Dear SFBAONS Members,

Welcome to another great year of the San Francisco Bay Area chapter of the ONS. I am most honored to be serving you, the membership. I am remarkably supported by our Board this year, a fantastic group of dedicated and dynamic individuals.

It's been a great year so far with many successful, delicious and informative dinner meetings. Our membership size has reached great heights with 519 current SFBAONS members. We've distributed two Sue Zahl scholarships to our chapter members for various oncology nursing pursuits.

Of special note, members of our board and membership also participated in presenting at ONS Congress hosted in Anaheim, California this year. Each of these presentations were 90 minutes in length and presented to three groups of participants. (Cont p.2)
I had the fortune of presenting a workshop on bone marrow aspirate and biopsy techniques; Chuck Williamson, your President-Elect, presented on lumbar puncture and intrathecal chemotherapy administration; and Laura Zitella completed and complemented the workshops with a pathology interpretation presentation. Enthusiastically, many board members returned from ONS Congress and led a round table conversation on some of the many important talks they were able to attend.

A big thanks goes out to those who presented on topics from Congress at the very successful May Round Table including Shanwell Saad, Ikuko Komo, Miranda Kramer, Tim Freitas, Lea Martineau. The Board also encourages you to consider applying to the Sue Zahl Fund. For a small return of your volunteer time, you can avail yourself of educational funding.

Thanks to everyone for your continued support of our chapter as we try to bring you the latest news and updates on how to better serve our oncology nursing community. Our 14th annual Oncology Care Update (OCU) is coming up on October 4th and if last year was any indication, this year's will be a hugely successful event! For more information, please read on or visit our website.

-Ashley Harmon,
2014 SFBAONS President
I am nursing faculty at Hirosaki University and one of members planning to establish Radiological Nursing Specialist Education Program in Japan. I am currently studying at UCSF as Special Study Student and visiting professor to learn high-quality care in radiation nursing in America. I recently attended the 39th ONS annual congress in Anaheim. This was my first attendance in this congress, and I was surprised at the variety of sessions and number of attendees. There was also a session and hospital tour of City of Hope only for international attendees. It was a good opportunity to communicate with the other attendees from abroad.

I mainly attended the session presented by Radiation Special Interest Group. In the session of ‘Decision Making and Treatment Options in Low-Risk Prostate Cancer’, the speaker talked about the risk factors of prostate cancer, side effects of RT, and the factors which have an influence on their QOL. They also noted the importance for nurses to identify the risk and benefit the patient considers when the patient is deciding on treatment. In outpatient radiation oncology in Japan, it is difficult to make much time to communicate with patients due to having few nurses. Nurses need the skill to identify what risk and benefit the patients have immediately, and to support their psychological issues. They need to use communication time with the patient effectively.

In the session of ‘Radiation Therapy; What Every Oncology Nursing Needs to Know’, the speaker explained radiobiology methods of delivery, radiation safety and side effects. The process of radiation therapy and treatment were nearly same with those in Japan. I wanted to learn how to manage patients and their self-care after brachytherapy. They described not only the features of treatment but also how to read radiation dose distribution using pictures. This is helpful in understanding treatment in detail more exactly. Furthermore, I understood nurses are required in coordination of multidisciplinary high quality care. I think we should give more opportunity to learn with other fields and learn a point of view in each field.

In Japan, Japanese society of Cancer Nursing has a Radiation Special Interest Group (RAD SIG) and has session like ONS in the conference every February. In the last session, they discussed about the effective method of education for staff about radiation therapy and worked actively to promote excellence in nursing. There are currently 40 members of the Japanese RAD SIG. Thus, this is a developing field in Japan. Our faculty appreciates the importance of evidence in high quality care and is working to inform its members. Finally, some attendees greeted and welcomed me kindly when they saw me having a sticker of International Attendees. The ONS congress was precious experience for me, and I appreciated the gentleness of American nurses and ONS.
# 2014 Budget

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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.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 6:30-8:00pm.

Nonmembers are welcome to attend educational dinner meetings. Online registration is required prior to each dinner program.

SFBAONS is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing: CE provider number 13612.

