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The 2011 ONA Convention is being held in Columbus from Friday October 14, 2011 through Sunday October 16, 2011. GCNA is allowed 31 delegates for this year's convention. Per GCNA Bylaws, the current GCNA Board President, Betty Freund, is automatically a delegate. In addition to the 30 delegates, alternates are also elected at this time. Please follow the voting instructions and **remember that if you would like to serve as a delegate or alternate and your name does not appear below, "write-in" candidates are accepted and welcomed so you may write in your name and you will be contacted by the GCNA staff.**

GCNA VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

GCNA has gone to electronic online voting! Here's how to do it:

1. To cast your ballot go online to www.votingplace.net/gcna.
2. Enter your first name as it appears on your ONA ID card and your ONA ID number **DO NOT INCLUDE THE ZEROS AT THE BEGINNING OF YOUR ID NUMBER**. All entries are case sensitive
3. You should be at the ballot. Vote by clicking your mouse on the box next to the appropriate name. You can vote for up to 30 candidates. **Write-ins are accepted but you need to type a name in before checking the box.**
4. Submit your ballot and you have voted!
5. **THE DEADLINE FOR VOTING IS August 29, 2011.**

You can still vote with a paper ballot if you would prefer that. Just contact our office at 216-771-6922 and we will forward the envelopes for voting

Robin Blake _____
Dorothy Hamilton _____
Shirley Hemminger _____
Donna Hughes _____
Bette Idemoto _____
Mary Joyce _____
Denise Kresivec _____
Sandy Levine _____
Jane Mahowald _____
Kathleen Montgomery _____

Geri Pangrac _____
Dennis Plank _____
Mary Redmon _____
Carol Roe _____
Carol Sams _____
John Schmidt _____
Joyce Thomas _____
Roberta Stokes _____
Margaret Wheatley _____
Diane Winfrey _____

WRITE-INS

GET INVOLVED! YOU CAN STILL BE A DELEGATE AT THE 2011 ONA CONVENTION

The 2011 ONA Convention will be held in Columbus from October 14-16, 2011. A complete ONA bylaws revision will be presented for approval by the convention and it is important GCNA have full representation.

Even though your name is not on the above ballot you can still serve by writing your name in. Ask several colleagues to also write in your name. If you have any questions regarding serving as a delegate contact our offices at 216-771-6922 or via email at gcna@clevelandnurse.org

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

So far it has been a hot summer and I hope you are staying cool and healthy. We had a busy June this year. The first Faces of Care Gala was a great success. Cleveland Magazine did a super job in making the event a wonderful evening that included cocktails, dinner, award ceremonies, music and dancing which was enjoyed by over 300 attendees. GCNA's own Donna Hughes was awarded the first Faces of Care Lifetime Achievement Award and those that know Donna will agree it was well deserved. We look forward to an even better event in June of 2012 so keep your eyes open for details.

We also had our annual June District Meeting where we recognized those members with over 25 years of membership in GCNA, Graduating Senior Award winners and the 2011 Senior Scholarship winner. Congratulations to all. Unfortunately I was unable to attend the meeting as I was visiting my first grandchild in Virginia who was born several days before the meeting. Fortunately the meeting was in good hands under the direction of Vice President Meghan Zona.

We are now preparing for the 2011 ONA convention. This will be a critical convention as a complete revision of the ONA Bylaws is up for discussion and approval. You can view the revised bylaws and explanations at <http://ona2011convention.wordpress.com/bylaws/>.

It is vital that GCNA have full representation at this year's convention. We are entitled to 31 Delegates but currently only have 20 members running to serve as a delegate or alternate. I am asking you to double check your schedule and see if you can serve GCNA by attending the convention. If so put in your name as a "write-in" candidate on the ballot. I thank you in advance for your consideration.

I hope you continue to stay healthy during the remainder of the long hot summer. As nurses and caregivers we sometimes to forget about taking care of ourselves so drink plenty of fluids (primarily water) and don't over do it outside. Also remember your pets and make sure they have a comfortable environment during these hot days.

Best wishes,

Betty Freund

President

JOIN GCNA IN THE DIGITAL AGE

In order to improve communications with members and control our expenses one of the prime tools available is our use of modern technology to move GCNA into the digital age. This includes a revision of our website, the construction of a GCNA Facebook page and probably most importantly expanded electronic distribution of the VOICE.

Distributing the VOICE electronically via email has several major benefits. For the organization one of the big benefits is cost. If every member were able to receive an electronic copy we would have an additional \$2,500-3,000 in our annual budget. In addition to cost savings an electronic VOICE allows us to communicate with members on a more frequent and timely basis. And an electronic version allows the inclusion of more color, graphics, internet links and photographs.

We realize that at this time every member may not have access to a computer to receive the VOICE electronically but we are asking all members who are able to take advantage of an electronic VOICE to provide us with a current email address so you can start receiving the VOICE and VOICE updates immediately.

If you are a Facebook fan check out our Facebook page and add your comments and suggestions. We are always looking for ways to make GCNA more responsive to our membership and appreciate your comments.

