HALL OF FAME

COLETTA BARRETT well exemplifies all the qualities enumerated in the criteria for the Nightingale Hall of Fame Award. Her professional career was launched in 1977 when she received her Nursing Diploma from Charity Hospital School of Nursing in New Orleans. She next completed the Cardiovascular Nurse Specialist Program in 1979 at Methodist Hospital/Baylor University in Houston and received her CNS Certification. She earned Facilitator Training Certification from the prestigious Juran Institute at Boston College in 1990. Coletta next earned the B.S. degree in Nursing cum laude in 1991 from Southeastern Louisiana University School of Nursing. She earned the Masters of Health Administration degree and was named the Outstanding Executive MHA Student Award in 1994 at the School of Public Health.

GINGER HUNT has been practicing nursing for fifty-two years. She received her BSN from Northwestern, her MS in mental health nursing from the University of Southern Mississippi, and Family Nurse Practitioner from Mississippi University for Women. Her career has involved working in the Baton Rouge area as a staff nurse, educator, clinician and administrator. Mrs. Hunt has demonstrated leadership throughout her nursing career as reflected in her past recognition:

- Nursing Excellence in Practice, Louisiana State Nurses Association
- Angel Award Finalist, Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation
- Entrepreneur of the Year, Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners
- Nurse Practitioner of the Year, Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners

DR. JACQUELINE J. HILL has dedicated 27 years of her life to the profession of nursing. Her academic qualifications began to accumulate in 1986 when she received her undergraduate BSN degree from Southern University and A&M College. She went on to earn her Master’s Degree in Nursing with a focus in Family Nursing from Southern University in 1993, and in 2004, she received her PhD from LSU in the areas of Educational Leadership, Research, and Counseling. Dr. Hill, who received the prestigious Faculty Award from Southern University, transitioned from her faculty role, to course coordinator to level coordinator and then to Chair of the BSN Program. Dr. Hill was officially named Chair of Southern University School of Nursing in 2008. This fulfilled a part of her potential recognized with her receiving the...
The Louisiana State Nurses Association biennial House of Delegates met in Baton Rouge on April 13th and 14th. The major business of the House was to consider bylaw changes that would result in a change in organizational structure. In 2012 the American Nurses Association made significant changes in their organizational structure as a result of an initiative based on the book “Race for Relevance” by Coerver and Byers. The proposed changes were presented with the intention of more closely aligning our organizational structure with that of ANA. The ANA purported that smaller, leaner Boards can be more nimble and efficient. With this as an overarching goal, the Resolution and Bylaws Committee presented changes that decreased the Board size from 14 to 9. The House voted overwhelmingly to accept the proposed changes. Please refer to the article in the September 2014 issue of the Pelican News for details. So the House elected officers for the next biennium using this new structure. The new bylaws are available on the website at www.lsna.org.

This restructuring satisfied one of the Strategic Intents of the current Strategic Plan. Plans are to move forward bylaws are available on the website at www.lsna.org. for the next biennium using this new structure. The new bylaws are available on the website at www.lsna.org.

It is such an exciting time to be a member of LSNA. Our parent organization, the American Nurses Association has designated 2015 as the “Year of Ethics.” The most noteworthy event of this year is the release of a revised Code of Ethics for the profession. The importance of this code to nurses is not surprising in that a Gallup Poll has shown that nurses have been voted the most ethical and honest profession in America for 14 of the last 15 years, beginning in 1999 when they were added to the professions considered. Firefighters were voted number one in 2001 in the wake of the 9/11 attacks.

The Code of Ethics for Nurses was developed as a guide for carrying out nursing responsibilities in a manner consistent with quality in nursing care and the ethical obligations of the profession. Making decisions based on a sound foundation of ethics is an essential part of nursing practice in all specialties and settings. This Code of Ethics for Nurses had not been revised since 2001. Leadership at the national level realized that our system has experienced massive change since 2001 and this called for updating the code to deal with our ever evolving health care system. I encourage you to go to www.nursingworld.org and read the new code. Consider its contents and how it impacts your practice and those with whom you work.

I consider it an honor to serve as the President of the Louisiana State Nurses Association and would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Carol Tingle for her service during the 2013-2015 biennium as well as express my gratitude for her serving as my mentor.

