



Registered Nurses Foundation of B.C.
31 Years Supporting Tomorrow's Nurses
1979-2010

Fall - September 2010

WHO ARE WE?

RNFBC is a registered charity dedicated to the promotion of nursing education and research. Its purpose is to promote the advancement of nursing care through education and research. Through the Foundation, bursaries are provided to nursing students in all types of nursing programs.

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2010-2011

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The RNF 2010 Bursaries

The application deadline for the 2010 RNFBC Bursaries has past (September 21, 2010) and the RNF Bursary Committee is now working hard to process all the applications for this year. The winners of the 2010 RNF Bursaries will be announced in December of 2010.

Last year, the RNF was able to award 96 bursaries totaling \$112,950.00!

These bursaries help assist nursing students with their ever increasing education costs and fulfill the RNFBC Mission and purpose:

“The Registered Nurses Foundation of British Columbia promotes quality health care for the people of B.C. through financial support for the education of nurses.”

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31 Years RNFBC 31 Years

RNFBC Announcements	RNFBC Website
<p>RNF New Founders' Award Bursary Continues To Grow!</p> <p>Donations to the RNF new Founders' Award Bursary have reached \$14,000.00! With the RNF matching donations to this Bursary, the total now stands at \$28,000.00. The goal for this Bursary is \$30,000.00 in donations and the RNF matching this amount for a total bursary capital amount of \$60,000.00.</p> <p>The RNF will continue to seek donations towards this special Bursary in 2010, the first RNF independent Bursary established for the RNF's 30th Anniversary.</p> <p>Thank you to all who have donated to the Founder's Bursary!</p> <p><i>If you would like to donate to this Bursary, please send a cheque with your donation to:</i></p> <p>Founders' Award Bursary Registered Nurses Foundation of B.C. P.O. Box 33957, Station D Vancouver, B.C. V6J 4L7</p> <p>Tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$50.00 or more.</p>	<div data-bbox="1010 241 1230 420" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>RNFBC's website is located at the following address: www.rnfbc.ca</p> <p>Information about the RNFBC can be found there including our mission and goals, our newsletters, bursary information, contacts, etc.</p> <p><i>You can donate to RNFBC by using the link on the website to CanadaHelps.org. If you donate through CanadaHelps, you will be able to print your tax receipt immediately!</i></p> <p>www.rnfbc.ca</p> <div data-bbox="1052 1108 1188 1213" data-label="Image"> </div>
RNFBC BOARD MEETING DATES	WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE
<p>Board meetings planned for 2010/2011:</p> <p>Monday November 8, 2010 5 pm</p> <p>Monday January 10, 2011 5 pm</p> <p>Monday March 14, 2011 5 pm</p> <p>Monday May 9, 2011 5 pm</p> <p>Monday June 13, 2011 5 pm</p> <p>Monday September 12, 2011 5 pm</p> <p>Monday November 7, 2011 5 pm</p>	<p>Some ways you can help</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Become a member and renew your membership each year <input type="checkbox"/> Let others know about RNFBC and encourage others to become members <input type="checkbox"/> Make a donation to RNFBC (Please see page 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Ask about volunteering for our events



President's Message

It has been a busy few months since our last Newsletter. We have seen several changes. Jo Pleshakov (RNF Administrative Officer) has retired. I want to say a big thank you to her for her assistance and hard work with the transition over the last several years. I am please to announce our new Administrative Coordinator Sharon Crandall. She comes to us with many years of progressively challenging positions and in addition her recent experience in a similar position in a Not-For-Profit organization. We are lucky to have an individual with her skills to help us in our next growth spurt. In addition we are seeking a part time fund raiser and I hope to be able to announce the successful candidate soon.

I hosted a "Fireworks for the Foundation" cocktails and appetizers party on July 31 and raised \$170 for the Founders Bursary. At the end of the evening we drew a name and Nancy McKinnon was the lucky recipient of the income tax receipt.

I want to express my thanks to Frankie Elder and Linda Von Tettenborn. Both individuals, after many years of dedication to the RNFBC, have left the board, but still are members of RNFBC and continue to assist with committee work. It has been my experience that they have been an extraordinary asset to the Board and their organization and hard work has made the last 3 years of RNFBC growth possible. I will miss them.

I would like to welcome our three new Board Members; Bernice Budz, Shelagh Brennan and Eva Mendez. I anticipate that your Board will be very busy this year and any help you may wish to give to any of our committees will be gratefully received.

Thank you for all your support to the RNFBC.

Mary-Ann Wythe RN, BSN, MBA

The RNFBC New Administrative Coordinator

The RNFBC has a new Administrative Coordinator, Sharon Crandall.

Sharon currently works part time as the Administrator for the Pandora's Vox vocal Society (Not for Profit) from her home office. Sharon also sings for Pandora's Vox. She has a BA in Psychology from UBC. Sharon has worked in a variety of progressively challenging positions in her career.

In addition, Sharon is raising 2 toddlers with the help of her husband and a nanny.

Welcome to the RNF, Sharon.

Remembering Bernadet Ratsoy



Bernadet Ratsoy with Pat Cutshall (past RNABC E.D.)

Bernadet (Kiss) Ratsoy, died peacefully October 2, 2009. She provided leadership to the Registered Nurses Foundation of British Columbia (RNFBC) as President from 2003-2005.

