Happy Oncology Nursing Month!
I hope you all are having a terrific month celebrating all things oncology nursing – the good, the bad, the rewarding – all the emotions that keep us going back day after day to do what we love: impact the lives of the patients we serve. I hope you will take some time this month and over the summer to “refill your cup”. We all need that time to recharge our batteries in order to be the best we can be in all aspects of our lives both professional and personal.

I will be attending the ONS Congress in Anaheim, California at the beginning of May with a couple of my colleagues. Having attended this conference in the past, I know it will be a time to fill my cup on a professional and a personal level. I am looking forward to visiting with nursing peers from all over the country and reconnecting with former colleagues from previous career paths.

Consider making an oncology conference part of your menu to fill your cup. We have several scholarships available to assist you with the financial aspects. Scholarships are available for local conferences and conferences that involve travel. So far this year, we haven’t had anyone apply for scholarships so I strongly encourage you to fill out an application today. The applications are available on the website (http://fortworth.vc.ons.org/) and it takes just a few moments to fill one out.
Coming in the fall, we will have other ways to fill your cup via a community service event. I know of no better way to fill your cup than being in service to others. In October, we will make and serve breakfast to the patients’ families at the Ronald McDonald House in Fort Worth. The date for the event is October 25, on a Saturday morning. It will take just a few hours of your time but it will bless many people going through a less than ideal time in their lives. I will have all the details at the May meeting along with a signup sheet. Thank you in advance for considering giving back to your community. Let’s fill our cups!

At our December chapter membership meeting which will be on Monday, December 1st, we hope to have a “festive” fill-your-cup type of meeting. We are looking at brining in a special motivational/inspirational type speaker to brighten our spirits as we close out the year. We are in the beginning stage of planning this meeting, but mark your calendar because you will not want to miss it!

I hope you all have a great month! As a reminder, we will not have any meetings or newsletters during the summer months of June, July and August. We will resume our membership meetings in September. Have a fabulous summer, stay safe, and by all means, fill your cup!!

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Names in the News...

♦ Congratulations to our Oncology Nurse of the Year: Michelle Grodi. The announcement was made at the Cowtown Oncology Symposium on Saturday, April 26. Look for photos on the website.

♦ Texas Health HEB is excited to announce the promotion of Lori Krogman into her new role of Director of Nursing, Acute Care. Lori began her career at THHEB in 1990. Over the years she had responsibility for Oncology and Med/Surg Tower 4. In this role, Lori will provide nursing leadership for Critical Care, Med/Surg, Oncology and Progressive Care.
ONCOLOGY CERTIFIED NURSE (OCN) – BASIC LEVEL CERTIFICATION FOCUSED ON ADULT ONCOLOGY

ADVANCED ONCOLOGY CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONER (AOCNP) – role specific, advanced level certification for the adult oncology nurse practitioner who holds a master’s degree or higher degree in nursing and has completed a nurse practitioner program.

ADVANCED ONCOLOGY CERTIFIED CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST (AOCNS) – role specific, advanced level certification for the adult oncology clinical nurse specialist who holds a master’s or higher degree in nursing.

CERTIFIED BREAST CARE NURSE (CBCN) – role specialty certification focused on breast care.

ADVANCED ONCOLOGY CERTIFIED NURSE (AOCN) – advanced level certification focused on adult oncology.

OCN, CBCN examinations are offered quarterly by computer-based testing. AOCNP and AOCNS examinations are offered year round, also by computer based testing.

WE NEED YOU: Community service events

Come help us Serve breakfast at the Ronald McDonald House!! Save the date: Saturday, October 25, 2014.

Other volunteer opportunities are coming: Special Olympics, Grapevine Relief & Community Exchange.
Educational Opportunities

NCONN 5TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Setting the Course for Improved Cancer Care
June 12-14, 2014
Hyatt Regency
Atlanta, GA
www.NCONNconference.com

A Free, Internet-based Activity
New Targeted Agents in Metastatic Colorectal Cancer: A Guide for Oncology Nurses (CE)

City of Hope Nursing Research and Education Conferences for 2014
www.cityofhope.org/nursing-research-and-education

ONS SCHOLARSHIPS

There are scholarships available (max $1000.00 each) for ONS members. Contact Jenny Ellis (jennyellis@texashealth.org) for more information.

- $500 for a one day conference/no travel
- $1000 for a conference offering >8 CE and/or involves travel
- Must submit a copy of the CE certificate and expenses
- Expenses submitted must not be reimbursable by any other funding (employer, grant, other scholarship)
Fort Worth Regional ONS Meeting

“Radiation Oncology for All. What you don’t know that you don’t know”

Featured Speaker: Janice K. Tomberlin, MD
Texas Oncology

Monday, May 5, 2014
Registration 6 pm
Chapter Business Meeting, Dinner (cash bar)
& Lecture 6:30

Hurst Conference Center
1601 Campus Drive, Hurst, TX 76054
817-581-0044

RSVP to:
Steve Kyle at SKyle@genomichealth.com

RSVP is required, seating is limited. If you find that you can not attend (after RSVP) please email Steve Kyle. All nursing students must contact their professor to RSVP.

HOSTED BY: Genomic Health

$5 for ONS members, $15 for non-members

In adherence with PhRMA guidelines, this medical education program is for healthcare professionals only. Inclusion of a healthcare professional’s spouse or other guest is not appropriate.

REMEMBER: NO meetings in June, July or August
The Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) is a professional association of more than 35,000 members committed to promoting excellence in oncology nursing and the transformation of cancer care. Since 1975, ONS has provided a professional community for oncology nurses, developed evidence-based education programs and treatment information, and advocated for patient care, all in an effort to improve quality of life and outcomes for patients with cancer and their families. Together, ONS and the cancer community seek to reduce the risks, incidence, and burden of cancer by encouraging healthy lifestyles, promoting early detection, and improving the management of cancer symptoms and side effects throughout the disease trajectory.

May is

- National Nurses Week (6-12)
- ALS Awareness month
- Arthritis Awareness Month
- Celiac Awareness Month
- National Cancer Research Month
- National Melanoma Awareness Month
- National Mental Health Month
- National Neurofibromatosis Month