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From the President's Desk

Dear Members,

The health and well-being of workers across the globe is of great concern to AAOHN. In past years, AAOHN has focused primarily on issues in the United States, but has begun exploring occupational health issues globally. Given the magnitude and importance of worker health and safety, our efforts have grown. In 2011, the first AAOHN Global Summit was held in an effort to provide an avenue for the exchange of knowledge and information, for the promotion of worker health and safety, and to encourage excellence globally in occupational health nursing. AAOHN has also participated in and supported the work of the International Commission on Occupational Health (ICOH) and the Scientific Committee on Occupational Health Nursing (SCOHN).

A recent study indicated that approximately 12% of AAOHN members engage in international occupational health and frequently practice in countries without a credible health care infrastructure or with very different regulations and laws to protect worker health and safety. Last year, AAOHN received an invitation to participate in an American delegation to India to share knowledge about occupational health nursing. In February 2014, I had the privilege to represent AAOHN at two conferences in India. My messages focused on the value of occupational health nursing and how our work contributes to better working conditions and protecting workers from illness, injury, disability, and even death in the work environment. I also illustrated the benefit of working with other occupational health and safety professionals in a multidisciplinary team to share outcomes of research for the establishment of scientific evidence-based practices.

Along with delivering this message, I had the opportunity to meet with several key leaders from the Indian Association of Occupational Health Nurses. On February 2, 2014, this group of occupational health nurses was officially formed, adopting the mission statement, "We Care for Indian Workers." The president of the association, Mr. Mukeshkumar Rathod, and the secretary, Mr. Jitendra Patel, traveled five hours one way to meet with me to identify and discuss ways in which the two organizations could work together to promote the health and safety of all workers and how we could best learn from each other. It was such an honor to understand how their professional organization viewed AAOHN as a world leader. AAOHN has issued a formal invitation to members of this group to attend our 2014 Global Summit.

The challenge for promoting and protecting worker health and safety seems insurmountable at times. When occupational health and safety systems are seen as obstacles to economic development, it will take collaboration with similar colleagues of governmental and non-governmental organizations to impact public policy through education and communication. However, if we all work together with this common goal in mind, the future holds unlimited possibilities. To achieve success, it will take partnerships and alliances between AAOHN and our international colleagues. Attending our Global Summit—and working with our newly recognized India Association and others around the world who share our passion, knowledge, and commitment—are part of the roadmap to success. Going forward, AAOHN will need the commitment and support of its membership in order to obtain and drive this accomplishment.

It is exciting to observe how others view AAOHN and our achievements. I was proud to be able to deliver our message to others throughout the world. I plan to deliver additional information from the trip at both our Global Summit and to our membership attending conference. Thank you for the opportunity.

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AAOHN 2014 National Conference

Dallas, Texas, May 5-8, 2014

Occupational Health Nursing Across Borders: Practice, Protection, and Productivity

Registration is now open for the AAOHN 2014 National Conference! Join us in Dallas May 5-8 to hear from these keynote speakers and many other leaders in occupational health:

Dan Buettner, author of *The Blue Zones*

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Dee Edington, PhD, Founder and Chairman of Edington Associates, LLC; Founder and Professor of the University of Michigan Health Management Research Center

Learn more about our speakers and review the complete AAOHN 2014 National Conference Brochure.

Registration
Register online or complete the registration pages in the conference brochure and mail/fax to the AAOHN National Office.

Hotel Information
Sheraton Dallas Hotel
400 N. Olive Street
Dallas, TX 75201
Reservations: (214) 922-8000
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$179 single\double until March 31, 2014 or until the room block is filled. Once this date has passed or the room block is filled, the special AAOHN rates cannot be guaranteed. Rates do not include applicable state and local taxes, currently 15%.

American Occupational Health Nurses

AAOHN Government Block
Government rooms are available at the prevailing per diem rate for eligible government employees. You will have to show proof that you are a government employee to qualify for the government rate. Qualifying participants should contact Leslie Long for reservation information.

The American Association of Occupational Health Nurses, Inc. is an Approved Provider of continuing nursing education by the American Association of Occupational Health Nurses, Inc., an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

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AAOHN Foundation Silent Auction

It is not too late to send your donated items for the auction to national headquarters before the conference so you don't have to carry them with you while traveling. 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.

