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Preface

In 2008, the 30th IAHC Anniversary, I had the honor to update and publish the *History of the International Association for Human Caring, 1978-2007*, revising and adding the years of 1997 to 2007 to continue the inspiring pioneer work of IAHC co-Founder and Charter member, Dr. Delores A. Gaut's, *Historical Review of the IAHC—1978-1996*. On the 35th IAHC Anniversary, I continue the IAHC story in this new updated edition, adding the history from 2008 to 2013. My 20-year involvement in the IAHC since 1993, presenting at conferences, publishing, and serving on the Board of Directors for three terms, motivate me to record both the facts and spirit of the Association in this *History*. In addition to Dr. Gaut's document, I have gathered information from the IAHC records of meetings, newsletters, correspondences, journal, and conference proceedings, as well as from conference attendance, interviews, conversations, and members' reflections. Some details have been lost and the accuracy of a few early dates and names cannot be confirmed. However, I hope that this updated and new edition, *History of the International Association for Human Caring—1978-2013*, will serve as a foundation and reminder of the accomplished past, but more importantly, of the collective wisdom that will move the IAHC forward with new energy and possibility into the future. The advancement and dissemination of care/caring knowledge that leaders, educators, clinicians, and researchers present at the annual conferences and in publications have re-sculptured the landscape of the nursing profession and the care of human beings. In the technology era of health care, care/caring research, theory development, nursing practice, education, and patient experiences, as well as aesthetic expressions of the human spirit, give testimony that the sacredness of caring presence, intentions, and practice grounded in caring science are essential to the well-being of humanity.

It is with great gratitude that I acknowledge the many people who helped me bring this project to fruition. Dr. Delores Gaut, co-Founder and Charter member and past President, whose foundational *Historical Review of the IAHC—1978-1996* and confidence in my continued work grounded me and gave me heart for the project; the late Dr. Madeleine Leininger, Founder of IAHC and Chair/President for 12 years, whose phone conversations and in-depth editing and guidance supported my earlier work; Dr. Marilyn (Dee) Ray, also a founding and Charter member, who spent many hours editing and providing perspective for both editions; Dr. Doris Riemen, a charter member and past officer, whose phone conversations and shared historical documents provided much information and insight; Dr. Anne Boykin, Charter member and past President, who reviewed the early draft of the history; Dr. Marian Turkel, who as past IAHC Treasurer and current IAHC President provided support and guidance, as well as caring review of this updated edition; Dr. Patrick Dean, member of the History and Archives Committee, whose insights added quality to the project; Board members and other members of IAHC who shared their memories and photographs; and past presidents and caring nurse leaders who contributed their reflections as a living testimony of the Association's growth. I also thank my husband, Bill Wagner, for his technical assistance and loving support.

I give special tribute to all the leaders and members whose accomplishments over the years are the very essence of this recorded history. This is their story, their legacy. May there be many more years to celebrate and record.

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Introduction

The 35th Anniversary of the International Association for Human Caring is a time for reflection and renewal of purpose and mission. It is a time for celebration. The leaders and members of this Association have contributed widely since 1978 to scholarly dialogue and research, presentations and publications on the concept and practice of care and caring in nursing and other health care situations. With the intent to better understand caring and its healing effect on the quality of patient/client care and peoples' lives, IAHC members have boldly challenged the status quo and have become leaders, infusing caring as the essence of nursing into the health care system.

In 1978, the *National Caring Research Conference* was conceived and convened by the late Dr. Madeleine Leininger at the University of Utah, College of Nursing, an outgrowth and continuation of her work in the Transcultural Nursing organization established in 1974. The Caring Research Conference was designed to gather scholars together to share ideas, research, and theories on care and caring. The basic philosophy of the founding group was based on the belief that care and caring are the essence of nursing, and the unique and unifying focus of the profession. With Dr. Leininger, the core group of founders continued to convene the National Caring Research Conference annually at various sites in the United States as a forum to share their work among a growing number of colleagues.

The formal organization of this core group was established in 1987 through the generosity of 41 Charter members (see Appendix A), and others in 1988 and 1989. With the encouragement of nurses worldwide, in 1989, the National Caring Research Conference was renamed the *International Association for Human Caring (IAHC)*, a non-profit organization that became incorporated in 1991. The IAHC continues to embrace the same philosophy, tenets, and mission of the founding members.

Mission

The International Association for Human Caring, Inc. (IAHC) provides the forum for discovery and dissemination of caring science.

Purpose

The central purpose *IAHC* is to provide a worldwide forum for scholars and practitioners of nursing and other disciplines to share their theoretical, research, and related experiences to advance caring science knowledge and to use this knowledge to improve human care. Toward this purpose, nurse scholars, educators, administrators, bedside and clinical nurses, student nurses, nurse artists, and professionals from other disciplines worldwide are invited to share their theoretical, research, and experiential knowledge, as well as their aesthetic work, at the annual IAHC conferences, in the *International Journal for Human Caring*, and through webinars and continual networking to advance and improve caring knowledge and practice.

IAHC continues to be committed to this purpose. In 1994, the late Dr. Leininger established the Leininger Research Scholarship Fund to assist in the financial support of nurse researchers studying the phenomenon of human care and caring. Two more scholarships, The Watson Student Award and the Dreesbeke Caring Award, have been added (see *History of Scholarship Awards* section). Annual conferences continue. Newsletters and webinars have been added in the past few years. The many book and journal publications by members and the IAHC website (www.humancaring.org) are additional vehicles that promote the purpose of the IAHC.

Vision

Members of the IAHC believe:

- Caring is the human mode of being;
- Caring is the essence of nursing and the moral ideal which guides nursing education, practice and research;
- Caring is both spiritual and human consciousness that connects and transforms everything in the universe;
- Caring in nursing is action and competencies which aim toward the good and welfare of others;
- Caring in nursing is a special way of being, knowing, and doing with the goal of protection, enhancement, and preservation of human dignity;
- Care is culturally diverse and universal and provides the broadest and most important means to study and explain nursing knowledge and nursing care practices.

Goals

The goals of the IAHC are to:

1. Identify major philosophical, epistemological and professional dimensions of care and caring to advance the body of knowledge that constitutes nursing.
2. Assist nursing and other disciplines to use care and caring knowledge in human relationships and to facilitate the application of this knowledge to transform organizational systems in which nurses function to become care-focused.
3. Explicate the nature, scope, and functions of care and caring and their relationship to nursing.
4. Identify the major components, processes and patterns of care and caring in relationship to nursing from a transcultural nursing perspective.
5. Stimulate nurse scholars and other professionals worldwide to systematically investigate care and caring and to share findings with colleagues at annual research conferences.
6. Disseminate knowledge through refereed publications and public forums.
7. Maintain an organization with elected officers and dues-paying members for the purpose of maintaining a network of scholars.

Recording the History of the International Association for Human Caring

During the past 35 years, the history of the IAHC has been recorded and preserved in various ways. Below is a brief summary of the resources. Detailed information is found throughout the written *History* that follows and in the Publication/Videos section of the Appendices.

- Business records, minutes of meetings, newsletters, brochures, and the annual conference abstracts and proceedings provide information of past and on-going scholarly work.
- Publications of conference papers and other books, chapters, and journal articles by members of IAHC have widely disseminated a growing body of care/caring knowledge.
- In 1993, Drs. Madeleine Leininger, Delores Gaut, and Malcolm MacDonald produced a video of the history and growth of the Association: *Human Care and Caring: IAHC Refocuses Nursing*.
- In 1997, Dr. Delores Ann Gaut, a founding and Charter member of the Association, published a booklet entitled, *Historical Review of the IAHC—1978-1996*.
- In 1999, the first official IAHC Website was established (www.humancaring.org) and professionally managed.
- A video recording documented the 2003 IAHC Conference in Boulder, CO.
- In 2004, the Board approved the establishment of the Ad Hoc Historical Committee.

- In February 2006, a center for the “Archives of Caring in Nursing” was established at the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing at Florida Atlantic University, under the leadership of Dr. Anne Boykin, Dean, and Charter member of IAHC, to house historical documents of IAHC and other scholarly collections focused on Caring.
- In 2008, Dr. A. Lynne Wagner, past IAHC Board Member and Chair of the Historical Committee, revised the *Historical Review of the IAHC—1978-1996* booklet by Dr. Delores Gaut and updated the history of the Association from 1997-2007 in *The History of the International Association for Human Caring—1978-2007*.
- In 2008, Dr. A. Lynne Wagner created the first slide show featuring photos from past conferences from the 1970’s to present. The first showing was viewed at the 30th IAHC Conference in San Antonio, TX in 2008 at breakfast times and at the registration area throughout the conference. This custom has continued at subsequent conferences.
- In 2011, the Ad Hoc Historical Committee officially became a Standing Committee, named the History and Archives Committee, to preserve the important and ongoing work of history recording and preservation. This Bylaws change was approved by the Board in 2010 and by the membership in 2011. The History and Archive Committee is charged with keeping historical records and photographs of the organization, including milestones, leadership, annual conferences, journal, membership, awards and other pertinent data. This Committee will prepare to publish an updated booklet, *History of the International Association for Human Caring*, every five to seven years.
- In preparation for the 2014 annual IAHC Conference planned to be held in Japan, a special slide show with music was created to be shown at the 2013 annual IAHC Conference in Orlando, Florida. The slide show included photos of the 2012 Caring and Peace Conference held in Japan, attended by several IAHC members. This slide show will also be shared with Japanese conference planners in advertising the 2014 conference.
- In 2013, Dr. A. Lynne Wagner revised and updated the *History of the International Association for Human Caring—1978-2007* to include the years 2008-2013 in a new updated publication, *History of the International Association for Human Caring—1978-2013*, authored by A. Lynne Wagner and Delores Ann Gaut.

A Summary of the IAHC Milestones

This section serves as a quick thumbnail reference of the IAHC history. Detailed descriptions follow in the booklet.

1978

- First National Caring Research Conference was initiated by Dr. Madeleine Leininger at the University of Utah. The conferences continued to meet annually. These Annual Conferences have remained a mainstay for the IAHC in gathering together nurse researchers, educators, administrators, and practitioners to disseminate information about Human Care and Caring and propel new studies and understandings. The ontology and epistemology of caring have greatly advanced due to these conferences and subsequent publications.

1981

- First Advisory Board was appointed by Founder and Chair, Dr. Madeleine Leininger.
- The annual conference was expanded for the first time from two days to three days of paper presentations.
- The proceedings of the 1978-1980 National Caring Research Conferences were published in Leininger, M. (Ed.) (1981). *Caring: An essential human need*. Thorofare, NJ: C. B. Slack, Inc. It was republished in 1989 by Wayne State University Press in Detroit, Michigan.

1984

- Papers from the four conferences of 1981-1984 were published in Leininger, M. (Ed.). (1984). *Care: The essence of nursing and health*. Thorofare, NJ: C.B. Slack, Inc. The book was republished in 1989 by Wayne State University Press in Detroit, Michigan.

1987

- **Charter Membership in the National Caring Research Association** was established on April 28, 1987 with a formal organizational structure of officers and board members appointed for a 2-year term (see Appendix A and Leadership Section).

1988

- The papers from three conferences (1985-1987) were published in Leininger, M. (Ed.). (1988). *Care: Discovery and uses in clinical and community nursing*. Detroit: Wayne State University Press. The book was dedicated on the 10th anniversary of the IAHC.

1989

- On May 2, 1989, The National Caring Research Conference changed its name to the **International Association for Human Caring (IAHC)**; bylaws are established. The changes were approved at the Annual Conference in Texas 1990.
- The **first quarterly newsletter** was launched by Drs. Delores Gaut and Gwen Sherwood.

1990

- On April 28, 1990, the **first formal election (by ballot) of officers and board members by the membership** was held according to the bylaws.
- Ethical and moral perspectives of caring were discussed with implications for nursing practice and advancing of caring knowledge at the 1987 Conference. Papers from this conference are published in Leininger, M. (Ed.) (1990). *Ethical and moral dimensions of care*. Detroit: Wayne State University Press.
- The papers from the 1989 conference held at the University of Colorado, Denver, Colorado, USA, with the theme: *The Caring Imperative in Education*, were published by Leininger, M. and Watson, J. (Eds.). (1990). *The caring imperative in education*. New York, NY: National League for Nursing.

- The Advisory Board (see Leadership section), who had been guiding the progress of the National Caring Research Conferences over the past ten years, formalized the group as the **International Association of Human Caring (IAHC) in 1989** and the charter members voted on the bylaws, officers, and board members at the Twelfth Caring Research Conference in Houston, Texas, 1990.
- The IAHC logo was designed by Doris Riemen, PhD, RN, Dean, School of Nursing, University of Texas-Tyler, and accepted by the Association membership.

1991

- On September 26, 1991, International Association for Human Caring (IAHC) incorporated and gained status as a non-profit, educational organization (IAHC, Inc.).
- The publication by Gaut, D. & Leininger, M. (Eds.). (1991). *Caring: The compassionate healer*. New York, NY: National League for Nursing, included representative papers from the 1990 conference and independently submitted scholarly papers on Caring.

1992

- Papers from the 1991 (13th) conference along with invited papers were published in Gaut, D. (Ed.). (1992). *The presence of caring in nursing*. New York, NY: National League for Nursing.

1993

- Papers from the 1992 (14th) conference, including several invited transcultural research studies, were published in Gaut, D. (Ed.) (1993). *A global agenda for caring*. New York, NY: National League for Nursing.

1994

- The papers from the 1993 (15th) conference were published in Gaut, D. & Boykin, A. (Eds.). (1994). *Caring as healing: Renewal through hope*. New York, NY: National League for Nursing.

1995

- Papers from the 1994 (16th) conference were published in: Boykin, A. (Ed.). (1995). *Power, politics, & public policy: A matter of caring*. New York, NY: National League for Nursing.
- For the first time, the 1995 Annual IAHC Conference was organized around concurrent sessions rather than a small conference model of attendees participating in all paper presentations. With the increased interest in the care and caring concepts and growing membership, this conference organizational model allowed more papers to be accepted and discussed. It broadened networking and the dissemination of caring phenomenon studies.

1996

- A **quilt** entitled, *Universal Connections*, became the symbol for the 1996 conference in Rochester, Minnesota, complementing the conference theme, *Patterns of Caring: Universal Connections*. The quilt was designed by Eunice Hill of Rochester, Minnesota, who incorporated original artwork entitled, *An Invitation to Dream*, a pastel drawing by Mary Ericksen, into the center of the quilt.
- A **gold plated IAHC pin** was designed by founding members, Drs. Delores Gaut, Jean Watson and Madeleine Leininger with approval of the Board. Members wore the pin as a symbol of their commitment to caring and the association. (See Appendix E.)

1997

- The inaugural issue of the peer-reviewed *International Journal for Human Caring (IJHC)* was published in **Spring 1997 (Volume 1n Number 1)** under the leadership of co-editors **Drs. Kathleen Valentine and Anne Boykin**. This 48-page first issue featured 5 articles on caring theory, concepts, history, and research, as well as editorial commentary, reflections, and aesthetic expression. It served as a template for future issues.

- In 1997, a permanent business office (Blue Chip Management Services, Inc.), newsletter, E-mail, and Web page were initiated.

1998:

- The IAHC celebrated its 20th anniversary at the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania conference.
- The idea of encouraging small groups of people interested in studying caring and extending the IAHC philosophy and mission on local levels was discussed in 1998 and formally defined in the bylaws in 2006 as **Special Interest Groups (SIGs)**. (See description under Leadership section.)
- The IAHC hired the first outside Business Administrator. Up to 1998, Dr. Doris Riemen, followed by Dr. Delores Gaut, volunteered to serve as business officer, handling all business associated with the IAHC operation. (See Business Management and Administration below.)

1999

- In 1999, the first official IAHC Website was established (www.humancaring.org) and professionally managed.

2000

- The IAHC launched its first web-based continuing education program, spearheaded by Drs. Zane Robinson Wolf, Donna Taliaferro, and Marian Turkel.

2002

- In May 2002 with a bylaw change regarding elections, the term of office for President and President-Elect changed from 3-year terms to 2-year terms.
- The first On-line Continuing Education Module was posted on the IAHC website. In December 2002, an IAHC member listserv was established for dialogue among members.

2003

- The IAHC celebrated its 25th anniversary at the Boulder, Colorado conference.
- For the first time, at the 2003 Boulder, Colorado conference, *Calling the Caring Circle*, the conference abstracts were distributed on a 2HD “floppy” computer disk rather than in a printed Book of Abstracts. In addition, a VHS video tape was made, documenting the conference and is available through IAHC. The Boulder Conference planners also made up T-shirts commemorating the conference, which were sold to participants.

2005

- The *International Journal for Human Caring* was expanded from three to four issues a year.

2006

- The first elected IAHC President from outside the United States was Dawn Freshwater, PhD, BA (Hons), RGN, RNT, DipPsych from Bournemouth University in England. She took office after serving for two years as President-Elect.
- The International Association for Human Caring, Inc. (IAHC, Inc.) was officially granted status as a non-profit organization.

2008

- The IAHC celebrated its 30th anniversary at the 30th conference held in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, April 6-9, 2008, with the theme entitled, *30 Years ~ State of Caring Science: Celebrating the Past: Nurturing the Future*.
- IAHC published the first (Vol. 1, Issue 1) *Caring Newsletter*, Summer 2008. Marlienne Goldin, a long time member, was editor. Newsletters have been issued at least once a year since then and posted on the website.

2009

- Due to economic downturn and budget concerns, the 2009 IAHC Conference to be held in Malta in association with the University of Malta was sadly cancelled. The University of Malta continued their plans alone and sponsored the conference on May 27-30 at which

several of IAHC members presented. (see section on *History of Annual Conferences and Historical Notes*)

- Since the annual Board meeting could not be held at a conference in 2009, the IAHC Board held a meeting and retreat on May 28-29, 2009 at the Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes Jewish College in St. Louis, Missouri for Board business and strategic planning.

2010

- To increase IAHC members' awareness of leadership opportunities and involvement, a new standing committee, the Leadership Succession Committee, replaced the Nominating Committee, and will consist of 2 Board members and 2 members at large appointed by the Board to serve 1 year terms. This Bylaw change was adopted in September 2010.
- IAHC Board voted to endorse and contribute \$1000 support to the first Caring and Peace Conference to be held in Japan at the Japanese Red Cross, Hiroshima College of Nursing, March 2012.

2011

- Although students have always been invited and welcomed to showcase their work at IAHC conferences, in 2011 undergraduate and graduate students were invited with the first special "student call for abstracts" for poster presentations to be showcased at a special student poster session at the 32nd annual conference in San Antonio, TX. It was a great success and set a precedent for student posters to continue to be part of annual conferences.
- A newly designed *International Journal for Human Caring* cover appeared in 2011, Volume 15, Number 1, featuring a design by May Troung in collaboration with IAHC Editorial Boards, and IAHC colleagues. The new cover is light blue with a world map and words representing "care" in many languages. (See History of IAHC Journal section for details.)

2012

- In the spirit of increasing connections between conferences, the first official IAHC Webinar offered to IAHC members was launched in October 2012. Marilyn (Dee) Ray, RN, PhD, CTN-A, Professor Emeritus of Florida Atlantic University and one of the founding members of IAHC, presented a webinar entitled, *Transcultural Caring Dynamics: Implications for Nursing Practice*. Webinars continued into 2013. (see IAHC Webinars section for details.)
- Caring Archives – Dr. Marian Turkel and Dr. Gail Williams signed formal agreement with Claire Hanson at Florida Atlantic University to be the repository for the IAHC caring material to be archived and available to caring scholars.
- Dr. Madeleine Leininger, Nurse Leader and Theorist of care and caring and transcultural nursing, founder of IAHC, died on August 10, 2012. Flowers were sent to her family from the IAHC Board of Directors and members. The IAHC also made a donation of \$1000 to the Transcultural Nursing Society Education Fund in her honor.

Marian Turkel, current President of IAHC, wrote the following message to IAHC membership:

"Dr. Leininger was a friend, mentor, and colleague to many within our organization and to the national/international nursing profession. She was a visionary in the 1970s when she articulated caring as the being the essence of nursing and developed research methods to advance the scholarship and science of transcultural caring. Her early work has been advanced by other scholars and she leaves us with a legacy of transcultural caring that continues to advance the discipline of nursing and transform practice. A formal written tribute will be on the IAHC website and in the IJHC within the next few weeks. We will have a caring-healing ritual in her honor at our upcoming 2013 Conference."

- In September 2012 Florida Atlantic University, Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing launched “The Anne Boykin Institute for the Advancement of Caring in Nursing,” founded and directed by Anne Boykin, PhD, MN, RN, Professor Emeritus and Past-President of the International Association for Human Caring.
- “The Marilyn A. Ray Caring Science Endowment” was established in 2012, funded by Dr. Marilyn Ray’s \$10,000 donation in 2011-2012 for the preservation of the *International Journal for Human Caring*.

2013

- In interest of increasing the dissemination of ongoing and expanding caring scholarship, a special invitation for poster abstract submission was extended to graduates of the Watson Caring Science Institute Caritas Coach Education Program. The Caritas Coaches will share a special poster session presentation with the students at an evening session at the 34th IAHC Conference in Orlando, Florida. As with the student invitations for poster presentations, the Caritas Coach poster presentations will continue to be an ongoing feature at annual conferences.
- The IAHC Board voted to establish a formal relationship with Watson Caring Science Institute (WCSI) in Spring 2013, exploring joint membership and some shared benefits. This collaboration will be noted on the IAHC sponsored and WCSI sponsored Conferences starting Fall 2013.

Business Management and Administration

1978-1997

- From its inception in 1978 to 1997, the business of the organization was handled by IAHC members and officers on a volunteer basis. The organization relied on membership dues with little external contributions (see Membership section). Serving as Secretary/Treasurer, **Doris Riemen**, PhD, RN, operated the business office from the 1980s to 1994 at the University of Texas, Division of Nursing in Tyler, Texas. She organized the membership and Association records and communications. She handled the general business of the organization, doing mailings, collecting dues, answering requests.
- In 1994, when Dr. Doris Riemen “retired,” **Delores Gaut**, PhD, RN, past IAHC President, continued in this central role, establishing a “business office” in her home from which she also addressed the general business of the organization listed above, including selling IAHC merchandise. Dr. Gaut served in oversight role to facilitate the Association goals and implement the bylaws. The organization relied on income from membership dues and conferences. Contributions were helpful and encouraged. Dr. Gaut also took on the role of historian, organizing records and in 1997, publishing the booklet, *Historical Review of the IAHC—1978-1996*.

1997-2001

- As the organization grew in numbers and included international members, more complex needs of the Association required a formal business office. Dues increased to support the operational costs of increased record-keeping, communication, inquiries, and mailings. In 1997, the business office moved to **Blue Chip Management Services, Inc.** 1770 E. Lancaster Ave., Suite 1B, Paoli, PA 19301-1575. (Phone: 610-640-5755). Al Smith and Deborah Engell became the professional business managers, working very closely with the IAHC officers and Board members until June 1, 2001.

2001

- For six months, from June 1 to November 30, 2001, **Jim Woelfel Management** served as administration manager.

2002 to present

- On Jan. 1, 2002 the IAHC, Inc. hired **Professional Nursing Resources, Inc. (PNRI)**, administered by the President, Christine Filipovich, MSN, RN, as the IAHC business manager. Due to another job opportunity, Christine relinquished ownership and service to PNRI in Feb. 2012. Coworkers, Debra Danner and Ruth Graham, forming a corporation, Danner-Graham, Inc., through which to do business as PNRI, have continued to serve effectively IAHC and its members as business managers. The contact information is Professional Nursing Resources, Inc., 801 East Park Drive, Suite 100, Harrisburg, PA 17111, Phone: 717-703-0033; FAX: 717-234-6798; www.pnursingresources.com.

Website Management

- Up to 1997, an IAHC website was temporarily established at various universities that were hosting the annual conference. In 1997, Dr. Zane R. Wolf maintained a website for the IAHC at the School of Nursing, LaSalle University in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.
- In 1997, a permanent business office (Blue Chip Management Services, Inc.), newsletter, E-mail, and Web page were initiated. **In 1999, an official IAHC website was established (www.humancaring.org)**. With increasing need to improve and expand the IAHC communication with members, other organizations and the public, and to facilitate newsletters, membership information and renewals, and conference news, the IAHC needed its own website. **Sharp Innovations** was hired as the webmaster. Since November 2006, **Chris Tobnick** serves as webmaster with Sharp Innovations continuing to hold the IAHC server and name. Universities hosting the annual conference continue to set up a temporary website that is linked to the IAHC website to handle registrations and conference communications.
- In December 2002, the IAHC member listserv was established and monitored by Drs. Gwen Sherwood and Dawn Freshwater. Dr. Carol Picard, President of the IAHC in 2002 described the purpose of the listserv as a vehicle for ongoing dialogue among members “who believe that caring is at the heart of our practice, and that knowledge about caring is generated through research, through personal reflection, through dialogue, and through institutional leadership and social action.” Recently, the listserv has not been active due to the difficulty of maintaining the site.

Artistic Support

The IAHC has attracted the support of artists who have contributed their talent to the IAHC. Using an original pastel drawing by **Mary Ericksen (© 1993/1994)** called, *An Invitation to Dream*, as a model for the center piece, **Eunice Hill of Bee Creative designed and created a quilt entitled, “Universal Connections,” for the 18th IAHC Conference in Rochester, Minnesota in 1996**. Ms Hill made a duplicate “*Universal Connections*” quilt for a quilt-drawing fund-raising activity. More than 1600 tickets were sold and the winning ticket was drawn at the 19th IAHC conference held in Helsinki, Finland in 1997. The winner was Edna Freeman of Oliver, British Columbia, Canada, who is also a quilter and who praised the quality and beauty of the workmanship. In addition, two variations of note cards and posters depicting the quilt and the artwork, *An Invitation to Dream*, were made to sell as a fundraiser of the IAHC.

Artist **Eunice Hill** also created a second quilt entitled, “*Circles of Caring*,” presented at the opening ceremony of the 19th IAHC conference in Helsinki, Finland in 1997. Ms Hill described the quilt as follows: “The design includes the midnight sun and the world circling it along with Finland’s natural beauty of trees, forests, lakes, reindeer, and swans. Landmarks include the Helsinki Government Square, the cathedral, and the Sibelius monument. The background is the ‘double wedding ring’ design signifying the bond of commitment and caring. The overlapping circles are strengthened by their intersections. The sun represents the source of energy and light with the world orbiting the sun. The quilt also has figures encircling the globe, represented by different colors and the linking hands. This reflects working together toward common goals and strength through unity. The clasped hands are a symbol of caring between nurse and patient, showing the bonding which is necessary for healing. ‘From the time we are born to the time we die we are all part of the circle of life’ (*The Lion King*, Circle of Life song). As IAHC members, we become the circle of caring.”

The “Universal Connections” Quilt has been used as a symbolic gesture of human connections and caring in special ways. Schools of nursing have purchased the quilt pattern and fabric package to make the quilt. On September 28, 1996, a small community joined together to make two quilt tops—one to give as a prize at the end of the day and one to give as a drawing prize at the 1997 Finland conference. A photo of the quilt also adorns the cover of the *International Journal for Human Caring* and the cover of *The History of the International Association for Human Caring, 1978-2007*.

David Reisinger’s sculpture, “*Strands of Caring Around the World*,” was designed and created for the Helsinki, Finland conference in 1997 as a fund-raising event. The Abo Akademi Department of Caring Science now owns this beautiful artwork of stainless steel sculpture that represents the strength of caring throughout the world. (Information is from the *November 1997 IAHC Newsletter*, a report from Kathleen Valentine, President of the IAHC from 1996-1999.)

The 1997 IAHC’s artwork described above was featured in *Nursing, the Finest Art: An Illustrated History* by Patricia Donahue and in the 1997 Mosby catalogue.

In 2011, the *International Journal for Human Caring* featured a new cover starting with Volume 15, Number 1, designed by May Troung in consultation with members of the journal Editorial Advisory and Review Boards and IAHC colleagues. A world map and words that represent “care” in 17 different languages now adorn the cover in 2013 with more words being added over time. The languages to date printed in various scripts include Danish, French, Thai, Persian, German, Turkish, Spanish, Philippines, Swedish, Finnish, Portuguese, Hungarian, Chinese, Taiwan, Kiswahili (Congo, Kenya, Tanzania), Ichibemba (Zambia), and English. There is an open invitation for readers of the journal to send other suggestions to the Editor to be added.

Aboriginal Music Sticks, a gift from members in Australia, were used by Dr. Sue Thomas to open and close each conference for several years. The sticks and quilts now reside at the “Archives of Caring in Nursing” Center at the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing, Florida Atlantic University.

In addition to these pieces of artwork, artistic expression in the form of poetry and other creative writing, painting, photography, dance, clay, sculptures, music and various creative projects that focus on and highlight caring philosophy and actions are featured annually at the IAHC conferences and in each issue of the *International Journal for Human Caring*.

Chronology of Conferences, Locations and Hosts

(For in-depth details of conferences, see History of Annual Conferences.)

1. **1978: The Phenomena And Nature Of Caring**
University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA
HOSTED BY Dr. Madeleine Leininger, University of Utah, School of Nursing
April 27-28, 1978
2. **1979: Analysis Of Caring Behaviors And Processes**
University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA
HOSTED BY Dr. Madeleine Leininger, University of Utah, School of Nursing
March 22-23, 1979
3. **1980: Characteristics And Classification Of Caring Phenomena**
University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA
HOSTED BY Dr. Madeleine Leininger, University of Utah, School of Nursing
March 18-19, 1980
4. **1981: Caring And Education: Teaching Curriculum And Clinical Perspectives**
Georgia Southern College, Statesboro, Georgia, USA
HOSTED BY Dr. Em Olivia Bevis, Georgia Southern College, School of Nursing
March 18-20, 1981
5. **1982: Discovering Caring In Its Fullest Dimensions**
Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, USA
HOSTED BY Dr. Madeleine Leininger, Wayne State University, College of Nursing
March 17-19, 1982
6. **1983: Caring Theory And Research Methods**
University of Texas, Tyler, Texas, USA
HOSTED BY Dr. Doris Riemen, University of Texas-Tyler, College of Nursing
April 6-8, 1983
7. **1984: Linking Theory And Methods For Caring/Care Knowledge**
LaSalle College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA
HOSTED BY Dr. Zane R. Wolf, LaSalle College; School of Nursing
April 11-13, 1984
- 1985: The Annual Caring Research Conference was cancelled.**
8. **1986: The Caring Of Nursing: A Proud Heritage Building New Dimensions**
(An Invitational Conference)
Vallombrosa Retreat Center, Menlo Park, California, USA
HOSTED BY Dr. Patricia Larson
April 27-29, 1986
9. **1987: Ethics And Morality Of Caring**
Vallombrosa Retreat Center, Menlo Park, California, USA
HOSTED BY Dr. Patricia Larson and Dr. Sue A. Thomas
April 26-28, 1987
10. **1988: Caring: A Living Presence**
Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida, USA
HOSTED BY Dr. Anne Boykin, Florida Atlantic University, College of Nursing
May 1-3, 1988

11. **1989: The Caring Imperative In Education**
Hyatt Regency Hotel, Denver, Colorado, USA
HOSTED BY Dr. Jean Watson, University of Colorado HSC, School of Nursing
April 30-May 2, 1989
12. **1990: Caring: The Compassionate Healer, A Call to Consciousness**
Stouffer Presidente Hotel, Houston, Texas, USA
HOSTED BY Dr. Gwen Sherwood and Dr. Patricia Starck (Dean)
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, School of Nursing
April 27-29, 1990
13. **1991: Nursing: The Caring Practice--"Being There"**
Stouffer Rochester Plaza Hotel, Rochester, New York, USA
HOSTED BY Rochester General Hospital (Dr. Kathryn Gardner) and the University
of Rochester School of Nursing (Drs. Sheila Ryan, Dean, and Mary Dombeck)
April 28-30, 1991
14. **1992: Human Caring: A Global Agenda**
Melbourne Hilton on the Park, Melbourne, Australia
HOSTED BY The Royal College of Nursing, Australia
(Dr. Barbara Place and Dr. Sue Thomas)
July 8-10, 1992
15. **1993: Caring As Healing: Renewal Through Hope**
University of Portland, Portland, Oregon, USA
HOSTED BY St. Vincent Hospital and Medical Center
and University of Portland School of Nursing
(Drs. Delores Gaut, Susan Moscato, Kathy Johnson, Sylvia McSkimming, and
Connie Harrison)
May 16-18, 1993
16. **1994: Caring: Power, Politics & Public Policy**
Chateau Laurier Hotel, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
HOSTED BY Dr. Malcolm McDonald, Grey Bruce Regional Health Centre,
and The Canadian Hospital Association
May 7-9, 1994
17. **1995: Nursing's Caring Heritage: Pathway To The Future**
Omni Hotel, Charlottesville, Virginia, USA
HOSTED BY Dr. Anne Gill-Taylor of School of Nursing and Dr. Linda Shank from
the Center for Continuing Health Care Education, University of Virginia Health
Sciences Center
April 30-May 2, 1995
18. **1996: Patterns Of Caring: Universal Connections**
Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, USA
HOSTED BY Dr. Anne Jones, Mayo Foundation Continuing Nursing Education;
Dr. Kathleen Valentine, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, School of Nursing;
Mankato State University; Winona State University; and Luther College
April 28-30, 1996
19. **1997: Human Caring: The Primacy of Love and Existential Suffering**
Marina Congress Center, Helsinki, Finland
HOSTED BY Dr. Katie Eriksson; Nordic College of Caring Science, the Nordic
Academy of Nursing Science, and the Abo Akademi University
June 14-16, 1997

20. **1998: Communicating Caring, The Essence of Nursing**
 Sheraton Society Hill Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA
 HOSTED BY Dr. Zane Robinson Wolf, La Salle University, School of Nursing;
 as well as Allegheny University of the Health Sciences, School of Nursing; Holy
 Family College, Department of Nursing; Immaculata College, Department of
 Nursing; Bucks County Community College; Rutgers, The State University of New
 Jersey, School of Nursing; Thomas Jefferson University, College of Health
 Professions, Department of Nursing; University of Pennsylvania, School of Nursing;
 University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, School of Nursing; Villanova University,
 College of Nursing; and Widener University, School of Nursing
 April 26-28, 1998
21. **1999: Cultural Diversity in the New Millennium**
 Menger Hotel, San Antonio, Texas
 HOSTED BY Dr. Donna Taliaferro, University of Texas, Health Science Center,
 School of Nursing, San Antonio, Texas
 April 18-20, 1999
22. **2000: Rhythms of Caring: A Cadence for a New Century**
 Boca Raton Resort and Club, Boca Raton, Florida, USA
 HOSTED BY Dr. Anne Boykin, Florida Atlantic University, College of Nursing and
 Sigma Theta Tau International Iota Xi Chapter
 July 2-3, 2000
23. **2001: Creating Communities of Caring—Global Initiatives**
 University of Stirling; Stirling, Scotland
 HOSTED BY Dr. Betty Farmer, University of Stirling, Scotland
 June 5-7, 2001
24. **2002: Creating Caring Environments**
 Radisson Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts, USA
 HOSTED BY Dr. Carol Picard and Linda Andrist of the Massachusetts General
 Hospital Institute of Health Professions; as well as Massachusetts General Hospital,
 and MGH Nurses' Alumnae Association
 May 23-24, 2002
25. **2003: Calling the Caring Circle**
 Chautauqua Park, Boulder, Colorado, USA
 HOSTED BY Drs. Susan Hagedorn; Jean Watson; and Elizabeth Teichler, of the
 University of Colorado Health Sciences Center School of Nursing, and the Area
 Health Education Centers (AHEC) System
 June 1-4, 2003
26. **2004: Caring, For a Renewed Care**
 The Delta Montreal Hotel, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
 HOSTED BY Dr. Chantal Cara, Faculty of Nursing Sciences, University of Montreal
 and Researcher at the Montreal Rehabilitation Institute
 June 3-5, 2004
27. **2005: Reflection and Action: Promoting Harmony in Caring Environments**
 Lake Tahoe, Conference Center, Kings Beach, California, USA
 HOSTED BY Dr. Sharon Cumbie, University of Wyoming; Dr. Alice Running,
 University of Nevada; Dr. Connie Carpenter, Nevada State College; and Dr. Lori
 Candela, University of Nevada
 June 15-18, 2005

28. **2006: Caring As Social Action**
Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle, Australia (Western Australia)
HOSTED BY Dr. Dawn Freshwater of Bournemouth University,
Murdoch University and Edith Cowan University.
May 31-June 3, 2006
29. **2007: The Power of Caring: The Gateway to Healing**
Millennium Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri, USA
HOSTED BY Dr. Donna Taliaferro, University of Missouri St. Louis, College of
Nursing, St. Louis, Missouri
May 16-19, 2007
30. **2008: 30 Years ~ State of Caring Science: Celebrating the Past: Nurturing
the Future**
The Carolina Inn and University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA
HOSTED BY Dr. Valerie Lunsford and Dr. Gwen Sherwood, University of North
Carolina, School of Nursing and Health Care, Chapel Hill, North Carolina,
April 6-9, 2008
2009: The IAHC conference planned in **Malta** in partnership with the University of Malta
and chaired by Dr. Patrick Dean, Assistant Professor at the University of Minnesota
Rochester, School of Nursing was sadly cancelled due to economic downturn and
budget concerns. (see section on *History of Annual Conferences for details.*)
31. **2010: Nursing Care Models**
Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, USA
HOSTED BY Dr. Patrick Dean, University of Minnesota Rochester, School of
Nursing and Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota
June 2-5, 2010
32. **2011: The Intersection of Caring and Quality: Nursing Practice, Education,
and Research**
Menger Hotel, San Antonio, Texas, USA
HOSTED BY Dr. Gail Williams of the University of Texas Health Science Center,
San Antonio
June 1-4, 2011
33. **2012: Caring Connections: Research, Practice, Education**
Hyatt at the Bellevue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA
HOSTED BY Dr. Marian Turkel, Einstein Healthcare Network and Dr. Zane Wolf,
LaSalle University, both in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
May 30 – June 2, 2012
34. **2013: Magic, Mystery and Miracles—Embracing the Difference Caring Makes
in Nursing Practice, Education and Research**
Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort, Orlando, Florida, USA
HOSTED BY Dr. Gail Williams, University of Texas Health Science Center, San
Antonio and Dr. Marlaine Smith, Florida Atlantic University
May 29 – June 1, 2013

Summary of Presidents of the IAHC

Founder & Appointed Chairperson of National Caring Research Conference

1978-1988 Dr. Madeleine Leininger (USA)

Appointed President of the IAHC

1988-1990 Dr. Madeleine Leininger (USA)

Elected Presidents of the IAHC

1990-1993	Dr. Delores Gaut (USA)
1993-1996	Dr. Anne Boykin (USA)
1996-1999	Dr. Kathleen Valentine (USA)
1999-2002	Dr. Zane Robinson Wolf (USA)
2002-2004	Dr. Carol Picard (USA)
2004-2006	Dr. Gwen Sherwood (USA)
2006-2007	Dr. Dawn Freshwater (England)
2007-2010	Dr. Donna Taliaferro (USA)
2010-2012	Dr. Gail Williams (USA)
2012-2014	Dr. Marian Turkel (USA)
2014-2016	Dr. Nancey France (USA) (President-elect 2012-2014)

Leadership of the International Association for Human Caring

1978 to 1981: During these three years, the leadership for the organization was informal, led by **Founder and Chair, Dr. Madeleine Leininger**, Professor of Nursing and Anthropology at the College of Nursing, University of Utah and founder of Transcultural Nursing Society in 1974. **In the mid-1970s**, a group of eight nurses gathered in Salt Lake City to study and discuss care phenomenon. They planned and established **the first National Caring Conference in 1978**. Sixteen (16) participants attended. The conferences continued to be held annually. Corresponding with each other between conferences, participants influenced many nurses to focus on caring as the essence of nursing. **In 1981, an Advisory Board was established** with the purpose to guide the plans for the National Caring Research Conferences and related matters for promoting caring as the important domain of study and practice in nursing. Bylaws were drafted and the Board handled essential matters to promote the annual National Caring Research Conferences. **From 1981 to 1987, advisory board members were appointed by Dr. Madeleine Leininger. Serving on the Advisory Board during this period were:**

1981-1982 (appointed Advisory Board)

Em Olivia Bevis, Delores Gaut, Kathryn Gardner, Joyce Murray, Marilyn Ray, Doris Riemen, and Joan Uhl.

