

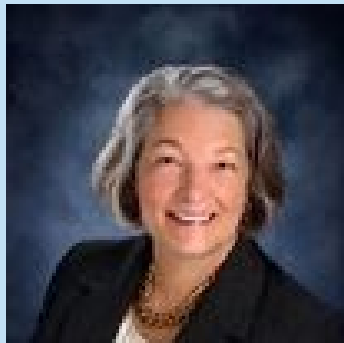


April Newsletter

Presidents welcome

Much of the content of this newsletter is the report of the March annual membership meeting. IHCNO is growing and blossoming. I am grateful to you for being on this journey of home healthcare nursing with me.

In preparing for the May newsletter, we would like to hear more about your celebration of nurses and nursing. Many nurses and employers celebrate Nurses Day in May, in honor of Florence Nightingales birthday. What celebrations occur in your country. Who are the historical nurse leaders in your country? How do nurses and employers honor and celebrate nurses? Send your comments to info@ihcno.org



Susan Hinck
President, International Home Care Nurses Organization (IHCNO)

Membership Update

Transitioning to the new website has been a challenge, but we are making good progress.

If you have not yet logged into your membership account, please click on **“Reset Password”** and follow the instructions to create a new password.

Once you have accessed your member profile, you can update your details. Please remember to:

- Add any recent publications
- Submit your preference for joining **“My Directory”** (opt in or out), which allows you to search for and connect with other IHCNO members, however you **must** 'opt in'

Login to your member account

Click on 'My profile'

Click on 'Edit profile'

Go to the very bottom of the list and click 'yes' to opt in

Then click 'Save Profile'

Thank you for your cooperation and support during this transition.

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IHCNO Member Spotlight Nelly Nzingo-Kaingu

IHCNO welcomes Nelly Nzingo-Kaingu to the Board of Directors.

Nelly is a Registered Nurse with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and experience in both hospital and community-based care. She is the founder and lead nurse of Royal Heights Home Based Care, a home-based care organization in Kenya that connects families with qualified nurses and caregivers while promoting high standards of personalized care. She is an examiner with the Nursing Council of Kenya, contributing to exam setting and moderation. Nelly is actively involved in training nurses and caregivers to strengthen clinical practice and care delivery. She is also a member of the Association of Diploma Educators in Nursing (ADNE) and participates in professional development and research initiatives within Kenya and beyond. Nelly's professional interests include quality of care, workforce development, and patient-centered healthcare delivery. Kenya



IHCNO Annual Membership Meeting March 19, 2026

IHCNO held the annual membership meeting on March 19, 2026. All members are invited to attend the annual meeting. It was an interactive meeting where we heard about what is important to members and shared IHCNO accomplishments with them.

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Event Promotion

Thank you to our sponsors for sponsoring our **5th Global Conference 17-19 June 2026** -'Caring without Walls'.



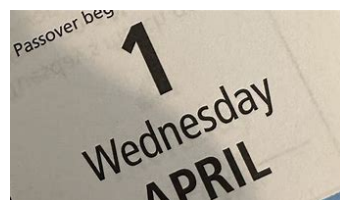
EBSCO SPRINGER NATURE



Don't forget to reserve your place!

This conference will center around global perspectives, care across the lifespan, financial impact, just culture, policy influence, and innovation. Nursing contributions to research, education, leadership, advocacy, clinical practice, and digital initiatives in homes, communities, and primary care settings will be addressed.

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A Few April Festivals Around the World

April 1, April Fool's Day

A day when harmless practical jokes and funny pranks are acceptable for the sake of a good laugh.

Cherry Blossom Festivals-Japan

Hanami, or flower viewing, celebrates the blooming of cherry

blossoms.

April 4-6, Qingming Festival-China

Also known as Tomb-Sweeping Day, it is a time to honor ancestors by cleaning graves and burning incense. Many families also enjoy outdoor activities, kite flying, and picnics.

April 7, World Health Day

The 2026 theme is Together for health. Stand with science.

April 13-15, Songkran Festival-Thailand

Celebrating the Thai New Year, Famous for massive water fights in the streets (symbol of cleansing and renewal), traditional blessings, and family gatherings.

Feria de Abril-Spain

Two weeks after Easter Sunday, a celebration of Andalusian culture with flamenco dancing, horse parades, bullfighting, traditional costumes.

April 18, World Heritage Day

The day is set aside to celebrate the joint history and heritage of the human race. Search out a World Heritage Site near you, research the site, and possibly pay them a visit.

April, Tulip Festival-Netherlands

Celebrates the bloom in of missions of tulips with spectacular gardens, flower shows, and cultural events.

April 22, Earth Day

The theme for Earth Day 2026 is Our Power, Our Planet. Environmental progress is built through everyday action. Look for Earth Day activities in your area on April 22nd and beyond.

April 26, International Chernobyl Remembrance Day

Established in 2016 by the United Nations General Assembly to memorialize an explosion at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant in 1986 that spread a radioactive cloud over 8.4 million people in what is now Belarus, Ukraine, and Russia. It is a recognition that no one area of the world is isolated and an event in one area affects others and requires international cooperation to recover.

Late April, Harare International Festival of the Arts-Zimbabwe

Established in 1999, HIDA is a week-long festival celebrating music, dance, fine art, theatre, and poetry.

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