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## Message from the Alumni Association President:



As healthcare reform rethinks and reshapes health care in the U.S., the need for a national nurse leader network to create momentum, address shared priorities and provide solutions has never been greater. Continue your participation in the RWJENF Alumni Association and encourage others in your cohorts to join. We also encourage you to fill a leadership role in the Alumni Association by submitting your name for a Board of Director position. The deadline for both the dues payments and alumni board nominations has been extended to June 30, 2010. The date for the fall Alumni Association Board Meeting has also been changed to the evening of October 13, 2010 so that it will take place in conjunction with the fellows meeting at the OMNI Mandalay in Irving, TX. This will give Alumni Board

members the opportunity to be engaged with the current fellows and in the IOM Future of Nursing recommendations discussion led by Sue Hassmiller that will occur on October 14, 2010.

The Board has been working closely with the UCSF NPO and has begun transition planning with the Center for Creative Leadership (CCL) NPO. The next Annual Alumni Meeting will take place at the Loews Coronado Hotel in San Diego, CA on April 2, 2011. The UCSF NPO will cover the cost of one hotel night and \$200 towards travel for each participant. Additional hotel nights will be available at the individual alumni member's expense.

A meeting was held last week between representatives of the Alumni Association Board and the staff of CCL. They are very interested in serving as a thought and idea partner to assist with further development of alumni leadership skills. A survey was launched just this week to identify alumni needs and preferences. Please take the time to complete and return the survey to the CCL team. We're already exploring avenues for connecting alumni to some of the CCL's rich and innovative leadership resources, and your input is vital to customize approaches that best meet your needs.

The following link is provided as a convenient way for you to access the form to renew your Alumni Association membership: <http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevaaid=129918>.

This next year will be a time of transition and growth – we look forward to having you engaged and fully participating.

Marcella McKay – President, Alumni Association

## From the NPO:

We are excited to provide you with a link to the photos from some of our seminars including the most recent seminar in Atlanta, GA. Click on the following link to see the wonderful shots taken by photographer Patty Nason of GavaPhoto [http://gavaphoto.zenfolio.com/rwj\\_atlanta\\_2010](http://gavaphoto.zenfolio.com/rwj_atlanta_2010).

## Have You Heard?

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**Judy Beal ('08)** will assume the position of Interim Dean, Simmons College School of Health Sciences, effective July 1, 2010.

**Suzanne Boyle ('04) and Nelson Tuazon ('08)** were a finalists for the Nursing Spectrum NY/NJ Nursing Excellence awards in the category of Advancing and Leading the profession.

**Kate Capitolo ('04)** was appointed *Chief Nurse Executive & Associate Hospital Director for Patient Care Services* at the James J. Peters VA Medical Center in the Bronx, N.Y. She also received the New York Organization of Nurse Executive's *Leadership Award* for the Greater NY Chapter on April 22, 2010.

**Tara Cortes ('99)** has been appointed the Executive Director of the Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing at New York University College of Nursing. Dr. Cortes holds the Mathy D. Mezey Chair as a Professor of Nursing in Geriatrics. The mission of the Hartford Institute is to shape the quality of the nation's health care for older Americans, and is accomplished through education, research, practice and policy. Dr. Cortes will lead the Institute in its respected work which is comprised of a broad reaching network of projects, products and tools that help nurses and other professionals increase their capability and competencies, integrate new care models and understand the benefits of strong geriatric nursing practice.

**Lisa Davis ('07)** was appointed to the Patrick and Catherine Weldon Donaghue Foundation's Policy Advisory Committee. The Patrick and Catherine Weldon Donaghue Medical Research Foundation provides grants for medical research of practical benefit. It focuses on initiatives to strengthen research on health issues, to promote research leadership, and to put new knowledge to work for public benefit.

**Kathryn Fiantl ('04)** was awarded Tenure at University of Texas Medical Branch.

**Mary Ann Fuchs ('02)** earned her Doctorate of Nursing Practice Degree in May 2010 from Duke University School of Nursing.

