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Dear SOHN Colleagues,

So what is all the buzz about leadership and leadership development in nursing? In journals, newsletters, web articles and education events, we have been inundated with the terms leadership and leadership development. National Nurses Week 2014 was entitled “Nurses Leading the Way.” The American Nurses Association (ANA) has had webinars on “Defining Leadership” and “Advancing Leadership in Transforming Health Care.” One of the Institute of Medicine’s key recommendations

reads “developing nurse leaders so they can have a larger say at decision-making tables.” Leadership in nursing has become a national priority.

The term leadership can be a real turn off for some nurses. Does this mean all nurses have to be extroverted and go lobby Congress? Does it mean you have to give up hands-on care and move to administration or management? Do only real leaders have advanced degrees behind their name? Are some people born to become leaders and do they possess innate qualities that set them apart?

Leadership, I believe, has more to do with personal accountability, responsibility and a commitment to lifelong learning, which is used for building new and diverse skills. Lifelong learning is not exclusive to the pursuit of a degree in a formal academic setting. It occurs in sessions at annual conferences, through online learning, in patient care rounds and by reading or self-study. As Karen Daley, past-president of the ANA put it, “The power of lifelong learning is that it informs and enriches what we do every day for the patient. An important part of our role is to assure that the care we provide is guided by best practices based on the most up to date knowledge.”

My Mom tells the story of when I was a Brownie Scout, about age 7, and I came home from a weekly meeting. She asked me what we did in Brownies. I explained that we talked about what being a leader meant and what being a follower meant. Our troop leader, Mrs. Kilpatrick asked for a show of hands for who wanted to be a leader and who wanted to be a follower. I grinned ear to ear and proudly told Mom that I was the only girl who raised her hand to be a follower. As Mom mused she asked me why I wanted to be a follower. I replied that I was very comfortable following and that all leaders had to have followers.

What I have learned over time is that one needs to be good at both. Diversity in your skill set is essential. It means stepping out of your comfort zone as you try on new skills that may not come easily to you. Traditionally, nurses have mastered skills necessary to be great clinically and to advocate for patient care needs. I don’t think we have as much confidence with nonclinical skills, for example: negotiating a contract, advocating how money should be spent on a departmental budget, or serving on a board of directors in nursing or in the community. All of these skills require being able to stand up and speak out for what you believe in – no matter what position you take or advocate.

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Take responsibility for your practice by coming to Congress and the Business Meeting on Monday afternoon. Become informed of the business of SOHN and vote for future officers, board of directors, and committee candidates. You likely have read the candidates platforms in the June/July *Update*. Prepare a few questions for them, such as "In what directions would you like to see this organization moving in the next two to five years?" and "How will what you do help me in my practice?" During Congress, attend the Wine and Cheese event Sunday evening to meet each of the candidates and discuss with them further their visions for the organization.

A few more tips for developing leadership skills:

Develop your own professional accountability plan. Think about what you want to achieve and come up with a plan with specific action steps for realizing your goal. Develop your own area of expertise and then speak and write on the subject. This is how prospective leaders, such as board members, get noticed.

Take Action. Join a committee that is of interest to you and volunteer for that committee chairmanship. Practice leading and receive feedback on your skills. Seek out progressive leadership positions with increasing responsibilities. Let others know of your willingness to serve. Enable the organization to check you out!

Build relationships and connections both within and outside of SOHN and the nursing profession. Find a mentor and ask him or her for concrete advice. Also, offer to mentor others. Share your knowledge and skills. No professional stinginess!!

Regardless of whether you are an emerging, developing, or advanced nurse, we are all being called upon to learn more about leadership and step forward to participate in ways not previously asked from our profession. SOHN will be rolling out more opportunities to develop and sharpen leadership skills. I urge you to take charge, get connected, and make informed decisions about your career and profession.

Leadership begins with you!

Maggie Chesnutt

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

To Do List...

- ☐ Register for SOHN Congress & Nursing Symposium!

SOHN
Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses

38th Annual SOHN Congress & Nursing Symposium
Orlando, Florida
September 19th - 23rd, 2014
Innovation, Inspiration, Inspiration
ORL, Nursing
September 19-23, 2014

Meet the President

38th Annual SOHN Congress & Nursing Symposium
September 19th - 23rd, 2014, Hyatt Regency Orlando, Florida

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SOHN “ROCKS” in Orlando, Florida

Pack your bags for the ORL Nursing highlight of the year! Join in on the largest gathering of ORL nurses in the world...ORL Nursing: Innovation, Imagination, Inspiration...SOHN's 38th Annual Congress & Nursing Symposium - Hyatt Regency Orlando - September 19 - 23, 2014.

Dining & Entertainment Districts

Orlando is a true culinary hot spot with award-winning restaurants and celebrity chefs that cater to visitors from across the globe. There's an extensive menu of fine-dining establishments, international eateries, casual cafés and chic wine bars for just about any taste or budget. Looking for an upscale steakhouse or a night of dancing? What about a jazz club or a new neighborhood bistro? Or want to check out where the locals wine and dine? Orlando has it all. The destination's distinctive dining and entertainment districts include the Convention Area, Restaurant Row, Winter Park, Downtown, Universal/City Walk and Disney/Lake Buena Vista.

Energized Nightlife

From casually sipping wine and enjoying Florida's tropical weather at a trendy outdoor lounge, to dancing at a high-energy club and checking out a rock band at a live venue, Orlando provides participants with nearly unlimited nighttime opportunities. You can see music performances at the House of Blues in Downtown Disney® and Hard Rock Live at Universal City Walk®. Experience mind-bending entertainment with the Blue Man Group and the La Nouba™ by Cirque du Soleil®. Or discover a modern, big-city nightlife scene in downtown Orlando that includes dozens of dance clubs, bars, restaurants and live music.

Inspired Attractions

With seven of the world's top 20 theme parks in one destination, not to mention nearly 100 other attractions, Orlando certainly knows how to entertain. After a day of ORL presentations a leisurely escape to a world of imagination and fantasy will leave attendees feeling refreshed and inspired. Whether seeking to reconnect with childhood nostalgia or experience leading-edge innovations in ride technology, these latest additions are truly one-of-a-kind.

Distinctive Shopping

When it comes to distinctive shopping, Orlando has something for all budgets. While the destination can certainly bring out the glitz, it also knows a great deal when we see one. The mix of sophisticated malls like The Mall at Millenia, quaint boutiques on Park Avenue in Winter Park, and value-driven outlet centers serve up internationally known brands and unique local finds. And the close proximity to the convention center district - within a 15-mile radius - makes for a stress-free shopping spree.

