



KRNA NEWS

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President's Corner

A President's Plea

By Kim Russell

At the start of every year we have an opportunity for a new beginning. The Kenosha/Racine Nurses Association members are invited to meet January 19 at Talent Hall at UW-Parkside for a general membership meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to ask all of you, as members of KRNA to offer suggestions for a new direction for our organization to take for 2010.

As the President of KRNA it is my hope that members will take an active role developing committees to enrich our organization with new ideas for growth. KRNA is an excellent venue for networking with nurses having many

levels of experience in a vast range of specialties. I am asking for involvement from members to offer suggestions regarding topics of interest for educational enrichment. Our association with the Wisconsin Nurses Association offers us timely information regarding legislation that can directly impact our nursing practice. 2010 is the year for all of us to become involved in all levels of professional organizations involved in supporting the growth of professionalism for nurses.

Please join us and share your ideas for a new path for KRNA that will lead to an organization that can enrich and support your career as a nurse.



KRNA meeting for all members

January 19, 2010

UW-Parkside

Talent Hall

Room 281

Networking 6 pm

Meeting 6:30 pm

Did you know?

- WNA is celebrating 100 years
- The first meeting of graduate nurses in Racine was held in 1917.
- KRNA currently has 115 members.

Looking Ahead

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| January 5, 2010 | KRNA Board Meeting 6 pm
Denny's, Racine |
| January 19, 2010 | KRNA Membership Meeting
6 pm UW-Parkside, Tallent Hall |
| February 2, 2010 | KRNA Board Meeting 6 pm
Denny's, Racine |
| April 20, 2010 | Annual Meeting &
Election Place TBD |

May 11, 2009 Spring Banquet and Nurse's
Week Celebration Place TBD

Other meeting dates and places will be determined after the January 19 planning meeting. Please come to that meeting to let us know what meeting dates and times work for you.

WNA Convention - 100 years of WNA

The Wisconsin Nurses Association held its annual Convention October 22-24, 2009 at the Pfister Hotel, Milwaukee, which was the site of the first meeting in 1909. The theme of the convention was "Rich Past, Bright Future." The 100 year celebration will continue throughout the year until the convention in October 2010.

District 1 was well represented at the convention and on the WNA Board. Retiring WNA President, Marie Gar-

wood is a member of KRNA and the newly installed President, Carolyn Krause, is a former member of our district. Lea Accord was re-elected as WNA treasurer. Jackie O'Connell serves as Region 5 representative to the WNA Board. Georgia Owens was elected to the Nursing Practice Council. Thank you to these members who give of their time to represent us at WNA.

Several members assisted with convention activities as member registrations, room monitors, etc. Jackie O'Connell served as a

model for the style show of unions. Thelma Jones displayed a poster on "100 Years of Nursing at the City of Racine 1909-2009."

Carol Ann Huff and Sharon Johnson presented a tribute to our member Julia Durand who has been a member of WNA for 76 years.



Pictures from WNA convention



A Tribute to Julia Durand

Julia Durand celebrated her 100th birthday on October 29, 2009. Julia has been a member of WNA and District 1 for 76 years.

Julia was born and raised in Racine and graduated from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in 1931. She worked doing private duty, in a polio unit and in a physician's office. She then began working in the delivery room at St. Luke's and remained there for 27 years. She retired in 1976 as the Head Nurse. She worked with many student nurses who have fond memories of her. WNA president Carolyn Krause and past president Dr. Laurie Glass both remember working as unit clerks under Julia.

Julia was very active in WNA and served two terms as

treasurer in the late 1960s. She attended three ANA conventions as a delegate. She was honored with a lifetime membership in WNA. Julia was also the first recipient of the Service to WNA award.

Julia has always been active in her church, St. Luke's Alumnae Association, and the Retired and Inactive Nurses Group (RING). As a founding member of the Nurse's Foundation of Racine, she worked to establish the scholarship arm of the Racine Nurses Association—now the Kenosha Racine Nurses Association.

NFR is in its 27th years. In the early years bake sales were a frequent fundraising activity in which Julia participated. She was the chairman

of the scholarship selection committee from 1982 until she was 95 years old. She continued to assist with the presentation of the scholarships at the spring banquet for several years after that. Many of our members have received scholarships from the NFR presented by Julia. In 1982, 3 scholarships of \$300 were awarded. In May of 2009, a total of \$22,000 was awarded to 13 students. After her retirement from active nursing she continued to serve her profession by helping to assist student nurses reach their education goals.

Julia is now a resident of Lake Shore Manor, which is a part of St. Luke's Hospital in Racine where she attended nursing school and worked for many years.



Julia Durand has been a member of WNA for 76 years—the longest current membership in WNA.

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2009–2010 KRNA Officers and Board

President - Kimberly Russell (2009-2011)

Past President—Sarah Fouse (2009–2010)

Vice-President—Elizabeth Markham (2008–2010)

Secretary—Joyce Woodward (2008–2010)

Treasurer—Thelma Jones (2009–2011)

Board Members - Tammy Gandy (2008–2010)

Pamela Draper (2009–2011)

Joyce Wadlington (2009–2011)

Vacant position

Greetings from NFR President Mary Callahan

This time of year allows for reflection after the busyness of preparing for holiday celebrations and year end deadlines. When I look upon 2009 I am proud of the Nurses Foundation of Racine's continued ability to support local nursing students even in an economic downturn. In 2009 \$22,000 was awarded to 13 students. Our hope for 2010 is to continue with a similar level of financial support to area nursing students.

In other news—Long time Board member Edith Isenberg resigned as she moved to be closer to her daughter. Her presence and contributions will be missed by those of us who had the pleasure to work with her. In looking to fill her position, our Board also decided to

expand our membership from 9 to 12 members.

This fall also marked founding Board member Julia Durand's 100th birthday coinciding with WNA's 100th anniversary. What a special occasion to commemorate!

Let me extend on behalf of the Nurses Foundation of Racine Board of Directors best wishes for a healthy and prosperous New Year to all of you.



For Your Consideration . . .

How can you become an active part of KRNA? There are several ways you can participate.

- 1) **Become a member of a committee.** Committees are needed for program planning, workshop, bylaw revision, etc.
- 2) **Attend meetings.** Meetings are a place to network with other members and share issues related to nursing. Having good programs at meetings is dependent on having members attend meetings. It is difficult to invite speakers to come when only 6-8 people come to the meetings.
- 3) **Accept a nomination to the board.** Soon the nomination committee will begin calling members to ask for members willing to run for officer and board positions. In April we will elect a president-elect, vice-president, secretary, 2 board members and a nominating committee. In order for KRNA to be successful, we must have people willing to serve.
- 4) **Share your ideas for KRNA activities.** What would help you to be more active in KRNA? Contact one of the officers or come to the meeting on January 19 and share ideas.