



# ONA Region 2 Spring 2018 Newsletter

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## Presidents Welcome



Happy New Year ONA Region 2 members! A new year often causes us to reflect on the previous year, as well as think about our goals for the year ahead. This past year was a great year when it comes to advocacy. The ONA Region 2 Board of Directors and I want to thank you, the members, for contributing and lending your voices. Thank you all for making Region 2 so active. It will take all of us working together

with one voice to obtain full practice authority plus the other issues that are important to us such as funding and access.

With that said, the New Year brings new opportunity to lend your voice. If you've never experienced Nurses Day at the Capitol, we welcome you to join us this year on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Or, if you're just looking for a new "mindset" to start the New Year, we welcome you to attend our educational program, "Mindset and the Healthy Nurse." Please see the meeting schedule and educational opportunities listed

in this newsletter for further information.

Lastly, I want to thank you all again. Each one of you are essential and are what makes ONA Region 2 so great. Here is to a healthy and happy 2018!

Sincerely,

Brandi Payton,  
MSHCA, BSN, RN

ONA Region 2 President 2017-2018

## **Coming January 2018**

### **Attention Region 2 Authors**

Have you published a scholarly article in the last 3 years? Region 2 has great news for you! Region 2 wants to promote and celebrate our published members that contribute to the scholarship of the nursing profession. Region 2 members who have published an article since January 2015 in a peer reviewed publication can apply for a \$250 stipend. The application will be available soon on the ONA website under the Region 2 tab.

### **Attention Region 2 Students**

Are you a Region 2 member pursuing a higher degree in nursing? Mark your calendar to apply for an educational stipend starting in January 2018.

The purpose of the Region 2 stipend is to support and encourage Region 2 members in pursuing a bachelors' degree or higher in nursing.

Nominations will be open the month of February so act fast and nominate yourself or a colleague now!

Consent to serve form, nomination form and by-laws on line at [Oklahomanurses.org](http://Oklahomanurses.org)

Plan now to nominate a deserving Region 2 member. Awards presented at the Spring Luncheon.

## 2018 Call for Nominations

President-Elect/ONA Representative - 2018-2019

Secretary - 2018-2020

Program Coordinator - 2018-2020

Director at Large - 2 positions - 2018-2020

Delegates (24\*) - 2018

\*Number of delegates based on 2017 membership

Updated job descriptions in the Region 2 Bylaws coming soon .

Nomination form and consent to serve form on line at [oklahomanurses.org](http://oklahomanurses.org) under the Region 2 tab.

## 2018 Region 2 Awards

The following Region 2 Awards are now open for nominations. You will find more details at [www.oklahomanurses.org](http://www.oklahomanurses.org) under the Region 2 tab. If you are new to the process (especially first timers), Dr. Betty Kupperschmidt (AKA Dr. K) will mentor you through the process, from consideration of potential nominees to preparation and submission of documents. Her contact information is [bkupper@cox.net](mailto:bkupper@cox.net).

Excellence in Nursing\*

Nursing Research\*\*

Nursing Impact on Public Policy\*

Nightingale Award of Excellence\*

Excellence in Workplace Environment

Friend of Nursing\*

**Application deadlines midnight March 1, 2018**

\*Includes a \$250 award

\*\*Includes a \$500 award

## 2017-2018 Region 2 Board Members

**President:** Brandi Payton (brandi-payton@cherokee.org)

**President-Elect:** Donna Fesler (donna-fesler@ouhsc.edu)

**Treasurer:** Pam Price-Hoskins (pph46@aol.com)

**Secretary:** Chris Thoman (cbthoman@cox.net)

**Region 2 Representative:** Donna Fesler (donna-fesler@ouhsc.edu)

**Chairperson of the Committee on Nursing Advancement:** Vacant

**Directors-at-Large:**

- Betty Kupperschmidt (bkupper@cox.net)
- Julia Profit-Johnson (japrofit66@gmail.com)
- Donna Calvin (dcal001@yahoo.com)
- Marla Smith (marlasmith@rsu.edu)

**Chair, Nominating Committee:** Helen Farrar (helen-farrar@ouhsc.edu)

**Members:** Carla Lynch, Teri Bycroft, Sarah Bailey, Donna Fesler

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend the **Annual Spring Luncheon** where we celebrate Region 2 members, introduce the newly elected Region 2 board members and welcome new nursing graduates to the profession.

