



Message from the President:

Happy spring! Welcome Congress & warm weather! How exciting to be Chapter President when Congress comes to town. I would like to thank the entire chapter Board & volunteers for all of their hard work & commitment to WDC ONS. I also want to acknowledge our past president, Linda Miller, for her strong leadership & the direction she provided in 2012. All have provided many hours of their time to make the chapter what it is...an organization committed to providing professional development for current & future oncology nurses through chapter activities. Soon we will be planning the activities for the fall & winter of 2013-14 & invite all chapter members to participate. The chapter is your organization & needs member involvement to survive. As soon as the planning retreat day is set (late spring or early summer) it will be posted on our Virtual Community at <http://dc.vc.ons.org/> & an email alert will be sent. If you are unable to make the retreat I encourage you to get involved by attending any board meeting or to volunteer on a committee.

Congress is a huge undertaking for a chapter & we are lucky to have Nonniekaye Shelburne serving as the Congress Chapter Planning Team Lead. She has coordinated volunteer efforts of all of the local chapters: WDC, Northern VA, Potomac Area, Richmond Area, Greater Baltimore, & Mid-Chesapeake. There are still opportunities to volunteer, please visit <http://dc.vc.ons.org/> to sign up.

I would be remiss if I did not congratulate our newly elected board members, Leslie Smith, RN, MSN, ACONS® as President Elect & Alice Beers, RN, BSN, OCN®BC as Secretary. Both have previously participated on the Board & we are happy to have them as elected officers.

I look forward to meeting all of you & serving as the chapter president over the next year. I welcome your feedback & participation. See you at Congress!

Elizabeth Fagan, RN, BSN
President, WDC ONS

WDC ONS Chapter Programs Update

This past year, the programs committee has attempted to bring the membership a variety of interesting topics in addition to providing contact hours. A synopsis of our programs since September includes:

- September 2012: “Determining the New Role of Oncology Nurses in the Post-Affordable Care Act (PPACA)” presented by Laurie Dohnalek, BSN, MBA, RN, NE-BC and Alec Stone, MA, MBA.
- October 2012: “Current Strategies for Nursing Management of Myelodysplastic Syndromes” presented by Barbara Rogers, RN, CNP.
- December 2012 Course Offering: “ONS Care of the Older Adult with Cancer” presented by Nonniekaye Shelburne, RN, MS, AOCN.
- January 2013 “ASCO and Oncology Nursing: “A Partnership with Our Peers” presented by Sandra Swain, MD, President, ASCO.

Since January, our programs have been on hold in order to prepare for ONS Congress this month. The committee will meet again in May to begin planning for the 2013/2014 season. One program

we are hoping to present is the ONS Chemotherapy/Biotherapy Course in the fall. As always, our goal is to provide topics that are interesting and relevant to nursing practice while providing an opportunity for networking and obtaining contact hours. We are always happy to welcome new members to our committee with fresh ideas. Please consider joining us!

The programs committee is also excited to welcome June Ebeling, RN, BSN, as the new programs chair. June is the Urology Oncology Nurse Navigator at The Medstar Washington Cancer Institute. June is new to our chapter and is ready to help bring an array of topics to the membership for next year.

The programs committee consists of Lisa Bengtson, Kate Castro, June Ebeling, Liz Ness, Nonniekaye Shelburne, and Leslie Smith.

If you have any ideas for programs; if there is someone you would like to hear speak or a topic presented, or you would like to join our committee please contact June Ebeling or Leslie Smith at at: June.M.Ebeling@medstar.net Leslie.D.Smith@medstar.net

The WDC ONS Chapter Elects New Officers

Welcomes Leslie Smith MSN, RN, AOCNS as the 2013 President Elect and Alice Beers

BSN, OCN®, RN-BC as the 2013 Secretary. There was a 30% ballot response rate and each candidate received 100% of the votes. Thank you to all chapter members for taking the time to elect our new Board members.

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Membership Update

As many of you are aware, membership in local ONS Chapters will be changing effective May 1st, 2013. Beginning in May, dues to local chapters will be included in the membership cost to National.

National will be reimbursing the dues in full to each chapter. Designation to a local chapter depends on the ONS profile you complete for your national membership. You will remain a member of the chapter to which you currently belong. After April 30th, we can no longer accept membership dues to the WDC ONS Chapter. Please visit the ONS Chapter Virtual Communities at <http://chapter.vc.ons.org/> to see the 'Frequently Asked Questions' in the **Important Update on Chapter Membership Model** section. You may also contact Sandy Schafer at Sschaef5@jhmi.edu with questions.

Meet A New WDC-ONS Member:

Robert Ebeling, BSN, CWOCN
In 1972 after two years in the United States Marine Corps, Bob Ebeling decided to go to college. He studied Organic Chemistry and graduated with an associate's degree in Life Science from Northampton County Area Community College in Bethlehem, PA. By the time he graduated, he was working at Bethlehem Steel Corp., Bethlehem, PA in #8 Machine Shop machining pieces of metal weighing up to 300 tons. His father, grandfathers and great grandfather had also worked there. Almost 15 years later and after enduring years of cyclical lay-offs Bob attended a Christmas Party in

1987 with his wife June who was employed at Easton Hospital, Easton PA on the Oncology floor as an oncology nurse. At the Christmas party Bob met Dr. Harlan, Oncologist. Dr. Harlan told Bob that he had also worked at Bethlehem Steel and decided to become a doctor, specializing in Oncology. "You ought to be a doctor," he said to Bob. And with that cheery Christmas chat, Bob started thinking about the medical field. Less than one year later he went back to Northampton Community College, graduating in 1991 from his alma mater once again, this time with an AD in Nursing. Bob worked at Sacred Heart Hospital in Allentown, PA for the next seven years, primarily on the Neurology floor, but also taking the in-hospital chemotherapy course to administer chemotherapy on the oncology floor. From 1993-96 Bob would also work, on his long weekend, at Presbyterian Medical Center in Philadelphia on a unit that specialized in HIV/AIDS patient care. Bob continued to work at Bethlehem Steel, and in 1998 when the local plant in Bethlehem closed, he headed west to Burns Harbor, Indiana in a vain attempt to get his 30 year pension from the Steel Company. He worked in the 160" plate mill where they made steel plates (like the ones you drive over on highway construction sites.) While there he also worked at the

local hospitals, Porter Memorial and St. Anthony's. He also worked at Northwestern Hospital in Chicago as a documentation specialist riding the South Shore train to the end of the line, Randolph Street. During those years he attended Indiana University receiving a Bachelor's degree in nursing. During the next twelve years Bob worked on a telemetry unit, the cardiac cath lab and the medical ICU. Bob then studied wound, ostomy and continence care at Mechanicsville, PA attending Wick's Educational WOCN School and is certified as a CWOCN. Bob was offered a position at Washington Hospital Center in the WOCN department where he now works. He is a member of the MOA, Maryland Ostomy Association and attends their monthly support groups, offering his time and knowledge to members. He recently became a member of the ONS, and contributes to their newsletter. Bob enjoys writing stories, plays classical guitar, still enjoys motorcycle riding, bicycling and hiking with his and June's Golden Retriever, Rusty. Bob and June have a married son and two grandchildren.

