Greetings San Francisco Bay Area Oncology Nursing Society members!

It is a pleasure to serve as your chapter president this year. 2015 has so far been an exciting year for SFBAONS members—we are truly setting a new standard for chapter activities and I personally believe we have the best chapter in the country (biased, I know). SFBAONS board members volunteer their time and energy to put on chapter events each year, in addition to working full time as oncology nurses/advanced practice providers.

I would first like to take a moment to extend a special thank-you to Rhonda Hewitt and Judy Berry Price, your program chairs. They have done an amazing job at lining up dinner programs at some of the Bay Area’s best restaurants, getting the best speakers and (most importantly) making the dinner programs fun! Under their leadership, we now draw 80-100 oncology nurses to our dinner programs. If you have enjoyed the transformation of our dinner programs as much as I have, please thank them when you see them next- they have dedicated many volunteer hours for our benefit.

Second, I would like to acknowledge Tim Freitas for organizing the Oncology Care Update, which will be (cont p2)
October 3, 2015 at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Burlingame. Under Tim’s leadership, this conference has become the premier continuing education event for oncology nurses in Northern California. This year promises to be the best conference yet- attendees will receive 8 CEU’s, we are bringing you the best of ONS Congress and will again be raffling off many fabulous prizes. You won’t want to miss this event.

Of course, every board member plays an important role in ensuring the day to day chapter operations continue- they also happen to be some of the Bay Area’s absolute best oncology nurses. So, thank you to Beth DeMaria (president-elect), Kristen Fong (treasurer), Karen Wong (treasurer-elect), Christine Kim and Lea Martineau (co-secretaries), Melissa Viatori (nominating chair), Joyce Tang (membership chair) and Catherine Brignoni (legislative liaison) for all of the work you do to keep our chapter running and for being such outstanding oncology nurse colleagues.

The board has also given our new SFBAONS Chapter Awards to acknowledge some of our outstanding members this year. The Rookie of the Year was awarded to Lauren Bianchi. The Heart and Soul Award was given to Esther Yu-Chyan. The Lifetime Achievement Award was given to Fred Fanchaly. Our chapter members’ inspiring nomination requests are included later in the newsletter.

Finally, we revamped the Sue Zahl Scholarship and so far, 6 lucky nurses have received $1500 to attend this year’s ONS Congress in exchange for a brief and easy presentation at our May dinner program.

Applications for the Sue Zahl Scholarship and nomination instructions for the chapter awards can be found at our website: http://sfbaons.vc.ons.org/resources

As always, please feel free to reach out to me at a dinner program, or via email, should you want to become more involved in our chapter.

Chuck Williamson, RN, MS, NP-BC, OCN
cew415@gmail.com
2015 SFBAONS President
SFBAONS 2014 OCU Largest Ever!

Approximately 200 participants gathered at the Crowne Plaza SFO on Saturday, October 4, 2014 for the largest Oncology Care Update ever. Attendees came predominantly from the SF Bay area, but groups of RNs also came from Sacramento, the Central Valley, the East Bay, Napa, Santa Rosa and the Monterey Peninsula. The “Passport to Success” Learning Center was also the largest ever with 27 exhibitors providing information on the latest oncology-related treatments and services.

Marylin Dodd, PhD (UCSF) was on hand to introduce the Dodd keynote speaker, Ruth McCorkle, RN, PhD, from Yale, who spoke on The Priority of Palliating Symptoms to Enhance Patient and Caregiver Outcomes. Teresa Knoop, RN, from Vanderbilt was back again by overwhelming demand for the New Drug Update. She was followed by Hope Qamoos, NP, from Stanford who spoke on Breast Cancer Biology and Treatment. MD Andrew Koh from UCSF closed the morning with a GI Oncology Update. Advanced Care Scripts provided lunch for everyone followed by a presentation on Specialty Pharmacy, an Oncology Nursing Perspective. The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society sponsored MD Joseph Tuscano, MD from UC Davis who presented on Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma: Current & Future Directions. Peggy Burhenn, RN, PhD, from City of Hope then spoke on Geriatric Oncology. Author, Musician, Songwriter, Mother, and Survivor, Laura Roppe ended the day with a film and a discussion on her experiences as a breast cancer survivor. A “Passport to Success” raffle provided valuable prizes (gift cards, free registrations for the next OCU, etc.). Everyone who attended the full conference received 8 CEUs.

