



President's Message

Jan Jurasic, BSN

Dear FON Members,

This year 2011 marks the 30th year of the Friends of Nursing. Thanks to the work of our founders and members we have contributed \$1,154,746.00 to the education and improvement of the profession of nursing during that time. Your continued support and interest will keep us moving forward as an organization.

I am honored to be the president of FON. After being a member for 21 years, I have many friends in FON. The Board of Directors is full of people who have been active since the beginning of FON. With

the help of all our members we look forward to a successful year.

Much work is in progress to provide a new, user friendly website that will be available in August. There is a committee working on a Holiday Gala dinner in December. They hope to make this our biggest fund raiser of the year. Our Fall Membership event is to be held in late September. Please plan to enjoy both of these events.

The FON Board members and I look forward to seeing you.

*Sincerely,
Janice Jurasic, BSN
President Friends of Nursing*



Friends of Nursing 2011 - 2012 Calendar of Upcoming Events

➤ ***FON Fall Membership Event***

When: Friday, September 23, 2011
Time: 1--3 PM
Where: Lakewood Country Club
6800 W. 10th Ave.
Lakewood, CO 80214

Light Refreshments and Special Program-more information to come
Membership Chair, Ann Smith, 303-449-5318

➤ ***FON Christmas Event***

The Friends of Nursing presents: The Emerald Isle of Lights
When: Friday, December 2, 2011
Time: 6PM to 10PM
Where: The McNicholas Irish Christmas Estate
#1 Lynn Road,
Cherry Hills Village, CO 80113

Honorary Chairpersons: Kevin and Mary McNicholas.

Gala Committee: Greta Pollard, Donna Bernklau, Judie Stromberg, Jan Jurasic, Anita Becky, and Mary McNicholas.

Gold Sponsors: \$5000
Silver Sponsor \$2,500
Bronze Sponsor: \$1000

➤ ***Spring Scholarship Awards Luncheon***

Please come to our Spring Luncheon. Help us celebrate the scholarly students who will receive FON scholarships. Friends of Nursing have been giving nursing scholarships since 1982 and have celebrated by having a luncheon all these years. **Please come and celebrate with us!** More details coming soon.

Nursing Scholarship Awards

For additional information please visit the website www.friendsofnursing.org . Please encourage all eligible students to apply. Donations are accepted throughout the year. Thank you for your support of the profession of nursing.





Spotlight on School of Nursing -Mesa State College

Founded in 1925, Mesa State College is a comprehensive regional public higher education institution offering liberal arts, professional, and technical programs at the master's, bachelor's, associate, and certificate levels. Mesa State takes great pride in providing educational opportunities and tools that help students succeed in today's complex and interconnected world. Their focus is on providing quality academic programs, built on a strong liberal arts core that support students' interests and regional employment needs, as well as technical programs that respond to vocational workforce demands. Mesa State is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

Mesa State's nursing programs are accredited by the American Association of College of Nursing-CNE. Their programs include BSN, MSN, and DNP. The BSN program provides a foundation for excellence in professional nursing practice. It is designed to prepare graduates having met state licensure requirements to practice as a professional nurse, pursue graduate education, assume leadership roles, and promote learning as a lifelong process. The program provides educational experiences to prepare a professional nurse generalist to practice in a variety of health care settings. The program integrates nursing theory, practice, and science with a broad liberal arts education. It prepares a highly competent professional with the education necessary to meet the increasing need for quality health care in society today.

The Master of Science in Nursing degree provides graduates with a foundation for practice as a leader and educator in health care systems or academic settings. The program contains 18 credit hours of core knowledge essential for practice as a leader including coursework in nursing theory and research, health information systems, organization leadership, health policy and quality improvement; six credit hours of advance practice nursing cognate courses that advance knowledge on key health issues facing our nation related to chronic illness management, health promotion and disease prevention strategies; nine credit hours of elective coursework; and three credit hours for a final capstone or thesis project.

The Doctor of Nursing Practice degree is designed for those nurses who are interested in assuming an advance practice nursing role as a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP). DNP graduates are prepared as clinical experts in the delivery of primary care, with a focus on critical thinking, leadership, and political policy skills needed to advocate and create changes in healthcare practice at all levels. The program includes 24 credit hours of core knowledge essential for practice as a leader including coursework in nursing theory and research, health information systems, organization leadership, health policy, quality improvement, statistics, and evidence-based practice; 38 credit hours of advance practice nursing cognate courses that develop family nurse practitioner's knowledge and skills so they are prepared to care for individuals across the lifespan. Content includes key health issues facing our nation related to chronic illness management, health promotion and disease prevention strategies; six credit hours of elective coursework; and six credit hours for a final DNP scholarly capstone project. The program includes over 1000 hours of immersion in clinical practice to build and assimilate knowledge for advanced practice at a high level of complexity. These experiences also provide the context within which the final DNP scholarly project is completed.



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, 1st 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 2011-2012

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	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
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Immediate Past President	Dr. Maryjo Coast

Appointed Officers:

Corresponding Secretary	Louise Hammerly
Financial Manager	Clare Sandekian
Historian	Jeanne Reeves

This year's Board includes new and long-standing members of Friends of Nursing.

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