1983-1984 (appointed Advisory Board)

Kathryn Gardner, Delores Gaut, Doris Riemen, and Zane R. Wolf

1985-1986 (appointed Advisory Board)

Kathryn Gardner, Delores Gaut, Patricia Larson, Doris Riemen, and Jean Watson

1987-1988 (appointed Advisory Board)

Kathryn Gardner, Delores Gaut, Patricia Larson, Sue Thomas, Doris Riemen, and Jean Watson

On April 28, 1987, Charter Membership was established for the National Caring Research Association. A formal leadership structure and bylaws were also established. Officers and Board Members were appointed for a two-year term. (See Appendix A for a list of the 1987 Charter members. Charter members continued to join in 1988 and 1989, but no record of names was found.)

1988-1990 (appointed officers and Board members)

President: Madeleine Leininger

President-Elect: Delores Gaut

Secretary/Treasurer: Doris Riemen

Board Members:

Agnes Aamodt	Patricia Larson
Anne Boykin	Marilyn (Dee) Ray
Kathryn Gardner	Sue Thomas
Virginia Knowlden	Jean Watson

May 2, 1989

The National Caring Research Association was formally renamed **The International Association for Human Caring, Inc.** (IAHC).

April 28, 1990

The first formal election of officers and board members by the membership occurred, according to established bylaws of the organization. Elections usually take place in late winter/early spring at least 60 days before the annual business meeting, usually held at the annual conference. The newly elected Officers and Board Directors begin their term of office at the close of the annual business meeting of that year. In 2002, the Board proposed a change to electronic email ballots with paper ballots mailed to those members without email. This process started with the 2003 election. The Board meets as a group annually before each annual conference and throughout the year by teleconferences.

The IAHC Board Members, made up of four Officers and seven Directors elected from the voting membership, include the positions listed below. Eligibility, term of office, nominations and elections, duties, and vacancies are defined by the Bylaws of IAHC. From 1990 to 2002, the President served a 3-year term. Starting in 2002, the President and President-elect serve 2-year terms and the other Board Members serve 3-year terms. When the term of office ends, elected Board Members are not eligible for reelection to the same office until one year has elapsed, and may not serve more than three consecutive terms on the Board. The Board may also include ad hoc non-voting ex-officio appointed members, including the immediate Past President, the Business Office consultant, Editor of the Journal, chairpersons of standing committees, and individuals who are coordinating the forthcoming annual conference.

President (1990-2002, served 3-year terms; starting in 2002, it became a 2-year term)

President-elect (2-year term)

Treasurer/Corresponding Secretary (3-year term)

Recording Secretary (3-year term)

Board Directors (seven, each serving 3-year staggered terms)

Immediate Past-President, serves as non-voting ex officio member of the Board (1 year)

Standing Committees and the work of these committees for IAHC are defined by the bylaws. The committees, structure, and identified work of the committees have changed over time to meet the changing needs of the Association. Since standing committees are defined by the bylaws, all changes to existing and new committees are proposed, refined, and approved by the Board and then voted on by the membership before becoming official. Board Members serve as Chairs and members of the Standing Committees. Some committee work also includes appointed IAHC members at large, such as in the Leadership Succession Committee. For special temporary needs, Ad Hoc committees may be formed for an identified purpose and time. Ad Hoc committees are not identified in the bylaws, but may become a Standing Committee through proposal and voting process if important to sustain the committee over time. For example, the Ad Hoc Historical Committee became a standing committee, History and Archive Committee, in 2011. As of 2012, the Standing Committees include:

Bylaws Committee

Continuing Education Committee

History and Archives Committee

Leadership Succession Committee (replaced Nominating Committee; Bylaw change in 2010)

Membership Committee

Program Committee (conference planning)

Publications Committee

Public Relations and Fundraising Committee

Scholarship and Awards Committee

Strategic Planning Committee

The following listings serve as a record of the IAHC elected Leadership over the years. Some specific information on Committees and committee members who served has been lost.

1990-1993 *First formal election (by ballot) of officers and Board by IAHC members*

President: Delores Gaut
 President-elect: Anne Boykin
 Treasurer/Corresponding Secretary: Doris Riemen
 Recording Secretary: Agnes Aamodt
 Board of Directors:
 Jan Bauer Conway Marilyn Ray
 Linda Brown Kathleen Valentine
 Madeleine Leininger Jean Watson
 Malcolm MacDonald (Canada)
 Nominating Committee: Cindy Weiss, Chair
Business Officer: Doris Riemen

1993-1994

President: Anne Boykin
 President-elect: Kathleen Valentine
 Treasurer/Corresponding Secretary: Doris Riemen
 Recording Secretary: Sue A. Thomas
 Board of Directors:
 Linda Brown Barbara Place (Australia)
 Madeleine Leininger Sister M. Simone Roach (Canada)
 Ruth Neil Zane Robinson Wolf
 Malcolm MacDonald (Canada)
 Immediate Past President: Delores Gaut (ex officio)
Business Officer: Doris Riemen

1994-1995

President: Anne Boykin
 President-elect: Kathleen Valentine
 Treasurer/Corresponding Secretary: Gwen Sherwood
 Recording Secretary: Sue A. Thomas
 Board of Directors:
 Nancy Chase Barbara Place (Australia)
 Janet Lakomy Sister M. Simone Roach (Canada)
 Ruth Neil Zane R. Wolf
 Carol Picard
 Delores Gaut (ex officio)
Business Officer: Delores Gaut

1995-1996

President: Anne Boykin
President-elect: Kathleen Valentine
Treasurer/Corresponding Secretary: Gwen Sherwood
Recording Secretary: Sue A. Thomas (2nd term)
Board of Directors:
 Nancy Case Carol Picard
 Katie Eriksson (Finland) Robin Watts (Australia)
 Nancey France Anna Francis Wenger
 Janet Lakomy
 Delores A. Gaut (ex officio)
Nominating Committee: Cheryl Learn, Chair, (Joyce Murray, Diana Gendron, Beverly Pizza)
Business Officer: Delores Gaut

1996-1997

President: Kathleen Valentine
President-elect: Zane Robinson Wolf
Treasurer/Corresponding Secretary: Sandie Soldwisch
Recording Secretary: Sue Thomas
Board of Directors:
 Esther Condon Robin Watts (Australia)
 Katie Eriksson (Finland) Anna Frances Wenger
 Nancey France Joan Zetterlund
 Ann Gill Taylor
 Delores Gaut (ex officio)
Immediate Past President: Anne Boykin (ex officio)
Nominating Committee: Diana Gendron, Chair
Business Officer: Delores Gaut

1997-1998

President: Kathleen Valentine
President-elect: Zane Robinson Wolf
Treasurer/Corresponding Secretary: Sandie Soldwisch
Recording Secretary: Cheryl Learn
Board of Directors:
 Esther Condon Gwen Sherwood
 Christopher Johns (England) Ann Gill Taylor
 Sister M. Simone Roach (Canada) Joan Zetterlund
Nominating Committee: Sylvia McSkimming, Chair (Anne Boykin)
Editors of IJHC: Kathleen Valentine and Anne Boykin (first issue, Spring 1997)
Business Officer: Delores Gaut

1998-1999

President: Kathleen Valentine
President-elect: Zane Robinson Wolf
Treasurer/Corresponding Secretary: Sandie Soldwisch
Recording Secretary: Cheryl Learn
Board of Directors:
 Esther Condon Donna Taliaferro
 Christopher Johns Ann Gill Taylor
 Rozzano (Nino) Locsin Joan Zetterlund
 Gwen Sherwood

Nominating Committee: Marilyn Parker, Chair, (Sylvia McSkimming, Chantal Cara)

Editor of IJHC: Kathleen Valentine and Anne Boykin

Business Administrator: Blue Chip Management Services, Inc. (Deborah Engell)

1999-2000

President: Zane Robinson Wolf
President-elect: Carol Picard
Treasurer/Corresponding Secretary: Sandie Soldwisch
Recording Secretary: Cheryl Learn
Board of Directors:
 Dawn Freshwater (England) Sue Thomas
 Christopher Johns (England) Gwen Sherwood
 Rozzano (Nino) Locsin Donna Taliaferro
 Sister M. Simone Roach (Canada)

Immediate Past President: Kathleen Valentine (ex officio)

Nominating Committee: Marilyn Parker, Chair (Chantal Cara, Charlotte Barry)

Committee Chairs: Anne Boykin (Advisory), Esther Condon (Publications)

Editors of IJHC: Kathleen Valentine and Zane Robinson Wolf

Business Administrator: Blue Chip Management Services, Inc. (Deborah Engell)

2000-2001

President: Zane Robinson Wolf
President-elect: Carol Picard
Treasurer/Corresponding Secretary: Sandie Soldwisch
Recording Secretary: Sylvia McSkimming
Board of Directors:
 Dawn Freshwater (England) Donna Taliaferro
 Rozzano (Nino) Locsin Sue Thomas
 Marilyn Parker A. Lynne Wagner
 Elizabeth Predeger

Nominating Committee: Chantal Cara, Chair (Charlotte Barry, Katie Eriksson)

Committee Chairs: Anne Boykin (Advisory), Esther Condon (Publications)

Editors of IJHC: Kathleen Valentine and Zane Robinson Wolf

Business Administrator: Blue Chip Management Services, Inc. (D. Engell) (until May 31, 2001)

Business Administrator: Jim Woelfel Management (June 1 –December, 31, 2001)

2001-2002

President: Zane Robinson Wolf
 President-elect: Carol Picard
 Treasurer/Corresponding Secretary: Marian Turkel
 Recording Secretary: Sylvia McSkimming
 Board of Directors:
 Dawn Freshwater (England) Elizabeth Teichler
 Kathryn Gramling Sue Thomas
 Marilyn Parker A. Lynne Wagner
 Elizabeth Predeger

Nominating Committee: Savina Schoenhofer, Chair (Charlotte Barry, Katie Eriksson)
 Committee Chairs: Anne Boykin (Advisory), Esther Condon (Publications)

Acting Editor of IJHC: Zane Robinson Wolf

Business Management: Professional Nursing Resources, Inc. (Christine Filipovich)

2002-2003

President: Carol Picard (President now serves 2-year terms)
 President-elect: Gwen Sherwood
 Treasurer/Corresponding Secretary: Marian Turkel
 Recording Secretary: Sylvia McSkimming
 Board of Directors:
 Charlotte Barry Elizabeth Predeger
 Chantal Cara (Canada) Elizabeth Teichler
 Kathryn Gramling A. Lynne Wagner
 Marilyn Parker

Immediate Past President: Zane Robinson Wolf (ex officio)

Nominating Committee: Savina Schoenhofer, Chair (Joan Werner/Patrick Dean)

Acting Editor of IJHC: Zane Robinson Wolf

Business Management: Professional Nursing Resources, Inc. (Christine Filipovich)

2003-2004

President: Carol Picard
 President-elect: Gwen Sherwood
 Treasurer/Corresponding Secretary: Marian Turkel
 Recording Secretary: Donna Taliaferro
 Board of Directors:
 Charlotte Barry Christopher Johns (England) (resigned in 2003)
 Chantal Cara (Canada) Elizabeth Teichler
 Sharon Eifried Gail Williams
 Kathryn Gramling

Nominating Committee: Savina Schoenhofer, Chair (Ann Green, Joan Werner)

Acting Editor of IJHC: Zane Robinson Wolf

Business Management: Professional Nursing Resources, Inc. (Christine Filipovich)

2004-2005

President: Gwen Sherwood
President-elect: Dawn Freshwater
Treasurer/Corresponding Secretary: Marian Turkel
Recording Secretary: Donna Taliaferro
Board of Directors:
Charlotte Barry Sharon Eifried
Chantal Cara (Canada) A. Lynne Wagner
Esther Condon (1 year) Gail Williams
W. Richard Cowling
Immediate Past President: Carol Picard (ex officio)
Nominating Committee: Joan Stehle Werner, Chair (Anne Green, Patrick Dean)
Committee Chairs: Sharon Eifried (Bylaws), Gail Williams (Fundraising), Marilyn Parker (Publications), Charlotte Barry (Research Grants), Charlotte Barry (Scholarship)
Acting Editor of IJHC: Zane Robinson Wolf
Business Management: Professional Nursing Resources, Inc. (Christine Filipovich)

2005-2006

President: Gwen Sherwood
President-elect: Dawn Freshwater (England)
Treasurer/Corresponding Secretary: Marian Turkel
Recording Secretary: Donna Taliaferro
Board of Directors:
Sharon Cumbie Marilyn Parker
W. Richard Cowling A. Lynne Wagner
Sharon Eifried Gail Williams
Rozzano (Nino) Locsin
Nominating Committee: Patrick Dean, Chair (Ann Green, N. Pinto Afanador)
Acting Editor of IJHC: Dr. Zane Robinson Wolf
Business Management: Professional Nursing Resources, Inc. (Christine Filipovich)

2006-2007

President: Dawn Freshwater (England) (resigned in 2007)
President-elect: Donna Taliaferro
Treasurer/Corresponding Secretary: Marian Turkel
Recording Secretary: Sharon Eifried
Board of Directors:
Cynthia Brown Rozzano (Nino) Locsin
W. Richard Cowling Marilyn Parker
Sharon Cumbie A. Lynne Wagner
Shirley Gordon
Immediate Past President: Gwen Sherwood (ex officio)
Nominating Committee: Gail Williams, Chair
Editor of IJHC: Dr. Zane Robinson Wolf
Business Management: Professional Nursing Resources, Inc. (Christine Filipovich)

2007-2008

President: Donna Taliaferro (*to serve 3 years—due to vacancy*)
 President-elect: (vacant)
 Treasurer/Corresponding Secretary: Marian Turkel
 Recording Secretary: Sharon Eifried
 Board of Directors:
 Cynthia Brown (resigned) Philip Esterhuizen (England)
 Sharon Cumbie Rozzano (Nino) Locsin
 Shirley Gordon Marilyn Parker
 Marlienne Goldin Denise Miner-Williams (*appointed 1 year term for C.Brown*)

Nominating Committee: Gail Williams, Chair

Editor of IJHC: Dr. Zane Robinson Wolf

Business Management: Professional Nursing Resources, Inc. (Christine Filipovich)

2008-2009

President: Donna Taliaferro
 President-elect: Gail Williams
 Treasurer/Corresponding Secretary: Marian Turkel
 Recording Secretary: Sharon Eifried
 Board of Directors:
 Philip Esterhuizen (England) Sarah Fogarty
 Nancey France Marlienne Goldin
 Shirley Gordon Rozzano (Nino) Locsin
 Mickey Parsons

Nominating Committee: Gail Williams, Chair (Savina Schoenhofer, Jane Duke (resigned))

Editor of IJHC: Dr. Zane Robinson Wolf

Business Management: Professional Nursing Resources, Inc. (Christine Filipovich)

2009-2010

President: Donna Taliaferro
 President-elect: Gail Williams
 Treasurer/Corresponding Secretary: Marian Turkel
 Recording Secretary: Denise Miner-Williams
 Board of Directors:
 Philip Esterhuizen (England) Sarah Fogarty (England)
 Nancey France Marlienne Goldin
 Valerie Lunsford Mickey Parsons
 Marlaine Smith

Nominating Committee: Carolina Huertes, Chair (Patrice McCarthy, Gail Williams [Board Liaison to Nominating Committee])

Committee Chairs: Membership, Marlienne Goldin; Cont. Ed., Marian Turkel; Bylaws, Marlaine Smith; Scholarship, Charlotte Barry; Public Relations/Fund Raising, Gail Williams and Nancey France; History and Archives, Lynne Wagner

Editor of IJHC: Dr. Zane Robinson Wolf

Business Management: Professional Nursing Resources, Inc. (Christine Filipovich)

2010-2011

President: Gail Williams
President-elect: Marian Turkel
Treasurer/Corresponding Secretary: Marlienne Goldin
Recording Secretary: Denise Miner-Williams
Board of Directors:

[Note: in 2010, three Board members were elected instead of two by error. Feb. 2011 Board members voted to maintain the extra member and correct in 2013 when their terms were up to keep the Bylaws accurate.]

Charlotte Barry	Sarah Fogarty (England)
Nancey France	Valerie Lunsford
Mickey Parsons	Marlaine Smith
Jane Sumner	A. Lynne Wagner

Immediate Past President: Donna Taliaferro (ex officio)

Nominating Committee: Patrice McCarthy, Carolina Huerta, Jan Flanagan

[Note: 2010 is last election of Nominating Committee members. This committee will be replaced by the Leadership Succession Committee, made up of two Board members and 2 appointed members from IAHC membership.]

Editor of IJHC: Dr. Zane Robinson Wolf

Business Management: Professional Nursing Resources, Inc. (Christine Filipovich)

2011-2012

President: Gail Williams
President-elect: Marian Turkel
Treasurer/Corresponding Secretary: Marlienne Goldin
Recording Secretary: Denise Miner-Williams
Board of Directors:

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Charlotte Barry	Patrick Dean
Valerie Lunsford	Louise O'Reilly (Canada)
Marlaine Smith	Jane Sumner
A. Lynne Wagner	Carol Wilson

Leadership Succession Committee: Board members: Marian Turkel and Valerie Lunsford; Appointed members at large: Jan Flanagan and Nancey France

Editor of IJHC: Dr. Zane Robinson Wolf

Business Management: Professional Nursing Resources, Inc. (Christine Filipovich, until Feb. 2012; Ruth E. Graham then assumed leadership)

2012-2013

President: Marian Turkel
 President-elect: Nancey France
 Treasurer/Corresponding Secretary: Marlienne Goldin
 Recording Secretary: Rebecca Lee
 Board of Directors:

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Special Interest Groups on Local Level

The idea of encouraging small groups of people interested in studying caring and extending caring philosophy and practice on local levels began in the 1970s with Dr. Madeleine Leininger and the core of scholars who started to meet and eventually formed the IAHC. As the organization grew, the idea of Chapters was born in 1998 to encourage networking and support of local scholars between annual conferences, and was formally defined in the Bylaws in 2006 as **Special Interest Groups (SIGs)**. Originally, the plan was to form Chapters, but in the process of applying for official non-profit status, “Chapters” were not allowed and the SIGs replaced the Chapter idea.

SIGs are encouraged to form to support IAHC members who wish to have local, periodic meetings for purposes of education and scholarship to promote the study and research of human caring. The IAHC Board will support such groups, guided by the Bylaws of the IAHC. Groups of six (6) or more active IAHC members may petition the Board for a SIG Charter. The composition, powers, rules, regulations and financial affairs of SIG Charters are submitted by the SIG and approved by the Board. SIGs fulfill the purposes of the IAHC on the local level of participating localities. The structure and functions of the SIGs need to be consistent with the bylaws, policies and procedures of IAHC. All SIG members must be IAHC members. The SIG is not a separate financial entity from IAHC. All donations, fundraising and SIG dues need to be made payable to IAHC and deposited in the IAHC account. All of the money raised by the SIG from donations, fundraising or dues can be used by the SIG; no part needs to be shared with IAHC. The SIG may hold a one day workshop or conference with permission from the current IAHC Board. The current IAHC Board and the SIG mutually determine the financial aspects of a workshop.

It is important to note that although the structure and intent to encourage local networking was in place, local Special Interest Groups did not develop. Presently, internet and social media supports communication of caring scholars between annual conferences. To support networking and exchange of ideas throughout the year, starting in 2012 IAHC initiated three to four Webinar offerings a year.

Personal Reflections from IAHC Presidents and Leaders

Madeleine Leininger, PhD, LHD, DS, CTN, RN, FAAN, FRCN

Nursing Theorist, IAHC Founding Chair, 1978-1988, and Appointed President, 1988-1990

It is with great sadness to note Dr. Madeleine Leininger died on August 10, 2012. This Personal Reflection from Dr. Leininger, written in October 2007, is a special treasure of history and wisdom.

My Reflections on the 30th Anniversary of the International Association for Human Caring

History is the landmark of the passing of time and time has its own way to mark the passing of major events and achievements in diverse life conditions. This 21st century has been known for the rapid cultural, political and environmental changes in many places in the world. Within this historical context a core of committed and enthusiastic nurse leaders opened the pathway to investigate the human care phenomenon and its relationship to health, well-being, illness and healing. Soon many nurses and others joined the small group that assembled in 1978 to become the International Association for Human Caring.

It was this small group of passionate nurses who had a strong desire to discover care phenomena that were able to carve a new pathway to an almost unbelievable history of human caring within and outside the United States of America. The noteworthy achievements and leadership during the past 30 years have made human care visible, understandable, and an integral part of nursing and health services worldwide. It is because of these leaders and many active followers that this 30th anniversary is the time to celebrate and rejoice with pride the remarkable and great history of the Association. We are grateful to these early leaders and to the many nurses who followed their enthusiasm and discovery process. As an early and central leader who envisioned and encouraged nurses to systematically study human caring as the dominant and central domain of nursing, I rejoice that this major culturally-based care movement clearly has been one of the most outstanding accomplishments in nursing and human health service.

This month I have been privileged to read the rough draft on the *History of the Association for Human Caring*. Dr. Lynne Wagner and several colleagues have been working feverishly to bring the history together for this big 30-year celebration. At the outset, I must commend Dr. Wagner and her contributors for taking hours of time and providing leadership to bring scattered pieces of the history together. And as one reads this history, one will find it packed with historical facts, events and experiences. It is a story of many caring nursing leaders diligently pursuing the study of human care in many geographic locations. These nurses were not only passionate and committed to discover the nature and expressions of human caring, but to discover largely unknown and invisible knowledge of human caring. Throughout their investigations, they held that care should become the central focus and essence of nursing.¹ Most assuredly, the 30-year history of the International Association of Human Caring has become a significant document of new discoveries, new insights and new ways to serve people. This history reveals a tremendous amount of noteworthy accomplishments in teaching, research, and practice over the thirty years by members of the Association who deeply valued human caring.

Since this is a paper on my reflections of the Association, I distinctly remember in the early 1950s and 1960s that the human care topic was not a favorite subject among nurses. Many nurses would argue with me that care was not the heart and soul of nursing. In these early days, many nurses held that care was primarily medical symptom management, mastering and detecting medical

diseases and symptoms with nurses helping physicians treat diseases. These themes prevailed, and caring was not a dominant focus in the mid-20th century. Moreover, the power and attributes of caring to promote health and healing were not central to many nurses' thinking in those days. Thirty years since, human caring has become the mantra and a major focus and linguistic term among nurses and many health care providers. Many remarkable changes have occurred in a relatively short span of time. More and more, caring has become valued as the central focus of nursing.^{1, 2} Granted there is much more to discover about care and more to demonstrate about therapeutic care practices. The "tide has, however, turned at last" and nurses are beginning to realize the tremendous importance of caring. Most importantly, care and caring have become part of public usage in many daily areas of discourse and in the business world. Today, care is like a magical word or the answer to many human problems. Care is becoming a part of economic, spiritual and political values. Economically, one often hears, "Come visit us. We care about your needs, your car, and your family. We can save you money." Some businesses state clearly, "Caring is our business." Candidates for political offices use the word "care" often in their political addresses to communicate a concern for their listeners in order to get their votes or to join their groups. Even more importantly, our health care colleagues often use the word "care" in relation to their services. Today, care attitudes and language expressions about care are clearly evident in the United States and other places in the world. Moreover, the research findings about the meaning of care and care findings among nurses and others have increased dramatically. Delores Gaut often said, "Care was a cliché with meaningless words and often limited efficaciousness to clients."² Care has meaning today.

The history of the Association brings back many memories to me from the earliest days to the present time. This history will bring back memories to our members and others, especially of the annual conferences within and outside the United States. Members will recall the spirited keynote speakers, the diversity of research papers, the lively discussions and the sharing of ideas among nurses. These are the memory gems about care/caring. Of course, many will also recall the great fun times together and the ongoing networking with care nurses over time. As I think about the historical facts, events and occasions, I am impressed with the many developments and accomplishments that have occurred in a relatively short time and by a small number of care leaders active in the Association. Moreover, there have been limited finances and lots of major hurdles to overcome by the officers, chairpersons and members. Still the organization has moved forward with enthusiasm and a commitment to make care visible and understandable.³ Recently I finished reading the best-selling book entitled, *Left to Tell*, by Immaculee Ilibagiza,⁴ and I contend that this Association and its members were "not left behind to tell their story." Instead, they are here today to tell their unique story with facts, fond memories and special occasions. Their spirited enthusiasm and all they have accomplished has not been left behind. Instead, the historical story has moved forward and not behind. It is an impressive history with a caring spirit that is known to us.

This history brings back the memory of the late evening in 1956 (after the Transcultural Nursing Conference) when 10 or 15 nurses talked with me about starting an active care movement to make care known, visible, and valued in nursing.¹ Their enthusiasm, determination and commitment to make care *clearly* evident was expressed by these spirited nurses. They were determined to discover and focus on care from its present unknown state to a known and valued idea by nurses and health care providers. The nurses were passionate to make care meaningful and not a meaningless or trite saying. They were committed to discover the essence of care, and then to disseminate, teach and practice care. Several of these caring leaders were eager to demonstrate how care could become a powerful means to establish and maintain health and well-being. They also saw care as healing, curing and to help the dying. Their determination for action was strong and noteworthy. These nurses stimulated me into action and to get others to follow us to launch the care movement.²

As a leader who long valued care, I believed that the discovery and application of caring to human services were essential to nursing and a human right. In fact, I held that care is probably the greatest and most profound contribution to nursing and to humanity.^{1,2,3} Philosophically, I held that human caring would someday be known as the essence of nursing and that research-based caring knowledge and action would be important to make nursing a full fledged and respected discipline.³ These beliefs I often stated in university gatherings and with nursing faculty to support establishing master and doctoral programs. They came from my heart and from observing and listening to clients who benefited from quality nursing care. Thirty years since, these contentions and predictions are becoming recognized and valued.⁵

Philosophically, I held from the beginning of my nursing career (1944-1948) that nursing needed to establish a central domain of knowledge to be a profession and for nurses to legitimately practice nursing. This belief often came to me when a client would tell me, "It was your care that helped me get well and not what the doctor did or said."⁵ This philosophical perspective remained with me and soon it became part of my thinking and nursing beliefs. Quality care based on research could be a new way of serving people. By 1965, I was prepared in cultural anthropology which greatly expanded my view of care to a global and culture specific care. I began to speak of culture care, of diversities, and universalities that needed to be discovered worldwide.⁶ I developed the Theory of Culture Care Diversity and Universality beginning in 1960 to support the new field of transcultural nursing.⁶ The theory is focused on global care with multi dimensional holistic perspectives in research, action and practice.

Today, culturally-based care has become a goal and theme with many health groups and organizations. Hence, my dream and desire for care as the essence of nursing is being realized. I am grateful and thank God daily for directing me toward this goal. To think that care was so invisible and vaguely known was always of great concern to me. Today, care is being studied, valued and made visible with theory, concepts, principles and practices to guide nursing actions and decisions. Most importantly, other disciplines are now discovering care and using care appropriately, therapeutically and knowingly, and some from a transcultural care perspective.^{6,7}

Further reflections on the history of the International Association of Human Caring bring back many reflections and deep appreciation of active care leaders. Most of all, the history makes me think about the many committed care scholars, leaders, researchers, teachers, students, theorists and practitioners who led the way to help nurses discover human care and caring and their relationship to professional nursing. Many nurses come to mind, but I vividly recall the active, creative and early leadership of Jean Watson, Dee Ray, Anne Boykin, Delores Gaut, Sue Thomas, Kathleen Valentine, Anna Frances Wenger, Gwen Sherwood, Agnes Aamodt, Joyceen Boyle, Kathryn Gardner, Sister Simone Roach, Francelyn Reeder, Akram Omeri, Phyllis Schultz, Father Paul Wicker, Elizabeth Cameron-Traub, Winifred Gustafson, Anna Dugan, Malcolm MacDonald, Peggy Anne Field, Cynthia Weiss, Em Bevis, Joyce Murray, Doris Riemen, Joan Uhl, Michael Higgins, Janet Wang, Mary Sue Moore, Virginia Knowlden, Sally Gadow, Sara Fry, Anne Davis, Marilyn Miller, Kathy Parker, Beverly Horn, Patricia Larsen, Marjorie Meunke, Marilyn McFarland, Margaret McKenna, Dorothy Fischer, Claire Guino, Grayce Roessler, Peggy Shinkel and many other leaders. In addition, there were others who joined the care movement, such as Michael Carter, Patti Ludwig Beyer, Marjorie Morgan, George Evers, Joan Anderson, Claire Guino, and many others. All of these persons made their unique and special contributions which are highlighted in my publications. They will be remembered in the history as they were active to make care known, understood and practiced. In addition, there were other nurses who contributed their research to the body of care knowledge. Beginning in 1989,⁸ several had their research published in the *Journal of Transcultural Nursing*. One could fill this history with these leaders and

their many contributions and others from the United States and other places in the world. Indeed, these leaders were courageous and active to get care into education, practice, in human relationships and the public arena.

When I reflect on the unique and distinct contributions of these care leaders, it makes one realize that care would probably never have become reality today without these leaders' active commitment, persistence and remarkable unique contributions. Our members need to be grateful for these leaders who carved the pathway and opened the door to care and caring knowledge. It was this core of caring scholars, leaders and others who envisioned the future and the great potential of caring for humanity. They were committed to action and practice. In my eight published books on care/caring, I have highlighted some of the uniqueness of the leaders cited above over several decades.^{1,2,3,7}

These care leaders often spoke of a moral obligation to explicate care and to help nurses understand the covert and overt features of caring in order to actually know and practice caring. Equally as important were their creative research endeavors. As their research, theory and actions unfolded, there was a contagion phenomenon in which other nurses became eager to learn from them and others about care and to reflect upon their experiences, interpretations and practices. These nurses and others stimulated our thinking and challenged care givers into action and reflective thinking. They challenged nurses at the annual conferences and in practice settings.⁹ Conference presenters, speakers and discussion leaders became powerful leaders to renew and stimulate nurses to learn about care phenomena. They kept the momentum and enthusiasm directed toward discovering care/caring in its fullest. For example, Dr. Mbombo, a keynote speaker at the St. Louis Conference in 2007 made this profound statement which stimulated nurses to think and act anew. Dr. Mbombo stated, "Caring is the restoration of humanity to its fullness and caring is a human right which requires duty-bound actions that are led by knowledge."¹⁰ This is a profound statement covering many attributes of caring and acknowledging that caring should be grounded in knowledge for valid actions and decisions. It is amazing to hear how often this statement has been shared and discussed among the care leaders and followers after the conference. But there were many other profound statements at the annual conferences to stimulate the members to remain active in care discoveries. The conferences were extremely important to the members and guests who attended them by renewing their hopes and desires to discover and understand care.

As I reflect back on the nearly three decades of the focus on care/caring, I believe that transcultural nursing influenced the thinking of many care leaders and followers. The care movement preceded the care conferences by almost eight years. I believe that transcultural nursing had an impact upon the care scholars and followers. Many of these nurses were members of the Transcultural Nursing Society. In the early 1950s, I began to launch and establish the field of transcultural nursing.^{9,11} I had completed six years of graduate study in cultural and social anthropology and completed an original anthropological PhD research and care study in a non-Western culture, namely the Eastern Highlands of Papua, New Guinea. That field research made me keenly aware that nurses needed global knowledge of cultures to study and practice nursing and for the new field of transcultural nursing.^{9,11,12,13} To institute a new field of study in nursing and to study diverse and similar cultures was unknown to most nurses, and so it was not readily accepted by most nurses. From the beginning, I had declared care was the major focus of transcultural nursing and that care should become the dominant domain or focus to develop and practice in the new field of transcultural nursing.^{7,12,13} Many nurses disagreed with my position, but I had learned from my extensive direct field research and from clients that care was the heart and soul of well-being and for professional nursing. I also held that culturally-based care would, in time, distinguish nursing from other health disciplines and help nursing to be a respected and valid discipline.^{12,13}

But I was also bold enough to declare in the early 1950s that transcultural nursing knowledge would be essential and even mandatory for professional practices by the 1990s.⁷ I further predicted

that someday all professional nurses and other health care providers would need to be prepared in transcultural nursing care to serve people of diverse cultures in the world.^{9,12} This became a motto along with the logo, "Many cultures—one global world." After I initiated graduate programs and courses in transcultural nursing, students became interested in the new field and came to be prepared in the field. Gradually, the field of transcultural nursing began to make sense to nurses and the field grew, focused on culturally-based care as the central research phenomenon being studied and practiced within cultures.

Today nurses are certified in transcultural nursing and there are nearly 100 transcultural nursing care scholars in the Transcultural Nursing Society. Developing the first major theory in nursing with an explicit focus on culturally-based care in the early 1960s was a major step forward to discover care. I called it the "Theory of Culture Care Diversity and Universality."⁹ As I studied many diverse cultures and mentored graduate students (master and later doctoral), care became viewed as an integral part of cultures or subcultures and of nursing. Care was also viewed as a human right and a moral necessity of health services. Most importantly, care studied with the research findings was gradually applied to human care and nursing. Care was accepted as a powerful force in healing, curing, promoting well-being, and helping the dying, especially from a transcultural care perspective. From the beginning, the goal of the theory was to provide culturally congruent care, based on culture-specific care research knowledge that emerged as central constructs from generic and folk care research and appropriate professional nursing practices.

