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WLN Scholarship Luncheon and Annual Meeting

The Wisconsin League for Nursing held its Annual Meeting and Scholarship Luncheon on Friday, April 23, 2010 at the Radisson-North Shore, Milwaukee.

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WLN business meeting and President's remarks

Dr. Marilyn Frenn noted in her opening remarks that The Wisconsin League for Nursing began in 1952 and has included all types of nursing educational programs. The WLN has advanced the quality of nursing education to improve the health of the people and communities in Wisconsin. At a time when the need for nurses grows ever more, she welcomed scholarship recipients, members and guests to this celebration of our future.

Call to Order

Minutes: The 2009 Scholarship minutes were approved by the board previously.

Treasurers Report: Lori Kulju reported that the WLN is in good financial shape. The investment account has recouped some of the loss incurred over the previous 2 years. Scholarship monies continue to come in a little slower than in the past due in part to the loss of a few donors. The budget for the next fiscal year is similar to last year. We also are counting on income from membership renewals and continuing education! The Annual audit was done in January and both the audit report and 2010 budget forwarded to NLN.

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WLN business meeting continued...

President's report:

Dr. Frenn explained WLN's role within other nursing organizations in the state and cited the many advantages to membership. She thanked all who contribute to the mission of WLN and encourages members to seek new members. WLN continues to represent nursing education in WI with almost 90% of schools as NLN members. We thank you all for your continued support!

A special thank you goes out to all of the WLN Board members, Committee Chairs, and Mary Ann Tanner, Executive Secretary for moving WLN ahead even further this year. Thank you also to Dr. Teri Kaul – President, Lori Kulju – Treasurer, and Dr. Diana Hanks – Secretary. A hearty thanks to Sue Bristol for her wonderful work as the Communiqué editor.

Thanks also to the Scholarship Committee Chair, Gerry Vogel, and members of the committee: Kathy Lee, Rita Roedel, and Giannina Vernon. Thanks to our nominating committee of Dr. Vera Dauffenbach, Stephanie McKennie, Jean Pirkey, and Timothy J. Zuehlsdorf. WLN would also like to acknowledge Melanie Gray, who is completing her term as director.

Scholarships - thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, WLN was able to award 7 scholarships to nursing students. Those awarded included a high school student accepted into a school of nursing through those in doctoral level preparation. WLN is so very grateful to all our scholarship donors! (See recipients on pages 3-5)

At the end of the meeting, Teri Kaul received the gavel from Dr. Frenn and provided a short informational speech as the new president. She enthusiastically supported the idea of each member bringing in one new member.

Key Note Speaker: Dr. Ann Cook

Dr. Ann Cook, president of Wisconsin Center for Nursing, board member of WLN, and a clinical associate professor at the University Wisconsin Milwaukee delivered a wonderful presentation titled, *"Wisconsin Center for Nursing: Impact on Workforce Development and the Ability to Forecast Needs for Nurses"*. Dr. Cook provided an overview of the culmination of years of collaboration and effort among Wisconsin nurse leaders in practice, education and health policy. These dedicated efforts, by the Wisconsin Nursing Redesign Consortium (WNRC), resulted in establishing a path for the future of Nursing in Wisconsin.

The Wisconsin Center for Nursing mission is to assure an adequate, well-prepared and diverse nurse workforce to meet the needs of the citizens of Wisconsin. Dr. Cook described the process of how this data has been collected as the RN's in Wisconsin renewed their license this year. This represents the first time in Wisconsin's history that we will have a clear picture of the nursing workforce. The center is responsible for analyzing the data and disseminating their findings. Thanks to all those at the WCN for all their hard work and dedication they have put into this project.



Scholarship and Award Recipients

Gerry Vogel, Chair of the WLN Scholarship Committee presented the Scholarships at the luncheon. Congratulations to the following scholarship recipients:

Graduate Award (Dr. Gregory Olson Memorial and Past Presidents):

Sarah Hermanson- Marquette University Graduate Student



Sarah received her BA from UW-Madison, where her studies focused on international and domestic public health issues. During visits to impoverished areas while a student, the stark social inequalities and health problems she encountered left her feeling helpless. Sarah decided she could improve people's lives by becoming a nurse. Determined to become bilingual, she began an intensive language program in Spain. In addition, she has volunteered in an after school program in Spain, an orphanage and clinic in Honduras, and in Uganda in a student run Village Health Project. Sarah worked closely with Uganda's Public Health Department for 2 years. During her senior year in college, she worked with the Wisconsin Early Autism Project, Students for Urban Health, and several other not for profit local agencies. In May of

