

Murphy Receives 2001 Heart of Hospice Awards



Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) member Mary Murphy, RN, MS, OCN®, CHPN, was awarded the 2001 National Heart of Hospice Award in management at the National Hospice and Palliative Care Conference in Arlington, VA, last December. The Heart of Hospice Award, which is given to one individual each year in the field of management, demonstrates professionalism and recognizes individuals who have made significant and repeated achievements in hospice and palliative care at the regional and local levels.

Murphy also was awarded the Heart of Hospice Award in Clinical Care at the Ohio Hospice and Palliative Care Conference in Columbus, OH, last November. One award is given annually to an individual who demonstrates major contributions in clinical excellence in his or her field of hospice and palliative care.

Murphy is employed with Hospice of Dayton as a homecare team manager and director of special projects. She is a published author and lecturer and serves as a book reviewer and Review Board member for the *Oncology Nursing Forum*. Murphy has served as treasurer of ONS's West Central Ohio Chapter for seven years and currently is serving as president-elect.

ONS Leaders Meet U.K. Cancer Expert Dame Gill Oliver

Several members of the ONS Board of Directors and Steering Council attended a reception to meet Dame Gill Oliver, DBE, FRCN, at the residence of British Ambassador Sir Christopher Meyer and his wife, Lady Catherine Meyer, in Washington, DC, on April 16. Dame Oliver is director of service development at Macmillan Cancer Relief, a U.K. charity supporting people with cancer and their families with specialist information, treatment, and care.

Dame Oliver joined Macmillan Cancer Relief in April 2000. She assumed her current role at the Clatterbridge Centre for Oncology in 1992, when the hospital became a National Health Service trust. She was a member of the Expert Advisory Group on Cancer and other policy and strategy groups at the national and regional levels.



Pictured (from left) are ONS Immediate Past-President Paula Trahan Rieger, ONS Director of Research Gail Mallory, Lady Catherine Meyer, Executive Director of the ONS Foundation Linda Worrall, and Dame Gill Oliver. Sophie Grasmeyer (not pictured), president-elect of ONS's Washington, DC, Chapter, also attended the reception.

New Magazine Demystifies Cancer; Free Subscriptions Available

A new quarterly magazine, *CURE (Cancer Updates, Research, and Education)*, recently has launched that aims to demystify the science and medicine of cancer. *CURE* bridges the knowledge gap between patients with cancer and their caregivers, delivering crucial information in a timely, understandable way. *CURE* is available free of charge to patients and their caregivers through 2002.

Created by Cancer Information Group, LP, a publishing company managed by physicians active in cancer research and treatment, *CURE* began distribution in April. More than 400,000 copies of the first issue have been sent directly to patients with cancer, cancer support groups, treatment centers, and doctors' offices. The magazine provides people with cancer with the latest treatment options and information on drugs that recently have been approved both for use and for clinical trials.

CURE is an 80-page, four-color, consumer-quality publication. Editorial content focuses on recent advances in prognosis, treatment, and prevention for all forms of cancer. Departments focus on milestones in the cancer journey, including newly diagnosed, in treatment, post-treatment, after cancer, and recurrent cancer. The publication also addresses the human impact of cancer, providing insight into how cancer changes the way people live, work, cope, and interact. Topics covered in every issue include new therapies, latest imaging techniques, cancer prevention, caregiver issues, advocacy, and support group information.

For more information or to apply for a subscription, visit www.curetoday.com or call 800-272-4909.

Major End-of-Life Care Outreach to Cancer Center Staff and Nursing Schools Planned

In a major effort to educate nurses about end-of-life and palliative care based on recommendations by the National Cancer Policy Board, Institute of Medicine (IOM), and National Research Council, cancer centers and nursing schools across the nation are receiving the training necessary to meet the challenge of improving quality of life for the dying.

"The need to improve palliative care, including end-of-life care, has been regularly and rightly publicized since the late 1990s and became more focused after the IOM report," said ONS member Betty R. Ferrell, RN, PhD, professor of Nursing Research and Education at City of Hope Cancer Center and a reviewer of the report. "Now is the time to examine how we are responding to the challenge at the cancer center level through our aggressive educational programs."

In collaboration with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, with funding provided by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Ferrell and City of Hope investigators established the End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium in 2000 to provide a comprehensive national effort to improve nursing care at the end of life. Thus far, nearly 1,000 educators, representing one of every three nursing schools in the nation, have been educated in nine core curriculum areas: nursing care at the end of life; pain management; symptom management; ethical/legal issues; cultural considerations; communication; grief, loss, and bereavement; preparation and care for the time of death; and achieving quality care at the end of life. Future courses are being designed to reach even more nursing schools.

