### **Triangle Area Ostomy Association**

OUR MISSION: TAOA strives to provide emotional and educational support for those with an intestinal or urinary diversion or who anticipate the surgery. We support The Friends of Ostomates Worldwide (FOW) by contributing ostomy supplies to be shipped to underprivileged ostomates in foreign countries.



Feb 2024

#### President's Message

I'm going to keep this one short as I'm still recovering from surgery. However, I did pull myself out of bed to attend a UOAA zoom meeting for group leaders. There are some exciting things on the horizon for the UOAA!

They will be announcing more in the next month or so, but an interesting one is a partnership with The Wound Company to provide a virtual ostomy clinic. I will talk more about it at the February meeting, but if you want to check it out yourself, there is more information on the UOAA website, ostomy.org

Regards, Dan Richards President

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#### **NEWS AND UPDATES**

- The program for our February meeting will be provided by Lisa Ellerbe, WOC Nurse at UNC Chapel Hill. She will present "Dollar Store" Tips and Tricks for Managing Your Ostomy.
- The TAOA Board needs member support! We are currently looking for a Secretary/ Membership Coordinator.
- If you know of an event where you think TAOA would benefit from setting up an information table, please let Dan Richards know.
- If you think of a program that would be suitable for a Zoom meeting, please let Dan Richards or Stephanie Yates know.



#### **TAOA DUES POLICY**

Many thanks to all those who have paid dues for 2023-2024! TAOA sincerely appreciates your contributions.

You can still pay dues for this year. Please attach the membership form on page 5 of this Newsletter and mail your \$20 dues to our Treasurer Ruth Rhodes. You may also print a copy from our website at https:// raleighuoa.org/membership-form/ - look for the link at the top of the page.

#### TRIANGLE AREA OSTOMY ASSOCIATION (TAOA)

TAOA is a non profit organization dedicated to advancing ostomy health through advocacy, education, and professional interaction. We are an affiliated support group of the The United Ostomy Associations of America, Inc. Membership is open to ostomates, nurses and friends who support our mission. New members are always welcome. Please refer to the membership form on the last page.



#### **WOC NURSES**

WakeMed Rale	eigh, WakeMedCary,		
	eMed North	<b>Duke Health</b>	
Leigh Ammons	919-350-7668	Jane Fellows	919-681-7743
Varda Barthelemy	919-350-7668	Kelly Cowell	919-681-1648
Melanie Johnson UNC Hospit	919-350-7668	Michelle Rice	919-681-2436
Lisa Jenkins	984-974-0410	Angela Richardson	919-684-9954
Lara Dupree	984-974-0410	Leanne Richbourg	919-681-6694
John Motko	984-974-0410	Katie Smith	919-681-5675
Janet Rankin	984-974-0410		919-681-1785
Jennifer O'Brien	984-974-0410	Stephanie Stokes	
Stephanie O'Donnell	984-974-0410	Mary Ann Whaley	919-613-5583
Ann Sexton	984-974-0410	Sarah Britt	919-681-4678
Morgan Womble	984-974-0410	Lily Lane	919-681-2035
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Colleen Spiller	984-974-0410	Donna Brickman	919-525-6267
Lisa Ellerbe	984-974-0410	Maria Parham Hospital	
		Kathy Thomas	252-436-1700
Duke Regional		<b>Durham VA Medical Center</b>	
Tom Hobbs	919-470-7215	Reba Giles	919-286-0411 X 6177
Felicia Street	919-470-6145	Rex Hospi	
Stephanie Greenberg	919-714-3390	Rachel Beth Breazeale	919-784-2048
Stephanie Greenberg	717 711 3370	Maggie Elliott Bryan Duttman	919-784-2048 919-784-2048
Duke Raleigh Ostomy Clinic		Elsie Murray	919-784-2048
Ronda Bowles		Kristen Cowperthwait	919-784-2048
	919-954-3446	1	
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#### **Group Officers and Contact Info**

President: Dan Richards 919-624-3075 Vice President: Mary Brown 919-782-3957 Treasurer: Ruth Rhodes 919-782-3460

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Visitor Coordinator. Vacant Program Coordinator and

Prof. Advisor: Stephanie Yates

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All Officers are available for member support

The Triangle Area Ostomy Association provides support for ostomy patients, caregivers, survivors and families. If you or someone you know needs assistance or support, please see the list of officers on page 2 to reach out and we will help you find the appropriate contact.