2009, she entered the Direct Entry Master's in Nursing Program at Marquette University. In March of this year she started her role as a Nurse Extern in the Neuro SCU at St Luke's Hospital Milwaukee. Sarah's passion for improving people's lives through nursing infuses her goal to provide health care to those who need it most while advocating

High School Senior Award (LaVerne Foster Memorial):

Madelynn Marshall– Parker High School

Throughout her high school years, Madelynn has proved herself to be an enthusiastic and eager learner. Among the challenging courses she has taken are: Anatomy & Physiology and several Advanced Placement courses (US History, Calculus, Chemistry and Trigonometry). In addition, she has been involved in many school and church volunteer and leadership activities. Madelynn was chosen by faculty as a link leader who serves as a freshman advisor, and has also been a Student Leadership council Member and student representative to several councils and committees. She has participated on several interscholastic sports teams. She has participated in Track and Field, has been the captain of her Basketball team, and has earned her varsity letter in golf.

Madelynn has also completed a certified nursing assistant program at Blackhawk Technical College in Janesville, WI. Madelynn's Anatomy and Physiology teacher describes her as a student who "regularly turns in outstanding work and who is a most determined student. She always advocates for herself and is never afraid to ask questions if she does not understand a concept". Upon completing her BSN in Nursing, Madelynn plans to become a neonatal nurse. Madelynn plans to start at Concordia University in the Fall.



BSN/ADN Awards

Sarah Gower (Donor: Deaconess Hosp. School of Nursing Alumnae Assoc. Awards)

During her junior year in college, Sarah began thinking about nursing as a profession which fit her love of interacting with people and her love of the medical field. Following graduation, she worked as a CNA before entering the Nursing program. At Chippewa Valley Technical College.

Since college she has been involved in a number of volunteer activities. Currently she volunteers with her church, the Alma Center First Responders. In River Falls, she volunteers with a local family who had quintuplets in August, 2009. Sarah states that during her 3 years as a CNA in a long term care facility, the residents taught her so much about care, compassion, patience and love. Upon graduation, she plans to pursue her BSN. In the long term she would like to become a nurse practitioner or nurse educator. Sarah will graduate from Chippewa Valley Technical College in May of 2010.



Kelly Brabec (Donor: Greater Milwaukee Foundation)



Kelly attended Army training schools to become a medic and surgical tech and graduated with honors. She was a Cum Laude graduate at Devry University, where she earned her BS in Management and Health Care Services. Kelly states that she is pursuing nursing because "I want to be a patient advocate — and also work to provide access and opportunities for care for persons or groups who are marginalized.

In her nursing program, Kelly participates in the Student Development Committee. This summer she will provide medical care to impoverished communities in Peru. She continues to serve in the Army Reserve and volunteer with military functions for veterans. Kelly also works 24 hours per week as a surgical tech at Columbia - St. Mary's, Ozaukee County.

Upon graduation, Kelly plans to pursue a Nurse Residency Program through the UW Health System. She wants a career in Critical care as a Surgical Trauma Nurse. Her five year goal is to complete her MSN in Critical Care Nursing. Kelly attends Mt. Mary-Columbia College of Nursing and will graduate in December 2010.

Jolan Greenwood (Donor: Carmen Mockrud in memory of Helen Churitch)

Nursing has been a large part of Jolan's life. She spent time in hospitals during the times her mother has needed care. The things that made an impact on Jolan about the nurses were their dedication, teamwork, knowledge, and enjoyment of their role. Jolan grew up in a family of seven and enjoyed caring for her mother and siblings. She says that "it is a passion of mine to help others and that is why I chose nursing." Jolan works twenty hours per week as a nurse extern in Medical ICU at St. Mary's Hospital, Madison, WI. She has been a member of the Edgewood College Student Nurse Association for two years and was inducted into the Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society of Nursing in fall of 2009. Upon Graduation, her goal is to work in the Medical ICU area. Her long term goal is to obtain a Masters in nursing education. Jolan will graduate from Edgewood College in May of 2010.



BSN/ADN Awards (continued...)

Lisa Lucht (Donor: Deaconess Hosp. School of Nursing Alumnae Assoc. Awards)



The health care field has always interested Lisa. Two life changing events drew her close to nursing. Upon the death of two close family members, the incredible support for her family from the health care staff at St. Michael's health staff prompted her to pursue a career in nursing. She is becoming a nurse to help support, teach and provide care to individuals in need.

