

Newsletter

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President's Letter

This issue of the newsletter contains several items of information about the 2014-15 year for Friends of Nursing (FON) members and friends. Dates for the annual Holiday Fundraiser Event and the Spring Scholarship Awards Luncheon have been established and I urge you to hold these dates on your calendar. You will be receiving invitations with further information in the days to come. Please remember that both the Holiday Event and the Spring Luncheon are fundraisers and bring in badly needed dollars for our scholarship awards.

A complete listing of elected and appointed Board and Committee members for the year are included. Thanks to all who agreed to serve this year. We are a volunteer organization and without members willing to do the work FON would not be successful. If you are not on the Board but are willing to assist in some of this year's activities, please let me are one of

the Committee Chairpersons know.

The scholarship application process began on August 15 and the application deadline is October 30, 2014. We anticipate a record number of applications this year and funding for scholarships will be limited by the loss of several annual donations received in past years. Please help me spread the word that additional gifts are needed to maintain the number and size of scholarships awarded in the last several years.

Thanks for selecting to me to serve as your President for a second year. I look forward to a great year and appreciate your support.

Juanita Tate, President

**HOLIDAY PARTY
DECEMBER 12, 2014
VALLEY COUNTRY
CLUB
WATCH FOR YOUR
INVITATION**



Greetings from the 2014-2015 Scholarships and Grants Committee

This Committee is composed of the President, President-elect, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice President plus four additional members. Friends of Nursing (FON) Bylaws require that at least three members of the Committee must be registered nurses and at least three must not be nurses.

The Scholarship Committee is responsible for awarding scholarships to deserving nurses studying for their BSN or a higher degree at the following schools/colleges:

Adams State University, Alamosa

Colorado Christian University

Colorado State University- Pueblo

Colorado Mesa University - Grand Junction

Metropolitan State University of Denver

Regis University /Loretto Heights School of Nursing, Denver

University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, Beth-El College of Nursing

University of Colorado Denver, College of Nursing

University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, School of Nursing

The First Vice-President of FON chairs the Liaison Education Committee composed of faculty who act as the liaisons between their school/college and the FON Scholarship Committee. Specifically these nurse educators inform students about our scholarships and grants program, encourage interested students to apply and answer any questions they have in relation to our comprehensive FON online application. They interview each of the applicants from their school.

As the Second Vice President of FON, I have served as the Chair of the Scholarship Committee since the fall of 2013- and will continue to serve in this position until May 31, 2015. It is my responsibility to convene our meetings during which all the completed applications are read and carefully reviewed by Committee members. Final decisions about the scholarship winners are based on the combined input from the schools/colleges liaisons and the members of the FON Scholarship committee. Another responsibility I assumed last year and will look forward to repeating again this spring is to prepare a short summary of the talents, skills and unique abilities of the students awarded scholarships and grants which appears in the FON Scholarship Luncheon program. Finally I want to also point out that all scholarship winners are awarded one year of free membership in FON and I am interested in talking with them about how they intend to make use of this benefit. In a future issue of this newsletter, I will share the results of my conversations with last year's winners with you.

Finally I want to take this opportunity to invite all of you to put our Spring Scholarship Luncheon on your 2015 calendar for Saturday April 18 at Lakewood Country Club. Last year we had a great turn out of students as well as FON members. Hope to see you there.

Judy Igoe, Second Vice President FON

Chairperson FON Scholarship and Awards Committee

Change in Amounts Required for Named Scholarship

The FON Board of Directors recently amended the Standing Rules about the gift amounts that are required for named scholarships. The new rules state: "\$30,000 shall be the base for a named scholarship endowed in perpetuity. \$3,000 shall be the base for a one time named scholarship." Earnings from endowments are used to fund scholarships in perpetuity and a larger investment was necessary to fund a scholarship of significant size. A larger annual, one time scholarship amount was needed, also. If you or someone you know may be interested in funding a named scholarship, please contact us for more details.

SAVE THESE DATES

- **December 12, 2014 Holiday Fundraiser, Valley Country Club, Dinner and Entertainment**
 - **December 9, 2014 Colorado Gives Day-Make a donation at www.coloradogives.org**
 - **March 27, 2015, 11:30 AM-2:00 PM Annual Membership Meeting, Lakewood Country Club, Light Lunch Served**
 - **April 18, 2015 Scholarship Awards Luncheon, 11:30PM-2:00 PM, Lakewood Country Club, Luncheon and Awards Ceremony**
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Board of Directors for 2014-2015

Elected Officers:

President-Juanita Tate

President Elect-Cris Finn

First Vice President-Pam Spry

Second Vice President-Judith Igoe

Recording Secretary-Kathleen Whalen

Treasurer-Ruth O'Brien

Immediate Past President-Jan Jurasic

Appointed Officers:

Corresponding Secretary-Mary Carol Ferrera

Financial Manager-Clare Sandekian

Historian-Anita Becky

Website-Karen Hansen

Standing Committee Chairs:

Budget and Finance-Ruth O'Brien

Membership-Judy Robinson

Development Funding-

Liaison Education-Pam Spry

Newsletter-Barbara White

Publicity-Phyllis Graham-Dickerson

Scholarship/Grants-Judith Igoe

Special Events-Terry Biddinger

Spring Luncheon-Cris Finn

Nominating Committee-Mary Carol Ferrera

Board Members at Large: Donna Bernklau and Jeanne Kearns

Parliamentarian: Phyllis Wicklund

Sad News:

We were saddened to learn of the death of Mary Jo Moore on September 24, 2014. She was a lifetime member and loyal supporter of Friends of Nursing.