



***FRIENDS OF NURSING NEWSLETTER***

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Jan Jurasic, BSN

*Dear FON Members,*

I hope everyone had good holidays. The holliday dinner at the Wellshire Inn was a great success. Everyone that went had a good time. Please mark the dates for the FON Annual Meeting and the Srping Luncheon. Both events will be held at Lakewood Country Club. The Annual Meeting is the time the membership elects the officers on the Board of Directors for the next year. There will also be an interesting

# President's Message

program.

The Spring Luncheon will be at on Saturday, April 27. Please come and greet our scholarship recipients and their families. Rick Crandall will be the master of ceremonies again this year. The food is always good and the silent auction will have much to bid for.

Hope to see you all at both affairs.

*Sincerely,*

*Janice Jurasic, BSN*

*President Friends of Nursing*



## **Friends of Nursing 2013 Upcoming Event**

### **➤ FON Annual Spring Meeting**

#### **Lunch and Special Program**

Topic: Emergency Preparedness: Updates

Guest Speaker: Bryce Anderson, MS, RN

When: Friday, **March 22**, 2012

Time: 11:30—1:30 PM

Where: Lakewood Country Club  
6800 W. 10th Ave.  
Lakewood, CO 80214

Please **RSVP** to Dr. Cris Finn by  
[cfinn@regis.edu](mailto:cfinn@regis.edu)

### **Slate of Officers for 2013-2014:**

President—Juanita Tate

President Elect—Sharon Kent

First Vice President—Pam Spry

Second Vice President—Judith Igoe

Recording Secretary—Kathleen Whalen

Treasurer—Ruth O'Brien

Immediate Past President—Jan Jurasic

**Come prepared to vote on our slate of officers for 2013-2014!**





## ➤ **FON Annual Spring Luncheon and Scholarship Awards**

**April 27, 2013**

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Luncheon and Scholarship Awards will be held on Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Lakewood Country Club, 6800 West 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Twenty-two scholarships will be awarded that day totaling \$62,475. The social and silent auction will begin at 11:00 AM with luncheon seating at 11:45 AM. Master of ceremonies is **Rick Crandall, KEZW Studio, 1430 am. Invitations will be mailed late March.** Please plan to join the student awardees and their families and Friends of Nursing members and friends to celebrate this special occasion.

### **Spotlight on School of Nursing - Metropolitan State University of Denver** **Department of Nursing**

The Department of Nursing at Metropolitan State University of Denver offers a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing with two options:

#### **Baccalaureate Registered Nurse Completion Option (BRNCO)**

Designed for students who have graduated from an associate degree or diploma nursing program and wish to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. Students must have a current unencumbered Colorado RN License prior to beginning the first nursing course. Students are admitted once a year in the fall semester and can choose between full-time or part-time completion options. This program allows working RNs to complete their BSN at a pace that allows full employment.

#### **Accelerated Nursing Option (ANO)**

Designed for individuals with a non-nursing Bachelor's Degree who wish to enter the nursing profession. Upon acceptance and completion of the 17 month program, graduates receive a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and are eligible to take the RN licensing exam (NCLEX-RN).

#### **Mission**

The mission of the Department of Nursing is to provide a high quality, accessible, enriching education to students pursuing a baccalaureate degree in nursing. Our learning community cultivates graduates who are prepared with the knowledge, skills and competencies to advance professional nursing practice in a diverse, global and technological society. The Department of Nursing is committed to academic excellence, collaborative community involvement and promotion of scholarly achievement. The mission of the Department of Nursing is congruent with the missions of Metropolitan State University of Denver and the School of Professional Studies.

#### **Purpose**

- Advance the health of diverse communities through nursing.
- Influence the area in which registered nurses practice.
- Promote open-mindedness and receptivity to change, growth and diversity.
- Encourage critical thinking and examination of controversy, research, intuitive knowledge and other ways of knowing.
- Provide preparation for graduate school.
- Stimulate continuous personal and professional growth and development.



### **Philosophy**

The nursing faculty believe that nursing education is a dynamic, intellectual process that prepares students for professional nursing practice in a changing healthcare delivery system. Baccalaureate nursing education incorporates knowledge from the natural sciences, social sciences and nursing. The goal of the nursing program is to prepare a generalist professional nurse to practice in current and future healthcare delivery systems.

