



# ACNL in Action:

*Nurse Leaders Making a Difference!*

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## **Article by Nurse Leader Examines ACA and Value-Based Care**

A newly published article by a University of Rhode Island nursing professor tackles the complexities and controversies surrounding the Affordable Care Act, including efforts to replace the current law, the role of politics in policy-making and relevance to nursing, other health professions, patients and policymakers.

*What's at Stake in U.S. Health Reform: A Guide to the Affordable Care Act and Value-Based Care*, by Betty Rambur, PhD, RN, FAAN, Professor of Nursing and the Routhier Endowed Chair for Practice in the University of Rhode Island's College of Nursing, appears in *Policy, Politics & Nursing Practice*, a quarterly, a peer-reviewed journal published by SAGE Publications Inc. that explores the multiple relationships between nursing and health policy.

Dr. Rambur analyzes recent health policy reforms, delineates possible financial and patient care impacts of changes to the Affordable Care Act and describes recent congressional efforts to replace the law. She skillfully breaks the complex policy into clear and distinct components and encourages nurses of all political persuasions as health care leaders and advocates for their patients to know the issues and engage with lawmakers.

**[View Affordable Care Act Article by Dr. Betty Rambur](#)**

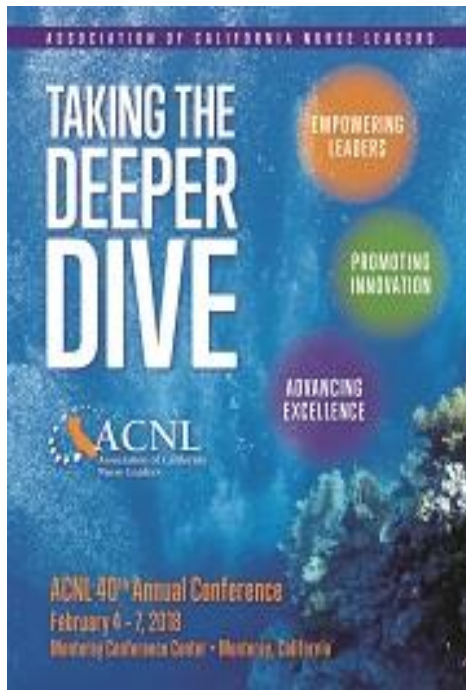
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## ACNL Unveils Speaker Line-Up for 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

### *Taking the Deeper Dive*

**Empowering Leaders | Promoting Innovation | Advancing Excellence**

**Feb. 4-7, 2017 at the Monterey Conference Center**



To celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> year as *the* professional organization for California's nurse leaders, ACNL is presenting an exceptional 2018 Conference – featuring an in-depth exploration of the issues and opportunities nurse leaders face in today's uncertain health care environment. Join ACNL as we *Take the Deeper Dive* to empower you as a leader, promote innovation and advance excellence in the care of our patients and communities!

Keynote **Dr. Dan Gross, RN**, Executive VP at Sharp HealthCare and an expert in health policy at the state and national levels, provides unique insight into health care reform.

**Dr. Cindy Clark, RN**, nursing professor and founder of *Civility Matters*, examines evidence-based strategies to create and sustain healthy work environments.

**Dr. Robert Dent, RN**, COO/CNO at Midland Memorial Hospital and AONE President-Elect, describes leadership strategies to build a positive culture and maximize employee performance.

**Dr. Catherine Dodd, RN**, renowned public health expert and advocate, explores important factors in improving population health.

**Thomas August**, Chief Information Security Officer at John Muir Health, reveals tactics to guard against hacking and cyber-attacks.

**ACNL's Research Committee and the CALNOC Team** update you on research priorities and evidence-based practice.

**ACNL members** share innovative programs and best practices during breakout sessions.

Endnote **Christy Beam** tells her remarkable story of patient and family engagement that inspired the movie, *Miracles from Heaven*.

**Don't miss this outstanding program! Plan to attend *Taking the Deeper Dive!***

More information and registration coming soon to [www.acnl.org](http://www.acnl.org)

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## Call for Podium and Poster Presenters for ACNL's Conference

Share your innovative work and best practices with colleagues at ACNL's Conference in February. Submit applications using our online system. Choose one of the following tracks: New Knowledge and Innovations in Leadership, Patient Safety and Quality, Healthy Work Environment. Leader Role Development and Patient Engagement. **Application Deadline: August 25, 2017**

[View Submission Instructions](#)

[Submit Your Online Application](#)

## Recognize Excellence! Nominate a Colleague for an ACNL Award

ACNL's Awards Program recognizes the outstanding contributions of nurse leaders in advancing nursing excellence and improving the health of our patients and communities. Best Practice Award categories are: Leadership, Professional Education, Clinical Practice, Innovation and Technology in Professional Nursing, Recruitment/Retention and Outreach, Excellence in Nursing Research, Emerging Nurse Leader, Contributions as a Humanitarian and Chapter Excellence. In addition, there are two awards for support of the nursing profession: Friend of Nursing and Contributions to ACNL.

