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Dear SOHN Colleagues and Friends,

SOHN's 35th Anniversary Congress and Nursing Symposium in the beautiful city of San Francisco was a "smashing success." A personal thank you to 2011 the Congress Planning Committee, Speakers, VIPs, Officers and Board members, the attendees and those SOHN members who stayed home to take care of our

ORL patients and their families. All aspects of the meeting from start to finish provided the attendees knowledge, education, socialization and fun! This is my final message as your President. I would like to share with you my opening address at the "Golden Opportunities in ORL Nursing: Celebrating 35 Years."

September 10, 2011

Can you believe 35 years of ORL nursing and SOHN? Congratulations! A great deal of thanks and acknowledgement is due to the membership of the organization; from inception to today, without your commitment and service SOHN would not have succeeded.

During this 5-day event we will share memories of the past 35 years. Since 1976 SOHN has persevered. For those ORL nurses that have been members since the beginning-Kudos! For those of us who have committed along the way or are just new to the organization-Kudos!

Healthcare has certainly changed over those 35 years. Many of us practiced as ORL nurses in the inpatient and outpatient arenas that were dedicated to just that population. That has changed - with over 90% of our patients receiving outpatient surgery and a limited need for an inpatient unit to house only ORL patients-we all have had to adjust - but have not lost our love and compassion for specialty nursing.

Advancements in our specialty have moved us all about in our nursing careers. This includes cochlear implants for the hearing impaired, reconstruction techniques for cancer and trauma patients, restoring voice in patients with limited options just a few years ago, and technology that is used daily to diagnose and treat all types of ORL conditions.

What is up for the future? No one knows for sure. But one thing we do know - nothing stays the same - so strap on your seat belts as we move ORL nursing to the next level.

I have to take a few minutes to reflect on events - unexpected or expected- from this past year.

- The horrible tsunami in Japan. If there are nurses in the audience that participated in any way to help with that disaster-I commend you!*

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For our international SOHN members-our thoughts and prayers were with you and continue.

- I was terribly distraught by the shooting of the Congresswoman in Arizona along with the deaths of many. I am sure there were ORL nurses in the OR and throughout the congresswoman's recovery. I watched the parents of the 9-year old girl that was killed as they shared their grief and confusion-why did this happen? What can we do as nurses? Be active in your local and regional government!
- The Iraq war rages on with expansion into many adjacent areas of that region. Soldiers are coming home with traumatic injuries - physically and mentally. I am confident our ORL military nurses are there to provide expertise.
- For those of you who suffered in the tornadoes this spring and Hurricane Irene just a few weeks ago-your SOHN friends were praying for you in your time of need. One never knows when Mother Nature calls-we must be supportive, as we never know what the future will bring.

At this time I would ask for a few moments of silence as we remember the people lost in the 9/11 disaster 10 years ago tomorrow. Thank you...

The economy over the past year has been volatile to say the least-particularly over the past month or so. I can assure you that SOHN however small, remains financially secure. Regardless, SOHN continues to need your support-whether by giving financially or serving as a member of a committee, board or officer. My personal financial adviser says, "Stay the course." I advise all of you to stay the course and become or continue to stay active in the SOHN organization.

Sandy Schwartz, executive director, and I attended The Alliance Fall Summit in Portland, OR last fall. The opening presentation was given by Dr. Michael R. Bleich, a nurse, on "The Future of Nursing-What is at stake if we don't respond?" Dr. Bleich was a member of a committee that developed a 600 page report entitled "The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health" published by the Institute of Medicine. You can access the report from <http://www.iom.edu/nursing>.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and the Institute of Medicine (IOM) teamed up in 2008 to develop a template for transforming the health care system. This was a two-year initiative looking closely at the current nursing profession and forming recommendations for change in light of the 2010 Affordable Care Act (ACA) objectives. The ACA brings the "broadest changes" to the health care arena since the Medicare and Medicaid programs of 1965 (Consensus Summary Report, 2011, p. S-1).

This comprehensive health care legislation is expected to provide insurance coverage to over 32 million Americans that previously had no insurance. With the influx of patients the current health care system will need transformation - especially in the nursing profession.