**Greer Glazer ('01)** is pleased to announce that GoKids Boston has reached an amazing milestone – they have enrolled their 1,000<sup>th</sup> participant! Read about this and more in their Spring Snapshot at <http://www.cnhs.umb.edu/>. Be sure to click on the live link to hear one of the young participants talk about what GoKids has meant to him.

**Jerry Mansfield ('05)** defended his dissertation in health behavior/health promotion from the College of Public Health entitled: Reports and Ratings of Experiences of Hospitalized Smokers and Non-smokers in a Tobacco-free Academic Medical Center. He will receive the degree Doctor of Philosophy from the Ohio State University at commencement ceremonies in Columbus, Ohio on June 13, 2010.

**Carole Romm ('00)** was appointed to the Oregon Health Authority's Exchange Technical Advisory Group.

**Lois Skillings ('08)** was elected to the Board of Directors for the American Red Cross Mid Coast Chapter, Maine, June, 2010.

**Adele Webb ('02)** was received the Nicholas Andrew Cummings Award from the National Academies of Practice. The award was presented March 18 - 19, 2010 in Washington, DC. This award is for a member of an NAP Academy who has demonstrated outstanding or extraordinary contributions to interprofessional health care.

**Mary Kay VanDriel's ('05)** fellowship status was confirmed by the ACHE board. To achieve Fellow status in the American College of Healthcare Executives, candidates must fulfill multiple requirements, including passing a comprehensive examination, meeting academic and experiential criteria, earning continuing education credits and demonstrating professional/community involvement.

## Publications, Media & Presentations

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**Capitolo, K., X. Hou, & Z. Huang (2010)**, *Should ovum retrieval routinely be done under anesthesia?* MCN, The American Journal of Maternal Child Nursing, 35(3), 130-131. Available online: [http://journals.lww.com/mcnjournal/Citation/2010/05000/Should\\_Ovum\\_Retrieval\\_Routinely\\_Be\\_Done\\_Under.2.aspx](http://journals.lww.com/mcnjournal/Citation/2010/05000/Should_Ovum_Retrieval_Routinely_Be_Done_Under.2.aspx)

**Kate Capitolo ('05)** was the keynote at the Nursing Research Conference at the State University of New York Downstate University Medical Center on May 26<sup>th</sup> with a talk on *Organizational Infrastructure: Advancing Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice*. See url: [http://www.downstate.edu/nursing\\_dept/pdf/Research-Conference-](http://www.downstate.edu/nursing_dept/pdf/Research-Conference-)

[2010.pdf](#).

**Margaret Grey ('99)** received a NIH RC1 (ARRA funding) to develop and test a web-based curriculum for high school students on nutrition, physical activity, and coping skills to reduce obesity, prevent diabetes, and decrease health disparities.

Ersek, M., **Herr, K.**, Cleveland, J. & Black, B. (2010). Comparing the psychometric properties of the Checklist of Nonverbal Pain Behaviors (CNPI) and the Pain Assessment in Advanced Dementia (PAINAD) Instruments. *Pain Medicine*, 11, 395-404.

**Herr, K.**, Titler, M., Fine, P., Sanders, S., Cavanaugh, J., Swegle, J., Forcucci, C. & Tang, X. (2010). Assessing & Treating Pain in Hospices: Current State of Evidence-based Practices. *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management*, 39(5), 791-801.

Fine, P., **Herr, K.**, Titler, M., Cavanaugh, J., Sanders, S., Swegle, J., Forcucci, C., Tang, X., Lane, K. & Reyes, J. (2010). The Cancer Pain Practice Index (CPPI): A Measure of Evidence-Based Practice Adherence for Cancer Pain Management in Older Adults in Hospice Care. *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management*. 39(5), 803-819.

Reuben, D., **Herr, K.**, Pacala, J., Pollack, B., Potter, J., & Semla, T. (2010). *Geriatrics at Your Fingertips: 2009*. 12<sup>th</sup> Edition. New York: American Geriatrics Society.

**Lois Skillings ('08)** presented at the HFMA (Healthcare Financial Management Association) Region 1 Conference in Uncasville, CT, May 13, 2010. Panel presentation: Hospital Operations Management - Then and Now.

