

Update



President's Message

Dear SOHN Colleagues,

I am writing to you on the heels of our 29th Annual Spring Seminar in Boston, Massachusetts. The city was without snow, still a bit chilly for this Southerner, and the daffodils were bursting in yellow. We had

excellent speakers, most of whom were ORL colleagues sharing their expertise on a wide range of pediatric and adult ORL topics. Laurie Newton coordinated the pediatric day after running the Boston Marathon four days earlier. We all thought she should be wearing her medal. (Wow)! Mary Huntoon coordinated the adult day including the BBC camera crew that filmed the renowned Dr. Steven Zeitels who discussed his work with patients at the Massachusetts General Hospital Voice Center. Both days included case presentations which were informative snapshots of clinical encounters during the workday. SOHN is so fortunate to have such knowledgeable, dedicated and talented members! Thank you to all who contributed in making the seminar such a success!

Nursing conferences are a must for our specialty because nursing is a field that changes constantly in the fast evolving world of health care. Not only does nursing require a large amount of knowledge to enter into the profession, but nurses also must keep up with the latest standards of care, new drugs on the market and other skills vital for quality patient care.

In our technologically driven culture, getting continuing education (CE) online is a fast go-to way of meeting licensing educational requirements. You can sit in the comfort of your home and knock out the number of hours you may need. Education through the computer has its place. However, attending a nursing conference is like seeing a movie in 3D. It is so much more of an experience than you could ever read about on your PC or video conferencing. Here are six compelling reasons why participating in a conference rules over other ways of obtaining those coveted continuing education contact hours (CECHs):

1. Education – Conferences provide opportunities for nurses to increase their knowledge about procedures, technology and research. You will find more ORL and Head-Neck nursing and medical expertise in one place at the Spring Seminar and the Annual Congress to not only hear a person's opinion but question the speaker and develop an innate sense of knowledge. Like a coveted prize, for quality critical education, you must be present to win.

2. Networking – Another plus of gathering together is the nursing, medical and pharmaceutical professionals you can meet and add to your list of resources. Because our work is so specialized, we need to know folks in certain areas to consult on a problem or just call for support. Also, collaborative work and projects are born out of meeting colleagues or speakers with similar interests.

3. Think time – Conferences provide time for you to generate new ideas for teaching, clinical practice, or research without the pressure of daily work demands. These ideas may occur during a conference session, travel, or down time. You can take advantage of aha moments and give consideration to new thoughts and ideas without being interrupted.

4. Rejuvenate, rest and relax – Not only are conferences a time to learn but a time to rest and relax. Take a nap, sleep in late, sit by the pool or watch a movie in your hotel room. You will be more resilient if you take some down time for yourself, rejuvenate your spirit and restore your enthusiasm for your professional role.

5. Play Tourist – Boston for the Spring Seminar was a great place to take in American history, eat plenty of lobster, and go shopping. Our 39th Annual Congress this September in Dallas, Texas has a wide variety of places of interest to visit and unparalleled shopping venues. Come to the conference to play tourist and to explore the local environs!

6. Exercise – One of our speakers at the Spring Seminar, also a board member, had on her work out clothes every morning during the course of three days. She was taking advantage of the hotel gym and making time for her health. Now that is leadership in action!

The reasons to attend a nursing conference are clear – combining education with enjoyment and taking care of yourself. Book your reservation today for “ORL Nursing: The New Frontier” our 39th Annual Congress and Nursing Symposium, in Dallas Texas, September 25–29.

Maggie Chesnutt

Maggie Chesnutt, MSN, FNP-BC, CORLN
President of SOHN

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Congress 2015 Highlights

Invited Guest Speakers

Opening Ceremony

Saturday, September 26 • 9:00 a.m.

Keynote Address

Nursing: The Future is Ours



Donna Cardillo, RN, CSP (Certified Speaking Professional) is The Inspiration Nurse. She travels the world helping women and healthcare professionals to be happy in their lives and careers and to reach their full potential. She does that as a keynote speaker, columnist, author, and cut-up. Her accomplished career combines over 25 years of clinical, managerial and business experience,

not to mention her stint as a professional singer. Donna's clinical experience includes emergency and psychiatric nursing. Donna holds a diploma in nursing, a BS in Health Care Management and an MA in Corporate and Public Communication. Known as "Dear Donna", she gives daily online career advice at Nurse.com. Donna is also an Expert Blogger at DoctorOz.com. She was formerly the "Healthcare Careers Expert" at www.Monster.com.

Donna has twice been named Business Woman of the Year in New Jersey and has also received the coveted Athena Award, a national leadership award for women. Donna was designated a Diva in Nursing by the Institute for Nursing in NJ for outstanding achievements and excellence in practice. She has also been named one of 50 Best Women in Business by NJBIZ. Donna appears regularly on television and radio, is frequently quoted in newspapers and magazines and has published numerous articles. Donna has appeared on The Dr. Oz Show and the Today Show and has been featured in the Los Angeles Times on several occasions.

Donna is author of the books, *Your First Year as a Nurse – Making the Transition from Total Novice to Successful Professional*, *The ULTIMATE Career Guide for Nurses – Practical Advice for Thriving at Every Stage of Your Career*, and *A Day Book for Beginning Nurses*.

Health Policy and Advocacy Lecture

Monday, September 28 • 1:15 p.m.

Representative Donna Howard



A seasoned professional with years of hands-on experience in the areas of public health and public education, State Representative Donna Howard's policy expertise and leadership skills have earned her a place at the center of the growing effort to champion mainstream values in the Texas legislature. Howard serves on the House Appropriations Committee and the House Higher Education Committee; additionally, she serves as

vice chair of the House Administration Committee. She serves on the Appropriations Subcommittee on Article III (Agencies of Education) and the Subcommittee on Budget Transparency and Reform. The Representative previously served as vice chair of the House Culture, Recreation, and Tourism Committee and as a member of the House Technology Committee.

For her work at the State Capitol on health care, education, environmental protection, and historic preservation, Howard has been honored by community and state organizations, from the Austin Business Journal and the Texas Hospital Association to the Texas Parent-Teacher Association, the Sierra Club and the Heritage Society of Austin. She also has been recognized as a Distinguished Alumna of both The University of Texas School of Nursing and The University of Texas Department of Kinesiology and Health Education.

Howard is a native of Austin who graduated from Reagan High School, then went on to earn a bachelor's degree in nursing and a master's in health education, both from the University of Texas.

She worked as a critical care nurse at Brackenridge and Seton hospitals, was the first hospital-based Patient Education Coordinator in Austin, and helped start the Seton Good Health School. She has also served as president of the Texas Nurses' Association (District 5) and as a Health Education instructor at UT.

