

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ROBIN EASLEY, RN, MSN, OCN



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Aloha to all of our members. Summer has come to an end. In case you have not heard, there is new information on the horizon for ONS. ONS is transitioning to a Universal Chapter Membership model. Some of the key components are:

- Only \$10.00 local chapter fee per year
- Changes to the virtual community website
 - Email directly to all members, no need for alternate email system
 - Capability of using Paypal to process meeting registrations
- Funding for Nursing Leadership activities

This is an exciting opportunity for our members. These changes will make it easier to manage our membership and collection of dues for our officers. Please visit the Virtual Community website and check out the new changes. There are video presentations to help you as you navigate the new site.

I attended the ONS 2013 Leadership Work-

shop on July 26, 2013. It was an excellent meeting with a lot of new information of which I will be educating the board members on at our next meeting in October. Our local chapter also donated \$250.00 to the "Parade for the Future" in which over \$30,000 was donated during this conference.

A majority of the local chapters are having the same difficulties as our own chapter regarding volunteering for our open board positions. I would like to encourage you to volunteer to run for the President Elect and Secretary positions that will be on the ballot for this Fall. The board meets on a quarterly basis (only 4 times per year) to make sure we are functioning as a collective team keeping our chapter active. Please contact Connie Gazmen with your recommendations for nominees as the Deadline for nominations is 20 November.

ONCC is transitioning to the Individual Learning Needs Assessment program

regarding certification/recertification requirements instead of Onc Pro in 2014. Certified nurses are encouraged to start early in this assessment to ensure proper certification courses. ONCC will also offer Bone Marrow Transplant Certified Nurse (BMTCN) in 2014 as well.

During this year, our chapter has supported Komen Race for the Cure, as well as, several educational grants to help our members attend Oncology conferences this year. We have a NEW education grant application form that I will be uploading to our website in the near future. Please disregard any prior applications.

Well enough for now. If you have any additional questions I would be happy to assist you.

ONCOLOGY ON CANVA

Inspiring, encouraging, peaceful...we felt all of these emotions and more at Oncology on Canvas (OOC). As senior nursing students, we got to volunteer at the ONS OOC and sit with a family as they began using art to express their cancer journeys. With one family we sat for a while in silence, staring at blank canvases, wondering what to paint, and thinking about the emotions that represent their cancer journey.

One family we sat with, included the grandmother (cancer patient), the daughter, and granddaughter. The family sat in silence and found it difficult to paint. Through therapeutic presence, silence, and encouraging words, the family was inspired to start painting with colors that expressed their emotions. The granddaughter of this family painted shades of black and blue. These colors represented the darkness of her cancer journey: feelings of sadness and anger. The daughter painted various shades of blues and purples with her father's Chinese family crest. When asked to write a story about her painting, she appeared a bit hesitant. We could tell there was a lot of emotion put into her piece. She took a long moment of silence before writing her story. In her story she shared how she had lost her husband and her dad to cancer and was not going to lose her mom. She also shared how family is important to get through the hard times.

The grandmother painted a sky clouds and blue sea. When asked to share her story behind her painting she stated, "The clouds are peaceful. The waves are peaceful. When I was little, I used to stare at the clouds and dream of being at peace with oneself. I wish I had more time to sit and stare at the clouds. I still dream of being at peace with myself. Right now, getting together with family brings me peace".

This family had never attended an Oncology on Canvas event before. Grandmother stated she hadn't painted anything since she was in college (Grandma is in her 80s) and the daughter had no experience in art. The granddaughter appeared to be very talented, using various colors and shading techniques, though she denied her talent.

Throughout this experience, Oncology on Canvas gave the family the opportunity to express themselves through this cancer journey. They were able to bond, ponder on their thoughts, laugh, and enjoy the moment together. As nursing students it was an unforgettable experience. Watching each family member explore and express his or her feelings through art was an amazing scene because, as student nurses, we were able to see the process from not knowing what to draw to an extraordinary piece of what is in the family member's heart. Not only did we get to see the final piece but listen to their stories, build a relationship, and an understanding of what their situation means to them. We would like to thank the Oncology Nursing Society for doing the Oncology on Canvas and inviting nursing students to participate. It is a great opportunity for nursing students to see beyond the patient as well as apply their experience to their future role as a nurse.

Submitted by Elizabeth Kim and Karen Gabbuat
UH Manoa Nursing Program. Class of Fall 2013

"This article is beautiful!! It captures the power of OOC, reminds the ONS members of what they are giving to our community through their support of the program, and reminds all of us of the importance of 'hearing' our patients' stories".

Patricia Nishimoto

HAWAII (OAHU) CHAPTER NURSING SOCIETY CONFERENCE





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Mana`Olana

Nurse of Hope ~ 2014

Mary Jane Kanayama was honored recently as the 2014 Mana`Olana Award recipient by the Hawaii (Oahu) Chapter Oncology Society. The Mana`Olana Award recognizes one of many outstanding nurses in Hawaii--one who demonstrates professionalism, community service and hope in working with people who have cancer.



Mana`Olana 2014 nominees: Joanna Agena, Mary Jane Kanayama, and Tusitala Toomata-Mayer



I felt so honored to be recognized as the Mana`olana award this year. I was overwhelmed and surprised to receive the amazing award and to represent on behalf of the Kaiser Permanente Oncology Department. I've been very lucky to work with incredible people whom I admired and learned from. Every patient and family member to whom I worked with had taught me very valuable life lessons. These lessons made me more confident and more compassionate nurse. Thanks to all of the patients and family members for sharing their stories and for allowing me to participate in their care. Thanks to all who enriched my knowledge and those who touched my heart and soul. The Mana`Olana award belongs not only for me, but to all of the staff of the Kaiser Permanente Oncology outpatient department.

Mary Jane Kanayama



IPAD WINNER ~ DEBBIE CASUGA, RN, OCN

I was so surprised to have won the iPad because usually I don't have any luck. However, when I purchased my 3 tickets I said that "I need to win this for my son!" Before hearing my name, Christa Braungles made a comment about "this person is on her iPad everyday". I stopped and thought, could she be talking about me.... And sure enough it was!! I finally got lucky!

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IPAD MINI WINNER ~ MARIA SHIMIZU, RN

I'm delighted.
Checking off on one of my family's wish list.
Thanks, ONS!

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