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

2014 Program Calendar

Thursday, January 23
“Understanding Myelofibrosis”
Ryan Iwamoto, NP
Sponsored by Incyte

Thursday, February 20
“Healing Conversations - Improving Healthcare Communication to Oncology Patients”
Jeannine K. Graves, RN, BSN, MPA, CNOR, OCN
sponsored by Novartis

Thursday, March 20
“MDS Myelodysplastic Syndrome”
Becky Avery, RN, BSN
Sponsored by Celgene

Tuesday, April 17
“Update on Head and Neck Management”

Thursday, May 15
“A Round Table Discussion”
2014 ONS Congress Update

Thursday, June 19
“Partnering with Patients to Prevent Skeletal-Related Events”
Denise Helen Del Gaudio, RN, NP-C, AOCNP

Thursday, September 18
“What the FLT? Understanding your patient’s bone marrow biopsy results”
Chuck Williamson, RN, MS, ANP-BC, OCN

Saturday, October 4
Oncology Care Update (OCU)

Thursday, November 20
“Tumor Lysis Syndrome”
Speaker TBD; sponsored by Sanofi
ONCC Funding
By Miranda Kramer, Co-Director-at-Large

Thinking of getting your ONCC oncology certification in 2014? The California Masons are sponsoring the By Your Side program to help oncology nurses get certified. Funding is available now! The program is first-come, first-serve while funding lasts so there is no better time to apply for certification!

Applicants who are obtaining their first oncology certification will receive approximately $1,100 if not reimbursed directly from their employer for the direct cost of the exam. Those nurses who do receive reimbursement for the cost of the exam will be eligible for a prorated reimbursement.

Masons of California

For more information and the new application, see pages 11 to 14 or visit the Masons of California website at:

http://www.freemason.org/foundation/nursingGrants.htm
to find a link to DOWNLOAD THE APPLICATION form.
THE SUE ZAHL EDUCATION FUND

Sue Zahl was one of the most kind and energetic members that SFBAONS has had the privilege of knowing. Sue was an excellent nurse educator, and she possessed a love of oncology nursing that most found contagious. Sue’s untimely death in 1989 led to the establishment of the SFBAONS Sue Zahl Education Fund. The fund accepts gifts and donations throughout the year. The fund is to be used by members of SFBAONS to support their continuing oncology education.

Criteria:

- Current membership in SFBAONS and ONS.

- Request must be for support of oncology nursing related educational offerings.

- Proven commitment to SFBAONS through committee participation, Board participation, newsletter contribution, etc.

- Preference will be given to first time fund applicants and actively involved members of SFBAONS.

- Applicants are allowed to apply for this grant once a year.

- Approved by at least three SFBAONS Board members, excluding applicants.

- Maximum grant amount is $500.

- Preference is given to applications submitted to the current SFBAONS President or Treasurer for review and approval before the event. However, applications should be received no later than 30 days post educational event. Complete documentation of attendance and expense receipts should be received within 30 days post educational event.

- SFBAONS will maintain in the bank account enough money to cover a minimum of ten Sue Zahl awards. A maximum of ten awards will be granted in each fiscal year.

- The SFBAONS Treasurer is responsible for maintaining an accurate account of the fund as well as the disbursement of all monies.

- The SFBAONS Board of Directors will review this policy annually.
San Francisco Bay Area Oncology Nursing Society
Sue Zahl Education Fund Application

Mail or deliver application to the current SFBAONS President or Treasurer. The application must be delivered/postmarked no later than 30 days after the event. Documentation of attendance (i.e., a continuing education form) and original receipts must be received no later than 30 days after the event. Preference will be given to applications received before the event.

Name____________________________________________________________________

Address__________________________________________________________________

Phone (Home)_____________________(Work)___________________________________

Occupation/Place of employment____________________________________________

Number of years in BAONS _______ Number of years in ONS _______

National ONS Membership Number ____________________ Exp. Date_______

Educational conference______________________________________________________

Date(s) of conference________________________________________________________

Amount requested (Maximum: $500.00) ____________________________

Please describe your contributions to SFBAONS (attach separate page, if necessary):

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I agree to write an article for the monthly newsletter or volunteer with another SFBAONS activity within the calendar year. I agree to provide SFBAONS with proof of attendance to this educational conference within 30 days after attending the stated event. I understand that application does not guarantee award.

