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Dear SOHN
Colleagues and
Friends,

Time to
celebrate!!! SOHN
is commemorating
35 years

as a national specialty nursing organization in San Francisco at the Annual Congress and Nursing Symposium, "Golden Opportunities in ORL Nursing: Celebrating 35 Years." The educational offerings and social events are sure to be exceptional. The goal of the program is to provide ORL nursing professionals learning and networking opportunities that enhance and develop practice, mentoring and leadership skills. As we anticipate this 5-day event in one of the most beautiful US cities, let's take time to reflect on 35 years of SOHN accomplishments.

The Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses, Inc. was organized in 1976 by a handful of ORL nurses. Over the years the organization has grown and maintained a strong membership despite changes in healthcare and economic challenges. SOHN's publications are scholarly and meet the needs of the membership.

SOHN is dedicated to "life long learning" as a requirement for ORL nursing. Nearly 200 nurses have achieved and maintained certification in the specialty. Nurse specialty certification is a voluntary strategy that validates a nurse's clinical expertise (Kendall-Gallagher & Blegen, 2009). The energy and work devoted to the development

of SOHN's certification program has successfully produced many CORLNs. Our educational programs are "second to none" as SOHN offers two national programs annually. The role of the local and regional chapters provides networking and educational offerings across the nation.

The Ear, Nose and Throat Nursing Foundation (ENT-NF) plays a significant role in the organization. ENT-NF, funded by donations from individuals, corporations and health care providers, advances the art and science of nursing through education and research. Please participate in the "Drive for 35 Campaign." This campaign is an effort to celebrate the 35th anniversary and invest in the future of ORL nursing. ENT-NF has a goal of \$35,000! I know we can do it!

SOHN represents a nursing specialty with highly diverse patient population. The Special Interest Groups (SIG) are actively focused on these patient subspecialties and provide an avenue for these nurses to connect. The SIGs share updates in current treatments and technology that enhance specialty care. SOHN's website has developed from infancy to a constantly evolving site that is both educational and informational. Thanks to all our web editors over the years.

Many SOHN committees and taskforces benefit ORL nurses. The members that volunteer to lead and coordinate these groups are unmatched in commitment to our specialty. Countless hours are devoted to guideline development, on-going review of scope and

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standards and communicating with members on the latest developments in the areas of education, practice, research and government relations. The members that have and continue to volunteer time to lead the organization are priceless. From the mid-1970's to the present these nurses have contributed to the success of SOHN. While impossible to mention them all in this message, they will always be remembered. SOHN continues to build relationships/partnerships with other professional societies including the AAO-HNS. Last but not least, a dedicated senior staff working at the SOHN Headquarters along with the Executive Director, Sandye Schwartz have brought the organization to where it is today-solid, productive and recently reaccredited by the ANCC for FOUR MORE YEARS.

Many activities and presentations during the upcoming Congress in San Francisco will involve SOHN past, present and future. The keynote speaker, Diana Jordan, will provide the "kick-off" with her humor and entertainment. The featured presentation on "Laryngeal Transplant" will highlight the practice of our SOHN nurses in the Bay area. As we celebrate our 35th anniversary Reverend Jimmie Lancaster will conduct a "Blessing of the Hands" ceremony. Margie Hickey, past president of SOHN and well-known author and presenter will deliver the closing address on "A Legacy of Nursing Leaders".

The social events include a baseball game with the San Francisco Giants (last year's World Series Champions) and Los Angeles Dodgers. We plan to "party" Saturday night with our SOHN friends and colleagues. This is the ENT-NF Annual Benefit offering unique gifts and prizes that our leaders and chapter Presidents have coordinated.

The President's Reception is Sunday evening at the Aquarium of the Bay — please join me for a delightful time. SOHN is providing transportation for a Night Bus Tour of San Francisco's beautiful light displays and a stop at Fisherman's Wharf for dinner and shopping. Get up and walk on Sunday morning on Nob Hill—who knows, you may be in the 2011 video on our Facebook page. The Social Media Coordinator, Kari McConnell, has some ideas up her sleeve!

The May 2011 Update and the SOHN website provide a full listing of Congress educational offerings. Congress 2011 will continue to be eco-friendly and handouts for the presentations are online. The session handouts are available before and after the meeting. The SOHN Business meeting is slated for Monday, September 12th. Please attend to hear the new business of the society and vote for your favorite candidates. In the July 2011 Update the candidates have shared professional information and position statements. I found these candidates' statements inspirational with values and qualities that will make SOHN proud to have these leaders in the organization.

Have a great summer and see you in September.

Sincerely,

Cindy J. Dawson

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

Reference:

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The
Hidden Treasures of
San Francisco
Recommended by the ENT
Nurses of UC Davis Medical
Center



The best thing about San Francisco and the Bay Area is that it is a city of many "Hidden Treasures." You can read every tourist guide and reviews, but there are still so many fabulous restaurants, parks or activities that you will not read about. The true "local" can tell you where the "hot spots" are. We have compiled a list of places to go and see that we are sure you will love. San Francisco has good weather and bad weather throughout the year. In September, the average high of 71 degrees F and a low of 56 degrees F. However, with weather being so unpredictable, it is a good idea to pack a light jacket.