The report is a comprehensive blueprint to move nurses forward with a united front. This movement will identify important roles for nurses in planning and implementing a new health care system that is efficient and effective. Nurses are the largest group of health care professionals that provide patient care and play a vital role in safety and quality. How are SOHN and ORL nurses going to respond?

The Consensus Summary Report delivers four key messages.

Number 1: Nurses should practice to the full extent of their education and training. SOHN welcomes all levels of licensed nurses in the organization. SOHN is fortunate to have a significant number of advanced practice nurses. I can see the enthusiasm and “lifelong learning” in these SOHN nurses. The Spring Meeting is a perfect example. The nurse practitioners take an active role, are engaging and eager to share their expertise and knowledge on the diagnosis and treatment of all ORL patients with emphasis on the pediatric patient population.

Number 2: Nurses should achieve higher levels of education and training through an improved education system that promotes seamless academic progression. SOHN provides the opportunity to pursue education. Currently there are scholarships for nurses pursuing advanced degrees-

- Allied Health to BSN Degree
- RN to BSN Degree
- Graduate Degrees. Two nurses were awarded the Graduate Degree scholarship this past year resulting in two more doctorate prepared SOHN nurses! I commend those who pursue their doctorate degree and highly encourage this advancement.

Number 3: Nurses should be full partners, with physicians and other health care professionals in redesigning health care in the United States. We need to continue to partner with our physician colleagues – planning care for chronic and acute ORL patients. An example of partnership is the Annual Oral, Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Week campaign that has been in existence for many years.

ORL nurses need to take the lead in providing patient education on tobacco cessation, nutrition, exercise and oral hygiene. SOHN initiatives with the AAO-HNS continue to flourish. We participate with the otolaryngologists in the development of national guidelines, safety and quality initiatives and coordination of national educational offerings.

Number 4: Ensuring effective workplace planning and policy making which requires better data collection and an improved information infrastructure (p. S-3). How often do you update your organizations’ policies and protocols to make certain you are on the cutting edge? How do you implement change when a tried and true procedure is replaced by new technology and methodology? How do you integrate evidence-based practice and research findings into improved processes and positive outcomes?

ORL nurses need to have a voice in the future of nursing!

I want to take a few moments to talk about certification. Specialty certified nurses verify knowledge and ability in a specialty. This is a “lifelong learning” process through continuing education and commitment to the specialty. It demonstrates dedication to quality patient care and the advancement of the nursing profession.

I acknowledge SOHN nurses who have successfully achieved CORLN. Institutions that seek the Magnet Recognition Program require a certain percent of nurses to have certification. SOHN continues to provide exceptional national, regional and local educational programs with ANCC accreditation that allow nurses to build upon an ORL knowledge base within all areas of the specialty. A natural extension of the continuing education process is to pursue certification.



SOHN Members at the Giants vs. Dodgers Baseball Game



SOHN Chapter Presidents



The San Francisco Delegation



Erin Ross (l) with 2011 “Friend of SOHN” Charlene Fisher, OTOMED (r)



Cindy Dawson (l) presents the Scholarship Award to Jonathan Ramos (r)



Cindy Dawson, SOHN President (r) presents Outstanding Service Award to Lenore Harris (l)



Ramute Kemeza (l) presents the Lois Moore-Rogers Pediatric Otolaryngology Lectureship Award to Kristine Keppel (r)



Margie Hickey, Closing Speaker (l) enjoys a moment with attendees

SOHN offers leadership mentoring for interested nurses in part through the Midwinter Board Meeting Guest Attendee Program. This program allows attendees to learn more about the organization, committee and board functions. Many former participants are officers and committee chairs. The officers and board members are available and willing to mentor. I would like to see more leadership sessions infused on-line and in our national meetings.

The BOD has made adjustments in our strategic plan to reflect these activities in leadership to advance professional development through nursing education, research and practice. SOHN promotes mentoring of nurse leaders to meet the challenges of changing health care.

SOHN cannot achieve these high expectations and goals without the membership and volunteerism. Volunteering your time is "priceless". I commend the officers, board members, chairpersons and you the members for your participation to make SOHN even better and financially healthy.

