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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

December 2008

Tis the Season ~

For family,
 For friends,
 For baking,
 For eating,
 For giving,
 For receiving,
 For remembering that what you do makes a difference
 in the lives of children,
 And for giving each other the gifts of recognition,
 support, and friendship;

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So as we tie up the loose ends of 2008, take the time to give your fellow school nurses the gift of your words of support and encouragement, recognition of a job well done, and the acknowledgement that they make a difference in your lives.

You are an incredible group of women. I am continually amazed at your energy and dedication. You are my role models. You have made a difference in my life, and I thank you for making me a better school nurse.

Blessings,

Judy Marrinan

SWOSNA GENERAL MEETING - JANUARY

Our second meeting of the year is scheduled for Wednesday, January 14th, 2009. The topic is "Child Advocacy". The dinner and presentation will be at Dayton Children's Medical Center. For more information and the registration form, click [here](#).

MEMBERSHIP

Are you a member of SWOSNA? Not sure? Check with Judy Ganguly at 937-429-3508 or email her at judyganguly@hotmail.com

Need a Membership form? Click [here](#)

LEGISLATION

There has been much activity in our Federal and Ohio State governments that affect school nurses and children's health.

Please take the time to read the following information and consider what you may be able to do to influence the outcome.

School Nurse/Student Ratio

[H.B. 6201 Language](#)

[Letter to US Congress by Rep. McCarthy \(H.B 6201\)](#)

[NASN Letter of Support for H.B. 6201](#)

Smoking

[Possible Changes to Ohio Smoking Laws - SB 346](#)

[Smoking: MMWR Press Release](#)

[MMWR Smoking Highlights 2000-2004](#)

[MMWR - Cigarette Smoking Among Adults - United States, 2008](#)

Fighting Chronic Diseases

[Chronic Disease Prevention and Management](#)

Conversations on Education Meetings with Gov. Strickland

[Next Round of "Conversation on Education" Meetings with Focus on Funding Scheduled](#)

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

[Martha Carrick Scholarship](#)

[OASN School of the Year](#)

LEADERSHIP

We are now planning for the 2009-2010 SWOSNA year.

- ~Make a difference***
- ~get involved***
- ~meet new people***
- ~step outside your comfort zone***

Put your hat in the ring for one of the following positions:

President-Elect

Ways and Means Committee

Contact Crystal Thornton at thornton4@aol.com or 513-697-0926

SCHOOL NURSE REPRESENTATION ON THE OBN

**Have you sent your letter to Gov. Strickland recommending Kathy O'Dell's continued membership on the Ohio Board of Nursing?
If not, you can send letters to Gov. Strickland in care of Dr John Stanford, policy advisor to the Governor.
His email is john.stanford@governor.ohio.gov**

Quick Links...

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