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Spring 2021 Member Newsletter



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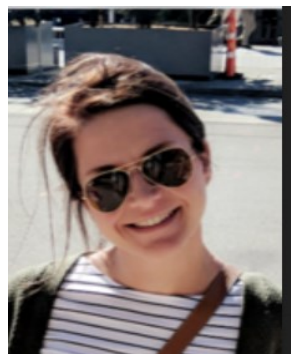
- Say Hello to our new board members
- Event Updates
- Eager to grow as an Oncology Nurse leader? Check out our upcoming board positions that will be opening!

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Meet Your New Board Members

Inducted November, 2020



Taylor Schroeder,
President Elect

Taylor works as a nurse on the inpatient Medical/Oncology unit at Centracare, St. Cloud Hospital. She has been an Oncology nurse for 8 years. She is striving to obtain her OCN.



Laura Tokkesdal,
Secretary

Laura works as a Charge nurse on the inpatient Medical/Oncology unit at Centracare, St. Cloud Hospital. She has been an Oncology nurse for 6 years. She also has her OCN.



Markie McLaughlin,
Treasurer

Markie works as a Charge nurse on the inpatient Medical/Oncology unit at Centracare, St. Cloud Hospital. She has been an Oncology nurse for 2.5 years. She is striving to obtain her OCN and her MSN degree.



Current Corner

Submitted by: Brenda Hommerding and Paige Coulter, Program Chairs

Welcome 2021



Spring greetings from your Program Chairs, Paige and Brenda! This past year has been challenging for all of us! But, being the resilient nurses we are, along with the help of ONS, we were able to overcome some of the challenges! WCMONS was granted access to the online platform Zoom, making it possible to easily hold meetings and events online!

In January the board hosted our annual retreat! We initiated the 2021 planning process for the WCMONS chapter and orientated our newest board members. This years planning process was unique as we continue to embrace the need for connection amongst Oncology nurses while maintaining safety during the current pandemic.

In February we were fortunate to have our virtual event, "Traversing New Terrains in CLL: The Emerging Role of BTK Inhibitors in the Treatment Landscape", sponsored by Creative Educational Concepts.

In March the chapter was able to experience a presentation from Rosa Jarvis and Shannon Schuneman titled, "ONS Diversity: Cancer Care & the LCBTQ via zoom platform. This event offered 1 ILNA credit to participants.

As a chapter, we want to thank everyone for joining us and participating in our events. We appreciate your efforts in taking part in our events virtually!

West Central MN Scholarships-

Submitted by: Taylor Schroeder, President Elect

Greetings, as your new President Elect I am happy to answer any questions and educate you on available WCMONS scholarship opportunities.

The Nursing Student Scholarship is awarded once per year to currently enrolled students at any accredited college or university in a registered nurse or advanced nursing degree program.

The purpose of the general scholarship is to help support and encourage nurses to evolve their knowledge of cancer care in order to provide exceptional care for oncology patients.

The purpose of the continuing education scholarship grants applicants an opportunity for support financially to attend educational programs to further their professional goals and help enhance others knowledge by giving back to the community.

I also want to CONGRATULATE Ann Backes as she was the recipient of a Virtual 2021 OINS Congress scholarship. We look forward to hearing from Ann later this year about everything she took away from the conference.

Treasurer's Update

Submitted By: Markie McLaughlin

WCMONS is doing well financially despite the unfortunate events of covid during the last year. However, we are anticipating a great turnout in our upcoming vendor fair. Our current checking account balance is \$2,069.41 and our savings account balance is \$4,046.65

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THERESA BROWN RN BSN

2022 Election



Submitted By: Kelsey Yasgar, Nominating Chair

ONS chapters play a vital role in bringing together oncology nurses in the surrounding area, and it provides individuals with a local professional network of dedicated nurses. Have you ever thought about becoming a board member of West Central Minnesota ONS? We have several exciting and engaging positions that we are looking to fill for the 2021 election. Listed below is a little bit of information about each position and the essential role they perform in our chapter!

Program Co-Chair: Responsibilities include identifying educational needs of the chapter membership, providing programs that meet these needs, establishing meeting dates, times and locations, and ensuring program committee records are maintained correctly.

Nominating Chair: Responsibilities include developing a plan for conducting annual chapter elections and identifying chapter membership offices needing to be filled. This position also includes producing, distributing and receiving ballots, and communicating the election results to the chapter board of directors, the candidates, and the general chapter membership.

Membership Chair: Responsibilities include promoting membership development in ONS National and the chapter; members participate in strategies to recruit and retain membership in ONS

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

If you are interested in becoming a West Central MN ONS board member, have questions related to the open positions, or would like to talk to a specific board member about their experience, please contact me for more information. This is a wonderful opportunity for professional growth and networking!

Contact information: onscentralmn.nominating@gmail.com

THERE WILL ALWAYS BE
A NURSE WHO DOES
MORE THAN REQUIRED
AND CARES MORE THAN
THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO.

JIMMY N.

Have you found us online?