Items are coming in and we are excited to see what will be up for auction in Dallas. We would like to acknowledge Denise Murphy for a special treasure that she has generously donated to the silent auction, an item you will want to have in your library for sure. It is a signed copy of the first printing of *Occupational Health Nursing: Principles and Practices* by the late Mary Louise Brown.

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.

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Foundation Corner

Her name was MaryEllen. She was a quiet member, yet so dedicated to our organization. She worked diligently to help us succeed in any educational event we had. She volunteered at the registration table and was our contact for any event. It was MaryEllen who knew who was coming and going. She was the person you would have a conversation with, and she really knew how to listen. She had that gift of making you feel like you were the only one in the room. You felt welcomed and appreciated and special. She was going to be the New Jersey Association of Occupational Health Nurses' (NJSAOHN) new President-Elect! She was a leader you wanted to follow and support. She was taken way too soon. We miss her so.

I know in my heart that we all have memories of those very special Occupational Health Nurses (OHN) that have mentored us and have been a part of our occupational health careers. I want to honor MaryEllen's memory in a special way, and I donated to the AAOHN Foundation in her memory. I want so very much to keep her legacy going and share within our own organization how special MaryEllen was. I did donate to the nonprofit that her family requested as well, but I think donating to the Foundation in MaryEllen's memory is a GREAT way to honor a GREAT OHN!

If you have a special OHN that was taken too soon or who, perhaps, is fighting some battle right now, you could donate to the AAOHN Foundation in her honor or memory. Fellow state chapters and local associations could do so as well. This is a great way to share their legacy with others – with us!

If you can donate now, visit this page.

If you email shelah.fletcher@internationalamc.com the honor or memory information, the National Office will send a letter to the family, if you wish, that a donation has been made in that person's honor.

Donations are tax-deductible.

To MaryEllen, Chris, and "Nurse" Julie, I miss you and I thank you for being part of my OHN life! Thank you ALL for being part of my AAOHN life as well.

Be well,

Sandra Cinque, BA, RN, COHN-S/CM, FAAOHN
AAOHN Foundation Member, NEAOHN Vice President, NJSAOHN Vice President, and PROUD AAOHN Member

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AAOHN Cares: Virtual Food Drive for North Texas Food Bank

Benefitting the North Texas Food Bank, our 2014 virtual food drive is an online grocery experience that you can access from your desk. Simply visit the AAOHN website. Under the Conference section, select the menu links for 2014 National Conference and Food Drive.

Every $1 collected provides three meals to hungry North Texans. Thank you for giving!

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Occupational Health Nursing Week 2014

Join AAOHN as we celebrate:
Occupational Health Nurses: Leading the Way for Health and Safety

OHN Week 2014 is April 19-25. Coinciding with the anniversary of AAOHN's founding more than 70 years ago, this annual observance is a special time to recognize the contributions of occupational and environmental health nurses everywhere.

Learn more at aaohn.org and start planning your celebration today.

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Studying the Impact of Marijuana Use on Workplace Health & Safety

The American Association of Occupational Health Nurses (AAOHN) and the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM) have announced they will collaborate to study workplace health and safety issues associated with worker impairment from the use of marijuana and other drugs.

Citing changing societal attitudes toward marijuana, including its increasing use for medicinal purposes and new state-decriminalization laws, ACOEM and AAOHN leaders believe the occupational health profession can play an important role in helping the U.S. workplace prepare for the potential impacts of these trends.

Read the full press release here.

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AAOHN Webinars

April 16: Job Accommodation from Pre-placement to Return-to-Work to Special Needs
with Elisabeth Simpson, JAN faculty

FREE – May 28: The Americans With Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADAAA): Understanding the Law and the Role of the Occupational and Environmental Health Nurse
with Pat Strasser - Sponsored by University of Michigan Center for Occupational Health & Safety Engineering

June 24: This Job Has Made Me Sick: Investigating Health Events at the Workplace
with Nicole Shaffer - Sponsored by Axion Healthcare

July 17: Case Studies of Exposure Assessments in Healthcare, Manufacturing, and Research
with Nicole Shaffer - Sponsored by Axion Healthcare

