

GCNA JUNE DISTRICT MEETING

Tuesday June 3, 2014

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Holiday Inn Rockside

I-77 & Rockside Road

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Are You Prepared?

Presented by Daniel Kirkpatrick MSN, RN, NE-BC

Join us for a presentation by ONA President Daniel Kirkpatrick on emergency preparedness and what steps we, as nurses, can take to be better prepared both personally and professionally for a disaster.

In addition GCNA will be honoring members with 25+ years of service along with graduating seniors from area nursing schools and GCNA scholarship winners.

In appreciation of our members all GCNA members will be admitted free as long as they are pre-registered by Thursday May 29, 2014

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

Cost: FREE – GCNA Members
\$15.00—Students
\$20.00 – Non-members

**REGISTER AT 216-771-6922 OR VIA EMAIL AT
GCNA@CLEVELANDNURSE.ORG
REGISTRATION DEADLINE MAY 29, 2014**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I was proud to represent GCNA at the Nurses Day luncheon on May 9th. Many students attended and most were graduating seniors. They were all called to the podium and announced their schools and future plans. I was impressed with their enthusiasm and dedication to our profession. I am confident that no matter how healthcare reform issues fall out they will be leaders. The theme for Nurses Week is "Nurses Leading the Way." As we know nurses are always leaders. The way we lead affects morale, productivity and patient care. We need to always be mindful of our actions, speech and behavior.

I am excited about our Faces of Care Gala co-sponsored with Cleveland Magazine. This is an opportunity for nurses to celebrate nurses and nursing. There will be a presentation to recognize nurses from all over northeastern Ohio. Also there will be cocktails, dinner and dancing. GCNA thanks Cleveland Magazine, local hospitals and schools of nursing for their support of this gala event. It will be held on Saturday, June 7th at the Embassy Suites in Independence. Please click on the link on GCNA's website to register for this fabulous event. Look for the June issue of Cleveland Magazine which will feature four prominent RN's and award winning graduating senior nursing students.

Register now for our GCNA district meeting on Tuesday, June 3rd at the Holiday Inn, Rockside. All GCNA members are free! Please see our accompanying notice to register.

As Florence Nightingale said, "Unless we are making progress in our nursing every year, every month, every week, take my word for it we are going back." Let's continue to move forward in our practice and our organization.

Best wishes,

Mary Joyce RN, President

Don't Miss the 4th Annual Faces of Care Gala

Cleveland Magazine and The Greater Cleveland Nurses Association are hosting the fourth Faces of Care Gala to honor area nurses who are making a difference in Northeast Ohio. Join us on Saturday, June 7, 2014, from 6 to 10:30 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Rockside in Independence, OH. Tickets are \$50 each. Your ticket includes a cocktail hour + open bar, dinner stations, the awards presentation, live music and dancing. Attendees will also receive a complimentary one-year subscription to Cleveland Magazine, a \$14.95 value.

TICKETS ON SALE AT <http://events.clevelandmagazine.com/FOC/FacesofCare.aspx>

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 just contact our office at gcnac@clevelandnurse.org or via phone at 216-771-6922.

June District Meeting ATTENTION 25+ YEAR MEMBERS

The June GCNA District Meeting will be held on Tuesday June 3, 2014. This meeting traditionally recognizes and honors members with 25 years or more of membership. Any member that has 25 years or more of membership and has not been contacted by the GCNA office by May 25, 2014 should contact the office at 216-771-6922 or email us at gna@clevelandnurse.org.

Greater Cleveland Nurses Association Membership Scholarship: One Year Later

In 2012, the idea of a new member scholarship was introduced at a Greater Cleveland Nurses Association (GCNA) Board of Directors retreat by the 2012 Director at Large Khaliah Fisher-Grace. The purpose of the scholarship was to enhance GCNA membership by developing new ideas that will support the mission of the organization: to work for the improvement of health care for all people in significant and visible ways, to foster high professional standards and to promote the professional development of nurses. After approval by the Board of Directors in 2013, the Membership Scholarship was advertised on the GCNA website, at district meetings, and various other venues. Applications were received, a committee reviewed the applications, and Stephanie Kubitz and Amanda Thomas were selected to receive the scholarship. Both Stephanie and Amanda received mentors to assist them in navigating the organization and implementing their projects during their scholarship period. Benitha Garrett, Sandra Levine, and Patricia Sharpnack willingly agreed to serve as formal and informal mentors to the scholarship recipients. In June of 2013 both scholarship recipients were introduced to the membership at a district meeting, and many of their great works were underway.

Almost one year later both Stephanie and Amanda have contributed to the organization in visible ways through their attendance at District and Board Meetings, the 2013 Ohio Nurse's Association Convention, and through the projects that they have worked to implement. GCNA members will soon notice Stephanie's contributions to advancing the profession of nursing through her scholarship project to provide resources for nurses who are preparing to return to school to pursue their BSN on the GCNA website in June 2014. Stephanie has also created a brochure that provides information about GCNA. This brochure will serve as a tangible method of informing the public on the mission, works, and opportunities provided by GCNA.

Amanda's scholarship project of increasing the visibility of GCNA has probably already been noticed by the membership via social networking sites. Amanda has worked diligently to update the GCNA facebook page, and she created a Twitter page for GCNA. The GCNA facebook page has received more than 100 likes since Amanda has begun to create events, update pictures, and generate topics on the page. Both Stephanie and Amanda have plans to continue their membership after their scholarship period has ended and have provided the following comments about their experience: "The experience was great: I felt supported in my work by several members. The time flew by!" "My experience was great. I enjoyed being able to be part of such and awesome organization."

In the year since the idea, inception, and soon completion of the initial scholarship period several powerful and influential GCNA members have passed away. One GCNA member that was very invested in the idea of a membership scholarship to usher in new members and new energy was Margaret Wheatley, PhD, RN, CNS. Dr. Wheatley was a faculty member at Case Western Reserve University and the first and only African American President of the Ohio Nurses Association. Dr. Wheatley's encouragement and support was instrumental in the decision to make the idea of a membership scholarship a reality. The benefits that GCNA members and the public will receive from the work of current and future scholarship winners are far reaching. In 2013 Dr. Wheatley passed away, and was unable to see the benefits of the membership scholarship. In 2014 the name of the GCNA Membership Scholarship was changed to the Margaret Wheatley Membership Scholarship to honor Dr. Wheatley's contributions to GCNA and her interest in the future of the profession of nursing.

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2014 GCNA ELECTION RESULTS

The following Greater Cleveland Nurses Association Members were elected to the GCNA Board of Directors and Nominating Committee. Members will serve for two (2) years. New officers are indicated in bold. Congratulations to all and a special thanks to everyone who ran for office.

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