Member Highlights and Congratulations

Congratulations are in order!

- **Meghan Burgess** of Middlesex Hospital became an Advanced Oncology Nurse Practitioner!

- **Dorothy Carvalho** of Middlesex Hospital received her certification from the Board for Urologic Nurses and Associates (CURN). She is now a dual-certified OCN & CURN!

- **Pamela Christman** of Smilow Cancer Center in North Haven became Certified Hospice and Palliative Care!

- **Audrey Liu** of Middlesex Hospital became an Oncology Certified Nurse!

- **Camille Servodidio** of Middlesex Hospital became a Certified Breast Care Nurse!

- **Camille Servodidio** was a Hartford Business Journal Health Care Heroes Finalist in December 2014!

- **Gean Brown, MSN, RN, OCN**, a CCONS member and the Program Chair, was published in the Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing along with the president of the Oncology Nursing Society, Margaret Barton-Burke, PhD, RN, FAAN, board members Vicki Norton, MHA, RN, OCN and Marlon Garzo Saria, MSN, RN, AOCNS. Also co-authors, AnnMarie Lee Walton, MPH, RN, OCN, CHES, and Alec Stone, MA, MPA who is the Health Policy Director at the Oncology Nursing Society in Washington, DC. The group met at the Nurse in Washington Internship (NIWI). Gean was the recipient of the ONS scholarship to attend NIWI. The journal article is titled: Voices of Oncology Nursing Society Members Matter in Advocacy and Decisions Related to U.S. Health Policy, and is in the December 2014 issue.
The event was held at Middlesex Hospital Cancer Center on March 31, 2015. We would like to say thank you to our sponsor Gerry from CVS Caremark. There were a total of 28 nurses who attended this event. Thank you to all of our presenters for volunteering their time and expertise!

Our Presenters:
- **Pat O’Brien**, Practical Clinical Interventions for Diet, Physical Activity, and Weight Control in Cancer Survivors
- **Wendy Thibodeau**, How the Immune System is Unleashed to Fight Cancer
- **Jane Brown**, Breast Cancer and Pregnancy: Overlapping of Two Disciplines
- **Maureen Leach**, Pain Management in Patients Receiving Palliative Care
- **Jackie Dean**, New Guidelines Address Common Symptoms in Cancer Survivors
- **Rebecca Sipples**, Medical Marijuana for Cancer
Every Vote Counts!

Don’t forget to vote for the open office positions this year. The voting will take place in May 2015. Look for your ballots that will be coming to your email. There are two open positions which are President Elect and Secretary. The nominees are Lisa Bazinet for President Elect and Amanda Recchini for Secretary. Your vote matters!

High School Scholarship

Any member’s child, from all counties, who has been accepted into a nursing program can apply for the Annual High School Scholarship. The candidate must be a high school senior. The Scholarship winner will be chosen in May. Hurry up and get those applications in!

Newsletter News

If you have anything you would like to put in the newsletter please contact Lynn Allchin or Amanda Recchini:

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2015 Symposium

This year’s all chapter symposium will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott in Cromwell on November 14, 2015. Mark it in your calendars and spread the word!

Save the Date

A June 14th gathering at the Arrigoni Winery for some networking fun is in the works! You don’t want to miss out! The Arrigoni Winery is located at 1287 Portland-Cobalt Road in Portland. For those avid winos this winery is part of the CT Farm Wineries Passport Program. At this winery you can bring our own snacks, and a covered pavilion with outdoor space heaters is available if it is a chilly or rainy day.

So no excuses - come out to have some fun!

CCONS Congress Winner

Congratulations to this year’s CCONS Congress winner, Audrey Liu from Middlesex Hospital. She will be attending the conference on April 23-26, 2015 in Orlando, FL. We can’t wait to hear about it!
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