

The Exceptional Nurse Newsletter

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Dear Exceptional Nurses and supporters,

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer.

Need Continuing Education?

"Teaching Nursing Students with Disabilities" by Donna Maheady, ARNP, Ed.D.

"Writing Your Way to Health and Healing: An interactive workshop for nurses with disabilities" by Connie Adleman, RN; *"When your student is Deaf"* by Martha McElyea, MSN, Rockhurst/Research College of Nursing

Visit the Continuing Education page for details.

New Book!!

"Leave No Nurse Behind: Nurses Working with disabilities" by Donna Maheady is now available. Eleven nurses who defied disability tell their personal stories of courage and determination to continue to practice. The nurses have a wide range of disabilities including MS, arthritis, HIV, spina bifida, mental illness, vision loss, d/Deaf, back injuries, tremors, dystonia, and limb loss. The book is available at www.Amazon.com, www.iuniverse.com and www.barnesandnoble.com.

Employment opportunity

A Deaf Service Center in Pennsylvania is seeking a nurse to work with deaf and hard of hearing consumers. Psychiatric experience preferred. ASL is a plus. Visit <http://www.deaftek.org> Click on Mental Health.

Career Opportunities

Need a new career path? Consider attending a seminar by Donna Cardillo or listening to her tapes, "Career Alternatives for Nurses". Donna is the nontraditional nursing employment guru and a supporter of nurses with disabilities.

<http://www.dcardillo.com>

Technology for nurses with vision loss

A handheld device will help the blind read. The device, combining a personal digital assistant and a digital camera, was developed by inventor Ray Kurzweil and the membership organization of more than 50,000 blind people. It's been dubbed the Kurzweil-National Federation of the Blind Reader. http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20060626/ap_on_re_us/blind_reader

Dr. Phil

Are you dealing with anger regarding your disability and the response of the health care system? Please consider contacting Dr. Phil about your issues. ExceptionalNurse.com has contacted him and requested a show on this topic. Please show your interest and support of a program on this topic. Email Dr. Phil (suggest a show topic) at <http://www.drphil.com>.

Social Security Benefits

Social Security Disability Benefits Advocates of America

This group will challenge the Social Security Administration and obtain the benefits to which you are entitled. No out-of-pocket expenses. Fees come from any back payment owed to you, if they win your case. <http://www.disability-advocate.com/>

Publications of Note

"Nursing a Disability"

By Nancy Fagan, RN

This article includes a look at employment options for nurses who are disabled and the responsibilities of their employers. *Advance for Nurses*, April 10, 1006, Vol. 6, Issue 9, p.26
http://nursing.advanceweb.com/common/EditorialSearch/AViewer.aspx?AN=NW_06apr10_n6p26.html&AD=04-10-2006

"Nurse Valiantly Fights Rare Neurological Disorder"

By Christina Orlovsky

NurseZone.com's senior staff writer Christina Orlovsky won second place at the Society of Professional Journalists San Diego chapter awards event, held June 22, 2006 for her portrayal of Beka Serdars, a nurse valiantly fighting dystonia, a neurological disorder
<http://nursezone.com/Stories/SpotlightOnNurses.asp?articleID=14095>

Save the date

On Wednesday evening, October 18, 2006, I will be doing an online chat on Nursing Spectrum about nurses with disabilities. Please log on, ask questions and join the discussion.

Mentors

Exceptional Nurse is always looking for mentors. If you are interested in helping others, please email ExceptionalNurse@aol.com. Only email addresses are listed on the web site. In addition, a reminder to our current mentors, if you change email addresses, please remember to let us know.

The Job Accommodation Network Announces a New Employment Guide for Individuals with Disabilities

JAN consultants have developed an employment guide for job seekers as well as job candidates entering the workforce. The new on-line tool, "Finding a Job that is Right for You: A Practical Approach to Looking for a Job as a Person with Disability", can be found at:

<http://www.jan.wvu.edu/job/>. The guide provides four-steps with easy-to-use information, tools, and resources. These include disclosing a disability, requesting an accommodation, and career exploration designed to help people with disabilities find the job which is a good fit for them.

International Organization of Multiple Sclerosis Nurses

Join the IOMSN Forum and connect with nurses who have MS.

www.IOMSN.org

Volunteer/ Donation opportunities

<http://www.redcross.org>, <http://www.missingkids.com>, <http://www.nod.org>
http://www.uniteforsight.org/intl_volunteer, www.invisiblechildren.com, www.savedarfur.org

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