Mark your calendars! OCU 2015 is scheduled for Saturday, October 3, 2015.

- Tim Freitas, Director-at-Large
CHAPTER NEWS

SEPT 2015 INSIDE SFBAONS

Hope Quamoos, NP - Stanford

Andrew Ko, MD - UCSF

Joseph Tuscano, MD - UC Davis

Peggy Burhenn, RN, PhD - City of Hope

Laura Roppe - Breast Cancer Survivor
2015 SFBAONS Chapter Awards

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD

I would like to nominate Lauren Bianchi for SFBAONS Rookie of the Year Award. Lauren came to Stanford as a new grad in September of 2013 and applied to work in the Infusion Treatment Area (ITA). She had an interest in Oncology nursing and this showed in her interview that landed her a position in our ITA. As a new grad she had to work on an evidence based practice project. Lauren selected oral cryotherapy during melphalan infusion as an intervention to prevent and mitigate mucositis in patients with Multiple Myeloma. She named it “Too cool for mucositis”. Lauren embraced this project and enthusiastically began the work. Throughout the year she worked with her colleagues, did the research, planned, implemented, evaluated – all that it takes and did it with professionalism and pride. Lauren showed growth in both her knowledge and experiences as she developed her nursing skills throughout the year. She also participated in a BMT attending physicians meeting where she presented her study. She was questioned up and down by very advanced researchers themselves, and she handled them like a pro! The best part of this evidence based practice study was that it worked. Mucositis was significantly decreased in the patients that utilized the cryotherapy. These results significantly had an association with a decrease in unplanned admissions and an increase in patients completing the transplant process in the outpatient setting.

While we do not have the data as yet we will be looking at the cost differences as not having to be hospitalized surely is saving money. Lauren recently attended a new grad conference where she presented her EBP research and poster. She won first place for her work. We are very proud of Lauren and her continued efforts to improve patient care. She is very deserving of this award.

- Torey Benoit

HEART AND SOUL AWARD

Esther Yu-Chyan had been working as the resource nurse on a very busy day in the ITA. She recognized one of the ITA patients who needed to be discharge. In the spirit of teamwork, Esther seeing that no family member was present, and the other staff was occupied, she asked "Can I help wheel you downstairs?" Showing her ongoing concern and caring for the patient, she engaged in conversation about how the patient had been doing with eating and drinking and what she was planning to have for dinner when she got home. The patient stated "I'm not going to eat tonight." She said "I don't have any groceries to cook and I feel way too tired to go get them." Esther brought the patient to the lobby and told her to not leave until she returned. The patient was being picked up by Outreach. Esther then went upstairs and got her own lunch from the refrigerator. But that wasn't all, Esther didn't just share her own lunch but went around asking her co-workers if they had any left over food that they could share - like fruit, yogurt, juice, etc. Esther then returned to the patient in the lobby and gave her the heated lunch and groceries for the next couple of days. The patient was so thankful she became tearful and couldn't believe what a kind act this was. As a strong patient advocate, Esther didn't stop with the dinner and groceries, she reached out to the social workers to set up meals on wheels with Food that "Didn't Smell" per our patients request. Esther later followed up and the patient has been receiving the meals which make days without food a thing of the past. This simple self-less act is just an example of what Esther does each and every day. She will always go over and above to ensure our patients are not just cared for when they are getting treatment but all the time. It is such an honor to work with and beside someone so caring and compassionate as Esther. She is a true example of what an Extraordinary Nurse looks like at Stanford.

