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September 25, 2013
“Bridging the Treatment Gap for Adolescents & Young Adults with Cancer”

Speaker:
Hal Crosswell, MD
Adolescent & Young Adult Oncology
Upstate Oncology Associates
Bon Secours Medical Group, Greenville, SC

Time: 6:15-6:45pm – Registration
6:45-8:00pm – Program & Dinner

Place:
Embassy Suites RDU/Brier Creek
8001 Arco Corporate Drive
Raleigh, NC 24617

RSVP to jane.fellows@duke.edu by 9/21/13
Please cancel your reservation if you cannot attend!
Promotional program sponsored by Sigma Tau Pharmaceuticals

October 16, 2013
“Provenge ® - For the Treatment of Advanced Prostate Cancer”

Speaker:
Andrew Armstrong, MD, MSC
Associate Professor of Medicine
Duke Comprehensive Cancer Center

Time & Place: TBD

Jane Fellows, Program Chair
Dear NCTONS Members,

I hope you have had a wonderful summer! Summer is fading and fall is in the air. Fall is the season of change as we shift from the heat (and humidity!) of summer to glorious fall colors. Changes have come to ONS as well…

Local chapter dues are now included in your national dues (see page 7). You will no longer pay additional dues to belong to NCTONS. All national ONS members will now automatically become a local member. Local chapter membership will be geographically assigned (but may be changed at the member’s request). North Carolina has six representative chapters. Respective local chapters will receive $10.00 for members assigned to them. We will be monitoring how this impacts the finances of NCTONS. Also, our chapter will receive up-to-date membership lists from ONS, making local record keeping easier.

Please save the date of December 5th for a major event! The theme will be “International Oncology Nursing”

Our own Brenda Nevidjon will lead a program featuring local oncology nurses with international oncology nursing experience, and that have exciting and thought-provoking information to share! Not only will this be our December meeting, but we will also have a vendor fair. It will not be your typical vendor fair. We are planning a fun filled event with great food, great location, and great giveaways! We look forward to seeing you there!

We really want to hear from you! We want to know how you think our monthly meetings could best suit your needs. Put on your thinking caps and tell us what you think! E-mail me at cyndy.simonson@duke.edu. You will also have the opportunity to respond to our annual needs assessment. This information will help shape events for our chapter next year.

Look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!!

Cyndy Simonson
NC TONS President 2013
It’s that time of year again! We are preparing the TONS ballot for the 2014-2015 term.

Our available open elected positions are:

President-Elect
Secretary
Treasurer
Membership Chair

Please consider volunteering to run for a position or nominating a fellow TONS member whom you think would excel as an elected officer.

Terms are for 2 years: January 2014 – December 2015

Our chapter is successful because of all of our dedicated, selfless oncology professionals, and serving on the Board is a way in which to boost personal and professional needs.

You may contact current officers holding these roles for more information. See their contact information on the last page of this newsletter.

Please contact me directly if you would like to volunteer to run for office or would like to nominate a peer.

Descriptions for each officer position is also available.

Patricia S. Robinson
ONS Nominating Chair 2012-2014
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Accepting nominations through September 30, 2013
TONS was chartered 30 years ago!

We are one of 8 chapters in the entire country to hold this distinction!

President-Elect, Kathy Trotter (right), attended Leadership Weekend in July 2013
September 28th
Pink Shamrock walk/run for Breast Cancer
5K benefitting the “1 in 9” organization
Supporting breast cancer patients at Rex & UNC
Fun Run, Walk, & Party
SATURDAY, September 28, 2013 @ 4:00pm
Hibernian Pub, Raleigh – Glenwood South
For more information please contact: Tanya@1in9.com
Website: http://1in9.com/pinkshamrock5k/

October 5th
Light the Night
Leukemia Lymphoma Society
Celebrate & commemorate lives touched by blood cancers
Funds are invested in research, patient services, & activities to enhance/save live of those with blood cancer.
An Evening Walk
SATURDAY, October 5, 2013 @ 5:30pm
CCB Plaza, Downtown Durham
Join the NC TONS TEAM!
To Join or Donate –
http://pages.lightthenight.org/nc/Durham13/NCTriangleOncologyNursingSociety
1. Join a Team, 2. Search Team Name “NC Triangle Oncology Nursing Society” or captain name “Mary Dunn”, 3. Contact Mary Dunn if you do not receive a confirmation e-mail from her within 48 hours of the event!

