

## GCNA FALL DISTRICT MEETING

**Tuesday September 23, 2014**

**5:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

**Rockside Holiday Inn—177 & Rockside Rd.**

**6001 Rockside Rd., Independence, Ohio**

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### RNs Shaping Their Future Through Health Policy

ONA Deputy Executive Director Tiffany Wenter will present our program, "RNs Shaping their Future Through Health Policy", a look at how RNs can get involved in nursing advocacy and influence legislation. Ms. Wenter will also update us on current legislation being considered that will effect nurses and healthcare delivery. This is an important presentation for all those interested in how they can help promote better healthcare thru the legislative process.

**Schedule:** 5:00 – Social Hour, Dinner  
6:00 – Business Meeting  
6:30 – Program

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

**The Greater Cleveland Nurses Association invites all area nursing students to our Fall District Meeting. This is a great opportunity to network with area nurses and learn more about belonging to a professional organization.**

**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 18, 2014**

**SEE PAGE 4 FOR EXCITING DISTRICT MEETING CONTEST**

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow GCNA Members,

I returned from an Irish festival recently and one of the many take aways was the Irish turn of a phrase. One that stuck with me was 'mind yourself.' Our September 23rd meeting will be focused on nursing students and I think that phrase would be particularly applicable to them. As we all know nursing students juggle jobs and families in addition to classes and clinicals. We need to help them develop the ability to focus and create balance. Mentor students, share your knowledge, advocate for them!

Tiffany Wenter, who is the Assistant Executive Director of ONA, will be the speaker at our upcoming September 23rd meeting. Her topic is "R.N.s, Shaping Their Future Through Health Policy". It promises to be a compelling evening. We start at 5:00 PM at the Holiday Inn on Rockside. Please make your reservation and bring your friends.

GCNA BOD members will be staffing a table at the Ohio Nursing Student Associations Convention on September 27th. We are happy to have a presence there to share our information.

The Faces of Care Gala, which GCNA co sponsors with Cleveland Magazine to honor nurses and nursing, was a fabulous event. It was the hottest ticket in town on June 7th. Our own Judith Beeler won the Lifetime Achievement Award for her outstanding nursing career. Congratulations Judy, thanks for all you've done for our profession.

GCNA is again participating in the annual American Heart Association Heart Walk on September 27th. More information is available on page 3. Help us out by signing up and walking.

Visit GCNA on Facebook and Twitter

*Mary Joyce*

President

## CALL FOR YEAR 2015 GCNA CANDIDATES

The following positions will be up for election on the GCNA Board of Directors and Nominating Committee in 2015. Members are encouraged to make nominations by contacting the GCNA office at 216-771-6922, fax at 216-201-9629 or email at [gcnac@clevealandnurse.org](mailto:gcnac@clevealandnurse.org). You will also have the opportunity to make nominations at the Winter District Meeting in December.

**GCNA members who are interested in becoming more involved are encouraged to volunteer to run for office.**

### GCNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2015-2017

President Elect	Director - Education
Treasurer	Director - Staff Nursing
Director - At Large	Director - Administration

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

2015-2017

Administration	Education
Staff Nurse	At Large

**JOIN THE GCNA CARPOOL CAMPAIGN SEE PAGE 4 FOR DETAILS**

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

The Greater Cleveland Nurses Association honored winners of the annual GCNA Graduating Senior Awards and members with 25 years or more of service at the June 3, 2014 District meeting.

Every June GCNA recognizes those members with 25 or more years as a member. This year our records showed 33 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

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

## GRADUATING SENIOR AWARD WINNERS

Nina Metz	Ursuline College Breen School of Nursing
Savannah Oliver	CSU School of Nursing
Emily Orchard	Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing
Audrey Allen	Cuyahoga Community College
Ryan Henry	Notre Dame School of Nursing

## GCNA Third Annual Heart Walk Team—Sign Up

The Greater Cleveland Nurses Association is proud to announce that for a third year in a row we are forming a team to participate in the 2014 American Heart Association's Heart Walk on September 27, 2014. 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 go to <http://heartwalk.kintera.org/clevelandoh/gcna> or if you are unable to walk but would like to make a contribution to the Heart Association as part of GCNA you can make a contribution on Benitha Garrett's page at <http://heartwalk.kintera.org/clevelandoh/teamcaptaingcna> .

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## GCNA Announces Its Carpool Campaign

Carpool or Rideshare....GCNA wants you to get there!!!

Greater Cleveland Nurses Association invites local nursing students, GCNA members and nonmembers to carpool or rideshare to the Fall District Meeting on September 23, 2014 from 5:00-8:00 PM at the Rockside Holiday Inn!

Seize the opportunity to dine and network with local nurses, nurse leaders, and nursing students while learning how nurses can shape healthcare policy at the state level!

Support the GCNA Carpool Campaign by riding with two or more people to the September District Meeting and be entered into a contest to win a gas card and free admittance to the December District Meeting!

Mark your calendars, and start organizing your carpool! We hope to see you there!

### **Carpool Campaign Contest Rules:**

Register your carpool:

- When you register to attend the Fall District Meeting please indicate your name and the name of the carpool you are participating in (*here's an opportunity to explore your creative side*).
- During the Fall District Meeting the **driver** of the largest **registered** carpool will win a gas card (all carpool members must be present at the Fall District Meeting).
- All persons in the largest **registered** carpool will win admittance to the December District Meeting (all carpool members must be present at the Fall District Meeting).