

## President's Message

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Happy Oncology Nursing Month! I hope that you realize how special you are and how important you are. I can speak from both personal and professional experience on how you make a difference in each person that you interact with daily. Thank you.

I was reading the ONS leadership update letter when I came across an article about the Nevada ONS Chapter. Dina Faucher, PhD, RN from the Nevada ONS chapter developed a list about what ONS is and reasons why you would want to be a part of it. I began thinking about our chapter and all the reasons why a person would want to be a part of our chapter. As you read below, think about our chapter.

ONS is a professional organization whose members are a diverse group representing a variety of professional roles, practice settings, and subspecialty practice areas. Members include registered nurses (including staff nurses), advanced practice nurses, administrators, case managers, educators, researchers, consultants, and students studying to become nurses. The following are the top ten reasons to become a member of the Nevada ONS Chapter:

Reason number TEN: Monthly pharmaceutical-sponsored full-course **fine-dining dinners**.

Reason number NINE: **Household discount savings** on selected everyday expenses, including cell phone service, car rentals, computer/accessory purchases, insurance, scrubs and more.

Reason number EIGHT: Many **networking opportunities** through chapter meetings, special interest groups, and national conferences.

Reason number SEVEN: Access to **continuing nursing education** at the local, regional, and national level as well as online learning opportunities.

Reason number SIX: **Three full publication subscriptions** to the *Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing*, *Oncology Nursing Forum*, and *ONS Connect* (a value of more than \$300 per year).

Reason number FIVE: Full access to the **ONS Web site's resources**, including its current oncology-related news provided on the site's special interest groups (SIGs) pages.

Reason number FOUR: **Hundred of dollars of ONS savings** in relation to educational offerings and resources, including Congress (\$125), certifications (\$120), publications (20%-30%), online education (20%-30%), and online CNE (free). Also, a multitude of awards, grants, and scholarships are available.

Reason number THREE: Access to the **national membership directory** where you locate members by name, geographical area or SIG.

Reason number TWO: Access to ONS's **mentoring program**, which is a formal mentoring program for oncology nurse professionals and includes a student newsletter along with discount rates.

Reason Number ONE: **Survival of the local Nevada chapter.**

ONS has been a leader of cancer nursing care since 1975. It provides information and education to nurses worldwide in addition to playing an active role in advocacy activities at the local, national and international levels. **Please join TODAY so this great organization can continue to make a difference to so many, including patients. See you at the next educational dinner meeting.**

Please email me ([pladams213@gmail.com](mailto:pladams213@gmail.com)) your thoughts about the above. I look forward to your helpful suggestions.