Today, the theory goal, with three new methods to provide culturally congruent care, is presently being used in many places in the world.^{6,7} Nurses prepared in transcultural nursing are providing leadership to know and practice the new discipline of transcultural nursing. As I reflect upon the impact of transcultural nursing on the study of care leadership and practice, I contend it had a major influence upon the care leaders and practitioners since the mid 1980s. And where transcultural nursing, with a caring focus, is practiced, one can generally find that the quality of clients' health, well-being, and dying process tends to improve.⁹ There is even evidence of peace of mind and greater satisfaction that care is now practiced and upheld. Culture care is respecting culture values and is congruent care that fits their culture.

From an anthropological and nursing perspective, care and culture coexist and are integrally related to each other in Western and non-Western cultures.⁷ Our greatest challenge today is to continue our discovery of the many expressions and patterns of care of diverse cultures in the world. Care needs to become a global and universal reality that is firmly documented with research-based care knowledge. For if culture care knowledge does not exist, then to understand care with beneficial outcomes, may not occur. And where transcultural care knowledge exists and is practiced, then one will find reliable and valid culture care science knowledge that will prevail and be valued with benefits to humankind, especially within the specific culture.

As one reflects upon the Association for Human Caring, one also needs to be grateful for the many books, videos, films, and publications on human care/caring that disseminate research and creative care practices. The Association has made a great contribution to society and the world with a wealth of substantive publications and a long history of disseminating research-based care and caring knowledge, stimulating nurses to think and practice anew. As one male student recently told me, "I had to rethink and practice nursing differently with transcultural care knowledge." My recent *Life Career* with many care scholars provides historical insights about care and ways to provide quality services to cultures.⁶

In sum, my reflection on the past 30 years gives me a humble feeling, but great joy to realize the many discoveries and accomplishments made by the members of the International Association for Human Caring. It is heartwarming to realize that care is becoming the essence of nursing and that

care knowledge and practices are being used in nursing and health services. From my viewpoint, this is the most profound discovery in the history of professional nursing. Most importantly, this body of caring/care knowledge will continue to grow and will become a significant factor to promote peace, health and well-being among humans in many cultures. Indeed, care knowledge and practices can be predicted to be a great contribution to society and to the world. I thank God and all nurses and others who have contributed to this field of human care science knowledge and practices. Anthropologically and from a nursing viewpoint, I believe transcultural human care knowledge can be held as one of the greatest and most important contributions to the human race.

Thus, it is time to celebrate and to rejoice in all that has been accomplished in the past 30 years. It has been a pleasure to have been an integral part of the caring discovery and cultural care movement from the beginning. What a joy to know and work with so many outstanding nurse leaders and followers who were committed to care discovery processes and practices and to know and work with many gifted nursing students and faculty. I am also grateful to live this long to celebrate with you and see this 30-year celebration. We now can see the benefits of caring knowledge, understandings, and practices that are benefiting humankind. My sincere thanks to each and all members of this great Association. Long may the Association live and continue its good work. With the past achievements building a substantive foundation of this Association, let us move forward with enthusiasm into the future.

Dr. Madeleine Leininger
October 2007

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Delores A. Gaut, PhD, RN
IAHC President, 1990-1993

Dear Colleagues,

My earliest recollection of the Caring Conference group was as a doctoral student working on the language of caring as a concept used in nursing education. I remember the 1978 call for abstracts from Dr. Madeleine Leininger in Utah. I sent in an abstract and to my surprise it was accepted. The rest is history. I met fellow nurse researchers in doctoral programs, not only interested in human care and caring, but also in qualitative research. That was the unique part of this group because qualitative research was not readily accepted in nursing at that time. The few of us who attended those first three conferences became a support network for each other and developed lasting friendships.

After the first three gatherings in Utah (1978-1980), we continued to look for educational institutions that would invite the group and support the research conference. As a group we had no money, and little organization. What we did have was enthusiasm and the interest in continuing to share our research in hopes that it would change nursing practices and education. We usually met after each conference to decide what the next conference theme would be and what university could host us. The best part of those early years was the informal sharing of ideas, the discussions of qualitative methodology, and the supportive attitude of all participants. We would be sure to party and celebrate the success of each conference with much singing and dancing on tables.

After the first California conference in 1986, the decision was made to “get organized.” A charter membership was offered in 1987 to anyone who wanted to financially support a caring organization. Bylaws were developed, officer and board member responsibilities were defined. Through all this turmoil, the one person who kept the group on track was Doris Riemen. She served as secretary/treasurer for the group. I remember going to the bank with Doris in 1989 and signing the papers for the International Association for Human Caring, an organization that would have a tax deferred status. In 1990 we held the first election of officers and board members. By the time we went to Rochester, New York in 1991, we were a formal organization.

The following years have brought me much joy as I watch the development of new officers and board members, and the continued growth and inclusion of our international friends. There has always been a running argument about the use of “care” or “caring” in the title of the Association. Over the 30 years, I am pleased to see that “caring” is still the concept that beckons nurse researchers and practitioners to come together to support and enjoy each other at the conferences.

Best wishes to all,

Dr. Delores A. Gaut
August 2007

Anne Boykin, PhD, RN, FAAN
IAHC President, 1993-1996

Dear Colleagues,

Many memories come to mind as we celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the International Association for Human Caring. From my first conference at the Vallombrosa Center in Menlo Park, California in 1986, I was affected by those colleagues devoted to advancing the knowledge of caring through research. These gatherings, which have continued on an annual basis since 1978, have significantly influenced my professional journey. I continue to be so grateful for the wisdom, dedication and leadership of our founders; and to this organization and its members for making explicit the meaning of our caring heritage.

I had the privilege of serving the IAHC as President-Elect from 1990-1993 and President from 1993-1996. In addition to the conferences, a few of the important events which happened during this time follow. In 1991, The Association for Human Caring incorporated and became the International Association for Human Caring, Inc. – a non-profit corporation. This event acknowledged the worldwide recognition of the importance of advancing the scholarship on caring. Dr. Delores Gaut, recognizing the importance of recorded heritage as a source of how we enact our values and maintain clarity of purpose, beautifully chronicled our history in a document entitled, *Historical Review of the IAHC 1978-1993* [with revised editions in 1995 and 1997]. In 1993, Dr. Sue Thomas introduced the passing of the Aboriginal Caring Sticks as a ritual lived at annual conferences.

Although my role as an officer in the IAHC ended in 1996, my commitment to the values and mission of the organization continued to grow. I would like to share with you one way we in the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing at Florida Atlantic University have committed to preserve the mission and values of this organization. In February 2006, we dedicated our new college “home.” The intention of our “new home” is to create a healing space to transform nursing education grounded in Caring. One area of our college is the “Archives of Caring in Nursing”. The space houses the historical documents of IAHC and is designed to house the scholarly collections which advance understanding of Caring as an essential domain of nursing knowledge. It is hoped that for years to come these works will be available for scholars from around the world to study. Perhaps you might consider adding your works to this collection?

Congratulations to the IAHC on your 30th Anniversary!

Sincerely,

Anne Boykin

Dr. Anne Boykin
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Florida Atlantic University
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August 2007

Kathleen Valentine PhD, RN
IAHC President, 1996-1999

Dear Colleagues,

What a wonderful milestone the thirtieth anniversary of the International Association for Human Caring (IAHC) represents for advancing caring in practice, education and research. The IAHC has served as a forum to network with colleagues, connect with leaders and mentors, share scholarly explorations, and voice affirmations and challenges to emerging ideas about caring. I consider the IAHC to be my intellectual home and a place to renew energy and commitment to caring. Therefore, it was a privilege to serve as the organization's president from 1996-1999, and have the opportunity to give back to an organization that has meant so much to me personally and professionally.

In June 1996, I worked with the IAHC board to adopt a strategic plan for the organization which included goals for fiscal stability, scholarly advancement and increased organizational visibility. We increased visibility of the organization through several outlets. The most broadly disseminated was the IAHC's artwork featured in *Nursing, the Finest Art: An Illustrated History* by Patricia Donahue and that year's Mosby catalogue. Collaboration with artists Mary Ericksen, Eunice Hill, and David Reisinger created aesthetic expressions of caring through painting, quilting, and metal sculptures, which helped generate revenue through fundraising events. These activities were in addition to the annual research conferences held in Rochester Minnesota (1996), Helsinki Finland (1997) and the 20th anniversary conference in Philadelphia Pennsylvania (1998), which honored Dr. Madeleine Leininger's early contributions to the founding of the organization, the charter members; the IAHC presidents (past, present and future). We offered special gratitude and recognition to Dr. Delores Gaut for providing a place for the organization and for serving as the IAHC's business office consultant until the transition to IAHC's first external business office which we established in 1997.

Over time progress was made on the goals in the strategic plan. The keystone in the plan was the launch of the *International Journal for Human Caring* (IJHC). Without question, launching the publication of the IJHC has had the most sustained impact on the organization. The launch of the IJHC was a labor of love. Publishing the first issue was a collaborative process between the IAHC, the University of Wisconsin Stout and University of Wisconsin Eau Claire. As a faculty member at UW Eau Claire, I worked with UW Stout students in the Graphic Communications Practicum to arrange for the design and printing of the journal. UW Eau Claire graduate students in Nursing Administration established the infrastructure necessary to launch the new journal. As the founding editor of IJHC, it was an exciting and sometimes daunting effort to build the editorial board and production staff, register the journal, solicit manuscripts, review articles, finalize the design, and get it printed and distributed to members. With a great sense of accomplishment, we saw the first issue roll off the press in spring of 1997. Others contributed to the launch, including Anne Boykin, who served as co-editor for the early issues. Now more than 10 years later, Zane R. Wolf continues the labor of love as current editor. This sustained contribution to scholarship was an important fulfillment of the IAHC's 1996 strategic plan. Through the publication of the *International Journal for Human Caring*, this peer-reviewed, all volunteer journal was indexed by CINAHL in 1998. Publishing 3 issues a year represented a 160% increase in the rate of scholarship dissemination from previous years. The global access to internet searches allows for further advancement of caring scholarship through broader access to the IJHC. This is a fulfillment of the IAHC mission to increase the "international" connections of the organization. It is an honor to have contributed to the IAHC during that era and to celebrate its mission as we move into the next decade of caring service.

Dr. Kathleen Valentine
 September 2007

Zane Robinson Wolf, PhD, RN, FAAN
IAHC President, 1999-2002

Dear Colleagues,

I became president of the IAHC in the summer of 1999 during the San Antonio IAHC Research Conference. This followed the 1998 conference that I hosted in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, celebrating the Twentieth Anniversary of the International Association for Human Caring. During my presidency, the 1999 San Antonio and the 2000 Boca Raton conferences were successful thanks to the hard work and commitment of Dr. Donna Taliaferro in Texas and Dr. Anne Boykin in Florida. Contact with members of the Board continued over the next three years typically by the growing use of conference calls. The *International Journal for Human Caring* (IJHC) was expanding its reach, under the editorial guidance and leadership of Dr. Kathleen Valentine, inaugural editor. Dr. Anne Boykin also participated in IJHC's editorial success at this time.

Financially the small Association was growing. Generous donations bolstered the treasury of the IAHC. However, the 2001 IAHC Research Conference in Stirling, Scotland, while a scholarly and networking success, did not earn funds for the organization. The lessons learned from coordinating this conference helped us better plan future conferences, which are the main source of income for the association. The financial loss from the Scotland conference is the most difficult memory I have of my participation in the IAHC.

In 2002, as Dr. Carol Picard assumed the presidency, I wrote a continuing education article on Caring that was printed during Nurses' Week and published across the United States. The article highlights the IAHC and its scholars: Wolf, Z. R. (2002). Caring: The essence of nursing. *Nursing Spectrum*, Greater Philadelphia/Tri-State Edition, 11(9), 22-24; Greater Chicago/Tri-State Edition, 15(9), 26-28; Washington D.C./Baltimore Metro Edition, 12(9), 20-22; Florida Edition, 12(9), 14-16; New England Edition, 6(9), 20-22; New York/New Jersey Metro Edition, 14A(9), 20-22.

I remain active in IAHC. Having hosted three conferences (1984, 1998, & 2012 [with Dr. Marian Turkel]), I continue to contribute to editorial efforts of the *International Journal for Human Caring* (IJHC). I count my years of involvement with the IAHC, the IJHC, and the wonderful people whom I have met to be one of my life's treasures.

Dr. Zane Robinson Wolf
Dean Emerita and Professor, School of Nursing and Health Sciences
La Salle University
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August 2007; updated, February 2013

Carol Picard, PhD, RN

President IAHC, 2002-2004

Dear Colleagues,

Becoming involved in the IAHC was transformative for me. Having read the papers presented at the Denver conference in the *Caring Imperative in Education* (1989), I was convinced the organization was one I wanted to become involved with. One never knows where an invitation to participate will lead. I had an abstract accepted for the 1990 Houston Conference and met the most interesting and compelling people, many of whose work I had read: Dr. Madeleine Leininger, Sr. Simone Roach, Dr. Anne Boykin and was introduced to the work of so many caring scholars. My mother said to me when I returned home, “Ah, you were in Houston with all the saints.” When I asked what she meant, she said “Who else would attend a caring conference?” I believe she was right. The organization draws compassionate caring colleagues to participate in its conferences and to lead members by serving on the Board and committees.

I presented at a number of conferences, and also choreographed modern dance performances on caring for the Portland (1993); Ottawa (1994); Helsinki (1997); Boca Raton (2000); Stirling, Scotland (2001); Boulder (2003); and Chapel Hill (2008) conferences, often as part of my presentations or to open the conference. I served on the editorial review board of our journal from 1997-2006, as Board member for 2 years, President-elect for two years, during which time I co-chaired the Boston conference, and then as President from 2002-2004. The 2002 Boston conference, “Creating Caring Environments” introduced the organization to nurses from all the major teaching hospitals and universities in the Northeast, who came and heard research presentations by scholars from around the world. A post-conference dialogue with Margaret Newman on the links between caring theory and health as expending consciousness was a highlight for many participants as well.

The 2003 Boulder conference “Calling the Caring Circle” at the beautiful Chautauqua Center brought the natural world landscape into the conference experience, as papers, dialogues and performances were held outdoors, as well as indoors. Dr. Sue Hagedorn, Dr. Jean Watson and Dr. Elizabeth Teichler created the caring circle in their planning and brought together a global group of scholars and participants. The Board held a strategic planning meeting in Boulder which identified goals of fiscal stability for the organization; advancing caring science, including social action and changing organizations.

The 2004 Montreal conference, “Caring, For the Renewed Care” provided the opportunity for French speaking and English speaking nurses of Quebec to come together with other IAHC scholars and participants and to have main papers presented in two languages. Continuing education offerings both on line and in the journal were now a member benefit. Conference abstracts would also be published as part of the journal. The organization’s financial picture improved and we were on solid footing.

IAHC has continued to grow. I envision IAHC to continue its attraction to caring scholars and its mission to disseminate this critical scholarship to the health care world through its conferences and journal.

Dr. Carol Picard
Nursing Educator and Consultant
Past President of Sigma Theta Tau
April 2013

Gwen Sherwood, PhD, RN, FAAN
IAHC President, 2004–2006

Dear Colleagues,

As a charter member, my passion for the International Association for Human Caring has transitioned through many areas of service, having attended each conference since 1986. As Co-Editors, Delores Gaut and I launched the quarterly newsletter in 1989. A staff member in my office, Dixie Paulson, assisted us in formatting the newsletters for distribution. Those newsletters were a vital link to our members and gave way in 1997 to the new *International Journal for Human Caring*. With this work I was ex-officio on the Board through 1996. I was also the local chairperson for the conference in Houston, Texas in 1990, just as the association was formalizing its bylaws structure. I will again host a conference in 2008 in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. IAHC will be celebrating its 30th anniversary.

To each member, I say never be afraid to be nominated as a way to serve the association; I have been nominated far more times than elected. My first elected position was treasurer (1994–1996) and I was awed when I accepted the box of materials from one of my most influential mentors, Doris Riemen. Computers were beginning to transform business practices, and my husband, Art, helped me create the association's first computer-based record keeping system. Subsequent treasurers, Sandie Soldwisch and Marian Turkel, have performed extraordinary service in taking our records to a sophisticated business model.

With Delores Gaut's management, the organization continued to develop and advance and upon her retirement, we contracted the management services. We missed her personal, dedicated, and effective leadership and administration. Delores Gaut, Jean Watson, and Madeleine Leininger have truly been the life-blood of the association, mentored thousands of nurses, and stimulated scholarship development across the profession.

After having been nominated twice, I became IAHC President-elect in 2002 and the 7th President in 2004. Each predecessor, Madeleine Leininger, Delores Gaut, Anne Boykin, Kathleen Valentine, Zane Wolf, and Carol Picard, influenced my development and helped secure the future of the association. Our conferences, the journal, and the growing network of scholars continue to be unparalleled professional resources, mentoring and coaching new generations of caring scholars and practitioners.

I was president during our 2005 North Lake Tahoe conference and the 2006 Australia conference. Audiences were smaller, but the spirit and opportunities for renewal and recommitment remain. We face another crossroad as we vision the future to chart our course. With growing competition of scholarly journals, professional organizations with similar themes, and shrinking resources, we cannot be content with status quo. We must search inwardly for our personal commitment for what we each can do to serve. We are needed as never before as health care teeters on the verge of collapse and work environments consider tensions of shortages and poor communication. We can be the model for change and stability as we clarify our voice, seek evidence for practice, and center our focus on patients. It is time we consider our legacy and influence the future.

Dr. Gwen Sherwood
Professor and Academic Dean for Academic Affairs
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, School of Nursing, Chapel Hill, NC
August 2007

Donna Taliaferro, PhD, RN
IAHC President, 2007-2010

Dear Colleagues,

The International Association for Human Caring has been a part of my life since the first conference I attended in Houston in 1989. During that conference, something resonated with me that made a connection with my core values. I had never heard of the IAHC—although I knew of Madeleine Leininger and Jean Watson. The IAHC was “a best kept secret,” but my discovering it put me on a different path. I had found that in most work settings, caring did not appear to be part of the culture. I always felt nursing is a “caring profession,” yet in my experience, nurses were not caring for one another. I felt caring among the IAHC members. Since 1989, I have missed only two conferences. When I could not attend, I felt a loss of not connecting with people at the conference. Over the years I have met many wonderful people and have learned about the great research being done worldwide. Attending the conference is my time to “fill up” each year and bring the real meaning of nursing back to my inner core.

In the early 1990s, I remember saying to Delores Gaut that I would like to host a conference in San Antonio, Texas. That came to fruition in 1999. The 21st IAHC conference in Texas was a great success with 199 attendees gathering at the historic Menger Hotel, a site enriched with ghost stories and local history. Conference planning is stressful, hard work. However, after the fulfilling experience in Texas, I wanted to bring another conference to the Midwest after I moved to St. Louis, Missouri. In 2007, I hosted the 29th IAHC Conference in St. Louis, which again brought together participants from 13 countries to explore the concept, theory, research, and lived experience of caring.

Over the years I have served the organization in various capacities as Secretary, Board Member, Research Scholarship Award Chair, Conference Coordinator, and now as President. The role of President is not a single role, but one of shared visions of the board and the members. The organization is at a crossroads today and we face many challenges as the organization moves forward. We will be holding our 30th Anniversary Conference in April 2008 in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. As we celebrate our past accomplishments, we look to the future. Our strategic goals include increasing membership worldwide, supporting scholarly research to further advance the knowledge of care/caring, and disseminating the care/caring knowledge to larger audiences with the intent of infusing caring practice into the entire health care system. Over the thirty years, a wealth of scholarly work has been accomplished, but the IAHC hopes to share and disseminate this work and future work more widely within and beyond nursing.

I believe in the art and science of caring. I believe that caring should permeate our personal and professional lives. Making caring the essence of our lives creates unending possibilities for improving the well-being of humanity. My vision for the IAHC is that it becomes a major force in creating global partnerships to change work environments and patient care to caring models. I hope the organization will grow globally beyond the present group of nurses who support it, to include many more nurses and professionals from other disciplines. I challenge each member of IAHC to share the mission and vision of IAHC worldwide. Returning to Florence Nightingale’s caring roots is central to my belief as President of the IAHC. I am honored to serve and feel privileged to be a part of this great organization.

Dr. Donna Taliaferro
Associate Dean for Research
Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes Jewish College, St. Louis, MO
March 2008

Gail Williams, PhD, RN, PMHCNS-BC
IAHC President, 2010-2012

Dear Colleagues,

It is been a distinct honor to serve the membership of the International Association for Human Caring (IAHC). I was first introduced to IAHC in 1999 when the annual conference was hosted by my colleague and friend Dr. Donna Taliaferro in San Antonio, Texas. Little did I know the impact that this first conference was to have on me professionally. Dr. Donna Taliaferro enlisted my support for the conference. I became involved in the local IAHC conference planning and opening ceremony. The first day of the conference I had the opportunity to meet and greet Dr. Jean Watson, Dr. Christopher Johns, Dr. Madeleine Leininger, members of the IAHC Board and participants. Reflecting on this experience I can attest to the warm welcome that I received from everyone throughout my first conference. I have been an active member since 1999. This first conference was also significant for me in terms of commitment and willingness to serve in leadership positions in an organization that is committed to caring science.

I have had the opportunity to serve the IAHC membership in many roles over the past 14 years. I served as a Board Member from 2003-2006; as a member and Chair of the Nominating Committee; as Chair of the Fundraising Committee. Annually I serve as an abstract and manuscript reviewer. I am currently the IAHC Immediate Past President, having served as President from 2010 to 2012. In 2011 I served as Chair of the Planning Committee for the 32nd IAHC Conference held in San Antonio, TX and was a member of the Planning Committee for the 33rd IAHC 2012 Conference held in Philadelphia. At present I am serving as Co-Chair for the 34th IAHC Conference, which is co-sponsored by UT Health Science Center at San Antonio School of Nursing and Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing at Florida Atlantic University to be held May 27-June 1, 2013 at the Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort in Florida.

In my leadership roles as Board Member, President, Conference Chair and Co- Chair for IAHC, I have developed forums for the presentation of scholarly works on caring science. Under my leadership, conferences were held with hundreds of participants; significantly increasing the dissemination of knowledge related to caring. Integration of caring science into practice has been emphasized in the planning of annual conferences in order to engage practicing nurses. I initiated a separate Call for Student Abstracts at annual conferences, which has been instrumental in mentoring future nurses in caring science. With sound fiscal oversight I have been able to increase funding for student scholarships which increases the number of students from outside the United States, as well as those nationally able to attend the annual research conferences.

If you were to ask me what has been most important to me over the past 14 years, I would have to say that the annual conferences continue to be a focal point for me. The annual conferences provide an opportunity to come together with like-minded individuals in the spirit of caring science dissemination. As I have said in past newsletters, I find the annual conferences an important time of renewal and recommitment to the philosophy of caring. Each year the conferences have provided me the opportunity to learn, share and connect with colleagues from across the globe.

Sincerely,

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Professor, School of Nursing
University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio
April 2013

Marian C. Turkel PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN
IAHC President, 2012-2014

Dear Colleagues,

Congratulations to the International Association for Human Caring (IAHC). The year 2013 represents the 35th anniversary of IAHC when a small group of caring scholars gathered in 1978 for the first National Caring Conference. I want to acknowledge our members who were in attendance; Dr. Delores Gaut, Dr. Kathryn Gardner, the late Dr. Madeline Leininger, Dr. Marilyn (Dee) Ray, and Dr. Jean Watson. Thank you for your vision and creativity to study “caring” from a conceptual, philosophical, and theoretical perspective and to have the courage to change the traditional linear medical paradigm of nursing. Contemporary nursing practice is embracing caring; caring scholarship is being disseminated internationally; and the IAHC exists because of your commitment to caring, caring scholarship, and leadership.

I am honored to serve all of my caring colleagues as President of the International Association for Human Caring (IAHC). The relationships, scholarship, and intellectual discourses on caring that are the fabric of our organization are a source of energetic renewal allowing for emerging creativity. Two themes I associate with being a long-time member are circle of connections and lasting memories. I am pleased to have this opportunity to share a few reflections with you. My introduction to caring as a substantive area of study within the discipline started in 1989 upon entering the graduate program in Nursing Administration at Florida Atlantic University (FAU), Boca Raton, Florida. Dr. Marilyn Parker, a member of the FAU graduate faculty and a professor from my BSN program, provided ongoing nurturance and guidance. Looking back, the theme of circle of connections began to unfold. Dr. Anne Boykin taught my first graduate course, introducing me to caring theory, multiple ways of knowing, and the IAHC. I flourished and loved the definition of nursing at FAU-*Being and Becoming through Caring*. This was an exciting time to be a student and then a member of the faculty. Dr. Boykin was an active leader in the IAHC, and I was fortunate to have the opportunity to attend IAHC conferences and participate in dialogues with caring scholars and early leaders in the caring movement, including Dr. Boykin, the late Dr. Madeline Leininger, Dr. Parker, Dr. Marilyn Ray, Sister Simone Roach, Dr. Savina Schoenhofer, Dr. Jean Watson, and Dr. Zane Robinson Wolf. I remember the arrival of Dr. Ray at FAU in the role of Eminent Scholar, and I was not sure as a student if I was allowed to talk with her. We connected and shared a love for caring, especially the paradox between caring and economics. Dr. Ray is a true friend and professional colleague. For over 20 years, we have continued our partnership to advance and disseminate caring scholarship through research and publications.

My first presentation at an IAHC conference was in 1998 at the 20th IAHC conference in Philadelphia. I presented findings from my dissertation, *Struggling to Find a Balance: The Paradox Between Caring and Economics*. I was excited and nervous that Dr. Kathleen Valentine was in the audience. The circle of connections was energetic and growing. I became IAHC treasurer in 2001 at the 23rd IAHC conference in Stirling, Scotland. I remember carrying the “money bag” around Scotland, sightseeing with Dr. Jean Watson and Dr. Gwen Sherwood, meeting Dr. Marlaine Smith for the first time, and being in a dialogue with colleagues about publishing a book honoring the early works of caring scholars. At the 26th IAHC Conference in Boulder, I shared a room with Sister Simone Roach; there was no safe at the lodge and we kept the money in a metal box under her bed. I continued to serve as treasurer until I was elected President Elect in 2010. In 2012, I co-hosted the 33rd IAHC Conference in Philadelphia with Dr. Zane Wolf and assumed the role of President at the end of the conference. While planning the 33rd conference, we were also working in collaboration with Dr. Marlaine Smith on our book, *Caring in Nursing Classics* and the accompanying *Student-*

Teacher Resource Guide, published December 2012. This year, the 34th IAHC conference will be held in Florida May 29-June 1, 2013, co-hosted by Florida Atlantic University and the University of Texas Health Science Center. This means coming home and coming full circle.

IAHC continues to enrich my professional life. I am in contact with nurses from all over the world through conference calls, presentations, e-mails, and publications. I celebrate the accomplishments of the Board of Directors. Our organization is growing and moving forward. The last few conferences have been successful from a financial and human perspective, new members (regular and institutional) are joining, nurses are excited about using caring theory to transform practice, members are participating in the newly established Circle of Caring Webinars as a way to stay connected between conferences, and more new members are submitting manuscripts for publication in the journal. Dr. Ray and I are currently focusing our energies on planning the 35th IAHC conference to be held May 2014 in Kyoto, Japan. We are setting our intentions to have a large international attendance and world-wide sharing of caring works and networking of global ideas.

In caring and peace,

Dr. Marian C. Turkel
Director Professional Nursing Practice and Research
Einstein Healthcare Network
March 2013

Nancey E.M. France, PhD, BSN, MSN, RN
President-Elect, 2012-2014

Dear Colleagues,

I feel honored and privileged to serve as President-Elect of IAHC. I have been a member of IAHC for 20+ years and have served on the Board of Directors and various committees throughout this time. Over the years, I have seen the organization grow in its commitment to fulfill its mission in the discovery and dissemination of caring science. The annual conference and the journal are excellent ways for our members to stay connected to IAHC and to grow in their understanding of caring as a science and as a way of being. My thoughts and reflections on the future of IAHC emerge primarily on the *way of being*.

In the special 2009 edition of the *International Journal for Human Caring*, as co-editors, Dr. Marian Turkel and I put forth a call for action – “wherever you are, wherever you practice, *knowingly* choose to care for one another to create a healing environment for all” (p. 8). In other words, *live* caring science so we can see its manifestations in outcomes, in change. The ongoing incivility loudly declares that we are not living caring science, and that we are not teaching caring science with the *intentionality to impact outcomes of harm* that result in burnout, more incivility, and leaving the profession. I believe the IAHC can lead the way to break this vicious cycle.

I am a faculty member at the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing at Florida Atlantic University where I have the opportunity to be immersed in an environment that values and *supports* the study and scholarship of caring science and *dances* in caring as a way of being. So many of our friends and colleagues are in environments that don’t support their work and yet somehow they continue to be committed to the discovery and dissemination of caring science. How can IAHC support them?

As president-elect, I am following in the footsteps of the current and former IAHC presidents who guided the organization and increased its greatness with their vision and grace. As their hindsight and foresight are very valuable, it’s important to involve them along with the Board of Directors and membership in keeping the organization vital in achieving its mission.

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Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing
Florida Atlantic University
March 2013

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Jean Watson, PhD, RN, AHN-BC, FAAN

IAHC Co-founder, Charter and Lifetime Member, Past Board Member, Nursing Human Caring Theorist and Leader in Caring Science

My Dear Colleagues,

The first gathering of what was later to become the International Association for Human Caring began, in my memory, when Dr. Madeleine Leininger and I discovered that we both were working in the area of caring. She was a speaker at the University of Colorado; I was a new faculty. Dr Leininger spoke on caring, to my delight and surprise, as my first book was at the publishers being printed at that very time. [Watson, J. (1979). *Nursing. The Philosophy and Science of Caring*. Boston: Little Brown).

This discovery of our shared work in Caring was in the Spring of 1978. After discussing ‘caring’ in Colorado, Dr. Leininger phoned me a few months later to come to the University of Utah, where she was Dean, and share my work and upcoming book with a small group of colleagues, also exploring caring. I joyfully accepted the invitation to go to Utah and join others. (I think it was Fall, 1978, as my book came out in 1979.)

Those gathered in Utah for that first occasion, to my recall, included: Marilyn Ray, Delores Gaut, Joyce Murray, Em Bevis, Joyceen Boyles, Kathryn Gardner, Joan Uhl, Mary Megel, Mary Banigan, Margaret Byrne, Betty Craft, Mary Jean Jansses, Darlene Peay, Marjorie Paul, Dr. Leininger and myself. (This is the group I recall; I hope I have not forgotten anyone).

At that small gathering at the University of Utah, I shared for the first time the “10 Carative Factors” from my book and invited Dr. Leininger to do a foreword for the book, scheduled to be released in 1979. She agreed to do so, which was such an honor and delight. During this gathering everyone present shared the focus of their scholarship in caring, which included the conceptual work of Delores Gaut, the transcultural focus of Joyceen Boyles, the caring pedagogy and caring life force focus for education presented by Em Bevis and Joyce Murray. Marilyn Ray presented her work on philosophy and caring; Kathryn Gardner shared her work on caring and the health system. Then, of course, Dr. Leininger gave an overview of Transcultural Caring and provided leadership throughout the two-day seminar program.

As a result of this first meeting and small gathering of early scholars in ‘caring’, the vision of creating an Association for Human Caring was birthed. There was a consensus and commitment to continue the gatherings and to invite others interested and committed to the study and exploration of caring knowledge in education, practice and research.

From that point forward; a series of gatherings occurred annually, the first three sponsored by the University of Utah, under Dr. Leininger’s leadership and with the support of the first group of colleagues and others who joined us. Then other universities offered to host and we traveled to different states. The numbers participating in the first conferences were small; the conference format was round-table discussions with different participants presenting papers ranging on topics such as methodology, philosophy, epistemology of knowing caring and similar topics. The papers were followed by intimate and open dialogue with all participants.

In 1987, participants at the National Caring Research Conference formally organized with charter membership and an organizational structure of appointed officers and board members. Bylaws were developed and conference schedules were established. In 1989, at the conference held in Denver,

Colorado, participants voted to rename the organization. Shortly thereafter, the Advisory Board created the International Association for Human Caring. Thus, the IAHC was formalized with official election of officers in 1990. Since then, it has gone through its evolution and expansion of memberships, leadership, publications, extension into international involvements, diverse memberships, and inter/national site sponsors.

Over the years, each gathering has been hosted by a university, inviting the organization to their campuses for the conferences. Further, as formal presentations became more frequent, publication arrangements were made with publisher, Charles B. Slack, and later the National League for Nursing, allowing the papers from the IAHC conferences to be published and shared. The first one was Leininger, M. (author and editor). (1981). *Caring. An essential human need. Proceedings of the three national caring conferences*. New Jersey: Charles B. Slack. The Association has moved from the publications of conference proceedings in book form in the early years, to now having a stable and a reputable international journal and a dedicated following. However, to keep this work alive and because of the scholarly nature of many of the papers in the original books, in 2013 Scholars Dr. Marlaine Smith, Dr. Marian Turkel and Dr. Zane Robinson Wolf (editors) published *Caring in Nursing Classics: An Essential Resource*. It was published by Springer Publishing, New York, as part of the growing Caring Science Library collection co-published with Watson Caring Science Institute as part of a partnership with Springer for a Caring Science Collection Series. This publication has evolved and expanded to where nursing and related fields have a beginning repository and living history of the evolution of nursing within a caring science paradigm over a 40 year span.

Since those early beginnings, combined with the most recent activities worldwide, the Association has expanded and grown into a mature international association with global membership. It has established itself as a source for caring science scholarship for nursing and related disciplines, offering a unique and often welcome source of learning and exploration into the multiple dimensions of human caring knowledge. These foci range from the ethical, to the ontological, to epistemological-methodological, to pedagogical-curricular, to professional caring praxis models and policies influencing transformation and a global consciousness for serving humanity around the world.

The Association continues to be a critical source of scholarship, leadership, informed action and inspiration sustaining an evolving global vision of one world, one heart - making even more important connection between human caring, healing, health and even peace in our world.

With warm heart appreciation for these cherish memories, and honoring future generation of scholars in human caring who will continue this work for our world.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jean Watson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jean" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Watson".

Dr. Jean Watson
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Founder/Director Watson Caring Science Institute
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October 2007, updated April 6, 2013

Doris Riemen, PhD, RN

IAHC Co-Founder and Charter Member, Past IAHC Officer

Dear Colleagues,

In the spring of 1980, while attending a graduate class at Texas Woman's University, I saw an ad in a nursing journal for the third National Caring Conference to be held that week in Salt Lake City, Utah. My first thought was "how could it be the third one. I never heard of the first two." I had returned to school at age 50. After earning my Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), I was pursuing a PhD and had chosen caring as my concept to develop and incorporate in our new Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program at the University of Texas at Tyler.

I immediately flew to Salt Lake City and walked into a room of twenty people, still carrying my suitcase, as I did not have a clue where I'd be staying. I sat in the back of the room and started talking to the person next to me. I found she had completed her dissertation the year before. We talked and talked and Delores Gaut and I are still talking 27 years later!

Finding nurses who were also doing research on caring was such a wonderful gold mine. You have to remember that in the early 1980s qualitative research was not thought of too highly nor was it well supported. I was ecstatic to find such a cadre of people, small though it was. I eagerly attended every conference from 1980 to 1998, except for the conference held in Helsinki, Finland. The conferences gave me such encouragement and validation for my research on caring and noncaring interactions.

Several early memories are: chairing the 6th National Caring Conference in Tyler, Texas with approximately 30 to 35 people present; doing my first critique at the 7th conference in Philadelphia; suggesting to charter members at the 8th National Caring Conference in Vallombrosa, California that dues should be set at \$10 a year and thereby being appointed Treasurer to collect the money then and there; designing and printing the IAHC logo in one day after a call from Dr. Delores Gaut that she needed it yesterday; putting on three hats at the Melbourne, Australia conference for 1) as President because Delores Gaut could not be there, 2) as Treasurer, and 3) as stand-in reader of Dr. Gwen Sherwood's paper when she had to catch a plane; catching up with the other founders at the 26th IAHC conference in Boulder, Colorado and being introduced as "living legends!"

Since then the organization has grown, improved, modernized, and gained recognition, but the memories of those founding and early years that I was such a part of is what I remember most vividly. (This makes me sound old, doesn't it!) I am thrilled to congratulate everyone on the 30th Anniversary.