GCNA PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIPS, HONORS 25+ YEAR MEMBERS AND GRADUATING SENIOR AWARD WINNERS AT JUNE DISTRICT MEETING

The Greater Cleveland Nurses Association presented its annual Scholarship, honored winners of the annual GCNA Graduating Senior Awards and members with 25 years or more of service at the June 14, 2011 District meeting. The \$1000.00 Scholarships was awarded to student Amanda Gannon.

Amanda attends the Breen School of Nursing, Ursuline College. In her essay Ms. Gannon wrote, *"Like a parent who needs to play many roles for their family, nurses play many dynamic parts in patient care. Simultaneously we are responsible to act as patient advocates, teachers, caregivers, managers, communicators, comforters, counselors, researchers, etc. I also believe in holistic care of the individual physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually to promote balanced healing and preventative medicine. Flowing from learned skills and evidence-based practice, to compassionately accommodating a client's emotions, show that nursing can be both an art and a science. What I like about hospice nursing is that the symptom management is not aimed on scientific and curative medicine, but focuses on the art of dying and the art of living, or "ars moriedi, ars vivendi" in Latin. Comfort being the focus, far more liberty is given to the nurse to practice his/her craft in end-of-life care and dealing with the human condition. The college education that my parents have so selflessly sacrificed and worked hard to give me is, and will always be a priceless gift I will treasure for the rest of my life. I intend to use my BSN education as a foundation for life-long learning and service."*

Every June GCNA recognizes those members with 25 or more years as a member. This year our records showed 42 members with 25+ years of membership. Listed below are the names of our 25+ members. If you don't see your name on the list below and have been a member for 25 years or more let us know so that we can add you to our list and recognize you in the future.

The Graduating Senior Award is presented to a senior from each of the area nursing schools at their commencement ceremonies each spring. The award winner, chosen by the faculty of each school, demonstrates exceptional clinical competence, leadership qualities, involvement in student and community activities and a commitment to personal growth.

The Greater Cleveland Nurses Association is pleased to honor these nurses and their commitment to their profession and their professional organization. Congratulations to all!

25+ MEMBERS

Elizabeth Andrews	Mary Ellen Chura	Margaret Doheny	Karen Kazel	Carol Roe
Patricia Bakaitis	Harriet Coeling	Frances Dostal	Rosemary Keating	Mary Joyce
Judith Beeler	Elizabeth Cotton	Jane Mahowald	Clare Keiser	Carol Sams
Elizabeth Berrey	Doris Culpepper	Patricia Estok	Sandra Levine	Joan Stapf
Isabelle Boland	Sharon Darkovich	Shirley Gullo	Marjorie Lloyd	Susan Taft
Denise Booker	P Joan Dashield	Rosemarie Hogan	Vivian Louis	Linda Thede
Gale Bromelmeier	Eileen Dillon	Donna Hughes	Kathleen Montgomery	Rosia Woods
Laura Ryan Caldwell	Georgia Dixon	Mary Ann Hulme	Charlene Phelps	Sandy Wyper
		Evelyn Jones	Mary Redmon	

GRADUATING SENIOR AWARD WINNERS

Melissa Soltis	Ursuline College Breen School of Nursing
Jasmine Scharfeld	Huron School of Nursing
Nicholas Johnson	CSU School of Nursing
Deidre Murphy	Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing
Kristine Kline	Cuyahoga Community College

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GCNA NURSING NOTES

2011 “Faces of Care Gala” Great Success . . . On Saturday June 11th area nurses and their guests joined together at the Embassy suites in Independence to celebrate nursing, honor area nurses and just have a darn good time with friends and colleagues. The evening began with a cocktail hour and then moved to the ballroom for the evening’s main events. A wonderful buffet dinner was enjoyed by all. There was live music provided by the band TWIST throughout the evening. While guests were enjoying their dinner a fashion show presented by Beachwood Place took place and then we moved to the much anticipated Awards Ceremony with masters of ceremonies local personality Michael Caradmore and his wife Rebecca. Many area nurses, more than we have room to list here, were given awards by local health providers. The height of the awards ceremony were the presentations of the first Next Generation of Care Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award. Nicholas Bredesca of Ursuline College was awarded the Next Generation of Care Award and we are sure to hear from him in the coming years. Long time GCNA member Donna Hughes was awarded the First Lifetime Achievement Award for over 50 years of service to nursing and the community. At the completion of the Awards Ceremony the real fun started with dancing to the tunes of TWIST. If you missed this fantastic event don’t worry we will be holding it again in June of 2012. Keep your radar up for the announcement of the date.

GCNA Board member Lynn Lotas Awarded Fulbright Fellowship . . . Longtime GCNA member Lynn Lotas has been awarded a prestigious Fulbright Fellowship and will be leaving Northeast Ohio for a year. The Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government and is designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. In addition to being a very active member over the years Lynn has served the last 18 months as Director, Education for GCNA. We will miss her but are proud to have “one of our own” receive this honor.