idea was to integrate the SIG posters among the poster presentations at ONS Congress. Someone shared a great resource for poster presentations. You can go to posterpresentations.com and they will create a copy of your poster on fabric, so you can fold the poster and put it in your luggage and transportation is easier. Another tip was that there is an app called q code app that will create a q code so that your poster or other information can be scanned into smart phones.



Friday evening was the parade of support for the ONS Foundation. Becky Collins along with a chapter leader from Columbus presented our chapter's donation followed by a rousing O – H – I – O! The attendees donated over \$3,000 to the Foundation in that one evening!

The town hall meeting took place on Saturday morning and there was heavy discussion around the chemo bio course changes and the new certification process / ELNEC. The board and the ONS staff heard everyone's concerns and will do our best to address them.

All in all it was an informative, productive meeting. The networking was superb and the energy was palpable. My biggest learning was that board representation is an

important and fulfilling role. I'd encourage anyone who is interested to talk to me more about how you can get involved!



SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRPERSON

The Scholarship Chairperson is responsible for responsible for communicating criteria for awards and scholarships offered by ONS to chapter members. Responsibilities include announcement and review of applications for awards and scholarships, i.e. Pearl Moore, Excellent in Oncology, etc, and for facilitating the completion of applications before the appropriate deadlines. Contact a board member if interested.

NOMINATIONS CHAIRPERSON

The Nominations Chairperson is responsible for responsible for conducting the annual chapter election. Responsibilities include establishing criteria for candidates for chapter officers in collaboration with the board members and committee chairs. Contact a board member if interested.

IMPORTANT CHANGE TO THE ONS CHEMOTHERAPY COURSE

SUBMITTED BY JILL REESE

While you're busy caring for your patients, ONS is busy caring for you. We know that you rely on ONS to provide evidence-based education to keep you up to date in your practice and help you improve quality of life and outcomes for patients with cancer and their families.

In order to continue to provide you with the best oncology nursing education, we're constantly evaluating our programs to ensure they continue to meet your needs. In response to your feedback, we recently looked at our two-day chemotherapy training course. You told us that although it's crucial to your day-to-day work as an oncology nurse, the vast amount of content covered is difficult to absorb over the two-day, 16-hour in-person course.

To better meet your needs, ONS is replacing the two-day, face-to-face chemotherapy course with an interactive, comprehensive, online course that will offer a certificate indicating the learner possesses specific specialty knowledge (from ONCC) and a continuing nursing education certificate and provider card (from ONS), beginning in early 2014. All in-person chemotherapy courses will cease as of December 31, 2013. The online certificate course will continue to train you on the latest chemotherapy and biotherapy information, but it will allow you to complete the learning over a longer period of time, at your own pace.

The certificate course will continue to follow the same two-year renewal cycle as the two-day course. An annual renewal option will also be available for those whose institutions or states require it. Current chemotherapy provider card holders will need to complete the initial certificate program to establish evidence of their baseline specialty knowledge and will then begin a two-year renewal cycle. If this affects you, ONS will work with you on scheduling and pricing.

We are confident that the chemotherapy training course changes will offer oncology nurses an optimal educational experience, better educational outcomes, and enhanced value. But, consistent with the ONS mission, our goal is that patients will benefit most from these changes.

Look for more information about procedures and enrolling in the certificate course in fall 2013. In the meantime, you can address specific questions to educationchemo@ons.org
<mailto:educationchemo@ons.org>.

Sincerely,

Mary Gullatte, PhD, RN, ANP, BC, AOCN®, FAAN
President, Oncology Nursing Society

Paula Trahan Rieger, RN, MSN, CAE, FAAN
CEO, Oncology Nursing Society



2014 CONGRESS

2014 Congress is May 1-4 in Anaheim, California

Scholarships from National ONS are available. Deadline is December 1, 2013 - applicants can go National ONS website (www.ons.org) for the application.

EDUCATION AND SUPPORT

HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE NURSING ASSOCIATION CINCINNATI TRI-STATE CHAPTER

Wednesday, September 11, 2013
Heart Failure

Tuesday, November 12, 2013
Legislative Update

Thursday, January 4, 2014
Dealing with Difficult Families

Tuesday, March 4, 2014
EOL Care with MRDD

Thursday, May 4, 2014
Compassion Fatigue

Wednesday, July 9, 2014
Pain Management

All meetings are located in the Plaza A Conference Room at the West Chester Hospital
5:30p – Sign in, dinner, and brief business meeting
The program begins around 6:15p

Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA) is a membership nationally recognized organization created to establish a network and support for nurses working in the specialty of palliative nursing across the lifetime continuum. It provides resources and support for advance practice nurses, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, nursing assistants and administrators who care for individuals with serious or life-threatening illnesses.

