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Dear Members,

Can you believe that 2014 is here? I think this is the Year for AAOHN! As I was reviewing our initiatives for 2014, I wanted to share with you several exciting activities. As you may remember, the two areas that I identified to focus on as your President were visibility in the arena of governmental affairs/advocacy and a greater international presence for AAOHN. AAOHN received an invitation to present at the International Conclave on Occupational Health in India. This national conference of the Indian Association of Occupational Health will be held in February. The conference theme is "Health and Well-Being at the Workplace – Key Drivers for Sustainability." Your Board approved my attendance and I will be highlighting this experience in my March message. I will be traveling with a group from the American Industrial Hygiene Association, which was instrumental in AAOHN's receipt of this invitation. It is my goal to showcase the activities of our profession by demonstrating the value of occupational health nursing in sustaining a safer and healthier workplace.

The next exciting event is our annual conference. Our host city is Dallas and our theme is "Occupational Health Nursing Across Borders: Practice, Protections, and Productivity." Preconference events begin May 3 and our 2nd Global Summit will be held May 4-5. The main conference is May 5-8. The host hotel will be the Sheraton Dallas. Something that you may not be aware of is the importance of your staying at the Sheraton. When AAOHN contracts with a facility to hold our conference, we must guarantee them an identified number of rooms. In exchange for that commitment on our part, we receive their services, such as meeting rooms, food, and beverage at a defined rate. In the past, AAOHN was not able to meet our room commitment due to members staying at other hotels and therefore, we were charged with an attrition fee. This fee eliminated many, if not all, of the profits your organization was depending upon to support member activities throughout the year. With this said, please find some way to stay at the conference hotel. The alternative to cover this expense is to increase conference registration rates, which is not attractive to members attending. It may appear that you are saving a few dollars by staying at another hotel; however, AAOHN is the one taking the financial hit—your organization. I hope this helps you to understand the importance of this request.

Registration is now open and once again, we are offering some early bird registration specials. Just ask Kathy Polise how valuable this opportunity was for her! Kathy won 1st prize: 5 days, 4 nights at Newport Beach Marriott in CA, and 2 round-trip tickets; Beth Freel won 2nd Prize: 4 days, 3 nights at JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort in AZ and $500 cash; and Judith Gauntt won 3rd Prize: 3 days, 2 nights at Camelback Inn, Scottsdale, AZ and $250. That could be you if your name is drawn following our business meeting and you are present to accept your prize!

My thanks go out to each of you for the work you are doing for AAOHN and for the workers you are serving. May 2014 be your year for success!

Pam Carter

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AAOHN President

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Foundation Corner

Silent Auction

If you've ever ogled a special item at the Silent Auction at the AAOHN Conference, you'd know that the auction is anything BUT silent! Long tables full of beautiful items on display present all sorts of treasure. There is something everyone will like. You can imagine that this event would generate lots of talk and excitement as folks vie for that special item. And of course there is always the last minute scramble to increase bids!

Did you know that you can send your donated items for the auction to national headquarters before the conference so you don't need to carry them with you while traveling? In fact, it is much preferred that your donations are sent ahead because this assures items arrive in time to prepare auction bid sheets and prepare for auction set-up. We encourage everyone to participate in the auction by donating items and sending them to AAOHN National Office in Pensacola, Florida. The **deadline to send the items to national is March 30, 2014**. Please send along with completed bid sheet to AAOHN Foundation, 7794 Grow Drive, Pensacola, FL 32514. This is such an excellent and fun way to support the Foundation.

Now is a great time to think about "re-gifting" that duplicate item you received over the holidays or that item you just don't know what to do with. Consider donating it to the silent auction! This is a win-win for you and for the AAOHN Foundation. Do you have a nice piece of jewelry that you know you'll never wear? Why have it collect dust when it can achieve its purpose of adorning someone else while simultaneously benefitting the Foundation?

