



News from the Nominating Committee

Now that the summer is over and Fall is upon us it is time to think about our upcoming Chapter Elections for 2014. The following are the positions open for election:

Membership Chair - 2 year term
Treasurer - 2 year term
President-Elect - 2 year term

This would be a great opportunity to become more involved and active in your Chapter, collaborate and network with your fellow oncology nurses, a great addition to your resume and your service can also be applied as credits for your OCN renewal. Please consider joining us in enriching our Chapter together!

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any information or questions.

Also as we are going to continue with the electronic elections process via ONS it is important to make sure that the ONS and Pennswood have your correct/updated e-mail addresses to facilitate this process. You can update ONS via your ONS Profile on-line and with the chapter via myself and Ro Tucci.

Thank you
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Upcoming Events Save the Date

**PennsWood Chapter ONS
Thursday – Oct., 17, 2013**

6:00 pm



Treatment of Advanced NSCLC

Speaker:

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by Monday October 13, 2013

Lessons Learned:

ONS Chapter Leadership 2013

National Oncology Nursing Society offers a weekend chapter leadership workshop that provides insights into the complexity that all of our work environments and our local chapters bring to us daily. As has been reported through the WoodPile before, application of these insights allows us to answer the question “What can I take back...” These are some of the points that I walked away from Pittsburgh with that will hopefully make me a better secretary for our ONS chapter, a better nurse and an overall better person.

- 1) Know the differences between each class of generations that you interact with
- 2) Acknowledge that these differences are not set in stone
- 3) Look at the chapter leadership and focus on the overarching leadership skills that can be utilized in a variety of roles
- 4) Build on individual strengths and offer options for participation

What do I mean about generational classes? In a nutshell:

Traditionalists (Birthdates from 1922 – 1945) prefer a formal work environment, are generally unwilling to challenge norms, have a powerful work ethic and are loyal to the organizations they are involved with.

Baby Boomers (Birthdates 1946 – 1964) have a high sense of competitiveness, wants recognition for their contributions, communicate in a personal manner, like teamwork over working independently, and tend to be workaholics.

Gen Xers (Birthdates 1965 – 1980) like to have fun at work, tend to try for a balance of work and personal lives, prefer to work independently and do not like to take risks.

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Our Meeting Agenda October 17th

Just a reminder that we have our next meeting set for October 17th. At this meeting, we are asking the membership to bring a pair or package of girl's extra-small or small sized socks (preferably heavy duty for warmth) to be sent to the Navajo reservation. For the November meeting we will either be collecting coats or money to purchase coats that will be sent directly to the reservation. Our contacts out there sent the request and Pat Frank has sent following message to our peers at the other ONS local chapters:

Ruth called over the weekend to give us the updates on the coats sizes -5,6,7,8,9 -We are to decide how many she did not want to put a number on because of the price
 Size 5 and 6 will be Buck-Mont (boys) and PACON (girls) and each chapter will donate if you can 10 coats
 Size 9 for boys

Size 7 and 8 will be Delaware Diamond (boys) and Penns Wood (girls) and each chapter will donate if you can 10 coats size 9 for girls

Would like to see us mail these by December 10th so they will have them for Christmas

Ruth also mention that many of the children are wearing socks with holes in them or no socks and refuse to take their shoes off for checkups due to this.

Asked if we could help. I think we need to address this now and ship some out in October or early November -I attached a sock size chart by age to help.

If each chapter can send 20 pairs or more of various sizes this will help with getting the right size for each age group.

SOCKS CHART - CHILDRENS

Sock Size	Shoe Size	Approx. Age
(XS) 6 - 7½	7½ - 11½	3 - 5 Years
(S) 7 - 8½	9 - 2½	4 - 7 Years
(M) 8 - 9½	2 - 5½	6 - 9 Years
(L) 9 - 11	4 - 10	10 & Up
(XL) 10 - 12	6 - 11	Tall Girl
(XL) 10 - 13	6 - 12	Men's

Thank you for your ongoing support of the community service project!

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(CONT.) Lessons Learned:

ONS Chapter Leadership 2013

GenYers (Birthdates 1981-2000) are confident and willing to work with others, has a strong belief in balancing work and personal life, wants to have a say in activities and are strongly dependent upon technology.

So, how do we get the generations to work together for a common good? Nurse want to feel like we make a difference, regardless of our ages. Balance between work and a personal life is a good thing for all of us, but know that when we make a commitment, it is just that – a commitment to participate! Recognizing and utilizing the variety of skill sets we all bring can only add strength to our chapter. Valuing our differences rather than complaining about them will allow us to continue to grow as an organization and to maximize the chapter's resources.



President Note:

First I would like to thank all of you for being so generous in our Navajo project. The little we have given them has been very helpful, Ruth has been very pleased and appreciative.

Please see Ann Marie Gipe for nomination in a position we do have some openings coming up in the next year. We have benefitted from the new ONS membership initiative it was a smooth transitioning thanks to Ro Tucci for taking charge in updating the membership spreadsheet. Please make sure that you RSVP to the program leaders for the education dinners. There has been too many showing up and affecting the numbers to be prepared and served with the restaurants and causing confusion for the pharmaceutical reps. And similarly if you RSVP'd but cannot make it please call someone to cancel your reservation!

Thanks,

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