Recognize a nurse leader who is serving our profession with distinction! Nominate a colleague for a prestigious ACNL award.

[Online Nomination Application](#)

**Deadline is September 1, 2017**

## ACNL Member Provides Leadership Advice in *Working Nurse Magazine* Article



When ACNL Member Lauren Spilsbury was asked by *Working Nurse* magazine to provide advice for new and emerging nurse leaders, joining and participating in ACNL figured prominently in her response. Spilsbury, who is Chief Nursing Officer at Redlands Community Hospital, was one of 13 CNOs asked to provide tips for building leadership skills and moving up the career ladder. Spilsbury offered this advice:

- Stay open to opportunities that may present themselves. It may not be your dream job, but with experience and increased knowledge, that dream job will come.
- Get involved with the Association of California Nurse Leaders (ACNL). Join a committee, become a member of your local chapter, network and learn new skills.
- Take advantage of the ACNL's programs for mentoring emerging nurse leaders. One example is the Life Moxie Mentorship Program, a formal six-month program that pairs a high-achieving nurse with a nurse leader. Both gain rewards from the program.

[Read Full Article in Working Nurse Magazine](#)

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## Scholarship Opportunities from ACNL

To further our mission to develop nurse leaders and promote lifelong learning, ACNL sponsors academic scholarships and fellowships annually for our members. Through this year's application process, ACNL will award three \$5000 scholarships and one \$7500 scholarship. To further support ACNL members advancing their education, our longtime partners will award two additional scholarships: Catalyst Systems will present the \$2,500 Barbara Brantley Scholarship; and Alpha Consulting Group will award a \$2,000 scholarship. These scholarships will be presented at ACNL's 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, February 4-7, 2018 in Monterey.

**Scholarship Application Deadline is September 1, 2017. Don't Miss this Opportunity!**

[ACNL Scholarship Information and Online Application](#)

### Nurses Float Scholarship

The Nurses Float Scholarship Fund was created from monies remaining from the Nurses Float, which appeared in the 2013 Rose Parade.

ACNL, in partnership with Bare Root, Inc.,

presents the Nurses Float Scholarship annually. This is an academic scholarship awarded to a registered nurse pursuing either an ADN to BSN or BSN to MSN degree. This scholarship will also be presented at ACNL's 2018 Conference in February.



Membership in ACNL or California residency is NOT required to apply for the Nurses Float Scholarship.

**Application Deadline for Nurses Float Scholarship is September 15, 2017.**

[Nurses Float Scholarship Information and Online Application](#)

## HRSA Nurse Corps Scholarship and Loan Forgiveness Programs

Students accepted or enrolled in an associate, baccalaureate or graduate degree nursing program can receive funding for tuition, fees, and other educational costs or repayment of an existing loan. In exchange, individuals receiving scholarships or loan forgiveness must work at an eligible facility with a critical shortage of nurses upon graduation.

[Learn More about Opportunities Through the Nurse Corps](#)

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## View Recordings of ACNL's July Webinars

### **Embedding Patient and Family Voice in Improvement Work**

[Access Recording and Handouts for Embedding Patient and Family Voice](#)

### **High Performing Leadership: Mindfulness in Action**

[Access Recording and Handouts for Mindfulness in Action](#)

[Visit ACNL's Webinar Library](#)

**Please Note:** You will be prompted to log-onto ACNL's website to view these recordings.

### **Next Webinar: *Suicide Prevention: Identifying and Treating Nurses at Risk***

**September 19, 2017, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. More Information and Registration Coming Soon!**

## **CALNOC Announces Keynote Speakers for 2017 Conference**

***Empowerment, Value and Collaboration***

**October 22-24 at the Renaissance Seattle Hotel**

This year's CALNOC Conference examines the ground-breaking work of advancing healthcare quality and patient safety – in the context of empowerment, value and collaboration. Keynote presenters for the conference are:

Gary S. Kaplan, MD, FACP, FACMPE, FACPE, Chairman and CEO of Virginia Mason Health System in Seattle. Recently ranked among *Modern Healthcare's 50 Most Influential Physician Leaders*, Dr. Kaplan will open the conference by sharing his unique insights into the state of health care and the role of quality for the future.

