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Presidents Message



Greetings to KLN membership!

Summer has graced us once again with its warm (and sometimes hot and humid) days and, for some, a little easier schedule. But the season has moved on and we are back to doing what we love most – teaching!!

So welcome back to school and back to professional activities, like KLN.

Let me catch you up on what’s been happening with KLN.

We had an energetic and highly successful annual

meeting with Nurse Tim (see the meeting highlights in this newsletter!) Your feedback from the conference indicated the speaker was excellent, but there were a number of organizational/procedural items that could be improved upon and we will take all those into consideration for 2016! Please feel free to contact me anytime with other suggestions.

The Board of Directors is reviewing the KLN policy manual to make sure it is in compliance with the National League for Nursing Bylaws (NLN).

Teresa Villaran was appointed as the KLN liaison to the Kentucky Association of Student Nurses and will be attending their conference this fall. You will be hearing more about that. And, of course, we have already started planning the annual spring conference so that we can make the 2016 Spring Annual Meeting,

with Quality Safety and Education for Nurses (QSEN) presenter Dr. Gerilynn Altmiller the best conference yet! We will be conducting a brief survey soon asking for your ideas on QSEN so that Dr. Altmiller can address your needs. Although the Louisville Convention Center has closed for a two-year renovation, making hotel and conference space a more valuable (and costly) commodity, the Airport Crowne Plaza will continue to accommodate our needs with a larger vendor and break room space on Wednesday and Thursday, May 18th and 19th, 2016.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Nancy Bronner
President, 2015-2017

May 2016 Keynote Speaker: Gerry Altmiller!



Dr. Gerry Altmiller will present on Integrating Quality and Safety Education for Nurses (QSEN) Competencies into the Curriculum at the May 2016 conference! Dr. Altmiller is an Associate Professor at the college of New Jersey and a Clinical Nurse Specialist at Albert Einstein Medical Center. She has been a member of the QSEN collaboration since 2006 and has been a national consultant for QSEN since 2009. She currently

serves on the QSEN advisory board. She has published teaching strategies for focusing nursing education on quality and safety concerns and has served as a reviewer for the QSEN organization.

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Highlights of the May 2015 Conference!!



Michele Dickens (Centered) received the Jo Ann Wever Award. The award was presented by Jo Ann Wever (Pictured left) and KLN President Cynthia Frazer (Pictured right).



Kimberly Powell (Pictured left) was presented the Kathryn Mershon Scholarship by KLN Board Member Lisa McDavid (Pictured right).



Kristy McKinney and Sharon Stewart both were presented the Bro. Ignatius Perkins Scholarship. (From L to R: Kristy McKinney, KLN President Elect Nancy Bronner, Sharon Stewart and KLN Board Member Elizabeth McGinnis).



KLN Executive Director Jeanie Carman with Jo Ann Wever at the 2015 Annual KLN Conference!



The KLN would like to thank Dr. Tim Bristol (Pictured left) for delivering an interactive presentation on flipping the classroom. Materials were provided and many different ideas were demonstrated to help better engage students during clinical and didactic settings!



Thank You For Your Service to the KLN Cynthia Frazer and Charles "Chad" Rogers!



Cindy Frazer (Pictured far left) served as a Board member from 2007. She completed her two year run as President of the KLN in May 2015!

Charles "Chad" Rogers (Pictured near left) completed a three year term as a Board member in May 2015!

Thank you both for your service and commitment to the KLN!!



Welcome to the New Board Members!!



Dr. Teresa Ferguson is the Assistant Coordinator of the Associate Degree Nursing Program-Mt. Sterling Campus and serves as an Associate Professor of Nursing at Morehead State University. Dr. Ferguson received a Doctorate of Nursing Practice degree at the University of Kentucky in 2012. She currently works part-time on the Women's Care Unit at St. Claire Regional Medical Center. Dr. Ferguson brings over 25 years of clinical experience in the areas of medical-surgical and maternity newborn nursing into the classroom and clinical setting. In addition, Dr. Ferguson has published three articles in peer-reviewed international nursing journals.

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Sharon Stewart has been a registered nurse for over 30 years! She received her AAS degree in 1984 from

Hopkinsville Community College. She began her career at Jennie Stuart Medical Center and obtained a background in Med-Surg, PACU, orthopedics and ICU. She also served many years in staff education. She continued her education and obtained her BSN and MSN degrees during this time. Sharon currently teaches third semester nursing students at Hopkinsville Community College. She received the Perkin's Scholarship from KLN in May 2015 and successfully passed the Certification for Nurse Educator's Exam this past summer.



Dr. Cathy Abell is a Professor in the School of Nursing at WKU. She is the Coordinator of the RN to BSN

Program. She has taught in the program since 2002. Dr. Abell is a member of Sigma Theta Tau, Kentucky Nurses Association, American Nurses Association, Kentucky League for Nursing, and the National League for Nursing. Her clinical background includes acute care, urgent care, and public health. She also has extensive experience in long-term care including Director of Nursing, Regional Nurse Consultant, Regional Quality Improvement Specialist, and Administrator.

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!!!



Teresa Villaran serves as the KLN consultant to the Kentucky Association of Nursing Students (KANS)!

Teresa graduated initially with a diploma in nursing and continued on to obtain her BSN and MSN. She has been a certified critical care nurse since 1994, and a board certified acute care nurse practitioner since 2006. She taught undergraduate nursing for 9 years. She received her Certification as a nurse educator this year. Teresa received the Brother Ignatius award from the KLN in 2014. and received the distinguished educator award from the Berea College Student Government Association. Teresa currently works for the University of Kentucky.

KANS Update!

Watch for Updates to Our Webpage and Stay Connected with the KLN!!

- Receive up-to-date information regarding the Kentucky League for Nursing
- Annual Conference Information
- CEU Opportunities
- Scholarship/Award Criteria and Applications
- Networking
- Become a Member
- Conference Registration and Membership dues easily accepted online!!

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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, 2016!!**

Please submit nominations for the following awards and scholarships **by April 2nd, 2016!!**

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

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Come Join the Fun in May 2016!!!!



Having a good time at the May 2015 conference!



Attendees of the May 2015 KLN Conference! Come meet educators throughout and around the state!

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Poster presentations provide attendees with exciting ideas that can be implemented in their curriculum!



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