

# Friends of Nursing Newsletter

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## FON President's Greeting—Cris Finn

This year 2015 marks the 35th year of the Friends of Nursing. Thanks to the work of our founders and members we have contributed to the education and improvement of the profession of nursing during that time. FON is an extraordinary organization that has made a great impact in its 34 years of existence giving more than one and a quarter million dollars in scholarships to baccalaureate and higher degree nursing students in Colorado. Your continued support and interest will keep us moving forward as an organization.



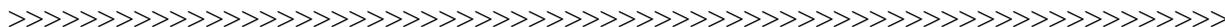
I am honored to be the president of FON. The Board of Directors is full of people who actively volunteer their time and efforts to improve nursing and health care in Colorado. With the help of all our members we look forward to another successful year. There is a committee working on a Holiday Celebration and dinner in December. Check later in this newsletter the save the date, an invite will arrive shortly. The Board members and I look forward to seeing you.

As a volunteer organization, FON is totally dependent on its members to do the work of the organization. This includes fundraising activities in addition to soliciting and selecting well qualified candidates as scholarship recipients. I would urge you to consider volunteering to assist with these activities, if you are not already doing so. If you are not able to participate in activities, your support through donations for scholarship awards is always needed. Only when all members assist with the work of FON can we truly meet our full potential.

Respectfully,

*Cris Finn*

Cris Finn, President





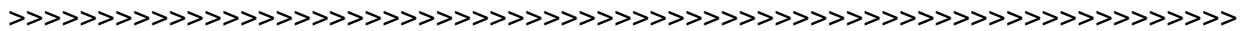


**Friends of Nursing Receives Diversity Grant**

The Friends of Nursing (FON) are pleased to announce they have received a one-year, \$10,000 grant from the **Caring for Colorado Foundation** to increase the number of applicants from diverse backgrounds seeking FON scholarships. This is consistent with Caring for Colorado Foundation and the Institute of Medicine (IOM) goal of increasing diversity within the health care work force, nursing in this instance.

The purpose of the grant is to encourage nursing students from diverse racial, ethnic, low income, and rural and/or culturally isolated residence backgrounds to seek FON scholarships. Male students meet the diversity criterion within nursing and graduates with associate degrees in nursing who are pursuing degrees in baccalaureate or higher degree programs are encouraged to apply, also.

If you know of Colorado residents from diverse backgrounds enrolled in Colorado baccalaureate or higher degree nursing programs, please advise them to consider an application for an FON scholarship. The online application is available at [www.thefon.org](http://www.thefon.org) . Further information about the grant is available by contacting Juanita Tate, grant coordinator, at [tate-ski@msn.com](mailto:tate-ski@msn.com)



**FON Memorial**

**Janice C. Jurasic** Jan Jurasic passed away September 13 after a brief illness. She and her husband, Nikola, have been life members of FON for more than 24 years. Jan served on the Board of Directors for more than 20 years, alternating between posts of treasurer and appointed financial manager. Over the years Jan and Nik actively supported FON's many working groups for special events and fund raising. From 2011 to 2013 Jan served as President of FON. Jan was a *cum laude* graduate, Class of 1954, of the University of Colorado School of Nursing. Our condolences are extended to Nik and their children. Jan will be fondly remembered by members of FON. *Scholarship donations in Jan's name may be made to Friends of Nursing, P.O Box 735, Englewood, CO 80151.*

**Jean A. Sylling** FON has received notice of Jean's death, occurring on June 20 in Aurora. Jean was a long-time member of FON, serving yearly on the scholarship committee. Jean was an educator, having taught in elementary school as well as special education in Denver. Her steadfast contribution to FON, reviewing hundreds of scholarship applications over the years, will be remembered and she will be missed.



**Holiday Celebration 2015**  
Featured Speaker: Kelley Johnson,  
Miss Colorado, 2015  
Invite your family and friends  
JW Marriott Denver Cherry Creek  
150 Clayton Lane  
Friday, December 4, 2015  
6PM-11PM



**Membership Drive**

We welcome new members to Friends of Nursing. We are a non-profit organization whose single focus is providing scholarships for nurses, with the mission of improving the health of Colorado communities.

We believe, that if every member would recruit one new member each year, we could provide even more scholarships. Colorado nurses are a much needed profession. Please recruit a new member this year.

Judy Robinson, Membership Chair