The nursing faculty believe in promoting educational mobility by offering the following nursing educational options: the Baccalaureate Registered Nurse Completion Option (BRNCO) and the Accelerated Nursing Option (ANO). The Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing Practice published by The American Association of Colleges Nursing, and the Quality and Safety Education for Nurses (QSEN) competencies are used as foundational documents for curriculum development.

The nursing faculty plan and implement a nursing education program using the four concepts of the nursing paradigm (Patient, Nursing, Health and Environment). The following statements describe the beliefs of the nursing faculty about these concepts:

**Patient** - Individuals, families, groups, communities or populations that are the recipients of nursing care. Patients are diverse and complex with unique characteristics and health needs. Patients may function in independent, interdependent or dependent roles and may seek or receive nursing care related to disease prevention, health promotion, or health maintenance as well as illness and end of life care (AACN, 2008).

**Nursing** - An interactive process involving the provision of care to patients by nurses. Nursing is a professional discipline that integrates both theory and clinical practice. Nursing is both an art and a science. The science of nursing is based upon an evolving body of knowledge that is derived from evidence-based practice. The art of nursing is evidenced by nursing care that is ethical, person-centered, compassionate and caring (Chinn & Kramer, 2004).

**Health** - A dynamic state defined by the patient at any given point in time. Health is influenced by a constantly changing environment. Health encompasses the physical, psychosocial, cultural and spiritual dimensions of the patient.

**Environment** - The external and internal physiological, psychological, sociocultural and spiritual factors affecting patients. Patients are in constant interaction with the environment. Professional nurses consider the impact of the local, regional, national and global environment when nursing care is delivered.

## **About the Friends of Nursing**

Every year since 1981 Friends of Nursing has awarded scholarships to qualifying candidates. A Liaison Education Committee, composed of liaisons to the accredited Colorado nursing schools whose eligibility is designated by the Board, receives and reviews applications and makes recommendations to the Scholarship and Grants committee (SGC). The SGC is composed of the President, President-Elect, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, plus four additional FON members. At least three of these must be registered nurses and at least three must not be nurses. This committee is



responsible for awarding scholarships and grants to deserving nurses. An annual Spring Scholarship Awards Luncheon is the venue for introduction of Scholars and presentation of their awards.

Friends of Nursing were founded in 1981 as Friends of Nursing of the University of Denver, a non-profit support group for the school's nursing students and programs. When the University phased out its School of Nursing in 1985, the organization was renamed Friends of Nursing and its scope broadened to embrace Colorado's colleges and universities that offer baccalaureate degree programs in nursing.

### ***About the ORGANIZATION***

FON welcomes membership to all who are interested in supporting this vital dimension of health care. Nurses, former nurses and those engaged in health-related fields are just part of the total, which also includes a broad cross-section of other concerned individuals. FON is an all-volunteer organization, governed by elected officers and a Board of Directors. With no office, no paid staff, no overhead, minimal expenses, and 100% volunteer effort, our monies go totally to support Nurse Scholarships. ***WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! Send in your membership application that is located on the last page of this Newsletter today!***



## **Board of Directors for 2012-2013**

The Board of Directors of FON is composed of a cross-section of individuals concerned with quality health care—nurses and non-nurses.

### **Elected Officers (Executive Committee):**

President	Ms Janice Jurasic
President-Elect	Dr. Juanita Tate
First Vice President	Dr. Cris Finn
Second Vice President	Dr. Kathleen Whalen
Recording Secretary	Dr. Ruth O'Brien
Treasurer	Ms Sharon Kent
Immediate Past President	Dr. Maryjo Coast

### **Appointed Officers:**

Corresponding Secretary	Ms Louise Hammerly
Financial Manager	Ms Clare Sandekian
Historian	Ms Jeanne Reeves

### **Standing Committee Chairs:**

Budget and Finance	Ms Sharon Kent
Communication/Website	Ms BJ Pannabecker
Development Funding	Ms LaFawn Biddle
Liaison Education	Dr. Cris Finn
Membership	Dr. Ann Smith
Newsletter	Dr. Phyllis Graham-Dickerson
Publicity	Ms Pat Lambert
Scholarship/Grants	Dr. Kathleen Whalen
Special Events	Ms Greta Pollard
Spring Luncheon	Dr. Juanita Tate

### **Special Committees:**

<i>Members-at-Large</i>	Anita Becky Ms Donna Bernklau Ms Barbara Vasileff
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<i>Parliamentarian</i>	Ms Phyllis Wicklund