Social Media

Submitted by: Brittany Myers & Rosa Jarvis

WELCOME back to the WCMONS Social Media Corner!

If you haven't already done so, please make sure to find us on both of our social media outlets:

1) FACEBOOK: @WCMONS

2) INSTAGRAM: wc.mn.ons

We post a lot of information about our upcoming events on our social media pages. We can also be found on our web page (also known as our virtual community page): <https://communities.ons.org/westcentralminnesota/home>

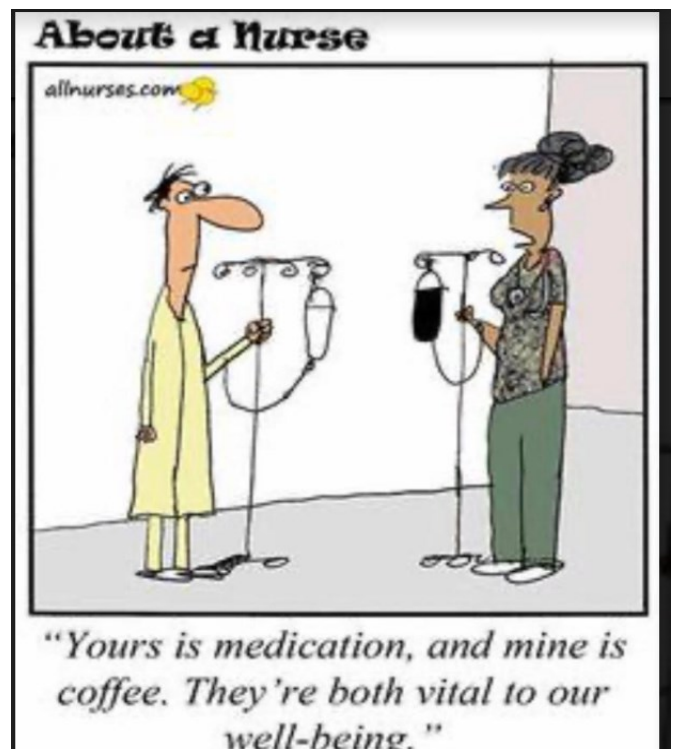
On our virtual community page, you'll find information about our board members, newsletters, special announcements and our events as well. This is where you should go to RSVP for our events! If you ever have any questions regarding our social media platforms or our virtual community page, please don't hesitate to reach out. We can be reached by e-mail at onscentralmn.media@gmail.com.

We are happy to help. We look forward to seeing you all soon!



"Humor" Section

Submitted by: Laura Tokkesdal, Secretary



Connecting Caring

Join us for a night to help you grow as an oncology healthcare professional!

This event will feature a variety of stations for you to:

- *Network with pharma to learn more about the medications you provide
- *Expand your knowledge of the latest advances in cancer care
- *Learn more about the importance of self-care
- *And many more!

Appetizers, deserts & drink tickets will be provided!

Fill a bingo card by visiting 12 different stations to receive a gift card!

WCMONS members & non-members are welcome ... feel free to bring a friend!

May 6th, 2021 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Tuscan Center of Midtown Square

3333 West Division Street

Suite #116

St Cloud MN 56301

FREE

RSVP on the virtual community page or
via e-mail: onscentralmn@gmail.com



Membership Section

Submitted by: Pam Zentner

BECOME A
MEMBER
JOIN TODAY!

The West Central Minnesota Oncology Nursing Society (WCMONS) currently has 139 members. Although, COVID has altered how we get together, it surely hasn't stopped the learning and fun we have on the Zoom platform! We hope that we will be able to resume in-person presentations and networking events soon.

Our group holds events throughout the year in which learning---FREE CEU for you---and networking occur. We want and welcome new members!! Learn what it means to be an oncology nurse and advance your professional development. Encourage your co-workers to join us!

Student nurses are eligible for a FREE membership which also includes discounts on a variety of services, products, conferences, and journals. Currently, the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) is offering the course, Cancer Basics for FREE which is a \$220 value!! Encourage all student nurses to apply for this generous benefit.

Any professional membership looks great on your resumes and applications.

Anyone interested in joining our chapter, please email Pam Zentner at:
onscentralmn.membership@gmail.com

2021 EVENTS

THURSDAY 5/6 ANNUAL CONNECTING & CARING VENDOR FAIR

- e Tuscan Ballroom at Midtown Mall in St. Cloud
- Open house vendor fair, all healthcare professionals, members and nonmembers welcome
- Free apps, drink & prizes
- RSVP to onscentralmn@gmail.com by 4/29



TUESDAY 6/15 SUMMER SOCIAL EVENT

- Location, time, and activity TBD
- Check your email and social media for more details!
- Save the date!

OCTOBER 2021 EVENT

- Location, exact date/time and activity TBD
- Check your social media and email for details!



MONDAY 11/15 INSTILLATION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS & HOLIDAY PARTY

- e Milner Heritage Winery in Kimball
- Time TBD
- Open to ONS members
- Dinner & wine tasting
- RSVP to onscentralmn@gmail.com by 11/8