Things to Do

- Legion of Honor
- De Young Museum
- Coit Tower
- San Francisco Zoo
- California Academy of Sciences
- Golden Gate Park
 - Aquarium
 - Planetarium
 - Japanese Tea Garden and Ceremony
 - Conservatory of Flowers
- Haight- Ashbury
- San Francisco Symphony
- American Conservatory Theatre (ACT)
- Beach Blanket Babylon
- San Francisco Ballet
- Embarcadero area
- San Francisco Museum of Art (SFMOMA)
- San Francisco Museum of Craft and Design
- San Francisco Opera

- Yerba Buena Center for the Arts
- Alcatraz Tour
- Angel Island (by Ferry)
- Treasure Island Flea Market
- Pier 39 Farmers Market (Saturday Mornings)

Shopping

San Francisco

- Union Square (6 major department stores , upscale boutiques)
- Maiden Lane (upscale retailers)
- Gumps (high end)
- 8 Brady Place

Carmel

- Piccola
- Downtown Carmel (Ocean Avenue)

Oakland/Berkeley

- Tail of the Yak (Women's Apparel)
- Tiende Ho (Women's Apparel)
- Brynne Walker

Napa

- Downtown Napa



Places to Eat

San Francisco

- Top of the Mark (Intercontinental Mark Hopkins)
- Rotunda Restaurant (Neiman Marcus)
- Little Star Pizza (Mission District)
- Panta Rei- Italian (Columbus Avenue)
- Firenze by Night- Italian (Stockton Street)
- Restaurants on Pier 39
- Boulevard



- Zuni Café
- Yank Sing

- Quince
- Bar Agricole
- Absinthe
- Gitane
- Masas
- Slanted Door
- Water Bar
- One Market
- Greens (Vegetarian)
- Range
- Francis
- Nopalito
- Delfina
- Flour and Water
- Butterfly
- La Ciccia (Sardinian)
- Incantino
- Beethovens (German)
- Scomas (Fisherman's Wharf)
- Gaylords (Indian)
- Jardiniere

Carmel/ Monterey

- Carmel Belle
- Bicycleette
- Esteban
- Fresh Cream
- Bistro Moulin



Berkeley

- Chez Panisse Alice Waters
- Acme Bread

Napa/Sonoma

- The Girl and the Fig (Sonoma)
- Angele

St. Helena

- Mustards

Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses

35th Anniversary Congress

Fairmont San Francisco Hotel

September 9-11, 2011 – San Francisco, California

Register Now

- Poster Displays
- Comprehensive ORL – Head and Neck Nursing Course
- ORL Nursing Pharmacology Course
- Advanced Practice Rigid Nasal Endoscopy and Flexible Nasopharyngoscopy Course (Sponsored by Olympus)
- More Than 55 Educational Offerings
- Exhibits

Join us for

- President's Reception
- ENT-NF Annual Benefit
- Annual Business Meeting
- Ear, Nose and Toes Morning Walk

See the May Update for Registration Forms or register online at www.sohnnurse.com

Opening Ceremony

Saturday, September 10 • 1:15pm

Plan to attend the Opening Ceremony and show your support to friends and colleagues and celebrate the accomplishments of the Society, the activities of our countless volunteers and the achievements of our members. SOHN President, Cindy Dawson will preside over this exciting event!



Keynote Address

The Healing Power of Laughter – The Power of a Happy Heart!

Diana Jordan

Oprah calls Diana Jordan “One of the funniest people on the planet!”

Featured Session

Nursing Care of the Laryngeal Transplant Patient or History in the Making: SOHN Nurses at the Forefront

Monday, September 12 • 10:45am

Representing the 25 nurses who cared for the world's second documented voice box transplant patient, Ann Sievers MSN CRNP CORLN, Kim Olson BSN RN CORLN, Janet Peterson BSN RN CORLN and Jan Pryor MS CCC-P will describe the multidisciplinary approach and challenges in transplant care.

ORL Nursing Pharmacology Course

Friday, September 9 • 8:00am – 5:00pm

(ticketed course – additional fee)

Topics include:

- Ups and Downs of Thyroid Medications
- Hematology Issues and ENT Patients
- Hypocalcemia - Implications for ENT Practitioners
- Evidence-based Pharmacologic Management of Vertigo
- Bugs and Drugs: Pharmacology of Pediatric Sinusitis
- Otitis Externa: Bacterial, Fungal and Dermatitis
- Evaluation and Management of Headaches

Comprehensive ORL and Head-Neck Nursing Course

Friday, September 9 • 8:00am – 5:00pm

(ticketed course – additional fee)

The overall purpose of this course is to provide the ORL nurse with an overview of common ear, nose and throat problems/disorders and their management. The material has been divided into sections to include: Otolaryngology; Disorders of the Nose, Sinuses and Oral Cavity; Pediatric Otolaryngology; Head and Neck Disorders; and Treatment Modalities for Head and Neck Cancer. Each of the anatomical sections will review the normal anatomy, common disorders, etiology, symptoms, diagnostic evaluation and management. The course is ideal for the nurse who is new in the otolaryngology specialty or for the seasoned ORL nurse seeking a good review.

