



Newsletter  
Of the  
Association of  
Pediatric/Hematology Oncology Nurses  
Southern California Chapter



# SCAPHON SCOOP

Hope this finds everyone having a wonderful summer; taking a break for yourself to enjoy some sun (and even some crazy rain!), family, friends and hopefully all those things that bring you rejuvenation. I've found 2015 thus far to be SUCH a busy year for me—personally and professionally—that I was delighted to take some time away this July for a family vacation on the central coast. It was pure JOY to not wear make-up or get “ready” for the day, but instead spend time relaxing and playing on the sand with my dear family. Our work and lives can be so hectic that taking time away is necessary in order for us to give well to the work we do.

I truly believe that SCAPHON is full of nurses who give well: to our patients and their families, to our communities, to our profession, and to one another. I see this exemplified by my colleagues at work as they go above and beyond to provide the best care possible to children with cancer and blood diseases within a well-knit, supportive team. I see this as I've served as SCAPHON president alongside amazing nurse leaders who make sacrifices to serve our local chapter and make it the best in the nation. And I see it as we all come together, as one collective body with the same common goals....to equip ourselves with more knowledge, wisdom, and discernment so that we can continually grow as professionals who are highly functioning professional nurses in the workplace and balanced outside the walls of our hospital.

This July starts my fifth year as SCAPHON president. What a journey and opportunity it has been for me. I know as I finish this stretch I will have ample opportunity to examine the ways this experience has enriched, challenged and refined me as a leader, nurse and friend. I've “led” the most amazing group of leaders, and I am so thankful for the ways that they have given of themselves to serve well. They make me better in so many ways.

We started our year, have changed our guards, and therefore, I have some specific individuals that need thanking and recognizing. “My” secretary Dennis Gonzales has been such an integral part of my presidency, as he's been the only secretary I've had... and he has dealt with my crazy, late agendas and add-ons with grace. He brought a fun balance, being the only male on our board for years, and we are SO thankful he will stay on as our tech/AV guy, as we all know we need him desperately for that. Lynn Schubert has started her reign as secretary, and I am thankful that she will be maintaining our executive board after diligently serving as scholarship chair for two terms. We are welcoming Kasey Rangan to our executive board as the newly elected scholarship chair—and I am thrilled to have a dear friend on this team, but equally excited for the energy and expertise she will bring to our group. Without question, our regional conference is our biggest show, and I cannot thank Tas Ahmad enough for the way she has planned the two largest (and extremely successful) conferences in SCAPHON history! Her attention to detail and hard work did not go unnoticed. She will be working closely with Alison Bell, our newly elected Conference Planner, in the transition....and we are excited to have Alison in this new role and look forward to her continuing the tradition of excellence. And last but certainly not least, I am over-the-moon to welcome Sharon Bergeron as our president-elect. I am truly looking forward to our collaboration and goal setting over this next year, and the knowledge that I will be “leaving” this organization in the most capable hands. Sharon has been one of the truest supporters and sounding boards over these years, and I cannot wait to see the way she leads us in the future.

We will be back in Newport Beach again in 2016 for our regional conference. We truly feel like a third year there is the best decision for our membership and organization....and we are really hoping for perfect weather this time (third time is a charm, right?!?!). We are, however, changing the time for the event this year, and will be in Newport the first week of June; so please save June 2-3, 2016!

I am very much looking forward to a wonderful “last” year. I want to end well, and share the wonderful experience of being involved in your local chapter with you. We need your input, experience and talent to continually build and grow this organization. We should all feel ownership and pride for what we have here in Southern California; as it is truly unique. Our year starts at the Claim Jumper in Fountain Valley on September 8. I know the talk by Christine Magnus will speak to us as caregivers in a distinct way; and a perfect way to bring something special for September as we celebrate childhood cancer awareness month and pediatric hematology/oncology nurses day. Hope to see many of you there!

Until then, be well.

Scarlett Czarnecki

## Opportunities for Professional Growth

### **APHON Pediatric Chemotherapy/Biotherapy Provider Course**

13.75 Contact Hours  
Pediatric Chemo/Biotherapy Provider Card

**Children's Hospital Los Angeles**  
**October 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
\$150 CHLA employees  
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To register, contact Maria Velasco at (323)361-1677 or @  
[mvelasco@chla.usc.edu](mailto:mvelasco@chla.usc.edu)

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Our website address is:



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

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- ❖ Quarterly Meetings
- ❖ Conferences
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**APHON's 39th Annual Conference & Exhibit**

**September 17-19, 2015**  
**Rhode Island Convention Center**  
**Providence, RI**

<http://www.aphon.org/meetings/conference/>

### **CPHON®**

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**Friday November 20th, 2015**

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**To register or for questions, please email Diane Altounji at**  
[daltounji@chla.usc.edu](mailto:daltounji@chla.usc.edu)



### **Supported by SCAPHON**

For 2015, testing begins February 2<sup>nd</sup>. There are no  
longer any registration deadlines. Fees are \$286 for  
APHON members, \$406 for non-members.