Please help me celebrate our accomplishments over the past year. ANCC reaccreditation-

- What an accomplishment!
- SOHN was accredited for four more years
- SOHN passed with flying colors and obtained the highest rating with no citations or additional progress reports
- Thanks to Sandye, Lorie, Cory and participants that volunteered their time to make this happen

We have participated with the AAO-HNS GDTF to develop and review several national guidelines. The board is currently in process of endorsing those guidelines for our organization.

The board was very active this past August:

- We reviewed policies and procedures and updated processes which will be communicated to the appropriate chairs and members during Congress.
- The board has been upbeat and positive as we propose changes to keep SOHN in the know.

Social media is what we need to embrace moving forward for the future. Thanks to Jan Adams and Kari McConnell for their lead in developing processes, communication and interactive involvement for the membership. There is a lot more to come in this arena and I encourage you to express your thoughts and ideas!

As I have stated, the strategic plan has been updated to include the future of nursing strategies on technology and communication. Communication with you, the membership is crucial. The board wants to actively engage you in a monthly on-line communication to start very soon!

Mary Huntoon is ready to take over as President in 2012. We have spent time together and strategized about the future incorporating your needs and wishes. I firmly believe the current board and all the members seeking office will do due diligence for the organization.

I would like to end on this note. What inspires you in nursing?

- Is it helping a patient get better or knowing you work with qualified nursing staff?
- Does knowing staff you can trust inspire you?
- Do you bring out that extra effort in your colleagues?
- Do your colleagues stretch outside their comfort zone?
- What can the leaders in nursing do to get nurses to be positive role models?

My response is, if staff does not see an inspiration in leadership they tend to not persist at achieving excellence. The leader helps draw out the example of the certified professional nurse by applying compassion and the staff member's gifts and knowledge that benefit patient and families. We work side by side with nonprofessional staff that can encounter the patient, enter the patient into the healthcare system and play an important role in throughput. But it is the ORL nurse who provides extensive teaching, assessments and care coordination that is required for our patients. That's the difference!

As I pass the baton to Mary, I want to leave you all with a personal challenge.

- What will you commit to accomplishing this year?
- Will you mentor a new nurse or get involved on a professional committee?
- Take your certification exam?
- Engage in professional and leadership activities?

It is through all these small steps that we as nurses advance our profession and improve patient care.

I want to thank you, the membership, for the opportunity to serve you as President. It has been a wonderful experience. I hope I have made a difference and inspired you to be the best you can be for our patients and yourselves!

I ended the address with a video – “Thanks for the Memories” commemorating the past 35 years. This historical and emotional work left few dry eyes in the audience. Thanks to Kari McConnell, Past President, for this moving contribution to the 35th Annual Congress and Symposium.

Sincerely,

Cindy J. Dawson

Cindy J. Dawson MSN, RN, CORLN
President, SOHN

Reference:

Bleich, M.R. (2010). The future of nursing: what is at stake of we don't respond? Paper presented at the 2010 Alliance Fall Summit. Consensus Summary Report retrieved January 4, 2011 from <http://www.iom.edu/Reports/2010/>

Lend Your Voice...Membership Structure Update

During the Annual Business meeting in Boston, September 2010, the board brought forth a recommendation for a change in membership structure. After discussion the recommendation was tabled with a suggestion to pursue further research via a taskforce.

At the 2011 Midwinter Board Meeting (MWBM) the topic was discussed. The executive director volunteered to research other national organizations and reported at the August 2011 Board Meeting.

The board invites you, the membership, to provide your input and thoughts on expanding the membership to Ashley Laursen, BOD and Membership Chair, via email (laursen@musc.edu). Ashley will gather and present a summary at the MWBM in January 2012.



"Stepping Forward for the Foundation" Walkers



Cindy Dawson (l) with Keynote Speaker, Diana Jordan (r)



SOHN member visits the Passy Muir Exhibit



NeilMed Exhibitor greets our SOHN members



Poster Presenter, Emily Simmons



Our friends from Lumenis, Inc.