Advanced Practice Rigid Nasal Endoscopy and Flexible Nasopharyngoscopy Course

(Sponsored by Olympus)

Sunday, September 11 • 2:00 – 6:00pm

(ticketed event – additional charge)

This course provides didactic information and hands on experience with scopes. The first two hours cover the anatomy of nasopharyngeal and laryngeal structures, indications for flexible and rigid endoscopic exam, techniques, potential risks and documentation including coding and billing procedures. The second two hours of the course is the practicum which integrates rigid and flexible exams. Experienced faculty will demonstrate skills and participants will have time to practice these skills. Note: Participants must have a Masters degree or higher.

Closing Speaker

A Legacy of Nursing Leaders

Tuesday, September 13 • 11:00am – noon

Margaret Hickey MS MSN RN CORLN

ORL nurses comprise a unique sub-specialty of nursing which have although few stood strong and devoted to their patients and quality care. SOHN represents the professional organization and has helped to organize and bring together ORL nurses across the US and the world. This presentation aims to summarize the forward thinking and advances of SOHN and ORL nurses.

Getting to Know You in San Francisco (An Insider's Secrets to Congress 2011)

Saturday, September 10 • 8:00 – 8:50am

Each year a number of attendees come to SOHN's Congress for the first time. If you are a first-timer, choose to attend the First-Time Attendee Orientation. First-Timers will be greeted by SOHN's National Congress Planning Committee and many volunteers who have "been there and done that". In addition to meeting other first-time attendees, you will hear insider's secrets to help you get the most out of Congress 2011.

Celebration Showcase

Saturday, September 10 • 6:00 – 7:00pm

A time to wind down at the end of the day and to gather with friends old and new, while discovering new chapter activities, meeting the poster presenters, greeting the officers and board, and getting to know the candidates. Light snacks will be served with a cash bar.

Government Relations Luncheon

Sunday, September 11 • 11:30 – 12:45pm

(ticketed event – additional charge)



Guest Speaker:

Eileen Cody BSN RN

The Honorable Eileen Cody, State Representative-Washington, will present this year's GRC Luncheon presentation. She serves as the chair of the House Health and Wellness Care Committee and has focused much of her efforts on health care policy, particularly prescription drug reform. Eileen Cody is a registered nurse who specializes in rehabilitation nursing.

Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses – Notice of Business Meeting

Monday, September 12 • 3:30 – 5:00pm

Join the SOHN Officers and Board Members for the Annual Business Meeting. Elect new officers and learn what is happening in your association. All registrants are welcome to attend.

CORLN Luncheon

Sponsored by the National Certifying Board for Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses (NCBOHN)

Monday, September 12 • 11:45 – 1:00 pm

(ticketed event – \$35)

Take this opportunity to relax and meet informally with CORLNs from around the country while enjoying an elegant Fairmont Luncheon. All Certified ORL Nurses (CORLNs) are invited. Please bring two test questions to add to the test question item bank.

SOHN President's Reception at the Aquarium of the Bay

Sunday, September 11 • 6:15pm

(ticketed event, \$69)

Visit the Aquarium of the Bay at Night. Get up close and personal with 20,000 of San Francisco Bay's most amazing marine animals. As you stroll through crystal tunnels, Sevengill sharks, the bay's largest predators, circling overhead will be a great conversation starter. Visit the lair of the Giant Pacific Octopus and enter the mesmerizing world of Moon Jellies. Ticket includes admission, heavy hors d'oeuvres, artisanal cheese/fruit display, dessert, java bar, beverages including wine and beer, transportation and priceless networking.

San Francisco by Night Bus Tour

Monday, September 12 • 6:15pm

(ticketed event – \$35, does not include dinner)

San Francisco sparkles at night and the tour takes you through the best of all that San Francisco has to offer after dark. This city comes to life when the sun goes down. Beautiful light displays are everywhere you look: Storefronts, artwork, street performances and the city itself. The tour includes the sights of Chinatown, the Financial District, Embarcadero, Union Square, and the Golden Gate Bridge with a stop at Fisherman's Wharf for dinner and shopping.

Ear, Nose and Throat Nursing Foundation Events

ENT-NF Annual Benefit Honoring SOHN's 35th Anniversary

Saturday evening, September 10 —
Monday afternoon, September 12

Awarding of prizes: Monday at 3:10 PM

The very entertaining and outrageous ENT-NF Annual Benefit offers unique gifts and prizes that have been generously donated. By participating in the event you can win great items while promoting the work of the Foundation. Benefits: Priceless.

Stepping Forward For The Foundation

Sunday, September 11 • 7:00 – 8:00 a.m.