Bernadet was a passionate and devoted nurse whose ambition was to have a lasting impact on nursing practice and care. In her career, she was most proud of her mentorship of others. Ultimately, all of her work was directed toward supporting nurses in practice. She will be dearly missed by her husband, family, friends, colleagues, and the Registered Nurses Foundation of British Columbia and UBC School of Nursing communities. Her husband, Ed Ratsoy, wished to establish a bursary fund honoring Bernadet's commitment to nursing and those seeking nursing education.

The Registered Nurses Foundation of B.C. and the UBC School of Nursing are encouraging donations towards a bursary for students in the name of M. Bernadet Ratsoy, c/o The Registered Nurses Foundation of B.C., P.O. Box 33957 St. D, 2405 Pine Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6J 4L7. For more detailed information about types of donations, you may contact the RNFBC at info@rnfbcc.ca.

For an in-depth biography of Bernadet, her life and nursing career, please visit the 1960's section of the Amazing Alumni Stories page on the UBC School of Nursing website: http://www.nursing.ubc.ca/About_Us/Alumni/Stories/1960s.htm

To view newsletters with more photos and information, go to the website: <http://www.rnfbcc.ca/>. Watch for additional information in the next edition of the RNFBC newsletter.

RNF Committee Updates

Communications Committee - Augustus Kops, Chair

- RNFBC website continues to operate, and is updated regularly.
- On-line bursary applications will take place for 2011 year, not in 2010 as originally planned.
- In 2011 will be updating the RNFBC website with a complete new look.
- Published three newsletters in 2009.
- Will publish two Newsletters for 2010 - spring and fall.

Fundraising Committee - Arleigh Bell, Chair

- Last year the Founders' Award Bursary was created with a goal of \$30,000.00 in donations and \$30,000.00 in matched funds. To date we have reached about \$14,000.00 and with matching funds by the RNF we are at approximately \$28,000.00.
- After many discussions we are considering combining the Communication and Fundraising Committees into one portfolio with one Chair.
- We have hired a Fundraising Person.

Finance & Audit Committee – Sharon Toohey, Chair

- We are now approximately three-quarters of the way through implementing our investment policy with a more diversified portfolio, and the results are continuing to provide a sound footing for our foundation.
- We received our first donation of marketable securities last fall of just over \$10,000 from the Beattie family, which they wished applied to the Founder's Bursary. We also have received interest in establishing new memorial bursaries and, together with the Bursary Committee, work with people who wish to contribute in new ways to funds or create new ones.
- Following a Request for Proposals last fall for auditors for the 2010 year audit, a decision was made to continue with our current auditors, BDO Dunwoody.

Nominations Committee - Karen Ryall, Chair

- RNFBC has had another successful year through the efforts of all the many board members and volunteers. 3 three-year terms were filled. New members of the RNF Board are Shelagh Brennan, Bernice Budz and Eva Mendez. They are all known for their commitment to professional nursing practice and education, and to excellence in patient/resident and family health care. We continually seek to enhance and complement the strengths, diversity, and dynamics of RNFBC's board membership.
- We would like to recognize the contributions of the following board members who completed their terms in the past year. We wish them continued success in their endeavors. Frankie Elder, elected in 2005, served as Vice-President (2006-2007) and President (2007-2008). Frankie provided excellent leadership with the board in guiding the Transition Team during her years as Vice-President, President, and with the Executive Committee as past-president. In addition, she was Chair of the Bursary Committee. Linda von Tettenborn was elected to the board in 2003, when she also assumed Chair of the Nominations Committee. She has served as Vice-President, Chair of the Nominations Committee, Treasurer and as a member of the Executive Committee.

Nominations Committee - Michael Sandler, Chair

- The Bursary Committee has received the applications for the 2010 Bursary Awards and is now working hard to process all the applications and will be announcing the winners in December 2010.
- Last year, the Bursary Committee processed hundreds of applications and announced 96 bursary winners and Bursaries totaling \$112,950.00.



Registered Nurses Foundation of British Columbia

Celebrate 30 Years of Supporting Tomorrow's Nurses 1979-2009

RENEW YOUR RNFBC MEMBERSHIP FOR 2011 NOW

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ PROV: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL (please print clearly): _____

MEMBERSHIP DUES (please check one):

Patron:

- Initial Patron\$500
Continuing Patron (renewal)..... \$100
Lifetime Patron (no renewal fee)....\$5,000

Regular

- Individual.....\$50
Group/Corporation.....\$75

Membership Dues Amount: \$ _____

ADDITIONAL DONATION(S):

I would like to make an additional donation to go to the following fund(s)

Operating Fund \$ _____

Used to fund operations, allocate to Operating and General 40 Bursaries Reserve, or to add to amount of named bursaries' accrued interest in a given year, if needed.

Founders Bursary \$ _____

This bursary is new. RNFBC has designated matching funds from the General Operating Fund for the first \$30,000 donated. See website for more information.

Other Bursary \$ _____

Bursary name: _____

Total Additional Donation(s) Amount: \$ _____

PAYMENT DETAILS: Total Amount (Dues plus Donations): \$ _____

My cheque is enclosed. (Cheques should be made payable to RNFBC and mailed to the address above.)

Please charge my VISA \$ _____ or MASTERCARD \$ _____

Credit Card Number _____ Expiry Date ____/____

Signature _____ Date _____

Thank you for supporting our mission and vision