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November 2nd
Free to Breath
Need Volunteers for table @ Lung Cancer 5K Walk/Run
Location: North Hills, Details TBA
Kaps for Kids
This year we are starting early, kollecting September thru December 2013

Please be an advocate in your workplace to collect Kaps. Contact Mary Dunn with any questions!

SUCCESS!
July 2013 “Stock the Shelves” Food Drive
Combined NCTONS / HPNA Program
Thank You!
For collecting 162 Food items & 25 Household items for the Eastern chapter of the NC Food Bank.

Thanks to all for a successful Bladder Cancer Walk
May 4 in Hillsborough, NC
Our NC TONS team raised $930 for the Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network (BCAN).
THANK YOU!!!
NC TONS Excellent Members

PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations!

Patricia Robinson & Elizabeth Dianna Johnson

They have been awarded a 1-year ONS Membership

ONS/TONS membership dues

You have probably already heard that your local chapter membership is now included with your national membership dues. This means that you will no longer pay separate dues to your chapter itself. Instead, $10 of your national membership dues will be rebated back to the NC TONS chapter.

The national membership has increased to $130 per person, per year.

You may join additional chapters, or change your chapter, for $10/year. You can do this at the time of your national membership renewal, by contacting ONS customer service toll free @ 866-257-4ONS.
ONS Scholarship Information

*ATTENTION NCTONS MEMBERS*

If you are planning to attend the

ONS CONNECTIONS CONFERENCE
DALLAS, TEXAS
November 8-10, 2013

NCTONS has two (2) $500.00 scholarships to assist you in the attending the upcoming ONS Connections Conference November 8 - 10, 2013. The funds can help with paying the registration, transportation, hotel or cost of meals. The application was sent to you in a recent e-mail.

The completed paperwork must be postmarked by October 19, 2013.

We look forward to receiving your application! Should you have any questions, please contact NCTONS Award Coordinator, Lori Laczkó: llaczk@gene.com or 919-219-9020.

Thanks for your support of oncology nursing professional development!

Political Liaison Corner

Legislation near and dear to us:

In April, Marty Polovich apprised us of the HB644 bill that tightens rules for handling chemotherapeutics and other hazardous drugs to protect healthcare workers. This bill passed the House in May, but due to budget and tax reform discussions, the bill has not been considered by the Senate. If not this session, it will be considered in the short session of 2014.

The NC Cancer Fairness Act, bill HB609, passed the House in May and is also waiting to be considered by the Senate. This law would require insurance carriers to cover oral chemotherapeutics the way they do other chemotherapy.

I promise to keep you posted. Please let me know how I can best serve you!

-AnnMarie Walton
Virtual Community Guide

National ONS has made some wonderful changes to the Virtual Community.

We would like to share some information to help you navigate through the website to ensure that you receive all of the oncology updates and happenings around the Triangle.

NCTONS Virtual Community (VC) page can be found at http://trianglechapter.vc.ons.org

To truly enjoy all of the features of the website, please login in on the upper right corner with your ONS login name and password.

Information on Virtual Community includes the following:

- **Announcements** - Chapter Announcements, Educational Opportunities (scholarships and awards), Political Updates and Employment Opportunities (to ensure that you receive updated information, click “Subscribe to list” on each of the respective areas of interest listed above)
- **Chapter Directory** - Listing of ALL NCTONS membership
- **Chapter Newsletters** - Archive of NCTONS newsletters
- **Chapter Leadership** - NCTONS Board of Directors and their contact information
- **Chapter Calendar** - Chapter Meetings and Triangle Happenings
  
  (You may subscribe to this as well)
- **Save the Date** - Quick way to find information regarding the next chapter meeting

Please feel free to contact me at Christina.davis@unch.unc.edu for any questions, concerns or suggestions.
Communicate with your TONS Officers!

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