Welcome Back!

Happy September everyone! I hope everyone had a fabulous, safe, and fun summer! I look forward to seeing you all at our September meeting. While we’ve been away, I had the wonderful opportunity of attending the 39th Annual ONS Congress last May in Anaheim, California. The conference had many great educational and networking opportunities. There were several classes that centered on survivorship and survivorship care plans as hospitals and clinics work to incorporate this important component of patient care into their practice. There were also several classes on complementary and alternative medicine and the research that is being conducted on the effectiveness of these care modalities.

I also was able to attend the ONS Leadership Development Workshop held in Pittsburgh, PA in July. The focus of this conference is on the local ONS chapters and leadership development within the chapter. They also provided many important ONS updates which I will be sharing with you over the next few months. It was a wonderful opportunity to get to network with other chapter leader and share ideas on best practices. ONS does a great job of supporting the local chapters and funds one person to attend this workshop each year. Opportunities to attend great conferences like these are just one of many benefits of serving on our board of directors. We have a few openings for next year so please consider volunteering! It is well worth your time!

Our local Fort Worth ONS board met for a retreat in August. We use this time not only as team building as a leadership team, but also to reflect on what we’ve accomplished and what we want to accomplish over the next year. We use your feedback from the needs assessment survey as a guide for our strategic planning. Thank you to Michelle Grodi for hosting our retreat this year! We have many great ideas and great plans coming your way!

As you can see, it has been a busy summer in ONS world. It is going to be a busy fall as well as we have many great programs and events coming your way. In October, we will be cooking breakfast for the Ronald McDonald House. At our next membership meeting, I will send a signup sheet around for vol-
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Volunteers to help us with this event. It will be on the 25th; it will only take a few hours of your time, AND you get a FREE T-shirt! We also will be collecting coats and blankets to give to a local charity in December. More details to follow about this opportunity.

Elections for new board members are coming soon. Please consider running for one of our open board positions for 2015. We have the following positions available: President-Elect, Secretary, and Membership/Nominating Chair. I will be passing out more information about what is involved with each of these positions at the next meeting. We also will be hosting a board “training/transition” evening so that you can learn from the outgoing board member what your responsibilities are so that when January comes you are ready to go. There are several of us who will remain on the board during 2015 and are more than willing to help you in your new position if you have questions. We have FUN as a board and want you and your new ideas to join us!!

Finally, a HUGE congratulations goes out to our amazing Newsletter Editors! It was recently announced that the Fort Worth ONS has won the 2014 Newsletter Award in the Large Chapter category!! I am thrilled that our chapter has been recognized and honored in this way! THANK YOU to Lisa Logan and Monique Lounethone for all your hard work and dedication to making our newsletter one of the best!

Have a great fall!

Tracy

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

Photo L to R: Suzy Lockwood, (Membership Chair) Michelle Grodi, Tracy Messing (FW ONS chapter President).
ONS Certification Programs & Education

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.

Chapter News

* Open board positions in 2015
* Community Service Event #1: Serve breakfast at the Ronald McDonald House!! Saturday, October 25, 2014
* CEU offering at October ONS meeting!
* Vendor Fair in November
* Community service event #2: coat/blanket drive
* December Celebration: motivational speaker

More information at the meeting...see you there!
16th Annual Texas Llano Estacado Oncology Symposium
“New Oncology Options: New Hope”
Saturday, September 6, 2014
Lubbock, Texas Health Resources
http://txllano.vc.ons.org

Competence in Cancer Care: What the Nurse Needs to Know
Includes OCN test taking strategies and review of OCN test blueprint

Comprehensive One-Day Course:
- Scientific basis for practice, treatment modalities, protective mechanisms, disease process, alterations in lifestyle, health promotion, and oncologic emergencies
- Reserve your seat now at www.noep.org and earn 7.75 hours

October 4, 2014
Dallas, Texas

AICR 2014
Annual Research Conference on Food, Nutrition, Physical Activity and Cancer

There are scholarships available (max $1000.00 each) for local chapter 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

ONS SCHOLARSHIPS
Fort Worth Regional ONS Meeting

“Employing an Anti-EGFR Treatment Option in Metastatic Colorectal Cancer”

Featured Speaker: Joan M. Clark MSN RN BC ANP
Clinical Instructor, St. Louis University School of Nursing

Monday, September 8, 2014
Registration 6 pm
Chapter Business Meeting, Dinner (cash bar)
& Lecture 6:30

Papadeaux Seafood Kitchen
2708 W. Freeway, Fort Worth 76102
817-877-8843

RSVP to:
Robyn Bulham, 972-746-3439 or rstruve@amgen.com

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

HOSTED BY: Amgen

$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.
Fort Worth ONS Chapter Open Board Positions for 2015:
President-Elect, Secretary, & Membership/Nominating.

♦ Terms are 2 years, starting in January 2015.
♦ For more information about duties & responsibilities, please contact Suzy Lockwood (s.lockwood@tcu.edu) or Tracy Messing (Tracymessing@mckesson.com)
♦ Nominations will be taken at the October meeting
♦ Voting will take place in November.

August Fort Worth ONS Board Retreat at Possum Kingdom

(Left to Right) Lisa Logan, Michelle Grodi, Tammy Quattrochi, Lori Krogman, Gayle Wilkins

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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.

September is

- Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
- Leukemia & Lymphoma Awareness Month
- Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month
- Prostate Cancer Awareness Month