Greetings to all,

Dr. Doris Riemen
September 2007

Marilyn Ray, PhD, RN, CTN-A

IAHC Co-Founder and Charter Member, Past and Present IAHC Board Member

Dear Colleagues,

To begin my reflection on caring, I will return to 1968 when I was first asked, “What is the meaning of nursing?” in a curriculum class in my Master of Science degree program. I believed that caring is the central construct of nursing. I have been committed to the advancement of caring ever since. In the 1970s, the late Dr. Madeleine Leininger and Dr. Joanne Glittenberg identified that “caring is the essence of nursing.” As my mentor, Dr. Leininger encouraged and motivated me to develop my philosophy of caring, and more specifically transcultural caring in my research and scholarship. When I was a student at the University of Utah, I was privileged to attend the first seminar on caring with many of the eminent scholars of caring in nursing, such as the late Dr. Madeleine Leininger, and Drs. Jean Watson, Dolores Gaut, Em Bevis and Kathryn Gardner. I remember how excited and at the same time, nervous I was when presenting my philosophy of caring. From my research and personal reflection, I synthesized that caring is “love”, a humanistic, transcultural and spiritual way of being and knowing. The call of caring as love is the supreme gift of God. Caring as love is the energy of the universe; transcultural caring inspires compassion and justice for all people of the world.

I feel honored to have been a part of the evolution of caring knowledge in nursing. Over the past thirty years, the International Association for Human Caring has grown from a small group of interested nurses to an organization that nourishes relationships and advances research and scholarship. At a time when there are many competing voices about the nature of nursing, especially nursing as an empirical science, caring knowledge meets the challenge and facilitates the growth, development, and understanding of nursing as a human science. Papers presented at the annual conferences of the International Association for Human Caring inspire and direct nurses in education, administration and practice to describe and interpret caring in complex global cultures. Caring scholars continue to build upon the body of knowledge through philosophical inquiry and research by publishing in the *International Journal for Human Caring*. Research provides knowledge to comprehend more fully what caring means and what nurses who authentically care can do to make possible the choices for patients’ health, healing, well-being or peaceful death.

I have reflected deeply upon what sustains a movement and what helps diffuse innovative ideas like caring. Sometimes it is because there is an interest and an extraordinary commitment by a few people. At other times, nurses in practice evaluate what other ideas may be imposed and what is not working. I think that the caring movement has advanced because in their hearts and minds, nurses know what truly changes life is knowledgeable caring. I am confident that, as the world seeks to understand diversity of cultures and the differences in values and the meaning of conflict, nurses who believe in caring as a universal value will help to influence national and international social systems and transform the global health care system. Caring will bring ‘light into the darkness!’

Dr. Marilyn (Dee) Ray
Professor Emeritus
Florida Atlantic University
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October 2007, updated March 2013

Sue Thomas, EdD, RN

IAHC Charter Member, and Past Officer and Board Member

Dear Colleagues,

As a charter member of the IAHC, and former Board member, I am pleased to share my reflections of our organization. In 1986, Dr. Delores Gaut invited me to attend the eighth National Caring Conference, organized by Dr. Patricia Larson at Vallombrosa Center, in Menlo Park, California, 40 miles south of San Francisco. I was interested because the conference focused on caring in nursing. I had always believed that caring is the essence of our profession.

At the first conference I attended in 1986, I became very interested in learning about the scholarly group and participating in the growth of the yearly conferences. I was impressed with the presentations at the conference. At that conference I was asked to assist Dr. Patricia Larson in the coordination of the 1987 conference, to be held at the Vallombrosa Center again. I enjoyed working with Dr. Larson.

During the 1987 conference, since I had connections with nursing colleagues in Australia, I suggested that we consider expanding our conferences to the international arena. The board was most interested, particularly Dr. Madeleine Leininger, so I pursued the possible plan with professional colleagues in Australia. I discussed the idea with Dr. Barbara Place, who was Sr. Lecturer at Victoria College in Melbourne, and June Cochrane, Executive Director of the Royal College of Nursing Australia (RCNA). The outcome of the negotiation was most positive and resulted in the first international conference, the 14th Annual Caring Conference celebrated in Melbourne, Australia in 1992. The conference was co-sponsored by the RCNA. At that conference nurses from 14 countries attended! I thoroughly enjoyed being the International Coordinator of the conference and valued the support of Dr. Delores Gaut, Dr. Madeleine Leininger, Dr. Doris Riemen, and Dr. Jean Watson. Since 1992, the IAHC has held many conferences in other countries, such as Canada, Finland, Scotland, etc. What an exciting time to celebrate caring across nations!

I cherished the experience of meeting nurse scholars from many different states in the USA and other countries in the world. Working on various committees for upcoming conferences in the USA and in other countries was also very interesting. It was exciting to serve on the board for many years and to be a part of the growth as the National Caring Conferences became the International Association for Human Caring. In 2003 in Boulder, Colorado, we celebrated the 25th year of the founding of the association. It was a delightful time, once again, to be there with many of the charter members of our organization. The focus on human caring as a global agenda continues to be an imperative.

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Dear Colleagues,

An introduction to the International Human Caring Association in the mid 1980s was an exceptional gift for me; the advantages have and continue to be many. As I move more and more from active participation in the Association, and no longer participate in the practice of nursing, I express the conviction that, if there were one Association I would continue to maintain, it would be membership in the IAHC.

Involvement in conferences has enriched my academic career in ways impossible to measure. The opportunity to present at these conferences has been a highlight, sharpening clarification of my own work on Human Caring, and profiting in many ways in the scholarship of others. Though these years, I have made many friends in different parts of the world, have won the hearts of colleagues who shared ever-deepening insights with respect to what nursing is all about, the centrality of human care, and its potential for becoming in dynamic ways the mind, soul, heart and hands of nursing education, practice, research and management.

At this stage in the on-going professionalization of nursing, the focus, crystallization and energy of caring as the *human mode of being* more clearly becomes the *holon* constituting the essence of nursing in all its manifestations wherever humanity is spoken. It has been a privilege for me to be part of a movement for which our entire planet now cries for help and healing.

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Dear Colleagues,

While for most of my nursing career I have been wondering and curious about what caring really means in nursing, my interest in the IAHC did not begin until I started my doctoral studies in the mid 1990s. By then I knew I wanted to complete a dissertation focused on caring. I hoped I would finally understand what caring in nursing is and means. By chance, I discovered IAHC was holding its annual conference in San Antonio, Texas, so I went. I didn't know a soul and people didn't seem very friendly. One meal I sat with a group of Scandinavians, one of whom debunked Jurgen Habermas. I had just read his theory on communicative action and moral consciousness and felt, for me that he was the answer to my quest for the truth of caring in nursing. I was taken aback to say the least, but determined to persist- all my clinical experience told me that I was on the right track. Jean Watson and Chris Johns were keynote speakers, and I was thankful that I had completed a course in action research and had read much of Watson's work, because I am not sure I would have understood much of what they talked about! But I was hooked. Several old copies of the journal were available and I took them home to read- and I still have those early copies, because they were a treasure trove.

Shortly thereafter, I became a member of IAHC and it has been a happy relationship since then. I have made some wonderful friends and have met colleagues from all over the world, whom I respect and value for the important work they are doing. The journal is something I turn to when I need to rethink or just to think. I am always thrilled when a manuscript is accepted, and it gives me a real feeling of pleasure when I see my article printed. Because of my involvement in IAHC, I now see my work cited by others, which is even more satisfying. Maybe, people are reading my work and appreciating that it is worth thinking about and citing. One always wonders if one is contributing anything very much, and I have always hoped that perhaps I am contributing a little something. Our caring scholars and researchers are doing critical work and are contributing to nursing at a time when it is crucial that we don't lose caring as the essence of nursing. We are so fortunate to have so many giants in nursing research recognized across the world, in our world of caring in nursing. They are unique but what they have done and continue to do is vital for the profession.

As someone who believes that, beyond paying dues, one should, if committed, contribute to an organization, I first became a reviewer for the journal, and at present am a member of the Board of Directors. These are important responsibilities for me. They have also been an opportunity to meet colleagues at a different level which is always stimulating and fun. Because of my first conference, where I was rather miserable and lonely I always make an effort at the conferences to go up to people who look as though this is their first one and try to make them feel welcome and encourage them to become active and involved. I want them to feel IAHC appreciates them coming and that we are truly a caring organization.

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Reflections on Caring About Caring: A Synopsis of Involvement

Dear Colleagues,

A personal belief that the beneficial effect of human caring can be measured at the cellular level has motivated my involvement in the International Association for Human Caring (IAHC) for the past 20 years. While key components of such caring benefit can be found in the science of intentionality and mindfulness, there are practical aspects of ‘caring about caring’ that are manifested by being involved in caring conferences.

Involvement in caring conferences began in 1992 with a podium presentation of graduate research on the reciprocity of caring between patients and nurses in a child and adolescent psychiatric nursing unit, at a reflective practice conference at Cambridge University, UK. Here I met Dawn Freshwater, who later became one of the presidents of IAHC. Inspired by caring concepts, I attended the 1994 Ottawa IAHC conference and became a confirmed caring conference attendee. Two years later I found myself on the 1996 Mayo Clinic IAHC conference committee and helped negotiate a somewhat delicate contract where a college or university was not the primary IAHC conference sponsor. However, it was also possible that IAHC was more easily recognized by a large contingent of staff nurses as a relevant organization for direct patient care nurses as a result of this conference.

If being productively involved in one IAHC conference was not enough, the challenge of major involvement in two consecutive conferences in 2009 (Malta) and 2010 (Mayo), during a time of global fiscal crisis, was unnerving. Despite the fiscal infeasibility of IAHC to sponsor the Malta conference, “A Celebration of Care” conference did happen. Many past and present IAHC members and other caring scholars, whose abstracts were accepted, did present. These included, Kathryn Vigen (USA): keynote on “Learning to Care”; Kathryn Stewart Hegedus (USA): “Growth and Caring: Student’s perspectives of vulnerability as enabling”; Chris Johns (UK): “A Caring Shame: Reflections on visiting my mother in a nursing home the day before she died”; Jane Sumner (USA): “Caring in Nursing: Enlightening, Emancipatory, Empowering”; Katie Eriksson, Yvonne Nasman and Lisbet Nystrom (Finland): “Human Dignity and Virtue Ethics”; Camilla Koskinen and Unni Lindsrom (Finland): “Listening to the Vulnerable Other”; Dagfinn Naden, Vibeke Lohne, Trygve Aasgaard and Synnove Caspar (Norway): “The lonely battle for dignity in the life of persons struggling with multiple sclerosis”; and Patrick Dean (USA): “Interpreting care need signals”. Much gratitude is due to Roberta Sammut (Malta) and her many colleagues at the University of Malta who were responsive to hosting a caring conference.

While the 2010 Mayo IAHC conference is recorded in the archives, the experience of hosting a second IAHC conference at Mayo Clinic also included some of the 1996 conference planning committee members, namely Anne Miers, Dorothy Bell, and Patrick Dean. This opportunity to observe growth and development of IAHC from one Mayo conference to the next demonstrated an ever stronger commitment to the IAHC mission and greater fiscal security to support that mission. The legacy of IAHC continues to be felt at Mayo Clinic, especially in the Mayo Nursing Care Model which owes most of origin from IAHC founders.

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**REMEMBERING MADELEINE M. LEININGER, PhD, LHD, DS, RN, CTN, FAAN, FRCNA
1925-2012**

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The nursing profession mourns the loss of one of its most influential scholars, educators, researchers and writers of caring, culture and nursing, Dr. Madeleine M. Leininger. Her career spanned more than 60 years. She was the first nurse anthropologist and founded the discipline of transcultural nursing, the ethnonursing qualitative research methodology, the Council on Nursing and Anthropology with the American Anthropological Association/Society for Applied Anthropology, the Transcultural Nursing Society, and the *Journal of Transcultural Nursing*. She also was a leader in the evolution of human caring science after an historic American Nurses Association Convention in 1976 where Drs. Leininger and Jo Ann (Jody) Glittenberg (Hinrichs) claimed "caring as the essence of nursing." In 1978, Madeleine presided over the first three National Caring Conferences which subsequently became annual conferences. The International Association for Human Caring was formalized in 1989. Over the course of almost four decades, identification of major philosophical, epistemological, including theory development, methodological, cultural, organizational and professional practice dimensions of caring have facilitated the advancement of the body of care/caring knowledge that constitutes nursing. Systematically explicating the nature of nursing as caring through philosophical and various mixed research methods has elevated the scholarship of caring science to unprecedented levels in nursing and healthcare through the renowned *International Journal for Human Caring*, under the editorship of Dr. Zane Robinson Wolf. Many caring scientists, such as, Drs. Jean Watson, M. Simone Roach, Delores Gaut, and many others, have advanced the ideals and scholarship of caring science worldwide.

Madeleine Leininger achieved many significant awards and honors, most notably, a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing where she was, in time, honored as a living legend. Many people know about her scholarly contributions but few know about her humble beginning and her quest for achieving education that led to changing the way that nursing and other health care professions educate and practice caring for culturally diverse patients and families in local and global communities. Born in Sutton, Nebraska in July 1925 within a large family in a farming community, Madeleine passed away peacefully, August 10, 2012 in Omaha and was laid to rest after a Wake honoring her life, and a Mass of Christian Burial in her home town of Sutton, August 17, 2012.

Called to teaching early in her life, she taught the third grade after obtaining a Nebraska elementary school teaching certificate in 1942. But there was a call to another human caring service on her mind and in her heart. Madeleine began her nursing career during World War II at St. Anthony Hospital, School of Nursing in Denver, Colorado and at the same time was in the United States Army Nurse Cadet Corps. Soon after, she acquired a BS in biological science from Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas with a minor in philosophy and studies in the humanities. After graduation, her career included contributions to staff nursing and psychiatric nursing administration. She, at the same time, pursued advanced study in teaching, curriculum and testing and measurement at Creighton University in Omaha. In 1954, Madeleine obtained a MS degree in Psychiatric Nursing at Catholic University of America in Washington, DC, followed by employment at the College of Health at the University of Cincinnati, Ohio. During this time, Madeleine with another colleague, Hofling wrote the first basic text in psychiatric nursing. In the mid 1950s, Madeleine worked as a child guidance nurse where she began to observe that children of diverse cultural backgrounds responded differently to care and psychiatric treatments. After discussions with Dr. Margaret Mead, a Visiting Professor at

the University of Cincinnati at the time, Madeleine began to examine the interrelationship between nursing and the discipline of anthropology. From discussions with Margaret Mead, and observation of children and families of different cultures, Madeleine pursued a PhD in Anthropology focusing on cultural, social and psychological content at the University of Washington, Seattle.

During her doctoral program, she engaged in challenging field research for nearly two years studying *care practices* among the Gadsup, an indigenous people, in the Eastern Highlands of New Guinea. It was during this research when Madeleine focused on the comparative study of care and caring phenomena with the Gadsup people that she began to recognize the need for nurses to study *care* as central to the discipline of nursing. Madeleine went on to advance so many critically important developments in nursing. After she completed her PhD, she was a scholar with a joint appointment in nursing and anthropology at the University of Colorado School of Nursing. She was appointed Director of the Nurse Scientist program. She mentored many, including, Dr. JoAnn (Jody) Glittenberg Hinrichs, a prolific nurse anthropologist, and Dr. Rory Zahorek, a MS student at the time, who later became a Rogerian scholar. Also, as one of her first Master of Science students at University of Colorado, I benefited from her amazingly creative, scholarly, and energetic teaching. Her two first courses were interrelating the disciplines of nursing and anthropology, one called Nursing and Anthropology (later in 1970, published as a book, *Nursing and Anthropology: Two Worlds to Blend*) and the other, Childhood and Culture. Her research mentorship guided me to the study of nursing within a hospital culture which was the precursor to my continued research on caring and complex organizational cultures and the discovery of the Theory of Bureaucratic Caring. After her contribution to the University of Colorado, Madeleine was appointed as Dean at the University of Washington where she developed cross-cultural nursing studies and guided her first PhD student, Dr. Beverly Horn in research of Native Americans in the Seattle area. Madeleine's teaching, mentoring, and advice led me to complete my studies at the University of Colorado, and then obtain a MA degree in Anthropology, followed by a PhD in her newly created Transcultural Nursing Doctoral program at the University of Utah in 1977. At the University of Utah, the formal discipline of Transcultural Nursing was named and one of her first and important books, *Transcultural Nursing: Concepts, Theories and Practices* highlighting her conceptual system of culture care was completed and published. It is at the University of Utah where she initiated the first three of the now internationally acclaimed Caring Conferences in Nursing. It was also at the University of Utah where many students, including Drs. Joyceen Boyle and Janice Morse, Editor of *Qualitative Health Research*, launched their noteworthy research careers in transcultural nursing and anthropology. Madeleine's commitment to Transcultural Nursing moved ahead at Wayne State University as Director of Research, in Detroit, Michigan where many students obtained their culturally diverse PhDs using her Ethnonursing method, and the *Culture Care Diversity and Universality: A Theory of Nursing* first published in 1991 by the National League for Nursing Press. Her theory is one of the few nursing theories that offers a translational/implementation science approach to transcultural care in practice. After she returned to her roots in Omaha, Nebraska, she taught part time in transcultural nursing at the University of Nebraska, School of Nursing, and was inducted into the Nebraska State Nurses' Hall of Fame.

Madeleine Leininger presented her ideas, philosophy, and research all over the world and received honorary doctorates. She was a prolific writer on transcultural nursing education, research, practice, and administration and published many articles, chapters, and books, the last with Dr. Marilyn McFarland, the 2nd edition of *Culture Care Diversity and Universality: A Worldwide Theory of Nursing*. Madeleine wrote or edited more than 30 books, and had numerous articles on transcultural nursing, and caring published, one most notably in 1977 by the American Nurses Foundation, *The Phenomenon of Caring* which is reprinted in the new book, *Caring in Nursing Classics*, edited by Smith, Turkel, and Wolf.

Madeleine has left a legacy to us. She graced nursing and the global community with a commanding presence; she steered the discipline to new heights through her leadership in nursing and anthropology by creating the discipline of transcultural nursing; she initiated the study of the phenomenon of caring; and she helped all healthcare professionals to understand the meaning of culture, transcultural care/caring, and cultural responsibility. Madeleine journeyed to the top of the mountain and she truly moved mountains by her vision, dreams, goals, and hard work "to enhance the quality of culturally congruent, competent, and equitable care that results in improved health and well being for people worldwide" (Mission of the Transcultural Nursing Society).

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IAHC History of Annual Conferences and Historical Notes

The International Association for Human Caring Conferences have focused on helping nurses to understand and advance the knowledge of human caring through research, education, and practice in order to improve the quality of health and well-being of people worldwide. The annual conferences have been a mainstay of the organization, providing an opportunity for scholars and practitioners in nursing and other health care professions from around the world to meet and share their research and practice experiences. Conferences have enlarged the web of networking, collaboration, and understanding of caring. The IAHC roots began in 1978 when Dr. Madeleine Leininger, Nurse Theorist in Human Care and Transcultural Nursing, hosted the first small gathering at the National Caring Research Conference in Utah. Sixteen (16) participants met to explore the concepts of care and caring. The core group was highly motivated to pursue the study of caring and to meet annually. Each year the number of nurses attending and representing the United States and other countries grew. In 1987, a formal structure was established with dues-paying Charter Membership and appointed officers and Board. Two years later in 1989, at the eleventh National Caring Research Conference, on recommendation of the conference participants, the Advisory Board (see Leadership section) renamed the National Caring Conference to be the International Association for Human Caring and established the organization bylaws. In 1992, the first conference outside the United States was held in Melbourne, Australia. This was a significant step in becoming an international organization. According to members who were there, many positive reports were heard. The trend of international collaboration has continued with annual conferences held in countries outside the United States every three to four years. Each conference since 1978 is documented with growing satisfaction. Details about the conferences are highlighted below.

1978: The Phenomena and Nature of Caring

University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA

The **first** National Caring Conference was convened and hosted by **Madeleine Leininger**, PhD, RN at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City **April 27-28, 1978**. The title of the first conference, *The Phenomena and Nature of Caring*, focused on the initial and continuing concern of the conference—identifying the philosophical, epistemological, and professional dimensions of caring to advance the body of caring knowledge. In the conference proceedings, the central purpose of the conference described was “to provide a special forum for nurses interested or involved directly in caring research in which the group will be expected to explicate major constructs or concepts about caring behavior, process, and practices from a transcultural perspective in order to advance essential and critical ideas bearing upon nursing practices.”

The sixteen (16) enthusiastic participants underscored the need for an in-depth think-tank, sharing the type of conference designed to explore scholarly ideas about caring and to encourage nurses to become scholars of caring research and practice. These early participants included nurse scholars and graduate students: Mary Banigan, University of Utah; Em Olivia Bevis, Georgia Southern College; Joyceen Boyle, University of Utah; Margaret Byrne, University of California; Betty Craft, University of Iowa; Kathryn Gardner, Rochester, NY; Delores Gaut, Seattle, Washington; Mary Jean Jansses, University of Utah; Madeleine Leininger, University of Utah; Mary Megel, University of Nebraska; Joyce Murray, Georgia Southern College; Darlene Peay, University of Utah; Marjorie Paul, University of Utah; Marilyn Ray, University of Utah; Joan Uhl, University of Utah; and Jean Watson, University of Colorado. Many of these nurses were already actively involved in the study of caring

phenomena. Dr. Leininger encouraged the conference members to search for universals of care/caring, as well as the diversities for a sound body of caring knowledge.

The objectives for this first conference were to:

1. Systematically examine present and emerging concepts and theories along with the conceptual framework regarding care and caring from transcultural research viewpoints.
2. Study cross-cultural taxonomy on caring constructs in order to determine cultural-specific and cultural-universal dimensions of caring.
3. Analyze differential care theories and practices in order to determine the critical elements relevant to transcultural nursing care in the United States.
4. Discuss research findings regarding care and behaviors of nurse care providers working with different cultural groups.
5. Identify major areas for future research studies on care, caring, and nursing behaviors.

The two-day conference featured **Dr. Madeleine Leininger's** opening address, entitled, *The Phenomena of Caring, Theoretical and Conceptual Issues*. **Seven (7) other presentations included:** *Analysis of the Concept of Caring with Special Consideration in the Context of Nursing Education* by **Delores Gaut**, RN, PhD(c); *Caring Process and Practice* by **Joyce Murray**, RN, MSN; *An Application of the Structural Functional Methodology to the Phenomenon of Caring* by **Joyceen Boyle**, RN, PhD(c); *A Philosophical Approach to the Development of a Nursing Classification System of Care and Caring* by **Marilyn Ray**, RN, PhD(c); *Some Issues Related to A Science of Caring for Nursing Practice* by **Dr. Jean Watson**; *The Meaning of Caring in the Context of Nursing* by **Kathryn Gardner**, RN, MS; and *Phases of Caring* by **Em Olivia Bevis**, RN, PhD(c). Discussion followed every paper presentation.

At this first conference, these caring "pioneers" made plans to continue with yearly national conferences in various demographic regions throughout the United States to stimulate interest in theoretical and clinical research studies related to caring and nursing care. The motto adopted at the first conference, "Caring is the essence of nursing and the unique and unifying focus of the profession," continues to serve as the key proclamation and symbolic guide for current and future conferences.

1979: Analysis of Caring Behaviors and Processes **University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA**

The **second National Caring Conference** sponsored by **Madeleine Leininger**, PhD, RN at the **University of Utah, March 22-23, 1979**, focused on the study of cultural caring and caring in practice settings. The conference, *Analysis of Caring Behaviors and Processes*, invited research studies of caring phenomena in cultures and practice settings and involved scholars from anthropology as well as nursing. At this conference the members were challenged by Drs. Leininger and Gaut to explicate differences and similarities about care as a holistic phenomenon and caring as an action based on the phenomenon. These two constructs were ambiguous and often used in a similar way in teaching and research.

Since the first conference, five major goals were emphasized in subsequent conferences.

1. Identification of major philosophical, epistemological, and professional dimensions of caring to advance the body of knowledge that constitutes nursing and to help other disciplines use caring knowledge in human relationships.
2. Explication of the nature, scope, and functions of caring and its relationship to nursing care.

3. Explication of the major components, processes and patterns of care and caring in relationship to nursing care from a transcultural nursing perspective.
4. Stimulation of nurse scholars to systematically investigate care and caring and to share their findings with interested colleagues.
5. Share research findings at the annual conferences and identify new data.

1980: Characteristics and Classification of Caring Phenomena **University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA**

The **third** National Caring Research Conference, *Characteristics and Classification of Caring Phenomena*, was held **March 18-19, 1980** at the University of Utah, under the leadership of **Madeleine Leininger**, PhD, RN; and the Conference Coordinator, Darlene Meservy, RN, MPH, Assistant Professor of Nursing and Director of Continuing Education at the University of Utah. College of Nursing. Dr. Leininger encouraged the participants to begin to classify and/or differentiate phenomena of care/caring. This was an effort to classify caring behaviors and bring order to the phenomena. Thirty-two (32) participants attempted to address specific questions related to the classification of the concept and to arrive at a taxonomy of caring. The central purpose of the conference was “to provide a forum of study of differential characteristics of caring with focus on classifying the various types of caring phenomena.” The objectives were that participants would be able to:

1. Identify major characteristics, components and philosophical perspectives of caring behaviors and processes from a cross-cultural perspective.
2. Identify major components and processes of caring and nursing care as a basis to advance the discipline of nursing.
3. Analyze data from nursing care situations and formulate nursing theories to be tested.
4. Classify and order major caring components or elements to differentiate aspects of caring and nursing care phenomena.
5. Identify research methods to guide studies in transcultural nursing care.
6. Identify therapeutic and non-therapeutic aspects and problems related to nursing care of clients, families, and cultural groups.
7. Classify some recurrent features of western and non-western societies.

Dr. Leininger opened the two-day conference with a **keynote address**, *Some Philosophical, Historical and Contemporary Perspectives about Caring Phenomena in the American Nursing Culture*. Four (4) papers were presented: *Caring: Some Central Issues* by **Em Olivia Bevis**, PhD, RN; *Caring from a Human Science Perspective* by **Rosemarie Rizzo Parse**, PhD, RN; *Caring and Taking Care* by **Joyce Murray**, RN, MSN; and *Morals, Models and Gift Relationship: Some Reflections on Creative Altruism and the Politics of Human Nature* by **Peter Morley**, PhD, RN. On the second day of the conference, **Dr. Leininger** led the participants in *Developing a Taxonomy on Caring* in a general work session. There was much discussion around crucial questions that included: 1) What care/caring constructs should be included or excluded from a taxonomy? 2) What criteria are used to classify care/caring phenomena? 3) What are some identifying caring/care taxons?

Plans for the next annual conference were discussed at the end of the conference. **It is noteworthy that Continuing Education Units (CEUs) or contact hours were awarded to nurse attendees at this conference.** This set a trend for all future conferences, recognizing the value of attending the National Caring Research Conference.

The proceedings of the first Three National Caring Conferences were published in: **Leininger, M (Ed.). (1981). *Caring: An essential human need*. Thorofare, NJ: C. B. Slack, Inc.** The book was republished in 1989 by Wayne State University Press in Detroit, Michigan. This book was used in many schools of nursing and helped nurses to see the value and significance of caring as the essence of nursing. The book continues to be in demand worldwide as nurses study the fundamental ideas about care/caring.

1981: Caring and Education: Teaching Curriculum and Clinical Perspectives **Georgia Southern College, Statesboro, Georgia, USA**

The **fourth** National Caring Research Conference was held **March 18-20, 1981** at Georgia Southern College, Statesboro, Georgia at the invitation of **Dr. Em Olivia Bevis**. Planning responsibilities for the **expanded three-day conference** were shared by Dr. Madeleine Leininger, Chairperson; Joyce Murray, Coordinator; and the Advisory Board: Dr. Peter Morley, Dr. Delores Gaut, Em Olivia Bevis and Dr. Madeleine Leininger. The focus was ***Caring and Education: Teaching Curriculum and Clinical Perspectives***. Thirty participants and the presenters shared three days of southern hospitality and an exciting conference that featured **one keynote address and eight (8) paper presentations**. The conference focused on caring as a concept to study and teach, caring research, caring as a curriculum model, and caring as a process for interacting with patients and students, drawing on Dr. Em Olivia Bevis' creative work and teaching experience.

The conference opened with **Dr. Madeleine Leininger's** keynote presentation of *Overview of Current Status on Caring Theory, Research, Curricula and Practice*. On the first day three research papers were presented: *Patients and Nurses' Perception of Support* by **Kathryn Gardner**; *Implementing Nurse Caring in a Rural Community* by **Mary Parker and Colleen Ehrenberg**, and *An Analysis of the Concept of Caring Toward the Development of a Testable Descriptive Theory* by **Winnifred Gustafson**.

The second day featured two papers on theoretical issues: *Mastery—The Reality Shock Absorber—An Organized Caring Method for Interacting with Persons Experiencing Role Change or Learning* by **Gloria Clayton and Sally Quimby**; and *A Theoretical Description of Caring as Action* by **Delores Gaut**. These morning sessions were followed by lunch and a trip to Savannah.

Three papers were presented on the third day of the conference centered on caring and education: *The Development and Use of a Conceptual Framework Built Around Caring in a Baccalaureate Nursing Program* by **Joyce Murray and Em Olivia Bevis**; *Caring Model for Associate Degree Curricula* by **Malcolm McDonald**; and *Including Caring in Master's Nursing Curriculum* by **Melba Cather**. With much sharing and discussion, the conference participants left with enthusiasm to teach and practice care/caring and to continue to make a difference in the nursing discipline.

1982: Discovering Caring in Its Fullest Dimensions **Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, USA**

Discovering Caring in Its Fullest Dimensions, the **fifth** National Caring Research Conference, was hosted by Wayne State University College of Nursing in Detroit, Michigan, **March 17-19, 1982**. **Dr. Madeleine Leininger**, Professor of Nursing and Anthropology, Director of Center for Health Research at the College of Nursing Wayne State University, served as Chairperson. Co-sponsors with the College of Nursing Wayne State University included Sigma Theta Tau, Lambda Chapter, and the

C. B. Slack Publishing Company. The purpose of this conference was to assist nurses to critically explore the many embedded concepts, their meanings, functions, and relationships within the constructs of care/caring, and to identify specific meaning of caring from a health and illness perspective. The conference four objectives were to:

1. Identify caring concepts, meanings and usages of caring in health, illness, and nursing care practices.
2. Contrast selected constructs and concepts of caring within specified cultures, institutions, and communities.
3. Identify theories, philosophical postures, and methods relevant for future studies of caring phenomena with nursing interventions.
4. Contrast different cultural meanings and functions of professional and folk caring with clients, nursing personnel, and in health institutions.

During the three-day, conference, the **eight (8) research papers** presented identified both the cultural generic and professional care meanings and functions of caring with diverse cultural groups, such as Guatemala, urban Latinos, southern-rural Anglo-white Americans, and Appalachians. There was planned time after each paper for “Critique Comments” and open discussion. Presentations on the first day included the **keynote address**, *Philosophical Orientation to Caring Research* by **Delores Gaut**, PhD, RN, followed by open discussion of the ideas presented. In the afternoon, **Marilyn (Dee) Ray**, PhD, RN, presented a paper entitled, *The Development of a Classification System of Institutional Caring*, with **Beverly Horn**, PhD, RN leading the “Critique Comments” and open discussion. A wine and cheese reception ended the day.

The second day, **March 18**, started with **Dr. Joyceen Boyle’s** presentation, *Indigenous Caring Practices in a Guatemalan Colonia*, followed by PhD(c) **Anna Baziak Dugan’s** paper, *Compadrazgo: A Caring Phenomena Among Urban Latinos and Social Action Nursing*. Dr. Boyle led the “Critique Comments” and open discussion. During the afternoon, the two papers were presented. *Self Reports of Experiences and Perceptions Regarding Caring Phenomena by Registered Nurses* by **Winnifred Gustafson**, RN, MSN, with **Fran Wenger**, RN, MSN leading the “Critique Comments” and discussion, followed by the presentation, *Self Care and Care-Taking of the Adolescent Asthmatic Girl* by **Mary Sue Mennen**, RN, MS and **Dr. Marilyn Ray’s** critique and open discussion.

On day three, **March 19**, **Dr. Madeleine Leininger** presented *Caring Constructs of Concern, Touch and Presence with Southern Rural Anglo-White Americans* with **Joan Uhl**, RN, PhD(c), leading the “Critique Comments.” The last paper by **Janet Wang**, PhD, RN, was entitled, *Caretaker-Child Interaction in the Appalachian Subculture*, and was critiqued by **Mary Bailey**, RN, PhD(c).

The National Caring Conference was attracting more participants and growing in sophistication and presentation of varied research projects. Nurses were better understanding the differences and similarities, the challenges and needs of caring for persons and communities from diverse cultures.

1983: Caring Theory and Research Methods **University of Texas-Tyler, USA**

The **sixth** National Caring Research Conference, held at the University of Texas-Tyler from **April 6-8, 1983**, was hosted by **Doris Riemen**, University of Texas-Tyler, School of Nursing. The focus was on *Caring Theory and Research Methods* with the central purpose to assist nurses to develop and critique quantitative and qualitative research methods and to apply them to the development of caring theory. The four conference objectives were to:

1. Explore new theoretical premises regarding the study of caring.
2. Identify different research methods (quantitative and qualitative) to study caring phenomena.
3. Identify critical issues and problems related to the study of caring.
4. Utilize caring literature and research studies.

Twenty-one (21) participants actively engaged in discussions related to critical issues and problems in the study of caring, the utilization of caring literature, the use of quantitative and qualitative research methods, and the use of findings in teaching and practice. **One keynote and eight (8) papers** were presented during the conference. On the first day, after registration, welcome comments, and updates, **Dr. Jean Watson** presented a **keynote address**, *Considering New Methodologies in Studying Nurse Care Phenomena*. In the afternoon, two research papers presented were *The Development and Refinement of an Instrument Focusing on Nursing Caring Behaviors* by **Patricia Larson**, RN, DSN; and *Caring in Nursing: Post Clinical Conferences* by **Virginia Knowlden**, EdD, RN. Following each of these papers **Millie Munoz**, PhD, RN and **Cindy Weiss**, RN, MSN led “Critique Comments” and discussion respectively. Attendees shared dinner at the end of the day.

Four papers were presented on the second day, **April 7**: *A Descriptive Survey of Factors Related to Development of Elements of Human Sensitivity in Baccalaureate Nursing Students* by **Martha Auvenshine**, EdD, RN; *The Essential Structure of a Caring Interaction: A Phenomenological Study* by **Doris Riemen**, RN, MS; *Discovery and Justification of the Concept of Caring Through Philosophical Analysis* by **Delores Gaut**, PhD, RN; and *The Relationship of ‘Hope’ and ‘Caring’ Behaviors of Nurses as Perceived by Adolescents* by **Pamela S. Hinds**, RN, MS. The “Critique Comments” throughout the day were led by Beverly Robinson, PhD, RN; Patricia Mahon, PhD, RN; Doris Riemen, RN, MS; and Madeleine Leininger, RH, PhD. In the late afternoon, the participants continued the dialogue during an outing along the Azalea Trail, followed by a wine and cheese reception and formal dinner.

Day three of the conference, **April 8**, featured two papers: *A Model for Investigation of the Process of Nursing Caring* by **David Kahn**, RN, BSN; and *Lamaze Classes: A Forum for Meeting Couples’ Love Needs* by **Carolyn Cagle**, PhD, RN. Drs. Delores Gaut and Patricia Larson critiqued the presentations and led the discussion. The comparative analysis of research methods and application to caring theory helped conference participants improve their research work in caring and their ability to interpret, report, and use research data appropriately in teaching and practice. With closing comments by **Dr. Leininger** and planning for the next conference, the conference participants excitedly left for home to continue their work.

1984: Linking Theory and Methods for Caring/Care Knowledge **La Salle College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA**

The **seventh** National Caring Research Conference was held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania **April 11-13, 1984**. The conference focused on ***Linking Theory and Methods for Caring/Care Knowledge*** and was hosted by **Dr. Zane Robinson Wolf** at LaSalle University, College of Nursing. The conference offered **a keynote address, nine (9) paper presentations, a symposium, and discussion** on the development of caring theory and quantitative and qualitative research methods. There was a special emphasis on qualitative methods, such as ethnoscience, phenomenology, philosophical, and historical research. The four objectives of the conference were to:

1. Analyze the current state of evolving caring theory.
2. Compare the contributions of quantitative and qualitative research methods to the study of caring phenomena.
3. Critique caring research.
4. Identify applications of caring research.

The first day, **April 11**, featured the **keynote address**, *Caring: The Essence of Nursing—An Historical Perspective* by nurse historian, **Patricia Donahue**, PhD, RN. An afternoon symposium by **Wayne State University Doctoral Nursing Students** focused on *Nursing Service Administration and Care Research: Realities and Potentials*. This was followed by dinner at the Grand Court of the Pennsylvania Hospital, the Nation’s oldest hospital and a tour of the Nursing History Museum.