Jan Adams (l) with GRC Speaker Eileen Cody (c) and Cindy Dawson (r)



Maggie Chesnutt explores the marine life at the President's Reception ~ Aquarium of the Bay



The President's Reception at the Aquarium of the Bay

News from SOHN Congress 2011

Election Results

Congratulations to the following members. They were elected at the Annual Congress in San Francisco and will begin their terms in January 2012.

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Awarded at the 35th Anniversary Congress and Nursing Symposium

Outstanding Service Award

Lenore Harris

Friend of SOHN Award

Charlene Fisher, OTOMED

Chapter Excellence Awards

Birmingham Chapter
Greater Cleveland Area Chapter
Heartland Regional Chapter
Maryland/Washington DC Chapter

Cynthia S. Mabry Otolaryngic Allergy Lectureship

Managing the Allergy Patient Safely Using the Team Approach

Donna Rekkerth MS RN FNP

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Kalynn Quinn Hensley Head-Neck/Laryngology Lectureship

Advocacy for the Head and Neck Cancer Patient: Patient and Nursing Perspective

Ann T. McKennis RN CNOR(E) CORLN(E)
Itzhak Brook MD

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Lois Moore-Rogers Pediatric Lectureship

Diagnosis, Evaluation, and Management of Children with Vocal Fold Anomalies

Kristina Keppel DNP RN CPNP

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RN to BSN Scholarship

Anna Withee

Graduate Level Nursing Scholarships

Laurie Newton
Jonathan Ramos

Midwinter Board Meeting Guest Attendee

Cheryl Brandt

Funded in part by the Council of Past Presidents

Literary Award

Assessment of Oral Mucositis in Adult and Pediatric Oncology Patients: An Evidence-Based Approach

Michelle Farrington

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Poster Competition Winners

Winners of the ENT-NF Poster Competition at the 35th Anniversary Congress and Nursing Symposium were:

1st Place Poster

Tracheostomy Tube Capping and Decannulation Guidelines
Vinciya Pandian PhD CRNP, et al.

2nd Place Poster

Aspirin Desensitization and Endoscopic Sinus Surgery (ESS) in the Treatment of Aspirin Exacerbated Nasal Polyposis and Chronic Rhinosinusitis (CRS)

Katherine Youngs BSN RN, et al.

3rd Place Poster

Helpful Hints for Tonsillectomy and Adenoidectomy Recovery

Christine Prout BSN RN

Research Poster

Phase II Trial of Induction Therapy with Docetaxel, Cisplatin, and Fluorouracil in Previously Untreated Patients with Locally Advanced Squamous Cell Carcinoma or Poorly Differentiated Carcinoma of the Nasal Cavity or Paranasal Sinuses

Craig DeGraaf RN, et al.

Funded by the Ear, Nose and Throat Nursing Foundation

National Education Committee: Post Congress Reflections

This is a very special time of the year when I get the privilege to thank many persons who helped to make Congress 2011 such a success. Special thanks go to Wendy Mackey, Congress Chair and Jill Lancaster, the Co-Chair. They were instrumental as our Congress 2011 Co-Chairpersons. Jo Ferrero assisted the Planning Committee this year in preparation for 2012. Throughout this past year, they worked endlessly on contacting and communicating with our speakers on a personal level. The Congress Planning Committee met last November and has never stopped. The Education Committee members and VIPs, Volunteers Interested and Participating, served as Moderators/Coordinators on site. The smooth day to day program operation was clearly evident and due to our volunteers.

Special thanks also go to our President, Cindy Dawson for her vision. We could not look half as good without our Executive Director, Sandra Schwartz, who arranges and coordinates the hotel, catering and financial arrangements of Congress. Cory Parker, Administrative Secretary, works diligently behind the scenes, packing and unpacking the many boxes to send to Congress and running a smooth registration process. Heather Bates also assists SOHN at Congress, especially with registration. It takes a Team to put a quality program together and I am very proud of our SOHN Team. Thank you and kudos to all who helped.

