



# WEST CENTRAL MINNESOTA CHAPTER

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## Fall 2022 Member Newsletter



### Annual Parade of Chapters



### Special points of interest:

- Event Updates
- 2023 WCM Chapter Election ballots coming soon- be sure and cast your vote for new board members!

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We are **excited** that our chapter contributed to The Oncology Nursing Foundation (See our above picture that was submitted for the virtual parade of chapters) again. The Oncology Nursing Foundation allows you to give directly to nurses who specialize in cancer care and are dedicated to improving their patients' outcomes. Funds are granted from the foundation to reflect the needs of today's oncology nurses and help them address the complexities of cancer care. Check to see if you would be eligible for a national scholarship on the ONS national page!



### Current Corner-

Submitted by: Brenda Hommerding and Karla Schlicht, Program Chairs

## The dog days of summer are upon us!

### Where did *the* time go?

The WCMONS has had a busy year! Here is a recap of events!

**February:** February brought hopefully our only virtual event of the year. The chapter hosted a virtual AML overview, which was well attended.

**March:** We celebrated our first in person event with an overview of ONS Congress 2021, as well as a presentation on the History of HELA Cells. Both presentations were given by ONS members with one ILNA point provided.

**May:** As with the ever changing world, May brought a new location to our Vendor Fair. With a new location, we were able to increase available space for vendors and hosted over 35 vendors. We also provided an opportunity for socializing over food and drink!

**June:** Summer brought sunshine and socializing with a social at Milk and Honey Cidery. We ate pizza and enjoyed 10 games of riveting bingo as we sipped cider! The evening was perfect and the company even better!

### West Central MN Scholarships-

Submitted by: Taylor Schroeder, President Elect

Are you eligible?

*This summer has been so exciting with all the interest in scholarships! We can't wait to hear from Megan Larson who was granted the continuing education scholarship! Stay tuned to next year's events to hear from Megan! We are also excited to announce our most recent nursing student scholarship recipients: Bobbie Kilpela and Chukwue-meka Etuakwu!*

*Scholarship opportunities are available for obtaining your OCN, becoming a member of the WCMNONS chapter, and for enhancing your knowledge by attending ONS Congress.*

*Check out the opportunities and deadlines for application today at <https://communities.ons.org/westcentralminnesota/resources/new-item2>*

*Keep the applications coming in for our other amazing opportunities!*

### Treasurer's Update

Submitted By: Markie McLaughlin, Treasurer

Another successful vendor fair has come and gone. Thanks for all the vendors who came out to support this year's event!

With funding we were able to offer a scholarship for continuing education to one of our members to attend a conference on tobacco health in New Orleans this summer. We will also be awarding two nursing student scholarships!

With the past events and current events coming up, our balances remain stable. Currently we have \$16,329.67 in our checking and \$13,623.66 in our savings.

# Your Vote Matters!



**Please cast your vote for the 2023 Election!**

Submitted By: Kelsey Yasgar, Nominating Chair

The next election is just around the corner- 9/1/22! You will receive an email with a SurveyMonkey link to cast your vote! Please be sure to review the candidates biographies and determine who you think would be the best fit. This is a great opportunity to give your input on the leadership of our West Central MN ONS chapter! Election results will be announced at the end of September and new members will be inducted to the board at the November holiday gathering! If you have any troubles casting your vote please contact me at: [onscentralmn.nominating@gmail.com](mailto:onscentralmn.nominating@gmail.com)

There is also a great opportunity to become a vital member of ONS! We are still searching for our next President Elect. This position is filled with wonderful experiences and provides you with a local professional network of dedicated nurses! Please contact me ASAP if you are interested in hearing more about what this position entails!

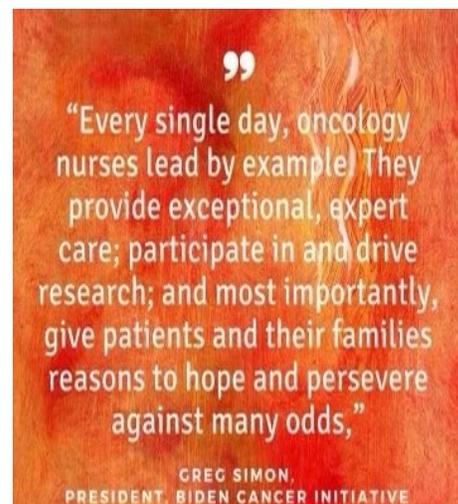
**President Elect:** Also referred to as the vice president, responsibilities of the president elect includes observing and learning the role of the president, assuming the role of the president if they are unavailable, and consulting with the president throughout the term of office to provide continuity and smooth transition of chapter leadership.

**Social Media Co-Chair:** Responsibilities include utilizing social media to increase chapter visibility (including events and other learning opportunities), connect with our community, and promote ONS' mission.

**Program Co-Chair:** Responsibilities include identifying educational needs of the chapter, providing programs that meet these needs, establishing meeting dates, times and locations, and ensuring program committee records are maintained according to procedures established by ONS National.

**Secretary:** Responsibilities of the secretary include maintaining official chapter records according to policies established by ONS National, implementing an effective communication plan among chapter membership, board of directors, and ONS National, and notifying all chapter and general chapter members about the board of directors' meeting dates, times, and locations.