Destination Spas

Many of Orlando's 19 destination spas are conveniently located at convention hotels, making the temptation nearly impossible to resist. Whether seeking a traditional experience, sports recovery or even a group outing to be pampered in unison, the spas provide a unique menu of services that allow you to emerge for the next day's sessions, energized and ready to go.

Society of Otorhinolaryngology & Head-Neck Nurses 38th Annual Congress

Hyatt Regency Orlando
September 19-23, 2014
Orlando, Florida

Register Now

- Poster Displays
- Comprehensive ORL – Head and Neck Nursing Course
- ORL Nursing Pharmacology Course
- More Than 65 Educational Offerings
- Exhibits

Join us for

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

Register online at
www.SOHNnurse.com

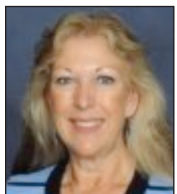
Congress 2014 Highlights

Invited Guest Speakers

Keynote Address

Saturday, September 20 • 1:15 p.m.

Innovation, Imagination and Inspiration



Tina Prince, DNP, MBA, RN, NEA-BC
Chief Nurse, Nursing Support Services
James A. Haley VA Hospital

In her address Tina Prince will focus on the journey of today's nurse, discussing the various levels of entry into our profession and options for continuing education tracks. The presentation will address challenges and barriers that nurses encounter during their journey and innovative ideas to overcome the obstacles. She will also share information from the IOM 2010 report – "The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health".

Tina Prince, DNP, MBA, RN, NEABC is the Associate Nurse Executive of Mental Health at the Atlanta VA Medical Center. Dr. Prince is an Army Veteran, with 27 years nursing experience. Her career includes cardiac and critical care nursing and executive leadership. She is the recipient of several professional honors and awards including the Patriot Award 2010. Active member of professional organizations most notably: American Organization of Nurse Executives-VA/Military Nurse Leader Committee and Florida Organization of Nurse Executives- Education Committee and Sigma Theta Tau. She is a VA Certified Mentor and a strong proponent of continued learning through both formal and informal education. As a leader in Mental Health Nursing, she has served on the Office of Nursing Service Mental Health Field Advisory Council; Steering Committee for the National RN Residency Program and selection committee for the VA Nursing Academy. She has attended VA Central Office Service Chief Training, Behavior Leadership Training and National Mental Health Conferences where several nursing staff presented evidence based practices developed during her tenure. She has served as a Coach for Competency Development for Leadership and a PRIDE mentor. She participants in organizational committees such as MH System Redesign Collaborative, Nursing and Hospital Strategic Planning Groups, Magnet Gap Analysis and Planning group and CARF Steering Committee.

Tina has presented and written extensively on practice innovations, the nursing leadership imperative, meeting IOM recommendations and leading a Magnet re-designation writing team. You are sure to be inspired by her story, her acumen in healthcare trends, nursing practice, and innovations in patient care.

Featured Session

Tuesday, September 23 • 12:45 p.m.

The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health



Mary Lou Brunell, MSN, RN
Executive Director, Florida Center for Nursing
Co-Lead, Florida Action Coalition

Mrs. Brunell will present information on how the Florida Center for Nursing is able to describe with great accuracy its present and future nurse workforce. She will introduce participants to the National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers and discuss how it relates to the Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action. The Florida Action Coalition will be described as a model of state level effort to achieve the recommendations of the IOM report The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health.

Mary Lou Brunell was appointed to the position of Executive Director for the Florida Center for Nursing in November 2002. Mrs. Brunell completed her graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania. She has worked as a critical care nurse, administrator, and educator prior to her current commitment to nurse workforce and health policy issues. Mrs. Brunell's professional activities include appointment to the National Advisory Council for Nurse Education and Practice. In partnership with the Florida Blue Foundation, Mrs. Brunell co-leads the Florida Action Coalition, convened to advance the recommendations of the IOM report – Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health.

Closing Session

Tuesday, September 23 • 1:45 p.m.

Transitional Care-It's Here to Stay

Connie Yuska, MS, RN, CORLN
Vice President - System of Care
ACNO, Northwest Community Healthcare

This session will examine how healthcare in the United States is going through a revolution. Some have speculated that no single event in the history of healthcare in our country has been as significant as the changes that we have experienced and will continue to experience. How and where patients receive healthcare is changing rapidly. The role of the nurse leader in guiding those changes is critical. This course will describe how nurse leaders can be instrumental in leading changes in care models in their own settings.

Noteworthy Courses and Events

ORL Nursing Pharmacology Course

Friday, September 19 • 8:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.
(ticketed course – additional fee)

Topics include:

- Immunotherapy: SCIT & SLIT – What's the Difference?
- Pharmacologic Management of Nasal Conditions Associated with Systemic Diseases
- Dropping Acid: Pharmacological Update on Management of GERD/LPR
- Herbal Therapies: Utilization in Your ENT Practice
- Antineoplastic Drug Treatments for Head and Neck Cancer
- Soaring to New Heights: New Ways to Get High
- Post FESS Pharmacologic Management

Comprehensive ORL and Head-Neck Nursing Course

Friday, September 19 • 7:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.
Course continues on Saturday,
September 20 • 8:50 – 11:05 a.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; 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.

Getting to Know You in Orlando (An Insider's Secrets to Congress 2014)

Saturday, September 20 • 8:00 – 8:45 a.m.

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 2014.

Opening Ceremony

Saturday, September 20 • 1:15 p.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 20 • 3:15 – 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.

SOHN's President's Gala Titanic - The Experience

Saturday Evening, September 20, 2014

\$65 (Includes tour, dinner, re-enactment and transportation)

Redesigned in 2012, Titanic: The Experience immerses visitors in the more than 100 year old story as never experienced before.

Titanic The Experience, exclusively features...

- A 17 gallery, 20,000 square foot Interactive Museum
- Guided tours led by trained actors in period dress portraying actual Titanic notables
- "Little Big Piece" a 3-ton section of the Ship's hull and the second largest piece of Titanic ever recovered
- Full-scale recreations of her Grand Staircase, First Class Cabin, Verandah Cafe and more

Hundreds of thousands of visitors each year come to stroll through full-scale recreations of famous Titanic rooms, including her Grand Staircase, First Class Parlor Suite, Boilers, and Promenade Deck, where you can walk out and feel the chill of the cold Atlantic air as you gaze at the stars.

