



GCNA DECEMBER DISTRICT MEETING

Tuesday December 6, 2011

5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

The Manor Party Center

24111 Rockwell Dr., Euclid, Ohio

216-481-8080

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“WHO and ICN: Alphabet Soup or Global Health Movers and Shakers?”

Barbara L. Yoost, MSN, RN, CNS, CNE, ANEF

Most nurses in the US are unaware of the impact of the World Health Organization and the International Council of Nurses relating to US foreign policy and funding and how it effects the quality of life and healthcare, especially in third world countries. Join us for this fascinating presentation that will give you a new perspective on the influence nurses can have in world healthcare.

Celebrate the holiday season with friends and colleagues at this last GCNA meeting of the year.

Schedule: 5:30 – Social Hour, Dinner
6:15 – Business Meeting
6:30 – Program
8:00—Adjournment

Cost: \$20.00 – Members/Guests
\$15.00—Students
\$25.00 – Non-members

REGISTER AT 216-771-6922 OR VIA EMAIL AT

GCNA@CLEVELANDNURSE.ORG

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As we move into the end of the year and the holiday season (did anyone else hear Christmas carols in stores before Halloween?) We have much for which to be give thanks and much to celebrate.

At the ONA convention in October, we celebrated two longtime GCNA members, Dorothy Hamilton and Diane Winfrey, who were inducted into the Cornelius Congress. Both are past presidents of GCNA and both have served on the Board of the Ohio Nurses Association. They are great examples of how all of us can get involved in our professional organization. We are proud of you both!

We have initiated a new way for you to keep up with what is going on in the nursing community in our area. The GCNA Nursing News Flash is a weekly email news letter with a number of articles on nursing including an entire section for local nursing news. You can join in by forwarding any news you think local nurses would be interested in to Jeff at our offices. If you haven't already started to receive the GCNA Nursing News Flash in your email contact our office with your current email address to keep up with the nursing scene in NE Ohio.

As we look forward to a new year, I making a "call to action" – a challenge, if you like, to our members to get out of our comfort zones and become involved in GCNA. We each have so much to offer to others who would benefit from our expertise You can ask a colleague to join you at a district meeting (and earn CE hours), volunteer at a clinic, or become politically active (Nurses Day at the Statehouse anyone??). If any of you have a project or an opportunity where we can offer our time or skills, please let me or Jeff know. I am well aware of all the "things" that that we have on our plates—work, family, school and so on, but I assure you, your efforts will be worth it. Look for information on our website and in the Voice regarding opportunities to get involved.

I wish you all happy holidays—whichever you celebrate and best wishes for a happy and healthy new year! I look forward to seeing you at the December district meeting!

All the best,

Betty Freund

President

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR PROVIDENCE HOUSE

For the sixth year GCNA will be taking donations for Providence House at the December District meeting. Last year was a big success and we hope to repeat that this year. Providence House is located on Cleveland's west side and is Ohio's first licensed crisis nursery of infants and toddlers through age 5. Needed items include:

Children's Shoes (size 6-12)
Fall/Winter Jackets (larger sizes)

Socks (all sizes)

Diapers/Pull-Ups (sz. 4-5, Lg., Jumbo)

Infant formula

Children's Back-Packs or Suitcases

Paper towels, cups, Napkins, Kleenex

Plastic Sipper Cups w/lids

Latex Surgical Gloves (Med. & Lg.)

Dreft Laundry Detergent

Windex, Furniture Polish

Air Fresheners

Portable Radio/CD players

White Xerox Paper

Postage Stamps

Manila File Folders

Antibacterial Hand Soap

GROCERY ITEMS

Baby Juice/Fruit Juice

Canned Soups

Applesauce, Fruit Cocktail, Jello

Rice, Inst. Potatoes, Kool Aid

Cream of Wheat

Canned Fruits & Vegetables

Saltine & Graham Crackers

Due to strict safety requirements previously used children's items, clothes and linens cannot be accepted. Just bring any items to the District Meeting on December 7, 2011. Call GCNA at 216-771-6922 for further details.

CALL FOR YEAR 2012 GCNA CANDIDATES

The following positions will be up for election on the GCNA Board of Directors and Nominating Committee in 2012. Members are encouraged to make additional nominations by contacting the GCNA office at 216-771-6922, fax at 440-322-3466 or email at gcna@clevelandnurse.org. You will also have the opportunity to make nominations at the District Meeting on Tuesday, December 6, 2011. **GCNA members who are interested in becoming more involved are encouraged to volunteer to run for office.** A final list of candidates with their biographical sketches and ballots will be appear in the January 2012 edition of the Voice.

GCNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2012-2014

Vice President	Director - Education
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Director - At Large	Director - Administration

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

2012-2014

Administration	Education
Staff Nurse	At Large

GCNA NEWS AND NOTES

ONA CONVENTION . . . The 2011 ONA Convention was held October 14-16 in Columbus Ohio. GCNA members and past Presidents, Dorothy Hamilton and Diane Winfrey, were inducted into the Cornelius Congress. Congratulations to both. A complete revision of the ONA Bylaws was passed by the House of Delegates streamlining the bylaws and making them more relevant to today. Check out the ONA website at ohnurses.org for details. And a special thanks to all GCNA members that served as delegates.

2012 Nurses Day at the Statehouse . . . Mark your calendars for February 29, 2012. That is the date for the 2012 Nurses Day at the Statehouse. Registration will begin at the beginning of December so check the ONA website if you want to attend. There is limited registration for this event and it fills up quickly. Keep an eye on the GCNA Nursing News Flash for details.

ANA Names Joyce Fitzpatrick New ANF Chair . . . The American Nurses Association (ANA) has named GCNA member Joyce J. Fitzpatrick, PhD, MBA, RN, FAAN, FNAP, former nursing school dean and current professor at Case Western Reserve University, as the new chair of the American Nurses Foundation (ANF) board of trustees, effective October 3, 2011.

St. Malachi Clinic Volunteers Needed . . . In 1992 GCNA was instrumental in starting the St. Malachi Healthcare Clinic on Cleveland's near west side (corner of Detroit Road and W. 25th St.). Over the years nursing students, RNs, and NPs have volunteered at the Clinic to meet the healthcare needs of many of Cleveland's homeless and underserved. The number of clients seeking our help continues to increase. In addition, the clinic is now a nurse-run clinic with physician back-up. To care for these clients we need more RN volunteers to help with patient intake and basic health teaching and more NP volunteers to assess, treat, and teach our clients. Please consider sharing your time and talents by volunteering up to two hours a month, on a Monday evening, between 6 and 8 PM, to meet the needs of Cleveland's underserved. For more information and/or to volunteer, contact Harriet at hcoeling@kent.edu, 440- 871-2619.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2011 ELIZABETH K. PORTER INVOLVED NURSE AWARD

It is time to make your nomination for the 2011 Elizabeth K. Porter Involved Nurse Award. The award is given each year to the GCNA member(s) who:

- 1 Foster high standards of nursing practice.
- 2 Promote the professional and educational advancement of nurses.
- 3 Promote the welfare of nurses to the end that all people may have better nursing care.

This year's award will be presented at the March 2012 GCNA District meeting. Nominations will be accepted until February 15, 2012. Contact GCNA for nomination forms at 216-771-6922 or E-mail at gcna@clevelandnurse.org

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TIME TO APPLY FOR THE 2012 GCNA ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Greater Cleveland Nurses Association (GCNA) is pleased to announce the 2012 Annual Scholarship! GCNA will award one \$1000 scholarship to a nursing student in a basic RN program entering their final year of school. Any junior who will be a senior in good standing in the fall of 2012 is eligible to apply.

CRITERIA FOR APPLICATION AND AWARD

- Be a resident of Cuyahoga or Geauga County.
Be enrolled full-time in a basic RN program in Cuyahoga or Geauga County.
- Have at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average if currently enrolled in college, or if college work has been completed within the past five years. A copy of the most recent transcript must be included with the application.
- Maintain at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average. A copy of the transcript/grades must be submitted within two weeks following each grading period.
- Provide proof of membership in the school's Student Nurse Association.
- Complete a 1000 word essay answering the questions below. Students should write a professional paper using correct grammar, spelling and punctuation. Margins should be 1 inch, papers should be double spaced, and the font should be no smaller than 12.
 1. What is your personal philosophy of nursing?
 2. How will you use your education for the advancement of nursing?

Interested applicants should call 216-771-6922 or contact us at gcna@clevelandnurse.org to receive an application. **Applications should be submitted no later than Friday May 7, 2012 to the Greater Cleveland Nurses Association, 1289 East Avenue, Elyria, Ohio 44035.**