

## GCNA FALL DISTRICT MEETING

**Tuesday September 17, 2013**

**5:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

**Sterles Slovenian Country House**

**1401 E. 55th St., Cleveland, Ohio**

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### True Life—I am a Nursing School Grad

The Greater Cleveland Nurses Association is pleased to invite area nursing students to an evening of socializing and networking with GCNA members. There will include dinner, time to get to know one another and a panel discussion, "True Life – I Am a Nursing School Grad". The discussion will include new nurse orientation, nurse residency, the clinical ladder, applying for a position including interview techniques and the benefits of belonging to a professional organization. Have your questions about life after nursing school answered by local healthcare professionals and join us for this special evening of fun and learning.

**Schedule:** 5:00 – Social Hour, Dinner  
6:15 – Business Meeting  
6:30 – Panel Discussion

**Cost:** \$20.00 – Members/Guests  
\$10.00—Students

**GCNA MEMBERS PLEASE BRING YOUR BUSINESS CARDS  
SO WE CAN MAKE THIS A TRUE NETWORKING EVENT.**

**REGISTER VIA EMAIL AT [GCNA@CLEVELANDNURSE.ORG](mailto:GCNA@CLEVELANDNURSE.ORG)  
OR BY CALLING 216-771-6922  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE  
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2013**

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## VOTE FOR YOUR ONA CONVENTION DELEGATES

The 2013 ONA Convention is being held in Columbus from Friday October 11, 2013 through Sunday October 13, 2013. GCNA is allowed 32 delegates for this year’s convention. Per GCNA Bylaws, the current GCNA Board President, Mary Joyce, is automatically a delegate. In addition to the 31 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](http://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 31 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 28, 2013.**

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

Tonia Baggett \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emily Bain \_\_\_\_\_  
 Robin Blake \_\_\_\_\_  
 Carol Ann Brooks \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lucinda Cave \_\_\_\_\_  
 Susan Cobb \_\_\_\_\_  
 Harriet Coeling \_\_\_\_\_  
 Khaliah Fischer-Grace \_\_\_\_\_  
 Betty Freund \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dorothy Hamilton \_\_\_\_\_  
 Donna Hughes \_\_\_\_\_  
 Stephanie Kubitzka \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sandy Levine \_\_\_\_\_

Marilyn Lotas \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jane Mahowald \_\_\_\_\_  
 Kathleen Montgomery \_\_\_\_\_  
 Geri Pangrac \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rebecca Patton \_\_\_\_\_  
 Kathryn Reinhardt \_\_\_\_\_  
 Megan Ramic \_\_\_\_\_  
 Raquel Rodriquez \_\_\_\_\_  
 Carol Roe \_\_\_\_\_  
 Carol Sams \_\_\_\_\_  
 John Schmidt \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adele Webb \_\_\_\_\_  
 Diane Winfrey \_\_\_\_\_

### WRITE-INS

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## GET INVOLVED! YOU CAN STILL BE A DELEGATE AT THE 2013 ONA CONVENTION

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](mailto:gcna@clevelandnurse.org)

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

The Greater Cleveland Nurses Association presented its annual Senior Scholarship, honored winners of the annual GCNA Graduating Senior Awards and members with 25 years or more of service at the June 4, 2013 District meeting. This is also the first year we awarded our New Membership Scholarship. The \$1000.00 Rosemarie Hogan Senior Scholarship was awarded to student Allison Luoma. Allison attends CWRU Francis Payne Bolton School of Nursing.

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.

This year GCNA awarded two are nurses our first Membership scholarships. RN's Amanda Thomas and Stephanie Kubitz. They will be working on projects to educate nurses and increase GCNA membership.

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

Judith Beeler	Shirley Hemminger	Clare Keiser	Kathleen Montgomery	Diane Winfrey
Gale Bromelmeier	Donna Hughes	Sandra Levine	Charlene Phelps	Stacy Winkler
Harriet Coeling	Mary Ann Hulme	Marjorie Lloyd	Carol Roe	Elizabeth Winn
Elizabeth Cotton	Evelyn Jones	Vida Lock	Carol Sams	Rosia Woods
P Joan Dashiield	Mary Joyce	Barb Lombardo	Joan Stapf	Sandy Wyper
Margaret Doheny	Karen Kazel	Vivian Louis	Susan Taft	
Patricia Estok	Rosemary Keating	Jane Mahowald	Linda Thede	

## GRADUATING SENIOR AWARD WINNERS

Louis Sharpnack	Ursuline College Breen School of Nursing
Megaan Welsh	CSU School of Nursing
Ashley Franklin	Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing
Kim Case	Cuyahoga Community College
Sarah Rak	Notre Dame School of Nursing

## GCNA Second Annual Heart Walk Team—Sign Up

The Greater Cleveland Nurses Association is proud to announce that for a second year in a row we are forming a team to participate in the 2013 American Heart Association's Heart Walk on September 28, 2013. It takes off from Voinovich Park at 10:00 AM and there are 1 and 3 mile walks. Board member Benitha Garrett has volunteered to be our Team Captain and is already working with the local Heart Association to make sure it is a rousing success. If you would like to participate as a part of Team GCNA just contact our office at [gcnac@clevelandnurse.org](mailto:gcnac@clevelandnurse.org) or via phone at 216-771-6922.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow GCNA Members,

It's been a busy and warm summer and I hope everyone is doing well, working hard and taking some time off to enjoy the beautiful weather. The summer kicked off with the Third Annual Nursing Gala. As usual it was a great time to get together with friends and colleagues to enjoy each other's company, good food, recognizing our fellow nurses and have a dance or two. If you didn't make it be sure you stay on the lookout for news about the 2014 Gala.

We have a number of things coming up and I want to make sure you are able to join us. First off on Tuesday September 17<sup>th</sup> we are again having a District Meeting focusing on getting to know and networking with local nursing students. There will be a panel discussion centering on helping students to prepare for life after graduation. I encourage you to come and bring plenty of business cards to share with the students.

GCNA is again participating in the Annual Heart Walk which is taking place on Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to join us for this fun event and help raise money to support the fight against heart disease, check the article on page three for details.

And last but not least we have the ONA Convention in Columbus Ohio from October 11-13. The ballot to elect Delegates is on page 2 and I encourage every GCNA member to take a moment and vote. Also we still could use some Delegates so if you would like to serve submit your name via a "write-in" candidate. Each serving Delegate will receive a \$300.00 stipend from GCNA to help offset expenses. It is important that we have full representation at the convention and it is a great learning experience.

Summers goes so fast and remember to take time and enjoy the little bit that is left, stay safe and join us for our fall activities.

Sincerely,

*Mary Joyce*

President