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President's Message

Dear AAHN Members and Friends,

First let me say that I am delighted to be your new president! I look forward to working with you to advance our association over the coming two years. I want to offer our sincere thanks to Jean Whelan for her leadership over the past four years. She has been a wonderful steward of our association. Through the efforts of Jean and the board, our current focus is on the fleshing out of our new strategic plan, which sets out our goals for the next few years, and we are working on how these goals will be operationalized. Thank you to Shannon Perry and all those who worked on this plan!



Mary E. Gibson

As I contemplated the content of my message, it occurred to me how many truly influential professional contacts and friends I have made through AAHN. It was through AAHN (and Barbara Brodie) that I discovered my passion for nursing history – and that passion led me forward in ways I would not have imagined. We want to continue that AAHN tradition of mentoring and advancing the scholarship through AAHN. In looking at the past leaders of AAHN, we can be very proud. These are all people we have known and admired – and many of them found ways to mentor us or to teach us personally or through their writings. We are an association that supports scholars, and we are becoming increasingly international in our scope.

This edition of the Bulletin comes on the heels of our 33rd annual conference in Chicago. Once again, we had a FABULOUS conference, as Jean Whelan reported every year of her presidency and I will repeat, it was the “best conference EVER.” I will review some of the highlights.

Chicago provided a perfect venue for our meeting, with shopping, Hull House, and abundant activities. Our sincere thanks to the Local Arrangements Committee led by Brigid Lusk, also our current Program Committee Chair and 2nd Vice President. Thanks also to John Kirchgessner, who began the planning process. Our hearty thanks go to our host, University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) and to Dean Terry Weaver for welcoming us. Additional sponsors were the University of Northern Illinois University School of Nursing, the UIC School of Nursing Alumni Association and Alpha Lambda Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau. These sponsors made our meeting in Chicago possible.

The conference was a treasure trove of wonderful historical work – from nursing

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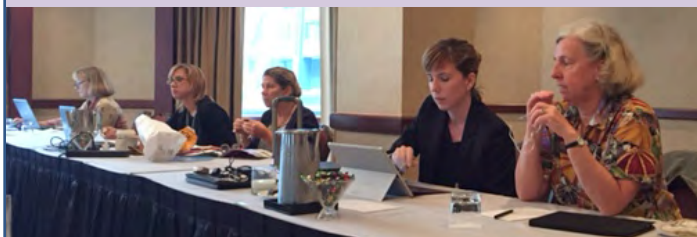
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Board Meeting Fall 2016

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education (broadly represented from diploma programs to the Doctor of Nursing Practice) to the influences of war on nursing and vice versa; nursing influence from Iran to Dachau to New Mexico ; from public health nursing and missionary nursing to maternal child nursing challenges. The scholarship was superb and presented in a most creative and comprehensible way.



Outgoing and Incoming Presidents: Jean Whelan and Mary Gibson

And speaking of treasure troves – we could not report on the conference without a huge nod to the auction. This is an annual event that distinguishes AAHN! This year there were literally hundreds of books available, many tchotchkes and nursing memorabilia as well as historical nursing artifacts. All were sold by our most famous barker and auctioneer Sandy Lewenson, this year joined by Julie Fairman in a “Chicago”-styled flapper theme, introduced by Annemarie McAllister. The auction earned over \$10,000 that will provide for our scholarly grants and awards as AAHN continues to support scholarship and research.

One of our biggest challenges as an organization will be to continue to build our membership. We have initiated a drive to regain lapsed members, and we are currently looking at the best ways to market our gem of an association to the larger public. *Please remember to renew your membership, as well as encourage your colleagues to remain current.* Right now, we have only a few institutional memberships (allowing for four memberships for a university or association), and this might be a good way to increase our numbers. If you are part of a college or university, please look at this option for your own school. If you are a lapsed member, please rejoin your healthcare history colleagues! We depend on all of you to sustain our organization.

Thank you so much for all the support and commitment you provide to AAHN. We ARE our members and we have a vibrant and dedicated board. Please support them. I look forward to sharing our plans as they unfold. Please let me know how we can serve you best.

