

MetroMN Chapter of ONS

May 2021

Summer Plans

We're back in a groove!

It was lovely to see so many in attendance at the May "Cultivating Gratitude" event! We have another great program just around the corner on Tuesday, June 8 in person! Come hear about "A Multidisciplinary Approach for Patients with Resectable NSCLC" from Dr Roy Cho. RSVPs required by June 5 to metromnons@gmail.com. Can't wait to see you!

MetroMN is pleased to host a social outing at Target Field for you AND a guest Tuesday, August 10. Included for you are 2 tickets to the Twins vs White Sox **and** voucher towards concessions. Registration opens soon on our chapter page, watch for it so we secure your tickets!

We continue to seek BIPOC voices to author articles for this Newsletter, all submissions welcome.

Also, are you curious about being part of the Metro MN Board? Elections will be held in November, so if you're starting to think about it, share your questions now. metromnons@gmail.com Note: Board members receive a FREE national ONS membership!

Are you in an oncology leadership role, such as Manager or Educator? MetroMN is curious if you'd be interested in a round table discussion with other local oncology nurse leaders to network/share what needs you have that perhaps MetroMN can help fill? metromnons@gmail.com if this resonates.

Our May event was well received and it was so fun to see familiar faces in person again! As awareness, the chapter spent \$44/person for the event and we had 10 "no shows" which cost the chapter \$440. Unforeseen circumstances will always come up, much grace is given, but please do communicate if your plans change so we can spend chapter funds wisely. Thanks!

Prize Winners

\$1000.00 awarded in May!

The following nurses were awarded \$100 each to be spent at their workplaces in recognition of oncology nurses' month. They were chosen based on their comments, likes and shares of our chapter Facebook page @metromnons.

-Jackie Voigt Underhill of Allina Health Cancer Institute at Abbott

-Kaarina Skoog

-Mary Larpenteur of MMCCORC

Karen Myers (M Health Fairview) and Stacey Hammer (Park Nicollet) were each awarded \$100 towards any ONS educational content via a drawing at our May meeting.

Tanner Kattre was awarded \$500.00 for his undergraduate nursing education.

Advocacy and Health Policy

Ann Deshler, RN, MetroMN ONS Government Relations Chair and State Lead Ambassador, ACS CAN

As your Government Relations Chair, I would encourage you to read the two editorials from the May 7th issue of The Cancer Letter related to menthol flavored cigarettes, the targeting of the African American population and the lack of the FDA to take action on banning of menthol flavoring. While I have known for many years that the African American population has been targeted by the tobacco industry, I never knew all this history. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently announced it is poised to restrict the manufacture and sale of mentholated cigarettes and cigars. The FDA has had authority over tobacco for 12 years. In the editorial it mentions a lawsuit brought against the FDA for not acting on it's authority. The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) was one of the organizations that was a part of that lawsuit. Protecting youth and minorities from the harmful effects of tobacco in all forms is a priority issue for ACS CAN.

Two recommended quick reads:

“The unKOOL, unfiltered history of menthol cigarettes” https://cancerletter.com/guest-editorial/20210507_2/ and “Menthol ban has been a no-brainer for decades – will it finally happen?” https://cancerletter.com/guest-editorial/20210507_1/.

If you would like to know more about ACS CAN go to <https://www.fightcancer.org/> or contact me! Sharing our stories and advocating for health policy and funding for cancer research is the most powerful way we can enact changes that impact those affected by cancer.

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How can you use your professional voice to end cancer, or improve the lives of those living with it? Check out this link for a myriad of ideas!

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