- Angie Primeu
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

I would like to nominate my friend and colleague of 20+ years, Fred Fanchaly RN, OCN. He has been an oncology nurse for 35 years in many capacities. As nursing supervisor at St. Francis, oncology manager at Children's hospital SF, radiation oncology nurse at St Francis and Marin General, and infusion nurse at SF Oncology Associates and Kaiser SF. He will be retiring this September and I feel this is perfectly timed for this award. He has been and will continue to be active in both BAONS and ONS.

- Dana Monroe

I was going to nominate my colleague, Fred Fanchaly, for this award. I though of him immediately when you suggested these awards. I know that Dana Monroe already beat me to it, so I want you to know that I second this nomination wholeheartedly.

Fred is the epitome of a great oncology nurse. Of course, he is an expert and has worked in many areas of oncology over the years and in many different settings. His knowledge and experience are fantastic, but more than that, it is his dedication, caring, and people skills that are to be commended. He supports, advises, and advocates for our patients and their families at all times, not just as they are getting infusions, but when they are home, when they are sick in the hospital, and when they are gone. He is able to merge excellence, humor, and compassion with ease, making him well-respected by his coworkers and patients alike.

He is also a long-time member of ONS and SFBAONS. He is one of our former board members, and one of his positions was director-at-large. In that role, he helped to set up the first OCUs. He continues to be an active member, and attends nearly all of our meetings.

Fred is retiring later this year, so I hope that we can honor him with this award. It would be well-deserved and so fitting. He is modest and would never let us celebrate him otherwise.

- Kristen Fong

Congratulations to our 2015 SFBAONS Chapter Awards recipients! Your compassion, commitment, and love for what you do every day help inspire your fellow oncology nurses. Thank you to those who nominated our award recipients and recognized our outstanding fellow chapter members.

If you would like to recognize your colleague(s) for the 2016 year, nominations will be due in May 2016!
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Dinner Meetings

Meeting announcements will be sent via email before each meeting. Topics and speakers are subject to change. For updates, visit the SFBAONS website at sfbaons.vc.ons.org

Dinner programs are held on Thursdays at various restaurants located throughout San Francisco and the Peninsula. Registration starts at 6:00pm and the presentation and dinner runs from 6:30pm-8:00pm.

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Join SFBAONS and national ONS!
Interested in joining our chapter? Go to www.ons.org and visit the Member Center. Be sure to designate the San Francisco Bay Area chapter!

Local Chapter Membership Benefits:
› Educational opportunities
› Networking
› Peer support
› Sue Zahl scholarship awards
› Certification scholarship awards
› Newsletter

National ONS Membership Benefits:
› Subscriptions to Oncology Nursing Forum, Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing, and ONS Connect
› Reduced rates for ONS conferences
› Unrestricted access to ONS Online
› Reduced fees for OCN ® and advanced practice certification exams
› Networking opportunities
› Educational resources
› Scholarship awards

2015 Program Calendar

Thursday, January 22nd
“Multiple Myeloma: A Disease & Treatment Overview”
Michaela Liedtke, MD

Thursday, February 19th
“Peripheral Neuropathy”
Becky Avery, RN, MSN

Thursday, March 19th
“Living With, Through and Beyond Colorectal Cancer”
Kelly Bugos, MS, ANP
Angela Laffan, MS, ANP

Thursday, April 16th
“Advanced Care Planning: Learning Skills to Help Patients & Family’s Establish Goals of Care”
Pamela Haylock, PhD, RN, FAAN

Thursday, May 21st
“A Round Table Discussion”
2015 ONS Congress Update

Thursday, June 18th
“Women’s Cancer Update”
Brigid MiraIda, NP

Thursday, August 20th
“Burnout in the Oncology Nurse”
Barbette Weimer-Elder, Ph.D.

Thursday, September 17th
“Immunotherapy”
Tara Lacey, NP

Saturday, October 3rd
15th Annual Oncology Care Update (OCU)

Thursday, November 19th
“Oncology Emergencies”
Rhonda Hewitt, NP
SFBAONS Grants/Scholarships

For information on scholarships available to SFBAONS chapter members, visit [www.sfbaons.vc.ons.org](http://www.sfbaons.vc.ons.org) - Chapter Resources.

