



THE VOICE

GCNA JUNE DISTRICT MEETING

Tuesday June 2, 2009

5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

The Manor Party Center, 24111 Rockwell Dr., Euclid, Ohio
216-481-4549

“Patient - Centered Medical Home”

Presented by Catherine A. Rhodes, MSN, CNP, WHNP-BC, RNC-OB and
Patricia Gorie-Anderson, RN, BSN, M.Ed., CHES

Join for this fascinating program on MetroHealth Medical Center’s pilot project on home based medical care for the uninsured. With the growing number of uninsured in our country you don’t want to miss this discussion of a unique alternative to traditional care.

**JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL JUNE RECOGNITION AND
CELEBRATION AS WE HONOR AREA NURSING STUDENTS AND
GCNA MEMBERS WITH 25+ YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP**

Schedule: 5:30 – Social Hour, Networking, Buffet
6:15 – Business Meeting
6:35 – Program

Cost: \$20.00 – Pre registered
\$25.00 – Non-Registered at Door
\$15.00—Undergrad Students

**2009 GCNA JUNE DISTRICT MEETING
TUESDAY JUNE 2, 2009**

Send Registration to:
Greater Cleveland Nurses Association
1289 East Ave.
Elyria, OH 44035
PLEASE RETURN BY 5/29/09

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

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PHONE # _____ E-MAIL _____

GCNA MEMBER _____

You can also register via email at gcna@clevelandnurse.org or by calling the GCNA office at 216-771-6922
Registrations due by Friday May 29, 2009

CLEVELAND MAGAZINE - FACES OF NURSING

The June issue of Cleveland Magazine will have a 16 page special section titled *"The Faces of Nursing"*. GCNA President Carol Sams and Vice President Judy Beeler served as advisors for this inspirational feature that highlights area nurses. This is the first of what is expected to be an annual feature in the magazine. Included are profiles of the five 2009 GCNA Graduating Senior Award winners along with nurses who have entered the profession via "non-traditional" paths. GCNA will receive 3,000 copies of the feature for distribution at local nursing events including to attendees at the ONA convention. This is also the issue that features the best of the Cleveland suburbs and is the most popular issue of the year. We are happy that nurses and nursing in Northeast Ohio will be recognized by the community. This issue is expected to hit newsstands between May 26-28 so make sure to pick

GCNA NURSING NOTES

. . . . **ATTENTION 25+ YEAR MEMBERS** The June GCNA District Meeting will be held on Tuesday June 2, 2009. This meeting traditionally recognizes and honors members with 25 years or more of membership. Any member that has 25 years or more of membership and has not been contacted by the GCNA office by May 23, 2009 should contact the office at 216-771-6922 or email us at gcna@clevelandnurse.org.

. . . . **Nurses Day Luncheon** On Friday May 8th GCNA, OLN and CCBN held the annual Nurses Day Luncheon at Windows on the River. Area nursing students that attended were recognized and the highlight of the event was keynote speaker Laura Cox Dzurec, Dean of the Kent State University College of Nursing. This luncheon is always a highlight of spring and if you weren't able to make it this year circle May 7, 2010 on your calendar for next year.

. . . . **Receive the VOICE Electronically** Cut down on paper and sign up to receive the VOICE via email rather than regular mail. You will receive the newsletter 5-7 days before it hits your fellow members' mailboxes. In addition you will receive VOICE Bulletins, an e-publication that keeps members up to date on area nursing news between regular issues of the VOICE. Just forward a valid email address to gcna@clevelandnurse.org and you can start receiving the VOICE in a handy PDF format.

ONA CONVENTION IN CLEVELAND JOIN US IN MAKING IT THE BEST

GCNA is proud to serve as the host District for the 2009 ONA Convention. The convention will be held at the Embassy Suites in Independence from October 15-18, 2009. As host District we will need a number of volunteers to assist in making the Convention a success. We will need people to serve as greeters, staff the Hospitality suite, serve as Tellers and numerous other functions. Volunteers are not required to be available for the entire Convention so even if you only have a few hours open during this weekend we can use your help. To volunteer just contact our office at gcna@clevelandnurse.org or via phone at 216-771-6922.