President’s Message
Norlyn Hyde

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Coletta Barrett is a member of LSNA/ANA and has been an effective facilitator of strategic planning for the organization. In 2010, she received the Community Volunteer Leadership Award from the LNF and last year received the Volunteer Nurse of the Year Award at the Nightingale Award Gala. She was inducted into the Rho Zeta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing at Southeastern Louisiana University in 2004 and was awarded the prestigious International Pilar Prize and Legacy Award at the 2005 International Biennial Convention. Her professional memberships include charter membership in the Baton Rouge Chapter of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses. She is currently a member of the American Heart Association, Council on Cardiovascular Nursing and was elected to Fellow Status (FAHA) in 1986. She holds membership in the Louisiana Hospital Association (LHA) and currently serves on the Board of Directors for LHA Education and Research Foundation. Since 2005, she has held legislative appointment to the Louisiana Healthcare Commission as LHA representative. She is also a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives and became a Fellow (FACHE) in the College in 2010.

Coletta Barrett’s numerous professional and community awards have been well earned through endeavors both local and national. Additional validations of achievement and leadership include the YWCA Woman of Achievement in a Specialized Category (2002), the Southeastern Louisiana University Distinguished Alumnus of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences and also the University’s Alumnus of the Year in 2004. She was named an Influential Woman of Business by the Baton Rouge Business Report in 2009. She received the Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce’s Lifetime Achievement Community Volunteer Award. Last fall she received the Franciscan Community Impact Award from Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center in Baton Rouge. Her myriad responsibilities include Mission Formation, Palliative Medicine Program, Parish Nursing, Health Centers in Schools, Community Advocacy, and Mission Services.

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Mrs. Hunt has worked diligently over the past 15 years to achieve her dream of providing rural healthcare, a desire identified in 1978 while attending graduate school. Her vision was to provide affordable quality health care to the residents of rural, underserved East Feliciana Parish, where she was born and resided for the major portion of her life. With that goal in mind, she returned to school in 1990 to continue her education in a doctoral program, however, her focus shifted to clinical practice and she became a Nurse Practitioner in 1994. She spent five years working as a FNP in a physician led practice group. Dissatisfied with management practices she began pursuing opportunities to establish her own clinic. In 1999, the town Doctor in Clinton retired. Mrs. Hunt and a fellow Nurse Practitioner took personal loans to setup practice in the physician's 800 sq. foot clinic. She then established Primary Care Providers for a Healthy Feliciana, a non-profit corporation, and has served as the CEO since inception.

Today, the original site is now over 30,000 sq. ft. and provides primary care, dental services, and behavioral health care. PCP currently operates eight clinics, four primary care and 4 school-based clinics, across four parishes - East Feliciana, West Baton Rouge, Livingston and Tangipahoa. There are dental services at three locations. In addition, there are 22 social workers providing behavioral health services at these sites and additional school locations. There were nearly 12,000 clients served and 72,000 visits last fiscal year. There is a total of 148 staff and an annual operating budget of ten million dollars. Further expansion is underway.

Nurse practitioners manage all of these clinics. There were many hurdles to overcome in establishing this model of care, especially the resistance of the medical community. It has been the innovative leadership of Mrs. Hunt that has recognized the contributions of professional nursing to the delivery of quality health care. Today, health care is provided by 20 APRNs at PCP sites. It has been difficult to recruit APRNs to travel to the rural areas in which the clinics are located. Despite the challenge, this has been achieved and sustained. PCP provides clinical practice to students enrolled in numerous nurse practitioner programs; over 150 APRN students have rotated through the clinics over the last ten years.

The quality of service delivery is recognized by local government, community organizations, clients served and accrediting organizations. PCP is accredited as a Primary Medical Care Home through the Joint Commission, received the highest level of recognition by the National Council of Quality Assurance and receives consistently high ratings on consumer satisfaction surveys. This illustrates Ginger's dedication and commitment to making quality healthcare services available to the underserved.

Mrs. Hunt's contributions are validated by the thirteen (13) member Board of Directors comprised of community representatives from a four Parish service area that meet on a monthly basis to oversee the operation of PCP. They state that they have directly witnessed the expansion of services, experienced the quality of care, heard and seen the accolades from the consumers of care. They have firsthand knowledge of Mrs. Hunt's involvement in these accomplishments. She is the visionary for our inception, our current prosperity and our future direction. She is the guiding force behind the extraordinary success of the organization. Furthermore, Mrs. Hunt's tenacity, commitment, knowledge and assertiveness overcame the many obstacles encountered along the way and achieved the funding and resources necessary for our growth and expansion. It is her dedication, compassion, integrity, high standards and faith that have accomplished our mission of making primary care accessible to the underserved. Mrs. Hunt's efforts have provided for the betterment of our community and the residents.

