



Washington DC Chapter Oncology Nursing Society Charter 1986

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Message from the President

Well, we made it through Congress! Thank you to all who participated in the volunteer activities that made it a success. Members of the WDC, Potomac, Mid-Chesapeake, Baltimore, Northern VA & Richmond chapters provided countless hours in 125 volunteer slots to welcome over 3,500 participants. For more details visit our brand new virtual community at <http://dc.vc.ons.org/>.

By now you've all heard about the Universal Chapter Membership ONS has launched. I want to take this opportunity to welcome the new members to our chapter. I look forward to meeting you & invite you to join us at our next event in Sept. Under this model our chapter has grown from 57 to 138 members & the chapter will receive about \$1,400 into its treasury annually from member dues. If you haven't had the opportunity to review the information previously, you can find more details & how this will impact members & chapters at <http://dc.vc.ons.org/>.

One benefit that happened along with the new model is a redesign of the VC. It is much more user friendly, so please visit <http://dc.vc.ons.org/>. While you're there, click on the "Chapter Calendar" in the tabs at the left & follow the steps to subscribe to receive calendar events notices. Take a look at what's coming from Programs, & register for one. Once you see what the Programs Committee has in store for us, you will be looking forward to the fall as much as I am.

As I have done before, I want to extend the invitation to chapter members to attend the WDC ONS Board meetings. The WDC ONS Board holds four meetings a year & any member in good standing is welcome. The next meeting will be held approximately one hour prior to the program on Wednesday, Sept 18th at Lebanese Taverna in Bethesda. Hope to see you there!

Liz Fagan President, WDC ONS

WDC ONS Chapter Programs Update

Since January, our programs had been on hold while preparing for the ONS Congress. The committee has been reviewing and considering programs to host for the 2013/2014 season with regard to funding constraints, availability of sponsors and educators. As always, our goal is to provide topics that are interesting and relevant to your nursing practice while providing an opportunity for networking and obtaining contact hours.

The Washington, DC Chapter of the Oncology Nursing Society is please to sponsor:

Clinical Trials: From Study Design to Monitoring

DATE: Saturday, September 14, 2013

TIME: Registration 08:00-08:30
Course length: 08:30-1630

LOCATION:
MedStar George Washington University Hospital
Auditorium, Lower Level
900 23rd St. NW
Washington, DC 20037
Parking: Metered and Public Garage.

FACULTY:
Elizabeth Ness, RN, MS
Marge Good, RN, MPH, OCN®

Register and Pay Online via PayPal at <http://dc.vc.ons.org/> (No on-site registrations will be accepted)

For registration questions, contact: Nonniekaye Shelburne at

nshelburne@nih.gov or 240-276-6897

Additionally:

The Washington, DC Chapter of the Oncology Nursing Society is please to present:

ASCO/ONS Oral Chemotherapy Standards: Strategies for Implementing and Maintenance of the Standards in Your Practice Setting

Wednesday, September 18, 2013
6:00pm Registration and

Networking
6:30pm – 8:00pm Business
Meeting & Program

At the:

Lebanese Taverna
7141 Arlington Road ~ Bethesda,
MD 20814

Restaurant is 2 ½ blocks from
Bethesda Metro on Red Line ~
Public parking garage is nextdoor
on Elm Street \$5

Program Costs:
WDC Chapter Members: \$10
Non-Members: \$25

Registration and Payments Online

At: <http://dc.vc.ons.org/> then
select RSVP for Meetings
in the green menu box **by
September 11th**
CEU's will be provided.

Guest Speakers:

Terry Gilmore, MSN
American Society of Clinical
Oncology, and Anna Vioral, MSN,
MEd., RN, OCN®

West Penn Allegheny Health
System

One program we are working on presenting is the ONS **Chemotherapy/Biotherapy Course** this fall, at the MedStar George Washington University Hospital Auditorium which is booked for November 2nd and 3rd. We are always happy to welcome new members to our committee with fresh ideas. Please consider joining us!

The programs committee consists of June Ebeling, Lisa Bengtson, Kate Castro, 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 at:

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Meet a WDC-ONS Member:

Nonniekaye Shelburne CRNP, MS, AOCN®
Program Director, National Cancer Institute: Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences

Nonniekaye began her nursing career at the age of 12 when her mother was diagnosed with breast cancer, followed shortly by her father diagnosed with incurable Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. It didn't take long for her to know that oncology was her present and her future. Her father died after a 5-year battle with cancer that included a bone marrow transplant (BMT). This experience fueled her passion to help patients and families with similar stories. This goal influenced her role at the bedside, in leadership and cancer research positions, and through numerous volunteer efforts with the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS).

Nonniekaye has worked at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) since 1998, both in the Clinical Center and National Cancer Institute (NCI). She received both her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Master of Science from the University of Maryland at Baltimore.

Given her personal cancer experience it wasn't a surprise that she worked in the hematology and BMT program including roles at the bedside, as Clinical Nurse Specialist and Nurse Practitioner.

