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* Benefactor and Platinum donations includes 2 (two) tickets to the Reception & Dinner.

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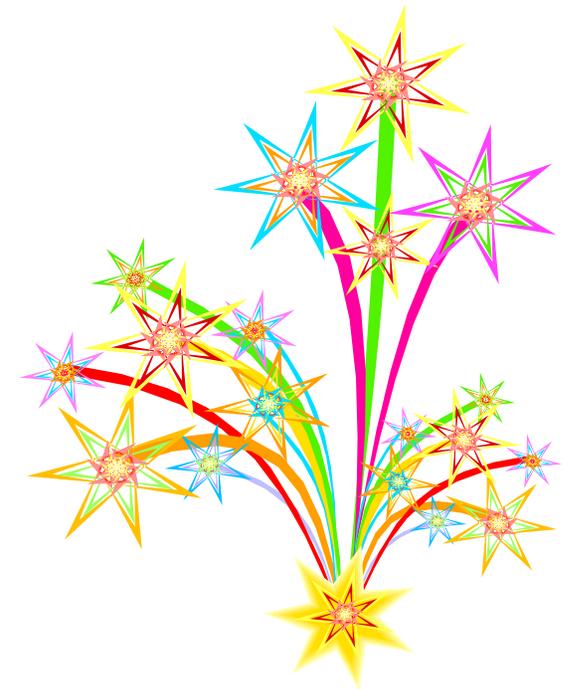
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Centennial Celebration

Celebrating 100 Years
Of Protecting the Public



April 9, 2014



KENTUCKY BOARD OF NURSING
1914 - 2014

HISTORY SUMMARY

Establishment

The year 2014 marks a significant event in the history of nursing in the Commonwealth of Kentucky as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Kentucky Board of Nursing (KBN).

Designed for protection of the public, as well as for the improvement of nurse education, governments created independent agencies and charged them with administering the laws that regulated the practice of nursing.

In Kentucky, members of the Association Alumnae of Trained Nurses of the United States worked with members of the Kentucky State Association of Registered Nurses and government leaders to develop legislation.

On March 13, 1914, the Kentucky General Assembly created the Kentucky State Board of Nurse Examiners for Trained Nurses (Kentucky Board of Nursing).

Two months later, Governor McCreary appointed five members to the newly formed Board. Their mission was to meet periodically to adopt bylaws governing the requirements for registration of trained or graduate nurses, and to implement the laws regarding nursing as approved by the legislature.

Soon seventy-two applications were submitted and approved. Next the Board drafted rules regarding training schools for nurses and determined the curriculum and text book to be used.

Examination & Licensure

The first licensing examination, a two-day test covering dietetics, anatomy and physiology, material medica, pediatrics, hygiene and bacteria, obstetrics, contagious and infectious diseases, ethics, and practical nursing was given to fifteen candidates.

For twenty years examination questions were reviewed and grading was done by the Board members. Later the National Board Test Pool was created and examinations were graded by a machine. This examination eventually became the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX).

Despite publicity concerning the law requiring that nurses be registered, some practiced without a license. In 1937 the state Attorney General assigned a member of his office to assist the Board in locating individuals who practiced illegally and were therefore subject to legal action.

During the Board's second year, it began to consider the question of registration by reciprocity of nurses who graduated from approved schools and who held certificates issued in states whose programs were recognized by the Commonwealth. Throughout the first half of the century, the Board studied the requirements of various states and negotiated with them for reciprocal licensing.

To protect qualified nurses, legislation was enacted guarding both their title and their scope of practice. As of January 1, 1967, no person could practice in Kentucky as a registered nurse without holding Kentucky registered nurse licensure.

Prelicensure Education Programs

In the beginning, much of the Board's time and effort concerned approving nurse-training programs across the state and upgrading academic requirements. Many of the programs were affiliated with hospitals that provided practical hands-on experience at the expense of sufficient academic preparation. Therefore, between 1920 and 1940, minimum requirements were instituted such as school accreditation, high school diplomas, and required degrees and specialized post graduate work for supervisors.

LET US CELEBRATE

As the Board celebrates its centennial anniversary, it can look with pride at 100 years spent in improving the quality of health care given to Kentucky residents.

Success should also be credited to the dedication of the members and staff of the Board who continue to work diligently to protect the public.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

RECEPTION/DINNER

April 9, 2014 beginning at 5:00 pm
Founder's Union Ballroom
U of L Shelby Campus
Louisville, Kentucky