Exceptionally trained actors in period costume portray famous Titanic notables such as Captain Smith and Margaret Brown, sharing stories of her passengers and crew during a guided journey on board the most famous ship in history. The exhibit showcases an extensive Underwater Room, displaying an 8-foot replica of Titanic as she appears on the bottom of the Atlantic today as well as over 400 artifact and historical treasures, including the second largest piece of Titanic ever recovered.

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 21
9:00 -10:00 a.m.

Nurse Navigator Role for Infants and Young Children with Critical Airway Conditions

Kevin Mary Callans BSN RN

Cynthia Mabry Otolaryngic Allergy Lectureship

Sunday, September 21
10:30-11:30 a.m.

Immunotherapy: SCIT and SLIT – What's the Difference?

Jane Cooper FNP-BC CORLN

Kalynn Quinn Hensley Head-Neck/Laryngology Lectureship

Sunday, September 21
12:45-1:45 p.m.

Building a Bridge...Finding a Voice

Ann Goulette RN

Jane Gallagher RN

Kevin Mary Callans BSN RN

Noteworthy Courses and Events ... continued

Titanic Dinner Event - Saturday Night

At a one-of-a-kind Titanic Dinner Event you are a participant in one of the most famous dinner parties in history, celebrating the retirement of Titanic's legendary Captain E. J. Smith as they did the night of the sinking. You will experience a sumptuous three-course meal, and will be treated to a "night to remember". You will interact with some of Titanic's most notable passengers and luminaries treating you to first-class food, first-class show and first-class fun! This unique experience also includes a tour of the ship and a re-enactment of that tragic night of April 14-15. Come on board our wonderful 'Ship of Dreams' and help us to keep her legacy alive.

Stepping Forward for the Foundation

Sunday, September 21 • 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.

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 2014 Foundation T-shirt.

Grand Opening of SOHN Exhibit Hall

Sunday, September 21 • 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 2015 Congress Registration!

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

CORLN Luncheon

Sunday, September 21 •
11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
(ticketed event – \$35)

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 2014

Sunday, September 21 • 12:45 – 5:00 p.m.
(ticketed course – additional fee)

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. Volunteer participants may be able to scope each other pending availability of special equipment.

ENT-NF Annual Benefit

Sunday evening, September 21 –

Monday afternoon, September 22

Awarding of prizes: Monday at 3:15 p.m.

The very entertaining and outrageous 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.

Meet and Greet Wine and Cheese Reception

Sunday, September 21 • 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Join friends old and new and relax after a busy day at Congress 2014. 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. Enjoy a taste of artisanal cheeses, specialty breads and fresh tropical fruit. Cash bar. A perfect way to end your day!

Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses

Notice of Business Meeting

Monday, September 22 • 3:45 – 5:30 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.

Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses 2014 Annual Reports

President

Maggie A. Chesnutt MSN FNP BC CORLN

Major Activities:

- Attended the Annual Board of Directors Meeting in Vancouver, BC, September 27, 2013
- Attended “Majestic Vancouver: Advancing ORL Nursing,” SOHN’s 37th Annual Congress & Nursing Symposium in Vancouver, BC, September 27 - October 1, 2013
- Participated in the 2013 Annual Congress Planning Meeting in Atlanta, GA, November 8-9, 2013
- Chaired the SOHN Mid-Winter Board of Directors Meeting in Atlanta, GA, January 24-25, 2014
- Attended the Nurse in Washington Internship (NIWI) in Washington, DC, March 30-April 1, 2014
- Authored President’s Message for 2014 Update publications
- Completed annual membership card message
- Prepared message for ORL Nurses’ Day – May 9th
- Wrote the ENT-NF Annual Campaign letter
- Communicated with National Headquarters as needed
- Authored Guest Editor article for the ORL-Head and Neck Nursing, Summer 2014 issue
- Participated in conference calls with Leadership Task Force

- Communicated with committee chairpersons as needed
- SOHN Education Committee member – ongoing
- Participated in journal club meetings and business meetings of the Atlanta Regional Chapter of SOHN
- Participated in meetings with Dr. Charles Moore related to the Oral Cancer Prevention Initiative
- Developed Oral Cancer Prevention survey to query membership

Vice President

Deena B Hollingsworth MSN FNP-BC CORLN

Major Activities:

- Attended SOHN Midwinter Board Meeting, Atlanta, GA, January 2014
- Coordinator for Comprehensive ORL Nursing Course
- Coordinating course update and booklet revision
- Presented sections of the ORL Course at Annual Congress, 2013
- Exploring the development of on-line modules for the Comprehensive ORL Nursing Course as a means of increasing accessibility for the membership and a potential revenue source for SOHN
- Served as facilitator for the Advanced Practice Special Interest group Congress 2013. Mentoring new facilitator for 2014.

- Attended the SOHN Annual Board Meeting, 2013
- Attended SOHN 37th Annual Congress and Nursing Symposium, Vancouver, BC, 2013
- Presenter Otology Issues in the Golden Years, Annual Congress, 2013
- Revised SOHN policy manual
- Participated in activities of SOHN and ENT-NF as member of the Executive Committee
- Co-Author Clinical Practice Guideline: Tinnitus, AAO-HNS
- Will attend Annual Congress, Orlando, FL, September 2014. Presenting sections of ORL Course and session on Management of Tinnitus.

Secretary

Jo Ferrero RN CORLN

Major Activities:

- Attended Midwinter Board Meeting in the role as Secretary, January 2014
- Attended 2013 Annual Congress in Vancouver, BC, Sept/Oct 2013
- Chair, National Congress Education Planning Meeting, November 2013
- Board liaison to Government Relations Committee
- Will attend Annual Board Meeting, September 2014
- Will attend Annual Congress and participate as VIP
- Outside of SOHN I am employed full-time as a Nurse Clinician in an Oto/HNS clinic and serve as the Charge Nurse for Otolaryngology and Neurosurgery Outpatient Clinics in Seattle

Treasurer/Bylaws/Chapter Coordinator

Ramute O. Kemeza BSN RN

Major Activities:

- Attended SOHN 37th Annual Congress and Nursing Symposium, September 27-October 1, 2013, Vancouver, BC
- Attended SOHN Annual Business Meeting, September 2013, Vancouver, BC
- Served as Moderator/Coordinator, 37th Annual Congress
- Elected to position of Treasurer
- Assumed office of SOHN Treasurer January 1, 2014
- Attended SOHN Midwinter Board of Directors Meeting, January 2014, Atlanta, Georgia
- Presented SOHN 2014 Balanced Budget to Officers and Board of Directors
- Treasurer-ENT-NF
- SOHN Bylaws reviewed and updated
- Will attend SOHN 38th Annual Congress and Nursing Symposium Orlando, Florida, September 19-23, 2014
- Will attend SOHN Annual Board of Directors Meeting September 18, 2014

