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KRNA is Going Green

KRNA will be sending newsletters by e-mail to all those with e-mails on file with WNA. Please contact WNA if your e-mail address needs to be corrected. If you receive this as a paper copy and have an e-mail, please contact WNA with that address. Using e-mail will save lots of paper and also money for the organization.

President's Column



Hello Everyone:

As I write to you this time, I am sitting at home recovering from surgery and focusing on the proposed changes that are being discussed and voted upon in our state legislature. We all have to give something in order to survive in this economy but we also deserve the right to have input into what happens to us. As I recall the history of collective bargaining, I am reminded that it came into existence because the people we trusted to take care of us as workers failed to do so. I fear that in our efforts to create a quick

fix, we will make decisions that fail to look beyond the immediate and may lead to stagnation for the future.

KRNA must also focus on the present in order to plan for the future. We need you to participate in the activities of the profession for you are the voice of the profession. KRNA has wonderful possibilities to provide continuing development opportunities for you as well as be a way to make your voice heard about the many issues which will affect your practice and the health care of all of us. For example, Tammy Gandy, our VP is representing us at the nursing summit and state president's meeting this week where we will begin to discuss unsafe practices in nursing and the response to the IOM study. She will share information with those in attendance at the next meeting. We also need your participation on committees and to assume leadership roles in the organization.

Our nominating committee has been hard at work making personal contacts to meet these needs. We also need to have you attend meetings. I am making a personal request that each of you plan to attend at least one meeting during the year. To facilitate this, we are looking at rotating meeting sites so that we having meetings in all areas of our district.

Together, we can actively participate in moving our profession forward. Join us at the next KRNA meeting. Don't get caught assuming that someone else will take care of you. We have learned from history that that is not always true. We must take and maintain an active voice in our profession.

With warmest regards,

Beth Markham

Nurses Week 2011

May 6-12



The Nightingale Tribute

By Marie Garwood



Have you known of a nurse colleague that has passed and you've wished you could have honored him/her in some way? A few years ago the Kansas Nurses Association developed a tribute to nurses designed to be used at a memorial service to honor the deceased nurse. *The Nightingale Tribute* is offered by a designated friend or nurse colleague. The ceremony is in honor and recognition of the individual's commitment and dedication to science and the practice of

nursing. The suggested ceremony may include:

the lighting of a white candle; a brief summary of the individual's nursing career; special readings; and the presentation of a white rose with the casket or urn. You can see the tribute at the WNA website: www.wisconsinnurses.org. Click on the Affiliations tab, and then click on Nurses Foundation.

As a district project, KRNA will be working with WNA to make local funeral direc-

tors aware that a special tribute for nurses is available. KRNA would like to have a nurse assist with the tribute. Here's where you can help. If you would like to have your name on a list of nurses willing to assist in honoring a deceased colleague, let us know. We will be working on developing the list during the first half of this year. If interested please email garwood@sharontelephone.com

or call 262-812-7128.

Summit Report

Leading Change and Advancing Health in Wisconsin:

Promoting the Value of Nursing Quality Measures Meaningful to Patient Outcomes

February 17, 2011

By Georgia Owens, MPH, RN, Clinical Nurse Specialist

This one day summit provided an overview of the national and state activities and initiatives. The topics were related to the selection, collection, measurement, reporting and payment of quality and patient safety outcomes.

The Nurse Summit was held at the EPIC System headquarters in Verona, Wisconsin. The presenters included leaders from various health related fields. Norma Lang, PhD, RN, FAAN, FRCN was the moderator of the panel discussions on nursing leadership and the digital revolution, e-measures and measurements and payment reform.

As stated in the *IOM Report* nurses need to be better utilized as part of the quest for health care reform. The report recommends to remove barriers that prevent nurses from being able to respond effectively to rapidly changing health care settings and an evolving health care system. One important message was that nurses are a huge leadership potential in leading change and advance health.