(ticketed event – \$35)

A benefit walk for the Ear, Nose and Throat Nursing Foundation. Join SOHN Leaders in a benefit walk for the Ear, Nose and Throat Nursing Foundation. Begin your walk on Nob Hill, the exclusive enclave of railroad

barons and Gold Rush tycoons, travel through famous city neighborhoods, rich with history and Victorian architecture while viewing an edge of colorful Chinatown and charming North Beach. Each registrant will receive an ENT-NF t-shirt. Preregistration is encouraged; however, congress attendees will also be able to register at the SOHN Registration Booth until the close of registration on Saturday.

ENT-NF Lectureships

The Ear, Nose and Throat Nursing Foundation is pleased to present and underwrite the following sessions this year:

Cynthia Mabry Otolaryngic Allergy Lectureship

Sunday, September 11 • 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Managing the Allergy Patient Safely Using the Team Approach

Donna Rekkerth MS RN FNP

Kalynn Quinn Hensley Head-Neck/Laryngology Lectureship

Sunday, September 11 • 4:40 – 5:40 p.m.

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

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

Lois Moore-Rogers Pediatric Otolaryngology Lectureship

Sunday, September 11 • 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

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

Kristina Keppel DNP RN CPNP

Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses 2011 Annual Reports

President

Cindy J. Dawson MSN RN CORLN

Major Activities:

- Presented President's Address during 34th SOHN Annual Congress and Nursing Symposium in Boston, MA. Participated in all activities including the Business Meeting
- Attended Congress Planning Committee Meeting for 2011 in Chicago, IL
- Attended the 2010 Alliance Summit in Portland, OR with Executive Director, November 2010
- Delivered Holiday Message to the membership on behalf of ENT-NF
- Chaired the Annual Board of Directors meeting of the Ear, Nose and Throat Nursing Foundation in Atlanta, GA - January 28, 2011
- Chaired SOHN Midwinter Board Meeting in Atlanta, GA – January 28 & 29, 2011
- Completed Annual Membership Card Message
- Authored "The Future of Nursing: An ORL Perspective" for the ORL-Head and Neck Nursing Journal Winter 2011 issue.
- Assisted in preparation and participated in the successful ANCC accreditation process
- Attended and presented at the SOHN Spring Seminar Series in Chicago, IL on "Telephone Triage: The First Step in Evidence-based Care"

- Authored President's Message for 2011 Update publications
- Participated in review and critique of tracheostomy research articles with members of the Practice/Research Committee
- Selected as a panel member by the GDTF for the development of the Consensus Statement on Tracheostomy Care. Two conference calls and survey completed
- Attended AAO-HNS Guidelines Development Taskforce meeting in May 2011 in Alexandria, VA as the SOHN representative
- Recommended SOHN members to AAO-HNS for guideline development and peer review (Hoarseness, Tonsillectomy, BPPV, Sudden Hearing Loss and Tracheostomy Care)
- Coordinated several conference calls with Practice/Research committee on tracheostomy guideline development
- Regularly communicated with National Headquarters on issues/tasks/responsibilities
- Prepared message for ORL Nurse Day-May 9th
- Revised the current brochure for the ENT-NF Annual Fundraising Drive
- Called assigned 2010 ENT-NF contributors and expressed "thanks"
- Chaired the Scholarship and Awards Committee
- Reviewed ENT-NF grant applications
- Contacted potential contributors to ENT-NF
- Communicated with Committee Chairs throughout the year
- Overseeing the review and revisions of the SOHN Policy and Procedure Manuals and Bylaws
- Attend NALA in August, 2011 in Louisville, KY
- Chair the Annual SOHN Board of Directors Meeting in Chicago, IL-August 19-20, 2011

President-Elect

Mary Huntoon MSN RN

Major Activities:

- Attended the Midwinter Board of Directors meeting of the Ear, Nose and Throat Nursing Foundation meeting in Atlanta, GA - January 28, 2011
- Attended the SOHN Midwinter Board of Directors meeting in Atlanta, GA - January 28-29, 2011
- Will attend the Nursing Alliance Leadership Academy (NALA) in Louisville, KY - August 13-14, 2011
- Will attend Annual Board of Directors meeting in Chicago, IL - August 19-20, 2011
- Will attend "Golden Opportunities in ORL Nursing", SOHN's 35th Anniversary Congress and Nursing Symposium in San Francisco, CA - September 9-13, 2011
- Will attend the Education Planning meeting in October/November 2011
- Will attend the Nursing Organizations Alliance Summit (NOA) in Miami, FL - November 17-19, 2011
- SOHN Board of Directors Member - Ongoing
- SOHN Education Committee Member - Ongoing
- Editorial Board, ORL-Head and Neck Nursing Journal - Ongoing

- Communicated with National Headquarters as needed
- Reviewed current SOHN Policy and Bylaws
- Reviewed ENT-NF grant applications
- Reviewed Scholarship and Award applications
- Completed Performance Appraisals for Professional and Administrative Staff

Vice President

Erin J. Ross MS APRN CNP CORLN

Major Activities:

