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December 2023

## Dinner and silent auction

During the 47th Biennial Convention in San Antonio, Texas, USA, 90 Heritage Society donors enjoyed an evening of fun with their peers. The dinner and silent auction took place on Sunday, 12 November at The LDR & Grotto at the Henry B. González Convention Center. The guests enjoyed a reception, dinner, and bid on an assortment of silent auction items. The silent auction raised more than US \$6,400 in support of the Foundation. We are grateful to all who participated in the silent auction.



The next dinner will be during the 48th Biennial Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA, in November 2025. You will receive updates and more information about this event leading up to the event date. We will be collecting silent auction donations for the next dinner. If you have items that you want to donate, please contact Nikki Aleman at [nikki@sigmanursing.org](mailto:nikki@sigmanursing.org).

## Foundation news

The Sigma Foundation has exciting updates to share after the 47th Biennial Convention. [Read more about this 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.

Virginia Henderson Fellows



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## News About Fellows

**Anthony Adeniran** was inducted into the [American Academy of Nursing 2023 Class of Fellows](#) in October 2023.

**Janice Agazio** was elected to [Sigma Governance Committee](#) for a four-year term at Sigma's biennial convention in November 2023.

**Jerico Alicante** had the article [Jerico Alicante: A Nurse's Journey of Compassion and Leadership](#) shared in Sigma's *Nursing Centered*.

**Amita Avadhani** was elected [Sigma Regional Coordinator](#) for North America Region 14 at Sigma's biennial convention in November 2023.

**Sandra Bibb** is president of Sigma Board of Directors for the 2023-2025 biennium.

**Diane Billings** co-authored the 7th edition and 25th anniversary of *Teaching in Nursing, A Guide for Faculty* (2024). She also co-authored the books *Getting Started in Teaching for Nursing and the Health Professions* (2024) and Lippincott's *Q and A Review for NCLEX RN* (2024).

**Cathy Catrambone** was reappointed for a second term as Associate Chair of Adult Health and Gerontological Nursing at Rush University College of Nursing.

**Gloria Chan** was inducted into the [American Academy of Nursing 2023 Class of Fellows](#) in October 2023. She was re-elected [vice president](#) of Sigma Board of Directors at Sigma's biennial convention in November 2023.

**Ken Dion** has resumed his primary duty as husband to Emma Dion after serving as the 34th president of Sigma. He is eternally grateful for Emma's unwavering support during his presidency. He stated, "It has been my honor to represent Sigma nurses around the globe as they fervently took up the organizational call to action to Be Bold." He wishes Dr. Sandra Bibb all his best as the 35th president of Sigma.

**Esther Emard** recently passed the Certified Professional in Patient Safety (CPPS) certification examination, becoming one of the 6,000 individuals (representing all 50 states in the USA and 32 countries) who is recognized as a CPPS.

**Micheline Hamilton** earned her DNP in December 2021 from the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio. Her doctoral work, *Improving Diabetic Foot Exam Compliance in Primary Care*, was presented at Sigma's 2023 convention. She is committed to the professional development of nurses and has facilitated several professional development initiatives both internal and external to her organization.

**Peggy Jenkins** was appointed as [Associate Dean for Academic Affairs](#) at University of Arizona College of Nursing in September 2023.

**Suzan Kardong-Edgren** was awarded the President's Award by the International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning at their 2023 conference, and she received the President's Award by the [National League for Nursing](#) at the 2023 National Nursing Summit.

**Sarah Marshall** received the President's Lifetime Achievement Award for building a stronger Nation through Volunteer Service, the Worldwide Small Churches Worldwide Ambassador Award, and the SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University Dellon Angel Service Award. She was recognized as Pacesetter by the American Cancer Society in October 2023 and recognized as Elite Champion by the Alzheimer's Association. She was elected to the [Sigma Leadership Succession Committee](#) for a two-year term at Sigma's biennial convention in November 2023.

**Anna McDaniel** was inducted into the Florida Nurses Association Hall of Fame.

**Betsy McDowell** received the Margaret S. Miles Distinguished Service Award from the Society of Pediatric Nurses (SPN) at their 2023 conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA. The award recognizes a member of SPN who has made exceptional contributions to SPN and pediatric nursing.

**Brenda Miller** is a candidate for [Grossmont Healthcare District Board of Directors](#) in La Mesa, California, USA. The Grossmont Healthcare District represents more than 500,000 East County residents.