The Cincinnati Tri-State Chapter meets bimonthly at the West Chester Hospital, West Chester, Ohio 45069. The contact person is Debbie Heidrich (debbie.heidrich@gmail.com).

Please consider joining the local tri-state chapter; the presentations are excellent and the opportunity to network is always beneficial.

SOMETIMES I SEE THEIR FACES

SUBMITTED BY JILL REESE

This is the poem that I read at our 'Love Your Chapter' meeting in May

Sometimes I See Their Faces By Connie Followwill

Sometimes I see their faces, as I gaze into the stars.

I feel the echo of their pain. I see the outline of their scars.

So many people I have seen, lose at the same game.

They fight the war most valiantly, but death soon calls their name.

Each one has a story, that's told only to a few select.

To the ones who have time to listen and who know compassion's effect.

Being the "one" isn't easy. On your heart it takes a toll.

Their stories tug at your emotions. They touch the edges of your soul.

But you can't imagine not doing, the job God gave you to do.

For even though there is pain, there are so many treasure too.

Meeting people and hearing, them tell of all their live have been.

Success, failure, sorrow and joy. Sometimes you lose, sometime you win.

Lending a hand to someone in need. There is no greater feeling of worth.

Then to comfort another, help a friend. It's the greatest feeling on earth.

Cancer is such a vicious thing. It strips them of so much.

Their life, their independence, their dignity. But it can't take away your touch.

Your touch of caring compassion. To let them know you care.

And that they are still a valuable person, even if they don't have any hair.

My heart dances with those who are winning the battle, I see them health and strong.

But m heart breaks with those who are losing. I fell loss in their Swan Song.

Each one leaves a jewel with me, that I cannot explain.

What little I have given does not compare to what I have gained.

And still...

Sometimes I see their faces as I gaze into the stars.

I feel the echo of their pain. I see the outline of their scars.

TITLE VIII FUNDING UPDATE

SUBMITTED BY MARY MURPHY

Last week, on July 9, 2013, the Senate Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee approved their FY 2014 appropriations bill by voice vote. The bill provides the **Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development programs \$251 million**, which is consistent with the President's FY 2014 budget recommendation and the request made by the Nursing Community. HPNA is an active member of the Nursing Community. The increased funding was provided to the Advanced Nursing Education program bringing the total to \$83.5 million. The remaining Title VIII programs were funded at the levels consistent with the President's recommendations and FY 2012 levels.

Additionally **\$5 million was set aside for Nurse-Managed Health Clinics**. The increase to the Title VIII programs is 15% over the FY 2013 post sequestration levels (see: <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/government->

[affairs/FY14-Appropriations.pdf](#)). Additionally, **the National Institute of Nursing Research received \$145.2 million**. Title VIII Total: \$251 million Advanced Education Nursing-\$83.5 million Nursing Workforce Diversity- \$15.8 million Nurse Education, Practice, Quality, and Retention-\$39.6 million Nurse CORPS Loan Repayment and Scholarship Programs- \$83.1 million Nurse Faculty Loan Programs- \$24.6 million Comprehensive Geriatric Education-\$4.5 million The appropriations process has just begun and additional steps must be taken by the Senate to approve these levels.

The full Senate Appropriations Committee is slated to take up the LHHS-ED spending bill on July 11th. There is no word yet as to when the House will consider their funding levels for FY 2014. To access the Summary of the bill, see:

<http://www.appropriations.senate.gov/news.cfm?method=news.view&id=8b1f1173-ed7e-43b8-a21f-389953ebc961>.

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UPCOMING WCO-ONS 2013 BOARD MEETING DATES:

Members are invited, welcome and encouraged to attend!

WHEN: September 10, 2013
November 5, 2013

Meetings are on Tuesday evenings unless otherwise specified. Complimentary dinner is served at 5:30 pm. The meeting begins at 6:00 pm following dinner. Please contact Mary Murphy at 937-256-9507 ext. 4417 to make reservations for the meal.

WHERE: Hospice of Dayton



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