Signature of applicant:____________________________________________________
SFBAONS Oncology Nursing Certification Education Fund

Certification in oncology nursing makes a difference - to the patients whose care is provided by oncology certified nurses, to employers who must staff their facilities with skilled and experienced cancer nurses, and to the individual nurse who attains the credential. SFBAONS supports its members who are interested in becoming oncology nurse certified or who wish to continue certification with the renewal process. The Oncology Nursing Certification Fund will grant an SFBAONS member the exam testing fee or renewal fee for the OCN®, CPON®, AOCN®, AOCNP® or AOCNS® credential.

Criteria:

- Current membership in SFBAONS and ONS.

- Proven commitment to SFBAONS through committee participation, Board participation, newsletter contribution, roundtable speaker, etc.

- Preference will be given to first-time fund applicants, actively involved members of SFBAONS, and applicants who describe their contribution plans to SFBAONS.

- Applicants are allowed to apply for this grant for certification or renewal of the OCN®, CPON®, AOCN®, AOCNP® or AOCNS® credential.

- Applicant must submit a receipt of the testing registration, proof of test completion, and proof of certification or renewal. Applicants who plan to test for certification or renewal can apply for grant at anytime, regardless of when he/she plans to take the certification exam (e.g., applicant plans to take exam in November but submits fund application in April).

- Written application must be submitted to the current SFBAONS President or Treasurer for review and approval during the calendar year of planned certification or renewal (e.g., if applicant plans to take test in November 2014, the applicant must apply in 2014).

- Each award must be approved by at least three SFBAONS Board members, excluding the applicant.

- Grant amount will match the testing fee.

- SFBAONS will grant a maximum of four awards from the Oncology Nursing Certification Education Fund per fiscal year.

- Applicants will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis.

- Applicant must specifically state how he/she will contribute to SFBAONS to be considered. SFBAONS will maintain in the bank account enough money to cover four awards. The SFBAONS Treasurer is responsible for maintaining an accurate accounting of the fund, as well as the disbursement of all monies.

- The SFBAONS Board of Directors will review this policy annually.
San Francisco Bay Area Oncology Nursing Society
Oncology Nursing Certification Fund Application

Mail or deliver application to the current SFBAONS President or Treasurer.

Name ________________________________________________________________
Address ____________________________________________________________

Phones (Home) ________________________________
(Work) ________________________________

Occupation/Place of employment __________________________________________

Number of years in BAONS ________ Number of years in ONS ______
National ONS Membership Number __________ Exp. Date __________
Type of Oncology Nurse Certification ______________________________________
Date of test ________________________________
Certification Expiration Date ______________________________
Amount requested (Registration Fee) ______________________________

Please specifically describe your contributions to SFBAONS or your planned contributions. Possible contributions include writing an article for the SFBAONS newsletter, volunteering to help a board member with a project/event, or speaking at the ONS Congress Roundtable Dinner Meeting.

I agree to contribute to SFBAONS as described above within the calendar year. I agree to provide SFBAONS with proof of test completion and proof of certification or renewal. I understand that application does not guarantee award.

Signature of applicant:__________________________________________________________
Background

By Your Side was founded in 2010 by William and Linda Bray – a past grand master of the Masons of California and his wife – in order to answer a critical need for oncology nurses statewide. The program seeks to make a profound difference in the lives of cancer patients and their families by putting oncology certified nurses by their side.

Since a single oncology certified nurse reaches hundreds of patients, the Masons of California will provide comfort and hope for thousands of Californians by bringing more oncology certified nurses to care facilities throughout the state.

Program Description

Oncology nursing certification demonstrates professionalism, competency, experience, and baseline knowledge in this highly specific field, and imparts confidence to patients, patients’ families, and caregivers.