Her work will have a long lasting impact on the healthcare of our citizens. Her principles of service will have an enduring effect on the management of this organization beyond her future retirement. We, as a Board and consumers of healthcare, recognize her contribution. We believe that her accomplishments deserve recognition by the profession that she represents and loves.

These great results are reflected in many areas. Her charge to bring the Nursing Honor Society for Southern University and A&M College into full fruition resulted in Tau Pi Chapter of the Sigma Theta Tau International. She was the first Vice-President of the Tau Pi Chapter. She also spearheaded the 2010 and 2012 Nightingale School of the Year Award. Dr. Hill served as President of the LSNA Baton Rouge District and later became the President of LSNA, which was founded in 1904. Dr. Hill was also a participant in the Leadership Institute II: Center for Excellence for the Elimination of Health Disparities National Strategy. She has just finished now her tenure as President of the Louisiana State Nurses’ Association and is currently Chair of the Administrative Committee of LSNA. She has obtained over a million dollars in grant monies for her university from Title III.

Dr. Hill’s caring ways resulted in receiving the “Legacy of Caring Award” in 2006 along with noted Caring Theorist and Nurse Scholar Dr. Jean Watson. Dr. Hill is a strong advocate for the vulnerable with a focus on rehabilitation. Dr. Hill’s scholarship included many articles and presentations locally, state-wide and nationally related to her dissertation work. More specifically, Dr. Hill’s Doctoral Dissertation topic at LSU focused on mentoring. Her doctoral work has become a benchmark of scholarship that has had a remarkable impact on the profession of nursing today in the academic, clinical and research arenas. Today, as Chair of the Southern University School of Nursing Undergraduate Nursing Program, Dr. Hill has been entrusted, along with the Dean and other administrators and faculty, to look after hundreds of undergraduate and graduate nursing students at Southern University School of Nursing, with the result of better care for the citizens of Louisiana in those areas to which they migrate.

As an excellent Chair, she is clear about ground rules and boundaries, which have resulted in good communication, a mentor-mentee program, and safe outcomes. Dr. Hill’s mentoring legacy can be seen in her positive influence as an educator and leader on hundreds of nursing students at the graduate and undergraduate levels, as well as colleagues and community leaders that she has influenced through her organization and volunteer work. Her exemplary compassion, professionalism and mentoring have inspired others to have the courage to lead and make a difference in the world. She has made an impact on the quality of care given to patients in Louisiana as well as other states. The Louisiana Association of Nursing Students has made her an honorary board member. As many students write, and as many of her protégés share, “We Love you; Keep Up the Amazing work.”

In summary, this 2015 Hall of Fame Inductee’s integrity, caring, diligence, and keen intelligence—all values nurtured by her parents, who stressed the importance of the Golden Rule—have improved and impacted health education, research, and care for citizens of Louisiana.
A Nursing Story... Connect to Purpose

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People choose Nursing as a career for many reasons. We all have a story about how we decided to become a nurse. This is the story of how two nurses connected to their purpose and ultimately, each other.

Carol Jones currently works in the NICU at Rapides Regional Medical Center in Alexandria, but started her career as a nurse in 1990 at Oshner NICU in New Orleans. Over the span of her 24 year career she has made a positive impact on the lives of thousands of babies and their parents. Just like every other nurse, there are patients throughout her career that Carol remembers. She may not remember just one, but she always wondered what became of the 26 week preemie who was so critically ill! The baby that had a 3rd degree brain bleed, sepsis, PDA/ASD, and a meconium ileus that required bowel surgery. Maybe Carol specifically remembers this baby because she had just completed her 12 week orientation, and it was one of the first patients she was assigned. Or perhaps Carol just recalls how this strong baby girl with multiple problems struggled, and against the odds, was discharged home after more than 100 days. Or perhaps she just remembers that this baby was so critically ill that the survival rate for a 26 week gestation preemie in 1990 was extremely low.