During the second and third days (**April 12 & 13**) of the conference, several papers were presented and then critiqued. Much discussion ensued. Presenters included: **Madeleine Leininger**, PhD, RN, FAAN, *Ethnographic, Ethno-Nursing and Ethnoscience as Methods to Study Caring*; **Delores Gaut**, PhD, RN, *Update for Conference Attendants*; **Anna Francis Wenger**, RN, MSN, *An Analysis of Care Perceptions Among Soviet Jewish Immigrants in the Acculturation Process*; **Kristen M. Swanson-Kauffman**, PhD, RN, *The Caring Needs which Accompany Miscarriage*; **Jean Watson**, PhD, RN, *“Dreamtime and Sharing the Tears” Loss, Grieving, and Nurse Caring as Reported by an Australian Aborigines Tribe*; **Linda Brown**, PhD, RN, *Behaviors of Nurses Perceived by Hospitalized Patients as Indicators of Care*; **David L. Kahn**, RN, MSN, *Toward the Integration of Qualitative Designs in the Exploration of Caring and Care Phenomena—A Case Study*; **Geri Dickson**, RN, MSN, *Application of a Self-Care Framework with a Select Group of Adult Clients*; and **Helen A Bush**, PhD, RN, *The Caring Teacher of Nursing*.

Papers from the four conferences of 1981-1984 were published in Leininger, M (Ed.). (1984). *Care: The essence of nursing and health*. Thorofare, NJ: C.B. Slack, Inc. Due to demand by many schools of nursing, the book was republished in 1989 by Wayne State University Press in Detroit, Michigan.

1985: The Annual Caring Research Conference was not held.

1986: The Caring of Nursing: A Proud Heritage Building New Dimensions
Vallombrosa Retreat Center, Menlo Park, California, USA

The **eighth** National Caring Research conference, **April 27-29, 1986**, *The Caring of Nursing: A Proud Heritage Building New Dimensions*, was organized by **Dr. Patricia Larson** as an invitational conference for those nurse scholars who demonstrated a commitment to study care/ caring phenomena as evidenced by published and presented papers specific to caring and nursing. An invitation was extended to doctoral nurse candidates who were working with faculty involved in research on care/caring. Sixty-five persons participated in this conference that featured **a keynote, a doctoral student symposium and thirteen (13) presentations**. The conference was planned as a time to review work that had been done in the area of caring and determine what the future directions of study might be. The site chosen for this working conference was Vallombrosa, California, a retreat center 40 miles south of San Francisco. Several nurse scholars presented their new and refreshing approaches to care/caring. Some presented human care through aesthetics and expressive artistic modes. An active exchange of ideas was evident throughout the conference and much enthusiasm for innovative directions to discover and practice care emerged. The doctoral students were pleased to be invited to this conference and went away with increased interest to study caring.

The conference opened late afternoon on **April 27** with a dinner, welcome by **Drs. Patricia Larson and Jean Watson**. A presentation by **poet, Judith Treistman**, PhD, RN on *Feminine Poetry and the Nursing Care of Women* led to small group interactions. **Dr. Madeleine Leininger’s opening keynote address**, *Humanistic Care: History, Meaning, and Power*, set the tone for the second day on

April 28 and further small group interactions. Three symposiums occurred on the second day. The first was entitled, **Aesthetics: Human Care, Love, Learning**, and explored *Aesthetics and Human Care in Nursing* by **Dr. Delores Gaut**; *What's Love Got to Do with It* by **Dr. Michael Higgins**; *Use of Aesthetics in Creating a Caring Learning Environment for Nursing Students* by **Dr. Malcolm McDonald**; and *The Use of Ethnic Music to Teach Caring* by **Dr. Deborah Bockmon**. The second symposium focused on **Caring: Culture and Illness** and featured **Dr. Patricia Benner** as Moderator with topics ranging from health care in the Australian Outback, care-taker/child interactions in Japan, therapeutic touch, and the use of music in intensive care units. The **Graduate Student Symposium** on day two focused on **Caring Within a Culture**, covering topics on caring for the dying, the Arab-American culture, couvades syndrome, Appalachian and Asian cultures.

During the third day, **April 29**, the dialogues continued on caring with symposiums on **The Patient's Perspective**, moderated by **Dr. Inge Corless**; the **Primacy and Power of Caring**, moderated by **Dr. Kristen Swanson-Kauffman**; and **Pragmatics and Potentials: Caring 1986**, moderated by **Dr. Linda Brown**. Dr. Leininger gave a closing summary with a challenge for new directions.

1987: Ethics and Morality of Caring

Vallombrosa Retreat Center, Menlo Park, California, USA

Conference participants returned to the Vallombrosa Center for the **ninth** conference **April 26-28, 1987**, hosted once again by the California members, **Dr. Patricia Larson**, **Dr. Sue A. Thomas**, and **Dr. Toni Bargagliotti**. The focus was *Ethics and Morality of Caring*. The conference was an opportunity for clinicians and scholars to engage in collegial exchange about care/caring concepts in nursing that had ethical and moral dimensions with implications for nursing practice and advancement of caring knowledge. **Featuring opening and closing keynote addresses and thirteen (13) paper presentations**, the conference objectives were to: 1) examine the philosophical considerations related to ethics and morality of caring in nursing and 2) identify the critical issues related to furthering the development of caring as a central concept in nursing.

On the evening of **April 26**, a welcome dinner was followed by the presentation, entitled, *Ethics and Morality of Caring: A Critical Issue for Nursing* by **Marilyn (Dee) Ray**, PhD, RN and **Delores Gaut**, PhD, RN. The second day featured ethicist **Dr. Sara Fry's** keynote address, *Philosophical Foundations of Caring*. This was followed by two multi-presenter sessions that focused on **Ethical and Moral Perspectives**, moderated by Agnes Aamodt, PhD, RN, and **Ethical Issues of Caring in the Practice Setting**, moderated by Anne Boykin, PhD, RN. The final session of the day was a breakout session of **Sharing and Caring** around Education, Practice and Research, and was facilitated by Cynthia Weiss, PhD, RN. Dinner was followed by "An Evening with Madeleine Leininger," which allowed formal and informal exchanges by Dr. Leininger, colleagues and students on the development of caring in nursing. This ended the day of dialogue and learning.

On the third day **April 28**, another multi-presenter session that focused on **Philosophical Issues of Caring** included four papers with time for discussion. The summary address was delivered by educator and author, **Nel Noddings**, PhD on *Caring, Ethics and Morality: Directions and Challenges*. In the closing remarks, **Dr. Delores Gaut** challenged the conference attendees to look at *Caring and Nursing: Toward the Future*.

Papers from this conference were published in Leininger, M. (Ed.) (1990). *Ethical and moral dimensions of care*. Thorofare, NJ: Wayne State University Press.

During the two California conferences (1986 & 1987), the idea of charter membership was first proposed as a means to support the research conferences and to provide a network of scholars interested in the study of care/caring. Charter members contributed a fee and received a certificate, a list of charter members, and an updated bibliography on caring literature from Dr. Doris Riemen, Treasurer for the Caring Research Conferences. A list of the 41 charter members from 1987 is in Appendix A.

1988: Caring: A Living Presence

Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida, USA

At the invitation of **Dr. Anne Boykin**, Dean of the College of Nursing at Florida Atlantic University, the **tenth** National Caring Research Conference met in Boca Raton, Florida from **May 1-3, 1988** with a focus on *Caring: A Living Presence*. One hundred (100) participants engaged in three days of sharing and support that featured a **keynote address, a symposium, and fifteen (15) paper presentations** in celebration of the **10th anniversary of the IAHC**. The presenters included nurses from education, acute care, and community, as well as clergy. Presentations were centered on spirituality, suffering and caring, intimacy and nursing, and harmonious interconnectedness. Many clinical and community ideas on the theme were evident.

The conference opened on the afternoon of **May 1, 1988** with a welcome from Dr. Anne Boykin and a **Symposium on *Spiritual and Cultural Perspectives of Human Caring***. The four papers presented were: *Perspectives on Caring and Non-Caring From the Point of View of One Being Cared For: Experiential Reflections for Ministers of Healing Presence* by **Father Paul Wicker**, STB, MAS; *The Meaning of Suffering in Buddhism and Hinduism: Implications for a Caring Relationship* by **Barbara Sarter**, PhD, RN; *Personal Expressions of Caring Presence Supplemented by the Writings of Hildegard of Bingen* by **Fran Reeder**, PhD, RN; *Women and Spirituality—A Caring Difference* by **Elizabeth Berrey**, PhD, RN; and *The Caring Community of Professionals, Theoretical Matrix and Implications for Nursing Presence* by **Janet Smerke**, RN, PhD(c). The day ended with a Welcome Reception.

A **keynote address** by **Florence Wald**, RN, MN, MS, FAAN, entitled, *Presence and Compassion with Spiritual and Cultural Roots* opened the second day of the conference on **May 2**. The following session focused on **Spiritual and Cultural Aspects of Caring in Nursing Education** with three papers: *Nursing Education and a Cultural Milieu for Transmitting Spiritual Values Fundamental to Nursing* by **Savina Schoenhofer**, PhD, RN; *Caring In Nursing Education: The Development of a construct* by **Mary Lou Sheston**, RN, MSN; and *The Presence of Caring in a Church College Nursing Program* by **Diane McNally Forsyth**, RN, MS. A second paper, entitled, *Transpersonal Caring: A Transitional Space of Converting and Transforming the Spirit* by **Father Paul Wicker**, completed the morning sessions.

In the afternoon, three papers on **Spiritual Issues** were: *Intimacy and Nursing, and Cultural Dimensions of Caring in Nursing* by **Susan Moch**, RN, PhD(c); *The Transcendence Dimension of Caring in Nursing* by Winnifred Gustafson, RN, MS; and *Nurturing the Human Spirit in the Workplace: Caring for the Nurse* by Deborah Bochmon, PhD, RN. The afternoon ended with three papers focused on **Cultural Dimensions of Caring in Nursing**: *Comparative Cultural and Spiritual Dimensions of Ethnocare with Three Cultures in the United States* by **Madeleine Leininger**, PhD, RN, FAAN; *Ethnocare and Ethnohealth of Elderly Italian (Tuscan)-Americans Living in an Urban American Community* by **Jose Rivera**, RN, MSN; and *Care Within the Cultural Context of Islam: An Ethnographic/Ethnonursing Study of Lebanese Muslims in the U.S.* by **Linda Luna**, RN, MSN. The conference attendees continued with an **Open Forum: Dialogue on Caring** after dinner.

The third day of the conference, **May 3**, featured individual papers on various themes: *Reconciliation—A Theory for Nursing* by **Ruth Neil**, RN, MN; *A Phenomenological Investigation of the Nurse-Family Spiritual Relationship* by **Marilyn Stiles**, RN, PhD(c); *Harmonious Interconnectedness Spiritual Well-Being in Older Adults* by **Ruth Stollenwerk**, RN, DNSc and colleagues; *AIDS: The Nurse's role in Facilitating Coping, Spiritual Well-Being, Hope and the Utilization of a Social Support System* by **Lillian Toms**, RN; and *Care, Culture and Childhood* by **Agnes Aamodt**, PhD, RN, FAAN and doctoral student, **Nancy Steinke**. The conference ended on a high note of excitement and energy as the participants left for home to apply what they had learned over the three days.

Papers from the eight and tenth IAHC conferences (1986 and 1988) were published in Leininger, M. (Ed.) (1988). *Care: Discovery and uses in clinical and community nursing*. Thorofare, NJ: Wayne State University Press. The book was dedicated by Dr. Leininger on the 10th anniversary of IAHC and 14th anniversary of the Transcultural Nursing Society.

1989: The Caring Imperative in Education

Hyatt Regency Hotel, Denver, Colorado, USA

Denver, Colorado was the site of the **eleventh (11th) National Caring Research Conference** hosted by **Dr. Jean Watson** and the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, School of Nursing and held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Denver, CO, **April 30-May 2, 1989**. The theme, *The Caring Imperative in Education*, drew the largest number of participants to date with 250 nurses attending. Attendees were from the United States, Sweden, Norway, and Canada. They shared and discussed essential issues related to living and teaching caring in nursing educational settings. The aesthetic experiences led by Dr. Watson throughout the conference highlighted a variety of caring expressions. Curriculum models were presented, giving evidence for the growing interest in caring as a major construct in nursing education and caring practices in the teaching-learning enterprise. The conference featured **two (2) keynote addresses and twenty-six (26) papers**, nine of which were part of the two symposiums.

The conference opened on the afternoon of **April 30, 1989** with a welcome by **Dr. Jean Watson** and a **symposium on Aesthetic Experience and Expression: Relevance to Caring and Education**. Three speakers from the University of Colorado, Department of Humanities (Professor of Art, **Reinhold Marxhausen**, MFA; poet, **Marilyn Krysl**, MFA; and **Nancy Hill**, PhD, Chairperson, Department of Humanities) spoke on the role of art and poetry in human caring. A panel response allowed conference participants to discuss and explore the ideas further. The Welcome Reception that ended the evening was an opportunity for friends to meet and new colleagues to be welcomed.

The second day, **May 1**, opened with the **Keynote Address, *The Tensions and Passions of Caring*** by **Maxine Green**, PhD, Professor, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York. This was followed by a session focused on the theme, **Understanding Human Care: Three Perspectives**, featuring three papers addressing a theory of professional caring, teaching authentic nursing care, and the meaning of human care in a university school of nursing. After a break with the general Business Meeting and lunch, the conference reconvened in the afternoon to explore ideas presented in three papers focused on **Student-Teacher Interactions: *The Essential Structure of a Caring and an Uncaring Encounter with a Teacher—From the Perspective of the Nursing Student***, **Sigridur Halldorsdottir**, RN, MSN; *Caring in Nursing Education: A Theoretical Blueprint*, **Mary Lou Sheston**, RN, PhD(c); *The Experience of Caring in the Teaching-Learning Process of Nursing Education: Student Teacher Perspectives*, **Barbara K. Miller**, EdD, RN and colleagues. These papers were followed by a **Symposium on Can Care Be Taught Effectively and Meaningfully**,

presented by six doctoral students from the College of Nursing, Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. Ending the afternoon sessions, **Patricia Moccia**, PhD, RN presented a **keynote address** entitled, *Deciding to Care: A Way of Knowledge*, that examined intentionality and ways of knowing caring. The conversations continued during dinner and into the evening with four paper presentations on the theme, **Aesthetic Potpourri: Using the Arts to Nurture Caring**.

Two general sessions ended the conference during the morning of day three on **May 2**. Three presenters, focused on the theme, **The Caring Imperative: Moral and Strategic Implications: Exploring the Moral Dimensions: Humanism in Education**, **Cheryl D. Learn**, RN, MS, PhD(c); *Creating a Caring Environment for Nursing Education: Moral Obligations in Role of Dean*, **Anne Boykin**, PhD, RN; and *Caring as the Central Focus in Nursing Curriculum Development*, **Janet A. Bauer**, PhD, RN. This session was followed by four papers that focused on the theme, **Experiencing Caring in Nursing Education**, which included: *Phenomenology of Self: An Experiential Approach to the Teaching and Learning of Caring Skills*, **Linda J. Postlethwaite**, RN, MSN student; *Learning Caring Behavior in an Integrated Manner*, **Diana Gendron**, RN, MS; *The Lived Experience of Nursing Education: A Phenomenological Study*, **Tommie Nelms**, PhD, RN; and *A Model for Swedish Nursing Education*, **Gull Britt Johnson**, RN, BSN. The conference ended on a high note of excitement and new ideas to be further explored.

The papers from this conference are published in Leininger, M. & Watson, J. (Eds.) (1990). *The caring imperative in education*. New York, NY: National League for Nursing.

The Denver conference showed a growing interest in the National Caring Research Conferences. The participation had grown from an informal, enthusiastic group of sixteen to many nurse researchers, educators, and practitioners, genuinely interested and committed to caring. These attendees were from many geographic locations, nationally and internationally. The Canadian nurses first suggested that the National Research Caring Association reorganize as a formal association to provide an avenue for continued financial support and membership. The Advisory Board had been guiding the direction of the Caring Conferences over the past ten years. At the end of the 11th annual Caring Research Conference, on **May 2, 1989**, the members of the National Caring Research Association voted to rename the organization the **International Association of Human Caring (IAHC)**. A year later, the members unanimously voted on the bylaws, officers, and board members at the Twelfth Caring Research Conference in Houston, Texas, 1990.

1990: Caring: The Compassionate Healer, A Call to Consciousness **Stouffer Presidente Hotel, Houston, Texas, USA**

April 27-29, 1990, the newly named International Association for Human Caring (IAHC) and the University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, Texas welcomed conference attendees to the **twelfth (12th)** annual Caring Research Conference with the theme, ***Caring: The Compassionate Healer, A Call to Consciousness***. **Dr. Patricia Starck, Dean of the School of Nursing** and **Dr. Gwen Sherwood, Assistant Dean** were conference co-chairs. The papers presented addressed the role of the nurse as the compassionate healer and analyzed the impact of caring expressions in the lives of patients. Advanced scholarly inquiry in caring through formal and informal dialogue occurred among the 152 participants from 30 USA states and four other countries, which included Canada, Iceland, New Zealand, and Taiwan. **This was the first conference to initiate a research poster session**. It was a success and has been a part of all future conferences as a vehicle to share ideas and networking with many nurses. The conference also featured a **Book Fair for the first time**, organized by Drs. Janet Smerke and Doris Riemen, both from the School of Nursing, University of

Texas at Tyler. After reviewing pertinent literature and selected titles of particular interest to caring scholars, they made an extensive list of books for sale.

The conference objectives were to:

1. Examine the role of the nurse as the compassionate healer.
2. Explicate the dimension of compassion in caring.
3. Analyze the impact of caring expressions in the lives of patients.
4. Advance scholarly inquiry in caring through formal and informal dialogue.

Seven featured speakers of the conference stimulated discussion and exploration of ideas around caring and compassionate. **Sister Simone Roach**, PhD, RN, from Winnipeg, Canada presented her work in ethics and caring that were developed in many publications, including two books, *Caring: The Human Mode of Being, Implications for Nursing* and *The Human Act of Caring*. **Sally Gadow**, PhD, RN, Professor, University of Colorado, was a Kennedy Fellow in Bioethics. **Sara T. Fry**, PhD, RN, Associate Professor, University of Maryland, addressed the conference assembly on the application of caring, ethics, and nursing delivery. **Marilyn Krysl**, MFA, award winning poet from the University of Colorado, Boulder shared her poetry from her published books, including *Midwife and other Poems of Caring*. **Marilyn Ray**, PhD, RN, Eminent Scholar, Florida Atlantic University College of Nursing brought her expertise in caring and qualitative research methods. **Bonnie Wesorick**, RN, MSN, Director, Clinical Practice Model, Butterworth Hospital, Grand Rapids, Michigan, offered a challenge for a caring nursing practice. **Delores Gaut**, PhD, RN, Professor, University of Portland, School of Nursing and Nursing Education Consultant, spoke of caring as a construct and philosophy from her growing research and experience on caring.

The conference also offered time for dialogue, sharing and entertainment. A trip to Magic Island, exploration of Houston, dinners and many informal gatherings occurred. Dr. Madeleine Leininger relates, "Participants were excited about the meeting and some were crying. When I asked why they were crying, they responded, 'I never thought this day would come that nurses supported caring as central to nursing.' It's a great day."

The publication by Gaut, D. & Leininger, M. (Eds). (1991). *Caring: The compassionate healer*. New York, NY: National League for Nursing, includes representative papers from the 1990 IAHC conference and invited scholarly papers on Caring.

1991: Nursing: The Caring Practice—"Being There"

Stouffer Rochester Plaza Hotel, Rochester, New York, USA

April 28-30, 1991, the IAHC, in cooperation with the University of Rochester, School of Nursing, (Dean Sheila Ryan and Dr. Mary Dombeck, who served as Program Director), and Rochester General Hospital (Dr. Kathryn Gardner, Conference Coordinator), presented the **thirteenth (13th) International Association for Human Caring Research Conference** at the Stouffer Rochester Plaza Hotel in Rochester, New York. The theme was *Nursing: The Caring Practice—"Being There."* There were **several "firsts"** associated with this conference. This was the first research conference dedicated just to nursing practice, and the first time a hospital and a university co-sponsored the conference with the International Association for Human Caring. It was also the first time the Association sold memorabilia (a printed shirt and a poster depicting the theme of the conference) to the conference participants.

Two hundred and sixty-five (265) health care professionals attended from around the world; among them were 37 international participants from Australia, Belgium, Finland, and Canada. The papers presented at the conference explored human caring as the essence of nursing practice. The conference began with **Dr. John Karl's** intriguing **Keynote Address, *Being There: Who Do We Bring To Practice?*** Conference papers explored the aesthetic, spiritual and moral meanings of “presence as being there.” The second day, **April 29**, focused on caring in bureaucratic settings and caring practice, and the effect of caring on patient outcomes. On the final day, **April 30**, **participants** examined caring in diverse contexts and the moral complexity of caring. Colleagues from around the world reaffirmed the dimensions of presence through caring for each other.

The gala tour and reception in honor of the international guests at the University of Rochester Memorial Art Gallery provided both a cultural and party atmosphere. The evening session highlighting poetry, therapeutic touch, and “awareness theater” provided an opportunity to examine diverse ways each individual can grow in a personal sense of being there through caring presence.

Papers from this 13th IAHC conference and as well as invited papers were published in Gaut, D. (Ed.). (1992) *The presence of caring in nursing*. New York: National League for Nursing.

At this conference the Association’s Board and Officers voted to incorporate as an educational non-profit organization. Five months after the conference, on **September 26, 1991**, the Association of Human Caring became **incorporated as the International Association for Human Caring, Inc.** This helped the Association to emphasize and recognize the caring scholarship of health professionals throughout the world. Incorporating allowed the group to seek tax-free financial support for the continued work of the Association.

1992: Human Caring: A Global Agenda

Melbourne Hilton on the Park, Melbourne, Australia

The **14th** annual International Association for Human Caring Research Conference was held **July 8-10, 1992** in Melbourne, Australia at the Melbourne Hilton on the Park. The IAHC partnered with The Royal College to Nursing Australia to cosponsor **the first conference held outside the United States**. The international **Coordinator for this conference was Sue A. Thomas**, EdD, RN, Professor of Nursing at Sonoma State University, California. The purpose of the conference was to provide an international forum to actively pursue and advance the knowledge of caring among healthcare professionals worldwide. The long-term planning of this international, transcultural conference was encouraged by Dr. Leininger (founder of Transcultural Nursing and the IAHC) and the IAHC Officers and Board as timely and long overdue. The success and excitement of the conference set the precedent of sponsoring a conference outside the United States every two to four years.

The theme of the conference, ***Human Caring: A Global Agenda***, brought 214 nurses together from fourteen countries (Australia, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Korea, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, and the United States). This was the largest international representation of countries worldwide since the beginning of the annual conferences. The participants joined together in a common dialogue to develop new insights for nursing practice and health care decisions. **Three keynote speakers, 6 plenary speakers, 23 paper presenters in concurrent sessions, 12 poster presenters** from Australia, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, New Zealand, Sweden, Thailand, and the United States focused on six major themes: Trans-Cultural Human Care and Caring; Women, Caring and Nursing; Ethics of Caring; Caring Research Methods; Nursing Practice and Nursing Experiences; Caring and Nursing Administration.

The **opening ceremony** on the morning of **July 8** featured the ritual flag ceremony and the passing of Aboriginal Sticks. This was followed by a **Keynote Address**, *The Ethic of Care—Nursing Excellence for a Troubled World* by **Dr. Sara Fry** from the University of Maryland, School of Nursing in Baltimore. Dr. Fry described the various meanings of caring that permeates nursing history and nursing actions. She analyzed the ethic of care for its traditions, approaches and interpretations, and proposed a model. Dr. Fry stated, “The profession of nursing responds to the health needs of all individuals confronting human tragedy, no matter what the reason. Nursing’s excellence in the face of overwhelming human health needs is the specialized caring that nursing offers.”

After morning tea in the exhibition area, participants attended **two plenary presentations**. **Dr. Annette Street**, Director, Centre for Studies in Pediatric Nursing, Royal Childrens Hospital, Melbourne, Australia, presented a paper, entitled, *Being Caring: Getting Beyond the Tyranny of “Niceness” in Health Care*. Dr. Street argued that the relationship between being caring and being “nice” has been blurred. The blurring is influenced by socio-cultural values and often leads to conflict between wanting to be accepted and wanting to provide genuine caring. Dr. Street’s reported on her work with action research groups to help nurses “move beyond the tyranny of niceness and reconstruct their practices in ways that transcend concerns with being always regarded as “nice” and move into genuine expressions of caring.” The second plenary paper, “*She Can,*” “*She Wants,*” “*She Dares*”—*Characteristics of the Excellent Nurses in the Caring Moment*, was presented by **Siv Back-Pettersson** of Gothenburg, Sweden and **Kirsten Pryds Jensen** of Glostrup, Denmark. These researchers described their phenomenological study that identified characteristics of nurses considered to be excellent and the characteristics of caring situations in which those nurses were involved. The study showed that internalized caring values, use of self and professional knowledge and consciousness in action are crucial in the caring capacity. The caring moment of total attention and trust appears to be the key phenomenon in the caring situation. The afternoon on this first day featured 12 paper presentations divided into four breakout sessions of three each. Poster presentations and a cocktail reception ended the busy day.

The second day, **July 9**, opened with poster presentations, followed by a **Keynote Address**, *The Never-ending Story: Caring in Nursing*, presented by **Robin Watts**, PhD, Associate Professor and Head of Nursing, School of Nursing, Curtin University of Technology, Perth, Western Australia. Dr. Watts challenged the conference attendees to explore the validity of the major conceptualizations of caring that had been identified, the positions adopted, the potential relationships between caring categories, and the manifestations of caring at a community level. She argued that narrative and reflection are two methods to scrutinize the commonalities and contradictions between and within the various conceptualizations of caring. **Two plenary papers** followed. **Madeleine Leininger**, PhD, RN, CTN, LHD, DS, FAAN, Professor of Nursing and Anthropology, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, USA, presented a paper on *Culture Care Theory: The Comparative Global Theory to Advance Human Care Knowledge and Practices*. Dr. Leininger described the purpose of her presentation was to demonstrate the use of her theory to advance human care knowledge from epistemic, ontologic, and culturologic perspectives. In a comparative analysis study of urban-living Anglo- and African-Americans, she found a marked contrast in culture care values, meanings, and experiences. She argued the critical importance of Culture Care theory to explicate largely embedded and invisible care phenomena found in the client’s *emic* world view and the folk professional *etic* nursing and health systems. The **second paper** was entitled, *Human Caring: A Global Ontology for the Discipline of Nursing*, and presented by **Dr. Katie Eriksson**, Department of Caring Science, Abo Akademi University, Vasa, Finland and **Dr. Jean Watson**, Center for Human Caring, University of Colorado Human Sciences Center, Denver, Colorado, USA. Dr. Eriksson and Dr. Watson focused on their development of a common caring ontology that can guide nurses in practice, research, and academic settings. Their paper presented an international perspective for nursing and caring science, stating that “as nursing evolves as a distinct discipline and profession, it is increasingly important to

clarify its ontological foundation as both prerequisite to, and interactive with, its caring epistemology, methodology and praxis.” The afternoon sessions again featured 12 paper presentations divided into four breakout sessions of three each. The day of learning and sharing ended with the IAHC Business Meeting, followed by a dinner dance.

On day three, **July 10, Professor Margaret Dunlop**, Faculty of Health & Behavioral Sciences, School of Nursing, Griffith University, Queensland, Australia presented her **Keynote Address**, *In the War Years: Caring, Women and Economic Relationalism*. Dr. Dunlop addressed issues raised by economic policies which withdraw support from the structures that the modern world had developed to support caring practices. **Two plenary sessions** followed. **Gwen Sherwood**, PhD, RN, Assistant Dean for Educational Outreach, Health Sciences Center, University of Texas, Houston, Texas, USA presented a paper entitled, *Making a Difference: the Phenomenological Richness of Patient Responses to Nurses’ Caring*. Dr. Sherwood’s study showed that patient’s physical and mental well-being increased with nurse caring. Recognizing that nursing has both “doing” and “being” in a dual aspect of skillful knowledgeable competence with person-centered interactions, patients value nurse caring. Dr. Sherwood challenged the conference delegates to further study the impact of high touch used in high tech environments on patient welfare. **Dr. Sara Fry**, who opened the conference with a keynote address, presented **The Closing Ceremony Address**. After a luncheon, delegates made professional visits to city and county hospitals, health care agencies and educational centers of their choice.

Besides being the first conference outside the United States, there were several other “firsts” at this conference. The conference planners offered opportunities for tours in and around Melbourne. **It was the first conference to offer breakout sessions** that allowed for a greater number of presentations and choices for attendees. It was the also the **first time a conference planners invited Exhibitors** to display their products. It was the **first time a formal book of abstracts** was produced for attendees. This conference represented some excellent papers to support international nursing scholarship. The presenters and participants focused on the challenges of a global perspective of human care and caring. The growing number of nurse scholars and clinicians worldwide interested in caring research and practice was evident at this conference.

The papers from this 1992 conference in Australia and invited papers were published in Gaut, D. (Ed.) (1993). *A global agenda for caring*. New York, NY: National League for Nursing.

1993: Caring as Healing: Renewal Through Hope **University of Portland, Portland, Oregon, USA**

The 15th annual International Association for Human Caring Research Conference was held in the beautiful Pacific Northwest on the University of Portland campus in Portland, Oregon **May 16-18, 1993**. Co-sponsored by the University of Portland School of Nursing (**Dr. Delores Gaut** and **Dr. Susan Moscato**, conference coordinators) and St. Vincent’s Hospital and Medical Center, (**Kathy Johnson**, Director of Nursing Services; **Dr. Sylvia McSkimming**, co-chair; and **Connie Harrison**, co-chair), the theme of the conference was *Caring as Healing: Renewal Through Hope*.

The conference began with a celebration of caring in a Community Mass held in the Chapel of Christ the Teacher. **Dr. Katie Eriksson** from Vasa, Finland opened the presentations with a creative reflection on the essence of human caring entitled, *Theories of Caring as Health*. The day concluded with traditional Northwest experiences—storytelling of Native American traditions of healing, a

potlatch salmon dinner, and Native American dances performed by the Bow and Arrow Club Indian Dancers.

Dr. Patricia Chadwick, Dean, School of Nursing, University of Portland welcomed one hundred and seventy-five (175) nurses from Australia, Canada, Finland, New Zealand, Scotland, United Kingdom, and the United States, who attended the conference for creative dialogue and exploration of caring as healing and personal renewal through hope. The conference was organized around **three themes: Healing Rituals, Healing Modalities, and The Value of Hope from the Patient's Perspective.**

Rituals of healing began with **Dr. Francelyn Reeder** inviting all participants to reflect on ritual, not only through historical eyes, but also throughout one's life. Other presenters invited all to listen to the voice of nurses as healers and expand nursing models to focus on healing, as well as curing. A series of evening workshop sessions provided the participants an opportunity to explore the healing art of clay, the healing expression of dance, the healing art of journaling, and the healing rituals of Tai Chi and Therapeutic Touch.

The last theme was of hope from a patient's perspective as experienced in the reality of illness and suffering. **Dr. Linda Brown** presented the multifaceted phenomenon of care as experienced by the one cared-for. **Dr. Kay Herth** spoke of the need for hope with the older adult, and **A. Lynne Wagner** presented *The Color of Hope*, a personal story of her lived experience of breast cancer through poetry and photographs, for which she received a standing ovation. **Dr. Phillip Darbyshire** of Scotland shared his research about mutual support among parents and pediatric nurses in a live-in hospital situation. The conference closed with a spontaneous celebration of dance on the campus lawn. Led by **Carol Picard**, the participants freely expressed their unity, their caring, and their healing in a circle group dance, reflecting joy and hope.

The papers from this conference are available in the publication, Gaut, D. & Boykin, A. (Eds.). (1994). *Caring as healing: Renewal through hope*. New York, NY: National League for Nursing.

1994: Caring: Power, Politics & Public Policy **Chateau Laurier Hotel, Ottawa, Canada**

May 7-9, 1994, nurses and other health professionals from around the world participated in the 16th annual International Association for Human Caring Research Conference. At the invitation of **Dr. Malcolm MacDonald**, the IAHC held the annual conference in Ottawa, Canada, the nation's capital, at the beautiful Chateau Laurier Hotel. The conference hosted 225 participants with representation from eleven (11) countries: Australia, Brazil, Canada, England, Finland, New Zealand, Norway, Russia, Sweden, Scotland and the United States. The conference was co-sponsored by the Grey Bruce Regional Health Centre, and endorsed by the Canadian Hospital Association.

Based on the conference theme, *Caring: Power, Politics & Public Policy*, participants examined the embodiment of caring within a global context of human care and politics. The three-day conference featured **two Keynote Presentations, an international panel and 13 original papers**. The first day, **May 7**, opened with an international panel led by **Madeleine Leininger**, PhD, RN, FAAN, that addressed the topic, *The Power, Politics & Public policy of Human Caring—A Global Perspective*. Sessions continued in the afternoon with paper presentations: *Human Care: Towards a Networking Global Community* by **Vera Regina Walsow**, EdD, RN, from Brazil; *Global Windows of Opportunity: Caring in Changing Political Climates* by **Carol Picard**, RN, MS, from the USA; *Power, Politics and Public Policy: The Challenge of a New Metaphor* by **Sister Simone Roach**, PhD,

RN, from Canada. An evening reception was held at the National Art Gallery, allowing further dialogue around the themes and fun entertainment provided by the “Palm Court Musicale.”

The second day, **May 8**, opened with a continental breakfast that was followed by an opening address, *Caring: Power through Connecting*, led by **Malcolm MacDonald**, EdD, RN, MScN. **Drs. Beatrice and Philip Kalisch** presented their **Keynote Address** entitled, *Nurse Caring: Evolution, Revolution & Renaissance*. With expertise in organizational development and structure, patient care systems, nursing operations, marketing nursing, recruitment and retention of nurses, and strategic planning for nursing, the Drs. Kalisch and Kalisch challenged the attendees to examine the influence of caring on power, politics, and public policy. They set the stage for the six (6) papers that followed during the day: *Values, Vision and Action: Creating a Care-Focused Nursing Practice Environment* by **Kathleen Valentine**, PhD, RN; *Unleashing the Giant: The Politics of Women’s Health Care*, by **A. Lynne Wagner**, RN, MSN; *A Nurse Leader’s Dilemma: To Care or Not To Care*, by **Sandra S. Sweeney**, PhD, RN; *Technology and Caring in Nursing*, by **Rozzano C. Locsin**, PhD, RN; *Nursing Diagnosis: An Obstacle to Caring Ways*, by **Gail J. Mitchell**, PhD, RN; and *Nurses’ & Family Members’ Perceptions of Nurse-Caring Behaviors Toward Family Members in Critical Care*, by **Lucie Gagnon**, RN, Professor. The day’s discussions continued over dinner as conference participants shared a meal with a Care Theorist and/or an IAHC Board Member.

The third day, **May 9**, opened with the **Keynote Address** by **Tim Porter-O’Grady**, PhD, RN, who spoke on *Empowerment: The Nurse Caring Imperative*. Dr. Porter-O’Grady, with expertise in systems innovation and creative leadership of health care facilities, spoke of the health needs of society. The three papers that followed added to the discussion: *Caring at the Crossroads: The Need for an Interpretive Strategy*, by **Patricia Farrell**, RN, PhD(c); *Changing the Environment of Care: The Experience of the New Graduate*, by **Leslie M. Wilkes**, PhD, RN and **Marianne C. Wells**, RN, BSc (Hons); and *The Curriculum Revolution in Nursing Education: An Analysis of the Care Mandate*, by **Roxie Thompson Isherwood**, RN, BN, MEd. The conference ended with closing ceremonies and lunch. Participants were energized with new ideas for practice innovations. The original papers prepared by global representatives skillfully wove connections between caring, power, politics and public policy. The participants left the conference very aware that caring is being both challenged and augmented by shifting values and economies throughout the world.

Papers from this conference were published by Boykin, A. (Ed.). (1995). *Power, politics, & public policy: A matter of caring*. New York, NY: National League for Nursing Press.

1995: Nursing’s Caring Heritage: Pathway to the Future **Omni Hotel, Charlottesville, Virginia, USA**

The 17th Annual International Association for Human Caring Research Conference focused on *Nursing’s Caring Heritage: Pathway to the Future*. One hundred and fifty-six (156) participants from seven countries [Australia, Canada, England, Norway, Russia, Sweden, and the United States (31 states)] participated in the 3-day conference held **April 30 to May 2, 1995** at the Omni Hotel in beautiful, historic Charlottesville, Virginia. The Conference was co-sponsored by the University of Virginia Health Sciences Center for Continuing Healthcare Education, The University of Virginia School of Nursing, and the Center for Nursing Historical Inquiry. **Dr. Anne Gill-Taylor and Linda Shank** coordinated the efforts provided a wonderful experience for all. The conference included three keynote speakers, eight general sessions, 15 concurrent sessions, and 32 poster presentations.

