

Welcome to a “Brand New Day” in Nursing

A Message from CLN’s Board President

The Connecticut League for Nursing (CLN) welcomes a new generation of nursing students who bring hope and promise to our profession as we strive to meet the growing healthcare challenges of this new decade. Our role as nurse educators is to offer support, encouragement, and educational services to help them achieve the dream of being a registered nurse.

A career in nursing offers abundant job and advancement opportunities as new specialties and leadership roles emerge in response to new technologies and a changing patient population.

An important characteristic of a professional nurse is a career-long commitment to education and development. At the Connecticut League, we are dedicated to expanding educational access and opportunity for all nurses. Our mission is to create better, easier ways for you to earn additional academic degrees and help you develop the knowledge, skills, and competencies you will need to advance in your career.

We understand the challenges and complexity of being a nurse within today’s health care environment. We are working diligently to create new partnerships among faculty and practitioners that will help you succeed in your career.

Part of the art of nursing is the ability to turn adversity into opportunity. Seeing the bigger picture, the vision of the future, while attending to immediate needs, is a critical skill of a nurse leader. Through CLN’s programs and services, we will help you attain these skills by positioning you on the leading edge of change and innovation in healthcare. By participating in CLN events and educational programs, you have access to mentors and experts as well as career and leadership development opportunities.

Become involved in the special projects and task forces at the CT League for Nursing that are defining the future of nursing education. At the Connecticut League, you will find guides, mentors and tools to achieve success in your personal journey.

Sincerely,

Sheila B. Solernou

Sheila B. Solernou, MSN, RN
President, CLN Board of Directors



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CLN Sees Promising Opportunities, Future in 2010

Welcomes Aboard Co-Executive Directors



Marcia Proto



Ingrid Bredenberg

The 13 Members of CLN Board of Directors has developed a strong vision for the future and have hired co-executive directors, **Marcia Proto** and **Ingrid Bredenberg** to oversee business operations, educational planning and execution, advocacy, and membership activities.

Marcia is familiar to many of you as she served as CLN's Executive Director from 2004 to 2007. Ingrid has been involved in CLN educational and training programs for several years. We welcome both Marcia and Ingrid back to CLN in their joint role.

According to the Board, CLN is positioned well in 2010 to expand nursing education and support workforce development initiatives statewide. It will also seek to define a stronger and more influential role in fulfilling its mission in support of its constituents through strategic planning and new alliances.

Marcia and Ingrid will execute the CLN Board's 2010 plan to further the effectiveness of the organization by:

- Adopting a knowledge-based governance model to formulate decisions
- Selecting a programmatic business model to drive all

business decisions related to programming, activities and new initiatives

- Executing on a 2-year strategic plan for program maintenance, expansion and partnerships, and
- Creating a trusting, cohesive and high-performance Board of Directors.

The Board members, along with staff will work to engage its membership through CLN's three (3) Strategic Goals:

- * Establish an organizational structure that results in effective management
- *Expand programing for faculty/educators and other targeted constituents
- *Develop active membership recruitment and retention plan

We are currently seeking CLN members with good ideas, new thinking and an interest in being part of an exciting year as team members. A description of the three strategic goals and initiatives are posted on our website at www.ctleaguefornursing.com.

If you would like to serve, contact:

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Mark Your Calendar

21st Annual CLN Nurse Leadership Convention

Featuring: Dr. Diane J. Skiba

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Time: 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

St. Clement's Castle
Portland, CT

Come and enjoy:

- Exhibits
- Posters
- Networking

Price: \$125 per person

(renew your membership by Feb. 15 to receive a \$50 discount to convention - see page 3 for details)

CLN is Moving!

The Connecticut League for Nursing office will be moving from Southington to Meriden effective **March 1, 2010**. The move will strengthen nursing advocacy and leadership in Connecticut by centralizing office space adjacent to the CT Nurses Association.

Our new address will be:

377 Research Parkway
Suite 2D
Meriden, CT 06450-7160

www.ctleaguefornursing.org

Individual Membership Renewal Time!

Your investment pays for itself

Expect your 2010 CLN Individual Membership Renewal Packet to arrive by mail soon. At \$65* per year for individual members, your membership investment pays for itself in:

- Program Discounts
- Simulated Learning Activities
- Networking/Mentoring Events

To receive your \$50 off coupon for registration to the Annual Leadership Convention, remit your dues payment by **February 15**.

Should you have not received your renewal packet and would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please call:

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* \$5 of every membership payment will be donated to the CLN Student and **New Faculty Scholarship Fund**.

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Vision:

The Connecticut League for Nursing is the premier nursing organization within the state that facilitates access to education, resources and information for entry and professional advancement in the field of nursing.

May we have your

Attention

Upcoming Faculty Development Workshops

Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) Workshop

Friday, April 23, 2010

8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Location to be Determined - Capacity 70 participants

Registration form to be sent out March 1, 2010

Item Writing Workshop

Friday, June 4, 2010

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location to be Determined - Capacity 70 participants

Registration form to be sent out April 1, 2010

CLN Technology Intensive

Friday, June 11, 2010

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Location to be Determined - Capacity 25 participants

Registration form to be sent out March 1, 2010

Survey:

Nurses Should Have More Influence

PRINCETON, N.J., Jan. 20 (UPI) -- A strong majority says nurses should have more influence than they do now on health policy, planning and management, a U.S. survey indicates.

The survey of opinion leaders -- including insurance http://www.upi.com/Health_News/2010/01/20/Survey-Nurses-should-have-more-influence/UPI-48131264008452/### , corporate, health services, government and industry -- was conducted by Gallup on behalf of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

"Nurses are highly trusted sources of healthcare http://www.upi.com/topic/Healthcare_Reform/ information, but as we look to reform our health system, our nation is not taking advantage of all that nurses have to offer," Dr. Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, president of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, said in a statement.

"This survey http://www.upi.com/Health_News/2010/01/20/Survey-Nurses-should-have-more-influence/UPI-48131264008452/### shows that opinion leaders recognize that we are squandering opportunities to learn from nurses and implement their ideas."

Opinion leaders identified the top barriers to nurses' increased influence and leadership as not being perceived as important decision makers -- 69 percent -- or revenue generators -- 68 percent -- compared with doctors; nurses' focus on primary rather than preventive care at 62 percent and nursing not having a single voice in speaking on national issues -- 56 percent.

Ninety percent of opinion http://www.upi.com/Health_News/2010/01/20/Survey-Nurses-should-have-more-influence/UPI-48131264008452/### leaders say they would like to see nurses have more influence reducing medical errors and improving patient safety, 89 percent say improve quality of care and 86 percent say they should promote wellness and expanding preventive care.

The telephone survey of 1,504 national opinion leaders was conducted Aug. 18-Oct 30. The survey has a margin of error of 3 percentage points.