Invited ~ Awaiting confirmation of appearance, pending Texas Legislature Special Session Calendar.

Featured Session

Tuesday, September 29 • 10:30 a.m.

Updates in HPV-Related Head and Neck Cancer

Carole Fakhry MD MPH

Assistant Professor of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery, Assistant Professor of Oncology, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine

Dr. Fakhry will discuss the risk factors associated with oral HPV infection and association with HPV-related head and neck cancer, the clinical characteristics and transmission concerns for patients and their families

Closing Session

Tuesday, September 29 • 1:45 p.m.

Developing Nurse Leaders: Building Personal Resilience

Margaret Hickey MS MSN RN



Resilience can be described as the ability to maintain equilibrium and sense of control which allows one to move forward in a positive way in the face of stress, trauma and adversity. Resilient people are flexible, empathetic and adapt quickly to new circumstances; they thrive well in an environment of constant change. While some people seem to be naturally resilient, it is possible to develop

or cultivate these traits. Developing resilient traits will enrich our everyday lives and strengthen our ability to lead others. Resilience is an essential quality for nursing leaders at all levels to survive and thrive in the increasingly complex and ever changing health care environment. Developing resilience in self and team can lead to less turnover and reduced burnout. Test your resiliency and learn practical strategies for developing and enhancing personal resiliency.

ENT-NF Lectureships

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

Lois Moore-Rogers Pediatric Otolaryngology Lectureship

Sunday, September 27, 2015 • 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Decreasing Emergency Room Visits and Hospital Admission in the Pediatric Trach Population through Improved Parent Education and Patient Follow Up

Kristi McGowin MSN RN CPNP

Kalynn Quinn Hensley Head-Neck/Laryngology Lectureship

Sunday, September 27, 2015 • 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Subglottic Hemangioma

Wendy Mackey APRN-BC CORLN

Cynthia Mabry Otolaryngic Allergy Lectureship

Sunday, September 27, 2015 • 12:45 – 1:45 p.m.

Sublingual Tablets: The Future of Immunotherapy?

Judith Lynch APRN-BC FAANP

Noteworthy Courses and Events

ORL Nursing Pharmacology Course

Friday, September 25 • 8:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

(ticketed course – additional fee)

Topics include:

- BIOLOGICS: Breaking Down the Basics
- Pharmacological Management of Eosinophilic Esophagitis
- Medication Side Effects in ENT
- Pharmacological Therapy in Smoking Cessation
- Managing Polypharmacy in the Elderly
- Pitfalls of Drugs with CYP450 Metabolism in ENT
- Pharmacological Management of Ear Disorders

Comprehensive ORL and Head-Neck Nursing Course

Friday, September 25 • 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Course continues on Saturday, September 26 • 1:00 – 5:30 p.m.

(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 Issues; Benign Head and Neck Disorders; Treatment Modalities; and 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.

Getting to Know You in Dallas

(An Insider's Secrets to Congress 2015)

Saturday, September 26 • 11:15 – 12:00 noon

Calling All First Time Attendees! Each year a number of attendees come to SOHN's Congress for the first time. Come and check out the latest Annual Meeting buzz. 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 2015.

Opening Ceremony

Saturday, September 26 • 9:00 a.m.

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, Maggie Chesnutt, will preside over this exciting event!

Special Interest Group Meetings

Saturday, September 26 • 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

ORL Nursing covers a wide range of subspecialties, each of which present a special set of skills and unique knowledge base. SOHN special interest groups (SIGs) will link you with other members practicing in your designated subspecialty. All SIGS will be meeting at Congress. Join a SIG and share your ideas and gain new information.

Posters

Posters will be displayed and available for viewing during Congress. Posters will reflect various administration, education, clinical practice, and research topics of interest to ORL nurses. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your knowledge with other ORL nurses.

SOHN's President's Western Reception

Saturday evening, September 26

(ticketed event – \$50)

Become a Big Tex Insider and join SOHN President, Maggie Chesnutt at her Western Reception at the State Fair of Texas bringing you Texas-sized fun and a celebration of all things Texan, the State Fair encourages visitors to explore the great Lone Star State and all it has to offer. A combination of entertainment, art, agriculture, history and cuisine, the State Fair provides fairgoers with a unique way to experience every aspect of Texan culture! Fee includes a Texas-sized buffet, round trip transportation to the Fair and Fair admission ticket!

Noteworthy Courses and Events

Stepping Forward for the Foundation

Sunday, September 27 • 7:00 - 8:00 a.m.

(ticketed event – \$35)

Rise and shine and walk for the ENT-NF (SOHN's Foundation)! Join our walk leader, Anne Bigelow, on another one of her exciting and adventuresome journeys around the Reunion District, highlighted by Reunion Tower.

In addition: Invite colleagues, family and friends to sponsor your walk. Chapter members join the Chapter Challenge and walk for the Foundation. All donations will benefit ENT-NF Scholarships, Lectureships, ORL Education and Research. Each participant will receive a limited edition 2015 Foundation T-shirt.

Grand Opening of SOHN Exhibit Hall

Sunday, September 27 • 10:00 a.m.

Don't miss the ribbon-cutting event that marks the official opening of the Exhibit Hall. Refreshments will be served as you view displays reflecting the state of the art in technology, products and services. With cutting-edge products and services showcased throughout the exhibit hall, this is truly a highlight of the annual meeting. You're guaranteed a solid return on investment for the time you spend with company representatives and you'll walk away with new ideas to improve your practice. Attendees who complete their Exhibit Viewing Card will have a chance to win a free 2016 Congress Registration!

Hours: Sunday 10:00 am – 4:30 pm
Monday 8:00 am – 3:45 pm

CORLN Luncheon

Sunday, September 27 • 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

(ticketed event – \$40)

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

We are proud of our CORLNs! It's time to gather again and meet informally with CORLNs from around the country while enjoying a special buffet luncheon designed expressly for our certified nurses. Please bring two test questions to add to our test item bank.

APN Scoping Course 2015

Sunday, September 27 • 12:45 – 5:00 p.m.

(ticketed course – additional fee)

Funded in part by a grant from Olympus

This course provides didactic information and hands on experience with the use of rigid and flexible scopes. The first two hours will focus on the didactic information including: anatomy of the nose, sinuses, nasopharynx, hypopharynx and larynx; indications for flexible and rigid endoscopic exam, techniques, potential risks, abnormal findings and coding / billing procedures. Pediatric scoping evaluation and common abnormalities will be discussed. The last two hours will provide practicum time integrating rigid and flexible exams using head models. Experienced Faculty will demonstrate skills and participants will have time to practice these skills on the models.