August 7, 19 and September 4: Nicotine Dependence Series
with The Mayo Clinic Nicotine Dependence Center faculty - Sponsored by Legacy for Health

FREE - August 21: CDC Seasonal Influenza & Closed PODs
with Dr. Carolyn Bridges & David Dickerson, CDC faculty

September 11: The Five Most Commonly Sustained Worker Hand Injuries
with Dr. David Rehak

FREE - September 24: Clinical Case Studies in Respiratory Protection
with Debra Novak, Lisa Pompeii & Marjorie McCullagh - Sponsored by the University of Michigan Center for Occupational Health & Safety Engineering

October 15: Power Metrics: Using Data to Show Value
with Sharon Kemerer - Sponsored by Axion Healthcare

November 6: Critical Thinking for the Occupational Health Nurse
with Yolanda Lang

All live webinars award 1.0 CNE. Most are offered live at 12pm ET and are available on-demand, so you can participate anytime, anywhere.

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Other Learning Opportunities from AAOHN

"Updates in Occupational Health Nursing: Strategies for Addressing Workplace Health Issues"
On-site Course in Ann Arbor, Michigan
with *Sherry M. Bumpus, PhD, FNP-BC*, Eastern Michigan University School of Nursing; *Anne C. Thomas, PhD, ANP-BC, GNP*, University of Indianapolis School of Nursing; and *Sheryl Ulin, PhD, CPE*, University of Michigan Center for Occupational Health & Safety Engineering
Date: June 9-10, 2014
Learn more and register.

"AAOHN UAB DOT Medical Examiner Online Training"
with *Karen Heaton, PhD, CEN, FNP-BC*
Learn more and register for this online training.

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PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE
Recognizing Early Dementia in the Workplace: A Case Study
A case study of diagnosis of early dementia is presented and recommendations for educating health care professionals to recognize and treat this condition among workers are offered.
Ann R. Lurati, MPH, MS, ANP-BC, GNP-BC, COHN-S
Respiratory Protection Competencies for the Occupational Health Nurse
The Working Group used the survey findings as a foundation for the development of respiratory protection competencies for occupational health nurses and a guide for the development of educational modules.
Candace Burns, PhD, ARNP; Ann M. Lachat, RN, BSN, COHN-S/CM, FAAOHN; Kimberly Gordon, MSN, MA, BAN, RN, COHN-S, FAAOHN; Mary Gene Ryan, MSN, MA, BSN, RN, COHN-S, FAAOHN; MaryAnn Gruden, RN, CRNP, MSN, COHN-S/CM NP-C; D. Paxon Barker, PhD, MS, RN; Deborah Taormina, MS, RN, NP-BC, COHN-S
Finnish Occupational Health Nurses' View of Work-Related Stress: A Cross-sectional Study
The authors examined how occupational health nurses in Finland manage work-related stress and recommend development of standardized stress assessment instruments and stress management.
Maritta Kinnunen-Amoroso, MD; Juha Liira, MD, PhD
An Integrative Review of Screening for Obstructive Sleep Apnea in Commercial Vehicle Drivers
This integrative review evaluates screening methods to identify risk of obstructive sleep apnea in commercial vehicle drivers and offers recommendations to increase the accuracy of commercial vehicle driver medical examiners.
Nadine Burns, DNP, RN, CNM, FNP-BC
Review of Worksite Weight Management Programs
This article explores worksite weight management programs by reviewing the literature and providing recommendations to address obesity.
Tanya F. Ausburn, DNP, ANP-BC; Sheryl LaCoursiere, PhD, FNP-BC, PMHNP-BC, APRN; Scott E. Crouter, PhD, FACSM; Tucker McKay, FNP-BC
HEALTH UPDATES
Reducing Workplace Exposure to 1-Bromopropane
Stephanie Chalupka, EdD, RN, PHCNS-BC, FAAOHN

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Chapter and Regional Conferences

To see a listing of upcoming AAOHN chapter and regional conferences, visit this page.

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AAOHN New Members

AAOHN welcomes new and renewing members who joined in February 2014. Below are their names and credentials, listed with location and chapter (information not listed has not been provided by the member).

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Lauren Rodriguez-Thompson
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