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President's Message

Hello! I hope you've had a great start to the school year. I'm excited to be writing this message for the first time. I am excited and honored to be the KLN President – and, very, very grateful to have such a talented and hard-working Board of Directors working with me. You all know that I have very big shoes to fill – Emily Piercy, our immediate Past-President did so very much for the League. I just can't thank her enough in this message – check out the article highlighting her contributions to KLN.

I'm still excited about the conference we had last May! Jean Giddens, our keynote

speaker, spoke about how to teach with a conceptual approach. The feedback from attendees was terrific! We were so pleased to be able to bring such a stimulating and helpful presentation. KLN members also presented on a variety of topics - teaching strategies, clinical topics, the DNP for educators, curriculum design and more! I hope you're planning to share your expertise by presenting at the 2014 conference.

Speaking of the 2014 conference – we're moving to a new location! We had a great time for several years at General Butler State Resort Park, but we really outgrew their facilities

(a wonderful problem to have!). The conference will be at the Crowne Plaza in Louisville. Once again, we're working hard to make the conference the best value for our members – the KLN conference is incredibly affordable, but still absolutely top quality. We look forward to a great time with lots of learning, networking and just plain fun!

Check out all the information about KLN in the newsletter – and mark your calendars for May 15th and 16th. We'll see you in Louisville!

Cindy Frazer, MS, RN, CNE, CMSRN



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Kentucky League for Nursing 2014 Annual Nurse Educator Conference

JOIN US THIS YEAR IN OUR NEW LOCATION!!!

The KLN is happy to announce the Annual Nurse Educator Conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza in Louisville, KY, May 15-16, 2014!! The Crowne Plaza offers luxurious sound proof rooms, an indoor pool, an on site restaurant as well free shuttle service to many nearby Louisville attractions. (Shuttle runs anyplace within three miles of the hotel)

FREE IS STILL A GOOD PRICE!!

In life, it is said, there are no free rides. However, that will not hold true at 2014's Annual Nurse Educator conference. The Crowne Plaza hotel offers a free shuttle service that will deliver you to an array of attractions within three miles of the hotel. Area attractions include the Louisville Zoo and The Kentucky Derby Museum, among many other exciting options. If you feel like staying in, you can choose to relax pool side or relax in your sound proof room. This is all in addition to the wonderful keynote speakers that have been confirmed and presentation we anticipate we will see form across the state and even from other states We hope you will join us in May of 2014 for the Annual Nurse Educator Conference in Louisville, after all, "Its happening here"!!



The KLN invites nursing students to submit abstracts for poster presentations!

Student Information!

This was the first year that KLN has invited students to attend and present at the KLN Nurse Educator Conference. This was a success!! Morehead State had two student representatives who presented a Quality Improvement Project they had completed as part of their clinical rotation during their final semester. This was found be very enlightening for both the students and faculty in attendance. Our hope is to keep this going in the future. Therefore, the KLN invites all students to submit abstracts for poster presentations for the May 2014 Annual Nurse Educator Conference. This is a great opportunity for students to become involved with KLN and present to educators throughout and around the state regarding projects or nursing innovations they have completed during their education! Abstracts will be due by January 31, 2014 and acceptance will be announced in February or March. Please submit abstracts to: kyleague-nursing@yahoo.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

Plan to Join Us in May 2014 with Mable Smith and Beverly Malone

Two exciting speakers have been planned for the 2014 KLN Conference for Nurse Educators. Mable Smith, BSN, MN, JD, PhD is the Dean of the College of Nursing at Roseman University of Health Sciences in Henderson, NV. Dr. Smith has practiced both nursing and law and is the author of *The Legal, Professional, and Ethical Dimensions of Education in Nursing* which is currently in the second edition.

Beverly Malone, PhD, RN,

FAAN was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the National League for Nursing in 2007. Originally from Kentucky, Dr. Malone earned her BSN from the University of Cincinnati. Her career has included work as a surgical staff nurse, clinical nurse specialist, director of nursing, assistant administrator of nursing, and dean of a school of nursing. In 1996 she was elected to the first of two terms as President of the ANA. In 2010 Dr. Malone

was ranked #29 among the 100 most powerful people in healthcare by *Modern Healthcare* magazine.

It is our hope that you will join us to hear these dynamic speakers address some of the pressing issue facing Nurses and Nurse Educators today. Please watch for coming updates as the new KLN website is rolled out and in the next Edition of the KLN News.

Pictured below: Heather Thompson (Left) and Olivia Layne (Right), May 2013 Graduates of Morehead State University's Associate Degree Nursing Program, present a poster presentation for their Quality Improvement Project.



Welcome New KLN Directors!



Lisa McDavid is an Assistant Professor of Nursing at Morehead State University. She holds an Associate Degree in

Nursing from Ashland Community College, Ashland, KY and a Master of Science in Nursing (Education) from Bellarmine University, Louisville, KY. She has a background in Medical/Surgical and Operating Room Nursing. She currently teaches Registered Nurses at Morehead State University. She resides in Grayson, KY with her husband. She has been a member of the Kentucky League for Nursing since 2010 and is excited to serve on the Board of Directors.