Many of you made great suggestions for future topics and/or speakers. If you have not completed the evaluation process, please go online and finish by November 30, 2011 or sooner if possible. We will utilize this information as we plan and develop the 2012 Program at our Congress 2012 Planning Committee Meeting. We will also be looking at your recommendations and constructive feedback to continue to strive for excellence in programming. SOHN continued with the Green Initiative this year and provided access to speaker handouts on the SOHN website. Don't forget to check out the SOHN web site for additional handouts which were turned in after Congress.

Thank you, the participants for taking the time to share your comments and evaluations. I will be reviewing the results and analysis of the Congress Program. I received many personal comments at Congress which were all very positive. The individual speaker evaluations are computer analyzed separately and are not completed as of yet. I anticipate these will be excellent.

Lastly, I invite any member who may be thinking about presenting at a SOHN educational program next year to contact me personally. I encourage and challenge you to consider presenting in 2012 at the SOHN Spring Seminar Series April 19-21 in San Diego, CA or at the 36th SOHN Congress & Nursing Symposium, September 7-11, in Washington, DC. We also have three ENT-NF Lectureships with a monetary award. Check it out at www.SOHNNURSE.com. The deadline for the Lois Moore Rogers Pediatric Lectureship is November 15, 2011. The Kalynn Quinn Hensley Head-Neck/Laryngology and the Cynthia Mabry Otolaryngic Allergy Lectureships have a later deadline, January 31, 2012. It's a great honor to receive one of these lectureships especially as a SOHN member and we love to bestow this honor on deserving members.

Lorie Sparacino, MS PNP-BC CORLN
Director of Education, SOHN



The Congress Education Committee: Lorie Sparacino (front), Wendy Mackey (l), Jo Ferrero (c), Jill Lancaster (r)



The 2012 SOHN Board of Directors



Reverend Doctor Jimmie Lancaster conducts the "Blessing of the Hands"



Mary Huntoon, President-Elect (l) accepts the gavel from Cindy Dawson, President (r)

A Warm Welcome to New SOHN Members

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Award Nominations

SOHN is soliciting nominations for the Outstanding Service Award and the Friend of SOHN Award for 2012. The Outstanding Service Award recognizes a member who has demonstrated outstanding contributions to the Society. The Friend of SOHN Award is the mechanism for recognizing and expressing appreciation for special contributions to SOHN by non-members. For additional information, please contact National Headquarters.

Nominations must be received by December 15th.

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2011	Lenore Harris
2010	Rosemary Buzzelli
2009	Carolyn Waddington
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A special thank you to those SOHN members serving as committee chairpersons, work group leaders or special interest group leaders during 2011.

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Committee Member Selection 2012 Sign up Sheet

(Limited to SOHN Members)

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- ____ (NP) NURSE PLANNER (Master's Degree required)
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SOHN Committee Information

The Standing Committees of SOHN form the foundation of the organization. Please review the following descriptions of the committees and their functions. Plan to volunteer to serve as a member of the committee of your choice. All of these committees are led by experienced, enthusiastic nurses who welcome your participation. Sign up Now!!!

National Education Committee:

The National Education Committee promotes the educational growth of SOHN with a focus on Professional Education as well as Community Education. Several workgroups comprise this committee. Nurse Planners are Master-prepared nurses who assist the Director of Education in the development, implementation and evaluation of educational programs, local/regional, and national. Other nurse members serve as program chairpersons, on planning committees, as room moderators and coordinators and on the professional exhibit group. Commitment and enthusiasm is prerequisite. Sense of pride, satisfaction and accomplishment guaranteed.

- Nurse Planner Defined by ANCC, "A registered nurse who is responsible for planning, developing, implementing and evaluating continuing education activities. For an accredited provider, the Nurse Planner must be prepared at the graduate level, with one degree – baccalaureate or graduate – in nursing."

Government Relations Committee:

The focus of the Government Relations Committee is to keep abreast of new legislation and regulations affecting nursing practice, education, and research. The committee supports legislation and legislative activities on both the state and national level. It provides a venue to introduce nurses to the regulatory and legislative process and mentorship as one becomes politically active.

Membership Enhancement Committee:

The Membership Enhancement Committee promotes the professional growth of individual members, as well as, enhancing the organization and development of chapters. This committee assists with recruitment, recognition, and retention activities.

