



ACNL in Action:

Nurse Leaders Making a Difference!

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Soaring to New Heights! Nurse Leaders Making a Difference!

**By Beverly Quaye, EdD, RN, CENP, FACHE, NEA-BC
2016 ACNL President**

Happy summer! The heat is on as many of us are experiencing triple digits on a regular basis.

Half of our year is behind us, and I am delighted to share with you that our committees have jumped into action to achieve their strategic goals and further ACNL's influence and work. Throughout the year, *ACNL in Action* keeps you up-to-date regarding the accomplishments of our committees, board and staff.

Below is a brief summary of current work and important upcoming events:

Member Experience: Soaring to New Heights – Staying Connected

August 19, 2016, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

West Coast University in La Palma, California

I would like to invite nurse leaders, especially those in Southern California, to join the Member Experience Committee and me for a day of dialogue on August 19. A special thank you to Robyn Nelson, Dean at West Coast University, for hosting the event and to Panera Bread for their sponsorship.

During this meeting, I will discuss the work of ACNL and opportunities for nurse leaders to make an impact. President-Elect Mary Wickman, will examine the Enhanced Nurse Compact, and the implications if California joins the program. BJ Bartleson, VP of Clinical Services at the California Hospital Association, will provide an overview of important legislative issues. There will also be plenty of time for networking with nursing colleagues. Don't miss this exciting event! Join us on August 19 in La Palma.

[More Information and Event Registration](#)

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Health Policy Update: Important Issues for Nurse Leaders

Many thanks to those of you who sent messages supporting SB 323 (nurse practitioner bill) and the proposed Veterans Administration regulations to grant full practice authority for APRNs.

As we look ahead to the November election, we urge you to support Proposition 52 – an initiative that permanently protects the Medi-Cal hospital fee program. Prop 52 generates more than \$3 billion in federal matching funds to provide health care for California’s children, seniors, disabled and low income population. The measure prevents the Legislature from using these funds for any other purpose without a vote from the people. Our Communications/Voice of Nursing Committee is finalizing information about Prop 52, including talking points for nurse leaders to help you discuss this important issue in your organizations and communities.

Sustaining Our Future: ACNL’s Circles of Giving Program Continues to Grow

ACNL’s Philanthropic, Recognition and Scholarship Committee continues their work to increase ACNL’s funding base in order to expand successful ACNL programs and develop new ones. The Circles of Giving program is the first stage of a well-developed long-term strategy to help ACNL soar to new heights in developing nurse leaders and advancing our profession. See page 3 and 4 of this issue of *ACNL in Action* to learn more about the Circles of Giving and view a new video featuring ACNL members discussing the importance of this philanthropic program.

Strategic Planning: Setting ACNL’s Direction

On September 15, ACNL President-Elect Mary Wickman will facilitate a one-day meeting to review and update our strategic plan for 2017. The goal of the meeting is to review accomplishments and discuss ongoing strategies to further ACNL’s mission, vision and values.

ACNL’s Social Media Subcommittee Produces Webinar about Facebook

The Social Media Subcommittee, a work group of ACNL’s Communications/Voice of Nursing Committee recently released the webinar, *The Power of Social Media: Facebook*. The goal of the webinar is to expand members’ knowledge of ACNL social media platforms, starting with Facebook. Utilization of social media enables ACNL to more frequently and effectively interact with members, as well as the wider community of nurse leaders. The webinar’s presenter is Charlene Platon, MS, FNP-BC, member of the Social Media Subcommittee and an experienced Facebook user. Use the link below to view this 20-minute video.

[View Facebook Webinar and Access Handouts and Evaluation](#)

Please note: you will be prompted to log onto the ACNL website to access the webinar recording

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ACNL to Lead Nursing Delegation to Cuba

We are pleased to announce that ACNL will lead a delegation of nurse leaders to Cuba in April 2017, thanks to an invitation from the President of the Cuban Nurses Association. The purpose of our visit is to raise the profile of the nursing profession by sharing challenges and best practices for delivering nursing care in both countries. Academic Travel Abroad, the trip's organizer, has an excellent track record and serves many high-profile clients, including the Smithsonian and National Geographic.

If you are interested in participating in this delegation, contact Patricia McFarland (patricia@acnl.org) by August 12, 2016.

Strengthening the Bond Between ACNL and Its Chapters

We appreciate the work of our chapters and ACNL leaders as they collaborate to strengthen the relationship between ACNL and local chapters. Critical to our chapter development is the establishment of formal agreements between chapters and ACNL. Thank you to the East Bay Chapter for being the first to complete their affiliate chapter agreement. To learn more about affiliate chapter agreements, contact your local chapter president or the ACNL office.

As you can see, the heat is on! This is a brief synopsis of the current work of ACNL – there is far too much happening to include all the on-going projects and initiatives being rolled out in one message. We will continue to keep you informed by providing frequent updates. Whether ACNL is taking the lead or partnering with others to contribute to our profession's growth and progress, we are truly blessed by the gifts and talent you continue to share with us!