Lisa balances school, family and active community involvement. At school, Lisa states she likes to succeed but see others succeed as well. She provides mentoring to fellow students helping them develop goals and strategies for succeeding in class. She is also on the Nursing student Council. In the community, she has been an active volunteer for CAP Services, Inc. in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. She has served as a Board member, on the policy council and the parent committee in the Head Start Program. She actively participates in classroom

activities pertaining to head start and at Tomorrow river school in Amherst where her children attend. For three years she participated in the Sudden Infant Death Benefit in honor of their son James H. Lucht. During that time the community donated over \$24,000 to the infant death center in Milwaukee, WI. Upon Graduation, Lisa plans to attend UW Oshkosh for her BSN degree. Her long term goal is to earn her Family Nurse Practitioner. Lisa will graduate from Mid-State Technical College in Wisconsin Rapids in May of 2010.

Kimberly Colantuono – (Donor: Will Ross Foundation)

While Kimberly attended the University of Illinois, she was an active volunteer and a student who received high honors. As a graduate student, she was on the list of teachers rated as excellent by their students. As a teacher, she enjoyed the day to day interactions as she watched my students grow. As an academic advisor she "thrived on encouraging students to take chances and follow their dreams. Kimberly decided to pursue a career in nursing because she remembers growing up with her mother, an RN, and realized that as a nurse she could combine her passions for educating and serving others.

Included in her several volunteer activities are serving as a four time volunteer fundraiser and participant in the Chicago 3 day Breast Cancer Run for the Cure and volunteering for the St. Baldrick's Foundation which raises awareness for pediatric cancer. Currently, Kimberly works as a hemodialysis technician and has recently passed the certification exam. When Kimberly pictures her future, she sees herself practicing for many years and ultimately serving the profession by becoming a teacher again and educating future nurses.



**Congratulations to our Scholarship Recipients!
Thank You to our Generous Donors!**

Special Awards and Recognition

Twila Sheskey– WLN Member of the Year

WLN's 2010 Member of the Year has spent the last 25 years working with the WI Student Nurses and is WLN's Liaison to that group. She graduated from St. Mary's Milwaukee nursing school with a diploma in 1953. She earned \$1.25/hr working nights at Beaver Dam Hospital – Milwaukee salaries were higher - \$1.50/hour. But it really irked her that factory workers made more! She was greeted by the Director of Nursing scrubbing the floor to the hospital entrance. But benefits were good – free meals at the hospital and they laundered her uniforms.

She completed her BSN at Marquette University in 1958 with additional course work in public health completed in 1960. Anna Hassels and Frances Avery were her teachers. She worked 5 years at the Milwaukee Public Health Dept.

Twila Sheskey completed her Masters in Counseling and Guidance at UW Madison, teaching in the LPN program at Madison Area Technical College for 10 years. Her theory courses were in Ft. Atkinson and her clinical in Watertown.

While serving throughout the state Twila also managed to get married and raise 6 children with her wonderful husband, John, who is here today and accompanies her to many WLN meetings – we should make him an honorary member!

Twila has recruited new members, who didn't realize that WLN is open to all who are interested in nursing education, you don't have to be a faculty member, you don't even have to be a nurse. In fact, one of the scholarships to which Twila has graciously contributed is the Greg Olson Memorial Scholarship, named after a former WLN President, who was not a nurse. We are very proud to recognize Twila Sheskey as WLN 2010 Member of the Year!!



WLN's New Directors & Committee Chairs

Congratulations to those elected to the WLN Board, Dr. Maureen Greene – President Elect, and Piper Larson & Gloria Rhone – Directors. WLN directors who will be continuing this year include Dr. Ann Cook, Zarina Dawoodbhai, Debbie McFarland, and Mary Ann Mosley. Congratulations also to the Nominating Committee: Inshirah Farhoud, Janet Levey, Tom Neumann, Nancy Whitehead.

Ruth Gresley and Zarina Dawoodbhai will be serving as Co-Program Committee Chairs. Daniela Eichelberger is now Fall Program Vendor chairperson, and Debbie McFarland the the new Membership Committee Chair. Gerry Vogel is serving as Scholarship Chair, Lori Kulju as Finance Committee Chair, and Ann Cook as WCN Exec. Director and WLN's Rep to WCN.



