



# Kentucky League for Nursing

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## Presidents Message

Now that the fall semester is in full gear, it is time to be thinking about our professional organization and professional development. The Kentucky League for Nursing (KLN) has had its first 2016-17 meetings and we are busy planning for the upcoming year.

But before we look to the future, I would like to recap what we did last year and give you feedback from our May 2016 annual conference. The response to Dr. Gerry Altmiller’s presentation, *Infusing Quality and Safety Education for Nurses into Your Curriculum*, was overwhelmingly enthusiastic. Gerry’s information was astute, pertinent and very interactive. Participant members left the conference with any number of hands-on ideas to use – I’ve incorporated three myself. I only wish it were more! KLN is thrilled to bring this level of teaching expertise to its members.

**We thank you for your invaluable feedback provided at the conference.** We know that the projection for Gerry’s PowerPoints was not optimal and that has already been addressed with the Crowne Plaza. There were suggestions for the meals and we always try to take those into consideration. As you are all aware, many of us are operating in an environment of reduced resources for professional development, and we try to keep the conference costs within reason.

We had a suggestion for a change of venue, and I wanted to address this one in more depth.

This was our third year at the Crowne Plaza in Louisville. Prior to this we had been holding the annual conference at General Butler State Park. The situation with the park facilities had reached a point where a change was needed. KLN investigated other meeting options for more than two years before Louisville was selected as the most central location and the Crowne Plaza was selected as being the conference center most responsive and cost effective for our organization’s needs.

The change was not made lightly, as many members really enjoyed the state park venue and endorsed the philosophy of supporting the state park system for our annual meeting. Overall, the response to the move has been predominantly positive – it is one of the most central locations, with reasonable costs. We were well aware that the hotel rooms were more expensive this year due to the renovation of the Louisville convention Center downtown, but we already have a confirmed our room rate for 2017 and is back to a more reasonable rate (\$119).

I would encourage any of you who would like to consider a change of venue, to do some investigating of your own and then let us know what you have discovered. We would be glad to explore further if we know of reasonable options that meet our requirements. This would be a wonderful way to support your nursing educator’s professional organization and participate in the ongoing activities of the KLN Board.

Just to update you on ongoing activities:

Archiving of KLN’s documents is almost complete. The KLN archives will be maintained at Eastern Kentucky University. As soon as archiving is complete, we will announce it on the website. Who knows? Perhaps in the not-too-distant future, an enterprising doctoral nursing candidate will need those documents as a resource for work on professional nursing activities in the state of Kentucky!

KLN Bylaws and Policy Manual are posted on the Members Only page of the website, [www.kyleaguenursing.org](http://www.kyleaguenursing.org).

The KLN website will be introducing a new page for member accomplishments – who is presenting, who is publishing, who is receiving promotions and accolades – look for

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this in the near future. And then take a few minutes to submit an announcement about yourself or a fellow educator so that we can add to the accolades for the deserving educator!

Now to the professional development part! KLN strategic goals include providing a Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) preparation course every other year. Last year our fall conference hosted Marianne Jeffreys' workshop *Nursing Student Retention: Understanding the Process and Making a Difference*. This year, CNE is back on the agenda.

KLN hosted the **Fall Nursing Educator Conference**, Certified Nurse Educator Prep course October 14, 2016, at Galen College (Green River Circle campus.) Donna "Iggly" Ignatavicius is a nationally known speaker and author of *Medical Surgical Nursing: Patient-Centered Collaborative Care*. Her *Boot Camp for Nurse Educators* conferences get outstanding reviews. She presents nationally on a number of other topics pertinent to nursing education. <http://www.kyleaguenursing.org/#!copy-of-events/cos1> The conference was well attended and very well-received. A number of KLN members have been awarded scholarships for taking the exam, for example, our newest Board member Dolores White, who is a Galen College of Nursing faculty.

Since 2009, **Certification for Nurse Educators** has "established nursing education as a specialty area of practice and creates a means for faculty to demonstrate their expertise in this role." <http://www.nln.org/professional-development-programs/Certification-for-Nurse-Educators>

In fact, I just received a National League for Nursing press release that indicates that CNE has "gone global" with an expansion partnership with the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS), granting global credibility to this program that has certified more than 5000 nurse educators in the United States.

We have great things planned for the 2017 Annual conference next year. Stay tuned to the KLN website and participate. This is your organization - your involvement is essential to keeping our organization current and relevant to our professional lives.

Have a productive year filled with life-long learning!



Rachel Henderson (Centered) received the Jo Ann Wever Award. The award was presented by Jo Ann Wever (Pictured left) and KLN member Lisa McDavid (Pictured right).

KLN would like to congratulate Neena Jones who was the recipient of the Kathryn Mershon Scholarship



Susan Piper and Dolores White both were presented the Bro. Ignatius Perkins Scholarship. (From L to R: Dolores White, KLN member Sharon Steward, and Susan Piper).