Meet and Greet Texas Wine and Cheese Reception

Sunday, September 27 • 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Join friends old and new and relax after a busy day at Congress 2015. Stroll leisurely through the poster presentations and learn new techniques or practices. Meet the Candidates and hear their positions. Greet the Board of Directors and let them inspire you to be involved. Mingle with the local chapter members and view their displays. Participate in the ENT-NF Benefit. Cash bar. A perfect way to end your day!

ENT-NF Annual Benefit

**Sunday evening, September 27 –
Monday afternoon, September 28**

Awarding of prizes: Monday at 3:30 p.m.

The very entertaining ENT-NF Annual Benefit, the Outrageous Raffle, 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.

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

Monday, September 28 • 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

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.

ATTENTION SOHN MEMBERS!

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS IS NEEDED.

SOHN communicates via email throughout the year. In order to receive all the benefits of membership, please send your email address along with your name to sohn1@earthlink.net as soon as possible.

Top 10 Big Dallas Experiences

When SOHN rolls into town Big things will happen! Experience the Southwest at it's finest and enjoy your western adventure.

GeO-Deck at Reunion Tower

One of Dallas' iconic landmarks. Atop that big ball at the west end of downtown, you'll get an extraordinary perspective, 470 feet above the ground, of downtown and farther afield. It's one of the best places to see the layout of Dealey Plaza, and you'll also get a great view of the Trinity River and its spectacular white Margaret Hunt Hill bridge, designed by architect Santiago Calatrava. The circular deck has inside and outside viewing areas. 300 Reunion Blvd. East, Dallas. 214-978-8010. www.reuniontower.com

AT&T Stadium

On a clear day, you can see the Dallas Cowboys' \$1.2 billion football palace in Arlington from the GeO-Deck at Reunion Tower in downtown Dallas, 18.5 miles to the west. That's how big it is — 3 million square feet, to be exact. Come and experience an amazing venue with a collection of world-class art that adorns it. Take a tour to see the field, the Cowboys' and Cowboys Cheerleaders' locker rooms, postgame interview room and more. 1 Legends Way, Arlington. 1-800-745-3000. stadium.dallascowboys.com

Dallas Heritage Village At Old City Park

If you're interested in Dallas' history further back than November of 1963 — way further back — this is the place to go. The park features a large collection of 19th-century pioneer and Victorian homes, along with historic commercial buildings. One of the houses, Millermore, is reputed to be haunted, and docents will happily tell you all about the resident ghost. 1515 S. Harwood St., just south of downtown Dallas. 214-421-5141. www.dallasheritagevillage.org

George W. Bush Presidential Center

On the campus of Southern Methodist University, Laura Bush's alma mater, the state-of-the-art research center and museum features archives from the Bush administration and information about the U.S. Presidency. View a massive steel piece from the World Trade Center, a full sized Oval Office and a Texas Rose Garden. Get your picture taken in the replica of the Oval Office. 2943 SMU Blvd. (near the intersection of Mockingbird Lane and North Central Expressway), University Park. 214-200-4300. www.bushcenter.org

Klyde Warren Park

Most Dallasites will admit that they snickered — or worse — at the very idea of a Dallas version of Central Park, built atop a busy downtown freeway. But a year after the opening of the 5.2-acre park, it's a rousing success. The \$110 million park offers games (pingpong tables and equipment on-site, for instance), a reading area with magazines and books, a dog park, a special kids' area and oodles of activities and performances by local musical, theater and dance troupes. 2012 Woodall Rodgers Freeway (between Pearl and St. Paul streets on the northern edge of downtown), Dallas. 214-716-4500. www.klydewarrenpark.org

Northpark Center

The ultimate shopping, dining and entertainment experience in the Southwest. Where else can you shop at Neiman Marcus, Tiffany, Valentino or Burberry, and stroll hallways featuring artworks by the likes of Andy Warhol, Frank Stella, Jonathan Borofsky and many others? 8687 N. Central Expressway at Northwest Highway, Dallas. 214-363-7441. www.northparkcenter.com

Old Red Museum Of Dallas County History & Culture

Located in the 1892 Richardsonian Romanesque courthouse building, just a block from The Sixth Floor Museum, this venue is a treasure-trove of things you never knew about Dallas. For instance, these things were invented here: the integrated circuit, Liquid Paper, the Slurpee, the Fletcher's corny dog and the Hams (our first pro baseball team, in 1888). Exhibits take visitors from prehistory to the present. There's a small section devoted to the Kennedy assassination. One of the only hands-on history galleries in the U.S. 100 S. Houston St., Dallas. 214-745-1100. www.oldred.org

Pioneer Plaza

A 4-acre patch of green space, a waterfall, man-made cliffs and more is, of course, the herd of nearly 50 1,200-pound bronze steers, horses and cowboys, created by artist Robert Summers of Glen Rose. It's the ultimate Dallas photo op, and while you're there, you'll also learn about the 19th-century cattle drives that took place along the Shawnee Trail, right about where you're standing. Take time to also visit adjacent Pioneer Cemetery, and check out the 60-foot-tall Confederate Memorial and the gravesites of many of Dallas' founding mothers and fathers. Southeast corner of Young and Griffin streets, downtown Dallas. www.texastrees.org

Sixth Floor Museum At Dealey Plaza

Explore the life, death and legacy of President John F. Kennedy at the Sixth Floor Museum and Dealey Plaza. See photographs, videos, artifacts and replicas of his presidency, that fateful day 50 years ago and history about Dallas during that time. The museum features lectures, an audio tour and a gift shop. 411 Elm St. at Houston St., downtown Dallas. 214-747-6660. www.jfk.org

Southfork Ranch

OK, it's not really in Dallas — it's 25 miles northeast in Parker — nevertheless, it's our version of Graceland, the house you simply must visit. The TV show Dallas had its first run from 1978 to 1991 on CBS. The new iteration of the show has run on TNT since 2012 and, like its predecessor, shoots some of its scenes on this real-life ranch. Tours take you through a Dallas museum, two gift shops and the ranch house, home to fictional Ewings for 35 years. 3700 Hogge Road, Parker. 972-442-7800. www.southforkranch.com

Adapted from the Dallas Morning News, November 21, 2013

Election Notice

The Slate of Candidates for the SOHN Election 2015 is presented on the following pages. All Full Members of SOHN are eligible to vote. Voting shall take place at the SOHN Annual Congress. Full Members who do not attend Congress may request an absentee ballot (by filling out a "Request for Absentee Ballot" form printed on page 7). A "Request for Absentee Ballot" form must be received by SOHN no later than July 27, 2015. The deadline for receipt of the absentee ballot in the SOHN office is August 31, 2015.

