

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE **CINDY KANESHIRO, RN, BSN, OCN**



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Welcome to a new year! Last year went by quickly for the chapter. We can all be proud of the work we accomplished. The Board and I hope to continue expanding our activities this year. Together, we can continue the growth of our chapter as we strive to meet our strategic goals. I am always open to any input from the membership and look forward to hearing your ideas at our monthly meetings or if you prefer, you can always email me your ideas at

ctkaneshiro@gmail.com.

Our strategic plan is effective for 3 years (2010-2012). The Board reviews the plan annually and plan actions/activities to meet the plan's strategies for the year. The local chapter strategies promote National ONS' mission to promote excellence in oncology nursing and quality cancer care. Our strategic goals are as follows:

- Advocate on behalf of the nursing profession, the multidisciplinary oncology team, people at risk for cancer, people with cancer, and their families and caregivers

- Generate and disseminate essential knowledge for oncology nursing professionals
- Develop leaders in ONS and the profession of oncology nursing
- Expand public awareness of ONS and oncology nursing contributions to quality cancer care
- Increase the recruitment and retention of ONS members
- Strengthen ONS and cancer care through diversity initiatives
- Continuously improve the experience of members and other customers in transactions with ONS
- Strengthen partnerships with national and international external organizations
- Promote healthy lifestyles for health promotion and disease risk reduction

The Board welcomes any input from the membership in planning actions/activities that will help our chapter meet our goals. Please see any of the board members or email us with any input you may have.

Some of the things the membership can look forward to this year include:

- Continued monthly dinner educational programs. Alison works diligently, working to plan topics of interest for the membership each month.
- Christa will be meeting with past Mana 'olana recipients and together with input from the membership survey, plans to re-energize interest in our Mana 'olana program. A \$1000 education grant is awarded each year.
- Leilani and the conference committee are hard at work planning our next annual conference. Save August 17, 2012 and join us at the conference.
- Suzanne is again planning our silent auction. Monies raised from the silent auction goes to funding our education grants. Last year's IPAD drawing was a wonderful addition to raising monies for our grants
- Educational Grants are available for 2012. Four \$1000 grants (cont on page 2)

MANA'OLANA UPDATE CHRISTA BRAUN-INGIS, MS, APRN, AOCNP



Over the past few years our chapter has seen a decrease in the number of Mana'olana nominees. It is the hope of the current Mana'olana committee to increase awareness, as well as the number, of nominations for this award. The committee feels that there are a lot of outstanding oncology nurses in our community who deserve this award.

The Mana'olana (Nurse of Hope) award is given annually to an outstanding oncology nurse in Hawaii. This award originated in 1973 and was initially sponsored by the American Cancer Society. At that time, the diagnosis of cancer equated to death; there was a lot fear in the community. It was the mission of the

Mana'olana recipient to educate the community about cancer and cancer nursing. Times have changed and so has the award. In the 1990s, the Hawaii (Oahu) ONS Chapter began to sponsor this award, and the purpose became one of recognition for excellence instead of a public education campaign.

In an effort to increase the nominations for the 2013 Mana'olana, a survey was disseminated to chapter members via the February dinner meeting and e-mail. Based on the results of the survey, it was decided at a meeting of past Mana'olana recipients & chapter leadership to change the public relations plan, the nomination process, and

the means of notifying award recipients for the Mana'olana award. It is the committee's hope that these changes will help increase nominations, as well as making the process less stressful.

Nominations will be due on May 31, 2012. Please look for posters and flyers in your work place. In addition, please think of nominating a colleague or encouraging a patient and/or family member to nominate a nurse. There are so many who deserve this award.

If you have any questions or input about the Mana'olana award, please do not hesitate to contact me via phone #734-7414 or e-mail: cbrauninglis@gmail.com

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONT

- were awarded in 2011.
- Continued work on the development of our mentorship program
 - Creation of a chapter t-shirt
 - Continued expansion of our service projects. Last year the chapter supported "Passion for Hoops" with a \$1000 grant. We participated in the education booth at the "Race for the

Cure". Our Christmas service project to the Lokahi was a big success. Together we donated food items, new and gently used clothing and household items, and over \$350 in cash and gift cards

- Bi-annually, the Board conducts a Chapter needs assessment. Our last survey in 2010 assisted us in planning activities

based on the responses received from the membership. Look for our next needs assessment survey sometime this summer.

I look forward to an exciting new year. Please help me and the Board members to plan activities and projects that our membership find exciting and beneficial to you as well as the

community. Speak out and let your voices be heard. This is after all, your chapter.....we want to hear your ideas and suggestions.....help us to make your membership in the chapter worthwhile for you and your oncology colleagues.

WELCOMING OUR NEW MEMBERS...

Maria Agluba
Timothy Freits
Judy Hatcher
Roger Hudson

Motoko Ishii
Alex Nava
Brenda Santos
George Wilson



UPCOMING ONS DINNER LECTURES

April 19th

Location: Hiroshi's
Topic: Colon Cancer
TIME: 6pm registration

Be on the lookout for Alison's email to join her Doodle poll.

**NOTE: \$15.00 fee for non-members [must have National and Local membership]

May 10th

Location and Topic: TBA



Looking for MENTORS!!!
Interested in mentoring Nursing Students?...
Contact Jackie or Cisco for more information.



SAVE THE DATE!

Hawaii (Oahu) Chapter Oncology Nursing Society Conference

RED, WHITE, & BRUISES:

Caring for Patients with Hematological Malignancies



Keynote Speaker:

Sandra Kurtin, MSN, AOCN, ANP-C
Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine
The University of Arizona Cancer Center
Tucson, Arizona

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