**4th Annual West Coast Sickle Cell Nurses  
Conference presents**

### **“Putting Evidence Into Practice”**

**Monday, September 28, 2015**

**8:30am – 4:45pm**

**The Saban Research Auditorium  
Children's Hospital Los Angeles  
4661 Sunset Blvd., LA 90027**

**RNs \$65, Students \$55, includes lunch**

**Register: [CHLA.org/SickleCellConf2015](http://CHLA.org/SickleCellConf2015)**

**Questions: Trish Peterson or Debbie Harris  
@ 323-361-2352**

### **The SCAPHON SCOOP**

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## From the SCAPHON Scholarship Chair.....



It's not too early to start thinking about 2016 Survivor Scholarships! Thanks to the generous donations and member support of the 2015 SCAPHON Conference raffle, we raised over \$5000 to help support six \$1,000 Survivor Scholarships. Please remember to encourage your patients and families to apply. Scholarship applications are available year-round on [www.scaphon.org](http://www.scaphon.org); please feel free to print these and hand them to your patients and families throughout the year. The 2016 deadline for applications is April 1<sup>st</sup>. The winners will be announced at the 2016 SCAPHON Conference. And don't forget to nominate that exceptional coworker for the Kathy Ruccione Award! It is with great pleasure that I turn the Scholarship Chair responsibilities to the newly elected Kasey Rangan.

The following recipients were recognized at the May 2015 Conference:

**John Barrios**

Denisse Heard Childhood Cancer Survivor Scholarship

**Pedro Gallardo**

Gloria Velasquez Memorial Childhood Cancer Survivor Scholarship

**Melinda Marchiano**

Amy Nishimura Memorial Education Scholarship

**Abigail Dionisio**

Eric-Stig Engblom Memorial Childhood Cancer Survivor Scholarship

**Matthew Vega**

Fight To Victory Scholarship

**Kayla Saikaly**

Hematology Survivor Scholarship

**Scarlett Czarnecki**

Kathy Ruccione Award for Excellence

**Swati Saiben, Mary English, & Edna Klinger** received Nancy Jopes Educational Scholarships to attend the May conference.

We were very honored to have two of our Survivors present at the SCAPHON conference to accept their award. John Barrios and Pedro Gallardo both attended with their families and joined us for lunch afterward.

Thank you for the last 4 years serving as your Scholarship Chairperson, it was an incredible honor!

Kind Regards, Lynn Schubert  
SCAPHON Scholarship Chair

**From the SCAPHON Community Service Chair...**

Well folks, we did it again!! Our book collection was a resounding success and the books we collected created libraries and were given out at book fairs. SCAPHON would like to extend a big Thank You to all who donated new and used books to this year's community service collection.



Here is a recap of the last year of Community Service: LLS Light the Night Walk in October in Hollywood, our canned food drive for the OC Food Bank at our December '14 Quarterly and our book collection that was donated to Big Sunday. The community service committee is currently planning service related projects for the coming year, so keep an eye on the SCAPHON web page and future SCOOP publications for updated information.

Thanks for all that you do!

Donna, Jen and Courtney  
SCAPHON Community Service Committee

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*Cordially invites you to attend our  
Quarterly Dinner Meeting and Educational Forum*

**“Both Sides of the Bedside: Nurse/Patient Experiences Offering  
Nuggets of Help for Patients and Families on the Cancer Journey”**

*By: Christine Magnus Moore, RN, BSN*

*Author of: **Both Sides of the Bedside:***

***From Oncology Nurse to Patient, an RN’s Journey with Cancer***

**September 8th, 2015  
6:30 p.m.**

**Claim Jumper Restaurant  
Fountain Valley**

18050 Brookhurst St.  
Fountain Valley  
(714) 963-6711

**From the 405 Freeway:**

Exit Brookhurst and proceed south.  
Located just south of the 405 Freeway  
at the corner of Brookhurst and Talbert

**Parking is free and readily available**

Approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing  
Provider Number 10530, for 1.0 Contact Hour

*At the conclusion of this presentation,  
The learner will:*

1. Be provided anecdotes from the cancer patient experience to help better understand the cancer journey and patients.
2. Develop a deep understanding of patients’ perspectives to help better equip the nurse to care for patients.

**For more information, contact:**

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sesarey@rchsd.org**

**SCAPHON Quarterly Meeting Registration Form  
Registration Deadline: September 1, 2015**

Yes! I will be attending the SCAPHON Quarterly Dinner Meeting and Educational Forum  
At 6:30 pm on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at the Claim Jumper in Fountain Valley

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Menu selection:  Vegetarian  Meat  Gluten Free

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ APHON Member:  Yes  No

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Please return this registration form by September 1, 2015

Enclose registration fee of \$25 payable to SCAPHON (\$30 if postmarked after September 1, 2015)

Mail to:

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