**Barbara Wadsworth ('09)** wrote an article that was featured in *Nurse Leader* entitled "So You Have the CNO Job – Now what?" She is also presenting on Clinical Quality, Patient Satisfaction & Staff Mentoring at York Hospital, in York, Pennsylvania and *Using Middle Manager Professional Development for Improved Financial Performance* at the HFMA's 2010 Health Care Finance Conference, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

## Obesity Initiatives

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**Margaret Flinter ('02)** interviewed Mildred Thompson, the deputy director for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center to Prevent Childhood Obesity on her radio show "Conversations on Health." To hear the May 26, 2010 broadcast and other episodes of this informative show go to <http://www.chcradio.com/> and click on the episodes tab.

## Opportunities

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### Tell Your Nursing Story in Photos

The [Center to Champion Nursing in America](#) (CCNA) is seeking high-quality, original photos that accurately portray 21st century nursing. The center's goal is to create a repository of photos of nurses across all health care settings in professional practice and leadership roles, as well as in recruitment and retention activities, and nursing education. One winning photograph will be featured in an AARP print and/or Web publication. All qualifying photos will be included in CCNA's new public repository of images. To enter the contest, visit the [CCNA Web site](#). June 25, 2010, is the deadline for submissions. A consumer-driven national force for change, the Center to Champion Nursing in America is an initiative of AARP, the AARP Foundation and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

[Learn more and enter the contest.](#)

**ANA has a Senior Policy Fellow position** available in Nursing Practice and Policy (see link below). The focus of this position is research and translating research into policy.

<http://www.nursingworld.org/FunctionalMenuCategories/AboutANA/WhoWeAre/ANAJobs/Sr-Policy-Fellow-NPP.aspx>

**Debra Toney ('06)** President of the National Black Nurses Association will host their 38th Annual Institute and Conference in San Diego, CA, August 3-8-2010. The Second cohort of the Founders Leadership Institute will be held during the conference. For more information please view the website at [www.nbna.org](http://www.nbna.org)

### Leaders Link

*Leaders' Link* is a bimonthly e-newsletter from RWJF's Building Human Capital program area featuring the latest news about RWJF scholars, fellows and alumni, as well as updates about their programs. It is managed by IQ Solutions. Sign up for the *Leaders' Link* e-mail by visiting [http://www.rwjfleaders.org/leaders\\_link](http://www.rwjfleaders.org/leaders_link)

### The Goodman Center

Andy Goodman's site offers a number of great resources at: <http://www.agoodmanonline.com/red.html>

## Spitfire Strategies

Click on the following link to see the current offerings from Spitfire Strategies. You can also sign-up to receive the Spitfire Newsletter directly: <http://www.spitfirestrategies.com/>

## Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

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### Alumni Network

Note to Alumni: More than 1,200 people have already joined the RWJF Alumni Network. The foundation informed us that 92 of our alumni fellows have registered on the site which is good news but that means half of our alumni have not yet joined and we are aiming for 100% participation. You will need to "opt-in" to the Network in order to join and become a member. Go to the following link [www.RWJFAlumniNetwork.org](http://www.RWJFAlumniNetwork.org) today to create your profile. The foundation accesses this information frequently so sign up today in order not to miss out on the opportunities and events from RWJF.

### Health Policy Webinars

The Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellows program is pleased to be able to sponsor a special webinar for fellows, scholars and Nurse Executives with an interest in shaping federal health policy. While funding limitations prohibit the ability to offer the interactive component provided by the face-to-face group exercises of the past, the webinar format will allow all program participants the opportunity to participate. The webinar will provide an introduction to federal health policy and an opportunity for participants to connect with Health Policy Fellows who are working in Congress, the Department of Health and Human Services and the White House. This year health policy fellows with extensive experience in contemporary debates such as Medicaid expansion, disparities, pediatric obesity, quality of care, medical education, and the implementation of the new health care reform legislation will participate in the webinar. This will allow them to share incredible immersions in policy making at the federal level with colleagues in the RWJF Human Capital Portfolio and hope that this new format will continue to encourage our most talented awardees with an interest in understanding the dynamics of health policy decision making to participate. The webinar will be offered in two 90 minute sessions on June 24<sup>th</sup> and June 25<sup>th</sup>. See the below link for more information and to register for the webinar. An email confirmation with details on how to join the meeting will be sent once registration is completed. The goals of the 2010 Health Policy Synergy Webinars are to develop a working knowledge of the legislative process as it relates to health policy at the federal level; understand the dynamics of health policy decision making at the nexus of health science, policy, politics and 'How Washington Works' and to begin to build a network that can shape national health policy.

