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## President's Message

Once again, the new school year has begun and by now, everyone is well into the routine. Your KLN Officers and Board are hard at work planning our next conference and annual meeting. Our first job is to review the evaluations and scope of the 2012 meeting, and I can proudly share that it was our largest meeting of members ever. We had an outstanding group of 180 members representing 33 different programs of nursing from three states. The featured speaker, Dr. Linda Caputi, shared her stories and techniques for teaching students to think like nurses and gave us much to think about during her time with us.

The poster presentations were outstanding and repre-

sented several different programs sharing many exceptional projects for our consideration. The presenters really took poster presentations to the next level for this conference. We also had another group of excellent podium presentations from our peers. I hope many of you are planning your posters and presentations for our 2013 conference. It's this sort of sharing of perspective that helps us all do a better job without reinventing the wheel.

Through your generosity, the KLN raffles provide scholarships supporting nurse educators in our state. Sandra Holmes (Kentucky State University) was the recipient of the Brother Ignatius Perkins Scholarship, and Bridget Rogers (Eastern Kentucky University) received the Kath-

ryn Mershon Scholarship. Congratulations to you both!

The KLN Awards for Excellence in Nursing Education this year went to Dawn Garrett-Wright (Western Kentucky University) and Freda Sharp (Eastern Kentucky University). We look forward to their presentations at our 2013 conference.

Speaking of our next conference, mark your calendars, and save the dates! May 16-17, 2013. Our featured guest will be Dr. Jean Giddens, Professor and Executive Dean of the College of Nursing at the University of New Mexico, who will share her evidence-based methods for teaching in a concept-based curriculum. Watch for more information about our next KLN Conference and Annual Meeting to hit your mailbox soon.

—Emily Piercy, MSN, RN, CNE



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## Kentucky League for Nursing

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## Notice of Intent to Vote on Amendment to KLN Bylaws

The KLN was notified by the IRS in late September that in order to maintain our tax exempt status, we must include their statement to limit this organization's purposes to those described in the IRC Section 501(c)(3), and we have been instructed to add the following specific language to our Bylaws:

"Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets

not disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes."

In accordance with the existing Bylaws of the Kentucky League for Nursing, the membership is now notified of this proposed amendment to be voted on by electronic vote during November 2012. Members will be e-mailed a link to the voting site with instructions for casting your ballot. The IRS will not permit us to delay voting until our next Annual Meeting in May 2013. The amendment must be voted on more quickly.

If you need to update your e-mail address, please contact Jeanie Carman, Administrative Assistant, at [kyleaguenursing@yahoo.com](mailto:kyleaguenursing@yahoo.com) immediately.

When you receive the link to the

voting site, please cast your ballot as soon as possible. Dates for the voting will be included with the link.

Please also view the existing KLN Bylaws through the link at <http://www.nln.org/CLWebsites/Kentucky/index.htm>

- Linda Dunaway, MSN, RN,  
SANE  
KLN Secretary

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2013 Annual Nurse Educator  
Conference  
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## Excellence in Nursing Education

It's a new year, right? There is no better time to take a moment to reflect on who you believe is the best nurse educator in the Commonwealth and why you have come to believe in this person. Who is the educator that inspires students to do their best? What's their secret? Reach out and give her or him a pat on the back, and submit a nomination for the KLN's Award for Excellence in Nursing Educa-

tion. This Award for Excellence in Nursing Education in the Commonwealth of Kentucky will be presented to two outstanding academic nurse educators yearly during the annual business meeting of the Kentucky League for Nursing. The honor will recognize significant contribution to excellence and innovation in nursing education contributing to the preparation of the nursing workforce in the state. To learn

more about the KLN Award for Excellence in Nursing Education, check our website at <http://www.nln.org/CLWebsites/Kentucky/AwardOfExcellence.pdf> and get those nominations going!

Pictured right: Freda Sharp receives the KLN Award for Excellence in Nursing Education from KLN Director Betty Olinger.



Pictured left: Dawn Garrett-Wright receives the KLN Award for Excellence in Nursing Education from KLN Director Betty Olinger.