Applications include:

- SFBAONS Chapter Awards (completed for 2015)
- Sue Zahl Education Fund
- California Freemasons *By Your Side* Nursing Grant

Please send local information, stories, announcements, educational classes, job opportunities, and clinical articles to Christine Kim at [clieu.5@gmail.com](mailto:clieu.5@gmail.com)

SFBAONS Board positions available for 2016-2017! Serve and make a difference! Contact Mel Viatori for more information at [m.viatori@gmail.com](mailto:m.viatori@gmail.com)

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SAVE THE DATE!

WHAT? SFBAONS 15th Oncology Care Update (OCU)
The Premier Oncology Nursing Event in the San Francisco Bay Area!

WHEN? 7 am to 5 pm, Saturday, October 3, 2015

WHERE? Crowne Plaza SFO

WHO? Anne Katz, PhD, CNS (Manitoba), Cancer and Sexuality
Mary McCabe, MA, CNS (Sloan-Kettering), Cancer Survivorship
Mikaela Olsen, MS, CNS (Johns Hopkins), Central Line Management
Dung Nguyen, MD (Stanford), Surgical Interventions for Lymphedema
Teresa Knoop, MS, CNS (Vanderbilt), New Drug Update
Deborah Morosini, MD (Foundation Medicine) Genomic Profiling
Denise Wolf, PhD (UCSF), Cancer Survivor, Researcher & Innovator
And more!

HOW MUCH?
$79 pay before May 1, 2015 (current ONS National Members only)
$99 pay May 1--October 2, 2015 (current ONS National Members)
$25 (Full-time Nursing Students with ID)
$149 (after October 2, onsite, and anyone not an ONS member)

Online Credit Card Registration Only (no checks or cash)
Registration opens March 1, 2015 at OCU2015.brownpapertickets.com
Onsite registrations: space permitting, cash or check only.

CEUs? 8 contact hours (full attendance required; no partial CEUs provided)

QUESTIONS? Tim Freitas, RN, timfreitas@yahoo.com

SFBAONS
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**Job Postings**

Oncology Certified Nurse (OCN) – Outpatient Oncology Infusion Center, San Francisco

San Francisco Oncology is a premier oncology clinic with three medical oncologists and a one nurse practitioner. We are seeking an experienced OCN to work in our outpatient infusion center. Ideal candidate should have a minimum 2-year oncology experience, good IV skills, be able to perform symptom management and phone triage, and willing to learn mixing chemo drugs and biologics.

We offer competitive salary, excellent benefits and the opportunity to participate in clinical trials.

Active California RN License, OCN certification and CPR certification required.

Interested candidate should send CV and inquiry by email to: dmonroe@sfoncology.com

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NURSE PRACTITIONER - STANFORD WOMEN’S CANCER CENTER

Join a dynamic group of 17 advanced practice providers in the Stanford Women’s Cancer Center. This is a full time exempt position working 4 days a week in the Stanford Women's Cancer Center (SWCC) clinic. The SWCC APP is part of a team that is transforming cancer care while being committed to the quality of the patient experience. SWCC provides comprehensive care to women from the time of diagnosis, to surgery, treatment, and palliative care. The SWCC APPs participate in a multidisciplinary Tumor Board weekly, play an active role in clinical trial recruitment, hold independent clinic sessions, and work side by side with world renowned physicians and surgeons, to provide cutting-edge patient focused treatments. We are looking for passionate Nurse Practitioners with oncology expertise and a commitment to quality and patient centered care.

Please contact:
Arati Jairam Thodla, NP Lead Advanced Practice Provider Stanford Women’s Cancer Center
ajthodla@stanfordhealthcare.org

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To post job listings and other opportunities on the SFBAONS website, e-mail clieu.5@gmail.com.

To view all job listings, visit the chapter website Announcements - Classifieds.

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