Practice & Research Committee:

The Practice and Research Committee identifies and prioritizes practice issues and develops/reassess standards of practice and guidelines. The committee also promotes research in otolaryngologic and head and neck nursing. This research will expand the body of nursing knowledge, provide a solid base for our practice and ultimately advance the profession of nursing. Members are selected based on their strengths and expertise in otology, general orl and head-neck nursing and will be assigned specific activities to advance SOHN's practice and research goals.

Awards, Grants and Scholarships

SOHN and ENT-NF offer a wide variety of Awards, Grants and Scholarships to SOHN members. Please visit www.sohnnurse.com for more information.

Clinical Excellence in ORL Nursing Award (RN & LPN)

The SOHN Clinical Excellence Award recognizes and rewards SOHN nurses who have consistently demonstrated excellence in the delivery of skilled and compassionate care to the ORL-Head and Neck Patient.

Nomination Deadline: July 1st — Cash Award and Certificate

Cynthia Mabry Otolaryngic Allergy Lectureship

The Cynthia Mabry Lectureship was established in 1999 to honor her memory (1937-1999). Cynthia was a long time active member of SOHN and well respected for her expertise in otolaryngic allergy.

Application Deadline: January 31st — Cash Award and Certificate

Friend of SOHN Award

Established in 1983 The Friend of SOHN Award is the vehicle for recognizing and expressing appreciation for special contributions to SOHN by non-members.

Nomination Deadline: December 15th — Plaque

Honor Award

Many of you serve SOHN in countless ways. Get a copy of the Honor Award form and begin to tally your points. After you have reached 10 points (which can be over any length of time) send it in for the award!

Application Deadline: July 1st — Certificate

Kalynn Quinn Hensley Head & Neck/ Laryngology Lectureship

The Kalynn Quinn Hensley Lectureship was established in 2001 to honor the memory of a very dear patient who was cared for by many of the SOHN nurses in Houston, Texas. Kalynn was diagnosed with Recurrent Respiratory Papillomatosis (RRP). She required frequent surgical procedures to maintain her airway. She lost her fight for life in 2000 as a young adult due to pulmonary disease progression to cancer.

Application Deadline: January 31st — Cash Award and Certificate

Literary Award

The Literary Award will recognize and encourage excellence in otorhinolaryngic (ORL) nursing publication.

Award Announced at Annual Congress — Cash Award and Certificate

Lois Moore-Rogers Pediatric Lectureship

The Lois Moore-Rogers Lectureship was established in 1996 by Dr. Gerald Healy and the Department of

Otolaryngology at the Children's Hospital Medical Center in Boston. Lois has been a long time member of SOHN and active in the Pediatric Special Interest Group.

November 15th — Cash Award and Certificate

Midwinter Board Meeting Guest Attendee

An opportunity to see the inside workings of the SOHN Board. Sponsored in part by the Council of Past Presidents.

Application Deadline: November 1st

New Author Award

The New Author Award will recognize and encourage the contributions of an author publishing for the first time in a peer reviewed journal.

Award Announced at Annual Congress — Cash Award and Certificate

Nurse in Washington Internship Award

The NIWI is a program that was developed in the late 1980's to prepare nurses to become involved in the legislative process. This program is sponsored by the Nursing Organizations Alliance, which was formed through the merger of the National Federation of Specialty Nursing Organization (NFSNO) and the Nursing Organizations Liaison Forum (NOLF). The program educates nurses on the grassroots legislative process and the role of government entities in the implementation of health care. Each year current health policies initiatives, public policy development and means of funding are discussed.

Application Deadline ~ November 1st (even numbered years only) ~ Reimbursement for travel and accommodations

Outstanding Service Award

This is the highest honor bestowed upon a SOHN member. It recognizes service above and beyond. This award was established in 1985.

Nomination Deadline: December 15th — Plaque

Poster Awards

To recognize excellence in educating ORL nurses through the use of posters at the annual congress.