On Day 2, nurse leaders from Intermountain Healthcare, an integrated health system based in Utah and Idaho that includes 22 hospitals, 180 clinics, SelectHealth health plans, home care, and other health services, will discuss Leadership in Nursing Informatics. Kim Henrichsen, MSN, RN, is Senior Vice President of Clinical Operations and Chief Nursing Executive, and Diane Rindlisbacher, MS, RN, is Chief Nursing Information Officer for Intermountain Healthcare.

Take advantage of Early Bird registration (register by August 15) and save \$100. Early Bird registrants will also be entered in a drawing to win a complimentary registration to the Conference.

[More Information and Registration](#)

## Plan to Attend an ACNL Regional Meeting

*Co-Sponsored by the Member Experience Committee, local ACNL Chapters and ACNL's Philanthropic Program - the Circles of Giving*

ACNL's Member Experience Committee, in collaboration with local ACNL chapters and with funding from the *Circles of Giving* program, will present regional programs for ACNL colleagues and chapter members to engage nurse leaders in important conversations, while providing professional development, continuing education credit and networking opportunities. Don't miss the meeting coming to your regional area:

### South Regional Meeting

August 18, 2017  
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
West Coast University - Las Palmas Campus  
Anaheim, CA

[August Meeting – Information & Registration](#)

### Stockton Area Regional Meeting

September 15, 2017  
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
San Joaquin Agricultural Center  
Stockton, CA

[Sept. Meeting – Information & Registration](#)

## Upcoming Foundation for Leadership Excellence Courses

ACNL's *Foundation for Leadership Excellence Course* is a five-day intensive program to help you develop long-lasting, effective leadership skills. Whether it's human resource issues, customer-service concerns, implementation of quality and patient safety initiatives, budget analysis, cost-saving mandates or building your influence as a leader, you will gain new perspectives and solutions for the difficult challenges you face on a daily basis.

### *Upcoming Foundation Courses:*

#### September 11-15, 2017

Embassy Suites – Walnut Creek  
1345 Treat Blvd, Walnut Creek, CA  
[Information and Online Registration](#)

#### November 6-10, 2017

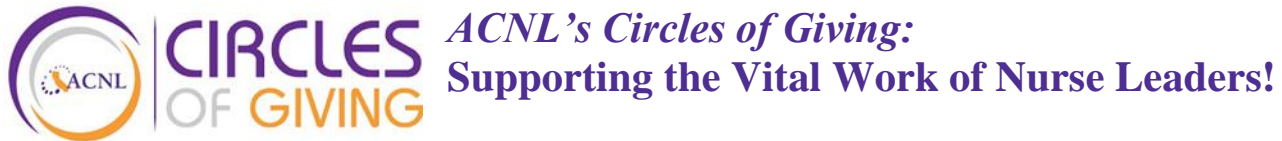
Embassy Suites - Anaheim South  
11767 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove, CA  
[Information and Online Registration](#)

#### October 23-27, 2017

The Plaza at St. Agnes Medical Center  
1111 E. Spruce Avenue, Fresno, CA  
[Information and Online Registration](#)

[Program Brochure and Registration Form](#)

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The *Circles of Giving* program generates funds to further ANCL's work and actualize our vision of creating and influencing the future of health care. Your generous support enables ACNL to expand vital programs fostering innovation, professional development, mentorship, research, health policy advocacy and lifelong learning. This is an exciting and challenging goal that begins with each of us!

"I contributed to ACNL's *Circles of Giving* to give back to the organization that has provide me with so much. I am proud to be a member for over 30 years and will continue to contribute to this worthwhile cause."

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Director, Masters in Healthcare Simulation Program  
University of San Francisco, School of Nursing & Health Professions

I have been a member of ACNL for over 35 years and have had the honor of being a past president of our organization. That experience was amazing and resulted in tremendous professional and personal growth. I am and will be forever grateful to ACNL for supporting me and being such an integral part of my career. So why did I donate to *Circles of Giving*.... To pay it forward!

Lynne Whaley-Welty, MS, RN, ACM  
ACNL President, 1997

[Learn More About ACNL's Circles of Giving Or Make a Contribution](#)

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