Unfortunately, recent statistics have demonstrated that the vast majority of nurses providing oncology care in California have not obtained their oncology nursing certification. By Your Side is intended to increase the number of certified nurses in oncology, and serves nurses applying for their oncology certification and those pursuing advanced certification.

Grant Information

By Your Side grants are designed to cover the Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation (ONCC) application fee and a 16-week online review course. Amounts are determined by applicants’ eligibility for employer-sponsored reimbursement, as follows:

- **Full funding** - $1,100** grants are available to nurses who are not eligible to receive reimbursement for testing costs through their employers.
- **Partial funding** - $500 grants are available to nurses who are eligible to receive reimbursement for testing costs through their employers.

**If you are applying for full funding you must include employer certification otherwise your application will be returned without processing.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must demonstrate the following:

- Current employment in the state of California as a registered nurse, providing care to cancer patients.
- Oncology nursing certification obtained within the last 90 days. Possession of the ONS Chemotherapy and Biotherapy Provider Card does not qualify for this program.
- Ability to meet test requirements for the OCN, CPHON, CBCN, AOCNP, AOCNS, or BMT as outlined by the ONCC. Test requirements, which include necessary practice hours, and online registration are available at the ONCC website: www.oncc.org.
Application Guidelines

Please review the following guidelines before submitting your application:

- You must meet all qualifications outlined in the Eligibility Requirements in order to receive consideration for a By Your Side grant.
- Grants are distributed in the order that completed applications are received, while available funds remain.
- Submitting an application does not guarantee that you will receive a grant.
- Incomplete applications will not be processed.

Application Instructions

1. Print all information legibly in blue or black ink.

2. Complete the seven sections of the application in full.

3. The following supporting documents must accompany your application:
   - Proof of passing your ONCC or APHON oncology nursing certification exam after January 1, 2012
   - Proof of your current ONS or APHON membership
   - Proof of your current ONS or APHON local chapter membership

4. Mail your completed application and supporting documents to the following address:

   By Your Side Oncology Certification Program
   California Masonic Foundation
   1111 California Street
   San Francisco, CA 94108

If you have any questions, visit the By Your Side website at www.freemason.org/byyourside or contact the Masons of California at foundation@freemason.org.

Application begins on the next page.
Section I: Personal Information

Note: The name and address provided in this section will be used for future mailings concerning the By Your Side grant.

Name (last, first):

Mailing address:

Home phone: ________________  Cell phone: ________________

Personal email:

Section II: Employment Information

Employer:

Employer address:

Work email: ________________  Work phone: ________________

Human resources contact: ________________  Human resources phone: ________________

Date of hire: ________________  Time worked as an oncology nurse: ________________

Approximate number of cancer patients you serve monthly: ________________

What is your specialty (please check one only)?

☐ Outpatient medical oncology  ☐ Radiation oncology
☐ Inpatient medical oncology  ☐ Surgery

Section III: Test Information

Which exam did you pass in 2012 (please check one only)?

☐ OCN  ☐ CPHON  ☐ CBCN  ☐ AOCNP  ☐ AOCNS  ☐ APHON

☐ By checking this box, I confirm this is the first time I have received certification for the exam noted above.

Section IV: ONS OR APHON Membership Information

Note: Only applicants with active membership in local and national chapters of the Oncology Nursing Society or Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses are eligible to apply.

ONS or APHON member number: ________________  Local ONS or APHON chapter: ________________
Section V: Selection of Grant

Note: Nurses who receive reimbursement of testing fees from their employers must apply for partial funding. Receiving an hourly or shift differential, or monthly stipend for certification, is not considered "reimbursement."

Check the box next to the type of grant you are applying for (please check only one).

- **Full funding grant ($1100):** By checking this box, I confirm that I am not eligible to receive reimbursement for test application fees by my employer.

- **Partial funding grant ($500):** By checking this box, I confirm that I am eligible to receive reimbursement for test application fees from my employer.

Section VI: Required Supporting Documents

All of the following supporting documents must be attached to this application:

- Proof of passing your ONCC or APHON oncology nursing certification exam after January 1, 2012
- Proof of your current ONS or APHON membership
- Proof of your current ONS or APHON local chapter membership

Section VII: Applicant Verification and Signature

Check each box and sign below to complete your application.

