

# HTAOHN September 2012 Meeting

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*11 September 2012*

The HTAOHN March meeting was held at St. Joseph's Medical Center, George Strake Building - 9th floor Auditorium in Houston, Texas on 11 September 2012.

Today's schedule

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| 4:15-5:15 p.m.   | Complimentary Valet Parking at the Pavilion |
| 5:00 p.m.        | Buffet Dinner                               |
| 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. | Business Meeting                            |
| 6:00- 6:45 p.m.  | Presentation                                |
| 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. | Tours by request                            |
| 8:00 p.m.        | Valet Closes                                |

The meeting was called to order at about 5:30 pm by President Jackie Baker. Thirty-two people were in attendance; six were visitors.

President Baker thanked St. Joseph, Celeste Harris and Brenda Pinon for providing the facility, dinner and speaker. A lovely buffet dinner that included hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixings, watermelon and cantaloupe slices, and blue Bell ice cream was enjoyed by all. In addition she thanked Drs. Carl Lee and Vian Nguyen for tonight's presentations on "Women's Health" and "The new Healthcare Bill". Another speaker Rian Robison, RN provided handouts to attendees but was unable to present on the importance of breast exams due to laryngitis. Brenda Pinon was the Mistress of Ceremony.

All visitors were welcomed. A round table of introductions followed.

## **Committee Reports:**

**President –elect** Dana Werner - See 'Volunteer Work' below.

**Secretary** Sandra Cole was absent.

**Treasurer** Terethia Walker stated that the organization is "in the black". See her report for details.

**Director 1 (Education Programs)** Denise Bach was absent.

**Director 2 (Communications)** Judy Perkins shared that there are several job opportunities in this area posted on the TSAOHN website.

**Director 3 (Meeting Arrangements)** Cathy Henning passed an attendance sheet for those present to sign.

**Director 4 (Awards, Recognitions, Benevolence, Scholarships)** Marsha Vanlandingham acknowledged that numerous awards will be available.

**Election Advisor** Marsha Wood stated that elections are coming soon. Nominations are needed for various chapter positions.

## **Unfinished, Old Continued Business**

**Approval of May meeting minutes** Cathy Henning presented the motion for the May meeting minutes to be accepted and approved; Janet Weaver seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**Volunteer Work** Dana Werner reported 247 volunteer hours noted by HTAOHN members from January 1 through May 8<sup>th</sup>. A spreadsheet was circulated for members to note their volunteer work. This information is gathered at each meeting to verify our chapter's work in serving our communities.

**Sunshine and Shadows** A reminder to notify Judy Perkins of any communications in these areas; i.e. birth of a grandbaby, family graduations or achievements, etc.

**Revised Chapter Bylaws** President Jackie Baker states that the chapter's bylaws were updated and submitted to AAOHN for review. The good news is that the revised bylaws were approved. Thanks to Pam Mason and Katherine Moore for their diligence with this project. Excellent job!!

**TSAOHN Board of Directors** All were encouraged to vote for a local member and Chapter Past President Melinda Harrison who is running for State Treasurer.

**AAOHN** Check out the website for webinars and other interesting information about the organization.

**Chapter Pillars** Jackie Baker reminded the group regarding these chapter pillars: education, membership retention and growth, Awards, and OHN jobs.

## **New Business**

**HTAOHN elections** Positions for this year include: President Elect and Directors of Education, Awards and Meetings. Marsha requested nominations from members; she will communicate to the group regarding deadlines.

**Community Support** President Jackie Baker has formed a team for the American Diabetes Association "Step Out – Walk to Stop Diabetes" event scheduled for November 17<sup>th</sup>. It is called Houston Occupational Health Nurse team. Leslie Mantaring from the ADA shared program information with those attending. It is a family event. Information regarding the event will be sent to all members, encouraging them and their families to participate.

## **Reminders**

- Note volunteer hours on sign in sheet or send directly to Marsha Vanlandingham (Part of chapter work is serving our community.)
- Sunshine and shadows - forward to Judy Perkins
- Next year the national conference will be in Las Vegas at the Cosmopolitan Hotel. The theme is "A Winning Future for OHNs". Abstracts are due June 29<sup>th</sup> to AAOHN.
- Next meeting: October 9<sup>th</sup> at Shell Information Center

**Meeting Adjourned** Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.