Greetings KLN members.

Kentucky has been through so much this last year. From battling COVID to rebuilding communities after the deadly tornadoes.

We have been through a lot over the last year, facing the greatest challenge our generation has ever faced.

I hope you are allotting time to nurture and provide care for the caregiver! This includes scheduling time to nurture and restore yourself; as well as holding other disciplines, co-workers, and students accountable. You cannot be effective at helping or educating others if you are totally running on empty.

Despite the stress of Covid, this is an exciting time to be a member of the KLN. We represent all types of nursing programs from doctoral to LPN, as well as health care organizations and agencies, nurse leaders, faculty, and others interested in excellence in nursing and nursing education. We are actively planning the spring conference. We are looking forward to being able to be live in Louisville in May.

The KLN board has completed our annual report to the NLN. Our board works hard to support and enhance the NLN’s national and international impact as the recognized leader in nursing education. We lead a diverse, sustainable, member focused organization that engages, empowers, and is responsive to nurse educators across the career curriculum. The board serves as a voice of nurse educators, and we champion their interests and partnerships in political, academic, and professional areas. And Finally, We promote research that generates evidence about nursing education and the scholarship of teaching.

I “Thank You” for this opportunity to serve you during this stressful time. Please feel free to contact any of the members of the Board to assist you. We may not be able to provide you with “muscle-power”, but we do have a considerable amount of “brain-power”! Please let us know of your needs, and we will work diligently to assist you where possible. Our purpose is to support and implement the mission of the NLN to promote excellence in Nursing Education to build a strong and diverse workforce to advance the health of our nation and the global community.

Dr Lu Ann Reed, DNP, RN, CRRN, BC-RN, LNHA, WCC, DWC

President KLN
The 18th Annual Nurse Educator Conference and Meeting

The annual conference will be held May 19-20, 2022. Our conference theme is “Creating and Cultivating Learning Environments That Thrive.” We are providing an event that is packed full of content to assist participants to re-group, re-focus, re-energize, and laugh again. Nursing education during the pandemic has challenged us all. We will spend a full day with Dr. Susan Luparell discussing fostering healthy learning environments, civility, and integrity in our nursing programs. The Kentucky Board of Nursing will be available for a panel discussion to address all those burning questions. Multiple vendors will be present throughout the conference with the latest gadgets. On May 20th, the program includes Jason Schwartz from NCSBN; Eli Brand, a nurse humorist; concurrent sessions; and poster and podium presentations. We look forward to seeing you at our fun and informative conference.

For further information and registration information go to [http://www.kyleaguenursing.org/](http://www.kyleaguenursing.org/).

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Dr. Susan Luparell

Susan Luparell, PhD, RN, CNE, ANEF.

Dr. Luparell holds a doctorate in Administration, Curriculum, and Instruction with a focus in Educational Leadership and Higher Education. A Fellow in the Academy of Nursing Education, she is a nationally recognized speaker on how to foster healthy learning environments for students, faculty, and staff within nursing education. Her scholarship focuses on the ethical implications of incivility, including how it affects others and how it can be managed in academic and clinical settings.

“Creating and Cultivating Learning Environments That Thrive”

KLN Annual Conference May 19-20
**KLN OPPORTUNITIES**

KLN currently has two leadership positions available for Board of Director.

Elections will be held at the Annual Business Meeting on May 19, 2022

**Responsibilities of Board of Directors include:**
- Attend Board meeting monthly August – May each year.
- Attend and assist at the annual meeting/conference in May each year.
- Other duties as assigned for the three-year obligation.

To stay up-to-date regarding what is new with KLN, visit our website:

http://www.kyleaguenursing.org/

**Upcoming Events**

- Spring Quarterly Coffee Chat—March 16, 2022, 8:30 a.m. EST
- CEU Program October 14, 2022
- KLN Cookbook coming out soon
- Donations for Silent Auction being accepted for May 2022 Conference

For Poster Presentation and/or Podium Presentations Applications are available at http://www.kyleaguenursing.org. Submission applications due by April 15, 2022.
SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES (Deadline April 15, 2022)

For information about Scholarships visit: http://www.kyleaguenursing.org

- KLN Nursing Faculty Scholarship—Graduate Education
- KLN Nursing Faculty CNE Scholarship—Certified Nurse Educator Exam
- Helen Watts Lester Carpenter Memorial Scholarship - Service Learning or Medical Missions Project
- Kentucky League for Nursing Research Scholarship
- Jo Ann Maurer Wever Excellence in Teaching—Nursing Education Award
- NurseThink Faculty Scholarship
- NurseThink Student Scholarship

Registration Fee for May 2022 Conference: Includes continuing education certificate

- $250—members of KLN who register before 4/1/22
- $275—members of KLN who register after 4/1/22
- $125—student members of KLN (See KLN website to apply for student membership)
- $290—non-members who register before 4/1/22 (Includes KLN Membership)
- $315—non-members who register after 4/1/22 (Includes KLN Membership)
- Presentation materials will be available on the KLN website.
- $25—printed materials—Check for “Yes”
- KLN reserves the right to cancel or alter the program if unanticipated circumstances necessitate change.