



# WEST CENTRAL MINNESOTA CHAPTER

Volume 4, Issue 2

August 30th, 2021

## Fall 2021 Member Newsletter



### Annual Parade of Chapters

#### Special points of interest:

- Event Updates
- Watch for the 2022 WCM Chapter Election ballot and cast your vote for new board members!

#### Inside this issue:

Current Corner	2
Scholarship Up- date	2
Treasurer Report	2
2022 Board Election	3
Social Media	4
Membership	5



We are pleased to announce that our chapter was once again able to contribute to The Oncology Nursing Foundation (See our above picture that was submitted for the virtual parade of chapters who contributed). 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.



## Current Corner

Submitted by: Brenda Hommerding and Paige Coulter, Program Chairs

# Oncology Nurses Come Together

Nurses are a unique kind. They have this insatiable need to care for others, which is both their greatest strength and fatal flaw.

Dr. Jean Watson, RN, Doctor,  
Author and Professor

NURSEBUFF.COM

Happy Fall everyone! It has been quite a year for our chapter as we had a taste of normalcy the past few events and were able to meet in person once again!

May was our vendor fair, which brought lots of great people together to learn more about the new happenings in oncology care! Event goers enjoyed the ability to learn new things together with friends, as well as enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and beverages!

In July, we gathered at Art In Motion in Holdingford for our summer event, enjoying a beautiful summer evening, food and yard games.

October 6th, we are having a virtual event, *\*Compassion Fatigue: Helping Oncology Nurses Care for Themselves while Caring for Patients*.

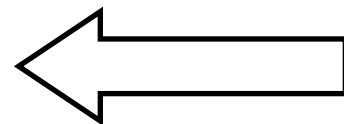
Our hope that is with a virtual event, we will be able to reach more nurses. As COVID is on the rise, we are constantly watching CDC guidelines and will have the ability to bring events in a virtual/Zoom format if indicated.

If you have any thoughts on topics you would like to see, please send us a message

## West Central MN Scholarships-

Submitted by: Kara Panek, President

# COULD YOU BE THE NEXT RECIPIENT?!



Scholarship opportunities are available for continuing education, 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>

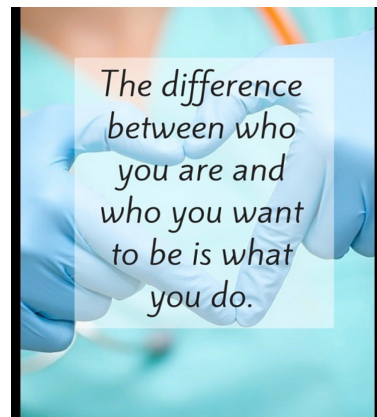
The board is currently reviewing the Nursing student scholarship applications! Stay tuned for an updates on who the highly qualified recipient will be!

## Treasurer's Update

Submitted By: Markie McLaughlin

While Covid has taken a toll in the past year, I am happy to say it has been a success to have in person events again. We were able to have our vendor fair, as well as a community event outdoors. We were also able to donate to the ONS community specifically. With these past events and current events coming up, our balances remain well overall. Currently we have \$6,774.34 in our checking and \$8,819 in our savings.

The difference between who you are and who you want to be is what you do.



# Cast Your Vote for the 2022 Election

Submitted By: Kelsey Yasgar, Nominating Chair

The Election will open 9/1/2021! YOUR VOTE MATTERS!!! You should be receiving an email with the survey link to cast your vote! Review the candidates biographies and determine who you think would be the best fit for our chapter. This is a great opportunity to have input on the leaders of WCMONS 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 us!

[Onscentralmn.nominating@gmail.com](mailto:Onscentralmn.nominating@gmail.com)

**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.



# CHECK US OUT!

## Social Media

Submitted by: Brittany Myers & Rosa Jarvis

Greetings from Brittany & Rosa in the Social Media department!