Thank you Teresa Ferguson for your service to the KLN 2015-2016! Pictured Left to Right: KLN President Nancy Bronner and KLN member Teresa Ferguson.



The KLN would like to thank Dr. Gerry Altmiller (Pictured left) for delivering an interactive presentation on integrating Quality and Safety Education for Nurses (QSEN) competencies into the curriculum. Members enjoyed interactive activities, videos, games and demonstrations related to her presentation (Pictured right).





## Welcome to the New Board Member!



Welcome Dolores White to the board! Dolores graduated with her DNP from WKU

in May of this year. She currently teaches in the ADN Program at Galen College of Nursing. She has been a Registered Nurse for 20 years and in addition to education, her nursing background includes PACU, Outpatient Pre/Post Surgery/Endoscopy, Medical-Surgical and Telemetry clinical experiences, as well as Surgical-Telemetry Unit Manager. She is a member of the NLN/KLN, ANA/KNA, Association for Nursing Professional Development (Greater Louisville Affiliate), Sigma Theta Tau, Phi Kappa Phi, and Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association. She has a publication in the *Journal for Nurses in Professional Development*.

### NurseTim Scholarship Opportunity!!!

We are excited to announce the “NurseTim Scholarship,” sponsored by Nurse-Tim, Incorporated. The scholarship will be awarded to a current KLN member and enrolled in a graduate nursing program. The recipient must also have the intention of assuming a nursing faculty position. More information about this exciting opportunity is located on the KLN website. We want to thank “NurseTim” for this outstanding contribution to nursing education.

### Congrats to our Members!

- President Elect Beth McGinnis was promoted to Division Chair for Health Sciences Division at ACTC!!
- KLN member Joan Frye, EdD, MSN, RN, NEA-BC received a promotion to Interim Academic President and Dean.
- KLN member Charles Rogers graduated from NKU with a post Masters certificate FNP!!
- **If you would like to be recognized or recognize a member for an accomplishment, please send an email to [www.kyleaguenursing.org](http://www.kyleaguenursing.org)**

### Share your ideas!!!!

At last year’s *Nurse Educator Conference*, Dr. Gerry Altmiller was the keynote speaker. She provided many ideas to facilitate the implementation of QSEN competencies in nursing programs. Dr. Altmiller also provided many resources where further ideas could be located. At this year’s conference, we would like you to consider sharing how you were able to successfully implement a concept you learned from attending the *2016 Nurse Educator Conference*. Please consider submitting an abstract for a poster or podium presentation as an opportunity to disseminate information to demonstrate your success.

### WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH KLN??

- Become a member!
  - Submit an abstract for a poster or podium presentation!
  - The KLN invites nursing students to present posters of research projects. (Registration fee is waived for students)
  - The KLN seeks members to participate in peer review of submitted abstracts for presentation!
- Contact the KLN if interested!!!

### Please consider a position on KLN’s Board of Directors

#### The following positions will be available in May

- President Elect:** A President-Elect shall be elected at the annual meeting in the manner provided in Article VIII of these bylaws, to serve for a term of two years following the close of such meeting, and shall then succeed to the Presidency for a term of two years.
- Secretary:** The Secretary shall be elected at the annual meeting in the manner provided in Article VIII of these bylaws, to serve for a term of three years following the close of the annual meeting or until a respective successor is elected. No person shall be elected to serve for more than two consecutive terms in the office of Secretary.
- Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall be elected at the annual meeting in the manner provided in Article VIII of these bylaws, to serve for a term of three years following the close of the annual meeting or until a respective successor is elected. No person shall be elected to serve for more than two consecutive terms in the office of Treasurer.
- Directors:** Directors will be elected at the annual meeting. Term is three years.

### Call for Presentations and Nominations for Awards!

If you would like to present a poster or podium presentation, we are now accepting abstracts! **The deadline for abstract submission is February 1st, 2017!!**

Please submit nominations for the following awards and scholarships **by April 2nd, 2017!!**

- Bro Ignatius Perkins Scholarship
- Kathryn Mershon Scholarship
- Jo Ann Wever Award



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**Come Join the Fun in May 2017!!!!**

**Shaping Student Thinking: Strategies for Implementing Debriefing  
Across the Curriculum**

The 2015 NLN Living document from the National League for Nursing, authored in collaboration with the International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning, makes a clear statement for the use of evidenced - and theory - based debriefing in more than just a post-simulation setting.

The call to action: “How will we integrate the principles of debriefing across the curriculum to co-create contextual learning environments and actively engage students in the process for transformational learning?”

This year’s Annual KLN Conference with INASCL past-president Carol Durham presenting, will provide hands-on strategies and tactics to help you incorporate debriefing in every setting, clinical and class.



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**2017 KLN Annual Meeting and  
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May 18th-19th, 2017**

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