Application Deadline: June 24th — Cash Award and Certificate

Research Poster

The Research Poster award recognizes outstanding research contributions in the field of Otorhinolaryngology Head-Neck Nursing in the form of a poster presentation.

Application Deadline: June 24th — Cash Award and Certificate

Presidential Citation

This is an award given at the discretion of the President to a recipient deemed by the President to have made distinguished contributions to the life of the Society or to have provided meritorious service on behalf of the Society. The recipient may be a member or a non-member of SOHN.

Research & Grants

SOHN has established a fund to help nurses develop and/ or participate in ORL clinical nursing research, and has made a commitment to nursing research.

Research Grants up to \$2000

Scholarships

Provides funding for those SOHN members advancing their educations in nursing. Allied Health to BSN Degree, RN to BSN Degree and Graduate Degree.

Application Deadline: July 1st — \$1000 - \$1500 Scholarships

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To my colleagues and friends of SOHN:

I would like to tell you how much I appreciated your support, kind words and condolences expressed to me during Congress, on the recent passing of my grandmother. Many of you were aware that I flew to California immediately after her funeral. Your support and kind words truly made those first few days easier for me. I am so blessed to be a part of such a wonderful organization with such great people.

Blessings,
Cheryl Brandt,
MSN, RN, ACNS-BC, CORLN

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE CORNER

One of the chief goals of the Government Relations Committee (GRC) is to keep members informed of current health policy and legislative initiatives along with their potential implications for nursing. This brief update from the GRC focuses on four such issues that are of importance to nurses and to the patients we serve.

Accountable Care Organizations (or ACOs)

Accountable Care Organizations have been receiving quite a bit of press in recent months. An Accountable Care Organization (ACO) is a network of doctors and hospitals that shares responsibility for providing care to patients. It is an option offered through the Affordable Care Act conceived to provide better health, better care, and lower costs for Medicare beneficiaries. In the new law an ACO would agree to manage all of the health care needs of a minimum of 5,000 beneficiaries for at least three years. This initiative is scheduled to launch in January 2012. Within an ACO savings incentives would be offered to providers who keep costs down while meeting specific quality benchmarks, focusing on prevention and providing careful management of patients with chronic diseases. Basically providers get paid more for keeping their patients healthy and out of the hospital. While an ACO may sound a lot like a health maintenance organization there is the critical difference that an ACO patient is not required to stay in the network. Care coordination will be a central theme of ACOs. Since care coordination is also a core function of professional nursing practice, look for the growth of Accountable Care Organizations to present a wide range of opportunities for nurses.

The National Prevention Strategy

This Strategy, called for by the Affordable Care Act, includes actions that both public and private groups can take to help Americans stay healthy and fit. It is designed to help our nation move away from a system that focuses on disease and sickness to one focused on wellness and prevention. Strategic goals include: building safe community environments, expanding preventive services, eliminating health disparities, and empowering people to make healthy choices. To help achieve these goals seven priority areas have been identified: 1) tobacco free living; 2) preventing drug abuse and excessive alcohol use; 3) healthy eating; 4) active living; 5) injury and violence free living; 6) reproductive and sexual health; and 7) mental and emotional well-being. Look for this Strategy's efforts to cross the public and private sectors and to involve businesses, labor groups, health care organizations, faith-based organizations, community groups, non-profit health service agencies, etc. Nurses can and should play a central role in these efforts aimed at extending prevention and wellness to every American.

National Center for Health Workforce Analysis

The National Center for Health Workforce Analysis was established out of the Affordable Care Act and serves to collect and analyze health workforce data, evaluate relevant programs and maintain certain databases. This Center is working to develop a uniform minimum data set that will encourage data collection that enables comparison over time, across states, jurisdictions and professions. Examples of the kinds of data that might be collected and analyzed within the nursing profession include the size of the registered nurse workforce, # of RNs allowing their U.S. license to lapse, initial education and highest education of RNs, employment status, employment settings, job titles, number of hours worked in nursing per week, average annual earnings, highest earners, impact of level of education on earnings, degree of satisfaction with nursing, future employment plans, and intent to leave nursing. An important focus of this Center is not only collecting and analyzing data but also getting that information out – disseminating the data they collect in a format that is useful to organizations, employers, colleges, etc. Look for this group to be able to project supply and demand and gaps in the health workforce.