So throughout Carol’s career, she wondered what happened to those tiny patients that she cared for. Did the babies have any residual effects that are so often seen with premature births? How were the parents doing? Carol eventually moved to Alexandria in 2010 and began working in the NICU at Rapides Regional Medical Center, where she continues to care for sick babies. But from time to time, Carol’s thoughts drifted back to the very sick baby she cared for early in her career.

Unbeknownst to Carol, that very sick baby, Katy Leblanc, developed normally and grew up to become a nurse. Katy always felt destined to help others and remembers the attraction she had to Nursing ever since she was in elementary school. She remembers dressing as a nurse and playing nurse when she was only seven years old. One factor that led her to Nursing was her aunt (also a nurse) that told Katy stories about her first tenous days of life in the NICU and about the nurses that cared for her and provided emotional support for her parents. Katy had an internal drive to become a nurse so she could do for others what nurses had done for her. Katy graduated from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette in May, 2013 and began her career at Christus St. Francis Cabrini Hospital caring for adults. Although she enjoyed caring for adults, she said it “just didn’t feel right” and she felt a calling to transfer to NICU at Rapides Regional where she could care for sick babies.

So when Katy began working at Rapides NICU, it is nothing short of a MIRACLE that strictly by chance, her preceptor, Carol Jones, was the same nurse who cared for her 24 years earlier in the NICU in New Orleans! So years later and miles away from their first encounter, they have reconnected. And not only have they reconnected to each other, but they have both discovered and reconnected to their purpose for practicing Nursing.

Katy provides a beacon of hope to so many parents who are grieving the loss of a normal newborn when she says, Look at me! Twenty four years ago I was the baby lying there with all those tubes fighting for life. These little people are so strong and it is possible that things will be ok.

Nursing is more than just a job or an occupation. It is a vocation and some even say it is a calling to a specific station in life. Katy and Carol both know their purpose and why they had such a strong impulse to choose Nursing. For Megan, it was her natural destiny. And for Carol, her love and purpose for Nursing was just reaffirmed 24 years later.

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The U.S. is projected to experience a shortage of Registered Nurses (RNs) that is expected to intensify as Baby Boomers age and the need for health care grows. Nursing schools across the country are struggling to expand capacity to meet the rising demand for healthcare, and at the same time, function within an infrastructure bombarded by budget cuts, limited numbers of qualified faculty, and the lack of available clinical placement sites (American Association of Colleges of Nursing, 2014). Data on the state’s nursing education capacity and supply of nurses provides valuable information to the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) board members, nurse employers, nursing schools, nurse faculty, workforce planners, and policy makers.

The Nursing Education Capacity report addresses current information on the pipeline for nursing; the production of new RNs and advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs). Data are presented on the growth of newly licensed nurses by degree type, admission, enrollment, demographics, and passage on the National Council Licensure Examination for RNs (NCLEX-RN), and trends in post-licensure education. The data used in this section were obtained from annual reports submitted to LSBN from undergraduate and graduate nursing programs in Louisiana.

The Nurse Supply Report presents an overview and analysis of recent trends in Louisiana’s nurse supply. This section addresses characteristics of the RN and APRN workforce which includes trends in educational attainment, employment, demographics of the nursing workforce such as age, race/ethnicity and gender. The source for the information presented in this section of the report comes from the licensure renewal application and reflects any RN or APRN that held a license to practice in Louisiana within the current report year.

Nursing Education Capacity
Four thousand three hundred and fifty-one (4,351) qualified applicants applied for admission to Louisiana’s pre-RN licensure programs in 2013-2014 were denied admission.

Admission to Louisiana’s Pre-RN Licensure Programs
Approximately 32% (1,395) of the qualified applicants applying to Louisiana’s pre-RN licensure programs in 2013-2014 were denied admission.

Top Three Reasons Why Qualified Applicants are Not Admitted
1. Budgeted faculty position not available
2. Faculty salary not competitive
3. Qualified faculty not available

Graduates from Pre-RN Licensure Programs according to Type of Program (2010-2014)
Since 2010, there has been a 12% increase in the number of students enrolled in Baccalaureate programs, a 29% decrease in the number enrolled in Associate degree programs, and a 17% decrease in those enrolled in the state’s only Diploma program.