Remember that the purpose of the AAOHN Foundation is to promote our profession. Perhaps you can find a way to participate in the auction and help the Foundation in its purpose.

Sheila Litchfield, BSN, RN, COHN-S, FAAOHN
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AAOHN Town Hall Meeting

Please join us on **Wednesday, January 29, 2014**, for a special AAOHN Town Hall Meeting. The meeting will be conducted via webinar and is scheduled for **4-5 p.m. EDT/3 p.m.-4 p.m. CDT/2-3 p.m. MDT/1-2 p.m. PDT**.

This meeting will be a special state of the association address to all AAOHN members. Please spread the word.

AAOHN President Pam Carter will share the progress made toward the achievement of strategic goals, and will provide information regarding member opportunities. Jon Dancy, CEO of International Association Management, will provide an overview of the financial progress made in 2013. Ward Evenson will share news from the Marketing Committee regarding OHN week and the food drive. Pat Strasser will give you a sneak peak at what is planned for the 2014 National Conference in Dallas. Mary Lou Wassel will reveal what is in the works for the Global Summit. Lisa Pompeii, Mary Gene Ryan, and Candace Burns will provide an update from the Respiratory Protection Advisory Team and announce what tools are coming soon. Margie Matsui, AAOHN Foundation Chair, will provide an update on behalf of the Foundation and make a couple of announcements as well.

Do not miss this opportunity to be the first to hear all the good news! Register here. The link to join the meeting is here.

If you have questions regarding the meeting, please send them via e-mail to aaohngov@dancyamc.com .

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AAOHN 2nd Global Summit

AAOHN 2nd Global Summit
May 4-5, 2014
Dallas, Texas, USA

Make your plans now to attend!

Occupational health professionals from over 10 countries will be presenting educational sessions on practice challenges, current research, and successful projects.

The Summit is a one-of-a-kind offering where occupational health professionals from around the world will share their experiences and

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learning with colleagues, marking a continuation of the work begun in 2011 at our first Global Summit! Please make the Summit part of your plans when attending the AAOHN National Conference. The Global Summit will be offered concurrently with the AAOHN National Pre-Conference. This timing, immediately prior to the start of the AAOHN National Conference, provides attendees with the scheduling flexibility to participate in both. In addition, the Scientific Committee on Occupational Health Nursing (SCOHN, ICOH) will hold its mid-term meeting during the Summit.

Keynote Speakers include:

Dr. Eileen McNeely, Co-Director of SHINE at the Center for Health and the Global Environment at Harvard University

Louwna Pretorius, Chair of the Scientific Committee on Occupational Health Nurses from the International Commission on Occupational Health

Tara O'Leary, Pepsico Global Manager of Health & Safety

Dan Buettner, *New York Times* Best Selling Author of *Blue Zones*

The Summit will also feature Dr. Eric Bing, Director of Global Health at the George W. Bush Institute and author of *Pharmacy on a Bicycle*.

Registration Information - Registration fees: $450

Attendees from outside the U.S. and Canada who register for the Global Summit will receive a one-year complimentary AAOHN International Membership. To register, please contact the AAOHN National Office.

Global Summit/Conference Hotel Information
Sheraton Dallas Hotel | 400 N. Olive Street | Dallas, TX 75201 USA
Reservations: 214-922-8000 | Toll Free: 800-325-3535

Reservations Are Now Being Accepted Online - Book Your Stay Today

$179 single/double room rate until March 31, 2014 or until the room block is filled. Once this date has passed or the room block is filled, special AAOHN rates cannot be guaranteed. Rates do not include applicable state and local taxes, currently 15%. Government employees may reserve a room in our Government Room block at the prevailing per diem for eligible government employees.

Watch for future announcements at www.aaohn.org

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AAOHN Announces 2014 National Conference Speakers

Registration is now open! Join us in Dallas May 5-8 to hear from these keynote speakers and many other leaders in occupational health.

