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OUR MISSION: To provide emotional support and educational opportunities for persons who have had an intestinal or urinary diversion or who anticipate the surgery. We support The Friends of Ostomates Worldwide (FOW) by donating supplies to underprivileged ostomates in foreign countries.

February 2017

President's Message:

Thanks to everyone who attended our January meeting. Our own Stephanie Yates gave a fascinating talk on how your stoma can change through time. I'm pretty sure we all learned something new.

This month will be our 2nd Annual Vendor Fair! We will have the sales representatives from Coloplast and Hollister as well as several distributors. This is the best way to find out about all the new and exciting products coming out.

Respectfully,
Dan Richards

NEWS AND UPDATES

- The February meeting will be the Vendor Fair! Invite everyone you know!
- Dan Richards has become our new President, leaving the Vice President position open. If you would be interested in taking on either that role or that of Secretary, please let him know at a meeting. We are also looking for help with the newsletter.
- If you know of an event that you think TAOA would benefit from setting up a information table, please let Dan Richards know.

TRIANGLE AREA OSTOMY ASSOCIATION (TAOA)

TAOA is a local chapter affiliated with The United Ostomy Associations of America, Inc. Membership includes ostomates, nurses and friends who support our mission. New members are always welcome. Members receive a subscription to our monthly newsletter, The BY-PASS. Annual dues support TAOA and UOAA. If dues are not affordable, a courtesy membership can be arranged. (This information is kept confidential.)

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Feb	2	Groundhog Day
Feb	7	TAOA Meeting, Rex, 7:15 pm
Feb	14	TBC Meeting Chapel Hill, 7 pm
Feb	14	Valentine's Day
Feb	20	CCFA Meeting Rex, 7:30 pm
Feb	20	President's Day

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Bonnie Sessums	Feb 9
Stephanie Yates	Feb 9
Jeff Burcham	Feb 18

Let us know your Birthday so we can celebrate it with you!

Happy
Valentine's
Day

TAOA MEETING INFO:

MEETING:

The first Tuesday of the month, September – June.
Time: 7:15pm NO meeting in July or August.

LOCATION:

Rex Hospital, 4420 Lake Boone Tr., Raleigh, 27607.
From the parking deck use the Main Entrance.
The meeting is in the main waiting room on the left.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:

If the Wake Co. Schools are closed due to weather conditions, there will be NO meeting that evening.

To verify a cancellation call Rex Hospital at 919-784-3100.

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All officers are available for member support

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TAOA ANNUAL DUES POLICY

THE ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR DUES is issued every June in the BY-PASS Newsletter. Payment is Due between June and August 31. Please use TAOA Member form to update information. Please notify the treasurer if payment must be delayed or if Dues are not affordable (Confidential). If no response by the September meeting, your membership will expire.

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TRIANGLE BLADDER CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Date: Second Tuesday of the Month
Time: 7 pm – 8:30 pm
Place: SECU Family House,
123 Old Mason Farm Road
Chapel Hill, NC 27517
Contact: David Langham
919-948-0589
trianglebcs@gmail.com
www.trianglebcs.com

CROHN'S & COLITIS FOUNDATION OF AMERICA

CCFA SUPPORT GROUP

Date: Third Monday of the Month
Time: 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Place: Rex Healthcare
Contact: Reuben Gradsky
gutcheckrdu@gmail.com



WOC NURSES

Wake Med

Leigh Ammons	919-350-7668
Melanie Johnson	919-350-7668
Debbie Orr	919-350-7668

Wake Med Cary

Joanna Burgess	919-350-5231
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UNC Hospital

Donna Brickman	919-843-9234
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Lisa Jenkins	919-843-9234
Barbara Koruda	919-843-9234
Lara Leininger	919-843-9234
John Maotko	919-843-9234
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Duke Regional

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Felicia Street	919-470-6145

Duke

Ronda Bowles	919-681-4678
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Leanne Richbourg	919-681-6694
Stepahnie Stokes	919-681-1785
Stephanie Yates (outpt)	919-613-2035
Mary Ann Whaley	919-613-5583

Duke Raleigh

Amanda Eltz	919-954-3725
Krys Dixon	919-954-3446

Maria Parham Hospital

Kathy Thomas	252-436-1700
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Durham VA Medical Center

Reba Giles	919-286-0411 X 6177
Sara Harbison	919-285-0411 X 5297

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Duke Raleigh Hospital Ostomy Clinic

Contact Krystyna Dixon, BA, RN, CWOCCN, CFCN for an appointment. MD referral is required.