- Will serve as VIP Coordinator/Moderator at SOHN 38th Annual Congress and Nursing Symposium
- Will attend SOHN Annual Business meeting September 22, 2014, Orlando, Florida
- Chaired Chapter President Breakfast Business Meeting at SOHN 37th Annual Congress and Nursing Symposium, Vancouver, BC
- Attended First Timers Session at Congress, September 28, 2013
- Attended SOHN Membership Enhancement Committee Meeting
- Set up table in SOHN Congress Exhibit Hall, Vancouver, BC. Provided information on how to start a local chapter. North America map displayed stars placed by attendees by their city of residence.
- Member, National Education Committee
- Active member, SOHN Chicago Chapter, attending all quarterly meetings
- Chairperson, SOHN Chicago Chapter Fundraiser Community Day Event – raising \$2000 for chapter
- Attended Wisconsin SOHN Chapter Educational Conference March 2014
- Serve on Chapter Excellence Award Review Panel
- Provided support, guidance and communicated with forming chapters, chapters restructuring, chapters inquiring on how to plan an educational conference and chapter fundraising
- Will present “How to Start a Local Chapter SOHN” at Membership Enhancement Committee Meeting in Orlando, FL
- Chairperson, SOHN Chicago Chapter – ENT UPDATE 2014 Educational Conference, November 16, 2014

Board of Director

Cheryl Brandt MSN RN ACNS-BC CORLN

Major Activities:

- Liaison to National Education Committee Chairperson, Lorie Sparacino
- President Cleveland Chapter SOHN
- Nurse Planner for Cleveland Chapter SOHN meetings (3 CE programs in 2014)
- Prepared and gave two podium presentations at 2013 Congress
- VIP for 2013 Congress
- Participated in Leadership Committee conference call, April 2014
- Submitted ideas/suggestions and had telephone call with Chapter Coordinator on Chapter Revival Award
- Assisted as needed at SOHN Spring Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada, May 15-16, 2014
- Prepared podium presentation for 2014 Congress
- Co-author for 2nd edition book chapter for ONS

Board of Director

Anne DeLeo CRNP CORLN

Major Activities:

- Attended SOHN 37th Annual Congress and Nursing Symposium, September 27-Oct 1, 2013 Vancouver, BC
- Elected to SOHN Board of Directors, September 2013, Vancouver, BC
- Attended Midwinter Board Meeting January 24-25, 2014, Atlanta, GA
- Assigned as Co-Liaison with Mary Ellen Diotalevi Marketing for SOHN
- Assisted Jennifer Spellman and Betsey Kim in development of Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter Fall Education Program, October 18, 2014
- Will attend SOHN Annual Board of Directors Meeting, September 18, 2014, Orlando, FL
- Will attend SOHN Annual Congress and Nursing Symposium, September 19-23, 2014, Orlando, FL
- Will present lecture on GERD for SOHN Pharmacology Day, September 19, 2014, Orlando, FL
- Attended local Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter SOHN meetings

Board of Director/ Membership Committee Chair

Mary Ellen Diotalevi RN CORLN

Major Activities:

- Attended 37th Annual SOHN Congress & Nursing Symposium, September 27-October 1, 2013, Vancouver, BC
- Attended SOHN Board of Directors Meeting, September 27, 2013, Vancouver, BC
- Attended SOHN Midwinter Board of Directors Meeting, January 24-25, 2014, Atlanta, GA
- Attended SOHN Spring Seminar Series, May 14-15, 2014, Las Vegas, NV
- Established SOHN Local Connecticut Chapter, first meeting: Election of Officers, Name of Chapter: ENTINIS, May 1, 2014, New Haven, CT
- Coordinator/Planner Educational Session, SOHN Local Connecticut Chapter, second meeting June 26, 2014, New Haven, CT
- Membership Enhancement Chairperson
- VIP Member
- Office-Based Special Interest Group Leader
- Contacted Marketing Director of Audigy to speak at Board of Directors Meeting, September 18, 2014, Orlando, FL

Board of Director

Mary Huntoon MSN RN CORLN

Major Activities:

- Attended the 37th SOHN Annual Congress and Nursing Symposium in Vancouver, BC, September 27- October 1, 2013
- Chaired the SOHN Board of Directors' Meeting in Vancouver
- Chaired the Ear, Nose and Throat Nursing Foundation Board of Directors' Meeting in Vancouver
- Chaired the SOHN Business Meeting in Vancouver
- Chaired the Editorial Board Meeting in Vancouver
- Attended the SOHN Midwinter Board Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, January 24-25, 2013
- Communicated with Headquarters as needed
- Submitted a "Spotlight on a SOHN Member" article for the June/July 2014 Update
- Participated in the Poster Guidelines revision
- SOHN Education Committee member, ongoing
- SOHN Practice and Research Committee member, ongoing
- ORL-Head and Neck Nursing Editorial Board member, ongoing
- Leadership Committee member, ongoing
- Immediate Past President, January 2014

Board of Director

Wendy Mackey, MSN, APRN- BC, CORLN

Major Activities:

- Attended SOHN 37th Annual Congress and Nursing Symposium, September 27-October 1, 2013, Vancouver, BC
 - Presentation: Pediatric Otolaryngology, ORL Review Course. SOHN 37th Annual Congress and Nursing Symposium, September 27, 2013, Vancouver, BC
 - Presentation: AAO Guidelines on Tympanostomy Tubes in Children. SOHN 37th Annual Congress and Nursing Symposium, September 27-October 1, 2013, Vancouver, BC
- Attended Professional Practice and Research Committee Meeting
- Attended National Education Committee Meeting
- Attended Pediatric Special Interest Group
- Attended Advanced Practice Interest Group
- Reviewer of Professional Posters
- Attended SOHN Annual Business Meeting September 30, 2013, Vancouver, BC
- Attended Midwinter Board Meeting, January 24-25, 2014, Atlanta, GA
- Attended SOHN Spring Seminar Series, Pediatric Day. May 16, 2014, Las Vegas, NV