Candidates for the Position of: Treasurer

Anne DeLeo CRNP CORLN



My name is Anne DeLeo; I have been an active member in SOHN for 16 years. After pursuing my Masters in Nursing from the University of Pennsylvania, an opportunity opened for me in the Division of Pediatric Otolaryngology. I have had the pleasure of being a Pediatric Otolaryngology Nurse Practitioner at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia since 1998. Over the last 16 years I have been able to grow as a Nurse Practitioner working side by side with our surgeons as well as building our Pediatric Aero Digestive Center.

My interest in SOHN started with our local Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter in 2002 as Vice President. As Vice President I had the opportunity to lecture about my special interest in pediatric tracheotomy as well as the multiple changes that were occurring in nursing practices. In 2002 I became a CORLN.

While attending a national SOHN meeting, I became interested in participating on a national level. I started as Pediatric Special Interest Group Leader from 2003-2005 and was a member of the Education Committee from 2003-2012. During this time I was able to work with the Education Committee and coordinate the pediatric spring conferences from 2003-2005. In 2005, I had the opportunity to publish as co-author with Paula Dimmitt in the *ORL- Head and Neck Nursing on Upper Airway Endoscopy*. From 2007-2009, I was on the Nominating Committee.

From January 2013 to January 2015, I served on the Board of Directors. In this role I had the honor of working closely with the Board and our President to make positive changes in the growth of our organization. As Treasurer, it would be a privilege to continue to serve in a leadership position, expanding the future of our organization, maintaining the growth of SOHN, and spearheading future revenue ideas for our organization.

With my SOHN experiences on both a local and national level, I believe I would be an excellent candidate for the position of Treasurer and would be honored to serve our members in this position.

Candidates for the Position of: Treasurer

Ramute O. Kemeza BSN RN



Years of SOHN membership: 17

Educational Background/Significant Achievements/Career Highlights/Awards/SOHN Committee Work/Publications:

1980 Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, New York

SOHN National Level Involvement/duties/positions served:

2014-2015

Treasurer SOHN- fulfilling responsibilities of position and accepting additional duties as assigned by president

Register Early

- Save money
- Save time

Registration Includes

- More than 65 educational offerings
- Admittance to all SOHN educational programs (*Comprehensive ORL Nursing and Head-Neck Course, Pharmacology Course and APN Scoping Course 2015 require an additional fee*)
- Access to Online Handouts
- Proceedings Book
- SOHN Exhibit Hall
- Lunch with the Exhibitors (Monday)
- Coffee Breaks (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday)
- Poster Presentations
- Contact Hours
- Meet and Greet Reception

Join us for

- SOHN's President's Western Reception
- ENT-NF Annual Benefit
- Annual Business Meeting
- Stepping Forward for the Foundation Walk

See the May Update for registration forms or register online at www.sohnnurse.com

- 2014-2015 Chair- Budget & Finance Committee
- 2014-2015 Chair- Bylaws Committee
- 2012-2013 Board of Directors
- 2011 Chair- Nominating Committee
- 2010-2011 Nominating Committee Member
- 2010-2014 National Chapter Coordinator SOHN
 - Assisting existing Chapters with concerns/requests
 - Created toolkit to assist chapter to plan successful educational conferences on a local level
 - Created toolkit to assist new chapters to be chartered.
 - Exhibit table created at Congress providing members info for their chapters both present and future
 - Chair- Chapter Presidents Business Meeting at Congress
- 2010-present Serve as moderator and coordinator at National Congresses.

SOHN Local Chapter Involvement:

- Presently serving as Chapter president
- I have served in the role of vice-president for two years and president for six years
- I have served as chairperson for the past 11 years for our chapter's educational conferences which is attended by ORL nurses from five states
- I recruit all chapter members for duties on the day of the conference as well as obtaining support from our vendors
- ENT-NF Raffle Coordinator for annual chapter conference
- I have been a speaker/presenter at our Chicago Chapter meetings as well as National Congress
- I am one of the chairpersons for our chapter's educational day ENT UPDATE 2015 in November

Community Involvement:

- Chairperson- Audit Committee Lithuanian-American Community, Waukegan-Lake County Chapter
- Member- Lithuanian Scout Association-Scouter Level

Employment:

- Employed at Loyola University Health Systems in Maywood, Illinois for 29 years
- Have had privilege to be ENT team leader in the Ambulatory Surgery Center OR for 12 plus years
- Served in role of OR charge nurse
- Served on following committees: LUHS Laser Committee, Employee Health Fair Committee, Loyola Stritch School of Medicine Wellfest Committee
- Served on Nursing Quality Safety Council
- Participated in screening of priests at the Archdiocese of Chicago Health Fair
- Planning Committee for Health/Wellness Screening Fair for seminarians at St. Mary of the Lake University seminary for Archdiocese of Chicago, Mundelein, IL

Qualifications for this Position:

I believe my qualifications are validated in my local and national involvement with SOHN throughout 17 years. I am incredibly proud of SOHN, not only as an organization but of its leadership and membership strength. I have the determination, passion, motivation and desire to continue serving SOHN as treasurer. I believe my accountabilities and responsibilities in the past prepare me to serve in the role of treasurer. I believe SOHN ignites professionalism as well as excellence in practice, leadership and collaboration.

Albert Einstein once stated: *"Strive not for success, but for value. If you are valuable, then you will be successful."* Dear SOHN members, YOU are valuable, that is why SOHN is successful!

I am continuing to commit to being part of SOHN's future. Please consider me as a qualified candidate to represent you as treasurer.

Request for Absentee Ballot

Please send an absentee ballot for the 2015 Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses election. I understand that mailing of this ballot to me in the manner and form approved discharges SOHN's responsibility to me in the matter of absentee voting. I further understand that requesting an absentee ballot removes my name from the list of eligible voters at Congress. Absentee ballots must be received at SOHN Headquarters by August 31, 2015.

"Request for Absentee Ballot" must be received at SOHN Headquarters by July 27, 2015.

No "group requests" will be honored. Send "Request for Absentee Ballot" to:

SOHN

207 Downing Street
New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168
or fax this form to 386-423-7566
or include this information in an emailed request to sohn1@earthlink.net

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Zip _____

Signature _____

(Required to receive ballot – may be typed on emailed requests)

Attention All SOHN Students!!!

We want to help PAY for your professional education!