Dan Buettner, author, *The Blue Zones*

Opening Speaker Dan Buettner is a National Geographic Fellow and *New York Times* best selling author. His *New York Times Sunday Magazine* article, "The Island Where People Forget to Die" was the second most popular article of 2012. He founded Blue Zones®, a company that puts the world's best practices in longevity and well-being to work in people's lives. Buettner's *National Geographic* cover story on longevity, "The Secrets of Living Longer" was one of the publication's top-selling issues in history and a made him a finalist for a National Magazine Award. His books, *The Blue Zones: Lessons for Living Longer from the People Who've Lived the Longest* (2008) and *Thrive: Finding Happiness the Blue Zones Way,* (2010) appeared on many best seller lists and were featured on Oprah.

Learn more about Dan Buettner.

Linda McCauley

Linda McCauley, PhD, RN, FAAN, FAAOHN is currently the Dean of the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing at Emory University. A member of the Academy of Nursing and Institute of medicine, Dr. McCauley speaks

frequently on the roles that nurses play in the healthcare crisis facing our nation. With more than 25 years of occupational and environmental health nursing experience, she is particularly knowledgeable about the challenges and opportunities available for nurses in the implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

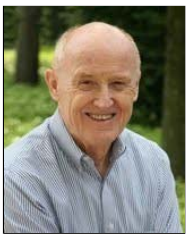
Mary Salazar

Mary Salazar, EdD, MS, BSN, RN will deliver the Catherine Dempsey lecture. Dr. Salazar is a Professor Emeritus at the University of Washington School of Nursing in Seattle, Washington. She served as the Program Director for the Occupational and Environmental Health Nursing program for more than 15 years. She has consulted and presented papers nationally and internationally on issues and topics related to occupational health nursing. Her extensive publications include more than 60 journal articles, 10 book chapters, and multiple newsletter articles and professional reports. She also served as editor for three editions of the *Core Curriculum for Occupational and Environmental Health Nursing*. Dr. Salazar is an AAOHN Fellow as well as a Fellow in the Academy of Nursing.

Steve Wojcik

Steven Wojcik is vice president of Public Policy for the National Business Group on Health. He is responsible for developing and coordinating the Business Group's position and strategy on federal legislative and regulatory issues impacting health benefits for large employers, providing information and analysis on best practices, conveying concerns of large employers as purchasers of healthcare to Capitol Hill, the Administration, other policymakers and the media, and keeping members informed of policy developments in Washington. He has more than 25 years of experience in health policy development, analysis and research, government relations, and public affairs. Prior to joining the Business Group, he held similar positions for two large insurers in California and has an extensive background in healthcare financing policy.

Dee Edington



Dee Edington, PhD, is the founder and Chairman of Edington Associates, LLC. He is the founder and professor of the University of Michigan Health Management Research Center and was the director of the Center until June 2011. In addition to his research and teaching, Dr. Edington spent 25 years in academic administration. Trained in mathematics, kinesiology, and biochemistry, Dr. Edington received his BS and PhD degrees from Michigan State University and completed his MS at Florida State University. He did post-doctoral work at the University of Toronto and taught at the University of Massachusetts before coming to Michigan in 1976. Dr. Edington's research focuses on the precursors of disease and vitality. His interest is in the relationships between healthy lifestyles, vitality, and quality of life, as they benefit both individuals and organizations. He is specifically interested in how individual health management, worksite wellness activities, and programs within organizations impact healthcare cost containment, productivity, and human resource development.

Learn more about Dee Edington.

To learn more about the AAOHN 2014 National Conference, to register, and to book your hotel, please visit the AAOHN website at aaohn.org. The complete conference brochure is coming soon and we are continually updating the site with new information. To view the speaker information online, visit http://aaohn.org/conference/conference/featured-speakers.html.

