

THE Heritage Society

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Heritage Society Dinner and Silent Auction

Heritage Society donors and their guests gathered for a lovely dinner at the Indiana State Museum on 29 October 2017 during Sigma's 44th Biennial Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA. They were welcomed by Patricia Davidson, 2015-2017 Foundation Board Chair, and Enna Trevathan and Karen Carlson, 2015-2017 Foundation Fellows Committee Co-Chairs.

The dinner was attended by more than 150 donors and their guests and more than US \$4,000 was raised by the silent auction to help support the Sigma Foundation for Nursing. The next dinner will take place at Sigma's 45th Biennial Convention in 2019 in Washington, DC, USA. The location and details for the dinner will be shared in a later newsletter. We hope you will make plans to attend.





Dr. Doris J. Froebe Leadership Education Grant Fund

During the 2017 Heritage Society Dinner, a major bequest from Dr. Doris J. Froebe was announced. She was a forerunner in nursing administration research and was one of the first Indiana nurse leaders inducted into the American Academy of Nursing. Doris was a proud member of Alpha Chapter of Sigma. Until she passed away in July 2016, Doris kept up to date with Sigma's global achievements in nursing through her visits with its CEOs and its Foundation staff members.



The Foundation recently received its largest bequest from Doris Froebe's estate and will use it to establish the Dr. Doris J. Froebe Leadership Education Grant Fund. The fund's proceeds will help the Foundation fulfill more of the large numbers of requests we receive from nurses around the world seeking financial assistance to disseminate their research at Sigma's congresses and conventions. The first grants from this fund will be awarded in 2019 at the 29th International Nursing Research Congress in Melbourne, Australia. The Foundation and Sigma are honored to receive this generous bequest from Doris. Also in recognition of this generous bequest, the executive office suite at Sigma's headquarters is now named the Dr. Doris J. Froebe Executive Suite.

Foundation News

At the reception at the biennial convention for retiring Sigma CEO Dr. Patricia E. Thompson, an exciting announcement was shared. [Read more](#) about this exciting news and other Sigma Foundation news.

New Heritage Society Donors

We gratefully recognize the newest Heritage Society donors who've made their commitment to support nursing worldwide.

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News About Fellows

The following individuals are serving on the [2017-2019 Sigma Board of Directors](#).

Sandra Bibb (Director)

Ken Dion (Treasurer)

Juli Maxworthy (Vice President)

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The following individuals have been appointed to serve on the Sigma Foundation for Nursing Board of Directors until 2021.

Jerico Alicante

Gloria Chan

Nancy Ridenour

Linda Streit

Anthony and Rita Adeniran were featured in a [story](#) about their journey from Nigeria to the United States in the Drexel University College of Nursing and Health Professions News on 3 June 2017.

Rita Adeniran was inducted into the [Drexel University Hall of Fame](#) on 20 May 2017. She was invited as a panelist member for the 2017 Philadelphia Healthcare Diversity Summit in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and received the 2017 Healthcare Advocate Award on 18 May 2017. She received the 2017 Every Day Nursing Hero Award from the Pittsburg Black Nurses in Action on 17 June 2017.

Lynda Bartlett was [elected](#) North America Region 5 Coordinator at Sigma's biennial convention.

Anne Bavier will retire as Dean and Professor of the University of Texas at Arlington College of Nursing and Health Innovation in 2018.

Billye Brown attended the University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing gala on 5 October 2017 where it was announced that the [Billye J. Brown Professorship in Nursing Leadership](#) was established in her honor.

Karen Brown is creating an endowment through the University of New Mexico that is intended to support the ongoing efforts of the New Mexico Nursing Education Consortium (NMNEC).

Laurie Carbo-Porter was recently appointed as the Associate Provost for Academic Affairs at Excelsior College.

Elizabeth Carlson received the Lucie S. Kelly Mentor Award at Sigma's biennial convention and was [elected](#) to the Governance Committee for a two-year term.

Holli DeVon received a [Fulbright US Scholar Program](#) award to study predictors of premature cardiovascular disease in HIV-positive patients in Rwanda, Africa.

Joanne Disch was awarded the American Association of Colleges of Nursing Geraldine "Polly" Bednash Lectureship Award.

Ken Edmisson is a Distinguished Fellow in the National Academies of Practice. He is a Distinguished Practitioner and Fellow for the National Academy of Practice in Nursing.

Karen Gorton was [elected](#) Regional Chapters Coordinating Committee Chair at Sigma's biennial convention.

Amy Heithoff is excited to share that her daughter, Sophia Julieta Dominguez-Heithoff, has been crowned [Miss Teen USA](#).

Martha Hill announced her [retirement](#) from Johns Hopkins School of Nursing as Dean Emerita.