Sincerely,

Mary Gibson

2016 Research and Research Grant Awards

The **Teresa E. Christy Award for Exemplary Historical Research and Writing**,

which recognizes historical research and writing while a student, was presented to **Michelle C. Hehman**, for *“Once Seen, Never Forgotten”: Nursing, Ethics, and Technology in Early Premature Infant Care in the United States, 1898-1943.*



Winifred Connerton (L) and Michelle C. Hehman

The **Lavinia L. Dock Award for Exemplary Historical Research and Writing**,

recognizing outstanding research and work by an experienced scholar who submits a book, was presented to **Barbra Mann Wall** for *Into Africa.*



Winifred Connerton (L) and Barbra Mann Wall

Mary Adelaide Nutting Award for Exemplary Historical Research and Writing is presented to an experienced nursing history researcher and writer who submits, most often, a post-doctoral manuscript or article. The 2016 award was presented to **Brigid Lusk, Arlene Keeling and Sandra Lewenson** for *Using Nursing History to Inform Decision-Making: Infectious Diseases at the Turn of the Twentieth Century.*

The **Mary M. Roberts Award**

recognizes original research and writing in an editorial book of nursing history and was presented to **Arlene Keeling and Barbra Mann Wall** for *Nurses and Disasters: Global, Historical Case Studies.*



Winifred Connerton (L), Arlene Keeling (C) and Barbra Mann Wall

The H-15 Grant is awarded to faculty members or independent researchers for proposals outlining a historical research study and was presented to **Susan Armstrong-Reid**,

University of Guelph for *Rice Paddy Diplomacy: The American Friends Service Committee: Peace Nurses in Vietnam, 1967-1971.*



Rima Apple (L) and Susan Armstrong-Reid

The **H-31 Grant**

is designed to encourage and support graduate training and historical research at the Masters and Doctoral levels and was presented to **Hafeeza Anchrum**,

University of Pennsylvania for *The Mercy Douglass Hospital & Nurse Training School: 1948-1960* and to **Scottie Buehler**, University of California Los Angeles for *Geographies of Eighteenth Century French Midwifery Education.*



Rima Apple (L) and Hafeeza Anchrum

Thank You to our AAHN Institutional Members!



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Research Connection Corner

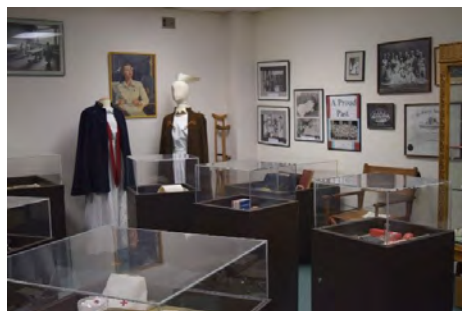
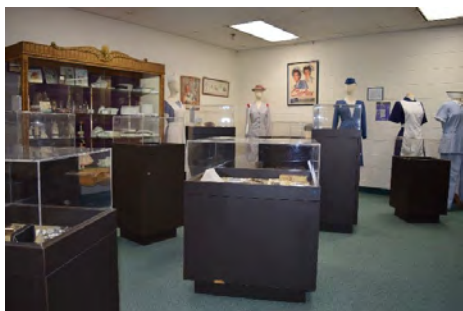
In Search of Nursing Museums

Do you have a museum or display of nursing items? Do you know of a museum or display?

The Center for Nursing History at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee recently received the Signe Cooper collection from the UW Madison School of Nursing. This has resulted

in duplicate items that we don't have room to display. In particular we have duplicate capes, caps, uniforms/uniform parts, bedpans and books (pre1960). We are willing to share these duplicate items with other organizations/institutions. However we need to know where they are.

We would like to compile a list of nursing history sites that have museums or displays. If you know of one, please send contact information to Laurie Glass, lglass@uwm.edu. We will share the list so that excess artifacts can be advertised and sent to appropriate sites.



Center for Nursing History, UW-Milwaukee College of Nursing.
Photographs courtesy of Laurie Glass

Member News

The History Of Nursing Archives: 50 Years Old!

by Mary Ellen Doona

As nurses gathered at the George Sherman Union Ballroom at Boston University May 23, 2016 to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the History of Nursing Archives they looked back to 1966. Then, when the Vietnam War was roiling college campuses, race riots were tearing through cities and world powers were competing for primacy on the moon, the Mugar Memorial Library opened its doors to the History of Nursing Archives. "At long last! A Nursing Archive!" exclaimed Mary Anne Garrigan in the *American Journal of Nursing* as she set to work gathering in nursing's primary documents.