The summit focused on the following two recommendations:

1. "Nurses should practice to the full extent of their education and training."
2. "Nurses should be full partners, with physicians and other health care professionals, in redesigning health care in the United States."

The report also strongly emphasizes the importance of technology support for the clinical practice of nurses. (IOM, 2010 Future of Nursing, pgs 1-10)

In Remembrance – Julia Durand— 1909-2010

Julia Durand passed away October 26, 2010, just 3 days before for 101st birthday. Julia graduated from St. Luke's School of Nursing, Racine, in 1931. She spent most of her career in maternity nursing, retiring in 1976 after 24 years in the St. Luke's delivery room.

Julia was a founding member of the Nurses Foundation of

Racine and chaired the Selection Committee from 1983 - 2004. She was a member of the Wisconsin Nurses Association for 76 years and served as treasurer for four years. Julia was honored with a lifetime membership in 1997 and was recognized at the 1909 WNA convention with a tribute celebrating her 100th birthday and the 100th anniversary of WNA. office on the board.

Julia was active in KRNA and over the years held almost every office on the board.

The Nightingale Tribute was given during her funeral service by Carol Huff, Sharon Johnson, Maggie Seeter, LuAnn Wells, Elaine Dretzka, and Mary Luebke. KRNA donated \$100 in her memory to the Nurses Foundation of Racine.



NOTE FROM NFR PRESIDENT MARY CALLAHAN

The scholarship committee, chaired by Carol Ann Huff and members Sharon Johnson and Mary Manning, have started the hard work of reviewing scholarship applications for the upcoming academic year. Presentation of the scholarships to be at the annual spring banquet.

Over 125 applications were distributed to the various area nursing schools. Only 17 appli-

cations were received by the deadline of February 28, 2011. The deadline was extended through the first week of March. The number of applications was down from previous years. Perhaps a sign of the economy with declining number of students.

Two new memorial scholarships were established this

year; the Mary Alice Peterson Memorial Scholarship and the Julia Durand Memorial Scholarship. I know many of us have had the pleasure of knowing both of these ladies in our nursing careers.

If you would like to make a contribution to NFR or add to a specific scholarship, please contact us at NFR, PO Box 323, Franksville, WI 53126



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KRNA Members Serve

KRNA, WNA District 1, is well represented on the WNA board and councils. Below is a list of current KRNA members serving at the state level. If I have missed anyone, please notify me so that I can recognize your contribution to WNA in a later issue.

Lea Acord - Treasurer

Tammy Gandy - BOD - Staff Nurse Rep and Board Liaison to Workforce Advocacy

Jackie O'Connell - BOD - Region 5 Rep

Marie Garwood - Chair, Workforce Advocacy

Georgia Owens - Chair, Nurse Practice Council

Cathy Beck - Member, Workforce Advocacy

Member Recognition

In future issues of the KRNA news, we would like to recognize KRNA members. Have you or a colleague received an award or a certification? Are you an officer in another nursing or healthcare organization? We'd like to know about our members and their accomplishments.

Please send an e-mail to:

thelmajones49@sbcglobal.net with any news we can include in future issues. You may also drop a note to Thelma Jones, 7058 Fairfield Ct. Unit 102, Mt Pleasant, WI 53406



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Vice-President – Tammy Gandy (2010-2012)

Secretary – Marie Garwood (2010-2012)

Treasurer – Thelma Jones (2009–2011)

Board Members – Rose Giannini (2010-2011)

Linda McDonald (2010-2012)

Georgia Owens (2010-2012)

Joyce Wadlington (2009-2011)

Looking Ahead

April 12, 2011	KRNA Annual Membership Meeting Tallent Hall, UW Parkside
May 6-12, 2011	Nurses Week
May 10, 2011	KRNA Spring Banquet Infusino's Banquet Hall
October 27-29, 2011	WNA/WSNA Annual Meeting & Conference Hotel Sierra and KI Convention Center, Green Bay