President elect Nancy Bronner, MSN, RN, CNE has been teaching at Bluegrass Com-

munity and Technical College for eight years. She has worked in a variety of positions in her nursing career including, staff nurse, and director of clinical services. She has worked medical and surgical floors at the University of Kentucky and in the VA system in outpatient settings to free-standing psychiatric hospitals. She was a member of the KLN Board of Directors from 2008-2012 and has attended and assisted with every KLN annual conference since she started teaching. She is looking forward to the change in venue and to working again to strengthen and promote the organization. And she recently became certified as a nursing educator!

Service opportunity!!

As fellow educators we realize that many times educators are looking for ways to give back. The Kentucky League for Nursing is always looking for those who are willing to serve. If you have a particular skill you feel would be of benefit to the KLN please do not hesitate to contact us and let us know if your willingness to serve. One of our newest upcoming needs will be for peer reviewers for poster presentations and podium presentations for the upcoming KLN Annual Nurse Educator Conference. In addition, there will be various opportunities to serve throughout the year. If you are interested in volunteering for the KLN please email kyleaguenursing@yahoo.com, c.rogers@moreheadstate.edu or l.mcdavid@moreheadstat.edu We look forward to hearing from you!!

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/KathrynMershonScholarshipCriteria.pdf>.

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 recipient is required to sit for 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 left: Patti Marraccini receives the Brother Ignatius Perkins Nursing Faculty Scholarship from KLN Director

Donna Ricketts. Mrs. Marraccini was chosen for her dedication to student success in the lab, clinical, hospital and community, as well as in the classroom. It is with great excitement she anticipates taking the certification exam to become a Certified Nurse Educator. The KLN wishes her great success in this endeavor.

Jo Ann Maurer Wever 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 Jo Ann Maurer Wever Award for Excel-

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

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 left: Connie Hubbard receives the KLN Award for Excellence in Nursing Education from KLN



Pictured right: Sandra Holmes receives the KLN Award for Excellence in Nursing Educa-

Connie Hubbard the KLN Award for Excellence in Nursing Education for 2013 at the Annual Conference for Nurse Educators. Ms. Hubbard teaches Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing in Eastern Kentucky's University's Associate Degree Nursing Program where she has created developed creative and insightful simulation scenarios for students. In addition, Ms. Hubbard has used a variety of innovative teaching techniques in the classroom and laboratory settings that have served improve student outcomes. Ms. Hubbard displays a passion for both teaching and mental health care that has been recognized and commended by her peers. Colleagues have reported they are "proud to work with and nominate" her for this award.

Your name belongs here!!

KLN Constituent are among the most creative, brightest nurses around. The KLN looks forward to honoring its constituents on this page who have received a scholarship through the KLN. So, make sure you apply for these scholarships! Watch for more information about upcoming scholarships on our new website that will launch soon!

Dr. Sandra Holmes was awarded the Excellence in Nursing Education in the Commonwealth of Kentucky at the May 2013 KLN Educator Conference. Dr. Holmes received her PhD and MSN in Nursing from the University of Tennessee. Her BSN was granted from Memphis State University, a Diploma in Nursing from the Methodist Hospital of Nursing in Memphis, and BS in Biology from Mississippi Valley State University. Dr. Holmes holds membership in a variety of professional organizations and has published in peer-reviewed journals. She has written and was funded grants and has presented programs on a state and national level. Her areas of teaching expertise include Professional Role Transition, Community/Public Health Nursing, Nursing Research & Evidence-Based Practice, Gerontological Nursing, and Senior Capstone Seminar.

Thank You for Your Service Emily!



Part of being a nurse is recognizing those around you who have done something worthwhile. Frequently working as a nurse can leave you feeling unappreciated and “left out of the loop”. Occasionally, we come across people who we cannot

avoid giving a great big THANK YOU for their contributions. For the KLN, Emily Piercy is just such a person. Emily has served in the KLN for a significant amount of time and has made many improvements along the way. In 2005 she was asked to temporarily fill the role of Treasurer. She agreed to do so, and the next year was elected President-elect for the 2007-2009 term. She served as President of the KLN from 2009-2013 and just recently resigned her position as KLN President to pursue other endeavors. While serving as President Emily pursued a vision that led to an increase in membership, and increase in conference attendance and a change of conference venue to the new Louisville location. She has done many things to promote the KLN and for her efforts and dedication we offer her our sincerest thanks and best wishes.

The KLN Korner

We are excited to bring this new section of the paper to you—the KLN Constituency. For those of you who have attended the conference recently, you are aware of all the exciting research and application topics that have been presented each year. It is truly amazing the level and amount of research being completed. What we want to do is highlight that research. That is why we have created the KLN Korner as a place to highlight new, recent research of KLN Members. In addition, we open this to presentation of new strategies in education, methods in teaching, development in areas of practice and to exceptional performance by KLN members. If you, or someone you know, has completed exceptional work you feel should be recognized, please contact Lisa McDavid at l.mcdavid@moreheadstate.edu or Chad Rogers at c.rogers@moreheadstate.edu. We look forward to hearing from you! Lets represent KLN well in this Korner!!



Pictured above and below: KLN Board of Directors working hard at the May 2013 KLN Conference!



Come Join the Fun in May 2014!!!!



Vendors from the May 2013 KLN Conference provided educators with new available resources!

Attendees of the May 2013 KLN Conference! Come meet educators throughout and around the state!



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