Nursing's history came into heightened prominence in the mid-1960s. The Nursing Division of the Public Health Service financially supported Garrigan's efforts. The year before Stella Goostray had alerted nurses about their primary sources in her *Nursing Outlook* article, "Nation-wide Hunt for Nursing's Historical Treasures." That same year, *Nursing Research* published Mildred Newton's "The Case for Historical Research," a corrective of



Reception at the "History of Nursing through Fifty Years of Collection" Exhibition (Photograph by Allan E. Dines © for the Howard Gotlieb Archival Research Center at Boston University)

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ANA's omission of such research from its *Master Plan for Research* in 1950 and the *Blueprint for Research in Nursing* in 1962. In contrast to ANA's oversight, Leo Simmons and Virginia Henderson privileged historical research placing it first in the classification system in their 1964 survey and assessment of nursing research.

Not least among the forces at work was ANA's declaration that education for the profession must take place in institutions of higher learning. As nursing schools in hospitals closed over the next decades, Garrigan was there to collect their papers. Among them were those of the New England Hospital for Women and Children with its precious Linda Richards Collection. The History of Nursing Archives grew in importance when the ANA and the American Association for the History of Nursing chose the History of Nursing Archives as the repository for their papers with other institutions following their example. Virginia Henderson, Martha Rogers and Thelma Schorr were among nursing's leaders who gave their papers to the History of Nursing Archives ensuring that their papers would be preserved for nursing's future generations.

By the time it reached its tenth anniversary, the History of Nursing Archives was at the ready when the nation celebrated its Bicentennial in 1976. ANA's Hall of Fame created under Garrigan's leadership then, continues into 2016 honoring nursing's pioneers. The few Florence Nightingale letters collected early in the first years of the History of Nursing Archives has grown to more than 300. Since 2014 more than 2,272 of her letters held in the United States and England are available at hgar-srv3.bu.edu thanks to the Florence Nightingale Digitization Project that the Nursing Archives Associates actively supports.

All this and much more were in evidence as attendees sipped wine while they reviewed the exhibition: "History of Nursing through Fifty Years of Collecting." After Vita Paladino, Director of the Howard Gotlieb Archival Research Center, welcomed the attendees, Sarah Pasternack, President of the Nursing Archives Associates, presented the Mary Ann Garrigan Award to the night's keynote speaker, Dr. Kathleen Bower, a case management expert. The evening of celebration and reminiscences came to a close as the History of Nursing Archives stepped forward into the future.

American Nurses Association Massachusetts publishes *Clio's Corner: The History of Nursing in Massachusetts, articles from the Massachusetts Report on Nursing*

Dr. Mary Ellen Doona, a longtime member of the American Association for the History of Nursing, has been writing the popular Clio's Corner column for the *Massachusetts Report on Nursing* since 2004. The American Nurses Association Massachusetts distributes this newsletter to every registered nurse in the Commonwealth. Nurses have been fulsome in their praise for Clio's Corner. Some remember the nurses and events that are subjects of the articles, while others are learning about them for the first time. Their enthusiastic acceptance suggests that Massachusetts' nurses have a sense that without their history they are disinherited and even paupers. For history is to nursing what memory is to the individual nurse.

This collection is in a sense a continuation, after an interim of a few years, of articles that were written for *The Massachusetts Nurse*, the publication of the Massachusetts Nurses Association (MNA), precursor of ANA Massachusetts. Those articles were compiled into *Eyes on the Future* in time for the American Nurses Association's convention in Boston in 1990.

Dr. Doona brings nurses and significant events to life with her use of primary sources, attention to detail, and compelling narratives. Among the articles in *Clio's Corner: The History of Nursing in Massachusetts* are those featuring early nursing organizations, schools that have educated nurses, the Cadet Nurse Corps, and nurses heroic efforts to care for patients in the aftermath of the infamous Coconut Grove fire.

This compilation of Clio's Corner columns was published to coincide with the 15th anniversary of ANA Massachusetts (formerly Massachusetts Association of Registered Nurses), that Massachusetts nurses created to remain members of ANA when MNA chose to disaffiliate from the ANA.

The book is available from ANA Massachusetts <http://www.anamass.org/>.



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33rd Annual AAHN Conference

The President's Award was presented to Barbara Gaines at the 33rd Annual AAHN Conference.

Barbara Gaines (L) and Jean Whelan



Visiting the International Museum of Surgical History for the University of Illinois Chicago Welcome Reception



Bridget Houlahan, Yuko Kawakami, and Audrey Snyder



Beatrix Hoffman, Keynote Speaker



Kelley Pattison, Claire Chatterton, Susan Sacharski



Erin Spinney (L) and Claire Chatterton



Lydia Wytenbroek, Rachel Allen



Patricia Hanes, Ruth Manchester, Sandra Boddice



Janet Engstrom

Calling one and all

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