



WEST CENTRAL MINNESOTA CHAPTER

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Spring 2022 Member Newsletter



Special points of interest:

- Get a glimpse of our new chapter board members!
- Save the dates for upcoming events!
- Check out opportunities to take on a role as a member of the board!

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MEET OUR NEW CHAPTER BOARD ADDITIONS!

Inducted November, 2021



Karla Schlicht,

Program Co-Chair

Karla works as a RN Case Manager on the inpatient Medical/Oncology unit at CentraCare, St. Cloud Hospital. She has been an Oncology Nurse for 13 years. She also maintains her OCN.



Megan Larson,

Membership Chair

Megan works as a Charge Support Nurse on the inpatient Medical/Oncology unit at CentraCare, St. Cloud Hospital. She has been an Oncology nurse for 3.5 years. Megan frequently precepts new Oncology Nurses.



Current Corner

Submitted by: Brenda Hommerding and Karla Schlicht, Program Chairs

Happy Spring everyone!



Spring is finally here, and along with it, signs of new life! The grass is getting green, the sun is shining, and the air is getting warmer! The best part, life is getting back to normal!

January our group gathered to train new officers, set up dates for chapter events, as well as committee meetings.

February brought a virtual event showcasing AML, including the pathophysiology, diagnosis, classification, treatment, and oncologic emergencies -Bristol Meyers Squibb. This was a pharma sponsored event.

March marked our first in-person event for the year! A presentation of ONS Congress Highlights and The History of HELA Cells was presented by ONS members Ann Backes, MSN, RN, OCN and Rosa Erickson-Jarvis, BSN, RN, OCN. Attendees were awarded 1CE for the program.

Mark May 3rd on your calendar! Our annual Connecting and Caring Expo will be held at the Kelly Inn Best Western in the ballroom. We will be hosting pharma reps to catch up on the latest new drugs, healing touch, head and shoulder messages, and door prizes! Fill your bingo card and earn a gift card. We will also be serving hors d'oeuvres and beverages!

Watch for updated information on our Summer Event on June 15th at Milk and Honey in St. Joseph!

West Central MN Scholarships- Submitted by: Taylor Schroeder, President Elect

Happy 2022, here's to a new year of gathering again (fingers crossed)! Taylor here again to tell you about our wonderful scholarships we offer through ONS. If anyone has any questions please reach out to me via my email or phone number 320-493-1788.

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 to attend educational programs to further their professional goals and help enhance others knowledge by giving back to the community.

I would like to CONGRATULATE Taylor Kingston and Vanessa Giles as our 2021 continuing education scholarship recipients.

Treasurer's Update-

Submitted By: Markie McLaughlin

It continues to be another successful year for WCMONS. At this time we are able to continue to host in person as well as virtual events. In the coming weeks we will be having our biggest event of the year: the vendor fair! Our current checking account has \$5,437.40 and \$8,824.12 in our savings.



2022 Election

Submitted by: Kelsey_Yasgar, Nominating Chair

ONS Chapters play a vital role in bringing together oncology nurses in your area, and provides you with a local professional network of dedicated nurses. Have you ever considered becoming a board member of West Central Minnesota ONS? Below you'll find the open board member positions for the 2022 election, and a little bit of information about the essential role they perform in our chapter!

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.

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.

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 according to procedures established by ONS National.

Social Media Co-Chair: Responsibilities include utilizing social media to increase chapter visibility (including events and other learning opportunities), connecting with our community, and promoting 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!

I can be reached via email at onscentralmn.nominating@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you!

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Check us out online!

Social Media-

Submitted by: Brittany Myers & Rosa Jarvis

Greetings from Brittany & Rosa in the Social Media department!

We are appreciative of the board's second year of 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 264 followers on our Facebook page, with 87 members in our private group. We have 66 followers on our Instagram page. We are excited to be growing! Remember to invite your oncology/infusion friends and nursing students. Every time you like, comment/share, or even click through photos/ graphics, it helps build up our social media presence!



To find us on our social media outlets, search:

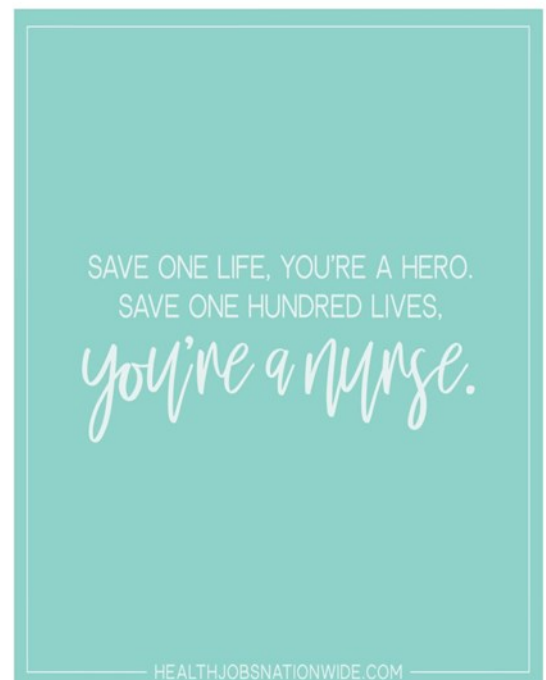
- 1) FACEBOOK: @WCMONS
- 2) INSTAGRAM: @wc.mn.ons

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

It's important to locate our virtual community page as this is where you RSVP to events! Questions? Reach out anytime!

"Humor" Section-

Submitted by: Laura Tokkesdal, Secretary



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JOIN US ON TUESDAY 5/3/2022 @5-7PM

VENDOR FAIR

@ Best Western Plus Kelly Inn - St. Cloud, MN

FREE apps + drinks + info + networking + massages

*+ healing touch + familiar & new drug reps +
scholarships + more!*



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Membership Section-

Submitted by: Megan Larson

The West Central Minnesota Oncology Nursing Society (WCMONS) currently has 137 members. Our group holds events throughout the year where you can earn free CEU's and meet other people with similar interests. Our chapter is looking forward to our next event in May, the Connecting and Caring Expo. This event allows oncology vendors to discuss with attendees different topics and is a great place to network with other people in the oncology profession. This event will take place at the Kelly Inn this year on Tuesday May 3th. 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!

**BECOME A
MEMBER**

JOIN TODAY!

ONS 2022 EVENTS

Tuesday
March
22

**ONS Congress Highlights
& The History of HELA
Cells** 5:30pm @ G-Allens in Sartell
Free Contact hour & Dinner

Tuesday
May
3

ONS Vendor Fair
5pm -7pm @ Best Western Plus Kelly Inn,
St. Cloud - Apps, drinks, MANY freebies!

Wednesday
June
15

Social Night
5:30-8:30pm @Milk & Honey in St. Joe
Games + Pizza + Drinks + Prizes (\$10)

Monday
September
19

**Sponsored Event with
CNE** 6pm @ O'neil's in Spicer
Free Contact hour & Dinner

Tuesday
October
4

**Blood Drive!! (In St.
Cloud)**
Stay tuned for more information!

Thursday
November
17

**Holiday Ugly Sweater
Party** 6pm-?? @ Great River Bowl
in Sartell- Ugly Sweater Party + Bowling!



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