In June, the Nursing Research and Education department at City of Hope launched a series of groundbreaking training courses for interdisciplinary teams from the nation's top cancer centers to further educate physicians, nurses, social workers, and others in end-of-life care. Funded by a grant from the National Cancer Institute, Disseminating End-of-Life Education to Cancer Centers (DELEtCC) is designed to prepare clinical leaders with the information and resources necessary to ensure high-quality end-of-life care for patients with cancer. The goal of DELEtCC is to make an impact at 300 cancer centers during four national conferences to be held over the next four years.

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Nurses House Receives Largest Donation Since Its Founding

Nurses House, Inc., a national fund to help nurses in need, has received \$50,000 from Cross Country TravCorps in honor of National Nurses Week, which was held May 6–12.


“This is the largest single donation that Nurses House has received since its founding in 1922,” said Nurses House Executive Director Cathryne A. Welch, EdD, RN. “This is a critical time for our organization, which assists nurses in dire circumstances as a result of injury, illness, disability, or personal tragedy, with our requests at an all-time high.”

Nurses House was founded with a generous bequest from a friend who knew what difficulties could beset those in nursing. Her funds were used to purchase a home on Long Island, NY, to give temporary shelter to nurses in need, and for many years, nurses came to the

house to recover from illness, stress, and impoverishment. In 1960, the Nurses House facility was sold and the funds were invested in an endowment to provide direct charitable assistance to nurses throughout the country. Today, Nurses House offers both personal guidance and information to nurses and, most importantly, temporary financial help to those who are ill or disabled and unable to meet their current living expenses.

In presenting the gift to Nurses House, Cross Country TravCorps President Vickie

Anenberg said that the company wanted to make a difference in the lives of nurses the same way they make a difference in the lives of others. “This donation is being made on behalf of all Cross Country TravCorps nurses who make a difference in the lives of patients across the nation,” she said.

For more information about how to help Nurses House, visit www.nurseshouse.org or write to Nurses House, The Veronica M. Driscoll Center for Nursing, 2113 Western Avenue, Guilderland, NY 12084. 

Publish Your Accomplishments in the *Oncology Nursing Forum*

The *Oncology Nursing Forum* accepts news of member accomplishments for “People and Events.” Submissions should include a recent photo and be less than 250 words. For more information, contact Associate Editor Jane M. Fall-Dickson, RN, PhD, AOCN®, at 301-962-8281 (jdickson@nidcr.nih.gov).

Congratulations to the Following Oncology Nursing Society Publishing Division Excellence Awards Winners!

Constance Engelking, RN, MS, OCN®, is the recipient of the 2001 ONS Excellence of Scholarship and Consistency of Contributions to the Oncology Nursing Literature Award. This award is supported by SuperGen, Inc.

Engelking is the executive director of the Arlin Cancer Institute, Westchester County Health Care Corporation of Westchester Medical Center in Hawthorne, NY.

The ONS Excellence of Scholarship and Consistency of Contributions to the Oncology Nursing Literature Award is given to an individual who has made consistent and excellent contributions to the oncology nursing literature.

Kathleen Meeske, RN, MN, PhD(c), received the 2001 Quality of Life Award. This award is supported by Pharmacia Oncology.

Meeske coauthored the award-winning article, “Posttraumatic Stress, Quality of Life, and Psychological Distress in Young Adult Survivors of Childhood Cancer.” Corecipients of the award are Kathleen Ruccione, RN, MPH, Denise R. Globe, PhD, and Margaret L. Stuber, MD.

Meeske is a nurse researcher in the Health Promotions and Outcomes Program at Childrens Center for Cancer and Blood Diseases at Childrens Hospital of Los Angeles, CA.

The Quality of Life Award is given to recognize and support nursing excellence in the area of quality-of-life issues for patients and families.



Engelking

Deborah A. Goldman, BSN, RN, OCN®, received the 2001 Susan Baird Oncology Excellence in Writing Award in Clinical Practice. This award is supported by SuperGen, Inc.

Goldman wrote the award-winning article, “Thalidomide Use: Past History and Current Implications for Practice.” She is the leukemia/lymphoma nurse coordinator at the Cancer Institute of New Jersey in New Brunswick.

The Susan Baird Oncology Excellence in Writing Award in Clinical Practice recognizes achievement in and contribution to the oncology nursing literature. Its purpose is to promote the literary exchange of expertise and initiative to clinical practice, stimulate the scholarly presentation of oncology nursing research, and increase the visibility of oncology nursing as a specialty.

Deborah L. Volker, RN, PhD, AOCN®, received the 2001 Susan Baird Oncology Excellence in Writing Award in Nursing Research. This award is supported by SuperGen, Inc.

Volker wrote the award-winning article, “Oncology Nurses’ Experiences With Requests for Assisted Dying From Terminally Ill Patients With Cancer.” She is an assistant professor in the School of Nursing at the University of Texas at Austin.

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For more information about any of these awards, call the Oncology Nursing Society Customer Service Team, toll free, at 866-257-4ONS (866-257-4667).