- I certify that the information I have provided in this application is true and complete.
- I have read and understand the Eligibility Requirements, Application Guidelines, and Application Instructions.
- I understand that the information herein may be subject to additional verification at the discretion of the Masons of California.

Applicant signature: ________________________  Date: ____________________

Printed name: ________________________________
SFBAONS 14th Oncology Care Update!

WHAT? The Premier Oncology Nursing Event in the SF Bay Area!
Presentations Include: Symptom Management Outcomes Measurement; 2013-2014 Drug Update; Understanding Cancer Biology and Treatment for Breast Cancer; Update on GI Malignancies; Role of Specialty Pharma. And More!

WHEN? 7 am to 5 pm, Saturday, October 4, 2014

WHERE? Crowne Plaza SFO Hotel, Burlingame, CA

WHO? Thought leaders from across the country!
Ruth McCorkle, RN (Yale); Teresa Knoop, RN (Vanderbilt); Hope Qamoos, NP (Stanford); Andrew Ko, MD (UCSF); Janine Overcash, RN (Ohio State); Laura Roppe (singer/songwriter, author, & cancer survivor). And More!

HOW MUCH? $79 pay before July 1, 2014 (current ONS National Members only)
$99 pay July 1--October 3, 2014 (current ONS National Members)
$25 (Fulltime Nursing Students with ID)
$149 (after October 3, onsite, and anyone not an ONS member)
Online Credit Card Registration Only (no checks or cash)
Registration opens June 1, 2014 at OCU2014.brownpapertickets.com
Onsite registrations, space permitting. (SFBAONS reserves the right to change speakers & topics)

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

QUESTIONS? Tim Freitas, RN, timfreitas@yahoo.com
Miranda Kramer, NP, mirkramer@aol.com
Living Well With and Beyond Cancer Celebration

On behalf of the Stanford Cancer Center we would like to invite you, your family, including children and friends, to our first annual “Living Well With and Beyond Cancer Celebration.” If you have had cancer, have known someone with cancer or want to learn more about the Stanford Cancer Center please join us for a free, fun day of celebration.

**Saturday, August 16, 2014 • 11:00 am – 3:00 pm**
Check-in at 10:00 am with Opening Remarks at 11:30 am

Stanford University Medical Center
Alumni Lawn at Li Ka Shing Center
291 Campus Drive • Stanford, CA 94305

Register Today!
livingwell.stanford.edu • 844.768.1863

Free Parking!

**Connect. Learn. Share. Grow.**

Learn how community organizations and Stanford services can help you live a healthy life, and research health topics with Stanford health librarians. Ask the Experts about common survivorship issues: nutrition, changes in energy, living with uncertainty and cancer in the family.

Enjoy live music, FREE 15 minute reiki and chair massage, yoga, a kid’s corner with face painting, lunch, and much more.

For more information
livingwell.stanford.edu
email: livingwell@stanfordmed.org
Associate Director of Clinical Research Operations - 60079

Description

The Cancer Clinical Trials Office (CCTO) Associate Director of Clinical Research Operations is a senior leader in the Stanford Cancer Institute (SCI)’s Clinical Research infrastructure reporting to the Director of Clinical Research Operations. Together they are responsible for the strategic direction and day-to-day management of the CCTO Clinical Research Staff. The Associate Director participates with the Director, SCI’s Executive Administrative Director, Clinical Research and the Stanford Clinical Cancer Center’s Medical Director, in the management of cancer-related clinical research activities in the CCTO, the Stanford Clinical Cancer Center, Clinical Translational Research Unit (CTRU), Stanford Hospital and Clinics (SHC), and Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital (LPCH) including administrative, regulatory, and related activities. In the absence of the Director of Clinical Research Operations, s/he acts with full authority to carry out all responsibilities. This role will account for 80 percent of the position, with the other 20 percent role as an active Clinical Research Nurse in order to maintain a working knowledge of clinical issues regarding clinical research conduct.

For more information, please apply at http://stanfordcareers.stanford.edu/job-search, Job ID 60079

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

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