- Charter Member and helped with the inception of Connecticut SOHN Chapter, attended all CT Chapter meetings and planning meetings 2014
- Nurse Planner: CT SOHN Chapter- Meeting and CE event, June 26, 2014, New Haven, CT
- Participation with Leadership Committee Task Force including conference calls
- Chairperson: Poster Presentation Committee including the development and revision of poster presentation guidelines and application.
- ORL Course review committee
- SOHN representative on the AAO Guideline Taskforce for Pediatric Tympanostomy Tubes- publication August 2013
- Nurse Planner: 2nd Annual Salt Lake City Otolaryngology Nurses Meeting, June 20, 2014, Salt Lake City, UT
- Will attend SOHN Board of Directors Meeting, September 18, 2014, Orlando, FL
- Will present ORL Course - Pediatric section at SOHN's 38th Annual Congress and Nursing Symposium, September 19-23, 2014 Orlando, FL

Board of Director

Jennifer M. Spellman MSN CRNP CORLN

Major Activities:

- Attended SOHN Annual Board of Directors Meeting, September 27, 2013, Vancouver, BC
- Attended SOHN 37th Annual Congress and Nursing Symposium, September 27-October 1, 2013, Vancouver, BC
- Attended SOHN Annual Business Meeting, September 30, 2013, Vancouver, BC
- Attended Midwinter Board Meeting, January 24-25, 2014, Atlanta, GA
- Appointed New Board Member Mentor for Anne DeLeo
- Submitted "Spotlight on SOHN Member" (Terri Giordano, RN, CRNP, DNP) for March 2014 Update
- Board Liaison to Nominating Committee
- Communicated with Nominating Committee Chair
- Will attend SOHN Annual Board of Director Meeting, September 18, 2014, Orlando, FL
- Will attend SOHN 38th Annual Congress and Nursing Symposium, September 19-23, 2014, Orlando, FL
- Will attend SOHN Business Meeting, September 22, 2014, Orlando, FL
- Attended local Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter SOHN meetings
- Submitted Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter Newsletters
- Contacted speakers for Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter Fall Educational Program, October 18, 2014, Philadelphia, PA

Executive Director

Sandra L. Schwartz MS RN CORLN

Major Activities:

- During 2014 the SOHN board members faced continuing challenges created by economic constraints and increased pressure to do more with less, while still maintaining the Society's mission. Always striving to find the most creative and innovative means to support its members during tough economic times, SOHN focused its attention on offering new and enhanced resources to its membership.
- **Financial Affairs**
SOHN's financial status remains constant. The board has taken strategic steps to ensure the Society's financial integrity. Collaborated with Ramute Kemeza, 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.
- **SOHN E-NEWS**
This news vehicle offers the SOHN member up-to-date information about Society activities, specialty nursing events and new ORL clinical advances. Published monthly.
- **UPDATE**
The Society's newsletter, Update continues to offer a strong presence online and an in-depth discussion and description of SOHN activities. Elimination of printing expenses continues to be an excellent cost savings measure. Served as editor of the Update, E-NEWS, the Congress Proceedings Book and managing editor of the journal.
- **Meetings**
Meeting arrangements have been streamlined in order to reduce costs. An emphasis continues to be placed on our green initiatives. The Spring Seminar Series and the Pediatric Spring Program held May 15 -16 in Las Vegas, NV were very successful with interesting topics and outstanding speakers. As September draws near, final arrangements for the 38th SOHN Annual Congress and Nursing Symposium are being implemented. An excellent educational program with a wide variety of topics and speakers has been planned, as well as an exciting array of social events. Our list of international attendees continues to grow. Registrations are arriving daily. The number of poster applications continues to run strong. Arranged housing, catering, meeting space, social events and venues, transportation and all financial aspects of the 38th Annual Congress. Coordinated the arrangements (hotel, flights and catering) for the SOHN Midwinter Board Meeting, January, 2014 in Atlanta, GA; the Congress Planning Meeting, November 2013 in Atlanta, GA; the Nursing Organizations' Alliance Forum, November 2013 in Minneapolis, MN and the SOHN Spring Seminar, May 2014 in Las Vegas, NV.

- **Guidelines/Collegial Relations**

Cindy Dawson, SOHN Past President continues to represent SOHN on the American Academy of Otolaryngology and Head-Neck Surgery Foundation's Guideline Taskforce (GTF). Many dedicated and talented SOHN members have been instrumental in the development of the guidelines. The guideline project is an excellent example of collegiality and collaboration. Our involvement allows SOHN to stand proudly with other specialty nursing organizations. SOHN's Practice/Research Committee continues to work on developing evidence-based guidelines/projects. Other projects are being explored.

- **Membership**

Our Membership Enhancement Committee and Chapter Coordinator are working diligently to meet the needs of our members and chapters. Two new regions are developing chapters.

- **Education**

An Intent to Apply Form for reaccreditation with ANCC was filed on March 1, 2014. SOHN's ANCC accreditation renewal application was submitted by July 1, 2014. A self-study document and activity reports were written to fulfill the reaccreditation requirements (Written by Sparacino, Edited by Schwartz and Formatted by Parker). An appraiser team from ANCC will conduct a virtual review and site visit this summer. ANCC will make their final decision this fall.

- **Communications**

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.

- **Fund Raising**

Exhibitors are still sending in contracts. Multiple reminders were sent out this year. A marketing plan (Exhibitor's Prospectus) was developed and included information for recruiting corporations to SOHN's Exhibit Area and sponsorship opportunities. Several new exhibitors have signed on. Medical Education Grants have been obtained from Olympus and Baxter (written by Sparacino) and our grant applications to Alcon, Medtronic, and others (written by Schwartz) are awaiting determination. NeilMed has been recruited to provide the congress tote bag, Luminaud will distribute writing pads at their exhibit, OtoMed will support the ENT-NF raffle and additional support is anticipated.

- Served as Executive Director of ENT-NF and NCBOHN.
- The SOHN Board has been diligent in updating the Society's Strategic Plan. Revisions are currently being made to position SOHN as a leader in "The Future of Nursing" and to assist the membership in attaining new skills/education to promote their professional career.
- SOHN is secure in its organizational foundation and remains mindful of the dynamic economic climate. As the Society approaches its 39th Anniversary, SOHN looks toward the future for strategies to advance its evidence-based projects and new resources to advance the specialty and education of its members.
- Thank you to Cory Parker for her administrative support and thank you to you, the member for inspiring and challenging me each and every day. You are the heart and soul of SOHN.

