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.....ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM.....

The sixth Annual RONs Cancer Nursing Symposium entitled, "High Tech/High Touch Nursing: Marketing Ourselves for Success." is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Feb. 10 and 11, 1984. Based on ideas in the book Megatrends by John Naisbitt and the article, "Nursing as Metaphor," by Donna Diers, RN, MSN and Claire Fagin, RN, PhD, the planning committee has developed a full two day conference.

As a departure from previous year's symposiums, one of the two days will be focused on the profession of nursing. Eunice Cole, ANA President, will be sharing with symposium participants her predictions for the future of nursing in this age of increasingly sophisticated medical technology. She will address the question: how nurses can provide what consumers need and want in reaction to this high tech medical world. Katherine Benziger, a popular consultant in individual and organizational development will offer specific strategies a nurse can use to meet patients needs and the nursing profession's needs within the confines of organizations.

Saturday will focus on oncology nursing. Following the annual business meeting, two prominent oncology nurses will address the participants. Ann Paulen, RN, MSN, Clinical Nurse Specialist at the University of Wisconsin will present strategies for achieving oncology nursing excellence. In addition, she will share how her philosophy has helped to maintain her continued commitment in oncology. Susan Baird, RN, MPH, Chief of Cancer Nursing at the National Cancer Institute and editor of the Oncology Nursing Forum, will speak in the afternoon. She will relate her views of the future of oncology nursing as well as share her experiences and philosophy of nursing as an oncology nurse.

Both days of the conference will include roundtable sessions. A wide variety of topics relating to general nursing practice and oncology nursing practice will

be presented. All guest speakers in addition to nurses from various clinical and educational settings in the Puget Sound region will facilitate roundtables.

The cost of this year's symposium has increased from the previous year. The federal monies used in the past from the Cancer Nursing Outreach Program are no longer available. However the American Cancer Society was able to offer some assistance. As in the past, the symposium fee includes registration, breakfast, lunches and refreshments, handouts and symposium proceedings. The Washington State Nurses Association has awarded 12 Continuing Education Units. The members of the planning committee are confident that this year's program will be both provocative and meaningful. --Ann Reiner, RN, MN

BONE MARROW TRANSPLANTATION SYMPOSIUM

An International Nursing Symposium on Bone Marrow Transplantation will be held at the Westin Hotel, Seattle, April 5-6, 1984. The symposium is a collaborative effort of nurses from Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Swedish Hospital Med. Center, University Hospital, and Veteran's Administration Hospital.

The goal of this symposium is to provide the oncology nurse with knowledge of nursing care of bone marrow transplant patients and their families. The objectives include a description of the history and future of bone marrow transplantation, the identification of the nursing care of the acute and chronic complications of bone marrow transplantation, a discussion of the disease processes treated with bone marrow transplantation, a description of the preparations and treatments for patients undergoing bone marrow transplantation and the identification of the professional trends oncology nurses will encounter within the next decade.

For further information or a brochure, call Rosemary Ford at 467-4378.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our annual symposium and meeting are rapidly approaching. The planning committee, a group of oncology nurses from a variety of health settings in King County have been meeting every other week since early last summer. I realize now what a support we have been to each other as we have planned for the symposium.

Janet Schwarz-Appelbaum, our current Vice-President, will succeed to the office of President upon the end of my two year term. This year, there was no candidate for the office of President so the Vice-President automatically will assume the office of President. An election may be held to fill the office of Vice-President for the remaining one year of the term.

GOOD NEWS. By mandate of the membership, the Regional Oncology Nurses will petition for status as a local chapter of the Oncology Nursing Society. In the recent mailed ballot, the returns yielded forty-seven to one in favor of applying for local chapter status. In the past two years, a majority of RONS members have joined the Oncology Nursing Society. The vote reflects a decisive shift in opinion and I believe will ensure the viability of our organization. We are among the largest, most varied and representative group of oncology nurses in the nation. By your overwhelming choice we are now ready to move on and continue to grow. --Judy Kornell

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Sixth Annual Cancer Nursing Symposium HIGH TECH/ HIGH TOUCH NURSING Marketing Ourselves for Success February 10 & 11, 1984

PLACE: Red Lion Inn
300 - 112th S.E.
Bellevue, WA

SYMPOSIUM FEE: \$70.00 RONS Member
\$80.00 Non RONS Member
\$50.00 Student or one day only

Fee includes attendance, lunches, refreshments, continental breakfast, educational handouts and symposium proceedings.

ACCREDITATION: This symposium has applied for 12 hours of RN continuing education credit

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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(206) 283-1152

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QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES

The following is an abbreviated version of the secretary's minutes of the meeting held September 16, 1983, at the Swedish Hospital Medical Center, Seattle.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance is \$4,954.81. Recent expenditures: \$643 FHCRC reimbursement and \$30 meeting refreshments.