Tara Hulsey has been appointed Vice President for Health Promotion and Wellness for West Virginia University and will remain Dean of West Virginia University School of Nursing.

Pam Jeffries received the [Edith Moore Copeland Award for Excellence in Creativity](#) at Sigma's biennial convention.

Peggy Jenkins was [elected](#) North America Region 3 Coordinator at Sigma's biennial convention.

Jane Kirschling was presented the [Melanie C. Dreher Outstanding Dean Award for Excellence in Chapter Support](#) at Sigma's biennial convention.

Hester C. Klopper was elected as a board member of the Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH) in Washington, DC, USA, for a 3-year term. She was appointed Chairperson for the Global Advisory Panel on the Future of Nursing & Midwifery (GAPFON®) for a 4-year term.

Theresa Kyzar was [elected](#) North America Region 6 Coordinator at Sigma's biennial convention.

Nancyruth Leibold is serving as President of the Southwest Minnesota Nursing Honor Society, which is a developing honor society working toward application to be chartered as a Sigma chapter.

Susan Ludington received the Ohio Nurses Association's 2017 Excellence in Research Award in October 2017 at their conference.

Liz Madigan began her role as the incoming chief executive officer at Sigma on 18 September 2017.

Kathryn Moore retired from the US Army Reserve, Army Nurse Corps after 28 years of service at the rank of Colonel. She received the Legion of Merit Award for her years of service.

Robin Newhouse was elected to the [National Academy of Medicine](#). She received the [Dorothy Garrigus Adams Award for Excellence in Fostering Professional Standards](#) at Sigma's biennial convention.

Donna Nickitas was awarded the [2017 Josephine Dolan Diamond Jubilee Award](#) for Outstanding Contributions to Nursing Education by the Connecticut Nurses Association, and she was elected [treasurer](#) for the Eastern Nurse Research Society (ENRS) in 2017-2019.

Joann Olson recently completed four years as Chair of the Board of Directors of Sigma Marketplace (Nursing Knowledge International).

David and Marla Ostermeyer celebrated the marriage of their son and daughter-in-law on 9 September 2017 along with their 30th anniversary. Another son announced his engagement on 28 October for a wedding planned in July 2018.

Dan Pesut was a recipient of the [2017 Gene Tranbarger Award](#) from the American Association for Men in Nursing. He was appointed to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation National Advisory Council for the [Harold Amos Medical Scientist Faculty Development Program](#).

Carol Polifroni is returning to a faculty role at University of Connecticut after serving as dean.

Pat Potter received the St. Louis chapter of the March of Dimes, Legend in Nursing Award on 18 November 2017.

Nancy Ridenour is the [dean](#) of Goldfarb School of Nursing and president of Barnes-Jewish College as of 1 September 2017.

Nancy Sharts-Hopko was inducted as a [Fellow](#) of the National League for Nursing Academy of Nursing Education.

Gwen Sherwood was awarded the [Mary Tolle Wright Award for Excellence in Leadership](#) at Sigma's biennial convention, and she was also elected chair of the Leadership Succession Committee for a four-year term. She has announced her retirement from University of North Carolina School of Nursing effective 30 June 2018.

Larry Slater is [returning](#) to the Governance Committee for a two-year term.

Benjamin Smallheer was [elected](#) to the Leadership Succession Committee for a two-year term at Sigma's biennial convention.

Eleanor Sullivan's play, *Forever We Stand*, was produced by the Courthouse Players to celebrate the bicentennial of the historic village of Zoar, Ohio. The third book in her singular village mysteries, *Tree of Heaven*, has recently been released.

Patricia Thompson was presented the National League for Nursing [President's Award](#) on 14 September 2017 at their 2017 Education Summit in San Diego, California. She received the Dorothy Ford Buschmann Presidential Award at Sigma's biennial convention.

Enna Trevathan was [elected](#) North America Region 1 Coordinator at Sigma's biennial convention.

Dee Welk was [re-elected](#) as North America Region 11 Coordinator at Sigma's biennial convention. She also enjoys her mentoring opportunities as a career advisor and a mentor in the Global Leadership Mentoring Community on The Circle.

Bonnie Wesorick received the [2017 Nicholas Andrew Cummings Award](#) from the National Academies of Practice.

Carolyn Williams was honored with the designation of American Academy of Nursing Living Legends at their conference on 5 October 2017.

Mary Wurzbach was inducted as an [Honorary Fellow](#) of the National League for Nursing Academy of Nursing Education.

Patricia Yoder-Wise is the [president-elect](#) of the National League for Nursing Board of Governors.

“As a Virginia Henderson Fellow, I support initiatives that advance nurses through leadership and educational programs throughout our world. This is the precise time to invest when advancing the nursing profession globally.”

— Guillermo Valdes
Virginia Henderson Fellow

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