



CENTRAL LINE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jill Reese, RN, BSN, OCN

I was driving to Kroger the other day and saw a nurse, or home health care aid, holding hands with an elderly woman as they went on a walk. Seeing that brought a smile to my face. A small gesture to us, as nurses, provide a feeling of warmth or reassurance to our patients. Think back to all of the lives you have touched over the years.

Do you remember when you decided to be a nurse? Are you a nurse because of the influence of a family member like your mom, grandma, or even an uncle? Did you decide to become a nurse because of an experience that you and/or a loved one went through? My grandma was an OB nurse and she encouraged me to become a candy-striper (not sure if they call young volunteers that anymore) at Miami Valley Hospital. I remember delivering flowers some days and seeing the looks of joy on patients faces when I brought the flowers into their hospital room. Or taking a patient in a wheelchair for tests. The joy that they felt and I could see in their faces as they had someone else to talk to. I have always enjoyed caring for others and not sure what my occupation would be if I had not been 'called' into the nursing profession.

Being a nurse means something different to each of us, as well as working in different functions. I enjoy providing patient care and educating patients and their family members. Some nurses work in a management role, as a research nurse, an advanced practice nurse, provide phone triage, palliative care, in a hospital setting, hospice, a patient navigator, or in the pharmacy world, just to name a few. Each and every one of us, no matter what aspect of nursing we provide, makes a difference in our patients and their families lives.

I ask each one of you take a few minutes to reflect on your experiences and what that event was that caused you to realize your calling into nursing. What is it that keeps you going each day and providing joy to the patients with the care that you each provide?

When someone asks me what my job is...I am proud to say that I am a nurse.

I would love to hear from you....you can reach me at sjzcreese@earthlink.net or call me at 470-2380.



TO THE FOLLOWING WINNERS IN RECENT DRAWINGS

VENDOR FAIR:

National ONS Membership.....Gretchen Trunk

NEEDS ASSESSMENT:

National ONS Membership.....Danielle Sundermeyer

\$25.00 Visa Gift Card.....Mary Murphy

\$25.00 Visa Gift Card.....Nan Lawary

\$25.00 Visa Gift Card.....Lori Bellan



CONGRATULATIONS

The following people were recently elected for our 2014 board.

Treasurer: Darla Subler

Secretary: Jan Rafferty

President-Elect 2014: Becky Collins

FUTURE MEETINGS

November 12, 2013

Mama DiSalvo's

1375 E Stroop Road, Kettering

Debra Harris, MSN, RN, OCN from Oregon Health & Science University

Will be speaking about

Recognition, Prevention and Management of

Mucositis: The Nurse's Role

1.0 Contact hour will be given

Sponsored by Medical Learning Institute and Avid Education Partners

Registration begins at 5:30pm

Program begins at 6:00pm

RSVP to Nan no later than Monday, November 11th

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



A HUGE Thank You goes out to Jackie Matthews and LaDonna Hinkle for all of their hard work at the Vendor Fair. All was greatly appreciated!!!

October 22nd was the City Barbeque Fundraiser and we raised \$71.77 for the Cancer Support Community. If anyone would like to send a donation to The Cancer Support Community, please mail your donation to:
4801 Hempstead Station Road
Kettering, OH 45429
Thank you to all who contributed.

The following thank you from the Cancer Support Center:

Members of the ONS,

Please accept the sincere appreciation of the Cancer Support Community Western Ohio for your sponsorship of a fundraising activity at City Barbeque - Centerville.

We are proud to provided additional support to your patients, sharing with them Education programs; Weekly Support Groups; Healthy Lifestyle Classes and social programming that strive to reduce anxiety on a cancer journey.

Your collective and individual actions raised over \$70 in one night from the City Barbeque - Centerville event. \$70 enables 1 cancer survivor, personal support with their selection of a brand new wig. Wigs are distributed free charge at Cancer Support Community.

Thank you all for understanding and supporting our vision: So that no one faces cancer alone! If you have any thoughts or questions, please feel free to give me a call 223-4117. THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU!

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Warmly,
Jeanine Hufford, Executive Director

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.



LaDonna Hinkle recently presented at the American College of Surgeons Conference in Washington, DC. LaDonna's topic was Role of Oncology Nurse in Patient Identification and Data Collection and she spoke about her role in the VA's early palliative care research study.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

DORIS MURPH, RN, OCN

Doris Murph is our featured member this quarter. She is an infusion nurse at Cancer Specialists of Greater Dayton. Doris has been a nurse for 47 years and an oncology nurse for 28 of those years. She went into nursing only because she "needed a job". Doris has been an ONS member for twenty years and was the winner of the 2013 Alice Jordan Mentorship Award.

EDUCATION AND SUPPORT

**HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE NURSING
ASSOCIATION
CINCINNATI TRI-STATE CHAPTER**

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.



Our website has recently and continues to be updated. Please look at our website – www.wcoho.vc.ons.org – for the latest information. If you have any information that you would like included on our website, please contact LaDonna Hinkle.



Have a safe and happy holiday season!

UPCOMING WCO-ONS 2013 BOARD MEETING DATES:

Members are invited, welcome and encouraged to attend!

WHEN: November 5, 2013

WHERE: Hospice of Dayton

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.



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