

# Friends of Nursing Newsletter

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## Nurse scholars receive awards from Friends of Nursing



*Ruth O'Brien with Elizabeth Schneider*

Families, FON members and supporters celebrated with 21 nursing students as they received FON scholarship awards. The undergraduate and graduate nursing scholars represented nine colleges and schools of nursing in Colorado. Rick Crandall served as MC for the event while awards were presented by Ruth O'Brien, Chair of the FON Scholarship and Grants Committee. A total of \$55,000 in scholarship monies was awarded, raised in the past year by donations to FON, special events, investments and member dues. Two new scholarships were presented in memory of Joseph and Ann Pfost by their daughter, Greta Pollard, and another honoring Don Pollard by his wife, Greta. The overflow crowd luncheon was held in the ballroom of Lakewood Country Club on April 8. See additional information about the nursing scholars on page three of this newsletter.

## News of FON members

### Rick Crandall, developer of Colorado Freedom Memorial

Ever since 1993 when Pat Lambert first discovered Rick Crandall at Radio Station KEZW, he has been known to us primarily as an honorary FON member and highly entertaining MC for the spring luncheon. In the greater Denver area, we have known Rick as a popular radio personality and community activist for nearly 30 years. However, many of us are not aware that Rick is founder of the Colorado Freedom Memorial, honoring the state's war dead or missing in action dating back to the late 1800's. Rick was instrumental in raising funds to build the memorial and currently serves as President of the Colorado Freedom Memorial Foundation. Colorado fallen military veterans from every branch of service are honored by their names being etched on glass panels representing the war in which they fought. Nearly 6,000 veterans killed or missing in action since Colorado became a state are identified by the memorial. Thousands of visitors have come to the site in remembrance of the veterans. If you wish to visit the Colorado Freedom Memorial, the address is Springhill Community Park, 756 Telluride St., Aurora. A reminder: This year Memorial Day is celebrated on Monday, May 29. [www.cfmf.net](http://www.cfmf.net)



*Rick Crandall*

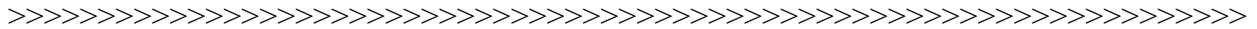
**News of FON members (continued)**

**MaryJo Coast wins Nightingale Award**

Saturday night, May 13, was the Nightingale event at the Grand Hyatt, honoring 266 nurses from all over the state, who had been nominated for service to nursing in both clinical and non-clinical practice. Of this group, narrowed down to 42 by Saturday night, twelve nurses would receive the Nightingale Award, the highest honor for a nurse in the state. Dr. MaryJo Coast, Associate Professor of Nursing at Regis University, was one of the recipients of the Nightingale Award. MaryJo is well known to FON as a board member and past president. Congratulations MaryJo, we share pride in your achievement and in your recognition by the nursing profession. Colorado Nurses Foundation administers and is the sponsor of this event. For more information about the gala evening see [www.coloradonursesfoundation.com](http://www.coloradonursesfoundation.com)

**Colorado Women’s Hall of Fame—Patricia Schroeder, Loretta Ford**

Portraits and biographies of two FON current life members may be found in the recently opened Colorado Women’s Hall of Fame exhibit at University of Denver. Patricia Schroeder, US Congresswoman and Loretta Ford, nurse educator, are among the 152 women who have been inducted into the organization since its founding in 1985. The women are honored for their impact on Colorado, enduring contributions in field of endeavor and for opening new frontiers for women and society in general. The exhibit at DU, Anderson Academic Commons will run through June 26, 2017. [www.cogreatwomen.org](http://www.cogreatwomen.org)



**FON Memorial**

**Terry Biddinger**—Terry Biddinger passed away on April 24. Since her arrival in Denver more than 40 years ago, she became widely known as a community leader and volunteer throughout city and area organizations. Following her retirement in 2012 from CU College of Nursing as Director of External Relations, she devoted time to FON. As a board member she was known and respected for her ability to plan and organize special events. We were privileged to work with her in her final years and we mourn her loss.

