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## President's Message

Another Nurse Educator Conference and Annual Meeting, has come and gone. What an event it was due to all those that contributed by presenting and having poster presentations. There was a very full 1 ½ day of networking, presentations, and breaking bread together. Over 150 nursing educators and colleagues from many different institutions were in attendance with varied ideas and innovations they shared with one another. From the KLN's primary speaker, Dr. Tim Bristol, to KBN's Executive Director, Dr. Charlotte Beason, Kentucky Nursing Educators were surrounded with the most current and upbeat sharing of knowledge and teaching methodologies. The reception with refreshments and

music was well received. The manner in which the conference is planned relies heavily on comments the KLN Board receives from you, the KLN membership. The full day and ½ was begun due to suggestions that a presentation all day Friday and then travel time was not favorable. This year as the Board plans for the May 12-13, 2011, Nurse Educator Conference and Annual Meeting, the KLN Board members review comments and suggestions so that KLN offers you the variety you want and as much comfort in your surroundings as are available.

The KLN Board was excited with the many positive comments received on the evaluation forms, i.e. "This is the best conference that I

have attended." "The topics are right on!" "The food and the surroundings are beautiful." "Cheapest continuing education around." Of course, the Board also encourages the comments that require us to rethink how things may be done and how to better suit all.

Again, let's make 2010-2011, the best year yet. Tell your colleagues to join the KLN as soon as possible. Visit our web site and encourage others to do the same. Apply for the scholarships that are offered. KLN wishes to continue to contribute to the growth of the Nurse Educators in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Have a grand year and hope to see you at the spring conference.

~Bonnie Nicholson, EdD, RN

## KLN Scholarship Opportunities

The KLN is pleased to offer new scholarship opportunities for members. The Brother Ignatius Perkins Scholarship has now been revised to support faculty who plan to take the NLN Certified Nurse Educator Exam (CNE) exam. There will be two \$500.00 scholarships awarded for use toward the cost of the exam. The Kathryn Mershon Scholarship will support tuition costs for nurse educators pursuing a graduate degree. There will be one scholarship awarded for \$1000.00.

In the past several years, KLN has re-evaluated the scholarship program and made changes to further support the mission of the KLN and the NLN. Scholarship amounts have been doubled within the past year.

Proceeds from the raffle at the annual KLN educators meeting are the primary source of scholarships. In the

**Pictured right: Kathryn Mershon and Beverly Rowland, scholarship recipient**

future, KLN will provide more opportunities for members to participate in fundraising as we strive to increase scholarship opportunities for members.

Please check our web site for the criteria and scholarship application forms.

<http://www.nln.org/CLWebsites/Kentucky/index.htm>

~Eileen Keltly, MSN, RN



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## KLN Nurse Educator Conference and Annual Meeting 2011

Plan to join us May 12-13, 2011, in Carrollton, KY, as we welcome Dr. Judith Herrman to Kentucky! We look forward to her words of wisdom with regard to clinical and classroom teaching strategies.

As a nurse educator for almost 20 years, Dr. Herrman has always been interested in incorporating creative teaching strategies in nursing education and staff development. Her quest to supplement traditional teaching

methods (lecture and clinical supervision) with innovative methods has led to the publication of several articles, a book, and many speaking engagements. In this workshop, Dr. Herrman will provide participants

with valuable strategies to incorporate into their personal teaching portfolios.



## National League for Nursing: Immersion in Evidence-Based Nursing Education

### Building Competence in Evidence-based Teaching and Evaluation of Learning

In June of this year, I had the privilege of attending the NLN Immersion in Evidence-Based Nursing Education Conference. I received a grant from Jefferson Community and Technical College through the David Jones Endowment for Professional Development.