Apply by July 1st for an educational scholarship to pursue your studies

- Allied Health to BSN degree
- RN to BSN degree
- Graduate Degree Scholarship Awards \$1,000 – \$1,500

Meet the Candidates

Candidate for the Position of:
Board of Director

Vinciya Pandian PhD MSN RN ACNP-B



Years of SOHN membership: 6 years

Educational Background:

- 2013 PhD in Nursing, Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing, Baltimore, MD
- 2004 Master of Science in Nursing, Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing, Baltimore, MD
- 1996 Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Midwifery, College of Nursing Christian Medical College and Hospital, Vellore, India

Professional Experience:

- 2014–Present Assistant Professor, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD
- 2013–Present Director of Practice, Education, and Research, Johns Hopkins Airway Program, The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD
- 2013–Present Nursing Director, Percutaneous Tracheostomy Service, The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD
- 2007–2013 Tracheostomy Nurse Practitioner and Research Associate, Percutaneous Tracheostomy Service, The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD
- 2004–2007 Research Intern, Lung Lab, The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD
- 2004–2007 Research Collaborator, General Clinic Research Center, Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, Baltimore, MD
- 2004–2007 Pulmonary Nurse Practitioner/Program Coordinator, Pulmonary Progressive Care Unit, Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, Baltimore, MD
- 2003–2006 Critical Care Transport Nurse (Nurse Clinician II), Lifeline Critical Care Transport Program, The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD
- 2001–2003 Critical Care Nurse (Nurse Clinician I), Medical Intensive Care Unit, The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD
- 2000–2001 Critical Care Nurse (Full Partner), Medical Intensive Care Unit, University of Maryland Medical Systems, Baltimore, MD
- 1998–2000 Staff Nurse, Medical-Surgical Oncology Floor, Washington Adventist Hospital, Takoma Park, MD
- 1998–1998 Patient Care Technician, Medical-Surgical Oncology Floor, Washington Adventist Hospital, Takoma Park, MD
- 1997–1998 Junior Faculty, Giffard Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Nuzvid, India

Honors and Awards:

- 2014 Research Poster Award–Difficult Airway Response Team, 38th Congress and Nursing Symposium, Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses, Orlando, FL
- 2014 Shirley Sohmer Research Award, Baltimore, MD
- 2013 Research Poster Award–Outpatient Follow-Up of Tracheostomy Patients, 37th Congress and Nursing Symposium, Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses, Vancouver, BC
- 2013 Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses Honor Award, Vancouver, BC
- 2013 Sue K. Donaldson Dissertation Award for the outstanding PhD Dissertation in the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, Baltimore, MD
- 2012, 2012 Doctoral Award for Best Published Paper titled–Predictors of short-term mortality in patients undergoing percutaneous dilatational tracheostomy, Baltimore, MD
- 2011 Gold Medal Poster: Patient Safety and Quality Improvement–Quality of Life in Mechanically Ventilated Patients–Pilot Study, Baltimore, MD, Thirteenth Annual Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine Research Day
- 2011 Clinical Poster Award–Tracheostomy Tube Capping and Decannulation Guidelines: A QI Project, San Francisco, CA, 34th Congress and Nursing Symposium, Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses
- 2010 Patient Education Video Award–Tracheostomy and Laryngectomy Stoma Care, Boston, MA, 33rd Congress and Nursing Symposium, Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses
- 2009 Research Poster Award–Model for Best Practice: Nurse Practitioner Facilitated Tracheostomy Service, San Diego, CA, 32nd Congress and Nursing Symposium, Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses
- 2004 Sigma Theta Tau Nu Beta Chapter Award in recognition of superior academic achievement, creative scholarship, and research, Baltimore, MD
- 2002 Inducted into Society Sigma Theta Tau, Nu Beta Chapter, Baltimore, MD

Publications:

Six most recent publications. Peer Reviewed Publications (*Data Based)

*Namba DR, Ma G, Samad I, Ding D, Pandian V, Powell JD, Horton MR, Hillel AT. Rapamycin inhibits Human Laryngotracheal Stenosis-derived Fibroblast Proliferation, Metabolism, and Function in Vitro. *Otolaryngol Head Neck Surg*. 2015 (In Press)

*Pandian V, Hillel AT, Mark LJ, Clark J, Miller CR, Haut ER, Cover R, Berkow LC, Agrawal Y, Bhatti N. A novel role for otolaryngologists in the multidisciplinary difficult airway response team. *Laryngoscope*. 2015; 125(3):640 - 4

*Hillel AT, Namba D, Ding D, Pandian V, Elisseff JH, Horton MR. An in Situ, In Vivo Murine Model for the Study of

Laryngotracheal stenosis. JAMA Otolaryngol Head Neck Surg. 2014; 140(10):961 - 6

*Pandian V, Thompson CB, Feller-Kopman DJ, Mirski MA. Development and Validation of a Quality-of- Life Questionnaire for Mechanically Ventilated ICU Patients. Crit Care Med. 2015; 43(1): 142 - 8

*Pandian V, Smith CP, Cole TK, Bhatti NI, Mirski MA, Yarmus LB, Feller-Kopman DJ. Optimizing Communication in Mechanically Ventilated Patients. Journal of Medical Speech-Language Pathology. 2014; 21(4):309-318

*Pandian V, Bose S, Miller CR, Schiavi AJ, Feller-Kopman DJ, Bhatti NI, Mirski MA. Exploring quality of life in critically ill tracheostomy patients: a pilot study. ORL Head Neck Nurs. 2014 Winter; 32(1):6-13

Affiliation with SOHN and Other Professional Organizations:

- American Nurses Association, 2014–Present, Member
- International Nurses Association, 2013–Present, Member
- American Thoracic Society, 2013–Present, Member
- Society of Critical Care Medicine, 2012–Present, Member
- The Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses MD/DC Chapter (Local), 2010–Present, Vice President, 2008–Present, Member
- The Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses (National), 2012–Present, Nominating Committee Member
- Clinical Practice/Research Committee for the Society of Otorhinolaryngology Head-Neck Nurses, 2010–Present, Member
- The Nurse Practitioner Association of Maryland, 2003–Present, Member
- Sigma Theta Tau, Nu Beta Chapter, 2002–Present, Member
- American Association of Critical Care Nurses, 2000–Present, Member
- Doctoral Student Organization, 2005–2013, Member, 2010–2011,
- Tracheostomy Guidelines Development Group for the Society of Otorhinolaryngology Head-Neck Nurses, 2010–2011, Member

Qualifications for this Position:

I have been working as a nurse for the last 19 years and specifically with the otolaryngology department for the last 8 years specializing in caring for patients with a tracheostomy and / or difficult airways. I have been an active member for the last 6 years. In the short 6 years, I have been involved with several committees both at the MD/DC chapter and the national level. At the national level, I am a member of education committee, research and practice committee, poster committee, and the editorial board. Last year, I also served as the chair of the nominating committee. I have presented at several conferences and published 22 articles related to tracheostomy and airways. The most important qualifications that I possess are my interest in the organization and my desire to become a nursing leader. It would be an honor to serve as a Board of Director at the SOHN.