**Patricia Carlson** – We learned of Pat Carlson’s death the week of April 24. She was a long-time member, contributor to and past president of FON. In particular, we remember her ability add an artist’s perspective to beautify and enhance FON special events. A named scholarship is being planned in her honor. Those wishing to contribute may send memorial donations to FON, P.O. Box 735, Englewood, CO 80151.

**Nikola Jurasic**—Nikola Jurasic passed away on March 5 at the age of 93. A life member in FON, Nik teamed with his wife of 61 years, Janice, who preceded him in death, in supporting the organization. Over a period of more than 20 years, Nik participated in most behind-the scenes FON work groups and attended all the special events. We will miss his positive spirit and generous good nature.



## Friends of Nursing 2017 Scholarship Awards

### Adams State University, Alamosa

Jessica Worker                      Olga S. Miercort Scholarship

### Colorado Christian University, Denver

Susan Adamson                      Georgia Imhoff Memorial Scholarship  
Ana Nielson                          Friends of Nursing Scholarship

### Colorado State University, Pueblo

Terra Chambers                      Joseph & Ann Pfof Memorial Scholarship  
Stacie Gray McCue                      Friends of Nursing Scholarship  
Olivia Navarro                          Wayne T. "Dusty" Biddle Memorial Scholarship

### Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction

Lexie Sutcliffe                          Ruth Harboe Memorial Scholarship

### Metro State University of Denver

Laura Batch                              Friends of Nursing Scholarship  
Elizabeth McDonald                      President's Scholarship  
Rita Zerfoss                              Fern Howard Award

### Regis University, Loretto Heights School of Nursing

Jenna Euler                              Friends of Nursing Scholarship  
Toni Johnson                              Verda Richie Memorial Scholarship  
Mirabel Usongo                              FON/Leila B. Kinney Scholarship

### University of Colorado, Helen & Arthur Johnson/Beth-El College of Nursing, Colorado Springs

Isabel Kirk                              Donald Pollard Scholarship  
Elizabeth Schneider                      Friends of Nursing Scholarship  
Kate Wogan                              St. Lukes's Alumnae Scholarship

### University of Colorado, College of Nursing, Denver

Jill Bastman                              Viola Baudendistel Memorial Scholarship  
Kimberly Lowdon                              Georgia Imhoff Memorial Scholarship  
Amy Lynde                                  Greta Pollard Scholarship

### University of Northern Colorado, Greeley

Claudia Gomez Betancourt                      Shirley Rarey Memorial Scholarship  
Alexandra Lessem                              Josephine Ballard/Presbyterian Scholarship



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### **New FON 2017-2018 administrative year begins on June 1**

#### **Transfer of authority proceeds smoothly**

At the May 12 final meeting of the Board of Directors, Cris Finn, current FON president, thanked FON Board members for their hard work and involvement during the past year. FON bylaws specify that the maximum tenure for a board member is six consecutive years, while committee chairs may hold a position for a maximum of two years. President-elect Amy Barton is prepared to reorganize the Board beginning in June, by filling vacant positions and confirming new assignments. In June, the newly organized board members will begin work for the coming year on FON's singular mission of supporting nursing scholarships.

**FON Executive Committee for 2017-2018:** President—Amy Barton; President Elect—Lola Fehr; First Vice President—Barbara White; Second Vice President—Bonnie Wenners; Recording Secretary—Kathleen Whalen; Treasurer—Sara Jarrett; Past President—Cris Finn

**Attention FON members:** If you have not paid yearly dues for 2017—2018, it's important to do so. The FON budget relies on member dues as an essential part of the scholarship fund raising process. Yearly regular dues of \$50 may be sent directly to FON Treasurer, P.O Box 735, Englewood, CO 80151-0735.