Vice-President's Report: Janet Schwarz-Appelbaum submitted a request to the Prof. Education Comm. of the ACS to cover the RONs Symposium shortfall. The Professional Education Comm. grants a maximum of \$500 to each organization.

Newsletter Committee: Judy Moore announced her resignation as editor of the newsletter following the next issue. She further recommended that the editor(s) have access to RONs board meetings regularly, which was passed by the membership. ACS will continue to print the quarterly newsletter until further, and initial transition problems are being corrected. Apologies were made for the quality of the last issue. A search is now underway for new co-editors of the newsletter to be oriented with the next issue.

Judy Kornell reported on the upcoming annual meeting/symposium slated for February 10-11, 1984 in Bellevue.

Rosemary Ford reported on the Ad Hoc Hickman Catheter Committee which continues to meet. Care standards have been identified. The committee plans to publish these standards in an upcoming Oncology Nursing Forum.

Ann Oakley reported that nominations are being accepted for the offices of President and Secretary this year. Ballots will be sent out Dec. 1, 1983.

Judy Fihn reported that the Membership Comm. has contacted Valley General Hospital. Further "reach-out" efforts will be postponed until RONs decides on future directions.

Judy Kornell reported that bylaws have not been mailed out to members as they continue to be in transition.

Old Business: ONS affiliation was discussed via small groups. A membership vote which followed resulted as follows:

the general membership will not be polled by mail regarding local chapterhood of ONS; and the bylaws committee will meet to define the geographic of a local chapter, revise the bylaws to become consistent with ONS chapter requirements, and submit the new bylaws to the membership by mail. The application will be made as the Puget Sound Chapter of ONS. Ballots will be mailed in November.



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The following is an abbreviated version of the secretary's minutes of the meeting held November 17, 1983 in Seattle.

Treasurer's Report: Ann Reiner
Current balance: \$5429.39.

President's Report: Judy Kornell
As the year comes to a close, the board is seeking persons willing to serve as President and Secretary. Chairpersons are also needed to serve on various committees including: Program Committee, Newsletter Committee and Nominating Committee.

Hickman Committee: Rosemary Ford reported that recent procedural changes with Hickman Catheter care will be discussed in future meetings. The committee may begin to compile a "compatibilities" list for drugs which may be infused together through a lumen.

Bylaws Committee: Ann Oakley reported that the revised bylaws will be sent to the membership for approval.

Nominating Committee: Ann Oakley reported that the committee is accepting nominations for the office of President and Secretary. Judy Petersen and Theresa Coluccio have been nominated to the office of Secretary. Ballots will be mailed to the membership in early January.

Ryan Iwamoto, RN, MN
Secretary

.....UPCOMING EVENTS.....

PAIN: ASSESSMENT AND INTERVENTION IN NURSING PRACTICE

Margo McCaffery RN, MS, FAAN
Clinician/Unit Manager Pain
Centinelas Hosp. Med. Ctr.

Feb. 9, 1984 1-5 pm
Madigan Army Medical Center
\$7.00 Assn. of Federal Nurses member
\$20.00 prior to Feb. 3, 1984
\$25.00 after Feb. 3, 1984
call: Karen Keller (206)565-0464

ETHICAL ISSUES: CONFLICTS, VALUES, RIGHTS, RESPONSIBILITIES

Diana Bader, O.P., Ph.D.
Feb. 1, 8, 15, 1984 6:30-9:30pm
Jackson Hall, Tacoma General Medical Ctr.
\$30.00
Call: 627-7137

ORIENTAL ACU-PRESSURE WORKSHOP

Ival Strom, RN \$80.00
Feb. 18-19, 1984 Bellevue, WA
Contact: Sylvia Harden
12118 NE 142nd St.
Kirkland, WA 98003

HAZARDS OF HANDLING CHEMOTHERAPEUTIC AGENTS
THIRD ANNUAL TWO DAY CONFERENCE ON ONCOLOGIC
PHARMACY AND NURSING

Dennis M. Hoffmann, Pharm.D.
Feb. 11-12, 1984
San Francisco, CA
\$200.00 in advance, \$225.00 on site
call: (212) 532-9400

DILEMMAS AND DECISIONS IN DEATH AND DYING
COMMUNITY HOME HEALTH CARE ANNUAL MEETING

Thomas McCormick, D.Min.
Feb. 9, 1984 12-1:30pm
\$10.00 RSVP: Feb. 1, 1984
Call: 285-4044

UPDATE WORKSHOP FOR CANCER NURSES

Feb. 9, 1984 8:00-4:30 \$75.00
Thunderbird Coliseum, Portland, OR
Contact: Oregon Nurses Cancer Ed.
Prog. (503)225-7791 or 225-7338

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