Position Statement:

If elected to serve on the Board of Directors, I would support the SOHN organization so that it will be central to the development of national education and research initiatives to fostering the professional growth of the ORL nurses within the organization through association with other institutions and organizations. One of my goals, if elected, is to take an increasing leadership role in the society. I would like to

see every ORL nurse engaged in SOHN. SOHN offers a pathway for advancement of ORL nurses, and I would like to be a continuing part of ensuring this.

Candidate for the Position of:
Board of Director

Kim M. Giordano MSN CRNP CORLN



Years of SOHN membership: 13

Educational Background/Significant Achievements/Career Highlights/Awards/ SOHN Committee Work/Publications:

- 1990 Temple University – BSN (Class President, Nursing 1990; Sigma Theta Tau)
- 1996 University of Pennsylvania – MSN Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP)

I have been practicing as a PNP in surgical care for 19 years. For the past 13 years, I have been working at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) ENT. Within CHOP ENT I have a special interest in complex lesions/ head and neck cancer patients, thyroid cancer, wound care and craniofacial anomalies.

I have been an active member of SOHN since joining 13 years ago and have served as the Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter Vice President 2002-2005. I have lectured both locally and nationally for SOHN on a variety of ENT topics over the past 10 years. After attending my first SOHN meeting in 2002, I knew I wanted to be actively involved with the group. I have served on the Membership Enhancement Committee from 2002-2012 and was a member of National Nominating Committee 2008-2010.

I was honored to have been chosen as the 2015 SOHN Midwinter Board Meeting Guest Attendee.

Affiliation with SOHN and Other Professional Organizations:

I have experience in leadership with SOHN with several positions:

- SOHN Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter (SEPA) Vice President 2002-2005
- SOHN Membership Enhancement Committee 2002-2012
- Nominating Committee Member: 2008-2010
- I was honored to have served on the Board of Directors for SENTAC (Society for Ears, Nose and Throat Advances for Children) 2005- 2008 and also as SENTAC's Liaison Committee Member 2008-2010

Qualifications for this Position:

I have been a very active SOHN member since joining in 2001 both in attending meetings, presenting on a variety of topics and being active in leadership roles and serving on a variety of committees. Being active within this group has helped me grow professionally in so many ways. I have experience in leadership after serving on my local SEPA chapter as Vice President, Membership Enhancement Committee and Nominating Committee member.

I was honored to have served on the Board of Directors for SENTAC (Society for Ears, Nose and Throat Advances for Children) 2005- 2008 and also as SENTAC's Liaison Committee Member 2008-2010. My experience in leadership positions will help guide me in my role as a member of the Board of Directors.

Meet the Candidates

Position Statement:

I have been an active member of SOHN since joining 13 years ago. I have served our organization locally as SEPA Chapter Vice President 2002-2005. On a national level, I served on the Member Enhancement Committee from 2002-2012 and was a member of the National Nominating Committee 2008-2010. I have additional leadership experience in another organization, as I was honored to have served on the Board of Directors for SENTAC (Society for Ears, Nose and Throat Advances for Children) 2005- 2008 and also as SENTAC's Liaison Committee Member 2008-2010. Being on various levels of early leadership within SOHN has helped me to understand that I would like to do more in a leadership capacity. My experience as a Board Member through SENTAC has given me insight to the level of commitment that is needed to fulfill the duty of leadership.

I have lectured extensively both locally and nationally for SOHN on a variety of ENT topics over the past 10 years. I have been a very active SOHN member since joining in 2001. Being active within this group has helped me grow professionally in so many ways. I would like to be more involved on the board level of SOHN to see if I can help contribute to our future growth as an organization.

I had the great honor of being the invited Midwinter Board Meeting Guest Attendee in January 2015 in Arlington, Virginia. I saw firsthand how invested our Board members are and how hard our leadership works. I was welcomed at that meeting, not only as an observer, but as an active participant in open discussions. It was a great experience to see every Board member's dedication, commitment and hard at work on behalf of all our members for the good of our group and future of our society.

I think seeing what occurred at the Midwinter Board Meeting helped give me insight needed to prepare myself for a future position on SOHN Board of Directors. It reassured me that I am capable of the level of commitment that is needed to fully serve on the Board. It would be my great honor to be elected to the position of Board of Directors. Thank you!

Candidate for the Position of:
Board of Director

Cristie Roush DNP GNP-BC



Years of SOHN membership: 12

Education

- 2010-2011 Doctorate of Nursing Practice
Rush University, Chicago,
Illinois
- 1997 Masters of Science in Nursing,
Post Master's Certificate
for Gerontological Nurse
Practitioner, The University
of Michigan, Ann Arbor,
Michigan

- 1991 Bachelor of Science in Nursing, *Magna Cum Laude*,
Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio

Awards

- 2014 "Clinical Video TeleHealth (CVT) – Impact on
Veteran Travel in an ENT Outpatient Clinic,"
SOHN Poster Award – 3rd Place, 38th Annual
Congress and Nursing Symposium, Orlando,
Florida
- 2012 Lou Ann Atkins Excellence in Leadership Award-
VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System, Ann Arbor,
Michigan
- 2006 Excellence in Nursing Award Nomination, VA Ann
Arbor Healthcare System, Ann Arbor, Michigan
- 1997 University of Michigan School of Nursing:
Outstanding Student Leadership
Most Outstanding Clinical Student
Glacier Hills Gerontology Award
- 1997 VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System
Outstanding Nursing Student in Gerontology

SOHN Committee Work

- 2003-Present Society of Otolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses
- 2007-2009 National Education Committee, Member
- 2007-2008 Federal/Military Special Interest Group - Leader
- 2002-2004 Federal/Military Special Interest Group - Leader

VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System Committees/Achievements

- 2014- Present Executive Leadership Quality Board, Member
- 2012- Present Research and Development Committee, Member
- 2011- 2013 Evidence-Based Practice Committee for Shared
Governance, Chair Founder of the Annual EBP
Poster Fair, 2012
- 2001- Present Nursing Professional Standards Board (NPSB),
Member
- 2013 Present, Chair
- 1997- Present Advanced Practice Nurse Council, Member
2002-2003, 2006-2007, 2012-2013 - Chair
- 2007-2009 Employee Wellness Committee, Chair
- 2012 -Present Mentor to Registered Nurses to enhance promotion
opportunities
- 2014 Mentor to Clinical Nurse Leader Intensive
Writing Class
- 2008, 2014 Developed referral guidelines for ENT,
Service agreements

Affiliation with SOHN and Other Professional Organizations: SOHN

- Member, 2003-present
- Timekeeper, Business Meeting 38th Annual Congress and
Nursing Symposium
- Federal/Military Special Interest Group - Leader,
2002-2004, 2007-2008
- National Education Committee, Member, 2007-2009
- Research and Practice Committee, Member, 2014
- SOHN Scholarship Recipient, "The Advanced Practice
Institute: Promoting Adoption of Evidence-Based Practice,"
University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, 2009