National Education Committee

Lorie Sparacino MS PNP-BC CORLN

Major Activities:

- Annual Committee Meeting Minutes 9-30-2013 completed and emailed to members
- Thank you note written and emailed to committee members post Congress
- Post-Congress 2013 Thank You Article submitted for the Update
- Wrote for E-News, SOHN Call for Abstracts for the 38th SOHN Annual Congress & Nursing Symposium; highlights on the new Pediatric SIG Facilitator, Laurie Newton; and the Lois Moore-Rogers Lectureship awardee, Kevin Mary Callans
- Reviewed Congress 2013 educational sessions computer analysis; 163 completed online; 50 out of 66 sessions were rated 4.52; 64 out of 66 were 4.05 or higher; only two courses rated 3.89-3.99; 66 out of 73 speakers were rated 4.5 or higher; six out of the seven remaining were rated 4.48-4.12; only one speaker was rated 3.86; Pharmacology Course 2013 Evaluation Summary completed, scores 4.62-4.80, 44 attendees; Comprehensive ORL and HN Nursing Course Program Evaluation, 35 attendees, course ran 1.5 days with positive feedback
- Overall 37th Congress Program Evaluation Summary scores 4.46-4.74; sessions also excellent
- Completed Congress 2013 Program Checklist
- Completed the 2013 Evaluation of Provider Unit, 68% return (17/25); very positive comments, all goals achieved 100%, ratings 4.76-5.0, very positive comments
- Wrote Speaker Invitation Letter, Guidelines and Speaker Forms for 2014 in accordance with ANCC guidelines
- Coordinated the 2014 Congress Education Planning Committee Meeting, November 1-2, 2013 in Atlanta; met with Dr. Charles Moore in Atlanta regarding joint project with SOHN; he will be presenting at Congress 2014
- Completed the 2014 Congress Grid; delegated committee member assignments; confirmed speakers, SIGs, committees;

communicated monthly with committee members; reviewed returned speaker forms for all Congress faculty

- Attended the 2014 Midwinter Board Meeting, January 2014
- Updated 2014 Committee Roster and the 2014 Committee Interests and Nurse Planner responsibilities
- Developed the SOHN 2014 Spring Seminar Series, May 15-16, in Las Vegas, NV; reviewed evaluations; Program Checklist done; overall excellent ratings and for individual speakers as well; 67 registrants
- Quarterly committee member communication by email; ANCC Updates sent to Nurse Planners monthly
- Presented two lectures at the 2014 Spring Program, Epistaxis 2014: *Seeing Red and Tonsillectomy Issues 2014 Forum*
- Total of 21 Educational Programs scheduled in 2013 for a total of 103 Contact Hours; to date there are 17 Programs scheduled in 2014.
- ANCC Accreditation Application was completed and submitted 3-1-2014 on schedule; the Self Study and three Activities were written and submitted 7-1-14 on schedule; we anticipate the teleconference meeting later this summer
- Reviewed Speaker Forms for every educational offering in 2013-2014, national and local programs
- AAO-HNSF Peer Reviewer for SOHN for Tinnitus Clinical Practice Guideline
- Wrote for two unrestricted educational grants for Congress 2014; granted \$7,000 from Olympus for the 2014 APN Scoping Course plus equipment; granted \$6,000 from Baxter to sponsor Congress session on Immunodeficiency
- Coordinator of the 2014 APN Scoping Course

Health Policy and Advocacy Committee **Sharon Jamison BSN RN CORLN**

Major Activities:

- Attended the 37th Annual SOHN Congress and Nursing Symposium in Vancouver, BC
 - Attended Government Relations Committee Meeting
 - Volunteered to assume Chairpersonship of Committee
- Communicated with Committee members
 - Requested suggestions for revision of the original Government Relations Committee Manual
 - Submission of name change of Committee from Government Relations to Health Policy and Advocacy
 - Communicated need for revisions to the GRC Toolkit, received suggestions
 - Revised Toolkit, new name will be the Health Policy and Advocacy Committee Toolkit
- Submitted revised Health Policy and Advocacy Toolkit to Committee membership for final approval
 - Final approved Toolkit will be submitted for inclusion in the SOHN website
- Submitted "Highlight from the Hill" articles for two *ORL- Head and Neck Journals*
- Preparing poster presentation for the 38th Annual SOHN Congress and Nursing Symposium – *The Value of SOHN Membership in Attainment of IOM Recommendations*

Nominating Committee

Vinciya Pandian PhD MSN RN ACNP-BC

Major Activities:

- Communicated with Nominating Committee members: Cynthia Fox, Sarah Holdsworth, Jennifer Spellman, Nicole Strohman and Kathleen Yappel
- Contacted chapter presidents to identify potential candidates for election
- Committee identified the following eligible candidates for the 2014 election:

President Elect

Deena Hollingsworth and Erin Ross

Vice-President

Mary Ellen Diotalevi and Sharon Jamison

Secretary

Carolyn Waddington

Board of Director Members

Nina DeSell, Deborah Farragher, Chester Hilton and Vinciya Pandian

Nominating Committee Members

Lisa Clemons, Laurie Turner and Karen Ulmer

- The committee plans to make a poster to showcase the nominees listed above and present them at the upcoming Business Meeting in Orlando, FL

Practice and Research Committee

Michele Farrington BSN RN CPHON

Major Activities:

- Attended and presented posters at 37th Annual SOHN Congress and Nursing Symposium, Vancouver, BC
- Attended Practice and Research Committee meeting at 37th Annual SOHN Congress and Nursing Symposium, Vancouver, BC
- Participated in Research Poster Award Selection at 37th Annual SOHN Congress and Nursing Symposium, Vancouver, BC
- Submitted Practice and Research Committee Reports in January and July 2014
- Contacted Practice and Research Committee members
- Published *High level disinfection of flexible nasopharyngoscopes, videolaryngoscopes, and rigid nasal endoscopes: An evidence-based approach article with Cindy Dawson and Teresa Werling*
- Published Clinical consensus statement: *Tracheostomy care – Putting statements into action!* article with Cindy Dawson
- Published *Evidence-based oral care for oral mucositis* article with Laura Cullen and Cindy Dawson
- Published *Cryotherapy is a simple nursing intervention for oral mucositis* article with Laura Cullen and Cindy Dawson
- External Peer Reviewer – American Academy of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery Foundation – Allergic Rhinitis: Clinical Practice Guideline
- Participated in revising Guidelines for Professional Posters for Congress
- Reviewed and collated results for Research Study Grant application

- Revised “Research Resource Handbook” – newly titled “Evidence-Based Practice & Research Resource Handbook”
- Revised “Prevention and Early Detection” chapter for 2nd edition of “Site-Specific Cancer Series: Head and Neck Cancer” book published by Oncology Nursing Society (ONS)