- Speaker ORL Course: Chicago 2011 and San Francisco 2011
- SOHN Education Committee Member 2007-present
- Poster Presenter co-author San Diego 2011
- SOHN Cleveland Chapter VP 2009-present
- Strategic Plan Update: authored new Leadership section
- Policy and Bylaw updates
- Free Oral Cancer Community Screening May 2011
- Author of one chapter for 2nd edition ONS Triage book July 2011
- Published article (Case Western Reserve): Implementation of IOM Report
- Speaker: Dizziness at Case Western Reserve University March 2011
- DNP student at Case Western Reserve 2010-present
- Attended George Mason University Washington Health Policy Institute June 2011

Secretary

Maggie Chesnutt MSN FNP BC APRN CORLN

Major Activities:

- Attended Midwinter Board and ENT-NF meetings in January 2011. Recorded meeting minutes, corrected minutes and provided the final draft to headquarters.
- Attended SOHN Annual Congress and Nursing Symposium in September 2010 in Boston, MA and recorded business meeting minutes
- Participated in 2010 performance appraisals for several employees of SOHN
- Will attend Annual SOHN Board meeting, August 2011
- Will attend the 35th Annual Congress and Nursing Symposium in September 2010, San Francisco, CA
- Secretary, Atlanta Chapter of SOHN

Treasurer

Sharon Jamison RN CORLN

Major Activities:

- Attended Mid-Winter Board meeting
- Presented tentative budget for Board review and discussion
- Delivered balanced budget
- Served as Program Coordinator, SOHN Spring Seminar Series- Adult Issues, March 30, 2011 in Chicago, IL.
- Assisted in review/ revision of SOHN Policies, Officer Duties, Position Statements, Administrative Manual
- Reviewing Chapter Excellence Award criteria
- Vice-President, Houston Chapter
- Revised Houston Chapter Bylaws

Board of Director

Jo Ferrero RN CORLN

Major Activities:

- Attended Annual Board Meeting – August 2010
- Attended 2010 Annual Congress in Boston – September 2010
- Volunteered in various activities at the Annual Congress, 2010
- Attended as Committee Member, National Congress Education Planning Meeting – November, 2010
- Contacted potential Speakers for Annual Congress, Fall - Winter 2010-2011
- Attended Midwinter Board Meeting, January 2011
- Accepted role as Special Interest Group Coordinator, 2011
- Board liaison to Government Relations Committee
- Will attend Annual Board meeting – August 2011
- Plan to attend Annual Congress, San Francisco – 2011
- Will continue in role as Committee Member, National Education Planning Committee
- Participant: Group Health Cooperative Clinical Leadership Program, October 2010 - March 2011

Board of Director

Terri Giordano MSN CRNP CORLN

Major Activities:

- Attended SOHN Midwinter Board meeting January 2011
- Attended SOHN Congress September 2010
- Lectured for SOHN Congress Pharmacology Day September 2010
- Attended local Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter SOHN meetings
- SOHN Education Committee Member
- Liaison Committee Member SENTAC
- Participated in phone conference for ANCC recertification
- Will attend SOHN Board meeting August 2011
- Will attend and lecture at Congress September 2011

Board of Director

Deena B Hollingsworth MSN FNP-BC CORLN

Major Activities:

- Attended SOHN Midwinter Board meeting, Atlanta GA Jan 29-30, 2011
- Attended Comprehensive ORL Nursing Course, Chicago, IL April 29, 2011
- Achieved CORLN certification June 2011
- Appointed Coordinator for Comprehensive ORL Nursing Course. Working closely with Lorie Sparacino and faculty to assume this responsibility. Plan revisions this year to update the course and increase the pool of faculty available to present.
- Serves as facilitator for the Otology and Advanced Practice Special Interest groups
- Served on the AAO-HNSF Guideline panel for Sudden Sensorineural Hearing Loss
- Presented at the AAO-HNSF workshop on use of midlevel providers

- Will attend the SOHN Annual Board meeting Chicago, IL August 19-20,2011
- Will attend SOHN 35th Anniversary Congress and Nursing Symposium, San Francisco, CA. September 9-13, 2011.
- Congress Presenter September 11, 2011. Hear Today.... Gone Tomorrow: A look at Sudden Hearing Loss.

Board of Director

Ashley Laursen BSN RN

Major Activities:

- Attended Midwinter Board Meeting, Atlanta, GA - January 29-30, 2011
- Chaired the Membership Enhancement Committee
- Will attend the SOHN Annual Board Meeting, Chicago, IL - August 19-20, 2011
- Will attend the 35th Anniversary Congress in San Francisco, CA, September 9-13, 2011
- President of SC Chapter of HNCA (Head & Neck Cancer Alliance)
- Organized OHANCAW for South Carolina
- 2011 Screening Sites included 2 rural churches, Family Circle Cup, Darlington Raceway, and MUSC screening. Total 300 screened.
- Educational talks aimed at teaching middle school-aged about the dangers of tobacco and alcohol (11 schools in Charleston County in 2 days!).
- Research conference, with original presentation.
- Oral, Head, and Neck Cancer Awareness Banquet to honor those affected by head and neck cancer concluded the week's activities.