Watch for the reservation form to be sent in March and plan to attend and sponsor a graduating nursing student.

**Save the Date:**

**Annual Spring Luncheon  
April 20, 2018  
Tulsa Community College,  
Center for Creativity  
9th and Boston**

Thanks to all that attended the December Holiday Gathering and donated much needed items to John 3:16 Mission.

For more information on Nurse of the Day go to:

[www.oklahomanurses.org](http://www.oklahomanurses.org)

**Nurses  
Day at the  
Capitol  
February  
27, 2018**

## Nurse of the Day

This program serves as an effective advocacy tool for nurses across the state to talk one on one with Legislators.

The Nurse of the Day also has the opportunity to attend various committee meetings and assist in the First Aid station at the Capitol. Nurse of the Day takes place Monday - Thursday from February through May. To sign up go to [www.oklahomanurses.org](http://www.oklahomanurses.org).

## Nurses Day at the Capitol

Have you always wanted to get involved with the legislative process? Now is your chance. Sign up to attend the Nurses Day at the Capitol. The day starts with an informational session held at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in OKC, followed by an opportunity to go to the Capitol and talk with legislators. Registration is open. Go to [www.oklahomanurses.org](http://www.oklahomanurses.org) to register for the event.

## **Congratulations Region 2 Members!**

2017 annual awards presented at the Region 2 Spring Luncheon:

Excellence in Nursing: Brenda Nance

Nursing Research: Su Phipps

Nursing Impact on Public Policy: Lisa Gerow

Nightingale Award of Excellence: Chris Thoman

Excellence in Workplace Environment: St. Francis Hospital South

Awards presented at the ONA Convention:

Excellence in Nursing: Brenda Nance

Nightingale Award of Excellence: Chris Thoman

Excellence in Workplace Environment: St. Francis Hospital South

Dr. Betty Kupperschmidt's article is being published in the January-March 2018 issue of Journal of Christian Nursing. The article is titled 12-Hour Shifts Literature Reviewed, Wise Use Challenged. The article is posted at [oklahomanurses.org](http://oklahomanurses.org) under the Region 2 tab.

Registered Nurse Community Volunteers (RNCV) is celebrating 50 years of promoting, providing and supporting registered nurses in their endeavor for ongoing education and the opportunity to volunteer for health care community services. In 2017 RNCV awarded \$8,000 in scholarships.

[rncvokla@gmail.com](mailto:rncvokla@gmail.com)

## Calendar of Events Spring 2018

**Date:** February 20, 2018

**Speaker:** Rhonda Lawes, MS, RN, CNE

**Topic:** How to make yourself stronger than your excuses

**Time:** Program at 6:00 p.m. and General Meeting to follow  
Board Meeting Following Program and General Meeting

**Program Location:** Tulsa Community College

Southeast Campus,

Building 8 - Science/Math/Health Sciences/

Biotech Bldg., Room 8167

10300 East 81st St. South

### **Annual Spring Luncheon - Save the Date!**

**Date:** April 20, 2018

**Speakers:** Janet Jackson, DNP, APRN-CNS-BC, CCRN, CPHRM

Brenda Nance, DNP, RN, CNE

Bryan Wesson, DNP, RN

**Topic:** DNP Panel Discussion

**Time:** 11:15-1:30

**Location:** Tulsa Community College

Center for Creativity

9th and Boston

**May or June 2018 -Transition of Officers Meeting TBA**