Nursing Workforce Grants

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recently announced awards in the amount of \$82 million to help strengthen the country's nursing workforce. The awards will be administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The awards provide financial support to nurses and nursing students in exchange for service at facilities with a shortage of nurses in underserved areas. The awards were made through two programs: 1) The Nursing Scholarship Program provides tuition, fees and a stipend for living expenses for up to four years to eligible nursing students who commit to work at a critical shortage facility; 2) The Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program provides loan repayment assistance to RNs and nurse faculty who work at a critical shortage facility or educational institution. These awards were widely viewed as confirmation of nursing's critical role within the healthcare system. If you or another nursing colleague wants more information about government loans and scholarships visit <http://www.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/index.html>.

More information on many of these initiatives can be found by visiting www.HealthCare.gov or www.hhs.gov

~ Submitted by Ann P. Luther
(Nashville TN), Member/Government Relations Committee



Maggie Chesnutt and the ENT-NF visit the Ukraine

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Events/Deadlines

January 2012

- 27-28 Midwinter Board of Directors Meeting
- 31 Cynthia Mabry Otolaryngic Allergy Lectureship Deadline
- 31 Kalynn Quinn Hensley Head & Neck/ Laryngology Lectureship Deadline

March

- 15 CORLN Examination Application Deadline

April

- 19-21 SOHN Spring Seminar Series, San Diego, California
- 22-28 Annual Oral, Head & Neck Cancer Awareness Week www.ohancaw.com

May

- 1 Nomination of Candidates Deadline
- 5-19 CORLN Examination Testing Period
- 9 National ORL Nurse Day

June

- 24 Poster Application Deadline

July

- 1 Chapter Excellence Award Applications Deadline
- 1 Clinical Excellence Award Application Deadline
- 1 Honor Award Applications Deadline
- 1 Scholarship Applications Deadline
- 1 Forming Chapter Bylaws Deadline

September

- 1 CORLN Examination Application Deadline
- 7-11 SOHN 36th Annual SOHN Congress – Washington, DC

October

- 6-20 CORLN Examination Testing Period
- 15 Call for Abstracts 2013 Congress & Spring Seminar Series

November

- 1 Midwinter Board Meeting Guest Attendee Application Deadline
- 1 Nurse in Washington Internship Application Deadline
- 15 Lois Moore-Rogers Lectureship Deadline
- 30 Research Forum Abstracts Deadline

December

- 15 Nominations for Outstanding Service Award Deadline
- 15 Nominations for Friend of SOHN Award Deadline

Upcoming SOHN Educational Events

SOHN's Spring Seminar Series and 26th Pediatric ORL Nurses Spring Meeting
San Diego, California ~ April 19-21, 2012

SOHN's 36th Annual Congress & Nursing Symposium
The Future of ORL Nursing: Capitalizing on Collaboration
Washington, DC ~ September 7-11, 2012

Help Wanted

Pediatric Airway Nurse Practitioner Division of Otolaryngology Children's Surgical Associates, Ltd.

Summary:

The Pediatric Airway Nurse Practitioner works in collaboration with the Airway Team consisting of Otolaryngologists, nurse practitioners, critical care personnel, and the airway coordinator to provide comprehensive care and coordination of services for children with diseases of the airway. The NP will work at the Main campus at CHOP in both the inpatient and out patient settings. Some travel to satellite offices may be required.

Qualifications:

Must have good communication skills, pay attention to detail and be adaptable. The ideal candidate is looking for a challenge in developing a new program and development of a new role. Experience with pediatric tracheotomy care and intensive care experience is preferred. Must be licensed as a Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner (CRNP) in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and be ANCC or NAPNAP certified as a pediatric nurse practitioner.

To Apply:

Interested applicants should forward their resumes and salary requirements to: Denise Cundo, Human Resources Manager, Children's Surgical Associates, Ltd., 3400 Civic Center Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19104, fax resume to (215) 386-4036 or e-mail to CSAHR@email.chop.edu.EOE