

Newsletter

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President's Letter

The Annual Membership Meeting will be March 27 and the Spring Luncheon and Scholarship Awards event April 18. Please see the articles about these events on the following pages and plan to attend if you can. The scholarship awards are the highlight of the FON year and an event you will not want to miss. Twenty-two students from nine Colorado baccalaureate and higher degree nursing schools will receive scholarships this year.

We have recently been honored with gifts from the Georgia Imhoff Charitable Trust and the Colorado Rehabilitation Insurance Nurse Group C-Ring. Details about these gifts are provided in separate pieces. Two new memorial scholarships will be awarded in April, the Dort Gregg Psychiatric Nursing Scholarship and the Clare Sandekian Doctoral Nursing Scholarship.

The FON Holiday Party was held on December 12 at the Valley Country Club. Those who attended enjoyed the festive decorations, the delicious food and the fellowship of their FON friends and supporters. Thanks to Terry Biddle and Stephen Edmonds Co-Chairs of the event and to Judy Robinson for planning the silent auction. Pictures of the party can be found on the last page of the newsletter.

The news of Clare Sandekian's passing is noted with sorrow. Those of us who attended her memorial service on January 31 enjoyed celebrating her life of service to family, friends and the nursing profession. We are proud that she chose to give so freely of herself to FON.

I will close by noting that once again Americans have rated nurses as having the highest



honesty and ethical standards. Of the eleven professions rated in the annual Gallup poll, nurses have topped the list each year since they were first included in 1999 with the exception of 2001 following the 9/11 attacks when firefighters were given the honor. Medical doctors, police officers, clergy, and lawyers all rank below nurses with members of congress receiving the lowest rating. I have always been proud of being a nurse and am especially pleased to be a member of an organization like FON that supports the profession in such an important way.

Juanita Tate, President

Recent Gift Received From Imhoff Trust

We received a gift of \$41,241 from the **Georgia Imhoff** Charitable Trust in late December. As many of you remember, Georgia was a dedicated supporter of FON for many years prior to her death in 2009. With the death last February of her husband Walter, also a member and supporter of FON, the Trust gift from Georgia was distributed.

In honor of Georgia two scholarships will be awarded this year and the remaining funds will be dedicated to unrestricted charitable purposes in the future as determined by the FON Board. I know that you join me in thanks for Georgia's remembrance of FON in her Trust.

Donation from Colorado Rehabilitation Insurance Nurse Group (C-RING)

C-Ring was founded in 1987 as a networking and educational benefit for professional RNs involved in insurance related nursing. Recently the organization was disbanded and they wished for their remaining funds to be used to further the goals of professional nurses. We are delighted that they selected FON to receive \$7,800 to be used for our scholarships. There will be three C-RING scholarships presented at the April 18 award luncheon. Former Treasurer Christine Ward Springfield and President Karen Miller plan to attend the luncheon. Please make it a point to meet them and thank them for their generous gift.

April 18 Spring Luncheon and Scholarship Awards

The annual scholarship awards will be made on Saturday April 18 at the Lakewood Country Club, 6800 West 10th Avenue. Check-in will begin at 11:00 am with luncheon seating at 11:45 am. Awards to 22 nursing students will follow. A total of \$56,500 will be given this year. Two new memorial scholarships will be awarded this year, the Dort Gregg Scholarship for Psychiatric Nursing and the Clare Sandekian Scholarship for Doctoral Nursing.

The annual scholarship luncheon is a fund raiser for FON as well as the venue for making the annual awards. In spite of recent gifts to FON the amount of scholarship funds awarded is less than last year. Several generous donors from prior years have died and funds generated by our events have been less this year. Investment earnings alone are never enough to keep up with student needs and a number of well qualified applicants did not receive scholarships this year. Please support the luncheon by your attendance or by giving a donation when you receive your invitation.

Clare Sandekian Memorial Scholarships To Be Awarded

Sura Clare Sandekian (May 22, 1930-January 1, 2015) was a member of the Friends of Nursing for more than 20 years. While Clare served on the Board of FON in a number of different positions, she was especially valued for her wise counsel in financial matters, serving as both FON Treasurer and Financial Advisor for investments for many years. She and Matt, who is a life-time member also, volunteered for numerous FON fund raising activities as well as giving generously themselves to support the organization's nursing scholarships. Her presence in FON will be greatly missed.

FON will be awarding two doctoral nursing students Clare Sandekian scholarships at the annual scholarship luncheon. If you wish to contribute, memorial gifts should be sent to: Ruth O'Brien, Treasurer, at 14753 E. Bellewood Pl., Aurora, CO 80015.

Annual Membership Meeting March 27

The Annual Meeting held each March for the election of officers and the handling of any other business including Bylaws amendments will be held March 27 from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm at the Lakewood Country Club, 6800 West 10th Avenue, Lakewood. A light lunch will be served with business meeting and program to follow. Stacey Wall who is a PNP hospitalist at Children's Hospital and enrolled in the DNP program at University of Colorado Denver will speak about her research on smoking cessation initiative in the Lutheran Hospital newborn nursery. Stacey has received FON scholarships in the past and is a member.

All members are encouraged to attend. The Bylaws state that a quorum of fifteen (15) members is required and there is no absentee voting or voting by proxy permitted. A notice of the annual meeting along with the agenda will be sent to all members in early March. **Please plan to attend.**



Death of Doris Monahan

We were saddened to learn of the death of Doris Monahan on August 24, 2014. Doris and her husband Rex had funded grants for FON scholarship awardees who were single parents for a number of years. Rex preceded her in death in 2009. Her family donated a memorial gift in her honor which will support a student in 2015.

Holiday Party Pictures



Guests Jose Hernandez, 2014 scholarship recipient, and friend Catlin Horsley



Holiday Caroling



A silent auction table