Enrollment in Louisiana’s Pre-RN Licensure Programs
Since 2010, there has been a 12% increase in the number of graduates from Louisiana’s BSN Pre-RN licensure programs.

Enrollment in APRN Programs in Louisiana - 2014
There was an overall 8% decrease in the number of students enrolled in Louisiana’s APRN programs in 2014 when compared to 2013, with the greatest decrease in enrollment occurring in NP programs (9% decrease).

Graduates from APRN Programs in Louisiana 2010-2014
In the 2013-2014 report year, there were a total of 342 graduates from Louisiana’s APRN programs which represents a 6% increase when compared to the 323 graduates in the previous report year.

Nursing Supply
In 2014, 62,356 nurses held a license to practice as a RN in Louisiana. This represents a 12% increase in the number of nurses licensed to practice as a RN in Louisiana over the past five years (2010-2014).

Highest Degree Held by RNs in LA - 2014
In 2014, 54% of RNs licensed to practice in Louisiana held a BSN or higher degree in nursing (including a doctorate in a related field). This represents a 20% increase in number since 2010.

Age Distribution of Licensed RNs Residing in LA 2014
In 2014, the average age for RNs licensed to practice in Louisiana was 45 years and the median age was 44 years.

Hospitals employed 57% of licensed RNs residing in Louisiana in 2014.

The 2014 Nursing Education Capacity and Nursing Supply Report can be found on the Louisiana State Board of Nursing website at http://lcn.lsbm.state.la.us. For additional information please contact the Louisiana Center for Nursing at lcn@lsbm.state.la.us. 
St. Elizabeth Hospital Celebrates Certified Nurses Day March 19 by Honoring the Certified Team Members on its Staff

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Excellence was the theme of the AORN (Association of peri-Operative Registered Nurses), newly re-named, Surgical Conference & Expo held at the Colorado Convention Center March 7-11, 2015, in Denver, Co. With over 3,900 perioperative nurses in attendance and 4,000 vendors/exhibitors, this, the world’s largest surgical tradeshow, held a spotlight on the achievements of Louisiana nurses.

Kristy Simmons, Chair of the Louisiana Council of AORN Chapters and Chair of the AORN National Membership Committee won one of only two open seats on the AORN National Nominating & Leadership Development Committee (NLDC). The Baton Rouge native has previously won awards in 2014 for “Outstanding Achievement in Perioperative Evidence-Based Practice,” and co-recipient of the “Outstanding Volunteer Leadership” award. Kristy still continues to serve as Chapter President and Mentor of the local Baton Rouge Chapter of AORN.

AORN of Baton Rouge - Chapter 1904 and AORN of New Orleans – Chapter 1902 were both nominated for Chapter Excellence Awards in the Medium (51-150 members) and the Intermediate (151-300 members) respectively. For Individuals, Carrie Thomson, a Clinical educator at New Orleans Interim LSU Hospital (ILH), was the recipient of the “Promising Professional Achievement” Award. Nathalie Walker, AORN National Secretary and active member of the Louisiana Nursing Supply and Demand Commission since 2004, continues to serve as AORN State Coordinator for Louisiana Government Affairs working on AORN and Louisiana Legislative Priorities including RN-as-Circulator, (One RN per Surgical Patient), Workplace Safety, Patient Safety Culture, Professional Practice, and Health System Improvements.
The Nursing Community Honors Its Own. Louisiana Nurses Foundation Announces Nightingale Recipients, Awards of Quality Service in the Nursing Profession

BATON ROUGE, LA. — On Saturday, March 28, the Louisiana Nurses Foundation hosted its fourteenth Annual Nightingale Awards Program. The event was attended by over 430 nurses, proud family members, co-workers and healthcare workers. Over 75 Registered Nurses representing over 430 nurses, proud family members, co-workers and healthcare workers were honored.