During her first interview at the NIH CC, the manager asked if it would be difficult to work with oncology and BMT patients given her family history and Nonniekaye replied that it would only be hard if she *couldn't* work with oncology and BMT patients given her family history. During her time at the NIH CC, Nonniekaye's focus was on

improving the clinical and research outcomes of patients in Phase I and II Clinical Trials for cancer and hematological disorders through patient care, quality improvement work and staff education.

In 2010, Nonniekaye moved to the NCI to expand her cancer reach by working with extramural investigators around the country.

Nonniekaye has been involved with the ONS both locally and nationally for many years. She has served the Washington DC (WDC) Chapter as the Virtual Community (website) Administrator, a Chemotherapy and Biotherapy course instructor and on the Program Committee.

Nonniekaye is an active member of the ONS BMT SIG including serving on the BMT Tandem Nursing Meeting Planning Team.

As Nonniekaye broadened her cancer focus in her career she did the same with her volunteer work as she served on the ONS Annual Congress planning team for the 2012 and 2013 Congresses and is the Planning Team Chair for the upcoming 2014 Congress in Anaheim, CA.

She also served as the WDC chapter liaison to the 2013 Congress held in Washington, DC in April 2013. The planning team includes working with oncology experts from around the country and the ONS's education team, which is a highlight of Nonniekaye's professional career.

Nonniekaye is thankful to her patients that have taught her about cancer care, family, life, faith, love and facing your mortality, and dedicates her entire career to her mother who is a 26 year survivor of breast cancer and to her father who knew how to embrace his life journey that ended after 50 short years.

Educational Scholarships Available

The WDC ONS Board of Directors met on June 29th to plan the chapter activities for the upcoming year. Each year the Board reviews options for educational scholarships for members.

This year the Board is offering two scholarships: a \$1,000.00 award for any oncology CE event & a \$250.00 award for any on-line course offered by ONS.

These educational awards are available by submitting your name & a short summary of why you are interested in attending the course (250 words or less).

If there is more than one entry for each event there will be a blind review & vote by the Board.

The scholarships are on a first come, first serve basis & will remain available until they are awarded or June 2014.

The recipient of the \$1,000.00 scholarship is required to fill a board or committee position for a minimum of one year. The recipient of the \$250.00 on-line scholarship is required to write a short article for the newsletter or give a 10 minute presentation at a membership meeting.

Email your submission to LizFagan815@gmail.com.

WDC Newsletter editor:
Robert Ebeling, RN, BSN, CWOCN

Treasurer's Report: August 2013

The chapter remains in need of a volunteer to perform the duties of treasurer. Currently the Board performs the treasurer functions & has unanimously voted to employ a CPA to perform bookkeeping & accounting functions. If you are interested in the treasurer position please contact Liz Fagan at 202.431.1611 or lizfagan815@gmail.com. In the near future the proposed chapter budget for the next 12 months will be emailed to the membership for a vote of approval. Please vote!

TOTAL ASSETS: 12/31/12	15,552.44	Jan chapter program Bistro Bistro	1,180.87
Income			
Total Member dues	540.00	Postage & Delivery (financial records)	86.73
Total Program fees	190.00		
TOTAL INCOME	730.00	TOTAL EXPENSES	1,620.69
Expenses			
Bank Charges-PayPal Service Fees	4.18	Overall Total	890.69
Congress (flags, scarves, pins, banner)	289.58		
March Board meeting refreshments	67.69	TOTAL ASSETS: 5/31/13	14,661.75

The WDC Website: Virtual Community or VC is now LIVE!

The newly revised WDC website, referred to as the Virtual Community or VC, at <http://dc.vc.ons.org/> is LIVE! Please take a look around and learn about:

- The Chapter's role in the 2013 ONS Congress held in Washington DC
- 2 exciting September programs, including online registration and payments
- Health Advocacy Resources
- Information on the new chapter membership process
- Board meeting minutes
- And much, much more.....

The Chapter utilizes 2 main VC functions to communicate with its members, the *Chapter Announcements* and *Chapter Calendar*, both found in the menu on the Left side of the page. Emails are automatically sent to those subscribed to each function when something is posted. The chapter board takes great care to minimize the number of emails received by members while ensuring they have all the information they need. Emails are usually 3 or less per month. Information on how to subscribe to these postings is below:

- Announcements:** ONS has automatically added all WDC ONS members to the *VC Announcement* list serve and will update it monthly. Unless your membership with WDC changes, you will automatically receive these emails unless you manually 'unsubscribe' using the VC Announcement link or the link at the bottom of an Announcement email you have received. We use the announcement function to send electronic newsletters and important information to members.
- Chapter Calendar:** Each member must login using your ONS username/password, select Chapter Calendar and subscribe themselves to receive chapter events. Due to privacy policies, WDC does not have members individual emails and cannot add members automatically as was done in the past. The Calendar list is used to post upcoming chapter events, educational offerings and other local events that the Board would like members to know.

WDC went paperless a year ago and all communications (events, newsletters, and Board minutes), event registration and payments are all online via the VC at <http://dc.vc.ons.org/>. Meeting and course registrations are accessed through the link at the top of the VC. If you have any questions about the use of the VC, please contact Nonniekaye Shelburne at nselburne@nih.gov

