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September 2015

Southwestern Ohio Nurses Association

ONA Convention- Delegates Needed

The ONA Convention "Nurses Charting the Course of health care" will be held in Columbus, Ohio October 9-11, 2015.

SONA is able to send 63 Delegates this year. Many SONA members have already signed up to be a delegate but we have more seats available. You can enhance your knowledge of nursing practices today, new legislations and updates, and you can bring this information back to our community.

SONA will be reimbursing delegates \$250 towards the registration cost. You will need to self-register at www.onaconvention.com/registration/.

Delegates will also be reimbursed for up to 2 nights in a double occupancy room (\$134 max). Receipts will need to be submitted to SONA for reimbursement after

convention. Please visit www.onaconvention.com/hotel-information/ for further information.

In order to be eligible for reimbursement delegates must attend ALL House of Delegates meetings (attendance will be taken). Please contact us at info@sonanet.org or 513-426-6582 with any questions/issues.

For those that have already signed up to be delegates please mark your calendars to attend the Delegate Planning Meeting on Sept. 30th at 7:30pm at Twin Towers. More information will be sent separately.



Barron Center Clinic– Volunteers Needed

The SONA Human Rights Committee has been operating a nurses clinic at the Drop Inn Shelter one afternoon a week since 1994. Volunteer nurses assist homeless adults. Care involves assessment, vital signs, blood pressure and glucose monitoring, referrals and supportive communication with residents. The Drop Inn Shelter clinic

serves over 1,000 clients a year.

With the opening of the new Hatton Center for Women in June and the opening of the Barron Center for Men scheduled for October 2015 the number of residents is expected to grow and we are looking for new volunteers to assist in operating the new clinic.

If you would consider joining this project please call SONA at 523-426-6582 or email info@sonanet.org to set up a time to come to the clinic during a Tuesday afternoon from 4-6pm.

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

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A special thank you to our outgoing officers we appreciate your time and dedication to the SONA organization.

SONA Finance Committee Volunteers Needed

SONA is requesting volunteers to serve on a finance committee to review the organization financials as best practice recommends. Please contact us at info@sonanet.org if you are interested. Also, if any member knows of a finance professional willing to volunteer or offer their services at a reduced fee, please let us know.

In Memoriam

Long time active SONA member, Dorothy Oechsler, passed away on July 5, 2015. A donation in her honor was made to the Florence Nightingale Scholarship Fund at the Ohio State University.

James Ryan, husband of long time SONA member and past President Marge Ryan, passed away on May 17, 2015. A donation in his honor was made to the Parkinson's Disease Support Network.

SONA members please share news of long standing members so that they can also be recognized.

SONA Awards Recognition

Congratulations to Charlene Rasche for receiving the Mary Hamer Greenwood award at the SONA Annual Dinner and CE Event on June 24th.

This award is named after one of the principal founders of the Graduate Nurses Association of Cincinnati, now known as the Southwestern Ohio Nurses Association (SONA) and is given to an active SONA member who

has made active contributions to nursing outside SONA.



Charlene's nursing colleagues admire her tireless efforts supporting the mission of the DIC Nurses Clinic for over 20 years. Congratulations also

go out to Dr. Jean Anthony who was chosen as one of The Cincinnati Herald's Nefertiti honorees this year because of her wisdom and inner beauty. She was recognized at the Nerfertiti Awards Banquet on June 6,



Health Care Hero Award Nominations

Help the Business Courier recognize those who have made an impact on health care in our community through their concern for patients, their research and inventions, their management skills, their innovative programs for employees and their service to the poor and uninsured.

Nominate them or your-

self by November 6, 2015.

<http://www.bizjournals.com/cincinnati/nomination/74942#eligibility>

Awards will be given to the standouts in these categories at a dinner February 25, 2016.

- Community Outreach
- Innovator

- Manager
- Provider

To be eligible, the nominee must work within the 17-county Greater Cincinnati area.



Legal Services for Nurses

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.

Ms. Wright is also available for a one-time legal, workplace, or career telephonic consultation. See our website for additional information.

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Mark Your Calendar...

- September 30, 2015: SONA Board Meeting at Twin Towers
- September 30, 2015: SONA Delegate Planning Meeting
7:30pm at Twin Towers
- October 9-11, 2015: ONA Convention, Columbus, OH
- October 28, 2015: SONA Board Meeting
- November 6, 2015: Healthcare Hero Nomination Forms Due



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