Featuring a night to shine, dress up, and have dinner, The Nightingale Awards ceremony is a special time when the nursing profession honors its own. The program is the “academy awards” of nursing and health care which recognizes quality service, commitment, and excellence for Registered Nurses in the state of Louisiana. The Louisiana Nurses Foundation and Louisiana State Nurses Association wishes to thank the sponsors of this event for making the 2015 Nightingale Awards program such a successful event. The following are this year’s sponsors:

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The nominations in each category are reviewed by out of state judges—nursing leaders throughout the country. The Louisiana Nurses Foundation and Louisiana State Nurses Association wishes to acknowledge and thank this esteemed panel of judges for their assistance. Without the support and participation from these judges the event could not be possible. They are:

- Lori Chovanak, MN, FNP-BC, Chief Executive Officer, Ohio Nurses Association
- Mary Graff, MSN-RN-NEA-BC, President Elect North Carolina Nurses Association
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- Carla Torres Haddock, RNBC, President Guam Nurses Association
- Joyce T. Heyliger, MPH,MSN,RN, Executive Director, Virginia Island State Nurses Association

- Jennifer Hitt, PhD, RN, CNE, Mississippi Nurses Association, President
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- Jane Nelson, CAE, Executive Director, Oklahoma State Nurses Association
- MaryLee Pakierson MSN, RN,BC-FNP, President, ANA-Michigan
- Dr. Margie Hamilton Sipe, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, Board of Directors, ANA-Massachusetts
- Jennifer Tucker MA, RN, President of the Minnesota Organization of Registered Nurses
- Leslie Vercusi, MSN, RN, APN-BC, Nurse Practitioner, Past President Delaware Nurses Association
- Cindy Zoltineck, PhD, RN, Executive Director, Texas Nurses Association

Inducted into the Louisiana Nurses Foundation Hall of Fame were: Coletta Barrett, Jacqueline Hill, and Ginger Hunt.

There were 75 registered nurses nominated in individual award categories; with five schools of Nursing and 14 hospitals and healthcare facilities from Louisiana completing the list of nominees. A select panel of out-of-state registered nursing and healthcare leaders served as the panel of judges for the award selections.

The Louisiana Nurses Foundation is pleased to acknowledge and congratulate the following recipients for the 2015 Nightingale Awards:

- Jerre Hinds, Our Lady of the Lake RMC, Registered Nurse of the Year; John Wilson, Our Lady of the Lake RMC, Clinical Practice Nurse of the Year; Rosie Kiper, St. Elizabeth Hospital, Clinical Nurse Educator of the Year (Hospital Based); Erica Joseph, Southeast Louisiana Veterans Healthcare System, Advance Practice Nurse of the Year; Wendy Singleton, Woman’s Hospital, Clinical Researcher of the Year; Lisa Skemp, Our Lady of the Lake College, School of Nursing Outstanding Nurse Researcher of the Year; Kieran Foley, Our Lady of the Lake RMC, Rookie of the Year; Darcy Giann, Woman’s Hospital, Registered Nurse Mentor of the Year; Yvonne Pellerin, St. Elizabeth Hospital, Nursing Administrator of the Year; Gordon Natal, Southern University and A & M College School of Nursing, Nursing Educator of the Year; Carol Tingle, Baton Rouge General School of Nursing, Nursing School Administrator of the Year; LSU Health New Orleans, School of Nursing, Nursing School of the Year—Entry into Practice Program; Southern University and A & M College, Baton Rouge, Graduate Nursing Program, Nursing School of the Year—Advance Practice; Charla Johnson, St. Elizabeth Hospital, Outstanding Community Achievement by a Registered Nurse; Gillihan, LLC, Outstanding Employer (other than a hospital); The Spine Hospital of Louisiana at the NeuroMedical Center, Acute Care Hospital of the Year (less than 60 beds); St. Elizabeth Hospital, Acute Care Hospital of the Year (61 to 160 beds); Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center, Acute Care Hospital of the Year (161 beds or more); Barbara Morvant, Volunteer of the Year

Other nominees for each category were:

- Registered Nurse of the Year: Tanya Johnson, Woman’s Hospital, Baton Rouge, Leda Dobson, Cancer Center of Acadia at Acadia General Hospital, Lafayette; Clinical Practice Nurse of the Year: Denise Broussard, Cardiovascular Institute of the South; Clinical Nurse Educator of the Year (Hospital based): Paula DeLee, Woman’s Hospital, Baton Rouge, Tina Dauzat, Rapides Regional Medical Center, Alexandria, Tammy Barron, Rapides Regional Medical Center, Alexandria; Advance Practice Nurse of the Year: Leslie Nolden, LSU Health New Orleans, School of Nursing, Lindsay Brutton-Mullins; Our Lady of the Lake College, School of Nursing, Baton Rouge, Jason Leger, Cardiovascular Institute of the South, Lisa Freyov, Cardiovascular Institute of the South, Paula Mitchell, Cardiovascular Institute of the South, Sabrina White, East Jefferson General Hospital, EJ Heart Failure Clinic, Metairie; Outstanding Nurse Researcher of the Year: Marsha Bennett, LSU Health New Orleans, School of Nursing; Rookie of the Year: Emily Bowman Walker, Rapides Regional Medical Center, Alexandria, Kristi August, The Regional Medical Center of Acadiana, Emily Perdue, St. Elizabeth Hospital, Baton Rouge, Courtney Travis, Lane Regional Medical Center, Zachary; Outstanding Nurse Practitioner, Past President Delaware Nurses Association; Cindy Zoltineck, PhD, RN, Executive Director, Texas Nurses Association