M. Patricia Donahue, PhD, RN, noted nurse historian and author, opened the conference with her moving **keynote paper**, *Caring, Perspectives Through the Artists' Eyes*. She presented the participants an evolving image of nursing as represented by art. **Diane Hamilton**, PhD, RN, also a nurse historian, described the importance of historical inquiry and explored *The Spiral Nebula of Caring* as the heritage of nursing. **Alan Pearson**, PhD, RN, who presented a paper entitled, *Reclaiming the Centrality of Caring as a Therapeutic Act*, utilized interpretations from a recently completed study on the nature of nursing work in colonial Victoria, Australia from 1840-1870. He examined the decentralization of the role of generic caring in acute health care settings and the genderization of nursing.

Twenty-four papers (24) were presented during the two days of concurrent sessions. This is the second IAHC Annual International Caring Conference that was organized around **concurrent sessions** rather than all attendees participating in every paper session. (The first concurrent sessions occurred at the 1992 conference in Australia.) With the growing interest in the caring concept and growing membership, this conference's organizational model allowed more papers to be accepted and broadened the scope of networking and dissemination of caring knowledge.

The major themes were: **Caring Pathways in Current Practice, Education and Caring, Culture and Caring, Community and Self-Care**, and **Socio-Political Challenges in the Development of Caring Practices**. In addition, **32 posters were presented** at the evening reception. The posters focused on the following research themes: Caring: Historical Perspective, Caring: Definition and Measurement, Caring and Educational Considerations, Caring and Gerontology, Caring in the Stressful Healthcare Environment, Caring: Transcultural Perspectives, Caring and Gender Considerations, and Caring and Self-Care.

This conference was truly an international event as keynote, paper and poster presenters represented seven world countries. Special events included tours of Colonial Williamsburg and Monticello and an evening performance by Chihamba of Dancescape, Ltd., a group dedicated to promoting an understanding of African culture through music and dance that convey values of caring, peace, love, respect and self-esteem. All participants left the conference with a wonderful sense of nursing's caring heritage, and with renewed hope that the power of caring in nursing is indeed a global concern of nurses around the world.

1996: Patterns of Caring: Universal Connections **Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, USA**

The **18th International Association for Human Caring Research Conference** was held **April 28-30, 1996** at Mayo Medical Center in Rochester, Minnesota. The main focus was ***Patterns of Caring: Universal Connections***. Seventeen planning committee members from five organizations across three states worked together to create a community of scholars. The planners represented the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Mankato State University, Winona State University, Luther College, and Mayo Foundation Continuing Nursing Education. Two hundred and sixty-three (263) participants from twelve nations, including Australia, Canada, Chile, England, Finland, Germany, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Sweden, and the United States, attended the conference at Mayo Medical Center.

In addition to eight **(8) plenary and thirty-eight (38) concurrent or aesthetic expression presentations** taught by thirty-one faculty, the participants were invited to dream, renew, and enjoy the co-creation of a caring community. In addition to the conference sessions, participants attended an ecumenical service filled with meditative readings, music, and dance; viewed and listened to art

expositions and aesthetic expressions; toured Mayo Clinic and the city of Rochester; enjoyed the **Carillon Concert**; networked during a tea at Assisi Heights; and shared an international banquet, a brunch and several buffet meals. The **conference themes** included **Patterns of Caring and Universal Connections** in many dimensions: within person, person-to-person, person-to-group, person-to-earth, and person-to-cosmos.

Following a **welcome reception** on Saturday evening, **April 27**, the conference officially opened on Sunday, **April 28**, with a theme of “**Caring Communities.**” **Anne G. Jones**, RN, MSN from Mayo Clinic, welcomed the participants. An opening ceremony included the festive performance of The Rochester Youth Choir singing *An Open Door* and *You Are the World*; the presentation of the national flags; and the **Presidential Address** by **Kathleen Valentine**, PhD, RN; **Madeleine Leininger**, PhD, RN, FAAN; and **Anne Boykin**, PhD, RN. The first **plenary speaker**, **Sarah Harder**, MA presented a synthesis of 20 years experience of a women’s movement activist in her paper, *Universal Connections: Peace, Caring and the Future*. She emphasized how caring was prioritized on global policy agendas for the 1995 Fourth World Conference for Women; how cross-sectional partnerships help reinvent caring institutions in post-Soviet societies; and why local/national/international networks are vital for advocacy of caring. **Kathleen Valentine**, PhD, RN led a response panel discussion addressing Ms Harder’s presentation. Panel members were **Sister Simone Roach**, PhD, RN; **Fran Reeder**, PhD, RN; **Barbara Place**, PhD, RN; and **Madeleine Leininger**, PhD, RN. The second **plenary speakers** were **Helen Baker**, PhD, RN and **Bala Subramaniam**, RN, MEd, who presented a paper entitled, *South Western Sydney: Caring in a Culturally Unique Context*. They described the cultural diversity of communities in South Western Sydney, Australia, and traced the establishment of a nursing unit to develop culturally sensitive nursing practice, including collaborative arrangements between health service and university, and the action research process.

On **April 29**, the conference theme was “Interpersonal Caring.” **Gwen Sherwood**, PhD, RN, the third **plenary speaker**, presented her paper entitled, *Patterns of Caring: The Connecting Links of Interpersonal Harmony*. The major focus of Dr. Sherwood’s paper was inner harmony—a state that can only be achieved when there is balance in our relatedness to each other. By examining the connecting links from human to human in personal, work and leadership situation, caring consciousness can be expanded to achieve integration of mind, body and spirit. **Concurrent sessions** followed, covering care/caring topics relating to home care, nurse consulting, work with inner city children, education and practice, a multicultural society, peer groups, and guided reflection. After lunch, two short plenary sessions brought the assembly together again. **Pat L. Farrell**, PhD, RN and **Gary Nuttall**, PEng, MA presented the **fourth plenary paper**, *Influencing the Caring the Capacity of Leaders: The Challenge of the Work Environment*. Using a series of stories and photographic images, they described their approach to inter-human and intra-human connecting, discussing the intellectual and deep value connections that influence decisions of leaders. The **fifth plenary** session followed immediately with **Patricia Garber**, RN, MSN presenting, *Partner Dance: Amplification of Intrapersonal Harmony and Transpersonal Caring*. The parallels of dancing with a partner and transpersonal caring were considered in examining the process that enhances intrapersonal harmony and caring effectiveness in nursing. After a break, participants attended the Annual IAHC Business Meeting and were able to participate in an optional tour of Mayo Clinic.

During the evening of **April 29**, twenty-five (25) participants from Canada, England, Japan, Sweden, Thailand, and the United States presented their ongoing research in a **poster session** that represented the universal connections of caring in nursing. Participants enjoyed an International Buffet of foods during the poster presentations.

On the last day of the conference, **April 30**, there were no breakout sessions. All conference attendees enjoyed being together at four successive plenary sessions, which focused on “Intrapersonal Caring.” **Francelyn Reeder**, PhD, RN presented *Patterns of Caring from the Heart*, “as a metaphor that expresses the intrapersonal center of caring.” Passages through the heart were discussed in the context of recognizing and healing the “wounded healer.” A guided imagery session assisted the participants to listen to their own dynamic interactions of conflicting/harmonious desires within the heart. **Susan Diemert Moch**, PhD, RN presented *Research as Artistic Story for the General Public*, positing that narrative research can be transformed into artistic story and disseminated in that form. Dr. Moch read stories from her book, *Breast Cancer: Twenty Women’s Stories*. **A. Lynne Wagner**, RN, MSN presented the paper, *The Heart Exposed: Connecting Poetry, the Human Experience and the Art of Nursing*, in which she argued that poetry as narrative taps and explores the often unilluminated side of the human experience in nurses’ search for meaning and connection with others, creating a powerful alliance between nursing art and nursing science.

A luncheon served as a sharing time. The conference culminated with **Rose McGee**, poet, storyteller, and cultural diversity trainer, who presented, *Celebrating the Human Spirit*. She challenged the participants to tell their own stories in communities. In this way, the centrality of caring as a universal connection would become evident. Participants left the conference inspired to renew efforts in the scholarship and living caring with reminders to “live the dream.” Awards and closing ceremonies completed the conference and set the tone for next year conference.

At this conference, a **quilt** became the symbol for IAHC’s work. The original artwork, *An Invitation to Dream*, created by Mary Ericksen in 1993/1994, became the centerpiece for the quilt designed and created by Eunice Hill. This artwork complemented the conference theme of patterns of caring. The Association sold posters and note cards that depicted the pattern on the quilt called, “*Universal Connections*.”

Members were able to proudly display a symbol of their commitment to caring and the Association in the form of a **gold plated IAHC pin**, created by founding members, Drs. Delores Gaut, Madeleine Leininger, and Jean Watson, and approved by the governing board.

1997: Human Caring: The Primacy of Love and Existential Suffering **Marina Congress Center, Helsinki, Finland**

On **June 14-16, 1997**, the **19th** Annual International Association for Human Caring Conference met in Helsinki, Finland, at the Marina Congress Center near Market Square and the harbor. The conference was **organized by Kathleen Valentine**, PhD, RN, President of the IAHC; **Unni A. Lindstrom**, PhD, RN, President of Nordic College of Caring Science; **Katie Eriksson**, PhD, RN, Professor in Social and Caring Science at the Abo Akademi University, Department of Caring Science; and **Vivian Wahlberg**, PhD, RN, President of Nordic Academy for Nursing Science. Sponsors of this conference included the Academy of Finland, the city of Helsinki, Arcada Polytechnic School of Health Care and Social Work, Abo Akademi University, and University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire School of Nursing Continuing Education. Participants from 16 nations attended.

The focus of this conference was *Human Caring: The Primacy of Love and Existential Suffering*. Through **keynote speakers and panels, 38 concurrent papers, poster sessions**, discussions, personal interactions, and local cultural activities, participants examined the primacy of human love and suffering in relation to human caring in nursing. They explored human caring research and affirmed human caring in the clinical domain as the paradigm for nursing.

The Conference opened the evening of **June 13** at the Helsinki Town Hall with a **welcome reception** hosted by the City of Helsinki and Assistant Mayor and included dance and music. It was a warm and embracing welcome to the scholars, clinicians, educators, administrators, and students who attended the conference. The next morning on **June 14**, an opening ceremony with the festival of the flags from 16 nations, caring rituals, and a welcome addresses launched the first day of the conference that focused on *Ontology—Human Caring within the Core of Love and Suffering*. **Dr. Kathleen Valentine’s plenary presentation, *Reaching for Growth: Perennial Cycles in Love, Suffering and Caring***, set the tone for the conference. The three concurrent sessions on the first day focused on “Suffering and Health, The Suffering Human Being—The Patient, and Caring and Caring Ethics.” The day’s activities included the IAHC Business Meeting and the **Poster Sessions**. The evening climaxed with an International Buffet, followed by a bus trip to the Monument of Jean Sibelius and enjoyment of song, music, and Midnight Mass in the Rock Church.

The second day’s theme on **June 15** centered on *Human Caring—Love and Suffering in the Clinical Domain*. The morning plenary featured a panel that addressed *Human Caring—Love and Suffering from a Nordic Perspective*. **The panelists included Drs. Unni Lindstrom (Finland), Ingegerd Bergbom Enberg (Sweden), Sigridur Halldorsdottir (Iceland), Kari Martinsen (Norway), with Dr. Anne Boykin (USA) as moderator**. The concurrent sessions that followed covered a variety of themes, namely: In the Patients’ World, In the Nurses’ World, and Ethics and Esthetics. The day ended with the Conference Dinner, and entertainment of folk dancing and a quartet singing several selections.

On **June 16**, the third day, the focus was on *Research and Visions—To Build a Science of Love in a Caring World*. The concurrent sessions focused on researchers, administrators and teachers. The **closing panel plenary** ended the conference with *Visions for the Future*. Moderated by **Dr. Katie Eriksson** (Finland), the panel of international scholars included **Elizabeth Farmer (Scotland), Les Fitzgerald (Australia), Vivian Walberg (Sweden), and Jean Watson (USA)**. A closing ceremony sent participants on their way filled with new ideas and much excitement about what they had experienced. Several attendees participated in post-conference tours to Aland Islands, Lapland, or Moscow. This international conference stimulated much enthusiasm in advancing caring knowledge.

In 1997, the first issue of the *International Journal for Human Caring* (IJHC) was published with co-editors Drs. Kathleen Valentine and Anne Boykin. The Journal continues today to publish conference papers and other scholarly works on human caring, as well as important news items.

1998: Communicating Caring, The Essence of Nursing

Sheraton Society Hill Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA

The **20th anniversary** meeting and celebration of the International Association for Human Caring convened for a second time in **Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on April 26-28, 1998** at the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel. One hundred and fifty (150) registrants from seven countries (Australia, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom, and the United States) gathered for the Annual IAHC Conference. In addition, the undergraduate, RN-BSN, and the graduate nursing students from LaSalle University School of Nursing attended the conference as volunteers and attendees. The focus was on *Communicating Caring, The Essence of Nursing*. The Planning Committee of 15 members was **chaired by Dr. Zane R. Wolf**, President-elect of IAHC and Faculty member of the School of Nursing at LaSalle University. The Conference was hosted by IAHC in collaboration with La Salle University, School of Nursing; Allegheny University of the Health Sciences, School of Nursing; Holy Family College, Department of Nursing; Immaculata College, Department of Nursing; Bucks County

Community College; Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, School of Nursing; Thomas Jefferson University, College of Health Professions, Department of Nursing; University of Pennsylvania, School of Nursing; University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, School of Nursing, Villanova University, College of Nursing; and Widener University, School of Nursing. Wide support for the caring conference and stimulating papers was evident. It was a heartwarming celebration and a testimony of the growing presence of the IAHC. Approximately twenty-six (26) sponsors gave financial and other gifts in support of the conference.

This Conference celebrated the **20-year history of the IAHC** with a **Founders' Reception** and introduction of several charter members (see Appendix A) of the organization. **Dr. Zane Robinson Wolf**, President-elect of IAHC stated in the Fall 1998 newsletter, "Dr. Madeleine Leininger reminisced about the early years of the organization and encouraged partnerships with other organizations. She received an etched crystal bowl to mark her accomplishments on behalf of the IAHC." Delores Gaut was also present and received commendations for her outstanding commitment to IAHC for 20 years. A tribute to Dr. Gaut in the conference proceedings stated, "Her commitment, concern, humor, patience, warmth, and intellect have enriched us." The Independence Foundation sponsored the Reception and the President of the Foundation, **Susan Sherman**, spoke to the assembly encouraging them to continue their scholarship.

The Conference emphasized outcomes of caring in practice, the experience of teaching caring to staff nurses and nursing students, and the meta-synthesis of research studies in caring. There were conceptual papers, aesthetic projects and other expressions of caring presented by the members. The three goals of the Conference were to evaluate the progress of human caring research, to compare experiences of teaching human caring to nurses and other health care providers, and to illustrate the major concepts of human caring for nurses with the people they serve. Six plenary sessions and 45 papers were presented over the three days.

The Conference attendees were invited on the evening of **April 25** to participate in a **pre-conference Ecumenical Service** at St. Peter's Church. This was followed by the **Opening Ceremony** the next morning on **April 26** with a **welcome from Dr. Zane R. Wolf**, the exchange ritual of the Aboriginal Music Sticks and entertainment by the Gospel Choir from La Salle University. The IAHC ritual of the Flag Ceremony honored the representative participants from the seven countries present. **Dr. Kathleen Valentine**, President of IAHC, delivered her address, *A Convincing Argument for Effectiveness: Is Caring More than Nice People Doing Nice Things?* This scholarly presentation was followed by **Dr. Max van Manen's** thought-provoking keynote presentation, *Caring as Worry: The Ethical Encounter with Another*. Participants then attended concurrent sessions that focused on Educating for Caring Development, Methodology and Caring, Caring Issues, Caring and Culture. This day ended with the heartwarming **Founder's Reception and Lecture, featuring Dr. Madeleine Leininger, the first Chair and President of the Association.**

The second day, **April 27**, opened with two Charter Members, **Drs. Anne Boykin's and Savina Schoenhofer's** keynote address, *Outcomes of Caring: The Value of Enhancing Personhood*. **Margaret Miller** presented her *Meta-synthesis of Presence in Nurse Caring*. Concurrent sessions followed, which included topics addressing Nurses' Caring, Caring in Patients, and Caring Theory and Model Development. Participants ended the day with networking dinners in various Philadelphia restaurants.

The third conference day featured a keynote address entitled, *The Aesthetics of Caring*, by **Dr. Cornelia Tsakiridou**. This paper provided a different dimension to understanding caring and caring actions. Several concurrent sessions included papers on Caring Aesthetics, Caring in Education, and

Caring in Teachers. **Dr. Marilyn (Dee) Ray** ended the day with her keynote presentation, *The Future of Caring in the Challenging Health Care Environment*. The conference proceedings were closed by **Dr. Kathleen Valentine**, IAHC President, and **Dr. Sue Thomas**. They challenged the participants to disseminate their work on caring through publication and continued involvement in the IAHC. Many conference attendees carried home the IAHC posters that Max van Manen signed.

1999: Cultural Diversity in the New Millennium **Menger Hotel, San Antonio, Texas, USA**

On **April 18-20, 1999**, the **21st** International Association for Human Caring Conference was held in San Antonio, Texas at the University of Texas Health Science Center, School of Nursing. **Donna Taliaferro**, PhD, RN led the planning team of 10 people. The theme, *Cultural Diversity in the New Millennium*, supported the Conference objectives, which were to: 1) explore the development of research in human caring; 2) view cultural diversity within the patterns of knowing a person; 3) understand the significance of knowing one's own patterns in reading and responding to the other's patterns of being; 4) describe what it means to be a reflective practitioner; 5) examine the meanings of faith, health and care within cultural contexts to promote global awareness and cultural openness; and 6) propose strategies for the new millennium to foster the human potential to live with peace and justice in caring, healthy communities of cultural diversity. Sponsors of the Conference included University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, School of Nursing; University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, School of Nursing; University of Texas-Tyler and Palestine College; Sigma Theta Tau, Delta Alpha Chapter, UTHSCSA; Hermann Hospital, Houston, Texas; Methodist Hospital, Houston, Texas; and Texas Women's University, Denton, Texas.

On hundred ninety-nine (199) attendees, including 49 presenters, were together for the three-day conference. They were immersed in thought-provoking dialogue, presentations, and cultural activities. The Conference provided for the first time a pre-Conference Workshop. The three-day conference featured **6 plenary sessions, 12 concurrent sessions during which 32 papers were presented, and 12 poster presentations**. The concurrent sessions highlighted the conference theme with focus on Philosophical Inquiry, Understanding Self, Students/Self Perspective, Caring in Women's Health, When Caring is Difficult, Global Caring Community, Caring in Clinical Setting, Mental Health Perspectives, Caring Models in Education, Practice, Research, and Education.

The first day on **April 18** offered a **Pre-Conference Workshop** on *Cultural Diversity Caring and Healing Among Native South Texas Cultures* in the morning, led by **Mr. Ray Hernandez** and **Ms Mary Jane Garza**. The Conference officially opened at 1:00 PM with opening ceremony and introductions, followed by two **plenary** sessions. **Christopher Johns**, PhD, RN spoke on *The Reflective Spiral of Knowing Self as Caring*, emphasizing healing potential that emerges with reflective practice. **Jean Watson**, PhD, RN stimulated participants with her paper entitled, *Considering Caring as the Sacred Path*. She discussed how caring and the sacred are captured by aligning the personal caring-healing experience with the four directions of the Sacred Hoop. These deep reflections were followed by three concurrent sessions (9 papers) in the late afternoon under the themes of Philosophical Inquiry, Understanding Self, and Student/Self perspective. An optional dinner and entertainment with the In-Flight Dancers completed the first day.

April 19, the second day, started with opening remarks by **Gwen Sherwood**, PhD, RN. A **plenary address** followed by **Anna Frances Z. Wenger**, PhD, RN. In her paper entitled, *Global Perspectives on the Interface of Culture, Faith, Health and Care*, Dr. Wenger discussed the contributions of various authors and researchers toward understanding how deep cultural values, beliefs, practices, and

faith dynamically affect one's state of well-being. Three concurrent sessions (8 papers) focusing on Caring in Women's Health, When Caring is Difficult, and Global Caring Community completed the morning. At lunch with Mariachi Music as background, participants viewed the poster presentations and enjoyed networking. Opportunities to attend two of six concurrent sessions (15 papers) focusing on Caring in Clinical Settings, Mental Health Perspectives of Caring, Caring Models in Education, Nursing Practice, Research, and Education during the afternoon continued to build on the Conference theme of caring within cultural diversity settings. The IAHC business meeting ended the day. Dinner on the town was enjoyed in small groups which allowed more networking and social exchange.

Dr. Donna Taliaferro's (Conference Chair) remarks opened the third day of the conference on **April 20**. This was followed by three very special **plenary sessions**. The conference attendees were honored to be with and hear Founder and first President, **Dr. Madeline Leininger's keynote address**, *Knowledge Breakthrough in Transcultural Nursing Care Research*. Dr. Leininger emphasized the need for "culture care" and reminded participants that "you can have care without curing, but you cannot have cure without caring." The second plenary, *The Healing Art of Storytelling*, was presented by **Anegela Cay Klingler, RN**, which was an entertaining presentation of learning to be present through storytelling. She discussed how storytelling actively engages the imagination and allows participation with others. **Drs. Kathleen Valentine and Zane R. Wolf** ended the conference with their **Presidential Address**, *Endowing the Continuity of Caring: Looking Back, Moving Forward*. They challenged the attendees to move forward in generating and disseminating care/caring knowledge and practice.

2000: Rhythms of Caring: A Cadence for a New Century

Boca Raton Resort and Club, Boca Raton, Florida, USA

The theme of the 22nd International Association for Human Caring Research Conference, **Rhythms of Caring: A Cadence for a New Century**, resonated throughout the conference that convened in **Boca Raton Resort and Club, Florida, July 1-3, 2000**. The conference was hosted by Florida Atlantic University, College of Nursing and Sigma Theta Tau International, Iota Xi Chapter, and was chaired by **Anne Boykin, PhD, RN**. A committee of 15 planned an exciting conference. The following sponsors, who were all from Florida, provided financial support for the Conference: Boca Raton Community Hospital; Delray Medical Center; JFK Medical Center; Miami Heart Institute; Mount Sinai Medical Center; North Broward Hospital District; North Ridge Medical Center; Pinecrest Rehabilitation Hospital; Rose Sherman, EdD, RN; Sigma Theta Tau Iota Xi Chapter, St. Mary's Hospital; and Wyeth-Ayerst Pharmaceuticals. The IAHC Conference also included seven (7) exhibitors representing nursing education, hospitals, book display, and retail jewelry.

One hundred and seventeen (117) attendees came to learn and play together in this beautiful setting of beach and sun. The learning objectives for the conference focused on 1) embracing the unique gifts that each participant contributes toward the creation of a caring environment in the new millennium, 2) integrating caring modules within the realms of scholarship, research, and 3) the lived world of practice, and understanding the uniqueness and complexity of caring in relation to the rhythms of life which served as metaphors to guide the conference. **Three Keynote Speakers; eleven (11) Concurrent Sessions (33 presented papers), thirty-four (34) poster presentations, and nine (9) Experiential Activities**, as well as opportunities to attend a beach party. A Sunrise Ecumenical Service was held on the beach. Yoga sessions on the beautiful beach contributed to a very active conference involving the rhythms of mind, body and spirit. Concurrent sessions included themes on health care systems, nursing education, patient suffering, caring for patient and family, caring nursing practice, alternative therapies, humor, caring nursing research, cultural diversity, moral caring, and

advocacy. Participants had several opportunities to attend experiential activities, such as Aromatherapy, Doll-making Class, Embodied Rhythms of Caring Workshop, Healing Touch, Music and Motion, Quilting Class, Reflexology, Walking Meditation, Watercolor and Workshop.

On the evening of **July 1**, a **Welcome Beach Party** gathered arriving participants from eleven (11) countries of Australia, Canada, England, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Philippines, Sweden, Taiwan, United States (from 25 States), and Wales. It was a wonderful beginning to the conference as new and old friends met.

The second day, **July 2**, opened with a **Sunrise Ecumenical Service** on the beach and the official opening welcome by the IAHC President, **Dr. Zane R. Wolf** and the representatives from Florida Atlantic University College of Nursing, Program Co-Chairs, **Dr. Ellis Quinn Youngkin and Dr. Lynne Hektor**. The tone for the conference was set by **Anne Boykin**, PhD, RN, Dean of the College of Nursing at Florida Atlantic University, a Charter Member and past President of the IAHC, and author of several books, in her **opening keynote address**, *Rhythms of Living: A Call for Inclusiveness*. Dr. Boykin challenged attendees to find the rhythms in our lives and to “make compassion the core reason for our work” as nurses in the quest for justice-making and community-building. For the remainder of the day, participants attended concurrent paper/podium sessions and/or experiential workshops. The day ended with the IAHC business meeting, followed by the **International Reception Honoring the Poster Presenters**. Small groups of attendees gathered for dinner on their own to continue networking and forming or renewing friendships.

Day three, **July 3**, featured early morning **Yoga on the Beach** and the opening of the **Exhibit Hall**. The morning **keynote speaker** was **Lewis E. Mehl-Madrona**, MD, PhD, who spoke on *Nothing Else But Miracles: Creating Hope and Meaning*. Dr. Mehl-Madrona, a practicing physician and Medical Director of the Center for Complementary Medicine, University of Pittsburg Medical Center, has authored and co-authored four books. His book, *Coyote Medicine*, describes his entwined journeys through medicine and the spirit. His interest in the mind-body-environment connection arises from his research that focused on mathematical computer modeling for integrating information for decision-making. Dr. Mehl-Madrona spoke of illness and despair being healed with hope and faith—faith in small and big miracles. It is the process of living one’s faith, not the destination (e.g., cure) that gives quality of life. He emphasized the need to heal within the context of a spiritual community. Concurrent sessions and Experiential Workshops continued during the day.

The Conference closed with a **keynote address**, *Florence Nightingale: Mystic, Visionary, Healer*, by **Barbara Dossey**, RN, MS, HNC, FAAN, a pioneer in holistic nursing and a researcher of Florence Nightingale’s work. As she traced the life of Florence Nightingale, Ms Dossey invited the conference participants to try to envision Nightingale’ rhythms and identify one’s own energies that can lead to new voice to support global caring environments by nurses.

2001: Creating Communities of Caring—Global Initiatives **University of Stirling, Stirling, Scotland:**

The **23rd** International Association for Caring Research Conference was held in the “Scottish Heartlands” of Stirling, Scotland at the University of Stirling, **June 5-7, 2001**. **Dr. Elizabeth (Betty) Farmer**, Senior Lecturer, University of Stirling and long-time member of IAHC, was Chair and organizer of the Conference. Dr. Farmer and her colleagues welcomed participants from around the world as they gathered in Sterling for three days, exploring the phenomenon of caring and approaches to the study of caring across the disciplines, as well as the effects of caring on people’s lives.

The conference theme was *Creating Communities of Caring—Global Initiatives*. **Six keynote speakers** (Dr. Sarah Eagger, Dr. Betty Farmer, Dr. Dawn Freshwater, Dr. Christopher Johns, Dr. Carol Picard, and Dr. Jean Watson), **five concurrent sessions (54 presented papers), five workshops, and two poster sessions (14 presenters) were offered**. Participants enjoyed a Conference Dinner and a marvelous opportunity to attend a performance of the **Cearcall Soillearachd (Circle of Light)**, traditional and contemporary Scottish music and dance. In Scottish Gaelic, the word “ceilidh” means “visit,” and conference participants were invited to “ceilidh” with the dancers and musicians in a celebration of the Scottish culture. Concurrent session of presented paper themes throughout the conference centered on care and caring, ethics of caring, community-building, philosophy and spirituality of caring, the role of the artist in caring, the use of story and narrative, and the use of journaling and the arts. Workshop themes included: Art and Aesthetics, Caring as Moral Action, The Role of Story and Narrative, The Spiritual Dimension of Caring, and Caring On-line. The workshops featured three or four short presentations each, followed by a facilitated debate on these presentations. They created a stimulating environment of learning.

On **June 4** as participants arrived from around the world, there was an evening buffet and **Welcome Reception** for delegates in the Library Courtyard. Both dressed in full Scottish regalia, a Scottish piper played and Roddy McKenzie, an IAHC member from Scotland, read his poetry, greeting the participants.

The Conference officially opened on **June 5** with **Dr. Jean Watson** addressing the assembly with her keynote presentation, *Considering Caring Science and the Metaphysics of Virtual Caring Communities*. Dr. Watson, a Distinguished Professor of Nursing and former Dean of the School of Nursing at the University of Colorado, is the founder of the Center for Human Caring in Denver, Colorado and is a nurse theorist of Caring Science. Her conference paper challenged participants to “think out of the box” about new realities that are expanding opportunities for human caring. Following Dr. Watson’s presentation, conference participants attended either concurrent sessions or workshops. The afternoon sessions opened with **Dr. Carol Picard’s Keynote Address**, *Staying Green: Using the Arts and Humanities to Nurture Caring Practices*. Dr. Picard, President-elect of IAHC, Vice President of Sigma Theta Tau International, and Associate Director of the Graduate Nursing Program at the Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions in Boston, Massachusetts is a psychiatric clinical specialist. Her research in creative movement, the ability of the arts to inform caring science, and the creation of caring environments is grounded in Margaret Newman’s Theory of Health as Expanding Consciousness. A concurrent session, workshop and poster session filled the remainder of the afternoon, with the day ending at the Conference Dinner, and a time for social networking and relaxing with colleagues.

On **June 6**, the third day of the conference opened with a Keynote Paper, *Values for Integrated Care*, by **Dr. Sarah Eagger**, Senior Lecturer, Imperial College School of Medicine, Division of Neuroscience and Psychological Medicine, London. Dr. Eagger has a great interest in integrated medicine and has served as Chair of the British Holistic Medicine Association. A particular interest of Dr. Eagger is the spiritual aspects of the holistic health model. She teaches and practices meditation. Her message focused on recognizing the importance of core values in replenishing our energy and spirit for daily caring practice. A concurrent session and workshop followed. After lunch, **Dr. Dawn Freshwater** and **Dr. Christopher Johns** presented a second **Keynote Paper** of the day, entitled, *Global Communities of Caring and Beyond: A Model of Integrated Nursing*. Dr. Freshwater, Course Director, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, University of Nottingham, is a researcher in reflective practice and qualitative research methods for evidence-based practice and patient illness narratives. Dr. Christopher Johns, a reader in Advanced Nursing Practice at the University of Luton, England, is widely published in the area of reflective practice, which is grounded in integral approaches to caring. Drs. Freshwater and Johns’ paper examined “the relational construct of

community within a holographic framework” beyond the traditional integrative model. The fourth concurrent sessions and workshops led to the second poster presentation, followed by drinks and buffet dinner. Most of the delegates and their guests attended the awe-inspiring Scottish music and dance program, Cearcall Soillearachd, in the evening.

On the last day of the conference, **June 7, Dr. Betty Farmer**, Senior Lecturer at the University of Stirling, Department of Nursing and Midwifery, presented a **Keynote paper**, *Caring in Nursing: Breaking Down or Breaking Through*. As former Director of the Scottish Highlands Centre for Human Caring, Dr. Farmer is knowledgeable about the regulatory agencies for nursing in Scotland. She has worked in the World Health Organization’s nursing research program. Dr. Farmer addressed the “polarizing discourses of caring” in a framework of philosophical, political, economic, and organizational issues. The conference ended with the fifth concurrent and workshop sessions and a **closing panel session** with members commenting on the reports from the workshops. This acted both as a summary and point of closure. The delegates went home steeped in caring philosophy and enriched practice ideas. Many participants elected to take optional tours and family vacations in Scotland after the conference, adding to the enriching cultural experience.

Dr. Zane Robinson Wolf, IAHC President in 2001, wrote of the experience: “The greens and grays of Scottish scenery, Stirling Castle and the plains at the beginning of the Highlands graced our views every day.....Shopping; touring castles; viewing Mackintosh Art Nouveau; revisiting the history of William Wallace, Robert the Bruce, Bonnie Prince Charlie, the Wars of Independence, and the Glencoe and the Valley of Tears; golfing at St. Andrews Old Course; and enjoying the Firth of Forth, Scotch Whiskey, oatcakes, haggis, salmon, porridge, and sausages made the conference memorable. I give a special thank you to Dr. Jean Watson for the \$3,000 contribution to the conference dinner that was set on the University of Stirling’s Campus, a beautiful location for thoughtful walks with friends.”

2002: Creating Caring Environments

Radisson Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts, USA:

The **24th International Association for Human Caring Conference** assembled in historic Boston, Massachusetts at the Radisson Hotel, **May 23-24, 2002** with the theme **Creating Caring Environments** as the cornerstone for the gathering. Hosted by Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions, Massachusetts General Hospital, and Massachusetts General Hospital Nurses’ Alumnae Association, the conference was well-planned by the Planning Committee of sixteen (16), co-chaired by **Dr. Carol Picard** and **Linda Andrist**. The many generous financial sponsors included area Boston hospitals; pharmaceutical companies; OrthoBiotec; Nursing Spectrum; University of Massachusetts Dartmouth; the Simon family; Linda White, PhD, RN, First VP, Morgan Stanley; and Theta-at-Large Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau International. The Conference theme was supported by **4 Keynote addresses, twenty-four (24) concurrent sessions of podium papers, experiential workshops and symposiums, and poster presentations**. The 24 concurrent sessions (60 individual papers and symposiums) focused on Ethical Perspectives; Caring for Elders; Caring-Based Practice Models; Mental Health Perspectives; Caring Research; Community Caring Perspectives; Theoretical and Research Perspectives; Providing Care to Homeless Persons (symposium); Caring Models in Education; a Healing Room (experiential: Therapeutic Touch, Reike, Message, etc.); Ethics and Self As Caring Environment; Caring for Cardiac Elders; Caring Research and Women.

On **May 22**, the Board met and the conference participants began to arrive in Boston from around the world for fun and learning. They stayed at the Radisson Hotel in the heart of Boston's Theater District and near the Boston Common and State House. A moving Meditative Reflection gathered people to the historic First Unitarian Church, followed by an exciting "Boston Tea Party" experience, a Boston harbor cruise aboard the Seaport Bell, and a special IMAX showing of *Into the Deep* at The New England Aquarium. The group enjoyed experiencing the spirit of Boston.

May 23 dawned with a spiritual Sunrise Ecumenical Service at the Reflecting Pool in the Boston Common. At the opening gathering, the co-chairs of the Conference, **Dr. Carol Picard** and **Linda Andrist**, and the IAHC President, **Dr. Zane R. Wolf**, addressed the participants with a warm welcome and a brief orientation to the conference. The **Opening Keynote Address** entitled, *Caring in the Human Health Experience*, was presented by **Margaret Newman**, PhD, RN, FAAN, Professor Emeritus at the University of Minnesota and Nursing Theorist of "Health as Expanding Consciousness." Dr. Newman has been a leader in bridging the gap between theories of caring and health by declaring that "caring in the human health experience" is the focus of the discipline. Following the keynote address, participants attended one of four concurrent sessions, broke for lunch, and in the afternoon had two opportunities to attend concurrent sessions. The IAHC Business meeting at the end of the day was followed by the gala **Poster Reception**.

On the third day, **May 24**, participants joined each other in a Healing Circle to open the morning's sessions. The Keynote speaker, **Arthur Frank**, PhD, Professor of Sociology at the University of Calgary, Canada, presented, *Illness Survivors Who Create Caring Environments*. Dr. Frank is author of award-winning series of first-person accounts of illness. One of his many books, *At the Will of the Body: Reflections on Illness*, a personal journey with cancer and a heart attack, won the Writer's Award from the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship, Washington, DC and it has been translated into four languages. His newest work examined survivorship as a moral choice. From this stimulating dialogue, participants went into concurrent session. After lunch, they continued with the concurrent sessions. The conference closed with the **Keynote address**, *Art is Healing and Healing is Art—A Unified Approach to Health Care*, by artist **Christiane Corbat** and **Bethe-Anne Deluca-Verley**, MD, both Co-Founders of Waking Dreams and Warrior Women. This is an organization formed as a collaborative effort to increase understanding and support of survivorship and healing through the arts and creative voice. It was an end to and inspiring conference that tapped the cognitive, emotional and spiritual aspects of learning and growing.

The three days captured the best of spring in New England with blossoming trees, warm days and active city streets. Many Conference attendees learned that Boston is a great walking city as they explored Boston's Freedom Trail, Public Gardens with the famous ducklings, the Boston Duck tours, Faneuil Hall, Newbury Street and Filene's Basement shopping, the State House, the USS Constitution, and the many theaters and restaurants. Participants went home with new ideas of healing thoughts and caring modalities.