Social Media Coordinator

Kari E. McConnell RN CORLN

Major Activities:

- Administrator of the SOHN Facebook page, ENT-NF Facebook page, Twitter account, YouTube channel and LinkedIn group
- Attended the 37th Annual SOHN Congress in Vancouver, BC – conducted informal interviews with attendees regarding the use of social media
- Filmed SOHN congress attendees expressing why they became interested in SOHN, became members and came to Congress. This footage will be edited and used for a membership campaign on Facebook.
- Created the 2013 Opening Ceremonies music and PowerPoint for President Huntoon
- Interviewed and filmed CORLN attendees at Congress expressing why they became certified and what certification means to them. This footage will be edited and video will be used to promote CORLN certification on Facebook and website.
- Posted information throughout the year on Facebook of SOHN educational opportunities, lectureship deadlines, chapter events, ORL Nurse Day and promotion of the SOHN publications and online store
- Responded to questions posted on the Facebook page
- Posted 2013 Congress photos on the SOHN Facebook page
- Continually monitored other nursing organizations online social media to stay current and observe current social media trends
- Created a new video with highlights of the 2013 Congress in Vancouver, BC and posted on YouTube. This video debuted on Facebook – January 14, 2014
- Redesigned the SOHN website homepage with more user-friendly icons along with the dropdown menus. New links to be added include information about the traveling Comprehensive ORL and Head-Neck Nursing course and the Health Policy and Advocacy Committee (formally known as the Government Relations Committee – GRC).
- Collected and reviewed SM Statistics – this information was reviewed with the SOHN Board of Directors during the MWBM 2014
- Social Media Corner article completed for March 2014 Update
- Launching Facebook Marketing campaign in summer 2014 to recruit new members to SOHN and promote our social media presence

Ear, Nose & Throat Nursing Foundation

The Ear, Nose and Throat Nursing Foundation (ENT-NF), founded in 1997, to enhance the care of the ear, nose and throat patient, by advancing the art and science of nursing through education and research funded by donations from individuals, corporations and health care providers. Donations will be used for educational programs designed to enhance care delivery and prevention of disease to the otolaryngology population; support research initiatives to improve the health of patients with ear, nose and throat disorders; and to provide educational programs to increase the knowledge of health care professionals interested in ear, nose and throat nursing care.

Your support in assisting ENT-NF to enhance the care of ear, nose and throat patients is sincerely appreciated.

Please make checks payable to ENT-NF and mail to:

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Thank you for your support!!

A Warm Welcome to New SOHN Members

Stine Kjaer Barkum <i>Ugerlose, Denmark</i>	Jennifer Lilly <i>Boston, MA</i>
Stephanie L. Billaci <i>Shawnee, KS</i>	Lori D. Lyon <i>Oxford, ME</i>
Amanda R. Bolton <i>Greenwell Springs, LA</i>	Deborah M. McCauley <i>Staten Island, NY</i>
Lisa M. Cervantez <i>Woodbury, MN</i>	Kara McCall <i>Olate, KS</i>
Catherine D. Cheney <i>Clinton, MS</i>	Jean McLaughlin <i>Philadelphia, PA</i>
Nora M. Clarke <i>Evanston, IL</i>	Jason Montgomery <i>Canton, MI</i>
Marvin I. Cohen <i>Ft Pierce, FL</i>	Maria Murray <i>S. Walpole, MA</i>
Ron G. Corcoran <i>St John's, NL</i>	Allison M. Paisley <i>Philadelphia, PA</i>
Melissa L. Delehanty <i>Lewiston, ME</i>	M. Lou Palladino <i>Wilmington, DE</i>
Sylvia M. Dodge- Palomba <i>Saugus, MA</i>	Valerie Pierce <i>Whitsett, NC</i>
Gloria E. Frick <i>St Cloud, FL</i>	Ashley Pinckney <i>Oak Park, IL</i>
Karla E. Garibay <i>Washington, IA</i>	Cynthia Rose <i>Columbia, MO</i>
Shontreka Glover <i>Stockbridge, GA</i>	Kimberly J. Schneider <i>Charlottesville, VA</i>
Pearl H. Icuspit <i>Norwood, MA</i>	Brian Shirley <i>Wrens, GA</i>
Susan E. Keuker <i>Boston, MA</i>	Michelle D. Steward <i>Orlando, FL</i>
Jessica L. Knowles <i>Chaska, MN</i>	Sherri Williams <i>Cedar Rapids, IA</i>

"Penny the Nurse" Honored with Ultimate Symbol of Gratitude



Penelope S. Fisher, MS, RN, CORLN

Penelope S. Fisher, MS, RN, CORLN, Faculty Clinical Instructor in the Department of Otolaryngology at Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, is an unsung hero for many. And now, her legacy has been memorialized with the ultimate symbol of gratitude – The Penelope S. Fisher Award for Outstanding Humanism in Clinical Care and Clinical Education. Fisher is the first recipient of the new award, named in her honor to recognize faculty members who embody the compassion, excellence and patient dedication that has defined her 49-year career.

"What an honor," Fisher said. "So many people here do so many beautiful things every day. I feel blessed to be recognized and especially to be part of such a special team. This award is paramount ... my own ... recognizing my work in two things I love – clinical care and clinical education."

The only otolaryngology faculty member who is a nurse, Fisher, or "Penny the Nurse" as everyone affectionately calls her, received the award at the department's June 7 James R. Chandler Resident and Fellow Research Forum and graduation, where it will be presented annually.

Reflecting on the essence of the award, Fisher quoted Chandler, the department's first chair, who said, "The finest compliment is the respect of your peers."

"Penny Fisher exemplifies the best of nursing and, for that matter, healthcare in general," said Fred F. Telischi, MD, professor and the James R. Chandler Chair of Otolaryngology. "Her diligent care of head and neck cancer patients, as well as her belief in sharing her knowledge with others through outstanding teaching and mentoring, makes her one of the brightest stars at our medical center. She deserves this award, which bears her name and will honor those who continue her legacy."

Fisher has been a healthcare pioneer since joining the medical school in 1998. "When I came to UM, I was told that I would be the first nurse on the medical school faculty," she recalled. "I have since lived to set the example for others so that they may have the same opportunity to flourish here as I have."

