

# Friends of Nursing Newsletter



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December 2016



**“They love to sing”**  
**Aurora Singers will entertain  
for the FON Holiday Celebration  
and Fundraiser on December 18**

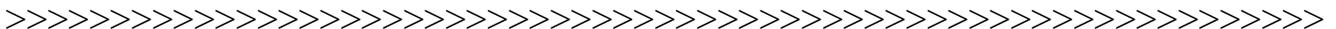


The Friends of Nursing requests the pleasure of your company at the FON Holiday Celebration on Sunday, December 18, 2016. Check-in, social time and silent auction begin at 5:00 pm. Dinner is served at 5:30 pm and entertainment starts at 6:30 pm.

Location is Lakewood Country Club, 6800 West 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Lakewood CO 80214.

An individual ticket may be purchased for \$125 and group tables may be arranged. To order tickets and confirm reservations, RSVP to Cris Finn, cell phone 719-661-6750.

We hope you will join us for a pleasant evening with friends and colleagues while supporting scholarships for Colorado nursing students.

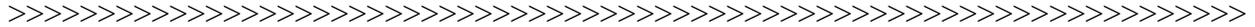


## The Wall Street Journal reports **Nurses are Again in Demand**

This article caught the attention of the FON Board at the last meeting. Will there be another national nursing shortage? Not exactly as in past years, but current trends indicate some change is happening. As the economy improves, more nurses are retiring or cutting back on hours. As a result, nurses are exiting the workforce faster than they are entering. Meanwhile, expanded insurance coverage and the Affordable Care Act has increased the demand for nurses. The proliferation of new jobs outside of hospitals strains the supply of nurses, while an increase in demand for hospital care outpaces the labor market. Already, there are pockets of shortage of supply of nurses, for example in Texas and Montana. Sign-on bonuses, costly temporary nurses and overtime pay are driving up hospital expenses in those areas. It is hoped, that over the next decade, the influx of new graduates will offset these labor strains in the hospital and community. These current trends make it appear that FON’s continued support of nurses in educational programs will be needed more than ever.

See the full article at [www.wsj.com/articles/nurses-are-again-in-demand-1478514622](http://www.wsj.com/articles/nurses-are-again-in-demand-1478514622).





**Message from FON President, Cris Finn**



**Colorado Gives Day now has an advanced scheduling option.**

What does a gift to Friends of Nursing Mean? Nursing scholarships in Colorado for students in baccalaureate and higher degree programs.

**SCHEDULE YOUR COLORADO GIVES DAY DONATION NOW**

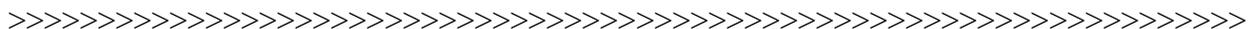
Life gets busy. That is why the advanced scheduling option for a Colorado Gives Day donation is such a great idea. It ensures your donation will be processed on Colorado Gives Day, **DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**, and allows FON a chance to receive a portion of the \$1 Million incentive Fund sponsored by Community First Foundation and First Bank.

IT is EASY!

Go to <https://www.coloradogives.org/FON/overview> and click on the orange “Donate Now” button and enter in the amount you wish to give, then select the “CO Gives Day” button. Complete the remaining fields and click “add to Cart.” Next you can either donate to additional organizations or proceed to check out.

Take your time and schedule your donation at your convenience.

Put a Colorado Gives Day Reminder in your Calendar! Maybe giving early is not your thing? Use the link to set a personal reminder for Colorado Gives Day. With the advance scheduling option, there is no reason to forget to make a difference in the lives of future nurses in Colorado.

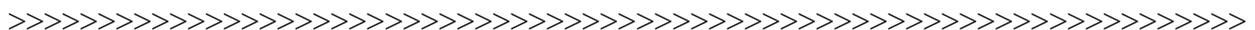


**Good turnout at October fundraiser**

Authors, Angela Ricketts and Helen Thorpe, attracted a large audience at FON’s Oct. 4 special event at Cherry Hills Country Club. Their accounts of lives of military personnel being deployed to US combat zones with major impact on families resonated with the audience. Eighty-nine registrants, including some active and military nurses, attended. Three area nurses formed a response panel, commenting on their individual experiences in the military. Costs of the venue and refreshments were underwritten by an FON member. For those who missed the event, books by the authors may still be purchased through Tattered Cover.



*Angela Ricketts and Helen Thorpe*





## Early FON donors still supporting nurse scholars today

### A Brief History of the Leila B. Kinney Memorial Scholarship Fund

In 1944, the Director of the School of Nursing, Miss Barbara Thompson, at St. Luke’s Hospital, was appalled at the lack of funding available for worthy nursing students who were unable to afford the tuition to finish their nursing degrees. She appealed to Episcopal Bishop Ingley and Mrs. Arthur B. Flack, president of the Auxiliary for a study of the problem. The result is the Leila B. Kinney Scholarship Fund.



*St. Luke’s Hospital, 1891*

Mrs. Kinney was an early president of the Episcopal United Women’s Auxiliary and very interested in the problems of Saint Luke’s Hospital. It seemed fitting that the fund be named for her. Originally donations were for memorials or thankfulness for a loved one’s recovery, the safe return from service, birth of a child, wedding and birthday, or anniversary celebrations. Bequests were made in lieu of flowers, or from estates, coin savings and War bonds. Allegedly the very first donation in 1944 was a \$25 War bond, donated by Mrs. Kinney. The first bequests made to

the scholarship were from the estates of Dr. J. E. Kinney, Mrs. Lucy Hartman, and Edwin and Florence Morrison.

The contributions were received slowly at first and it was then that the Fund came under the active sponsorship of St. Luke’s Auxiliary who augmented the earnings and made the yearly scholarships possible by holding annual fund raising benefits. From the very first, it was decided that the principle should not be touched and that scholarships would be made only from the earnings of the fund. The money was first put into government bonds, and then eventually was large enough to be in a Trust Fund at Colorado National Bank and moved to Hanifen Imhoff at a later date.

St. Luke’s School of Nursing closed in 1972, but the Kinney Trust fund continued to function until December 31, 1989. When the hospital was sold, it lost its non-profit status. The trust’s provisions therefore mandated the funds be moved. At that time, The Leila B. Kinney Scholarship Fund was transferred from St. Luke’s Auxiliary to Friends of Nursing . The Leila B. Kinney Fund was valued at \$60,694 at the time it was transferred to Friends of Nursing. As of October 31, 2016, the Leila B. Kinney Scholarship Fund is valued at \$155,966.

Thanks to other generous bequests, the permanently restricted funds for Friends of Nursing now is valued at \$217,566. Earnings on those funds continue to be available for scholarships, which are granted annually to nursing students in various Colorado nursing schools. *Lola McDonald, FON Financial Manager*