The conference was divided into three intensive study groups. The group I chose to participate in was for new nursing educators. The two presenters were, Linda Caputi, EdD,

RN, CNE and Judy Herrman, PhD, RN, ANEF. Dr. Caputi was named Educator of the Year for 2004 by the National Organization of Associate Degree Nursing. She is Professor Emeritus at College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn, Illinois with over 25 years of teaching experience. She currently teaches online Master in Nursing Education courses. Dr. Caputi is a consultant to undergraduate nursing programs in the areas of curriculum, student success, NCLEX success and effective teaching strategies in the classroom, the nursing laboratory and clinical. She is author of *Teaching Nursing: The Art and Science*.

Dr. Herrman has been a nurse educator for almost 20 years. Dr. Herrman has always been interested in incorporating creative teaching strategies in nursing education and staff development. Her quest to supplement traditional teaching methods with innovative methods has to the publication of several articles and the book, *Creative Teaching Strategies for the Nurse Educator*.

This conference was the highlight of my summer educational pursuits. The objective of the Immersion conference are as follows: Evaluate the role of nurse educator as teacher,

scholar and leader, Examine the state of the evidence for innovative curriculum re-design, Analyze best practices for advancing the science of nursing education, and Examine the state of the science of nursing education and issues related to its development. Dr. Caputi and Dr. Herrman met and surpassed these objectives in providing the attendees with material that we could immediately implement in the classroom and clinical setting. This was definitely the best conference I have attended since becoming a nurse educator.

~David Grant, MSN, RN

## Call for Presentations

Plan to share your knowledge and creativity with nurse educators from across the state and beyond.

Faculty members from across the state are invited to submit a proposal for a concurrent session presentation for the

**Kentucky League for Nursing's  
2011 Annual  
Nurse Educator Conference**  
May 12-13, 2011

General Butler State Resort Park,  
Carrollton, KY.

### Submission Guidelines:

Prepare a narrative of the concurrent session presentation. Concurrent sessions will be 50 minutes in length, but may run across two time periods.

- Title of the concurrent session
- Speaker(s) names and titles, including primary contact person and contact information (e-mail address and phone number)

- Teaching methods to be used: lecture, discussion, etc.
- Objective(s)
- Focused area of presentation
- One paragraph description of the session to be used in the conference agenda

Submit your proposal via e-mail not later than March 15, 2011 to : [kyleaguenursing@yahoo.com](mailto:kyleaguenursing@yahoo.com). Presenters must be registered for the conference.



Dr. Tim Bristol engaged the audience.



Nancy Bronner; Melinda Greenlese, KLN Nurse Educator of the Year; and Bonnie Nicholson

**Mark Your Calendar and Plan to Attend! May 12-13, 2011. KLN 2011 Annual Nurse Educator Conference**

### Brother Ignatius Nursing Faculty C. N. E. Scholarship Application

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Last)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Home/Cell ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a current member of the Kentucky League for Nursing? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Do you hold a current KY nursing license? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Current place of employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Area of expertise: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated date of CNE exam: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach the following documents:

Curriculum vitae

Typed response to the following question:

Write a brief description re: purpose for CNE certification and your plans to use the core nursing educator competencies to strengthen your practice

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Kathryn Mershon Faculty Scholarship Application

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Last)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Home/Cell ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a current member of the Kentucky League for Nursing? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Do you hold a current KY nursing license? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Major/Degree Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Hours completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Degree Expected: \_\_\_\_\_

Current employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach the following documents:

- One letter of recommendation
- Curriculum vitae
- Typed response to the following:

Describe how you intend to promote professional practice in nursing education, both in theory and engagement in professional organizations

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Call for Posters

Kentucky League *for* Nursing 2011 Nurse Educator Conference  
May 12-13, 2011, General Butler State Resort Park, Carrollton, KY

### Submission Guidelines:

Prepare a narrative of the poster presentation including the title of the poster, abstract, participants' names and credentials, school affiliation, contact information. Submit your proposal through March 31, 2011 via e-mail to:

kyleaguenursing@yahoo.com. Presenters must be registered for the conference.



Dr. Barbara Kitchen and Midway College students shared their poster.

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