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MINUTES of the TAOA MEETING January 3, 2017

SOCIAL: Members and friends enjoyed refreshments as they reunited with a new message of “Happy New Year”. Sincere thanks to Fred Toms and Jeff Burcham for furnishing the delicious variety of sweet and savory treats.

MEETING: Pres. Dan Richards opened the meeting by extending Best Wishes for 2017. Dan welcomed 19 members, a spouse and visitor, Ben Pinault, Territory Manager for Payless Medical. This company provides mail order service for Ostomy/ Medical supplies. It will be represented at our Vendor Fair on Feb.7th. Dan stressed his need for a co-editor of our Newsletter and repeated his request to fill positions of V.P and Sec. **YOUR TAOA BOARD NEEDS THESE NEW OFFICERS!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: 1) Christmas Greetings were received from former members, Bruce & Sandra Curtis, who are enjoying their new home in Eugene, Oregon. We remain grateful to Sandra for serving as TAOA Secretary during our time of need. 2) A \$250 gift was received from UOAA’s WOCN Society. It was an honorarium for WOCN, Joanna Burgess for participating on a patient panel at their Conference 3) A Vendor Fair at our Feb. 7th meeting will present helpful representatives from: Hollister, Coloplast, Convatec, Edgepark, Byram Healthcare & Payless Medical.

PROGRAM: Our thanks to Stephanie Yates, CWOCN for an educational program, STOMAS and Their Changes That May Occur Over Time. Photos of real stomas were shown as Stephanie discussed their types, surgical techniques and variables that affect ostomy position, function and stoma changes. She reviewed skin care, hernias and the proper fitting of appliances. In conclusion, a question and answer period provided additional information that was beneficial to everyone.

ADJOURNMENT:

Next Meeting is Feb. 7th, The Vendor Fair. Dani Osewalt will provide refreshments. This meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Rhodes, Sec./Treas.



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UOAA and Joanna Burgess

Our own Joanna Burgess was elected to the Board of Directors of the National Organization! I asked her some questions about this opportunity.

How did this opportunity come about?

After becoming the recipient of the National Great Comebacks award in 2011, my ostomy story had the chance to be heard on a state, national and international level. I began to be recognized not only as someone that lived as a person with and ostomy giving hope to other ostomates but also as an ostomy nurse. In the past 5 years I have been a support to the local ostomy community, national ostomy community and have served on the WOCN society's ostomy committee. The UOAA board thought that I would be a beneficial person to serve on the board due to my personal and professional experiences.

How long will you serve on the Board?

This is officially a two year term with the opportunity to serve longer at the end of this term.

What does the UOAA Board do?

The UOAA serves as a professional resource organization for people with ostomies or continent diversions. The UOAA board oversees and assists in the development of educational materials that are distributed, supports their affiliated support groups across the country, advocates for persons living with an ostomy (follows legislative issues which may affect ostomates such as insurance and access to care) and supports projects that bring awareness to the community as a whole about people living with an ostomy (5K walk for resilience). The UOAA is a working board that also provides a national conference every two years devoted to ongoing education and support for the ostomate.

What are your responsibilities?

My main responsibility will be chairing the UOAA's first advocacy committee. This will be a working committee that will monitor questions that arise across the country concerning insurance issues and the coverage of ostomy supplies and the ostomy patients right for access to care not only after surgery but ongoing as needs arise. I will also travel 2 times a year to attend board meetings (Minneapolis and Chicago). These board meetings occur over a course of three days and are held at the Coloplast (MN) and Hollister locations (Chicago). There will also be 3-4 board meetings a year that occur via facetime.

You have a responsibility to the entire organization but will this benefit TAOA in anyway?

I do believe that my serving on the board of the UOAA will benefit the Triangle Ostomy group. I will have better knowledge of what is happening on a national level that affects ostomates and will be able to report on that. Knowing what is happening across the country may motivate local ostomates to get more involved with ostomy awareness, education and advocacy issues.

Is there anything else you wish to share about your experience so far?

It is an honor to have been elected to the board and I am grateful to members of the Triangle Ostomy Association for their words of support and recommendation as I was vetted to the UOAA board. I look forward to seeing what the New Year brings and working with an organization that has great passion for its community. I am also in awe that every member who sits on the board lives with an ostomy. Their personal experience brings passion and compassion to this amazing volunteer organization.

(The New Member form was removed from this newsletter to make space for this interview. Should you need it please check our previous editions on the website or contact either Dan Richards or Ruth Rhodes.)

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NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, **February 7**, 2017 at 7:15 pm, Rex Hospital
PROGRAM: Vendor Fair!
Hosted by: Local sales representatives