Board of Director

Carolyn Waddington MS RN FNP CORLN

Major Activities:

- Attended SOHN Congress and Nursing Symposium Boston, MA – September 2010
- Presented lecture at SOHN Congress in Boston, MA
- Attended Midwinter Board Meeting January 2011
- Submitted Tracheostomy Care Updated Reference list to Research/Practice Co-chair
- Member of Editorial Board
- Submitted two Products of Interest Articles 2011
- Authored partial article on Endoscope Reprocessing, in review FDA - June 2011
- Will attend Board of Directors Meeting - August 2011
- Will attend SOHN Congress and Nursing Symposium, San Francisco - September 2011

Executive Director

Sandra L. Schwartz MS RN CORLN

Major Activities:

- Following Congress 2010 Lorie Sparacino and I began work on the self-study document necessary for reaccreditation of SOHN's continuing education programs. This 250 page document was submitted with the application to the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation in November 2011. Coordination of the virtual site visit via conference call began in early February and 12 SOHN members

graciously accepted the challenge to participate in the day long call. The “visit” took place on February 23 and lasted eight grueling hours. On April 28 we received notification that SOHN once again had been granted full accreditation for the Society’s education programs until April 2015. This designation marks 31 years of continuous accreditation for SOHN’s continuing education. We received the highest designation possible with no additional information required! I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to those SOHN members who participated in this project as they gave exemplary testimony during the conference call and also showed their dedication and commitment to SOHN. Also, thank you to Corinne Parker for formatting and assembling our 250 page document.

- Coordinated the arrangements for the Spring Seminar Series and the 25th ORL Pediatric Meeting held in Chicago, IL, April 28 – 30. This was a very successful event attended by more than 100 ORL nurses from across the country. Thank you to Lisa Gagnon (Pediatric Day Chair), Sharon Jamison and Anne Bigelow (Adult Day Co-Chairs), Erin Ross (ORL Course Coordinator) and Lorie Sparacino (Education Director) for an outstanding program!
- Wrote and submitted multiple grants to corporations for congress funding. Developed a marketing plan and companion advertisements and information for recruiting corporations to SOHN’s Congress Exhibition Area. Recruited exhibitors for the 35th Anniversary Congress. Utilized the AAO-HNS Bulletin to advertise SOHN Congress and to promote membership.
- Served as Editor of the Update and the Pre-Convention Update. Responsible for editing and writing copy for each edition. Assisted the Editor of the journal as needed. The Update has now been online for more than a year and is a vibrant addition to our site.
- Coordinated the arrangements (hotel, flights and catering) for the SOHN Midwinter Board Meeting, January 28 – 29 in Atlanta, GA; the Congress Planning Meeting, November 12 – 13 in Chicago, IL; the Alliance Meeting, November 19 – 21 in Portland, OR; the SOHN Annual Board Meeting, August 19 – 20 in Chicago, IL and the NALA (Nursing Alliance Leadership Academy) Meeting, August 12 – 14 in Louisville, KY.
- Collaborated with Sharon Jamison, SOHN Treasurer, on the financial activities of the Society and jointly developed the preliminary budget for board consideration. Made strategic suggestions to adjust the budget to allow for current economic conditions. Monitored SOHN investments.
- Corresponded with members and non-members via email. Answered questions about the Society and referred clinical questions to SIG Leaders or “experts” in the clinical area. Reviewed and approved NCBOHN applications for recertification by continuing education.
- Sent SOHN Briefings and updates to the SOHN President, the SOHN Board, the SOHN Leadership and the SOHN membership. Communicated with the chapter presidents individually and collectively. Corresponded frequently with executive directors of other specialty nursing organizations, AAO-HNS representatives and other ORL related organizations.

- Arranged housing, catering, meeting space, social events and venues, transportation and all financial aspects of the 35th Anniversary Congress.
- Also served as Executive Director of NCBOHN and ENT-NF.
- Thank you for allowing me to proudly serve you and represent you as your executive director.

National Education Committee

Lorie Sparacino MS PNP-BC CORLN

Major Activities:

