



Calling the Circle

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We are pleased to feature great nurses in this edition of *Nurse Leader*. It is an honor to serve in a leadership role, and every nurse can lead at different stages in their careers. Nurse leaders are committed to Calling the Circle, the ancient art of engagement of diverse voices to address issues effecting the public. In her first book, *Calling the Circle: The First and Future Culture*, Christina Baldwin¹ describes the lessons learned from being in circle. Calling the Circle is about peers learning from each other. We are pleased to share the individual and organizational stories of leaders that have Called the Circle in nursing.

We learn how leaders in this edition are engaging individuals and organizations from diverse backgrounds in their quest to improve health and health care for our nation.

CAMPAIGN ON THE FUTURE OF NURSING

Dr. Susan Hassmiller and Dr. Susan Reinhardt present an update on the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation-supported initiative on the Future of Nursing. The authors provide a look forward to the current work at the National Academy of Medicine to achieve improvements, and acknowledge the contributions of nurses to helping all members of our nation to get healthy and stay healthy.

IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR

Dr. Warren Hebert introduces our readers to his family of nurses. The 20 members of his family that have chosen nursing as a career made a lifelong commitment to human caring that has benefited the American public. This wonderful family of nurses have made contributions to the profession and the American public.

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP PARTNERS

I had the pleasure of interviewing Dr. Greg Adams and Dr. Linda Knodel from the Kaiser Permanente Health System. They are 2 extraordinary leaders, and you will enjoy reading about their journey to engage others within the system to excel as members of their team.

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF NURSING

Dr. Karen Cox, president of the American Academy of Nursing, describes the organization's current portfolio of programs aimed at improving our ability to shape policy and practice. The Academy is committed to engaging diverse partners on their journey to influence policy that benefits the public.

AARP

Dr. Alicia Georges and Dr. Jo Ann Jenkins serve as leaders in the AARP, the largest consumer organization in the world dedicated to providing services to older persons. AARP works together with other organizations to remove barriers to health and health care for their constituents. The authors provide our readers with an inside look on the efforts of AARP as a consumer facing organization working with those who benefit from their services.

AMERICAN ORGANIZATION FOR NURSING LEADERSHIP

Dr. Mary Beth Kingston, Dr. Robin Begley, and Jo Ann Webb provide our readers with the role AONL has played with many organizations to advance the work. AONL epitomizes the Calling the Circle efforts of nursing organizations working together to address issues related to health and health care.

We hope you will enjoy reading about the stories from leaders across nursing that are committed to engaging diverse voices on our quest to assure that everyone has an opportunity to live as healthy a life as possible.

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