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NEW FACES Around the Table

The American Nurses Foundation welcomed several new members to our Board of Trustees and Corporate Advisory Board in 2016.

“Our new members bring a wealth of expertise to our boards,” said Foundation Chair Tim Porter-O’Grady, DM, EdD, APRN, FAAN, FACCWS. “All will play a critical role in helping the Foundation meet its mission of transforming our nation’s health through the power of nursing.”

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- **Gregory A. Adams**, executive vice president, Kaiser Permanente
- **Kathleen Malloch**, PhD, MBA, RN, FAAN, Arizona State University
- **Thomas Tefft**, Medtronic PLC

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Pass It On

Thanks to Maura Ryan’s generosity, two nurse researchers were given the chance to accomplish their goals.

Maura Ryan always knew that she wanted to help others achieve their nursing goals, whatever they were. Second only to immigrating to the U.S. from Ireland, Maura says becoming a nurse was the best thing she ever did. After starting a family, she returned to school in her 30s to become a nurse. And she didn’t stop there. She continued on to pursue a master’s degree and then a PhD, commuting from Northern New Jersey to the University of Pennsylvania while teaching as a clinical instructor and raising her family. Maura then became director of gerontological nurse practitioner (GNP) programs, first at Columbia University School of Nursing and then at Hunter College’s School of Nursing. Now retired, she and her husband, Jim Dieterle, focus on what more they can do to support causes about which they feel conviction. Maura always valued the grant she received from the American Nurses Foundation in 1987 for her project “The Relationship between Loneliness, Social Support, and Decline in Cognitive Function in Elderly Hospitalized Women” while pursuing a PhD at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing. Because that grant made such a profound impact on her as a beginning researcher, Maura decided to fund a nursing research grant herself to pass it on.



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The Maura C. Ryan, PhD, GNP, Gerontological Nursing Research Scholarship has supported two nurse researchers:

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WORKSHOP

Building a Board-Ready Resume

Nurses are uniquely qualified to serve on all types of boards of directors.

In addition to building valuable board competencies, some practical issues are easy to overlook. One of these is how nurses present their expertise to board-nominating committees, recruiters, and non-academics.

To address this, the American Nurses Foundation, with support from the Rita and Alex Hillman Foundation, hosted a workshop at the 2016 ANCC National Magnet Conference® titled *Building a Board-Ready Resume*. Participants walked through the process of transforming a curriculum vitae, which is often ten pages or longer, into a one-page board-focused biography, a critical piece of the nomination process. Cynthia Vlasich, MBA, BSN, RN, director of Global Initiatives at Sigma Theta Tau International, and Laurie Benson, BSN, executive director of the Nurses on Boards Coalition, were the principal speakers. The workshop will be available as a free webinar in December.

Visit nurseboardleadership.org for more information about nurses who have served on boards, how you can join the national effort, and to view the webinar.



BOARD MEMBER RECEIVES AWARD

Joyce J. Fitzpatrick, PhD, MBA, RN, FAAN, joined the Foundation as the chair of the Board of Trustees in 2012, and continues to serve as the vice chair. Joyce is the Elizabeth Brooks Ford Professor of Nursing, Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing, Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, where she was dean from 1982 through 1997. Her work and mentorship have impacted countless students and colleagues throughout the nursing profession. In November, Joyce was recognized as a Living Legend by the American Academy of Nursing. Congratulations, Joyce!

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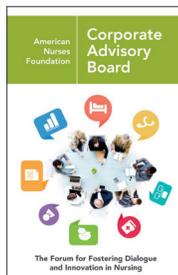
- In 2015, **Maryann Abendroth**, PhD, RN, for “Caregiver Strain Risk as a Predictor of Physical Health Among Informal Caregivers of Persons with Parkinson’s Disease” from Northern Illinois University School of Health Studies.
- In 2016, **Jessica Rearden**, PhD, RN, for “Examination of Burdensome Transitions at End of Life Among Older Adults with Cancer” from the University of Pennsylvania.

Visit givetonursing.org to find out more on how to support the Foundation’s nursing research grant program and to see a full list of this year’s grantees.

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CORPORATE ADVISORY BOARD

VMS BioMarketing (VMS) joined the Foundation’s Corporate Advisory Board in the summer. VMS, a leading provider of patient support solutions for biopharma companies, helps nurse educators provide personalized support to patients to help them start and stay on treatment therapies. This fall, **Kaiser Permanente** became the newest member. Kaiser Permanente of the Mid-Atlantic States region, headquartered in Rockville, Maryland, provides and coordinates complete health care services for more than 660,000 members through 29 medical centers in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D.C.



These corporations join Avantas, Epic, IBM, Kronos, McKesson, Medline, Merck, Pfizer, Stryker, and Wolters Kluwer. The goal of the Corporate Advisory Board is to identify trends in health care and lay the foundation for future collaboration that will promote nurse-led innovation and benefit patients, nurses, and our nation’s health care.

For more information about these new members and how to join, visit givetonursing.org.

Honor A Nurse

Sponsored by **Lippincott Solutions**
and **American Nurses Foundation**

The American Nurses Foundation named **JoAnn Bruno**, BSN, RN, as a Nurse of the Quarter 2016 through its Honor a Nurse program. Sponsored by Lippincott Solutions and Wolters Kluwer Health, the program celebrates nurses who make a difference in the lives of others.

Bruno is a cardiovascular nurse at Saint Rose Dominican Hospital (Siena Campus) in Henderson, Nevada.

“If there were an ambassador for all nurses, JoAnn would be the best person for the job,” said colleague Rod Faircloth in describing Bruno’s commitment to nursing. “After 26 years as a registered nurse, JoAnn is still as dedicated as on the first day she started nursing school. Each day she wakes up excited about the challenges the day will bring.”

The Honor a Nurse program recognizes nurses for their extraordinary contributions in health care. The program enables colleagues, friends, family, and leaders to honor and tell the stories of nurses who make a positive difference in nursing locally or globally. The funds raised by the Honor a Nurse program are used to support nursing research, scholarships, and programs to improve nurses’ lives and the nursing profession.

For more information and to donate in honor of a nurse, visit givetonursing.org/honoranurse.

PLANNED GIVING

Did you know? Heirs pay taxes on retirement accounts, while charities do not.

Have you included the American Nurses Foundation in your estate plans? Please let us know, so we can welcome you to the Foundation's Planned Giving Circle. Donors can leave a valuable legacy to nursing through bequests, retirement accounts, life insurance, and other vehicles. We would like to thank you now!

For more information, contact Elizabeth Franzino at 301.628.5305 or elizabeth.franzino@ana.org.

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- ✓ Download the PTSD app to deliver more effective care
- ✓ Be counted or volunteer for board service

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