

Friends of Nursing Newsletter

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June 2016



FON President's Message—Cris Finn

As you probably know, we had to cancel the awards luncheon due to the severe weather on April 16. Thirty-five years ago the first Friends of Nursing awards luncheon was held. We are grateful to our founders. It is because of their dream and the hard work of Friends of Nursing members over the years that we were able to give \$60,000 to scholarships to nursing student leaders this year. Members of the scholarship committee were inspired by the stories and tenacity demonstrated by the recipients.



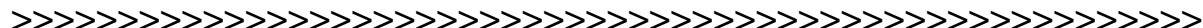
I would like to thank the luncheon chair, Amy Barton, president-elect, and the committee members, Mary Carol Ferrera and Mary Jo Coast for their work. Special thanks to Silent Auction chairs, Judy Robinson and Donna Bernklau for gathering donations and organizing this fundraiser. We quickly moved the Silent Auction to an electronic based bidding with 14 baskets.

Our next fund raising event is on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 from 3-5:30 pm. It is *Women, Families and War* with author speakers Helen Thorpe (*Soldier Girls*) and Angela Ricketts (*No Man's War*) followed by a panel discussion by nurses who have served in the military: Karren Kowalski, Jenenne Nelson, Harriet Palmer-Willis and Moderator Lynn Wimett. We hope to see you at the Cherry Hills Country Club, 4125 University Blvd., for this informative fundraiser. A special thank you to all who have served our country. *Condensed from original, Colorado Nurse, May 2016.*

Respectfully,

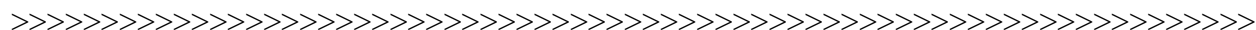
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Cris Finn, President



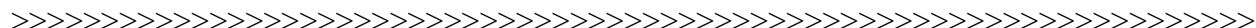
FON awards \$60,000 in nursing scholarships; spring celebration luncheon cancelled due to snow storm

The scholarship awards luncheon, scheduled for Saturday, April 16, 2016, was canceled due to a state-wide snow storm. Lakewood Country Club requested cancellation by 1 pm the day prior. Guests were notified via email and phone. Requests for refund were received from a few; most indicated that FON should keep their checks. Scholarship awards, event programs and acknowledgement of donations were handled by mail. A list of nurse scholars receiving awards and their respective schools appears on page three.



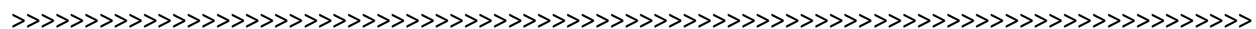
Thank you to FON liaisons

Liaisons and representatives from the schools and colleges play a big part in making the scholarship awards process work. During the fall semester, they distribute application information, provide guidance for student applicants and review all of the applications submitted to FON. Liaisons this year were Karen Adamson from Adams State, Leandra Price from CCU, Deb Bailey from Mesa, Ruth DePalma and Theresa Wright from CSU, Mary Alice Sawaya from Metro, Pam Stoeckel from Regis, Susan Davis from UCCS, Karen Gorton from UCD and Melissa Henry from UNC. FON thanks these individuals for their service and applauds their efforts supporting their students.



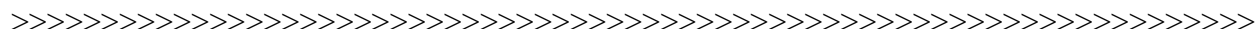
FON Executive Committee re-elected at membership meeting

At the March 11 annual membership meeting, FON executive committee members were re-elected by enthusiastic acclamation for a second term. They are: President, Cris Finn; President-Elect, Amy Barton; First Vice President, Stacey Wall; Second Vice President, Ruth O'Brien; Recording Secretary, Mary Jo Coast; Treasurer, Lola Fehr; Immediate Past President, Juanita Tate. FON bylaws encourage members to serve up to two consecutive years in a single committee position, thereby benefitting from the first year experience.



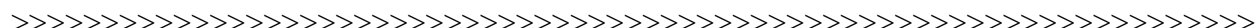
FON Memorial Shirley Rarey

A long-time member of FON, Shirley Rarey, passed away suddenly during the week of May 15. She was a 1953 graduate of Children's Hospital School of Nursing and Denver University where she earned a BS degree in nursing. For many years, she worked at Mercy Hospital. She was predeceased by her husband, Jay, and her daughter, Sue Rarey. Shirley always volunteered to help with FON's Old Fashioned Christmas events and was disappointed with the cancelation of this year's Scholarship Awards Luncheon. Shirley's long and steadfast support of FON was highly valued and she will be missed.



Membership renewal

Membership forms and dues notices were mailed in early May for 2016--2017. Annual dues are payable by June 1. Send in your dues before the busy summer and assure your name will be listed in the new roster. Invite your friends to join FON and support nursing scholarships!