Fisher has done just that, by transforming patient care through education, continuity and mentorship. In 2006 she began a primary nursing program that pairs nurses and physicians with patients so that they see and interact with the same nurse at every visit. Over the course of treatment, the assigned nurse remains the patient's primary contact, resulting in better communication and outcomes.

Despite a somewhat stormy year – Fisher underwent seven months of chemotherapy – she never wavered and even continued to work full-time, thanks to colleagues and patients who motivated her.

In September 2013, Fisher presented "Care of Tracheotomy and Laryngectomy Patients: Increased Quality of Life, which was chosen for national presentation and received the prestigious Kalynn Quinn Hensley Head and Neck/Laryngology Lectureship Award from the Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses, which Fisher has been a member of since 1979. Within the same month, she also received the Daisy Award for Extraordinary Nurses, a national award that honors the super-human work nurses do in direct care of patients and their families every day. The award, supported by the DAISY (Diseases Attacking the Immune System) Foundation, was presented by the Sylvester nursing administration.

"The award was a total surprise, and it was one of my worst days, physically," Fisher remembered. "It has been a year of challenges with my health and family, but every day I got to work with an extraordinary group of folks who daily make a difference and are never satisfied with the status quo. They motivate the level of excellence we need to provide to our patients and each other."

Having been a patient herself, Fisher cherishes her work even more.

Notes from grateful patients fill a drawer in her office – a reminder that anything less than extraordinary is not an option.

"I just want to thank you for generously giving me your time and even pulling your car over so we could talk," wrote Arlene Ferris in a June 9 letter expressing her gratitude for Fisher's patience and kindness when she called her in need of help understanding treatments options for her husband's sarcoma. "You went above and beyond as you always do, and we deeply appreciate it," she continued.

Fisher says she keeps the drawer of notes to remind her that "after all the things we endure with our patients, some tell you how you helped them and that is quite possibly the greatest moment of all."

Written by Jenny S. Prather, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Clinical Research Building



ENT-NF Wall of Honor

"to honor, to thank, to cherish the memory"

Gifts have been received in memory of:

Rob Bigelow, brother of Anne Bigelow and Mary Huntoon

by Sharon Jamison, Helene Krouse, Kari McConnell, Sandye Schwartz and Denise Wood

Dale Iven

by Ann McKennis

Gifts have been received in honor of:

Mary Huntoon

by Anne Bigelow

Mary Jo Mills retirement from Emory Healthcare

by the Atlanta Regional Chapter

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ENT-NF Lectureships

Lois Moore-Rogers Pediatric Otolaryngology Lectureship

The Lois Moore-Rogers Pediatric Otolaryngology Lectureship was established in 1996 by Dr. Gerald Healy and the Department of Otolaryngology at the Children's Hospital Medical Center in Boston. Lois has been a long time member of SOHN and active in the Pediatric Special Interest Group.

Cash award & certificate
Application deadline: November 15

Cynthia Mabry Otolaryngic Allergy Lectureship

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

Cash award & certificate
Application deadline: January 31

AAO-HNSF Annual Meeting

We are proud of our collaboration with the American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery Foundation. The Academy's Annual meeting will be held September 20-24, 2014 in Orlando, FL. www.entnet.org

Oral Cancer Prevention Survey

This initiative is designed to determine if the professional behavior of health care providers can be modified by strengthening continuing education in oral cancer through a focus on prevention and early detection. Prevention and early detection are the focus of this project because despite advances in oral cancer treatment, only about half of all persons diagnosed with oral cancer survive more than five years. Data indicates that the majority of at-risk Americans do not benefit from oral cancer screening from their primary care professionals. The long-range goals are to increase the number of health care professionals who counsel at-risk patients about tobacco cessation, consistent with Healthy People 2010 objective 3-10c; and to increase the proportion of oral cancers detected at the earliest stage, consistent with Healthy People 2010 objective 21-6. [Click here to take the survey.](#)

Council Announces 2015 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 14 members have attended the Midwinter Board Meeting held each January. The latest attendee was Chester Hilton. Partial funding of this innovative project is provided by the COPP in order to promote the development of new leaders in SOHN. 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.

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 ten SIGs that will meet at Congress 2014, they include:

- Advanced Practice
- Allergy / Sinus
- Facial Plastics
- Geriatric
- Head Neck
- Office Based
- Otolaryngology
- Pediatric
- Perioperative
- Federal / Military

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.



Spotlight on SOHN Members

Christina M. MacDonald, BScN, MScN, RN

One of the highlights of SOHN's Annual Congress and Nursing Symposium is the display of the educational posters. Members are encouraged to submit posters for review and display during our meeting in an effort to recognize excellence in educating ORL nurses. Winners receive a cash award and certificate.

The 2013 third place winner was international member Christina M. MacDonald from Montreal, Quebec, Canada. She has been in practice for 20 years and an ORL nurse and SOHN member for the last seven. Christina developed a pamphlet to be used in both inpatient and outpatient settings to increase public and professional awareness of Head and Neck Cancers. Because this disease and its treatment can be devastating to the patient's quality of life, increasing awareness promotes early detection and prevention.

Her poster outlined the process of developing a comprehensive bilingual pamphlet that was then distributed to outpatient clinics and dental offices. It contained information on the signs and symptoms of head and neck cancer. Anecdotal feedback regarding the pamphlet has been very positive.

Christina has highlighted one of the things that nurses do best... improving patient outcomes and health care by educating our colleagues and those we care for. Our congratulations to Christina on a job well done!

Submitted by Deena Hollingsworth, MSN, RNP-C, CORLN

Call for Abstracts

Abstracts are being accepted for several upcoming SOHN conferences. Each session is 60 minutes in length. Major abstract categories include clinical/evidence-based practice and research in 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, Otology and Pediatric ORL. The deadline for submission is October 15, 2014.

Upcoming SOHN Educational events offer an opportunity to share your expertise and knowledge.

- SOHN's 2015 Spring Seminar Series and 29th Annual Pediatric ORL Nurses Spring Meeting will be held in April 2015 in Boston, Massachusetts
- SOHN's 39th Annual Congress and Nursing Symposium will be held in September 2015 in Dallas, Texas

Contact SOHN's Education Director, Lorie Sparacino, for more information at lsparacino@aol.com

2014 SOHN Calendar Events/Deadlines

September

- 1 CORLN Examination Application Deadline
- 19–23 SOHN 38th Annual SOHN Congress –
Orlando, Florida

October

- 4–18 CORLN Examination Testing Period
- 15 Call for Abstracts 2015 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 25–29, 2015
Dallas, Texas

September 16–20, 2016
San Diego, California