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Presidents Message

Oh, happy Spring? Fellow KLN members.

Well, maybe I am wishing to fast. It is hard to believe that it is March. We will be getting together in just 2 1/5 months. I hope everyone has looked at scholarship applications. I would love to have a hard time determining who will receive the scholarships. We are also looking for Poster and Podium presenters. If you or your students have a poster that needs to be presented, here is your chance. Finally, we have numerous positions on the Board of Directors available.

As members of KLN, I think most of us have access to the NLN membership and its information. I hope you have taken some time to see the NLN Connect-Online discussions that I have found interesting. If you have a membership and you have not yet checked it, I encourage you to do so.

This year the National League for Nursing, the nation’s first nursing association, celebrates 130 years as the leading voice of nursing education. Founded by 15 pioneering nurse educators during the 1893 Chicago World’s Fair as the American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools of Nursing, the National League for Nursing has since grown to represent nearly 45,000 faculty, deans, directors, and senior administrators in nursing programs across the spectrum of higher education. They are joined by about 1,100 organizational members, including colleges and universities, health and hospital systems, and nonprofit health care organizations and corporate stakeholders in the health care sector.

The National League for Nursing will celebrate this milestone during the 2023 NLN Education Summit, September 28-30, at National Harbor near Washington, D.C. I hope to go this year, as I have never been to one. The first page of the website has a lot of information about Diversity, Equity, Inclusiveness and Belongingness and what the NLN is doing to promote it. Here is the website: <https://www.nln.org/detail-pages/news/2023/01/02/nln-celebrates-130-years-of-leadership-in-nursing-nursing-education>

I look forward to seeing everyone in May!

Dr Lu Ann Reed
KLN President

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The 19th Annual Nurse Educator Conference and Meeting



The 19th annual educator conference and meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn East, Hurstbourne, in Louisville, KY., May 18-19, 2023. Our conference theme is “Nursing Educators Bridging Leadership With Clinical Practice.” We want to help you prepare the next generation of nurses. Come join us for this exciting conference. Hope to see you there!

Please see <http://www.kyleaguenursing.org/> for further information regarding registration.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS May 18th

Mandi Walker, DNP, RN, CCRN-K, NPD-BC, NEA-BC.



Dr. Walker is the System Executive Director of Professional Practice for the University of Louisville Health System in Louisville, KY. Her clinical background is in trauma and critical care. She obtained her BSN from the University of Louisville in 2004. Since then, she has completed her MSN in Education from Walden University, and her DNP in Executive Leadership from American Sentinel University. She has practiced in Nursing Professional Development since 2009. In 2016 she took over leadership of the U of L Hospital NPD department, and has since added Nursing Research and Nursing Excellence under the umbrella of the Office of Professional Practice. In 2019, she assumed leadership of the newly formed System’s Office of Professional Practice. She is certified in critical care, nursing professional development and as an advanced nurse executive. She was appointed to the Kentucky Board of Nursing as an RN Board Member in 2019, during which time she has served as the chair of the APRN and Practice Councils, and on the Education Committee and Credentials Review Panel. She was elected to two terms on the Association for Nursing Professional Development’s (ANPD) Board of Directors, serving from 2019 through March 2023. She has published multiple journal articles spanning topics from critical care, nursing professional development and nursing engagement and retention. She has presented locally, regionally, nationally and internationally on similar topics, with a primary focus on NPD, engagement and leadership. She is the 2015 recipient of the ANPD’s Belinda E. Puetz award, which recognizes overall excellence in Nursing Professional Development.



Valerie Jones, MSN Ed., RN

Joy Pennington, MSN Ed., RN

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS May 19th

Dodie Serafini, MSN, PHD, RN, CNE.



Dr. Serafini entered her professional nursing career as a licensed practical nurse. Over the next 20 years she progressed through her academic journey. Her MSN is focused on nursing education and her Ph.D. is in Educational Leadership. She holds the NLN certification as a nurse educator. Her topic will be: **“Establishing Assessments to Measure Clinical Judgement”**

Jason Schwartz, MS.



Jason A. Schwartz offers 25 years of experience in high-stakes testing and a reputation for innovation, leadership, and trust. Jason is the Director of Outreach at NCSBN where one of his primary roles is the sharing of accurate and useful information with stakeholders regarding NCSBN examinations, services, and other offerings. Prior to joining NCSBN in 2019, Jason spent 10 years with Pearson VUE supporting the NCLEX and other NCSBN programs in various roles at the executive level.

ATTENTION: KLN Members interested in Poster Presentation and/or Podium Presentation at the May Conference visit: <http://www.kyleaguenursing.org>

All submissions are due by **April 15, 2023.**

Room Reservations at Holiday Inn Hurstborne
\$119 per night for the Conference

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Want to become a part of this great organization? KLN has four positions – President-Elect; Treasurer, and two Board of Directors. Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting in May!

Responsibilities of elected members: Attend ZOOM meetings of the board approximately monthly August - May. Attend and assist at the annual meeting/convention in May each year. Assist in planning the annual convention. Other duties as assigned. (This is a summary. For full description see KLN webpage)

To Stay Up to Date Regarding What is New with KLN, visit the website:

<http://www.kyleaguenursing.org>



Connect with your peers at a KLN Conference

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!!!!

Deadline April 15, 2023

Visit <http://www.kyleaguenursing.org> to learn more about the following scholarships:

- Nursing Faculty Scholarship - Graduate Level Education
- Nursing Faculty Scholarship for Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) Examination
- Helen Watts Lester Carpenter Memorial Scholarship - Service Learning or Medical Missions Project
- Kentucky League for Nursing Research Scholarship
- Nurse Think Faculty Award Opportunity (\$1,000)
- Jo Ann Maurer Wever Excellence in Nursing Education Awards

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Upcoming CNE Course will be held at Galen College of Nursing on Friday, October 13, 2023.

Mark Your Calendars!