Friends of Nursing 2016 Scholarship Recipients

College/School	Name	Scholarship Awarded
Adams State University	Kerrie McCallum Stephanie Atkins	FON Presidents' Scholarship FON/Leila B. Kinney
Colorado Christian University	David Vinh Reeve Geiger	Helen Kelsall Memorial Wayne T. "Dusty" Biddle Memorial
Colorado Mesa University	Aubrey Eggiman James Duman	Sura Clare Sandekian Memorial Josephine Ballard/Presbyterian
Colorado State University-Pueblo	Brian Murray Shelby Loflin	Sura Clare Sandekian Memorial Greta Pollard Scholarship
Metropolitan State University	Jessica Cucchi Yolanda Olvera	Fern Howard Award Ruth Harboe Memorial
Regis University/Loretta Heights School of Nursing	Elizabeth Ewing Patricia Powers Sierra Wolman	Sura Clare Sandekian Memorial Friends of Nursing Scholarship Janice Jurasic Memorial
University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, Helen and Arthur E. Johnson Bethel College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Lynette Kelley Shelby Gaylor Syra Austria	LaFawn Biddle Scholarship Verda Richie Memorial Friends of Nursing Scholarship
University of Colorado Denver College of Nursing	Elizabeth Brie Thumm Mary Jane Cassalia Nicole Martin Rebecca Loy	Sura Clare Sandekian Memorial Friends of Nursing Scholarship Georgia Imhoff Memorial St. Luke's Alumnae
University of Northern Colorado School of Nursing	Jennifer Wenning Katelyn Boll Katherine Teague	Sura Clare Sandekian Memorial Georgia Imhoff Memorial Olga S. Miercort Memorial

News of FON Members

Stacey Wall becomes member of the American Academy of Pediatrics

We asked Stacey to tell us how she became a member of the AAP.

As an APRN I understand the importance of supporting the professional organizations that advocate for nursing practice on a local, state, and national level. I was invited to become a member of Sigma Theta Tau during my undergraduate studies, and since then I have joined several additional national and state organizations including American Nurses Association, Colorado Nurses Association (CNA), National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP), American Association of Nurse Practitioners, Colorado Organization of Nurse Leaders, and American Organization of Nurse Executives. I have been able to give back to my profession by serving on the Board of the Colorado Chapter of NAPNAP for several years, and I currently have the honor of serving as President of the CNA Advanced Practice Special Interest Group.

As a pediatric nurse practitioner I understand the influence of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) on child health. When the AAP opened affiliate membership to PNP's in 2015, I was literally the first one to join! I was able to join the AAP Section of Hospital Medicine and Tobacco Control, which provided opportunities for developing my clinical role as an inpatient PNP provider, and my focus on smoking cessation. This membership also represented an opportunity to advocate for advanced practice nursing within the AAP. I believe that the future of our health care system depends on this kind of interdisciplinary collaboration to effectively deliver quality, cost effective, population based care.

I am honored to contribute to the AAP, our nursing professional organizations, and of course the Friends of Nursing. I appreciate the opportunity to serve on the FON Board alongside the wonderful individuals who work tirelessly to provide scholarship funding for our future professional nurses.

Stacy Wall, DNP, APRN, Director of Advanced Practice, Children's Hospital Colorado. Stacey is First Vice President of FON.

LaFawn's grandson graduates from NYU.

LaFawn Biddle is celebrating the graduation of her youngest grandchild from NYU! Austin Galoob, son of Barbara and Bruce Galoob, received his diploma from the Gallatin School of Individual Studies on May 18, wearing the ribbon designation of Admissions Ambassador—and his Denver family was there to cheer his accomplishments. LaFawn's daughter, Belinda, and Austin's parents traveled with her and Austin's two sisters (Allison and Amy) and joined the group along with Amy's new husband (of 4 ½ months) Andrew Crawford. Belinda's son, Jeremy Donnenfeld, (Loveland, CO) joined the family at the graduation. A good time was had by all!

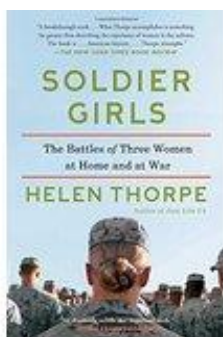
Patricia Schroeder will be the keynote speaker at the 2016 National Nurse Practitioner Symposium at Keystone Conference Center

Pat Schroeder, former Colorado US Congresswoman (1973-1997), and FON Life Member for over 20 years, will speak on "Leadership and the Art of Creating Positive Change" on Friday, July 8 at Keystone. Schroeder was the first woman elected to Congress from Colorado and was a Congress member of the original Select Committee on Children, Youth, and Families that was established in 1983. She was known in her early tenure for balancing her congressional work with motherhood, and for advocacy on work-family issues. Schroeder was a prime mover behind the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 and the 1985 Military Family Act.

Following her political career, she served as President & CEO of the Association of American Publishers for 11 years. In July 2012, Schroeder narrated a children's book app, "The House that Went on Strike", a rhyming interactive and musical tale that teaches kids (and their parents) respect for the household. The National Nurse Practitioner Symposium will be held July 7-10, 2016. www.npsymposium.com

Friends of Nursing Fundraiser

Save the Date-----Tuesday, October 4, 2016



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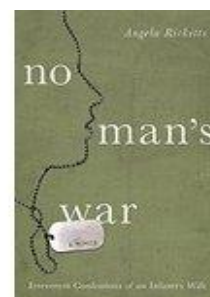
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Where: Cherry Hills Country Club, 4125 S. University Blvd., Cherry Hills Village

Donation: \$40 general admission; \$35 active duty military; \$25 students

Why: Fund raiser for nursing scholarships. Registration for event begins in August.



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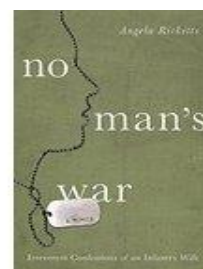
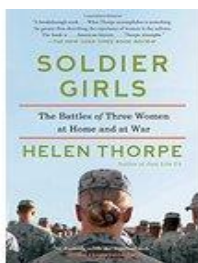
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