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Clinical Practice Nurse of the Year
John Wilson

Clinical Nurse Educator of the Year
Rosie Kiper

Advance Practice Nurse of the Year
Erica Joseph

Clinical Nurse Researcher of the Year
Wendy Singleton

Outstanding Nurse Researcher of the Year
Lisa Skemp

Rookie of the Year
Kieran Foley

Registered Nurse Mentor of the Year
Darcy Gann

Nursing Administrator of the Year
Yvonne Pellerin

Nursing School Administrator of the Year
Carol Tingle

Nursing School of the Year — Entry into Practice Program
LSU Health New Orleans, School of Nursing

Nursing School of the Year — Advance Practice
Southern University and A & M College, Baton Rouge, Graduate Nursing Program

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District News

Baton Rouge District Nurses Association

Members of the Baton Rouge District pause for a photo at the Nightingale Gala held March 28, 2015 at the Crowne Plaza Baton Rouge. From the left: Sharon Bator, BRDNA President, Carol Gordon, Joe Ann Clark, Clara Earl, President-elect, Dehab Ghebreg and Keeley Dupuy.

Tangipahoa District Nurses Association presents, “The Perioperative Nurse’s Approach to Core Measures”

Rachel Artigues, MSN, RN, TDNA President

Core Measures are standards of care that are evidence-based and established to improve clinical outcomes. These measures, and proper documentation thereof, are important because they are extracted from the patient’s medical record and reported to the state. In realizing that patient satisfaction and reimbursement can be associated with these, more attention is given to educating staff on those that are applicable to them on a daily basis. In an effort to educate perioperative staff nurses on their contributions, Erin Diamond, MN, RN, Vice President of Clinical Affairs at Cypress Pointe Surgical Hospital, took on this challenge. Ms. Diamond addressed this topic for her perioperative staff at CPSH, and then for the TDNA chapter at the general meeting on April 1, 2015. One of her tasks at CPSH is to ensure that the appropriate core measures data for her hospital is collected, accurate, and reported to the state accordingly.

Ms. Diamond’s presentation included those Core Measures that involve nursing awareness as the patient moves from pre-op, into the OR, and then to PACU, and even the med-surg unit thereafter. These involved SCIP (Surgical Care Improvement Project) measures such as prophylactic antibiotic received within one hour of surgical incision, appropriate hair removal, and urinary catheter removal on postoperative day 1 or postoperative day 2.

Included in this presentation was the relevance of each of these measures, what constitutes “meeting the standard,” and how a nurse is supposed to correctly meet each of these measures thru the interventions that they perform, and the documentation required, to be successful in meeting each of these.

The TDNA general chapter meetings invite local nursing students to participate and this topic drew a good discussion from the nurses and nursing students in attendance.

The TDNA will meet again on May 7, 2015, for their celebration of the “TDNA Top Nurses” of the past and the present. Please contact tanginurses@gmail.com if you would like more information on this event or any of the upcoming meetings.