For more information about the Triangle Area Ostomy Association go to <a href="www.raleighuoa.org">www.raleighuoa.org</a> or look for Triangle Area Ostomy Association on Facebook.

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#### 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

## 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: Ritchie Briggs

919-493-0551 trianglebcs@gmail.com www.trianglebcs.com

#### Research Survey

From UOAA (<u>www.ostomy.org</u>): Articles to Share Content For Your Newsletter

Attention individuals with all types of ostomies, I want to hear from you! My name is Teresa K. Novy, I am a practicing certified Wound and Ostomy Nurse in Central Illinois.

I have noted barriers to patients' ostomy education. I currently work in a hospital setting and I have received feedback from patients who wished they had learned more about their ostomy care before, during, and after their ostomy surgery. They report really lacking that basic information that we know they deserve and need to be successful. I want to look at improving this, so I am initiating a survey of ostomates all over the U.S. to get their perceptive.

I am seeking to learn more about the education you received prior to and following your ostomy procedure and what you think is important for individuals who undergo the procedure in the future. If you want to participate in this research study which includes the following anonymous survey, hover over the QR code or click the link to answer the questions. This survey will take between 10 and 15 minutes to complete.





Survey Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3SqUubI">https://bit.ly/3SqUubI</a>

If you have any questions, you can email me at: <a href="mailto:tknovy@ilstu.edu">tknovy@ilstu.edu</a> Respectfully, Dr. Teresa K. Novy DNP, GERO-BC, CNEcl, CWON





#### **MINUTES TAOA MEETING JAN. 2, 2924**

This Zoom meeting began at 7;00 PM. Social conservation was enjoyed by all. President, Dan Richards, opened the meeting at 7:30 PM welcoming 22 attendees.

A large assortment of 'Fresh Market' cookies was delivered to the WOCN staff at Rex Hospital. Our Christmas gift was in appreciation for their service of printing our monthly Newsletter. Their service is greatly appreciated!

Jamal has received two large donations of supplies to be shipped to FOW. Dan has also mailed donated supplies recently.

Theresa Johnson was introduced as our guest speaker. Theresa, her husband & brother founded the company, Stomagienics. They provide useful products that provide control of leakage when applying an ostomy appliance. To receive product information and/or samples, contact theresa.johnson@stomagienics.com We appreciate Theresa's informative session.

Our positive thoughts will be with Dan when he has surgery on Friday January 5, 2024. We wish him a successful recovery.

Join TAOA on Zoom for our February 6th meeting at 7:00 PM. Lisa Ellerby will reveal useful tips & tricks for the ostomate.

This meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth Rhodes, Sec./Treas.



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# Duke Raleigh Hospital Ostomy Clinic

The Duke Raleigh Hospital Ostomy Clinic offers information, help, and support for those living with a stoma.

Schedule an appointment with a certified ostomy nurse: 919-954-3446

Location:

3404 Wake Forest Rd. Suite 303 Raleigh, NC 27609





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PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY	Date:		
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Home Phone: Cell Phone:			
!Email Address:			
Receive Newsletter via: [] Email [] US Mail			
Year of Surgery:			
Type of Ostomy: [] Colostomy [] Ileostomy			
![] Other:[] Support/No Ostomy			
Comments (cont. on reverse side)			
: Active Membership: Member for UOAA/TAOA. Annual Dues \$20.00.			
[ ] Courtesy Membership: Cannot afford dues at this time. (Confidential)			
[ ] Affiliate Membership. WOCN's & Prof. Associates. Dues exempted.			
!IMPORTANT: ALL CHECKS MUST BE PAYABLE TO TAOA.			
! Enclosed: [ ]\$20.00 Dues Pay to TAOA [ ]Cash [ ] Check [ ] Money Order			
! []Donation (optional) \$ For our support of FOW.			
Mail payment with this completed form to: Ruth Rhodes, Sec./Treas./8703 Cypress Club Drive/Raleigh, NC, 27615			

Tricks for Managing Your Ostorny.

HOSTED BY: Lisa Ellerbe, WOC Nurse at UNC Chapel Hill. NEXT MEETING: The February meeting program is "Dollar Store" Tips and

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