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June 2015

Southwestern Ohio Nurses Association

SONA Annual Dinner and CE Event

Plan now to attend SONA's Annual Meeting and CE program **"Nursing Leadership and the Power of Professional Advocacy."**

Our guest speaker will be **ONA CEO, Lori Chovanak, MN, RN, APRN-BC**

Wednesday, June 24

Registration: **5:30 PM**

Dinner & Presentation **6:00—7:00 PM**

Twin Lakes Life Enriching Communities,
9840 Montgomery Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio
45242

Cost: **Free for SONA members and \$20 for Non-SONA members.**

Includes CE, dinner, and non-alcoholic drinks (beer and wine available for purchase).

Must pre-register by 6/18. Contact SONA with your name and telephone number. Call 513-426-6582 or email info@sonanet.org

Space is limited to 45 attendees; registration is on a first come first served basis.

1.0 Contact Hour

The Ohio Nurses Association (OBN-001-91) is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

Approval valid through 3/31/17 (ONA-15-12)

ONA Convention 2015

The ONA 2015 Convention will be held October 9-11, 2015, at the Polaris Hilton in Columbus, OH. ***Have you ever considered being a delegate?***

SONA is District 8 of the Ohio Nurses Association (ONA), and is able to send 63 delegates to this

convention. We encourage you to consider this opportunity to become involved in the decision making that will establish the direction and priorities of ONA for the next two years.

If you are interested, please contact the SONA office at 513-426-6582 or

email: info@sonanet.org and we can give you all the details involved with this event.

Please visit the ONA Convention website www.onaconvention.com for further information.



A Note from your District President

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I would like to take this opportunity to encourage each of you to be an active member in SONA. This is your district and your participation is integral to our success as an association. This edition of the SONA newsletter is of great importance as it identifies two major events for members to be involved in – the SONA Annual Dinner and the ONA Convention. The new SONA officers, board members, and ONA convention delegates will be announced at the dinner and members can share their thoughts and ideas on how SONA should move forward. As the second largest district in the state, SONA could strongly influence the decisions made at the convention if we are able to seat all 63 of our delegates. So please take advantage of these two events to become actively involved. There will be more events in the future for members to participate in. Looking ahead to meeting you, the member, during this coming year.

Take care!

Joylynn Daniels, RN, BSN, MPA

SONA Human Rights Thank You– Volunteers Needed



Many thanks to Board member Emily Blackwelder and her company Tri-State Orthopedic Products for donating supplies to the Drop Inn Center including the following:

- 02 Oximeter
- Infared Thermometer
- 1 Automatic B/P monitor with multiple size cuffs
- 2 New Manual B/P systems
- Wound Dressings
- Other miscellaneous supplies.

Your generosity is appreciated.

The Drop Inn Center Shelter (DIC) on 12th Street serves homeless men and women, many of whom have a substance abuse or mental illness disorder. The Human Rights Committee of SONA has been operating a nurses clinic one afternoon a week, 4-6 PM, at the DIC since 1994. *In the summer and fall of 2015 the DIC will be opening a new women's and men's facility and we are in need of new volunteers now*

to begin preparing to staff both clinics.

If you would consider joining this project please call SONA at 513-426-6582 or e-mail info@sonanet.org to set a time to come to the clinic during a Tuesday afternoon to see if you would like to become a volunteer.

All RNs are welcome regardless of your expertise. Basic nursing skills and compassion are what is needed.

Attention SONA Members– Bylaws Update

Updated SONA bylaws for 2015 have been approved by ONA for a membership vote. The updated bylaws are posted on the SONA website.

Please visit the website at www.sonanet.org to review them prior to the Annual Meeting. If you need a hard copy of the proposed bylaws, contact the SONA office at 513-426-6582.

We will vote on the new bylaws at the Annual Dinner Meeting June 24, 2015.

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LaTonia Denise Wright, RN, BSN, JD is a nurse license defense attorney. She is licensed to practice law in Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana. LaTonia is also a licensed R.N. in Ohio. Ms. Wright represents nurses before the Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana State Nursing Boards.

- ◆ Representation in the Alternative to Discipline Program for Substance Use/Abuse application process and monitoring period in Ohio, Kentucky, or Indiana;
- ◆ Representation in Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana State Nursing Board complaints, investigations, and hearings;
- ◆ Representation during the State Board of Nursing probation and monitoring period;
- ◆ Reviewing Nursing Board Consent Agreements, Agreed Orders, and Adjudication Orders;
- ◆ Representation in the State Nursing Board license reinstatement process for a suspended license;
- ◆ Representation to Nursing Students and NCLEX-Applicants related to the Application for Licensure by Examination in Ohio, Kentucky, and/or Indiana;
- ◆ Reviewing employment contracts and assisting APRNs with credentialing, privileging, and prescriptive authority matters;
- ◆ Counseling and Advising self-employed nurses and nurse entrepreneurs in business endeavors including drafting policies and procedures, etc.; and
- ◆ Assisting with the Ohio Board of Nursing Licensure Renewal Application.

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Mark Your Calendar...

- June 1, 2015 ONA Board Nominations Due
- June 24, 2015 SONA **Annual Meeting & CE @Twin Lakes**
- August 26, 2015 SONA **Board Meeting**
- September 23, 2015 SONA **Board Meeting**
- October 9-11, 2015 ONA **Convention**, Columbus, OH



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