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Patricia A. La Brosse, APRN - BC, President

Nursing Excellence Highlighted During Nurses Week

For the 16th year, District IV will honor 25 registered nurses at the annual Acadiana Celebrates Nursing event on Saturday, May 9 at the Petroleum Club. The 2015 honorees are: Dolores Babineaux, Lafayette General Health, Oil Center Surgical Plaza; Catherine Belden, University of Louisiana at Lafayette College of Nursing and Allied Health Professionals; Amy Bolgiano, Lafayette Surgical Specialty Hospital; Traci Booth, Lafayette General Medical Center; Twana Castille Butts, Heart Hospital of Lafayette; Karen Deshotel, Lafayette General Health; Laura Frizzell, The Kite Group; Phyllis Hargroder, University Hospital and Clinics; Cynthia Hisey, University Hospital and Clinics; Natalie Howard, Heart Hospital of Lafayette; Laura Kaiser, University Hospital and Clinics; Michelle Kristof, Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center; Genevieve Langlais, Retired; Christy Lee, University Hospital and Clinics; Jennifer Lemoine, University of Louisiana at Lafayette College of Nursing and Allied Health Professionals; Billy McWhorter, Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center; Brooke Migues, University Hospital and Clinics; Dellyn Miller, Lafayette Surgical Specialty Hospital; Sharon Oubre, Lafayette Surgical Specialty Hospital; Tiffany Rosbury, Heart Hospital of Lafayette; Monica Sonnier, Lafayette Surgical Specialty Hospital; Hector Verdeflor, University Hospital and Clinics; Samantha Williams, Regional Medical Center of Acadiana; Lucille Woodard, Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center; Shana Zanyk, Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center

Lafayette Area Nurses Attend Nightingale Gala

L to R: Lucile Woodard, Acadiana Black Nurses Association; Carllene MacMillan, LSNA Vice President; Senator Fred Mills; Patricia LaBrosse - District IV President; GraciAna Breaux, Acadiana Black Nurses Association

Catching up with former co-workers: L to R: Elsie Meaux - Lafayette General Medical Center; Karen Wyble; Cathy Palmer – Lafayette General Medical Center; Debbie Ford – CNO-Our Lady of the Lake; Faith Le Brun – Lafayette General Medical Center

L to R: Michelle La Baron - Lafayette General Medical Center; Becki Benoit – CNO – Lafayette General Medical Center; Karen Wyble

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Newly elected officers were announced at the March 17, 2015 meeting of NDNA. Those newly elected to the Board were Marilyn Cooksey and Kirsten Rattray. Re-elected were Lisa Sharp-VP, MaryBeth Burkhard-Treasurer, Sue DeLaune-Board. Continuing on the Board are Georgia Johnson-Pres., Allison Maestri-Secretary, Terry Joseph-Parliamentarian/Historian, Willa Stewart, Janice Augustine, and Liz McHugh-Board of Directors. Officers will be installed at the meeting on May 19, 2015.

Our presentation for March was by Allison Maestri, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Chair of the Research Committee, Ochsner Northshore. She reviewed research critique criteria and discussed three research article abstracts: “Matching Doses of Distraction with Child Risk for Distress During a Medical Procedure” by Ann McCarthy et. al. “Health Literacy and Nurse’ Communication with Type 2 Diabetes Patients in Primary Care Settings by Fatime Sayah et. al. “The Role of Patients in Pressure Ulcer Injury Prevention: a Survey of Acute Care Patients” Elizabeth McNunes.

Our March meeting was well attended by student nurses, with twenty-five present from Southeastern. The door prize was won by student nurse, Hannah Pohlmann.

Submitted By:
Georgia Johnson, NEA-BC, CPHQ, President, NDNA

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## Membership Application

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**Executive Director: Kinsey Loden**  
**LA State Only Membership Dues: $290.00 annually.**  
**Includes membership in and benefits of the American Nurses Association, Louisiana State Nurses Association and the LSNA District Association.**  
**Full Time Student (Registered Nurse in full-time education program, when six months after graduation First membership year only): $125.00**  
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**Membership Application:**  
**Printed Name:**  
**Home Phone:**  
**Work Phone:**  
**Home Fax:**  
**Work Fax:**  
**Home Address:**  
**Work Address:**  
**City/State/Zip Code:**  
**Basic School of Nursing:**  
**Graduation (Month/Year):**  
**If Yes, When?:**  
**If Yes, When?:**  

## Dues Payment Options (please choose one)

**Annual Credit Card Payment Authorization**  
**Automatic Monthly Payment Option**  
**Full Annual Payment Option**  
**Automatic Credit Card Payment – This is to authorize annual credit card payments to LSNA/ANA. By signing on the line, I authorize LSNA/ANA to charge the amount by giving the above signed credit card information for any returned drafts or charge backs.**

## Membership Application Instructions

**To Be Completed by LSNA:**  
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**Date:**  
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