**Treasurer:** Responsibilities of the treasurer include ensuring all financial activity is documented and accounted for, prepare and present the treasurer's report at each meeting, ensure chapter dues are submitted to National on time, prepare the treasurer report for submission with the annual report, and develop a proposed budget for the upcoming year to be presented at the board retreat annually.



# Stay Connected!

## Social Media-

Submitted by: Brittany Myers & Rosa Jarvis

Greetings from Brittany & Rosa in the Social Media department! Where has 2022 gone? We cannot believe we are already heading into fall. We are looking forward to networking more with you all at our fall events. Our social media pages are growing! We currently have 277 followers on our Facebook page, with 89 members in our private group. We have 74 followers on our Instagram page. Remember to invite your oncology coworkers, leaders, friends and nursing students to our social media platforms. We appreciate any activity you provide to these platforms (likes, comments, photos, shares), as they help build up our social media presence.



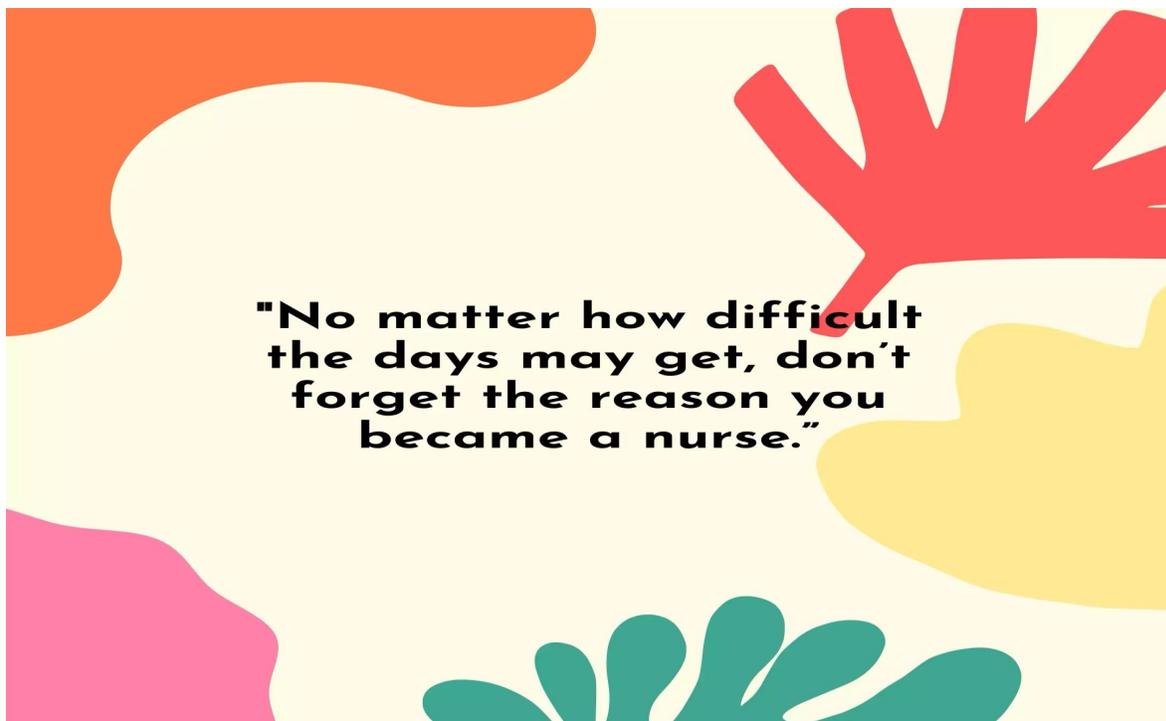
To find us on our social media outlets, search:

- 1) FACEBOOK: @WCMONS
- 2) INSTAGRAM: wc.mn.ons

Don't forget we can also be found on our web page (also known as our virtual community page) at: <https://communities.ons.org/westcentralminnesota/home>

## "Humor" Section-

Submitted by: Laura Tokkesdal, Secretary



## Membership Section

Submitted by: Megan Larson- Membership Chair

The West Central Minnesota Oncology Nursing Society (WCMONS) currently has **144** members. Our group holds events throughout the year where you can earn free CEU's and meet other people with similar interests. We encourage you to attend an event, follow us on social media for upcoming events, and become a member of our chapter to take advantage of all that becoming a member of ONS has to offer! If you are a student nurse, you are eligible for a FREE membership, which also includes discounts on a variety of services, products, conferences, and journals. Also, any professional membership looks great on your resumes and applications!

ONS offers so many benefits for membership! <https://www.ons.org/join-renew-membership>

**Join Oncology Nursing Society!**

Sign up to join your local Chapter of ONS- BOTH you and the person who invites you to join will be in a drawing to receive a gift card!

email Megan: onscentralmn.membership@gmail.com after you & your new member joins!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**ATTENTION**

Please note some changes for the remaining events for 2022

Monday September 19	Sponsored Event with CNE 6pm @ O'neil's in Spicer Free Contact hour & Dinner	Location change: will be in St. Joe!
Tuesday October 4	Blood Drive!! (In St. Cloud) Stay tuned for more information	More details to come!
Thursday November 17	Holiday Ugly Sweater Party 6pm-?? @ Great Room in Sartell- Ugly Sweater Party	Party on as scheduled!

**THANK YOU!**