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Advertisement: 22nd Annual OHN Certification Review Course

The 22nd Annual OHN Certification Review Course will be held March 24-26, 2014 for 20 continuing education contact hours. The course is offered by **Bonnie Rogers and Associates** and will be held at the Westin Tampa Harbour Island, Tampa, FL with exceptional prices! For a brochure and more information, call (703) 497-2119, fax name and address to (703) 491-9656, or send an e-mail request to mrogersb@email.unc.edu .

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AAOHN Upcoming Webinars

Co-sponsored by the University of Michigan Center for Occupational Health and Safety Engineering

January 22: Creating No-cost, Low-cost Health Promotion Programming with Dr. Don Powell, CEO of the American Institute of Preventive Medicine

Februray 5: After Enrollment: The Affordable Care Act and What the OHN Needs to Know with Tammy Szafranski & Nicole Studer, TowersWatson benefits consultants

FREE – March 12: Studying & Test-Taking Strategies for the COHN Exams with Ann Lachat, ABOHN CEO

March 20: OH! My Aching???: Materials Handling Ergonomics with Gary Downey, from The Ergonomics Center of North Carolina

April 8 (tentative): Reducing and Eliminating Safety Hazards & Risks: Case Studies in Systems Management and Technology with Lauren Caulfield, Healthcare Services, MEMIC

April 16: Job Accommodation from Pre-placement to Return-to-Work to Special Needs with Elisabeth Simpson, Senior Consultant with the Job Accommodation Network

May 28, *FREE to Active Members*: The Americans With Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADAAA): Understanding the Law and the Role of the Occupational and Environmental Health Nurse with Pat Strasser, Occupational Health Nursing Consultant. Co-sponsored by the University of Michigan Center for Occupational Health and Safety Engineering

June 24: This Job Has Made Me Sick: Investigating Health Events at the Workplace with Nicole Shaffer, Nurse Leader with Pfizer

All live webinars award 1.0 CNE. They are offered live at 12 noon Eastern Time and are available on demand, so you can participate anytime, anywhere.

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Global Wellness Survey

AAOHN members are invited to participate in the sixth edition of Buck Consultants' Global Wellness survey. This survey is intended to measure strategies and practices related to health promotion, wellness, and productivity. These employer-sponsored initiatives focus on improving employee health and organizational performance by preventing sickness, chronic disease, and injuries. These are factors that can lead to serious and expensive health problems and impact workforce productivity.

Employer-sponsored strategies to reduce these risk factors may include raising awareness, educating, and encouraging employees and their families to adopt healthier lifestyles through various programs and incentives. They also may include creating a workplace environment that promotes health, wellness, and performance.

All survey participants receive a complimentary copy of the published report.

Take the survey here.

For more information, visit: www.bucksurveys.com/Wellness2014. Contact Buck Surveys with any questions: GlobalWellness@buckconsultants.com .

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Save the Date: PAAOHN

Slow down – the holiday is over and now is the time to concentrate on yourself. It is that time of the year for the Pennsylvania Occupational Health Nurses Association (PAAOHN) Annual Conference. Come join us, pamper yourself at the local spa, shop till you drop, and get your mind refreshed with the great topics we have to offer.

PAAOHN is excited to announce the 52nd annual Pennsylvania Conference – **March 26-28, 2014 at the Lancaster Marriott in Lancaster, PA**.

As an attendee you will have the opportunity to:

Earn **13** PA State and AAOHN-approved **Continuing Education Credits**

Network with fellow Occupational Health providers with specialties in such areas as industry, healthcare, research, etc.

Interact with a variety of **vendors** – all whose specialty is occupational health

Meet and interact with the **PA Board of Directors** – get your opinion heard

Do some great **shopping** at the outlets

Eat some terrific food at the neighboring restaurants

Help **support** the Central Chapter cause – Wounded Warriors

Rejuvenate your spirit and desire to practice occupational health

Explore Pennsylvania Dutch Country and the Amish Heritage

Don't hesitate; space is limited. Review the agenda, complete the registration form, and be ready to have a terrific time. Further information, such as registration, is listed on the website at http://www.paaohn.org/. Contact Yolanda Lang at (412) 337-6750 or langyc@upmc.edu with any questions.