- Presenter, SOHN Annual Congresses:
 - “Clinical Video TeleHealth (CVT) – “Impact on Veteran Travel in an ENT Outpatient Clinic,” Poster Presentation, 38th Annual Congress, Orlando FL, 2014
 - “Cost Savings use of Progressive Care Unit for Total Laryngectomy Patients” Poster Presentation, 36th Annual Congress, Washington, DC 2012
 - “Evidence-Based Practice Experience” Podium Presentation, 33rd Annual Congress, San Francisco, CA 2009
 - “Agent Orange and Head-Neck Cancer” Poster Presentation, 30th Annual Congress, 2006

Other Organizations

- Michigan Council of Nurse Practitioners, Member Membership Committee, 2003-2004
- University of Michigan School of Nursing, Masters Student Organization – Co-chair, 1995-1997
- Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, Member, 1991-present
- “ENT Issues in the Elderly Patient,” Presenter, Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurse Association, 2012
- “Implementing an Evidence-Based Practice Program,” Presenter, 17th Biennial Phyllis J. Verhonick Nursing Research Course, Military Nursing Researchers, 2012
- “Implementing an Evidence-Based Practice Program,” Practice Based on Evidence, Poster Presentation, University of Maryland, 2012
- 14th Annual Evidence-Based Practice: “Transforming Clinical Practice,” Presenter, Nursing staff multiple hospitals: University of Michigan, St. Joseph Mercy, VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System, 2012

Qualifications for this Position:

I have over 15 years of experience as an ENT Nurse Practitioner and have presented on ENT topics to many departments within my organization – The Veterans Administration Ann Arbor Healthcare System. I have participated in developing and implementing new technology and programs such as the Clinical Video TeleHealth to better serve our patients. In addition, I have held numerous leadership positions to promote nurses delivering quality care, including the establishment of an Evidence-Based Practice Committee and The Annual Poster Fair which is now in its fourth year. In SOHN, I have served as a member of the education committee, the research and practice committee, delivered four Congress Poster Presentations, and served as Leader of the Federal/Military Special Interest Group. I bring a broad spectrum of leadership experience that qualifies me for this position.

Position Statement:

I am a dedicated nurse practitioner with a firm grasp of the practice of ENT. I earned a Doctorate of Nursing degree in 2011. As a member of SOHN for 12 years, I have been able to observe the leadership growth of other nurses through their increased involvement with this exemplary organization. I would like to take a larger leadership role with SOHN to give back to the organization which has contributed to my professional development. Working toward the empowerment of nurses to impact patient care and improve outcomes is a professional goal I have strived to achieve through mentorship. I am organized, bring a wealth of ENT practice knowledge, have a great sense of humor, and am dedicated to the continued development of ENT professionals. I would be honored to serve you as a Board of Director.

Candidate for the Position of:
Nominating Committee Member

Helene J. Krouse PhD ANP-BC CORLN FAAN



Years of SOHN membership: 27

Educational Background/Significant Achievements/Career Highlights/Awards/ SOHN Committee Work/Publications:

SOHN Service (significant highlights)

- Past President of SOHN – 2004-2005
- Past President of Ear, Nose, Throat Nursing Foundation – 2004-2005
- Council of Past Presidents
- Chaired – Practice and Research Committee (2007-2008)
- NCBOHN Board Member – 2001-2003
- Guest Editor for Fall issue 2013 of ORL-Head and Neck Nursing Journal and also co-authored an article entitled: “Asthma, rhinitis, and the unified airway” in that issue
- Currently conducting a survey of ORL nurses’ awareness and use of clinical practice guidelines. In order to conduct this study, I received a Research Grant through SOHN

Honors/Awards

- Received the SOHN Outstanding Service Award in 2002
- SOHN Literary Award -2014
- I received the high honor of being named a Star Journal Reviewer four times by the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery for my high quality manuscript reviews.

Recent Presentations at SOHN meetings

- *Fundamentals of allergy management.* Spring Seminar (May 2014), Las Vegas, NV
- *What determines our health: From genetics to social justice.* Closing address presented at the 37th Annual Congress & Nursing Symposium (Oct 2013), Vancouver, BC, Canada

Recent Publications

- Krouse, H. J. (2014). Environmental controls and avoidance measures. *International Forum of Allergy & Rhinology*, 4, S32-S34.
- Krouse, H. J., & Krouse, J. H. (2014). Allergic rhinitis: Diagnosis through management. *The Nurse Practitioner*, 39(4), 20-28.
- Krouse, J. H., & Krouse, H. J. (2014). Asthma diagnosis in otolaryngology practice: Pulmonary Function Testing. *Otolaryngologic Clinics of North America*, 47, 33-37.
- Sobecki-Ryniak, D., & Krouse, H. J. (2013). Head and neck cancer: Historical evolution of treatment and patient self care requirements. *Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing*, 17(6), 659-664.
- Krouse, J. H. & Krouse, H. J. (2013). Asthma, rhinitis, and the unified airway. *ORL-Head and Neck Nursing*, 31(4), 6-10.
- Krouse, H. J. (2011). A society of professional nurses: SOHN. *Ear, Nose & Throat Journal*, 90(10), 468-469.

Affiliation with SOHN and Other Professional Organizations:

- Served as a SOHN representative as a member of the following Clinical Practice Guidelines:
 - Adult Rhinosinusitis – 2007
 - Hoarseness – 2009
 - Cerumen Impaction – 2008
 - Allergic Rhinitis – 2015

Part-Time Education Director

SOHN is seeking a part-time Education Director. Responsibilities, beginning January 1, 2016, include oversight of national, regional and local SOHN education programs and maintaining ANCC accreditation. Must be familiar with ANCC-COA accreditation criteria. Master's degree required with a bachelor's degree in nursing. SOHN membership essential. Please submit curriculum vitae to:

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Meet the Candidates

- I have also served as a member of the external review panel for the Adult Rhinosinusitis Updated Guidelines, which were published in 2015.
- I am also a member of the Editorial Board of *Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery*.

Qualifications for this Position:

Have held leadership positions at SOHN for over 15 years. Extensive mentoring experience in developing leaders, scholars, educators, and clinicians. As a Past President of SOHN, I have served on the Board of Directors the Executive Committee, and chaired many of SOHN's committees so am very familiar with the organization's mission, goals, and strategic action plans.

Position Statement:

As a member of the Council of Past Presidents, I feel a strong responsibility as senior leadership to help identify, mentor, and develop future leaders of SOHN. I would be honored to serve on the Nominating Committee in working to secure highly qualified members to serve in leadership positions with the goal to continue to advance our Society.