In addition GCNA is looking for 60 to 75 members that are interested in running for Convention Delegate or Alternate. We are entitled to 32 delegates at the convention. The Nominating Committee will be meeting in May to prepare a slate of nominees for Delegate elections in June. This is a perfect opportunity to get involved in your professional organization and make a difference. It also provides the opportunity for you to meet colleagues from the entire state and compare ideas and opinions on what is important to all nurses. If you are interested in being nominated as a delegate please contact the GCNA offices at 216-771-6922, fax or email at gcna@clevelandnurse.org. Be sure to check future issues of the VOICE and the GCNA website at www.clevelandnurse.org for updates and more information.

GREATER CLEVELAND NURSES ASSOCIATION - STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2008

	<u>DECEMBER 31, 2008</u>	<u>DECEMBER 31, 2007</u>	<u>INCREASE (DECREASE)</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 34,957	\$ 25,179	\$ 9,778
Accts. Rec.	5,146	3,499	1,264
Prepd. Exp.	427	427	0
Total Current Assets	40,530	29,488	11,042
Property and Equipment			
Computer Eq.	3,491	3,491	0
Office Eq.	1,050	1,050	0
Less Acc. Dep.	(4,365)	(3,966)	(399)
Net Fixed Assets	176	575	(399)
OTHER ASSETS			
Investments – Unrestricted	4,016	57,151	(53,135)
Investments – Designated –Unrestricted	110,034	140,440	(30,406)
Total Other Assets	114,050	197,591	(83,541)
TOTAL ASSETS	\$154,756	\$227,654	\$ (72,898)
 <u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accts. Pay.	\$ 6,555	\$ 4,671	\$ 1,884
Payroll Taxes	1,002	1,002	0
Deferred Dues	1,320	1,379	(59)
Total Current Liabilities	8,877	7,052	1,825
NET ASSETS			
Unrestricted	35,845	80,162	(44,317)
Board Designated (unrestricted)	140,440	133,753	(30,406)
Permanently Restricted	0	0	0
Temporarily Restricted	0	0	0
Total Net Assets	145,879	220,602	(74,723)
TOTAL NET ASSETS & LIABILITIES	\$154,756	\$227,654	\$ (72,898)

ONA JOINS THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF NURSES

On April 8, 2009 the Economic and General Welfare Commission voted unanimously to join the National Federation of Nurses (NFN), a new, innovative national union for registered nurses. ONA members received a letter in mid-March detailing the NFN and ONA's motivations to join this national nurses' union. ONA's affiliation with the nurse-run/nurse-driven NFN will help ONA to more effectively meet its responsibilities to its valued collective bargaining members. NFN will be supported financially through ONA and the dues monies currently collected from its collective bargaining members. There will be no increase in dues for ONA members.

The NFN is unique at the national level in terms of its structure and organization and will provide an unparalleled platform for registered nurses to have a voice in the national labor agenda, promoting health care reform, patient safety and working conditions for registered nurses.

ONA will play an important leadership role in a newly formed NFN. A 21-member constitutional committee, with representatives from each of the member states, has developed governing documents for a new, groundbreaking constitutional structure. "The organization is founded on a series of 'core covenants' that are meant to act as the guiding force of the union. The NFN is based upon the principles of democracy, inclusiveness, social justice and equality," said Rose Marie Martin, RN, Chair of the Economic and General Welfare Commission and Treasurer of the NFN. "This ensures transparency and open communication between the NFN and our member states, and will require accountability so that all nurses can be confident in our ability to represent their interests at the national level. It truly is the dawn of a new day."

NFN's core covenants, constitution and other information related to the NFN can be found at NFN's website, www.nfn.org. Questions or comments? Contact Kelly D. Trautner, Esq., Economic & General Welfare Program Director at (614) 448-1047 or ktrautner@ohnurses.org. Questions or comments? Contact Kelly D. Trautner, Esq., Economic & General Welfare Program Director at (614) 448-1047 or ktrautner@ohnurses.org.

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