2003: Calling the Caring Circle

Chautauqua Park, Boulder, Colorado, USA

The 25th Annual International Association for Human Caring Conference was held **June 1-4, 2003 in Boulder, Colorado** in historic **Chautauqua Park** at the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. The theme of the conference was *Calling the Caring Circle*, in celebration of the **25th anniversary**. Participants stayed in small cottages scattered throughout the park or at the dormitories of the University of Colorado-Boulder and Naropa University. The conference was hosted by the University of Colorado

Health Sciences Center, School of Nursing and the Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) System. Nineteen local nursing groups, hospitals, restaurants and businesses served as sponsors. The conference coordinators were **Drs. Susan Hagedorn; Jean Watson; and Elizabeth Teichler**. With innovative planning, attendees received an abbreviated conference guide and a 2HD “floppy” computer disk of abstracts, instead of a printed book of abstracts. The 13 countries represented at this international conference included Australia, Canada, China, Denmark, Japan, Jordan, Mongolia, New Zealand, Norway, Thailand, United Kingdom (England, Scotland), and the United States.

The six topics for the **Pre-Conference Sessions** held on **June 1** were *Tapping into All That-Is Present within the Self; Uniquely Called to Soulful Caring; The Discovery of Elegance Within, the Practice of Caring-Healing; Body Integration for the Healer Finding Connection to the Center of the Circle; The Embodiment of Caring; Labyrinth: Introduction; and Sharing Our Stories: Movement and Music as Healing Pathways*. Opening ceremonies of the full conference began in the evening with a gathering circle at Chautauqua. **Marilyn Krysl**, prize-winning poet, read poetry, followed by music, a **25th Anniversary Reception** that honored the IAHC past presidents, and the first Poster Session. Inspired by the backdrop of the Flat Iron Mountains, fresh mountain air, and Chautauqua community, participants from many countries supported the theme of the conference with their research, experiential and aesthetic papers, workshops, and posters. **Seven keynote speakers** throughout the conference tied the theme together with their stimulating presentations that encouraged dialogue among participants.

- Everett Spees, MD, *Why We Tell Stories*
- Barbara Brown, *Transformative Leadership: Crossing Cultural Boundaries*
- Joan Borysenko, PhD, *Fire in the Soul: Facing Crisis, Change and Challenge with Spiritual Optimism*
- Mary Jean McGraw, PhD, *Circling the Fire: Gathering the Four Directions*
- Janet Quinn, PhD, RN, *Re-Visioning the Nursing Shortage: A Call to Caring and Healing the Healthcare System*
- Jean Watson, PhD, RN, FAAN, *Remembering the Call to Care: Coming Full Circle*
- Marilyn Krysl, MS, presented her award-winning poem throughout the conference.

The format of the Boulder conference offered a different opportunity of presenting over one hundred **(100) papers during concurrent sessions, twenty-two (22) Poster Presentations during three sessions, and eight (8) workshops**. In the Concurrent Sessions, four to five papers with similar content were grouped into a session that was led by an assigned moderator/facilitator. The topics were: Aesthetics, Education, Healing Environments, Narrative/Story Telling, Older Adult/End of Life, Alternative/Complimentary Modalities, Caregivers’ Self Care, Caring Practice, Spirituality, International Caring, the Caring Experience, Health Promotion, and Nurse Manifest. Each facilitator received copies of the abstracts and papers before the conference, summarized the authors’ key ideas and developed a discussion guide to be used at the session. During the conference, each presenter gave a 5 to 10 minute summary of their work followed by the guided discussion. This stimulated active dialogue of shared ideas and momentum in the caring research area.

Other opportunities for growth included walks/hikes; Tai Chi; Yoga; dream groups; walking a labyrinth; picnics; and tours of area hospitals, a health care agency for the homeless, and a farm. Many of the sessions were held in informal settings within the park, including tents, which added to the spirit of the great outdoors. The conference ended with a Closing Circle. **Dr. Jean Watson** presented a closing presentation, entitled, *Remembering the Call to Care: Coming Full Circle* and **Marilyn Krystal** read her award-winning poetry.

This is the first year that the abstracts were distributed on a 2HD “floppy” computer disk rather than in a Book of Abstracts. In addition, a VHS video tape was made this year, documenting the conference and is available through IAHC. Boulder Conference planners also made up T-shirts commemorating the conference, which were sold to participants.

2004: Caring, For a Renewed Care

Delta Montreal Hotel, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

The 26th Annual International Association for Human Caring Conference was held **June 3-5, 2004 in Montreal, Quebec, Canada** at the **Hotel Delta Montreal**. The main organizer, **Chantal Cara**, PhD, RN, Associate Professor, Faculty of Nursing Sciences, University of Montreal and Researcher at the Montreal Rehabilitation Institute chaired the conference planning committee (11 members) and scientific committees (12 members). This conference provided an international flavor of the IAHC with the proceedings booklet printed in both English and French and with some sessions offered in English and in French. **This was the first time a conference was bilingual**. Three hundred and fifty (350) scholars gathered in Montreal with fifteen (15) countries represented at the conference (Australia, Canada, Columbia, Denmark, Finland, Japan, Iceland, Korea, Norway, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Uganda, United Kingdom (England), and the United States). The main sponsors who worked with the IAHC included Hospital Du Sacred-Coeur De Montreal and the Centre de Recherche Interdisciplinaire en Readaptation du Montreal Metropolitain. The conference theme—***Caring, For a Renewed Care***—set the tone for the 2004 conference that featured **seven keynote speakers; concurrent sessions offering 45 paper presentations and 8 workshops; and 21 poster presentations**.

The **keynote speakers** included:

- Sister M. Simone Roach, PhD, RN, Sisters of Saint Martha, Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Canada
- Carol Picard, PhD, RN, CS, Professor, University of Massachusetts, Lowell, Massachusetts, USA
- Chantal Cara, Inf, PhD, Professor, Faculty of Nursing Sciences, University of Montreal, Quebec, Canada
- Anne Boykin, PhD, RN, Professor and Dean, College of Nursing, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida, USA (Co-presenters were Susan Bulfin, RN, MN from Florida Atlantic University and Beckie Southern, RN, MS from Boca Raton Community Hospital, Florida.)
- Marilyn Anne Ray, PhD, RN, Professor, College of Nursing, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida, USA
- Hubert Doucet, PhD, Bioethics Program Director, Professor, Facilities of Medicine and Theologic University of Montreal, Quebec, Canada
- Jean Watson, PhD, RN, FAAN, Distinguished Professor, Murchinson-Scoville Endowed Chair in Caring Science, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Denver, Colorado, USA

On the evening of **June 2**, the participants gathered at a **Welcome Party**. The conference officially opened on **June 3** with a continental breakfast, opening remarks, and the **opening ceremony that featured the creation story** in dance and script by **Sister Simone Roach** and **Dr. Carol Picard** The **opening keynote** presentation by **Dr. Chantal Cara** was entitled, *Le Vivre dans sa Pratique au Quotidien*. Participants were ready for 3 days of renewal. Six current sessions followed with 12 paper and 2 workshop topics focused on the lived experience of suffering, education issues, caring for older adults, caring relationships in school nursing, caring in a world of technology, and caring assessment evaluation. The **luncheon keynote** speakers were **Dr. Anne Boykin, Susan Bulfin** and **Beckie**

Southern, who presented a paper entitled, *Emergency Department: Transformation from Object-centered to Person-centered through Caring*. Two sets of six concurrent sessions occurred during the afternoon. The focus of the presented 26 papers and 3 workshops were the art and practice of caring, biotechnology and caring philosophies, searching for meaning in caring situations, caring environments, the use of narratives, the concept of love and caring, appreciative inquiry, education issues, measuring caring behaviors, partner violence, self care, the father's role in the perinatal experience, and culture and caring. The day ended with cocktails and **poster presentations**.

The second day of the conference, **June 4**, opened with three **early workshops** focused on caring for self, healing touch, and caring for health professionals. The **keynote presentation by Dr. Marilyn (Dee) Ray** was entitled, *Creating Caring Organizations and Environments through Communication Ethics*. Six concurrent sessions (12 papers and 2 workshops) followed with a focus on use of artistic expression in understanding the lived experience of illness, the art of touch, intentionality in healing, reflective practice, palliative care, end-of-life care, spirituality, caring and religion. The **luncheon keynote presentation** was entitled, *The Role and Responsibility of Nurse Leaders* by **Dr. Jean Watson**. During the afternoon, six concurrent sessions (11 papers and 2 workshops) were offered. The topics covered were varied and included: caring practices of nurse practitioners, caring in perinatal period, application of Watson's theory in nurse-patient interactions, caring for persons experiencing mental health problems, the ideal versus reality in nursing practice, effects of Buddhist meditation modalities, leadership in the caring culture, the lived experience of the researcher, self care, and spirituality. The afternoon ended with **Dr. Hubert Doucet** presenting his **keynote address**, *Remettre la solidarite au Coeur des soins, une urgence ethique*. He discussed the urgency for health care professional to care from the heart. After a full day of learning and discussion, participants enjoyed the evening social event featuring **Montreal, in Food and Lights**, which included a 4-course dinner cruise on board the Cavalier Maxim, traveling round trip between the Port of Montreal and the Boucherville's Islands.

On **June 5**, the third day, three **Early Bird Workshops** were offered that focused on healing circles, meditation, and healing touch. Six concurrent sessions (12 papers and 2 workshops) followed, offering various themes of interest: caring for persons with chronic health problems, artistic expressions of caring, technology and caring, support groups, reflective practice through journaling, and creating caring space in high tech environments. The conference ended on a high note with **Dr. Jean Watson's closing keynote presentation**, entitled, *Caritas and Communitas: A Guiding Ethic for Caring Science*. Dr. Chantal Cara, conference planner, and Dr. Carol Picard, President of IAHC, gave closing remarks and challenged participants to continue their work and dissemination of caring knowledge. It was a memorable conference in a cosmopolitan city.

2005: Reflection and Action: Promoting Harmony in Caring Environments **Conference Center, Lake Tahoe, Kings Beach, California, USA**

The 27th Annual International Association for Human Caring Conference was held **June 15-18, 2005** at the **North Lake Tahoe Conference Center** in Kings Beach, California, USA. It was co-sponsored by the IAHC and Nevada State College. In addition, five sponsors from several states included the University of Nevada Reno, the University of Wyoming, the University of Missouri-St. Louis, the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, and Nursing Spectrum. Communication was a challenge for the four conference co-chairs who lived in two states and were from three different institutions: **Sharon Cumbie**, PhD, RN, University of Wyoming; **Alice Running**, PhD, RN, University of Nevada; **Connie Carpenter**, EdD, RN, Nevada State College; and **Lori Candela**, EdD, RN, University of Nevada-Las Vegas. The IAHC Board Conference Advisor, Donna Taliaferro,

resided in St. Louis, Missouri. Despite the challenges of distance, the conference was well-planned. The Conference theme—**Reflection and Action: Promoting Harmony in Caring Environments**—was enriched by **three keynote speakers and over 100 presented papers, symposiums, workshops, and posters**. More specifically, the general sessions included three performances; 72 podium presentations, including research, experiential and aesthetic works; and 28 poster presentations; plus 2 symposiums and 8 workshops. The eleven (11) countries represented at the conference were Australia, Canada, China, Denmark, Hong Kong, Japan, New Zealand, Taiwan, Thailand, United Kingdom (England), and the United States.

On **June 15**, a welcome party featured **Susan Mazer** and **Dallas Smith**, who presented a musical performance on the *Reflections on Nursing, Florence Nightingale: In Her Own Words*. The next day, **June 16**, the conference opened with an inspirational ceremony by **Paul Taylor**, who presented, *Calling Merrerrebena, the Great Aboriginal Healer*. The **opening keynote** address followed with **Phillis Kritek**, PhD, RN, FAAN, Professor of Nursing, Virginia Commonwealth School of Nursing, Richmond, Virginia, presenting a paper entitled, *Conflict Transformation as a Healing Practice*. For the remainder of the day, three sets of concurrent sessions (25 papers and 6 workshops) provided opportunities for participants to attend sessions on various topics concerning nursing education, practice and research; reflective practice and appreciative inquiry; development of caring relationships and environments; and the lived experience of different age groups, as well as aesthetic experience of making mandalas. The evening started with a **cocktail reception** and **Poster Session**. The poster presentations focused on a wide range of topics: nursing education, spirituality and end-of-life decisions, caring for the elderly, issues of perinatal loss, family environments, model-building, caring behaviors, and complementary therapies. The day ended with dinner followed by a special performance by **Joseph Galata and Company** who presented *My Grandmother's Dance: I Will Hire You As A Minstrel*.

On the second day, **June 17**, **early morning workshops** focused on relationship-building, self care and reflective practice. This was followed by a **keynote presentation** entitled, *Amo, ergo sum? (I love, therefore I am?)* by **Sigrídur Halldorsdóttir**, PhD, RN, MSN, Professor and Dean of the School of Nursing, University of Akureyri, Iceland. Concurrent sessions were held in the morning and the afternoon (26 papers and 3 workshops). Topics focused on nursing education, research, theory, and organizational relationships. In the afternoon, **Megan Cole**, a professional actor, presented a special one-woman **performance of Wit**, a powerful play that tells the story of a woman dying of ovarian cancer and her conversations with herself and her health care personnel. A **cocktail reception** and **Poster Session** ended the day. Poster topics focused on perinatal loss, pediatric nursing, spirituality, application of caring theory, creating caring circles, nursing education, and caring for refugee women. Groups of participants went out to dinner at restaurants around Lake Tahoe to continue their discussions in small groups.

On **June 18**, one early morning workshop focused on the art of nursing. A **keynote presentation** by **Dawn Freshwater**, PhD, BA RGN RNT FRCN, Professor of Nursing, Lead for Academic Research Centre in Practice, Institute of Health and Community Studies and North Dorset NSH Trust, Bournemouth University, England, UK, was entitled, *Reflective Pragmatism: A Model for Articulating the Natural Harmonic of Caring*. A concurrent session (7 papers, a symposium, and a workshop) followed with topics focused on caring model for nursing education, the economics of caring, caring mentorship model, use of narrative, and self care. The closing ceremony entitled, *A Reflection on Relationship Based Caring*, a piano performance with spoken narrative was presented by **Dr. Jean Watson**, Nursing Theorist and Distinguished Professor, Murchinson-Scoville Endowed Chair in Caring Science, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Denver, Colorado, and **Patrick Dean**, RN, MSN, EdD(c) from the Mayo Foundation Hospitals, Rochester, Minnesota. It was a perfect ending. The conference was further enriched by networking among the attendees from many

countries and the beautiful serene surroundings of Lake Tahoe. In preparation for the 2006 conference in Australia, **Paul Taylor** introduced Aboriginal Art to conference participants, who worked throughout the conference on a communal art piece, depicting a snake and handprints. The plans were to display the art at the conference in Australia.

Thanks to **Zane Robinson Wolf**, PhD, RN, Editor of the *International Journal for Human Caring*, this was the **first year that the abstracts and 27th Annual IAHC Conference proceedings were published in a special 4th issue of the *International Journal for Human Caring* (2005, Volume 9, Number 2)**. This new effort to disseminate caring knowledge supports one of the important goals of the IAHC.

2006: Caring As Social Action

Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle, Australia

The **28th Annual International Association for Human Caring Conference** was held **May 31-June 3, 2006 in Fremantle, Australia** at the beautiful colonial Esplanade Hotel. Near Perth, this is a place that is often referred to as “the end of the world,” as it is difficult to cross vast continents or oceans to get there. However, the difficulties of travel did not stop 102 participants from 14 countries [Australia, Canada, China, England, Iran, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Scotland, South Africa, Sweden, Taiwan, Thailand, and the United States (from 11 States)] from coming to participate in the conference based on the theme of *Caring As Social Action*. Travel fatigue from the long trip seemed to quickly disappear after arriving at the tranquil sea-side city of colonial Fremantle on the Indian Ocean. The Conference was hosted by Bournemouth University in England. The Conference Co-Chairs were **Dr. Dawn Freshwater**, Bournemouth University, England; **Dr. Rhonda Marriot**, Murdoch University, Australia; and **Vicki Druru**, Edith Cowan University, Australia. These Universities served as sponsors, greatly helping IAHC to finance the conference. Planning this conference was difficult as the Co-Chairs and planning committees spanned two continents half way around the world from each other. It was planned well and the conference was successful. **Four (4) Keynote speakers** left lasting impressions and food for thought. There were **seven (7) Concurrent Sessions which included 82 podium papers, ten (10) workshops, and one (1) symposium. Ten (10) posters were also presented.**

On the evening of **May 31**, the **Welcome Reception** encouraged attendees to renew friendships and to welcome new members to the conference. On **June 1**, the conference officially opened with the **IAHC President, Dr. Gwen Sherwood's**, address and welcome to the attendees and. The 13 participating countries were introduced. The welcome was completed by a mother and son giving an Aboriginal welcome in their native language. **Dr. Pierre Horwitz** from Edith Cowan University, Australia, delivered the first **Keynote**, speaking on *Environmental Care in Australia: Caring for Country, Tending to One's Garden, or Misused Analogy?* Closely aligning human caring and environmental caring interdependence of ecohealth, Dr. Horwitz emphasize that as we care for the land, the land will care for us. Participants then attended concurrent sessions with a break for lunch.

The second **Keynote Address**, *Socio-Political Restraints and Action Research* was given by **Dr. Beverly Taylor** from Southern Cross University, Australia. Her paper focused on organizational constraints that may prevent nurses and other health care providers from giving care they ideally intend to give. The major message was that social action research and reflective practice may be the impetus to counteract the constraints. Communication, identification of the real issues and timely action are key factors for social action success. After the afternoon Concurrent Sessions, participants

attended the **IAHC Business Meeting**, followed by an evening of **Poster presentations**, cocktails and a light supper.

The second day, **June 2**, started with a short opening and welcome. A **Keynote Address** by **Dr. Jean Watson** gave a keynote address entitled, *Personal Camino as Caritas Action*. This was an account of her personal experience walking the spiritual pilgrimage in Northern Spain. In words from her abstract, Dr. Watson states: "Using the metaphor of El Camino pilgrimage, we discover that with each step we take we make our inner journey manifest in our outer world. In this exploration the inner becomes the outer form of action in our lives and our world." If each person walks intentionally with spirit-filled caring we can all contribute to the "*Cosmic Love*." At the end, Dr. Watson guided participant in a Meditation Walk. Concurrent Sessions (29 papers and 3 workshops) followed throughout the morning and afternoon with a focus on varied care/caring topics. In the evening the participants were transported to Perth for dinner and a performance at the Perth Royal Yacht Club.

On day three, **June 3**, the morning opened with Concurrent Sessions and ended with a **Keynote Address** by **Dr. Robert Schweitzer** from Queensland University of Technology, Australia, presenting, *Giving Refugees a Voice: What Can We Learn?* The United Nations High Commission for Refugees estimated there are about 12 million refugees world-wide, victims of war and violence, victims of dislocation, transition and relocation and all seeking safety and a place to call home. Dr. Schweitzer emphasized that if we listen well to these voices, the voices will teach us and evoke a caring response that will lead to social action of better support and meaning-making for the refugees. The conference ended with news of next year's IAHC Conference in St. Louis, Missouri, USA and the **IAHC President Gwen Sherwood** gave a short **Farewell Address**.

This Conference provided a time for learning, sharing, laughing, reflecting, exploring of a new land and ocean shores, shopping, and walking. Many attendees who had come so far, continued their journey of exploration at the Conference's end, with many traveling to other parts of Australia, New Zealand, and Thailand. Many of the attendees spoke of how this conference enriched their ideas about care/caring as social action and stimulated new networking opportunities.

The abstracts and proceedings of the 28th IAHC Conference were published in the *International Journal for Human Caring*, 2006, Volume 10, Number 2, as a Special Issue.

2007: The Power of Caring: The Gateway to Healing **Millennium Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri, USA**

At the **29th Annual International Association for Human Caring Conference**, 161 nurses, other health care providers, and nursing students came from ten (10) countries around the world, namely, Canada, England, Iran, Japan, Norway, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, Uganda, and the United States. The conference was held **May 16-19 2007** at the **Millennium Hotel** in **St. Louis, Missouri** from which participants could view the famous Arch. The conference theme, *The Power of Caring: The Gateway to Healing*, helped the attendees to: 1) explore the nature of caring within a global context; 2) identify the role of caring within practice, education, research, and administration; 3) promote analytical dialogue within the framework of caring; and 4) discuss critical research findings within the caring/healing frameworks.

The Conference was hosted and chaired by **Donna Taliaferro**, PhD, RN from the University of Missouri-St. Louis College of Nursing. In addition to the College of Nursing and Dr. Taliaferro, financial sponsors included Barnes Jewish Hospital and College of Nursing; Kindred Healthcare;

University of Missouri Sigma Theta Tau, Nu Chi Chapter; University of Missouri Office of International Affairs and Bookstore; Ascension Health; Dell Computers; Elsevier Books; Nettie's Flower Garden; SSM Healthcare; St. Louis University College of Nursing; and Prentice Hall Publishers. A large planning committee steered the participants through three well-organized days of **three keynote speakers, three symposiums, 6 concurrent session periods featuring 51 paper presentations, and 21 poster presentations.**

A **Welcome Reception** opened the conference on **May 16**. Reunions and new friendships formed around the buffet tables and people enjoyed a glass of wine. A small group of musicians played blues and spontaneous dancing occurred in a connecting chain. In the **Opening Ceremony**, **Dr. Jean Watson** led the circle of joined hands as the group stood to the USA National Anthem. The ten (10) countries represented at the conference were recognized. The participants quieted as **Dr. Nomafrench Mbombo** was introduced. Dr. Mbombo is a maternal/child nurse and Associate Professor and Deputy Chair of the School of Nursing, Faculty of Community and Health Sciences, University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa. In her keynote address, *Africanizing the Human Rights Approach to Health: The Art of Caring*, Dr. Mbombo challenged the audience to understand that human rights in one culture is often entrenched in law and religion, and becomes corrupted by power and greed. She argued that religion or cultural practice often justify that one group has more rights than another. Human rights must transcend to the universal doctrine that rests on the morally fundamental need of all human beings for respect and dignity. She reviewed the history and philosophical basis of human rights, described the friction in Africa with its 49 countries, each with different cultures. According to Dr. Mbombo, “caring is the restoration of humanity to its fullness. Human rights and the duty-bound actions are a call to action led by knowledge.” Throughout her address, she often stated: “I am because we are and we are because I am.”

On **May 17** the conference opened with an early session entitled, **Mother Earth**, the introduction of organic products that do not stress the earth, but provide comfort for aching bodies. Attendees gathered around a buffet breakfast at the start of the day. **Dr. Donna Taliaferro, President of IAHC, gave opening remarks**, highlighting IAHC purpose and mission. A **symposium**, *The Power of Wholeness, Consciousness, and Caring: A Dialogue on Nursing Science, Art, and Healing*, was an opportunity for four nurse theorists/scholars of the unitary-transformative and caring paradigms to dialogue together on a public stage. They explored and expanded connections between wholeness, consciousness, and caring. The panelists were **W. Richard Cowling III**, PhD, RN, University of North Carolina Greensboro; **Margaret Newman**, PhD, RN, University of Minnesota and University of Tennessee Health Science Center; **Jean Watson**, PhD, RN, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center; and **Marlaine Smith**, PhD, RN, Florida Atlantic University. The major thesis of the speakers was that caring within wholeness and consciousness is magnified in its power to enhance healing—in individual and collective ways. There has been a convergence of nursing theory in appreciating patterns and meaning of caring that is transformative. Caring creates energy that allows a participatory way of knowing. The speakers agreed that caring is a reflection of wholeness, of seeing patterns in new ways, not fragmented, but integrated in ways that enhance commonalities instead of differences. Dr. Marlaine Smith discussed five constituent meanings of caring in unitary perspective: 1) manifesting intention; 2) valuing other, confirming other, grasping the whole; 3) attuning to dynamic flow; 4) experiencing the infinite; and inviting creative emergence, as an expanding consciousness of new patterns and ontological competences. The attendees reflected on the thought-provoking symposium discussion.

This was followed by a morning and two afternoon concurrent sessions with presentations on **Students and Caring, Care Models, Family Caring, Faculty Issues, Practice Issues, Aesthetics, Grief and End of Life issues, and Self Caring**. The sessions led into the annual IAHC business meeting. The day ended with dinner and entertainment by the **Lewis and Clark Dance Discovery**

Troupe and Tu Penny Uprights. After performing old time dance formations for the audience, the dancers invited everyone to learn some basic steps and movements. All enjoyed this participatory event.

May 18th opened with a keynote address by **Dr. Joyce M Mushaben**, entitled, *Looking for Peace in New Places through a European Lens*. Dr. Mushaben's main premise was that PEACE can only be gained through poverty alleviation, educational opportunities, access to political office, credit and resource distribution, and environmental stability. The **second Symposium**, entitled, *Continuing the Dialogue: Power and Economic Value of Human Caring*, followed and challenged the attendees to "think out of the box" in terms of the impact of caring. Symposium panelists were **Anthony Disser**, RN, MS, Senior Vice President for Clinical Operations at Kindred Healthcare, Inc., Louisville, KY; **Jean Watson**, PhD, RN, Distinguished Professor of Nursing, Murchinson-Scoville Endowed Chair of Caring Science, University of Colorado; **Marilyn Ray**, PhD, RN, Professor Emeritus, Florida Atlantic University; and **Marian Turkel**, PhD, RN, Board of Directors, IAHC, Independent Consultant. This symposium was a continuation of the dialogue started at the 2002 IAHC conference in Boston and the 2005 IAHC conference in Lake Tahoe, CA, when Dr. Watson and Mr. Disser presented on the topic of the *"Economic Value of Human Caring."* It was by audience request that this conversation continue with two more participants. The panelists argue that in health care, the nurse, patient, and administrator are three players in a complex and co-created relationship that is defined by process and outcomes and a set of economic variables. Caring has an economic value to all and enhances trust, caring practice environments, quality outcomes, and nurse and patient satisfaction. Three exemplars were used as examples. This Symposium was followed by a lunch and Poster Session, and two Concurrent Sessions with focused presentations on **Faculty and Caring, Society, Practice, Aesthetics, and Care Models**. The full day ended with continued dialogue among attendees at restaurants in the city.

On the third day, **May 19**, after a buffet breakfast, the keynote speaker and storyteller, **Allison Cox**, entertained the audience with her presentation, *Storytelling as a Healing Art*. She shared stories and storytelling techniques, relating good storytelling to good caring. After storytelling and laughter, the audience participated in the third thought-provoking **symposium**, *Human Caring Theory: Applications to Education, Research, and Practice*, presented by three panelists from the Japanese Red Cross College of Nursing, Hiroshima, Japan: **Fumiaki Inaoka**, RN, Dr. P.H., President; **Michiko Tomura**, RN, MSN, Lecturer, Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing; and **Sharon Cumbie**, RN, CS, PhD, Professor, Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing. Based on the premise that Human Caring (wisdom and dignity) has great influence on Humanity, Relationship, and Art and Science, the three presentations centered on *First Year Student's Lived Experience of Care After a Human Caring Theory Class and Clinical Practicum* (Dr. Inaoka); *Development of Human Partnerships in Human Caring* (Ms. Tomura and Dr. Cumbie); and *Toward a Caring-Centered Practice Model: Practice Theory Development* (Dr. Cumbie and Ms. Tomura). Collectively, the three studies on 1) student development and learning about caring, 2) faculty development enhanced through international collaboration, and 3) model-building, illustrated the ways to create caring environments in academic institutions. The last Concurrent Session featured presentations on **Practice issues and Self Care**. At the closing ceremony attendees were challenged to incorporate the new knowledge and energy gained at the conference into practice. The conference ended with a slide show of the next two conference sites and an invitation to attend the 2008 IAHC conference in Chapel Hill, NC, in celebration of the IAHC 30th anniversary, and the 2009 IAHC conference in Malta.

The 2007 29th Annual IAHC Conference abstracts and proceedings were published in the International Journal for Human Caring, 2007, Volume 11, Number 3.

2008: 30 Years~State of Caring Science: Celebrating the Past: Nurturing The Future
Carolina Inn, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

The 30th Annual International Association for Human Caring Conference was held at the charming Carolina Inn, part of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, **April 6-9, 2008**. Spring flowers were blooming as over 200 participants gathered from 10 countries worldwide to enjoy southern hospitality. **Conference Co-Chairs, Dr. Valerie Lunsford and Dr. Gwen Sherwood**, with a planning team of nine others, planned an inspiring 3 days of events that included 2 keynote speakers (**Margarete Sandelowski**, PhD, RN, FAAN and **Kristen Swanson**, PhD, RN, FAAN); 2 Panel Presentations and Interaction, 18 concurrent sessions (A-R) that included 69 papers addressing topics on Education, Practice, Theory, Ethics, Aesthetics, Administration, and Spirituality; three concurrent symposiums/workshops, addressing ethics, research, and caring connections; and 22 poster presentations, presented over the three days in six small groupings. The conference was supported by large donations from University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill Advancement in Development and the School of Nursing. Other sponsors included Forsyth Medical Center, Carolinas Medical Center, Florida Atlantic University, Kindred Healthcare, Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, and UNCG School of Nursing.

The conference theme, **30 Years ~ State of Caring Science: Celebrating the Past-Nurturing the Future**, captured the conference gala celebration of the Association's 30th anniversary. The festivities included the recognition of past IAHC Presidents and leaders, a conference banquet with music and celebratory cake, and renewal of friendships, as well as opportunities to meet new friends. Life-time memberships were awarded to Dr. Delores Gaut, one of the 1978 founding members and the first elected IAHC President from 1990-1993, and Dr. Marilyn (Dee) Ray, also a founding member and caring scholar. In celebration of the 30th anniversary, IAHC Historian Chair, Dr. Lynne Wagner, wrote and published the updated edition of the *History of the International Association for Human Caring—1978-2007*, expanding Dr. Delores Gaut's earlier work. Dr. Wagner also prepared a slide show of over 600 photos representing past conferences that was shown during breakfast time. It was a walk down memory lane.

The conference opened on **Sunday, April 6**, with a wine reception and the **International Scholars Poster Session 1**, sponsored by Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing, Florida Atlantic University (FAU), Boca Raton, Florida. Dr. Anne Boykin, Dean of Nursing at FAU, introduced and described the opening of the Archives of Caring in Nursing at FAU, which will house scholarly work of Caring Scholars and will be open to all scholars worldwide to study and use for research. Three poster presentations were exhibited during the reception.

Monday, April 7, opened with **Poster Session II** as participants enjoyed a continental breakfast. The opening ceremony included welcome and introductions by **Dr. Donna Taliaferro, IAHC President**, and **Dr. Linda Cronenwett**, Dean, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Nursing. **Margarete Sandelowski**, PhD, RN, FAAN, presented a **keynote address** entitled, "*Materializing*" *Caring*. Dr. Sandelowski posited that the invisibility of caring in nursing is a problem of identity for several reasons. As women's work (gender-marking), it is "deleted work, disappearing in the doneness," taken for granted. Caring value is lost in its "everydayness" and resists simple representation in its "everybodyness of care" claimed by car dealers, banks, commercial enterprises, etc.; by its "everythingness of care" in that caring gets devalued by others who perceive it as ordinary routine nurses work; and by its lack of "thingness" or physical definition, tangibility and visibility. Dr. Sandelowski argues that the invisibility problem can be addressed by "materializing nursing care," making caring visible or real via material cultural studies where artifacts play a central role in representing nurses' work. The topic was thought-provoking and elicited many questions and

comments. Three **Morning Concurrent Sessions** with 12 papers addressing Practice and Education topics were followed by a luncheon break during which the IAHC Annual Business meeting and Presidential Address occurred. The three scholarship awards were presented to Anne Vitale, (Watson Student Award); Juana Cantu-Cabrera (Leininger Award for Cultural Care); and Debbie Charlton (Droesbeke Award). At the business meeting, Patrick Dean introduced the venue for the 2009 31st IAHC conference in Malta. **Poster Session III** was held during the lunch break and continued into the afternoon break between concurrent sessions and at the end of the day. The afternoon featured two sets of three **Concurrent Sessions** with 24 papers focused on Practice, Theory, Ethics, Aesthetics, History, Spiritual, End of Life, Education, and Work and Environment topics. The day ended with a walking tour of the University of North Carolina and Chapel Hill. Small groups of participants went out to dinner around the town.

Tuesday, April 8, started with a continental breakfast, slide show of the IAHC past conferences, and a poster session. The morning **keynote speaker** was **Kristen Swanson**, PhD, RN, FAAN, who traced the development of her caring theory. Using examples from her past and present research projects, Dr. Swanson described three phases: Phenomenology Development of Describing Caring, Developing Theory Through Action, and Developing a Passion for Practice. Through her experiences, Dr. Swanson's theory encompasses 1) Knowing—honoring many perspectives; 2) Being with—listening, recognizing sacred moments, acknowledging loss, celebrating progress, being there even when uncomfortable; 3) Doing for—securing resources, advocating, using positional power to protect, making responsible decisions, developing an infrastructure that cares, providing needed technology; 4) Enabling—communicating, supporting, decreasing micromanagement, rewarding; and 5) Maintaining belief—finding meaning, inviting gifts to blossom, sustaining faith in others' capacity to come through events or transitions and face a future with meaning. Dr. Swanson emphasized that caring is a nurturing way of relationship with healing being the outcome of caring. Burnout comes when the main focus of care is on avoiding bad outcomes or managing responsibilities rather than on caring and attaching behaviors of relationship. She also addressed the importance of system-wide changes, stating that “unless you change the system, you paralyze the provider at the point of care.”

This stimulating presentation set the stage for a day of **nine more Concurrent Sessions** (36 papers) and **Poster Sessions IV and V** presentations. One highlight in the day was the panel interaction at the luncheon. **Jean Watson**, PhD, RN, FAAN, facilitated the discussion with **Anthony Disser**, RN, MSN; **Marilyn (Dee) Ray**, PhD, RN; and **Marian Turkel**, PhD, RN around *Continuing the Dialogue: The Next 30 years: Caring Goes Mainstream with Business Practices*. The day ended with the 30th Anniversary Celebration Dinner that featured a grand southern buffet, anniversary cake, and recognition of former IAHC Presidents. The dinner opened with a 17-minute dance performance by the *NursingArt Quartet*, a “creative group of nurse scholars and therapists who are also artists. They combine a scholarly approach to understanding caring with music, choreography and storytelling that create healing environments by opening the heart and mind to link theory, research and practice into an undivided whole.” Performers included **Carol Picard**, PhD, RN (nurse researcher and dancer), **Caryl Sickul**, MA, ADTR (dancer and choreographer), and **Shannon Snapp**, MSN, RN (cellist). Participants were entertained during and after the meal by vocalist, Prince Taylor, who sang a variety of songs and styles from different eras. Spontaneous dancing, led by MJ McGraw and Lynne Wagner, erupted after dinner to his tunes. It was a gala celebration.

The third day of the conference, **Wednesday, April 9**, opened again with a continental breakfast, **Poster Session VI** and a slide show depicting the conferences over the years. Three 1 ½-hour **Concurrent Symposia Workshops** were offered during the morning, focusing on Ethics, Heuristic Research, and Caring Connections. The conference ended with a **Panel Presentation** focused on *30 years: Testing Theory, Changing Practice*. **Pamela Triolo**, PhD, RN, FAAN, spoke about creating a caring culture of caring for self, caring for peers and caring for patients/clients

through mindful caring leadership. Dr. Triolo described building a model of engagement, arguing there is a big difference between simply being committed and being engaged and present. Caring Leadership takes courage to “face the elephant in the room.” She defined CARE as C=clinical excellence; A=artful relationships; R=research leading to evidence-based practice, best practices, and professional activities; and E=education, including formal education, support of student clinical practice, precepting, etc.

Samantha Pang, PhD, RN; addressed the topic of “how do we do good work in nursing?” She posited that the seed of goodness comes from the heart and encompasses compassion, courtesy (observation of rites) and wisdom (knowing right from wrong). She distinguished between the refusal to act and the inability to act and challenged nurses to listen to patients’ stories and learn from the patients to personalize care.

The third speaker, **Marlaine Smith**, PhD, RN, FAAN, evoked images of the seasons to describe the growth of caring knowledge over the decades. Spring represents the 1970s and early 1980s when the ground was being prepared for seeding caring knowledge, when care was declared the essential domain of nursing in rocky ground. Summer represents the late 1980s and into the 1990s when nursing theorists and leaders tended to the budding growth and blossoming of caring knowledge, when international leaders were developing models, when innovative and aesthetic ways to explore caring knowledge emerged, when Caring Centers and doctoral programs were developed, and when the *International Journal for Human Caring* was first published. Dr. Smith described the Autumn Harvest time during the late 1990s and into 2000s as a time when there was no longer a question that caring is prime and a time when caring was embedded in philosophy, grand and mid-theories, practice, methodology, environment and political action. Late autumn into winter is a quieting time for reflection, a time to regroup, to survey the harvest and to share it with others. Dr. Smith challenged the participants to ponder how to sustain the growth of making a difference through caring in interdisciplinary arenas, in measurement tools, in the paradox that is presented between caring and evidence-based practice, cost containment, and the fact that caring is not being taught as a core value in nursing schools. She cautioned the audience to be vigilant and proactive in disseminating and practicing caring, arguing that only through caring and action will caring roots sustain the growth.