- Annual Committee Meeting Minutes 9-27-10 completed and emailed to members 10-2-10
- Thank you note written and emailed to committee members post Congress
- Post-Congress 2010 Thank You Article submitted for the UPDATE
- Reviewed Congress 2010 educational sessions computer analysis, ratings chiefly 4.5 or higher; Pharmacology Course ratings 4.3-4.5; Comprehensive ORL & HN Nursing Course Program Evaluation completed, scores 4.33-4.81; completed 34th Congress Program Evaluation analysis, scores mainly 4.5 or higher
- Completed Congress 2010 Program Flowchart/Checklist
- Completed the 2010 Evaluation of Provider Unit, 100% return (15/15); very positive comments
- Coordinated the 2011 Congress Planning Meeting in Chicago, IL, November 12-13, 2010
- Completed the 2011 Congress Grid; delegated committee member assignments; confirmed speakers, SIGs, Committees; communicated monthly with committee members; reviewed returned Speaker Forms for all Congress Faculty
- Updated 2011 Committee Roster and the 2011 Committee Interests and Nurse Planner responsibilities
- Assisted with development of the SOHN Spring Seminar Series April 28-30, 2011; 93 registrants; reviewed and analyzed all evaluations; completed Program Evaluation Summary, Program Checklist; excellent ratings, 4.3-4.85
- Quarterly committee member communication by email: 10-2-10, 12-20-10, 3-3-11, 5-2-11
- Completed Annual Performance Evaluation for Director of Education and the Administrative Assistant
- Developed Comprehensive ORL & HN Nursing Course Coordinator Responsibilities and Requirements; identified new Coordinator, Deena Hollingsworth
- Comprehensive ORL & HN Nursing Course was offered at the Spring Seminar Series, April 29, Chicago, IL; 27 attendees; served as coordinator; evaluations excellent, 4.5-4.96
- Presented at the 2011 Spring Program, Epistaxis Pearls 2011 and Otolaryngology section of the Comprehensive ORL Course
- Total of 15 Educational Programs scheduled to date for 2011; Chapter Programs: Chicago (2); Cleveland (2); MDDC (2); South Carolina (2); SEPA (1); Wisconsin (3); North Carolina (1)
- ANCC Accreditation, Self Report written; participated in day long telephone conference call; awarded complete accreditation, full four years without restrictions

Chapter Coordinator

Ramute Kemeza BSN RN

Major Activities:

- Sent information to SOHN members interested in starting a chapter in their area
- Attended Midwinter Board of Directors Meeting in Atlanta January 2011
- Attended Wisconsin Chapter Educational Conference March 2011
- Communication with chapters include:
 - Requesting chapters to review chapter bylaws and submit updated bylaws by October 15, 2011 to SOHN Headquarters
 - Requesting Chapters to support ENT- NF with a donation and to provide a prize donation for the ENT- NF Raffle at Congress
 - Sent out questionnaire for feedback regarding last Congress Chapter Presidents' Luncheon meeting/ how to improve meeting their needs in the role of Chapter President. Results to be presented at Chapter Presidents' Luncheon meeting September 10

Government Relations Committee

Jan Adams BSN RN MPA NE-BC CORLN

Major Activities:

- Periodic emails were sent throughout the year to attendees regarding legislative information
- Information was also posted in the Journal and Update relating to GRC activities
- Update the 2011 Legislative Resource Toolkit

Journal Editor

Linda Schuring MSN RN

Major Activities:

- Attended SOHN Annual Congress, September, 2010 - Boston, MA
- Chaired Editorial Board meeting, September 26, 2010 - Boston, MA
- Staffed journal booth to talk to members during breaks
- Solicited two new editorial board members, Beth Grabiak and Margie Hickey
- Awarded Maggie Kramper the 2010 Literary Award
- Attended MWBM, January, 2011 - Atlanta, GA
- Produced four issues of ORL-HNN
- Added the Editor/journal to organizational chart
- Revised criteria for Literary Awards process
- Served as a nurse reviewer for the new AAO-HNS guideline, Sudden Sensorineural Hearing Loss
- Edited Strategic Plan for journal additions/responsibilities

Membership Enhancement Committee

Ashley Laursen BSN RN

Major Activities:

- Quarterly welcome letters/emails for new members
- Created letter for past members that have not renewed membership; national office compiled mailing list and sent out

Nominating Committee

Ramute Kemeza BSN RN

Major Activities:

- Nominating Committee reached out to all members via email to consider being candidates for the positions to be elected this year
- Slate of Candidates 2012
- Candidate for position of Treasurer:
Sharon Jamison RN CORLN
- Candidates for position of Board of Directors:
Cheryl Brandt MSN RN ACNS-BC CORLN
Tara DiFabio, MSN CRNP CORLN
Ramute Kemeza BSN RN
Fayann Ridgely BSN RN CORLN
Jennifer M. Spellman MSN RN CRNP CORLN
- Candidates for the position of Nominating Committee Member:
Nina DeSell CRNP
Deborah J. Farragher BSN RN
Nadine Nardello CRNP CORLN

Social Media Coordinator

Kari E. McConnell RN CORLN

Major Activities:

- Creator and Administrator of the SOHN Face Book page
- Attended the Annual SOHN Congress in Boston – conducted informal interviews with attendees regarding the use of Face Book as a communication bridge for SOHN members to the organization and to the member online communication
- Posted information throughout the year of SOHN educational opportunities, Chapter events, Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Week, ORL Nurse Day and promotion of the SOHN online store and Congress video highlights
- Answered questions posted on the Face Book page
- Attended Midwinter Board meeting in Atlanta as Social Media Coordinator, reporting statistics of social media communication and presence online
- Posted Congress photos in the photo section of the Face Book page
- Created a video with photos and video highlights of the Boston Congress set to music, as a way to promote this annual educational event
- Created the You Tube account for SOHN and posted the Congress video
- Attended SOHN Spring Seminar in Chicago and was a presenter for the Comprehensive ORL and Head-Neck Course
- Monitored statistics from the Face Book page and You Tube account
- Continually monitored other nursing organizations' online social media to stay current and observe current social media trends