**Karen Morin** was inducted as a Fellow of the [Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses](#) inaugural class in June 2023 and was the recipient of the Phi Gamma Chapter Past Presidents' Service Award in June 2023.

**Gladys Mouro** published the book [Chaos That Never Ends](#) in January 2023.

**Susan Opas** was elected treasurer of the [American Nurses Association California Board of Directors](#), and she is serving on the [University of Cincinnati College of Nursing Board of Advisors](#).

**Shannon Perry** has achieved her goal of visiting 100 countries.

**Dan Pesut** received the [University of Michigan School of Nursing 2023 Career Lifetime Achievement Award](#) and was appointed to [Watson Caring Science Institute Ambassador Advisor to the Board](#).

**Beverly Reigle** was the recipient of the [Melanie C. Dreher Award for Outstanding Chapter Support](#) at Sigma's 2023 biennial convention.

**Irene Reyes** will retire after 49 years of professional nursing practice on 30 December. Her career was centered in two continents, Asia and North America. She was the only Filipino nurse who served in two countries as a Nurse Corps Officer in the Philippines and the United States. She has served as a nurse educator for the last eight years at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland, USA.

**Kathy Ricossa** has had many opportunities through Kaiser Permanente Nurse Scholars Academy in Northern California over the last several years. Watson's Theory of Human Caring has been the underpinning for much of Kathy's work on self-care, by becoming a Caritas Coach from the Watson Caring Science Institute and HeartMath certified trainer. Kathy has taken classes to support mentoring to support our nurse leaders through EBP and through [Lifemoxie.com](#).

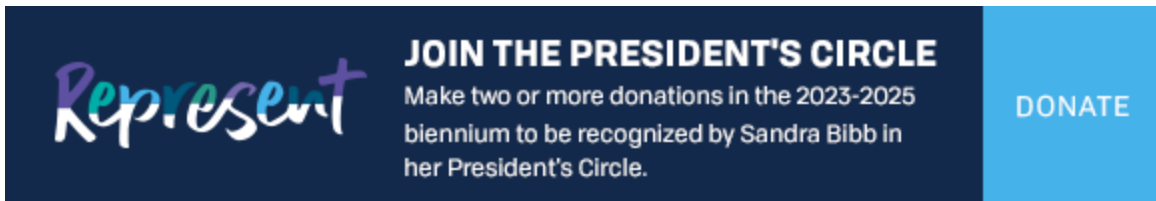
**Jamie Roney** has been recognized by Sepsis Alliance as a Nurses Know Sepsis, as an American Association of Critical-Care Nurses [Circle of Excellence Award recipient](#), Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Excellence in Nursing Award recipient, and as a [South Plains College Distinguished Alumni](#). She has been named Iota Mu Chapter Member of the Quarter and Iota Mu Chapter Nurse of the Year.

**Linda Streit** was invited to contribute a quarterly column to Georgia Nurses Association publication *Georgia Nursing*. This coincides with Dr. Streit's sabbatical work associated with documenting the history of nursing and the more than 120 years of prominent influence by Georgia Baptist College of Nursing in advancing the profession. The column focuses on all national and international historical aspects in nursing with an emphasis on nursing in Georgia.

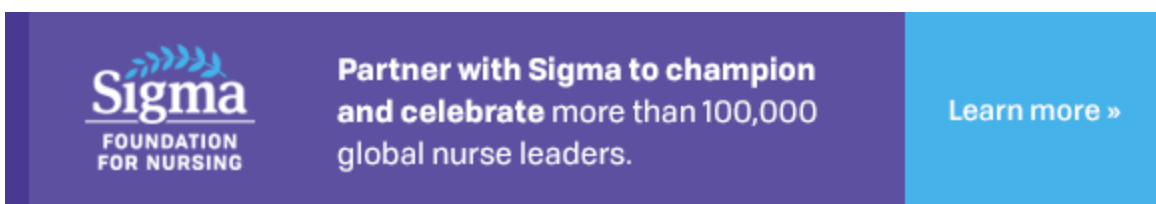
**Enna Trevathan** is the president of California Organization of Associate Degree Nursing (COADN) North Region.

**Nancy Valentine** continues her work with the Carol Emmott Foundation (CEF), where she serves as a member of the [Leadership Council](#) since its inception. CEF endeavors to sponsor and mentor high potential women healthcare leaders to the highest levels of leadership within healthcare.

**Zane Wolf** co-authored *Breaching Safe Nursing Practice: Case Studies in of Failures, Omissions, Commissions and Crimes*.



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