Yolanda C. Lang, PhD, MSN, CRNP, COHN, FAAOHN
President, PAAOHN

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AAOHN Welcomes New Members

AAOHN welcomes new members who joined in December 2013. Below are their names and credentials, listed with location and chapter (information not listed has not been provided by the member).

Connie Alman

Cindy Brengarth, Columbia, MO, St. Louis, Missouri, Missouri State, North Central

Alesha Cantu, LVN, COHC, Lakeside City, TX, Texas State, Texas State, South Central/Southwest

Paula Carrera, BSN, Orlando, FL, Central Florida, Florida State, Southeast

Heather L. Carver, BSN, RN, Lima, OH, West Ohio, Ohio State, South Central/Southwest

Christi Cate, RN, Hughes Springs, TX, North Texas, Texas State, South Central/Southwest

Grant Ciccone, RN, Singapore

Cathy Cline, South Central/Southwest

Adolphus L. Crosby, RN, Winston-Salem, NC, North Carolina Triad, North Carolina, Southeast

Catherine Curley, BSN, RN, Norwood, MA, Greater Boston Massachusetts, Massachusetts State, Northeast

Belinda Day, RN, Hartselle, AL, Central Alabama, Southeast

Donna Dunsford, BSN, RN, Phoenix, AZ, Arizona Valle del Sol, Mountain/Western

Odette Ellis, BSN, RN, PMHN, St. Catherine, Jamaica

Micci French, RN, Lathrop, CA, California El Camino Real, California State, Mountain/Western

Jennifer Hansen, Minnesota State, North Central

Toni M. Kristoff, Indiana State, North Central

Theresa LaFace, BSN, RN, Troy, MO, St. Louis Missouri, Missouri State, North Central

Michelle Matheus, BSN, RN, Battle Mountain, NV, Mountain/Western

Almie Mendoza, RN, Petaluma, CA, California El Camino Real, California State, Mountain/Western

Brandi Mezzapeso, RN, Virginia Beach, VA, Hampton Roads Virginia, Virginia, Southeast

Anne Mills, North of Boston Massachusetts, New Hampshire State, Northeast

Elaine Moore, RN, Ballwin, MO, St. Louis Missouri, Missouri State, North Central

Angela Natole, BSN, RN, Bellevue, OH, Northwestern Ohio, Ohio State, South Central/Southwest

Christina Nitti, Western Wisconsin, Minnesota State, North Central

Blessing Obi, BSN, RN, Frisco, TX, Central Alabama, Southeast

Mary Quiason, Greater Kansas City Missouri, Missouri State, North Central

Sam Schuler, MS, RN, Columbus, GA, Columbus Georgia, Georgia State, Southeast

Sandy Schulterman, Arkansas State, South Central/Southwest

Teri Scott, ARNP-BC, Lenexa, KS, Greater Kansas City Missouri, Missouri State, North Central

Rossana Segovia, California El Camino Real, California State, Mountain/Western

Daphne Spalding, BSN, RN, Georgetown, KY, Southwestern Ohio, South Central/Southwest

April Thomas, OHN, Brownstown, MI, Detroit Michigan, Michigan State, North Central

Carol Valadez, LPN, Lake Wales, FL, Heart of Florida, Florida State, Southeast

Cindy Viers, Ohio State, South Central/Southwest

Lynnette Walker, North Texas, Texas State, South Central/Southwest

Jennifer L. Watson, LPN, Ayer, MA, Central Massachusetts, Massachusetts State, Northeast

Jennifer Williams, RN, Seminole, FL, Florida West Coast, Florida State, Southeast

Lisa Ziemke, RN, Elizabeth, PA, Southwestern Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania State, Northeast

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