We are appreciative of the board's approval of using the Canva program to help create images/content that will help spread the word about our chapter and events. We currently have 244 followers on our Facebook page, with 87 members in our private group. We have 59 followers on our Instagram page. We are excited to be growing! Remember to invite your oncology/infusion friends and nursing students.

To find us on our social media outlets, search:

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

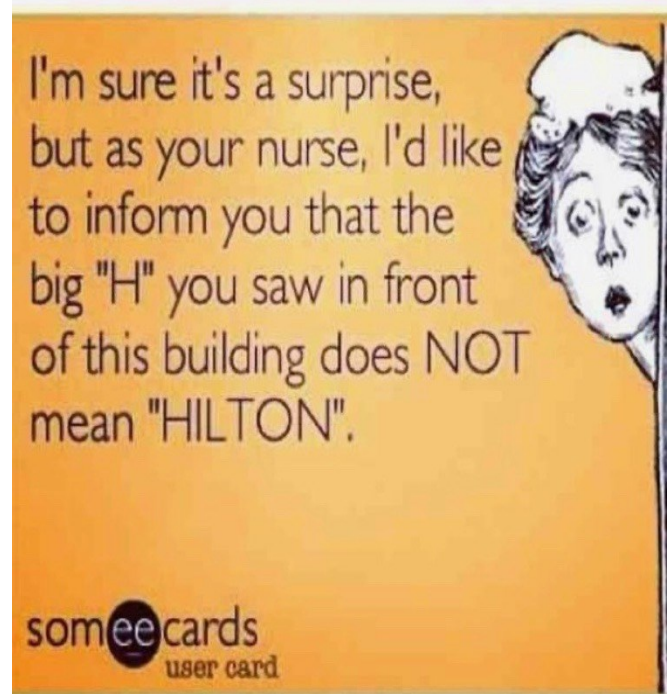
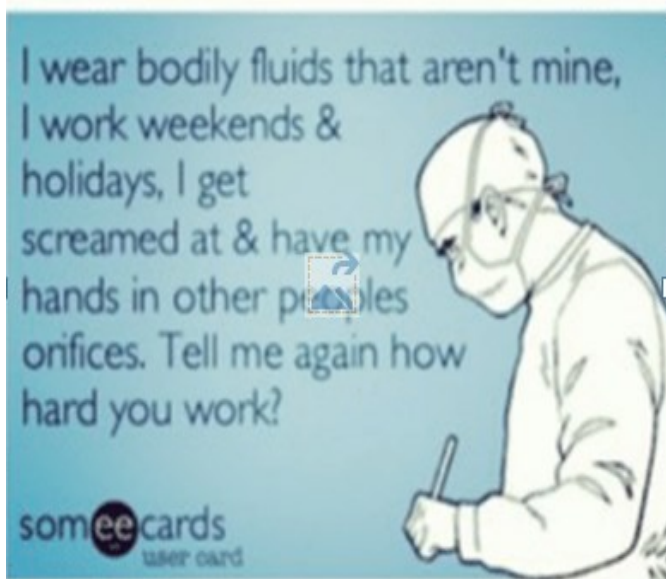
Don't forget we can also be found on our web page (also known as our virtual community page) at: <https://communities.ons.org/westcentralminnesota/home>

It's important to locate our virtual community page as this is where you RSVP



## "Humor" Section

Submitted by: Laura Tokkesdal, Secretary





## Membership Section

Submitted by: Pam Zentner

BECOME A  
**MEMBER**  
JOIN TODAY!

The West Central Minnesota Oncology Nursing Society (WCMONS) currently has 127 members. In May, our chapter resumed in-person activities and sponsored the Connecting and Caring Vendor Fair at the Tuscan Center in Midtown Square. What a success! Vendors and attendees were excited to come together and learn about new treatments and resources for patients, network, enjoy a massage, and win prizes!

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!

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

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](mailto:onscentralmn.membership@gmail.com)



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 6th, virtual event, *\*Compassion Fatigue: Helping Oncology Nurses Care for Themselves while Caring for Patients*
- November– Annual Holiday Party—Details to come as we continue to evaluate the circumstances of the pandemic