The Circles of Giving: Advancing the Work of ACNL

By Maureen Casamiquela, PhD, RN
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As a longtime active member of ACNL, I am thrilled that we can contribute to the crucial work of our organization through the Circles of Giving campaign!

While lending our time and talent is an essential part of any successful organization, sharing of our treasure is just as important. Our financial contributions support ACNL's sustainability and positively impact many crucial initiatives, including strengthening our current leadership programs and developing new ones; enhancing our ability to secure renowned speakers for our conferences; increasing our voice in health policy and regulatory arenas; helping us mentor emerging nurse leaders and providing support to our California student nurses; and increasing scholarship opportunities to encourage our members' commitment to lifelong learning.

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Now a retired nurse leader, I have enjoyed a long and rewarding career in nursing. I am grateful to ACNL for the mentorship encounters, leadership programs, networking and friendships that I have benefitted from as a longtime member of this organization. The Circles of Giving provides an opportunity for us to give back to our profession and continue to build on the work of those who came before us. Whether you are an emerging nurse leader pursuing best practice models, a middle manager seeking to improve quality outcomes, an advanced leader looking for boardroom opportunities, or a nurse educator, consultant, or entrepreneur – please support ACNL’s Circles of Giving. Circles of Giving program levels range from \$500 to \$2500 or more, but any amount you can give – even \$5, \$25, \$50 or more – is extremely important.

Your donations make a difference for all of us and the communities we serve. Be part of the ongoing success of ACNL by contributing to the Circles of Giving. You’ll be glad you did!

Making a Difference Through the Circles of Giving

Members discuss the value and importance of the Circles of Giving program during this short new video from ACNL.

[View Circles of Giving Video](#)

[Learn more about ACNL’s Circles of Giving Program](#)

Attention ACNL Members in Academia:

Nominate an Outstanding Student for the Katie Bray Guiney Award

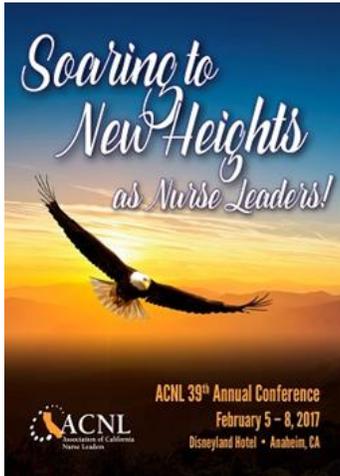
Application Deadline: September 6, 2016

Kathryn "Katie" Bray Guiney (1948-2011) was a nurse leader and mentor who nurtured, guided and supported nursing students and new graduate RNs as they launched their nursing careers. As part of her legacy, Katie's estate provided an endowment to establish the Katie Bray Guiney Memorial Fund through ACNL to assist nursing students through scholarships and other programs.

The Katie Bray Guiney Inspirational Award recognizes outstanding nursing students who embody the distinctive qualities that Katie emulated throughout her life. Recipients of this award must be nominated by the faculty and dean/director from their undergraduate program. The 2016 Katie Bray Guiney Inspiration Award will be presented at an Awards Ceremony during the California Nursing Students' Association Convention, October 9, in Visalia.

[More Information and Award Application](#)

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ACNL 39th Annual Conference

Soaring to New Heights as Nurse Leaders!

February 5 – 8, 2017

at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim

[More Details About ACNL's 2017 Conference](#)

Call for Podium and Poster Presenters for ACNL's Conference

Submit an abstract to share your innovative work and best practices with colleagues. Application Deadline: August 22, 2016. Submit applications electronically using Survey Monkey.

Choose one of the following tracks:

- New Knowledge and Innovations in Leadership
- Patient Safety and Quality
- Healthy Work Environment
- Leader Role Development
- Patient Engagement

[Download Abstract Submission Instructions](#)

[Access Online Submission Application](#)

Upcoming Conference: Minority Nurse Leadership in the 21st Century

Sept 24, 2016

at St. Agnes Medical Center in Fresno

This program brings nursing colleagues together to discuss how minority RNs will impact healthcare in the 21st Century. Nationally recognized speakers address the need for more minority nurse leaders as role models and the influence minority nurses will have on the Future of Nursing.

[View Conference Flyer for More Details and Registration](#)

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ACNL Offers Two Foundation for Leadership Excellence Courses in the Fall

Our health care environment is changing rapidly. Health care reform, pay for performance, HCAHPS, value-based purchasing, quality, patient safety and other critical initiatives are vital to the success of your healthcare organization and your ability to provide optimal patient care.

ACNL's Foundation for Leadership Excellence is a five-day intensive program to help you develop long-lasting, effective leadership skills. Whether its 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.

The Foundations program scheduled to begin August 15 in San Diego is sold-out. Two courses are slated for the Fall:

September 26-30, 2016

San Joaquin County Agriculture Center
2101 E. Earhart Avenue, Stockton, CA

[More Information and Registration](#)

October 17-21, 2016

Embassy Suites - Anaheim South
11767 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove, CA

[More Information and Registration](#)



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