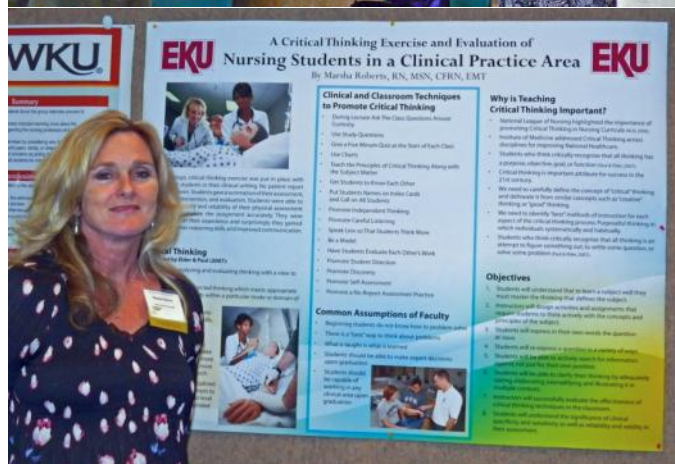
### Welcome New KLN Directors



Chad Rogers is an Assistant Professor of Nursing at Morehead State University. Chad began his career in the Kentucky National Guard as Medic and served a total of ten years. Prior to becoming a nurse, he was a Paramedic for 5 years. He holds an Associate and Bachelors degree in Nursing from Morehead State University and a Master of Science in Nursing (Education) from Northern Kentucky University. He has worked in the Intensive Care Unit, Emergency Department and Catheterization Recovery areas as a nurse. He currently teaches Registered Nurses and has also taught Licensed Practical Nurses in the past for four years. He is excited to help shape the future of the KLN.



Susan Hayes is an Assistant Professor at Bluegrass Community and Technical College in Lexington, KY. Originally from New York State, Susan spent the majority of her nursing career while serving full-time in the US Air Force, and then settled in KY upon her retirement. She has three children and resides in Georgetown, KY. Susan developed her expertise in pediatrics while practicing as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner. She loves the challenges and creativity associated with teaching and the ability to make a difference for future nurses. She is excited to serve you as a Director of the Kentucky League for Nursing.



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### Scholarship Opportunities

#### Kathryn M. Mershon Nursing Faculty Scholarship

The Kathryn M. Mershon Nursing Faculty Scholarship is awarded by the Kentucky League for Nursing to honor a nurse who has worked tirelessly to improve nursing education and the nursing workforce in Kentucky and throughout the nation. The scholarship is awarded annually to a Kentucky League for Nursing member as a one-time only gift to a qualified nurse applicant pursuing graduate education with the intention of remaining in the Commonwealth of Kentucky to teach in an accredited undergraduate or graduate level program of nursing. For the application and additional information, visit our website at <http://www.nln.org/CLWebsites/Kentucky/>

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#### Brother Ignatius Perkins Nursing Faculty Scholarship

The Brother Ignatius Perkins Nursing Faculty Scholarship is awarded by the Kentucky League for Nursing in honor of Brother Ignatius Perkins who has served the citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the National League for Nursing for many years through his activities enhancing nursing education. The scholarship is to be used by Kentucky League for Nursing members to assist preparation and examination for the NLN's Certified Nurse Educator credential. The scholarship will be awarded by the Kentucky League for Nursing annually as a one-time only gift to qualified nurse applicants

who plan to take the CNE exam within one year of the award. For the application and additional information, visit our website at <http://www.nln.org/CLWebsites/Kentucky/BIPApplication.pdf> .

Pictured right: Sandra Holmes receives the Brother Ignatius Perkins Nursing Faculty Scholarship from KLN Director David Grant.



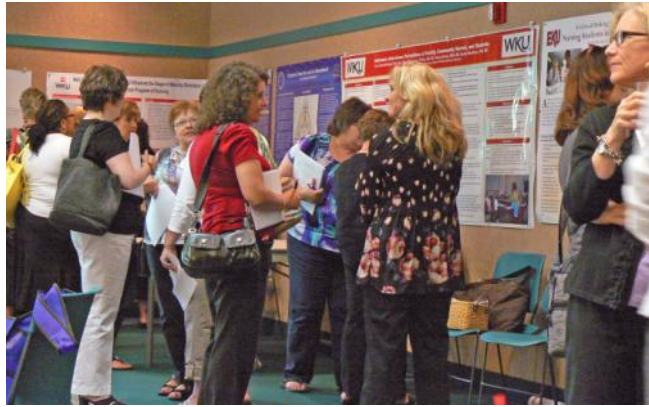


### Plan to Join Us in May 2013 with Dr. Jean Giddens



*The Neighborhood*, a web-based virtual community used to enhance integrative learning approaches in nursing education. Dr. Giddens is currently a Robert Wood Johnson Nurse Executive Fellow.

Dr. Jean Giddens, Ph.D, R.N. is Professor and Executive Dean at the College of Nursing, University of New Mexico. As a recognized expert in nursing education and conceptual-based teaching applications, curricula, and evaluation, Dr. Giddens' passion lies with innovative models for teaching and learning. She is also the author and creator of



The poster session of the 2012 KLN Annual Nurse Educator Conference offered an array of excellent presentations and great opportunities for networking.

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