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GCNA JUNE DISTRICT MEETING

Tuesday June 2, 2015

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Holiday Inn Rockside

I-77 & Rockside Road

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Nursing Students: It Starts With You

Presented by Ellen Mastrangelo, MSN, RN and Alana Buchs, MSN, RN

GCNA invites nurses, nursing students, nurse educators and nursing administrators to the June district meeting. Come learn about how ORC 4723 regulates nursing practice with regards to nursing students. Topics covered include the nurse practice act, student conduct, faculty and preceptor requirements, as well as the role of the bedside nurse working with nursing students. This program meets the Category A law RN licensure renewal requirements. Program meets criteria for 1 contact hour.

University Hospitals (OH-003, 05/01/2017) is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Ohio Nurses Association (OBN-001-91), an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.



In appreciation of our members all GCNA members will be admitted free as long as they are pre-registered by Wednesday May 27, 2015

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 27, 2015**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I am pleased to transition to the role of GCNA President. In my role I am hoping to build on the success and strength of GCNA by engaging the membership in programs that are significant to the profession of nursing and the community that we serve. I also hope to help continue the work of the previous board which included enhancing the efficiency of GCNA operations. My hope is to have GCNA move forward into the future with sound operations, as well as a mission and goal directed purpose in all of our endeavors. I am so happy to have the opportunity to work alongside you as president and I welcome any comments or concerns that you have. I am happy to dialogue with you in person or via email at khaliahfisher@sbcglobal.net.

GCNA is soaring into the spring with much excitement for upcoming events and programs that we will participate in with other local and statewide organizations. Please check your email and the GCNA website: www.clevelandnurse.org for more details on upcoming programs and events. I look forward to meeting you at the June 2nd District Meeting or any other events during the coming months!

Sincerely,

Khaliah Fisher-Grace MSN, RN, CPHQ, PCCM, President

Don't Miss the 5th Annual Faces of Care Gala

Cleveland Magazine and The Greater Cleveland Nurses Association are hosting the Fifth Faces of Care Gala to honor area nurses who are making a difference in Northeast Ohio. Join us on Saturday, June 13, 2015, 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, 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>

Community Health Workers Speakers Needed

Calling all GCNA nurses! Would you like to bring your talents to Community Health Workers? The Cleveland Institute of Community Health (CICH) is looking for nurses who are interested in delivering various health topics to Community Health Workers.

CICH trains and certifies Community Health Workers through the Ohio Board of Nursing. Community Health Workers are frontline workers who assist clients in the community with achieving better self-care. If you are interested in getting on the list of speakers to help train these important workers, please contact Monique S. Williams RN, Program Administrator at 216-288-1404 or cichworker@gmail.com.

June District Meeting ATTENTION 25+ YEAR MEMBERS

The June GCNA District Meeting will be held on Tuesday June 2, 2015. 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 20, 2015 should contact the office at 216-771-6922 or email us at gcna@clevelandnurse.org.

JOIN FELLOW ONA MEMBERS ON *ONA CONNECT*

ONACONnect is a online community and social networking site exclusively for ONA members. Members can easily network with fellow nurses across the state, find others who share similar interests and use discussion boards to pose questions related to their practice. Just go to connect.ohnurses.org/home to “get connected”.

GET INVOLVED! RUN TO BE A DELEGATE AT THE 2015 ONA CONVENTION

The 2015 ONA Convention will be held in Columbus from October 9-11, 2015. The Greater Cleveland Nurses Association is looking for 60 to 75 members that are interested in running for Convention Delegate or Alternate.

The Nominating Committee will be meeting in June to prepare a slate of nominees to submit to ONA. This is a perfect opportunity to get involved in your professional organization and make a difference. It also provides the opportunity for you to meet colleagues from the entire state and compare ideas and opinions on what is important to all nurses. If you are interested in being nominated as a delegate please contact the GCNA offices at 216-771-6922 or email at gcna@clevelandnurse.org.

CALL TO RUN FOR ONA OFFICE

Dear Fellow ONA Members:

On behalf of the Nominating Committee I would like to inform you that we have extended the deadline to submit **election forms** to **June 1, 2015**.

We are calling on all members, as leaders of our profession to consider running for one of our open positions. Through your membership of ONA you have demonstrated your commitment to the future of our profession and to the improvement of our ability to provide optimal care in our work. Your contributions as ONA leadership will be rewarding beyond measure and is critical to our continued strength as the most trusted voice in any profession.

Our committee is dedicated to the important work of seeking our future leadership to contribute to our professional association efforts. It is our desire to effectively fulfill our commitment in being successful in our efforts and we look forward to presenting a fair and well-rounded ticket of candidates for which ONA members may vote.

Please allow us to consider your contribution in one of our elected positions by submitting your name to the ballot. Forms are available on the ONA convention website at <http://onaconvention.com/run-for-office/>. We are eager to hear from you if you have any questions in considering a position and encourage all members to feel empowered to engage this work!

Please contact me with all questions as you consider these leadership roles.

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Chair, ONA Nominating Committee

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2015 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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