Women, Families and War

FON Fundraiser on Tuesday, October 4. Meet the authors!

This upcoming event, sponsored by FON, will be held at Cherry Hills Country Club, 3 pm to 5:30 pm, 4125 S. University Blvd., Cherry Hills Village. Two renowned authors will discuss their work on women, families and military service. A panel discussion and commentary by local nurses with military experience will follow.

Helen Thorpe is an award-winning author and journalist who lives in Denver. In her book “Soldier Girls: The Battles of Three Women at Home and at War,” she follows three women through the process of enlistment in the Indiana National Guard, deployment (to Iraq and Afghanistan) and return to civilian life over the course of a dozen years, revealing the particular stresses and dangers for women in the military. These women, who are quite different in every way, become friends and we watch their interaction and also what happens when they are separated. We see their families, their lovers, their spouses, their children in this case study narrative.

Joanne Ostrow, Denver Post; Simon & Schuster

Angela Ricketts, in her memoir, “No Man’s War: Irreverent Confessions of an Infantry Wife,” writes about the difficulties she faced during her husband’s deployments, including the stresses it put on their marriage and on raising their three children. Ricketts’ husband was deployed eight times—four of them to Iraq or Afghanistan. Now, he’s a colonel in homeland defense and they live in Colorado Springs. Ricketts, who has a master’s degree in social psychology and human relations, grew up in an Army family. “We are a culture that does lend itself to perpetuating Army brats who either become Army spouses or soldiers themselves,” she says. Her book explores the culture at home on the military bases, the responsibilities of being an officer’s wife, and the relationship she formed with other infantry wives. NPR Interview, Fresh Air
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Author Speakers:

Helen Thorpe  *Soldier Girls*

Angela Ricketts  *No Man’s War*

Followed by discussion with

Nurses who have served in the military:

Karren Kowalski
Jenenne Nelson
Harriet Palmer-Willis

Moderator: Lynn Wimett

**When:** Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 3p.m.—5:30p.m.  **Where:** Cherry Hills Country Club, 4125 S. University Boulevard, Cherry Hills Village.  **Also:** Delicious refreshments served at 3p.m.

**Registration Deadline:** Friday, September 23, is coming up fast! This is the deadline date for registering for the FON Fundraiser with authors, Helen Thorpe and Angela Ricketts at Cherry Hills Country Club. To register, cut out form below and mail in today!

Mail form below with check payable to Friends of Nursing to: Ruth O’Brien, 14753 E. Bellewood Place, Aurora, CO 80015.  **Deadline for registration is Friday, 9/23/2016.**

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FON News

Astonishing number of scholarship applicants applying in first week!

The 2016-2017 scholarship application cycle opened to students on the Friends of Nursing website on September 1. After a little more than one week (the first week) we have: 125 applicants that have created accounts; 75 applicants that have started to fill out forms; 2 applicants that have completed the process (with recommendations) and submitted finished applications. The deadlines for receipt of applications is October 30, 2016. Students, who are at least juniors in an undergraduate program or are in graduate program non-profit Colorado schools of nursing, are eligible to apply. During 2015-2016, FON awarded $59,998 to 23 such students. Needless to say, many more students applied than funds were available. Since FON is a completely volunteer organization, 100% of contributions received for scholarships are awarded to students. Karen Hansen, Webmaster

FON Memorial

Sally Beatty 1937-1916  We were sad to learn of Sally’s death in August. In addition to her long-time membership and service in Friends of Nursing, she was known to many of us through her early days as a visiting nurse, a nursing faculty member at CU and later for her work at Colorado Trust. For many years, Sally also contributed her time with Volunteers of Medical Missionaries, traveling on missions with them to Romania, India, Peru, Ecuador, Dominican Republic and Costa Rica. Her career in public health nursing, both in Colorado and internationally, was exemplary. Sally’s life was one that “made a difference.” We will miss her.

Eleanor Bent 1921-2016  A member of Friends of Nursing as late as 2001, Eleanor was best known in Colorado as the Red Cross Nursing Director for the Mile High Region. A notice of her death was published this past May. Early in her career, following nursing school at Boston Children’s Hospital, she joined the Army and worked on a hospital ship bringing injured troops from Europe to New York. She met her husband, Sgt. Norman S. Bent, while he was a patient convalescing from malaria; they were married 67 years, moving to Colorado in 1970. During Eleanor’s 30 years as an Army wife and over a 40 year span, she was a Red Cross volunteer. She attained a bachelor’s degree at the University of Utah at age 43 and a master’s degree in community health nursing from CU at age 52. While in Colorado she received numerous awards from Colorado Nurses Association and others. Retiring to assisted living in Utah with her husband in 2004, even then, Eleanor was known for actively encouraging certified nursing assistants to become nurses. Over a lifetime of community service, she was loved and beloved by many.
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