ENT-NF Wall of Honor “to honor, to thank, to cherish the memory”

Gifts Have Been Received in Memory of

Frances Davis
by Atlanta Regional Chapter

Nancy Steele
by Kimberley Pollock

Colleen Craven Hayes
by Atlanta Regional Chapter

Camilla Munson
by Jo Ferrero

Anna and Paul K. Wood
by Denise Wood

Gifts Have Been Received in Honor of:

Lindsey Calandra, Nursing School Graduate
by Linda Miller Calandra

Dr Gershon J. Spector
by Kimberley Pollock



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Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Are you new to the field of ENT or to a new specialty in ENT? Would you like a way to network with other nurses in your specialty? Make it your goal to attend a SIG meeting at Congress this year. There are nine SIGs that will meet at Congress 2011, they include:

- Advanced Practice
- Allergy / Sinus
- Facial Plastics
- Geriatric
- Head Neck
- Office Based
- Otology
- Pediatric
- Perioperative

These meetings are open to anyone that attends Congress. Please take advantage of the SIG meetings. You can come and listen, share a new idea or ask your colleagues for their input on a situation you need help with. The SIGs are a great way to connect with nurses in your specialty and can be a resource for you at the meeting and in the future.

A Warm Welcome to New SOHN Members

Jerome A. Antique Maynard, MA	Willowick, OH
Barbara A. Baldea Peoria, AZ	Cynthia L. Livingston St Louis, MO
Courtney Boatright Brandon, MS	Beth A. Polson Columbia, MO
Hope V. Brunson Birmingham, AL	Kassondra S. Poteet Olathe, KS
Kevin Mary Callans Chestnut Hill, MA	Becky J. Rabe Cloquet, MN
Amanda D. Downing St Louis, MO	DeAnna R. Roso Helotes, TX
Adrienne Farley Clairton, PA	Sofie Silvermann Hellerup, Denmark
Allison Holt Evans, GA	Elizabeth Trejo Houston, TX
Sarah S. Hooper Baton Rouge, LA	Richard Tway Palo Alto, CA
Sharon Itzkowitz Lynn, MA	Katherine N. Youngs Phoenix, AZ

Pauline A. Kerns

Congratulations to our Newest CORLNs!

Rhonda S. Foltz
Deena B. Hollingsworth
Stacey R. Jensen
Komal Patel
Joanne N. Stow
Deborah J. Strike
Nicole R. Strohman
Susan M. Vetto
Julie C. White



And those that have Recertified!

Hope Andresen
Cheryl A. Brandt
Amy E. David
Cindy J. Dawson
Mildred J. Hale
Mary Agnes Haman
Maureen Kane
Helen R. Lazio-Stegall
Kari E. McConnell
Carolyn M. Miller
Linda B. Oberrender
Debra K. Ritchie
Eileen M. Ryan
Laurie K. Turner
Jeanine C. Whitaker

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Council Announces 2012 Guest Board Attendee Program

The SOHN Council of Past Presidents (COPP) is currently accepting applications for the Guest Board Attendee Program. This successful leadership mentoring project was initiated in 2005. To date 11 members have attended the Midwinter Board Meeting held each January. The latest attendee was Cheryl Brandt. Partial funding of this innovative project is provided by the COPP in order to promote

the development of new leaders in SOHN. Funding of the Guest Board Attendee Program now replaces the COPP Congress Grant. The Council was formed in 1985 and has continually supported SOHN special projects. Applications can be obtained from SOHN National Headquarters or from COPP members and board members during the annual congress.

Call For Abstracts

SOHN’s 36th Annual Congress and Nursing Symposium offers an opportunity to share your expertise and knowledge. The Congress will be held September 7-11, 2012 in Washington, DC. The Call for Abstracts is for the 60 minute concurrent sessions. Major abstract categories include clinical/evidence-based practice and research on areas such as novel clinical or education interventions, innovative models of care, emerging health conditions, evolving leadership and policy issues, original research findings and resourceful outcome measures. Sub specialty categories include Pharmacology for APNs, Advance Practice issues, Allergy/Rhinosinus, Facial Plastics, Gerontology, Head Neck, Office Based Practice, OR/Perioperative, Otolaryngology and Pediatric ORL. The deadline for submission is October 1, 2011. Contact SOHN Headquarters for additional information – sohn1@earthlink.net

2011 SOHN CALENDAR

Events/Deadlines

September

1 CORLN Examination Application Deadline

9-13 SOHN 35th Annual SOHN Congress — San Francisco, CA

October

8-22 CORLN Examination Testing Period

15 Call for Abstracts 2012 Congress & Spring Seminar Series

November

1 Midwinter Board Meeting Guest Attendee 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

Future SOHN Conference Dates

SOHN Spring Seminar Series

San Diego, California

April 19-21, 2012

36th Annual SOHN Congress

Washington, DC

September 7-11, 2012

37th Annual SOHN Congress

Vancouver, BC, Canada

September 27-October 1, 2013