Back Row: Gloria Rhone, Daniela Eichelberger, Lori Kulju, Teri Kaul (hidden), Ann Cook
Front Row: Gerry Vogel, Diana Hanks, Janet Levey

A Note from our New President

“Excellence in nursing education”, the mission for the National League for Nursing (NLN), and the theme I would like to adopt for my term as president for the WLN. My name is Teri Kaul and I have been a nurse for the past 29 years, 14 of those years as a nurse educator. I graduated from a Columbia school of nursing as a diploma RN in 1981, and then went on to Marquette to receive my Bachelor’s and Master’s degree in nursing and a PhD in Education. I am also a nurse practitioner working part time in college health. My full time position is the Director of the Graduate Nursing program at Concordia University Wisconsin, where I am also the chairperson of the nursing department.

As I begin my term as president of the WLN I pledge to continue to promote excellence in nursing education and to represent the members of the Wisconsin constituent league to the best of my ability. I am honored and excited to be a part of such a distinguished group interested in educating the nursing workforce to care for the members of our society. As educators and those who are interested in the education of nurses, we have a very important role in helping to shape the future of our health care system. The nurse of today must be capable of caring for more complex patients in even more complex systems than ever before. This places a good deal of responsibility on the shoulders of educators and those interested in nursing education to facilitate the abilities and skills of present and future nurses as well as advanced practice nurses.



Reflective of the recent recession many of us in academia and practice alike have seen a decrease in funding and resources for continuing education. Hence, the title of our upcoming fall conference “learning to do more with less” or as I personally like to refer to it as “maintaining quality with limited resources”. I really think that is where WLN plays such a vital role in availing to nurses in education and practice, networking and continuing educational opportunities that are affordable and of high quality that continue to promote engagement in the profession.

The Strategic Plan for the next two years, describes the WLN goals for the next two years. They may look familiar because they haven’t changed much but I will briefly go over them.

Goal #1 is to maintain leadership in nursing education in Wisconsin. WLN has a presence on the WI Center for nursing (which our guest speaker Dr. Ann Cook, who is also a past president and board member of WLN, and is president of WCN) which deals with workforce issues We are also present in the Wisconsin Nurses Coalition, a one voice initiative for nursing.

Goal #2 Maintain our commitment to our members, by building a diverse, sustainable, member-led organization with the capacity to deliver our mission effectively, efficiently, and in accordance with our values. Its import to note here is that we really need more individual members to make this constituent league work and to promote our agenda of “excellence in nursing education”. Please get the word out there that just belonging to the NLN school membership does not make you an automatic member in WLN. Individual membership in WLN is needed for these program offerings to continue.

Goal #3 Continue to champion for the NE, in political, academic, and professional arenas.

Goal #4 Advancement of the Science of Nursing Education, through the promotion of scholarship in teaching.

All faculty need to be encouraged to continue to develop as scholars and WLN can help. We have been very fortunate to have Dr. Frenn who has been instrumental at developing and delivering the CNE course every year that benefits the members of WLN. Also, annually the fall conference provides a forum for dissemination of the scholarship of teaching that is happening at our various schools and practice sites. We also offer CEU’s for our fall conference. As you can see from this plan we are goals are very ambitious but I think with all the members who volunteer their talents and time to this organization we can achieve them. We can always use more members to help as well. I as your president for the next two years pledge to continue the mission of the organization, “excellence in nursing education” by making our presence known and attempting to work closely with all statewide organizations to assure that we maintain the focus on assuring “excellence in nursing education”. I will continue to carry on the torch to promote excellence in nursing education as many have before me. Thank you.

Dr. Teri Kaul

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Editor's Note

Hello WLN Members! My name is Lizzy Pieper, and I am pleased to announce that I have recently accepted the task of becoming the Editor of WLN's Communiqué. I received my BSN from Marian University in 2008, and I am currently a staff nurse at Froedtert Hospital. I am looking forward to starting graduate school in the near future. Being new to the organization, I am also looking forward to becoming an active member of WLN. I would like to take a moment to recognize Sue Bristol, who will be retiring as Editor after several years of very hard work! Special thanks to Sue for assisting me in "learning the ropes" and compiling this edition of the Communiqué. Thanks also to Mary Ann Tanner who has also been extremely helpful in providing much of the information required for this newsletter! I welcome any submissions, suggestions, or comments you might have regarding the Communiqué. Please feel free to contact me by email at any time: ejpieper@marianuniversity.edu or by mail at 1122 S. 50th St. West Milwaukee, WI. Thank you!

Lizzy Pieper

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The Wisconsin League for Nursing Fall Conference

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