Candidate for the Position of:
Nominating Committee Member

Fayann Ridgley BSN RN CORLN



Years of SOHN membership: 7

Educational Background/Significant Achievements/Career Highlights/Awards/SOHN Committee Work/Publications:

BSN in 1974 from University of Iowa. After working 2 months at the University hospital, I left for active duty in US Army at Fort Bliss, Texas to work in SICU for 2 years. Next, I moved to Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio to work in general surgery and honorably discharged in 1977. I returned to nursing shortly after having 2 children, to work on surgical floors and obtain a Bachelors in Accounting in my spare time. We moved 12 times in 20 years during my husband's active duty years. I worked full time on surgery floors in Ohio Riverside Methodist and then went back full time when we moved to Texas at Fort Hood in 1993. I worked 15 years on Same Day Surgery with many ENT patients. I have been the head nurse ENT Clinic for the past 7 years. I became certified in ORL nursing in 2009. Performance awards throughout the years in each unit, 25 year pin with the government and Alpha Chi in accounting. Career highlights Federal/Military SIG Leader, assisting in research on sleep apnea with army physicians, being certified in ACLS, PALS for the past 10 years. I enjoy helping the soldiers at Fort Hood in all aspects of ENT. I have also led the clinic in 2 disaster emergencies and many exercises.

Affiliation with SOHN and Other Professional Organizations:

Member of SOHN for 7 years and certified for 6
Member of American Legion
Member of Alpha Chi

Qualifications for this Position:

Include over 25 years of nursing with many of those years with some exposure to ENT and the past 7 years with direct exposure. Leader of the Federal/Military Special Interest for two years.

Position Statement:

I would be honored to help SOHN in nominating individuals who are qualified to serve in elected position, obtain their written consent to serve and submit names to the chairperson. I would be happy to help with other duties as assigned. My expertise is with the government, military and veteran population, but I have also worked on the outside and agency nursing giving me a broad exposure to various forms of nursing. I appreciate the opportunity to run for this office and would be honored to serve.

Chapter Connections

The Atlanta Regional Chapter of SOHN teamed up with the Urban Health Initiative (UHI) of Emory University, and the HEALing Community Center (Dr. Charles Moore's clinic) to deliver oral, head and neck screenings and blood pressure checks in West Atlanta. The March 28th screening was advertised and held in the Super Giant food store where much of the community shops on Saturday morning. Chapter members provided exams and education regarding oral, head and neck cancer, tobacco cessation, methods of quitting, high blood pressure/hypertension and referrals as needed to the Healing Our Communities clinic for further evaluation and follow up. One of the goals of the UHI is to create a medical home for patients that have low to no access to healthcare, within the community in which they live. After the screening event, chapter members toured another UHI project - a community garden in the parking lot of the Super Giant grocery store. Another screening event is planned in May.



Positions Available

Nurse Manager

Our ear, nose and throat physician group is seeking an experienced RN to work as a nurse manager. Applicants must have supervisory and management experience and must be reliable, detail-oriented with strong patient service skills and have the ability to multi-task. We are looking for people with excellent communication and computer skills. Previous experience with electronic health records is preferred. Applicants must have a stable work history and professional references. The position is full-time.

Our office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00AM to 5:00PM. We have 10 physicians with 4 office locations in Altamonte Springs, Winter Park, Orlando and Celebration.

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LPN or RN

Our ear, nose and throat physician group is seeking an LPN or RN. Applicants must be reliable, detail-oriented with strong patient service skills and have the ability to multi-task. Previous experience with electronic health records is preferred. Applicants should have excellent communication and computer skills and professional references. The position is full-time.

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Mary Huntoon and Speaker
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Spotlight on a SOHN Member

Dee Grant, BSN, RN, CORLN



Dee Grant has been a long time member of SOHN and will retire from Medtronic ENT this summer. The following is an interview session with Maggie Chesnutt and Dee.

Please state where you work and your job title or role:

My last job has been as a Medical Educator for Medtronic ENT

Please share with us your nursing journey. What was your path to getting where you are today?

I was working as a Nurse Clinician at Mayo Clinic for a Neuro Otologist there. The Sales Representative for Xomed was looking for someone who could work as his assistant sales person and I had worked with him when I recruited an ENT surgeon at another job I had worked as a Manager in an Operating room at a different facility. I took the job and never looked back. Because of my experience in the OR, they offered me the management of the cadaver lab our company has.

How did you get into ORL nursing?

Through Medtronic supporting COSM and AAO. Because I am a nurse I felt that that would be a perfect fit for me.

What are your responsibilities in your role?

I train surgeons and OR personnel on the equipment that the company sells to the facilities. Also I play a part in supporting all the courses that Medtronic ENT and Midas Rex support throughout the world.

How did you find out about SOHN, and what has been your involvement in SOHN?

As above, when I spoke with the president of SOHN at the time I was so impressed with all the people associated with SOHN. I had been a member of AORN for years and never felt like I belonged like I have with SOHN members.

Tell us about an accomplishment(s) you are most proud of during your nursing career.

Being a mentor to not only nurses in perioperative training programs but also to people that I work with who want to learn more about what our equipment does for our patients.

What are your eminent retirement plans?

Travel of course, but the first thing that I'll do is to give my sister some time off. She has had full responsibility of our mother for the last 12 years and she, my sister, needs a break.

Anything else you would like to add about yourself?

Of course my children and grandchildren are my joy! I'm so proud of my kids becoming the BEST parents! I look forward to spending more time with all of them.

Best wishes on your retirement Dee!

2015 SOHN Calendar

Events/Deadlines

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
- 25-29 SOHN 39th Annual SOHN Congress – Dallas, TX

October

- 3-17 CORLN Examination Testing Period
- 15 Call for Abstracts 2016 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

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

Future Congress Dates

September 16-20, 2016
San Diego, California

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Membership Enhancement Committee

My Fellow SOHN Members,

As you already know, SOHN is a great organization. This strength comes from you, the members. Our President, Maggie Chesnutt, has asked me to serve as the Membership Enhancement Committee Chair. All of us would like our organization to continue to be the leader in ORL nursing. To do this, we need to find ways to increase our membership. I am appealing to you, the members, for assistance.

1. We need to increase the number of people on the Membership Enhancement Committee. If you are interested, please let me know. We are planning to have a committee meeting Friday evening, September 25, in Dallas, the night before the annual congress begins. Before then, we will be exchanging ideas and methods via email for increasing membership.

2. Not interested in serving on the committee, but have good ideas, no problem. We are always interested in getting excellent ideas that could increase our membership. Please send your ideas to me at cfhilton@yahoo.com so they can be considered.

SOHN has been a leader in educating nurses in ORL issues. Please help SOHN to grow and continue its mission.

Chester Hilton, Membership
Enhancement Committee Chair