### Synergy Webinar 1

Thursday, June 24, 2010

2:00 PM to 3:30 PM, Eastern Daylight Time

To Register for this Webinar go to:

<https://rwjf.webex.com/rwjf/j.php?ED=148548987&RG=1&UID=0&RT=MiMxMQ%3D%3D>

#### AGENDA

Welcome and Introductions

An Overview of Health Policy at the Federal Level - Marie Michnich

Lessons Learned - Panel of the 2009-2010 RWJF Health Policy Fellows:

Andy Bindman, House Committee on Energy and Commerce

Janet Leigh, HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response

Mark Schwartz, House Committee on Ways and Means

Barbara Tobias, HHS Office of the Secretary

Questions and Answers

### Synergy Webinar 2

Friday, June 25, 2010

2:00 PM to 3:30 PM, Eastern Daylight Time

To Register for this Webinar go to:

<https://rwjf.webex.com/rwjf/j.php?ED=148549127&RG=1&UID=0&RT=MiMxMQ%3D%3D>

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Gustavo Cruz, HHS Office of the Secretary

David Keller, HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation

Gregg Margolis, Senator John D. Rockefeller, IV (D-WV)

### **RWJF Initiative on the Future of Nursing**

A link to the summary the Acute Care Forum held by the RWJF Initiative on the Future of Nursing at the Institute of Medicine, in Los Angeles this past fall can be found here: <http://iom.edu/Reports/2010/A-Summary-of-the-October-2009-Forum-on-the-Future-of-Nursing-Acute-Care.aspx>

## **Job Postings**

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### **Chief Nurse Officer Opportunities**

Methodist University Hospital (613-beds), is the flagship hospital of Methodist LeBonheur 7-hospital Health System is looking for an experience chief nurse executive. This position requires academic medical center or teaching hospital experience. This position also has an academic appointment at University of Tennessee School of Nursing. For more information about the position, please email [Etheline Desire](mailto:Etheline.Desire@desirgroup.com) at [desir@desirgroup.com](mailto:desir@desirgroup.com).

Saint Francis Hospital (519-beds), in Memphis, Tennessee and a member of Tenet Healthcare is seeking a visionary nurse leader to fill their chief nurse position. The hospital is one of the largest and most efficiently run for profit health system in the country. For more information about the position, please email [Etheline Desire](mailto:Etheline.Desire@desirgroup.com) at [desir@desirgroup.com](mailto:desir@desirgroup.com).

### **Associate Dean of Nursing Research and Director, Center for Nursing Research**

Duquesne University School of Nursing is seeking a seasoned researcher as associate dean to lead the faculty and students' research and scholarship endeavors. This is a tenured position for a senior faculty member beginning in 2010. The associate dean directs the Center for Nursing Research in support of research productivity. In addition, the associate dean fosters faculty and students' efforts in grant writing, scholarship and research in vulnerable populations, health disparities, cultural competence and chronic illness—the school's research focus areas. Qualifications include: Ph.D. in nursing or a related field, established record in research, scholarship and securing external funding, interdisciplinary research experience, a commitment to the dual role of scholar and teacher. To learn more about Duquesne University and the School of Nursing, visit [www.duq.edu/nursing](http://www.duq.edu/nursing). A letter of interest, research statement, teaching philosophy, curriculum vitae and three professional references should be sent electronically to [facultyjobs@duq.edu](mailto:facultyjobs@duq.edu).

## **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**

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