

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FRANCISCO CONDE, RN, PhD, AOCN



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On December 17, 2009, our chapter held its holiday celebration at the Halekulani Hotel in Waikiki. Brenda Keith, RN, AOCNS and an oncology clinical coordinator for Genentech gave a presentation on caregiver stress and stress management techniques. Following Brenda's presentation, we had raffles and prizes and grab bags. It was certainly a joyous event that was well attended by over 80 members.

In addition to our holiday celebration, we also conducted a general membership meeting and here are some of the highlights of the meeting.

- 2009 marked the 20th anniversary of our chapter. Founding members were acknowledged for their vision, courage, and leadership.
- Treasurer, Jeanne Foster, reported that our chapter has a balance of \$67,765.15 (as of September 30, 2009).
- Membership Chair, Dorothy Coleman, reported that our membership has risen to over one hundred

and eighty (180) members.

- Regarding the educational scholarship, two motions were made and passed.
 1. The scholarship is now open for oncology nurses who are in nursing school pursuing a higher degree. In the past, the educational scholarship was only available for members attending conferences and seminars.
 2. The scholarship amount has been increased from \$400.00 to \$1000.00 per recipient.

A total of 3 \$1000.00 educational scholarships will be awarded per year. The amount and number of available scholarships will be re-evaluated each year based on the status of our budget.

- Research grant in the amount of \$1500.00 was awarded to Joyce Wong from Kapiolani Medical Center. Joyce is conducting a research study looking at the effects of healing touch on reducing pain, fatigue,

stress, and incidence of hospitalization for fever, neutropenia, and anemia in children receiving chemotherapy and/or radiation therapy. She has obtained IRB approval and has begun enrolling participants in the study.

- Our chapter's annual ONS conference will be held on Friday, August 20, 2010, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. Our keynote speaker is Dr. Carlton Brown, current national ONS President. Please mark your calendars.
- Our chapter picnic has been tentatively scheduled for Saturday, September 11, 2010.

Lastly, I am very grateful to Jeanne Foster (outgoing Treasurer), Sharon Shigemasa (outgoing Board of Director), and continuing board members for their service and dedication. Also, please join me in welcoming 4 new board members: Gail Smith from Queen's Cancer Center (Treasurer), Connie Gazmen from the UH School of

Nursing (Nominations),
Shun No Chan from
Queen's Medical Center
(Board of Director) and

Kaitlin Yeager from
Tripler Army Medical
Center (Board of
Director).

Many things were
certainly accomplished in
2009 and I look forward
to serving you in 2010. I

wish all of you a happy
and prosperous new
year!

35TH ONS CONGRESS

May 13-16

Get Wild and Be Wowed at Congress. At Congress, you'll get the latest cancer nursing education and have a chance to connect to more than 4,000 of your nursing peers. It's the perfect place to sharpen your skills, share ideas, and become part of the ONS community. Plus, San Diego's a great city to spend a few days in.

Oncology Education You Can't Find Anywhere Else. The education at Congress is beyond compare. All the information presented is evidence based, so you know you can apply it to your practice with confidence.

Customize Your Learning Experience. Everyone has different educational needs. At Congress, you can customize your schedule and pick the sessions that meet yours. Sessions are categorized by topic and practice level, making it simple to individualize your experience.

Make Time to Make Connections. Congress is about much more than education. It's an opportunity to connect to other oncology nurses to celebrate you, your patients, and your profession. Take the time to meet new people and make new friends you can connect with for years to come.

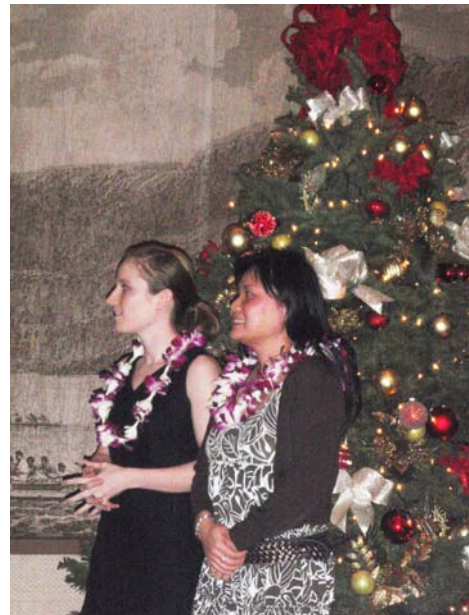
2009 CHRISTMAS PARTY



Joyce Wong speaking on her research.



Brenda Keith



New board members
Kaitlan Yeager and Shan Chun



Sharon Shigemasu, Gail Oshima,
Roxanne Yanke, Bill Oshima, Willa
Shimabukuro, Lori Kaneshige, and
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Sheryl Ikeda, Paula Imaoka, Lori Conley,
Diane Fochtman, Kristen Thosmpson,
Jean Foster, and Joyce Wong



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Jean Ko, Kanani Oberholzer, Diane Nakagaki, Dorothy Coleman, Ann Kelminski, and Sharon Shigemasu.



Kaitlan Yeager, Cindy Kaneshiro, Francisco Conde, Pat Nishimoto, Sheri Nishimura, Deb Trankel, and Lisa Cawthorne



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Aloha, Please feel free to submit articles, information to pass on, and most of all...suggestions for future newsletters.