





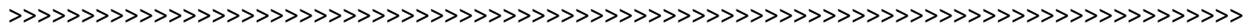


Friends of Nursing  
36<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Luncheon  
& Scholarship Awards

Saturday, April 8, 2017

The Lakewood Country Club Ballroom

11 AM– 2 PM



**Members encouraged to invite friends and professionals to FON special events**

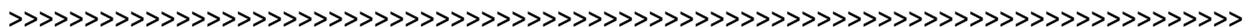
One of the time-proven ways to increase interest and membership in FON is for members to invite their friends and other professionals to attend special events. This past year offered prime opportunities for this, such as the Author’s Event in October and the Holiday Party in December. Not to be missed is the annual Spring Luncheon for scholarship awards coming up on April 8 at the Lakewood Country Club. Remember that “friends of nursing” includes many individuals other than nurses, for example professionals from other fields and individuals with special ties to nursing through family members, friends or students.

The Holiday Party on December 18 was a gala event in elegant cozy surroundings with good food, good cheer and good friends. It was an opportune time to introduce new friends to the organization. LaFawn Biddle entertained an old friend and two special guests new to the organization, her neighbor Miriam Farrington, who is a new FON member, and Wayne Connell of the Invisible Disabilities Association. They share several common interests. One is dealing with hearing loss. LaFawn’s family deals with hearing loss, experienced by both daughters and three of her five grandchildren. Miriam’s career included professional experience with hearing loss. Jim Medford is a free-lance photographer and a friend of LaFawn’s.



*Miriam Farrington,  
Wayne Connell, LaFawn  
Biddle. Photo by Jim  
Medford*

Now is the time, as we make plans to attend the Spring Luncheon on April 8, to think of friends and associates who would enjoy being introduced to Friends of Nursing. We might invite them as our personal guests and consider the expense as part of our donation to the organization. Increasing interest and membership in Friends of Nursing is an easy task for all members to undertake.





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### **Nurses in Leadership Positions** (Continued from page 2)

According to ANA president, Pamela F. Cipriano, this trust in nurses can carry over to professionals serving on boards and commissions on the local, state and national levels. She calls on policy makers to include nurses at the health policy decision-making table. ANA positions on healthcare reform include principles of access to care, affordable and equitable care, quality of care and workforce issues.

Karren Kowalski of the Center for Nursing Excellence further encourages nurses to become representatives on boards, executive management teams and other key leadership positions. A national group, Nurses on Boards Coalition coordinates these efforts nationally. Colorado has opportunities for nurses on hospital boards, foundation boards, community non-profit boards and in governor's appointments to state boards and commissions. The Center for Nursing Excellence offers education to enhance one's board skills and to get support and advice for appointment to a board.

*Gallup, Americans Rate Healthcare Providers High on Honesty, Ethics, Jim Norman, Dec. 9-11, 2016, [www.gallup.com/pol/200057](http://www.gallup.com/pol/200057); Colorado Nurse, Feb., March, April 2017: American Nurses Association, Nurses Rank #1 Most Trusted Profession for 15<sup>th</sup> Year in a Row; Where Will You Be When Colorado Counts the Numbers, Karren Kowalski, Lola Fehr; [www.coloradonurses.org](http://www.coloradonurses.org)*