The conference ended on this high note of acknowledging proud past accomplishments and challenging work ahead. The conference chairs, **Dr. Valerie Lundsford** and **Dr. Gwen Sherwood**, recognized and honored the planning committee. **Dr. Donna Taliaferro**, President of IAHC, bid goodbye to the participants, inviting all to the 2009 conference in Malta.

The 30st IAHC Conference paper, keynote, symposium and poster abstracts have been published in the *International Journal for Human Caring*, 2008, Volume12, Number 3.

2009: The Annual IAHC Conference was not held.

The annual International Association for Human Caring Conference, planned to be held in **Malta** in partnership with the University of Malta and chaired by Dr. Patrick Dean, Assistant Professor at the University of Minnesota Rochester, School of Nursing, was sadly cancelled due to economic downturn and budget concerns. The University of Malta continued their plans alone and sponsored a conference on May 27-30, 2011. Several past and present IAHC members presented and among them were Dr. Patrick Dean, Dr. Christopher Johns, Dr. Kathryn Stewart Hegedus, Dr Jane Sumner, and Dr. Katie Eriksson. (see Reflection by Patrick Dean)

2010: Nursing Care Models

Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, USA

The 31st Annual International Association for Human Caring Conference, focused on *Nursing Care Models*, convened in the Siebens Building **June 2-5, 2010** at the renowned Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, the first and largest integrated, non-for-profit group practice in the world where health care providers from every specialty work together to care for patients with the philosophy of “the needs of the patient comes first.” Amid Mayo Clinic’s art, architecture and beauty, 154 registered for the 3-day conference from 10 countries: Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Japan, Norway, Taiwan, Thailand, United Kingdom, and United States. The 3-day conference featured **three (3) Keynote speakers: Anne Boykin**, PhD, RN (paper delivered by **Marlaine Smith**, PhD, RN, AHN-BC, FAAN, in Dr. Boykin’s absence); **Janet Quinn**, PhD, RN, FAAN; and **Pamela Johnson**, MS, RN, as well as two (2) symposiums focusing on Rogerian Theory and IAHC Past Presidents research and reflections, 25 Poster Presentations at an evening reception, and five (5) Main Concurrent Sessions of three grouping each that encompassed 55 podium papers and symposiums. The conference was supported by two grants provided by the Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College and matching grant from the University of Minnesota Rochester and an anonymous donor.

The **Conference Chair, Dr. Patrick Dean**, and 7 planning committee members created a comprehensive conference booklet described the focus and goals to be:

“Applied nursing care models, in their evolution from caring theory to nursing practice, potentially vary according to regional nursing culture and vernacular interpretation of nursing care delivery systems. This conference will explore and compare current and emerging applied nursing care models by addressing the following sub-themes:

- The ability of nurses to recognize and describe current or emerging models of nursing care in their practice, education, and research settings;
- Health outcomes of patient and family exposure to nursing care models;
- A nursing profession definition and evaluation or applied nursing care models;
- The economic impact of nursing care models on healthcare delivery.

On the first day, **Wednesday, June 2, 2010**, registration opened at 11 AM and an optional tour to the History Center of Olmsted County and Mayowood was offered, followed by tea Rowanoak House. The conference opened with an Evening Welcome Reception from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., which and included a **Dedication to Caring Theorists**.

The first full day of the conference, **Thursday, June 3, 2010**, participants started early with breakfast at 8:00 a.m., followed by Announcements and a Welcome by **Doreen K. Frusti**, MSN, MS, RN. The Opening Ceremony was a one-act play, *The Ghost of Nursing Past*, written and adapted by **Patrick Dean** and based on Charles Dickens’ novels, *Martin Cheusselwit* and *A Christmas Carol*. This entertaining and thought-provoking play introduces Dickens contemporary, Florence Nightingale, played by **Diane Wroblewski**, with a plot about Nightingale’s redemption of Dickens’ character, Nurse Sarey Gamp, an unprofessional nursing representative, played by **Susan Langins**, via the character of Mr. Chuffy, played by Patrick Dean.

Dr. Donna Taliaferro, President of IAHC, presented a warm address welcoming all to the conference and sharing updates about the Association. The first scheduled Keynote presenter, **Anne Boykin**, PhD, RN, well-known Dean of Florida Atlantic University and caring scholar in transforming practice, was unable to attend the conference. In her absence, **Marlaine Smith**, PhD, RN, AHN-BC, FAAN of Florida Atlantic University, graciously delivered Dr. Boykin’s presentation,

Living Nursing Practice Grounded in Caring, for her. The paper's focus was on "understanding nursing as a way of knowing, being, valuing, and living," through models of nursing. Dr. Boykin posits that "when the domain of nursing knowledge is clearly expressed, nursing practice dimensions change." Following the plenary, **Concurrent Session I**, featured three concurrent sessions that included 4 podium presentations on **Clinical Practice**, focused on caring ethics, patient vulnerability, relationship-based care, and relational inquiry; 4 presentations on **Education**, focused on simulation technology, nursing student caring encounters, use of caring models in graduate education, and contemplative education; , and 4 presentations on **Research and Theory**, focused on emancipatory education , violence between spouses, learning from Bangladesh, and caring cultures.

The afternoon sessions started with a **Rogerian Symposium** on "*Caring and Unitary Science: Patterns of Convergence*," moderated by **Dr. Marlaine Smith**. The presenters, **Dr. Nancey France**, **Dr. Marilyn (Dee) Ray**, and **Dr. Joyce Perkins** discussed how Caring and Unitary Science are connected by similar philosophy and enrich nursing knowledge and practice together. The panel focused on such themes as Caring as the discipline and situation of nursing, nursing as a complex system, the energetic foundations of caring healing, and nurses needing to be defined by their "being" and not just their "doing." The afternoon ended with **Concurrent Session II** that featured 3 concurrent sessions on **Practice** (modeling and role modeling, and a caring science symposium); **Education** (use of models of care to guide students and nurses, influences of Sister Simone Roach Caring Based Education, course redesign), **and Research/Theory** ("Caring Model"; Unitary Science and use of music in chemotherapy clinic; long term care of persons who experienced disasters).

Day two, **Friday, June 4, 2010**, opened with Plenary II with **Dr. Janet Quinn** presenting an in-depth look at "*Habitats for Healing: Sustainable Environments for Healthcare's Endangered Species*." Dr. Quinn discussed the consequences of nursing shortages and turnover on patient care and proposed within the context of caring, "Habitats for Healing" that would "sustain nursing and nursing caring, allowing patients the best conditions for Nature to act on them." She challenged nurses to re-imagine an innovative holistic caring approach and solution-finding of creating healing cultures, environments, practice, education and research that honors "being in right relation" with the world. This inspiring plenary was followed by a heartwarming Past IAHC President Symposium, entitled, *Caring Science: Past, Present, Future*. **Dr. Donna Taliaferro**, present IAHC President, moderated a panel discussion between **Dr. Anne Boykin**, **Dr. Kathleen Valentine**, and **Dr. Zane Robinson Wolf**. Each participant discussed her presidency, how her presidency moved caring agenda forward, and IAHC's future direction. How exciting it was to witness such leadership and vision on one stage.

The morning **Concurrent Session III** offered three concurrent sessions focused on caring in **Clinical Practice** (Nurses Caring for Themselves" caring's effect on pre-term infants; caring models as bridge to clinical practice,); caring **Practice in Systems** (knowledge transformation, effect of nurse caring on patient satisfaction); and **Research/Theory** (Ukranian nurses description of caring behaviors, patient's perspective of nurse, examining ethical and moral distress in practice; advancing caring language in medical world).

The program continued with **Concurrent Session IV** after lunch and included three concurrent sessions focused on caring in **Clinical Practice** (authentic listening, caring for women experiencing postpartum depression, using Watson's caring theory in the NICU, a hero's journey with spinal cord injury); **Practice in Systems** (creating staff healing gardens for staff retreats; effect of caring relationships on nurse satisfaction and retention; effect of collaborative caring on mental health, sustaining relational caring practices in practice settings); **and Research/Theory** (interprofessional model for caring relationships, a study on urban Appalachian homeless families, a Caring Mentoring Theory).

The concurrent sessions were followed by a well-attended **annual Business Meeting** that included an Invitation to the 2011 Conference in San Antonio, Texas. The day ended with a **Reception and Poster Session** of twenty-five (25) presentations and time for the conference participants to network and share their caring journeys.

Day three, **Saturday, June 5**, began with **Plenary Session III**, featuring **Pamela Johnson, MS, RN**, who delivered an informative paper on *Living the Mayo Nursing Care Model*, describing how Mayo Clinic nurses operationalize a Nursing Care Model in their daily practice. **Concurrent Session V** followed with again 3 concurrent session choices, each offering three papers centered on caring practices/reflections on **Practice—End of Life** (a personal story of mother's dying, aesthetically presented with reflective script and music; spiritual care in palliative care setting); **Clinical Practice and Education** (contemplative education on self development and perception, an educator's project in a hospital, end of life care model); and **Research** (caring ethics model to empower formerly incarcerated women, health promotion with new immigrated Latinos, health promotion through meaningful relationships, use of HEC as caregiver and researcher).

Full of new knowledge, sharing, networking, and a renewed passion for caring, conference participants came to the closing ceremony. **Gloria Tew**, an internationally renowned artist and sculptor from Minnetonka, Minnesota, brought the conference to a close with her brief history and interpretation of her sculpture, "Forever Caring." Her largest sculpture, "Forever Caring," an almost life-size bronze stature depicting the history of Mayo, is located in the Nurse's Atrium of the Gonda Building at Mayo Rochester. In total, four of Ms. Tew's sculptures are found throughout Mayo Clinic Rochester campus, and two reside at the University of Minnesota School of Nursing campuses of Twin Cities and Rochester, respectively. The artist's marble "Caring Hands" is in the Rochester Generose Building atrium at St. Mary's Hospital. Other art pieces can be found in Japan, Sweden and throughout the United States. (from Conference Book of Proceedings).

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2011: The Intersection of Caring and Quality: Nursing Practice, Education, & Research
Menger Hotel, San Antonio, Texas, USA

The **32nd International Association for Human Caring Conference** convened at the historic Menger Hotel in San Antonio, Texas **June 1-4, 2011** with 146 participants, representing 11 countries: Australia, Canada, Finland, India, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Turkey, Uganda, United Kingdom, and the United States. Hosted by IAHC and the School of Nursing, University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, **Dr. Gail Williams, the Conference Chair and IAHC President**, gathered a 13-member conference planning committee to produce a very educational and successful 3-day 2011 IAHC conference. Throughout the three days, the conference included two (2) keynote addresses (**Michael Evans, PhD, RN, FAAN, FACHE** and **Mickey Parsons, PhD, MHA, RN, FAAN**); three (3) symposiums; seven (7) concurrent sessions that featured 55 papers; and 40 posters (18 professional posters and 22 student posters). Although students have always been invited and encourage to attend and present at IAHC conferences, **this is the first conference in which a specific call for student posters went out and a special Student Poster Presentation Session was created. The process was well received and will continue to be a featured event at future conferences.**

With the focus on the main theme of **The Intersection of Caring and Quality: Nursing Practice, Education, & Research**, the conference stated mission was for colleagues to share their knowledge,

expertise, research, challenges, and successes and identify professional dimensions of caring and integration of human caring science related to human caring in health care and research. With the intent that the registered nurse in various levels of academia and practice would gain current knowledge and return to practice with strategies to integrate the new information into the diverse nursing environment, the conference was based on following Conference Objectives:

- To provide a forum for dissemination of cutting edge practice strategies and outcomes at the intersection of caring and quality.
- To disseminate cutting edge educational strategies and outcomes at the intersection of caring and quality.
- To disseminate research studies and findings related to quality of care and patient safety.

Additional generous financial support from Methodist Healthcare, Christus Santa Rosa Health System, Baptist Health System of San Antonio, University Health System and Exhibitors from NOEP Nurse Oncology Education Program and WellMed Healthcare Company for Bexar County enriched the program. Being within walking distance of the Alamo and the River Walk made the Historic Menger Hotel a perfect conference setting. **This is the second IAHC conference to provide a brief conference paper program guide with the conference proceedings and paper abstracts on a CD.**

On **Wednesday, June 1, 2011**, registration started at 2:00 PM and a **Reception** from 6:00-7:30 opened the conference with a gala welcome at which returning and new participants mingled and renewed friendships. On the first full day of the conference, **Thursday, June 2**, an Honor Guard, Air Force Detachment 842 UT Health Science and nursing student, Jennifer Lynn Roth, who sang the USA National Anthem, opened the conference with pomp and circumstance. **Dr. Gail Williams, President of IAHC and Conference Chair**, welcomed the participants and introduced **Dr. Eileen Breslin**, Dean and Professor and **Dr. Patty Hawken**, Endowed Professor, both of the School of Nursing, UT Health Science Center at San Antonio, who in turn gave a warm and heartfelt **Welcome Address** to all attendees.

The first conference **Keynote presentation** followed the welcome address. **Michael Evans**, PhD, RN, FAAN, FACHE, Maxine Clark and Bob Fox, Dean and Professor, Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College, St. Louis, Missouri, presented a thought-provoking address, entitled, *When Human Caring Fails*. Dr. Evans is involved in an interdisciplinary course at the UT Health Science Center in Houston that teaches about massive breakdown of human caring exhibited by physicians and nurses during the Holocaust. His presentation addressed the ethical aspects and the responsibility for all health care providers to prevent such future atrocities. Participants then moved on to three offered sets of **Concurrent Sessions** that filled the morning and afternoon with varied specific focus papers on such topics as Education, Caring Literacy, Developing Nurse Leaders, HIV-Stigma Among Nursing Students, Storytelling in Nursing, Nursing Practice Rites and Quality Care; Connection of Watson's Theory to RN Job Satisfaction, Authentic Nursing Simulation Program, Teaching Nursing Students about Quality and Evidence, The Practice of Spiritual Care, Creating Healing Cultures, the Gifts of the Labyrinth, Live Experience of the Pregnant Midwife, Ethics, Use of Watson's Caritas Processes in a Gerontology course; Transforming Healthcare, Caring Reflection and Patient Safety, Transpersonal Caring in End of Life Home, Palliative Care, and Long-Term Care.

An inspiring **Undergraduate and Graduate Student Poster session** completed a full day of presentations. Twenty-two (22) students from several countries (Canada, Korea, Turkey, USA), completing an abstract review process, gathered to present their ideas on caring practice. Topics and partial titles they explored included "Assessment of Preplanned Education and Followup Program in Patients with Intracardiac Defibrillator", "Compassion Fatigue and Spiritual Caring in Oncology Nursing", "Dating Violence in College Students", "Post Traumatic Stress Disorder across Two Types of Combat Medical Support Units and the Role of Caring Resources Staff", "Health Screening

Assessment at the American Diabetes Association 2010 Expo”, “Health Screening Assessment of the Cardiovascular and Diabetes Risk among Filipinos in San Antonio”, “ Knowledge of Human Papilloma Virus Infection and Attitudes toward Vaccination in a Sample of Nursing Students”, “Men in Nursing Profession: The View of Female Nursing Students”, “Nurse-Nursing Assistant Caregiver reciprocity Scale”. “Perceptions of Online and Face-to-Face Learners in an ADN Program”, “Personal Nursing Philosophy”, “Reflective Journaling for Advanced Nurse Practice: Integrative Research Review”, “Respecting the Uniqueness of All Human Beings”, “Significance of Having U.S. Army Combat Medics Trained in Advanced Life Support Course”, “Student Nurses’ Perceptions of their Problem-Solving Ability”, “Student-led Handoff Report”, “Relationship between Nursing Students’ Learning Styles and Academic Achievement”, “Factors Affecting Level of Acceptance of Couple Violence in Healthcare Students”, “The Caring Cap – A Personal Nursing Philosophy”, “The Supportive Care Needs of Women Experiencing Early Stage Breast Cancer: An Integrative Review”, “Walking in Someone Else’s Shoes: A Reflection on Respect, Value and Uniqueness”. It was so heartwarming to see students exploring caring at this depth. This invitation and acceptance of student abstracts fulfills IAHC mission to encourage scholarly caring study and disseminate new caring knowledge. Day one ended with the IAHC Business Meeting, followed by a Dinner and Entertainment.

On **Day 2, Friday, June 3**, participants gathered early morning for a **Keynote** by **Mickey Parsons**, PhD, MHA, RN, FAAN, entitled, *Healthy and Caring Workplaces: From Policy to Actions for Quality Outcomes*. Dr. Parsons, senior faculty member for the Graduate Administration Program at UT Health Science Center San Antonio, is committed to develop future leaders in nursing through teaching and mentoring graduate students to assume leadership roles in practice and education. Her presentation focused on exploring leadership, learning from the national, international and global initiatives and perspectives, which can influence policy to action with the resulting goal of creating healthy workplaces. Using a macro- to micro-systems framework of collaborative action and leadership, she challenged nurses to engage in participatory action research to develop intervention strategies and sustain positive workplaces for quality patient care and safe healthy communities for vulnerable populations.

After a break and time with Sponsors and Exhibitors, participants engaged for the rest of the morning in **two Concurrent Sessions**, each time period offering three different sessions of 2-3 papers each. The focus of the sixteen (16) papers was on **Education** and **Practice**. The very interesting paper topics included: exploring educational framework, online learning, pressure ulcer prevention, a personal journey of caritas consciousness, caring for Mexican women, perceptions of near death and death-bed visions, educational intervention with nurses, a concept analysis of dehumanization in healthcare, finding balance, improving older adult hospital experiences, individualizing standard orientations, preserving quality of administrators’ working life, the student’s perception of caring learning environments, and why nurses stay in nursing.

Lunch provided more time with Sponsors and Exhibitors. The afternoon’s first agenda was a **Symposium** presented by **Gwen Sherwood**, PhD, RN, FAAN, Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Dr. Sherwood brings vast experience in quality and safety advancements and is a co-Investigator for three grant phases of Quality and Safety Education for Nurses (QSEN). Her informative and inspiring presentation, *Quality and Safety: Caring Strategies to Transform Nursing Education and Practice*, was a call for action to bridge the gap between education and practice in competently preparing nurses to assume leadership for emerging systems change and organizational culture redesigns. She discussed the intersection of quality and safety with caring, redefining nurses’ work to include a quality culture and the need for educators to reorient preparation of new nurses. Dr. Sherwood identified six competencies outlined by the Institute of Medicine for all health professionals: 1) educated to deliver patient-centered care as 2)

members of interdisciplinary teams, emphasizing 3) evidence-based practice, 4) quality improvement, 5) safety, and 6) informatics. Shaping organizational context requires culture change within both practice and educational settings.

Participants continued in the afternoon attending two sets of **Concurrent Sessions** of 2-3 paper presentations in each. Topics were varied and gave many opportunities to explore caring on different levels. The seventeen (17) papers focused on **Education, Practice, Theory and Research** and included such subjects as: reflective journaling, co-learning, Watson's theory in practice, nurturing students in an ICU experience, a Caritas project, response to stigma of head lice, health care for children in Uganda, caring relationships in global setting, caring in mental health facility, advancing nursing discipline and practice through caring science, caring as complexity science, transcultural caring, use of films with nursing students, family caregiver stressors. The day ended with a fun evening, featuring a **Poster Presentation Reception** and a fund-raising event of a **silent auction**.

On the **third day, June 4, 2013, two Symposiums** were presented. **Donald Kautz**, PhD, RN, CRRN, CNE, Associate Professor of Nursing at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, presented a thought-provoking paper, *Nightingale to Watson: Nursing Quality, Research, and Caring Coming of Age*. Dr. Kautz linked Nightingale's wisdom and practice to Watson's work in expanding Nightingale philosophy through Caring Science. He outlined the basic tenets learned from our sages and challenges to be met in new leadership roles as we move forward. After a break, a second Symposium was presented by **A. Lynne Wagner**, EdD, MSN, RN, a Nurse Consultant/Educator for facilitating Caring Practice and Mentoring Programs and Associate Faculty at the Watson Caring Science Institute. Her aesthetic presentation through reflective journal entries, poetry, photography and music, *Healing Conversations with a Tree During a Journey with Grief: Framed by Watson's Theory of Human Caring*, documents "grieving as a relational process with self. Discovering alignment with nature's lessons of seasonal transformation and impermanence facilitates a new awareness. The presentation served as an example of how reflective process and giving voice to personal journeys guide the translation of theory into practice at personal and professional levels. The **Closing Ceremony** and Invitation to the 2012 IAHC Conference in Philadelphia ended the conference on a high-note of new and renewed friendships and intentional resolve to return to homes and practice with new caring skills.

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2012: Caring Connections: Research, Practice, Education **Hyatt at the Bellevue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA**

The **33rd Annual International Association for Human Caring Conference** convened on a warm spring day at the grand hotel, **Hyatt at the Bellevue Hotel in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**, the city of brotherly love and cradle of freedom on **May 30- June 2, 2013**. Hosts and **Conference Co-Chairs**, **Dr. Zane Wolf**, Dean and Professor at LaSalle University, School of Nursing and Health Sciences, and **Dr. Marian Turkel**, Director, Professional Nursing Practice/Research at Einstein Healthcare Network, worked with 12 other Planning Committee members and 17 abstract reviewers to create a memorable, outstanding, and scholarly conference. The conference theme, ***Caring Connections: Research, Practice, Education*** attracted approximately 170 nurse leaders, educators, clinicians, students and caring scholars from ten (10) countries, including Canada, China, Denmark, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Taiwan, Thailand, United Kingdom (Wales and England), and United States. The Conference objectives were organized around the Conference theme:

- To provide a forum for sharing connections in caring scholarship among scholars and clinicians focused on caring research, practice, and education
- To describe current research, practice, and educational strategies that employ caring frameworks.
- To disseminate scholarly work related to the connections among caring research, practice, and education.

To this end, the Conference featured 3 outstanding Keynote speakers: **Dr. Jean Watson**, **Dr. Sigridur Halldorsdottir**, and **Dr. Cheryl Tatano Beck**, as well as 5 Symposiums, 23 Concurrent Sessions which offered 66 podium papers, 27 Poster presentations, of which 11 were Student Posters. All presentations fostered scholarly and creative dialogue.

Hosted and co-sponsored by IAHC, LaSalle University and Einstein Healthcare Network, 17 other financial sponsors included Drs. Charles and Zane Wolf, Brooks Turkel, Dr. Denise Nagle Bailey and G. Alan Bailey, Esq., Independent Foundation, Florida Atlantic University College of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania, Immaculata University Department of Nursing, LaSalle University Doctor of Nursing Practice Program, Abington Memorial Hospital, Villanova University College of Nursing, Widener University School of Nursing, MacEwan University Faculty of Health and Community Studies, University of West Georgia School of Nursing, University of Minnesota School of Nursing, Dr. Patrick Dean, and Sigma Theta Tau International Kappa Delta Chapter.

On the afternoon of **Wednesday, May 30, 2012**, Registration opened and the IAHC Board and Conference Hosts and Planners welcomed attendees at an **Opening Reception** at which introductions were made and new and renewed friends reunited.

Early on **Thursday, May 31, 2013**, a **slide show**, prepared by **IAHC Historian, Dr. A. Lynne Wagner**, was shown during breakfast that included representative photos of past IAHC conferences from the late 1970s to 2011.

Following breakfast, a centering **Opening** by **Dr. Marian Turkel**, Conference Co-Chair and President-elect of IAHC and Welcoming remarks by **Dr. Gail Williams**, President of IAHC, **Dr. Zane Wolf**, Conference Co-Chair, and **Mary Beth Kingston**, VP/CNE at Einstein Healthcare Network officially opened the conference. The first session of the day was **Keynote** presentation by **Jean Watson**, PhD, RN, AHN-BC, FAAN, Distinguished Professor of Nursing, Murchinson-Scoville Endowed Chair in Caring Science, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center; Watson Caring Science Institute, Boulder, Colorado, who spoke on *Centering on Caring Science*. Dr. Watson delivered an inspiring address of creating healing environments and relationships through loving kindness toward self and others, including self care; authentic presence, solution seeking to life challenges; attending to and believing in spiritual practices and life mysteries. Caring Science embraces the importance of higher consciousness of Love and Belonging, human to human connection that also connects us to the larger world and universe, encompassing energetic forces from Source and the very essence of love and heart-centered presence. Dr. Watson believes that the time is ripe, indeed overdue, for nurses to reclaim their role in caring and healing practices.

In their **Symposium** presentation, entitled, *A "Call to Arms" to Foster "Earth Caring "for Our Broken Planet*, **Lisa Jordan**, **Robin Pattillo**, **Kathryn Jackman-Murphy**, and **Barbara Sattler**, discussed their work in the Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments and elaborated on specific strategies nursing has used to incorporate caring for the earth in educational, professional, and community actions. The environment is essential for health and nurses are positioned to address environmental issues and change practice, education and research toward preserving our environment.

After a break, conference participants attended **Concurrent Sessions** that centered on **Theoretical Expressions of Caring** (ethics, applying Halldorsdottir's Theory of Caring and Uncaring, why theory

is important, leadership lessons, peer review, “Ray’s Theory of Bureaucratic Caring”); **Caring as Framework for Research** (dehumanizing nurse practice in rehab settings, Ukrainian experience of praying, compassion in nursing, ethics, caring connections, “an Eidetical Theory of Caring”); and **Caring in Nursing Education** (student-faculty relationships; healing nurse-nurse relationships). After lunch, the **Concurrent Sessions** offerings continued with two sets of three sessions, featuring 16 papers. The focus was on **Caring in Practice** (urine output measured by ultrasound vs. catheterization, a patient-healthcare provider model, end of life care connections, voices on caring, hospitality in nursing practice, caring connections in women’s health); and **Caring Aesthetics** (aesthetic ways of knowing, “caring and alchemy of the heart”, “caring essence,” “Peerspirit Circle Model”, multiple ways of knowing).

Three members of Bamboo Bridge International Community prepared the late afternoon stimulating **Symposium, *The Global Tea House—Building Caring Community***, weaving their stories and perspective through “ethnographic, historical, and action research to teach ways which indigenous knowledge systems—Elders, Earth, and Elements—support nurses as they create caring connections” and communities. **Margaret Moss**, PhD, JD, RN, FAAN, Yale University, New Haven, CT spoke on *Connecting with Elders through Place, Knowledge, and Spiritual Forces: Mitakuye Oyasin*. Dr. Moss discussed health beliefs and practices of indigenous elders and their role as wisdom keepers in American society. She explored how place has specific meaning, generating behavior and outcomes for indigenous elders; how 12,000 to 15,000 years in that place provides a wealth of untapped knowledge; and how the concept of “Mitakuye Oyasin” (We are all related) can guide a worldview of relational approach to caring and being cared for that includes animals, plants, and ancestors. Although **Fhumulani Mavis Mulaudzi**, DLitt, RN, University of Pretoria School of Nursing, Director of Nursing, Pretoria, South Africa, was not able to attend the conference, her prepared paper, *Reflecting Indigenous Knowledge in Nursing and Building Healing Community*, was delivered by a colleague. Dr. Mulaudzi represented Earth—the nurses’ connections with indigenous knowledge systems and philosophies such as “Ubuntu,” which encompass the principles of caring community-building and can be extended to agriculture, education, family structure, housing and healthcare. **Martha Mathews Libster**, PhD, RN, CNS, AHN-BC, Director and Chair of Nursing, Governors State University, University Park, Illinois, spoke on *Nurse-Herbalism—Integrative Insights for Implementing Partnership with the Plant World*. Dr. Libster represented “Elements” and the importance of indigenous knowledge of plant-person partnerships to sustain health and healing practices.

The IAHC annual Business Meeting, led by Dr. Gail Williams, IAHC President, and Dr. Marian Turkel, IAHC President-elect, closed the day. Attendees enjoyed dinner on their own, exploring Philadelphia.

On day two, June 1, 2013, attendees gathered for breakfast and a repeated showing of Historical slide show. **Dr. Zane Robinson Wolf**, Conference Co-Chair gave a Conference Update. A **Keynote** address followed with **Sigridur Halldorsdottir**, PhD, (Med.Dr.), MSN, RN, Distinguished Professor of Nursing and Director of Graduate Studies, School of Health Sciences, University of Akureyri, Iceland, speaking on *Caring or Uncaring: What Nursing Is and What It Is Not—Revisited*. In a moving presentation deserving a standing ovation, Dr. Halldorsdottir shared her expanded thoughts and caring models on caring competence aimed at eliminating the disempowering non-caring behaviors experienced in healthcare by healthcare providers and patients alike. She discussed the effect of caring on one’s well-being, citing evidence of improved immune system response, entreating health care professionals to remove their professional armor and be present and vulnerable. She identified nine (9) caring competencies: existential, caring, ethical, cultural, interpersonal, clinical, educating, empowering, and self development.

After a break, attendees had a choice the rest of the morning of two sets of three **Concurrent Sessions** (18 papers) on **Caring in Nursing Education** (simulated clinical experiences, critical reflection, holistic caring modalities); **Caring Theory as Framework for Research** (family members' caritas journey in NICU, lived experience of pregnant midwives, caring after loss, caring for patients with end-stage renal disease, Nurse Manifest Project, charge nurse experience, caring connections among leaders) ; **Theoretical Expressions of Caring** (safe place amid oppression, third party payments, moral complexities); **Caring in Practice** (clinical research and staff nurses, caring for family in ICU, caring connections through art mural) and **Caring Aesthetics** (Calling the Circle of Reflection). Also available all morning was an **Experiential Symposium** that offered an opportunity for *Walking the Labyrinth*, with **Linda Diaconic** and **Mary Packard**, School of Nursing, Notre Dame of Maryland University, Baltimore, MD.

With a renewing lunch and time to relax, participants were offered an afternoon of two more sets of three **Concurrent Sessions** each (17 papers) ranging from **Caring in Nursing Education** (academic service learning, caring educator fellowship, reflection of novice educator, bridges between education and community, student-faculty perspectives, experiential learning with Watson's theory, caring and competency); **Caring in Practice** (courage development, male perspective of caring, "Joy on the Journey"); **Theoretical Expressions of Caring** (global caring, promoting civility, faith community nurses); **Caring Aesthetics** (competency and caring, lessons from Mother Teresa and Pope John Paul, family meals, teaching students to make pastry); and **Caring Theory** (Watson's theory and leadership). The day ended with a gathering and **Reception around Poster Presentations**, featuring 27 posters (16 professional and 11 student posters) on many caring scholarly topics. This is the second year students have been invited to submit poster presentation abstracts.

The last day of the conference, **June 2, 2013**, started with breakfast, followed by **Conference Update** by Dr. Marian Turkel and Dr. Zane Robinson Wolf, Conference Co-Chairs. The third **Keynote** was presented by **Cheryl Tatano Beck**, DNSc, CNM, FAAN, entitled, *To Care For Me: Was That Too Much to Ask?*, powerful and moving presentation. Dr. Beck discussed the long term effects of birth trauma and the growing evidence of post-traumatic stress syndrome after childbirth due to lack of caring. She explored the strategies to prevent such trauma and to care for women who have experienced the trauma, with the aim of "bringing reverence and quality back to birth." After this moving presentation, attendees moved on to a choice of two **Concurrent Sessions** (6 papers) focusing on **Caring in Nursing Education** (use of audiovisual data in narrative research, curriculum revision, students learning caring, patient perspective of students, E-learning, and nursing simulation). In the last **Symposium** presentation, **A. Lynne Wagner**, EdD, RN, presented a Closing Reflection entitled, *Finding Heart: Daily Caring Reflective Practice*. This aesthetic multimedia presentation of photographs, poetry and music explored the concept of heart and captures a personal ritual of opening heart to find "hearts" along life paths. It is a meditative process of intention, centering, and increased awareness of heart-centered life practices that bring renewal and meaning into caring relationships.

Dr. Gail Williams and Dr. Marlaine Smith, Co-Chairs of the 34th IAHC Conference be held in Orlando, Florida on May 27-June 1, 2013, presented the venue and photos, warmly inviting all attendees to gather again in 2013. Attendees left Philadelphia and traveled home filled with new ideas, new and renewed friendships, a growing responsibility and commitment for caring work, and a revived passion for making a difference through caring relationships and environments.

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2013: Magic Mystery, and Miracles – Embracing the Difference Caring Makes in Nursing Practice, Education and Research
Walt Disney World Swan Resort, Orlando, Florida, USA

The **34th Annual International Association for Human Caring Conference** will excitedly convene at the Walt Disney World Swan Resort in **Orlando, Florida, May 29-June 1, 2013** to celebrate the **35th Anniversary of the Association**. The Conference Sponsors include IAHC; the School of Nursing, University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio; and Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing, Florida Atlantic University. The **Conference Hosts and Co-Chairs, Dr. Gail Williams**, Professor, School of Nursing, University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio and **Dr. Marlaine Smith**, Dean and Professor, Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing, Florida Atlantic University, have worked with 10 Planning Committee members and a team of 19 Abstract Reviewers to create a scholarly conference that will explore new knowledge and research around caring. With registration still opened, approximately 172 have already registered from several countries. The Conference will offer **2 renowned Keynote speakers, 21 Concurrent Sessions** (63 podium papers), **6 Symposiums**, and **2 Poster Sessions**, featuring professionals, students, and, for the first time, Caritas Coaches who have completed the Watson Caritas Coach Education Program and were invited to submit poster abstracts.

With a focused conference theme of *Magic Mystery, and Miracles – Embracing the Difference Caring Makes in Nursing Practice, Education and Research*, the conference Objectives include:

- Appreciate multiple ways of evaluating the difference that caring makes in nursing practice and education.
- Examine critically the evidence related to the difference that caring makes in nursing practice and education.
- Disseminate caring-based educational, practice and research approaches that make a difference to persons, families and communities.

Anne Boykin, PhD, MN, RN, Professor Emeritus and Director of the Anne Boykin Institute for the Advancement of Caring in Nursing in the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing, Florida Atlantic University, as well as Past-President of the International Association for Human Caring, will present the **Opening Keynote** address. **Jean Watson**, PhD, RN, AHN-BC, FAAN, Distinguished Professor and Dean Emerita, University of Colorado Denver College of Nursing and Anschutz Medical Center, Founder and Director of the Watson Caring Science Institute, Boulder, Colorado, will deliver the **End Keynote**.

Along with the conference proceedings, attendees will join in a gala **celebration of IAHC's 35th Anniversary** with a reception to honor the past presidents and the Association's history. **Marilyn (Dee) Ray**, PhD, RN, CTN-A, Professor Emeritus, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida, and one of the Founders of IAHC and Caring Scholar, will present a special address, *Honoring 35 Years of Caring Scholarship: Reflections form 1978*. In addition, the new edition of the *History of the International Association for Human Caring 1978-2013* by A. Lynne Wagner and Delores A. Gaut will be available for sale. There will also be a running slide show during breakfast time of all the past IAHC conferences that captures so much of the caring spirit over the years.

The conference is excitedly anticipated and full conference coverage will be included in the next edition of the *History of the International Association for Human Caring*.

IAHC Webinars

2012

The first official IAHC Webinar offered to IAHC members was launched in **October 30, 2012**. **Marilyn (Dee) Ray**, RN, PhD, CTN-A, Professor Emeritus of Florida Atlantic University and a founding member of IAHC, presented a very informative webinar entitled, *Transcultural Caring Dynamics: Implications for Nursing Practice*. The presentation focused on Dr. Ray's model of "Transcultural Caring Dynamics in Nursing and Health Care" consisting of four dimensions—caring essence, transcultural caring ethics, transcultural context, and universal sources that influence transcultural caring awareness, understanding and choice. Dr. Ray also presented her Culture Value Conflict Assessment Tool, her Transcultural Communicative Spritual-Ethical CARING Tool for Cultural Competency, her Transcultural Caring Negotiation Tool, and her Dynamics of Transcultural Caring Tool for Choice.

2013

The second IAHC Webinar was offered on **February 19, 2013**. **Jane Sumner**, PhD, RN, PHCNS, BC, P.K. Scheerle Professor of Nursing at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, School of Nursing, New Orleans, Louisiana, presented her nursing model of "The Moral Construct of Caring in Nursing as Communicative Action" in a thought-provoking webinar entitled, *Is Caring Relevant in Today's Practice World?* This was framed within the context of "LifeWorld" and "SystemWorld" and explored nursing practice as moral care based on caring relationships, caring behavior as integrative of virtue and expert activity, and "good care." Her model identifies eight subscales of caring: Caring Identity, Patient Focus, Professional Scale, Nursing Practice, Nurse-Patient Interaction, Trusting Partnership, Communicative Mutuality, and Responsibilities of Care.

On **April 2, 2013**, **Martha M. Libster**, PhD, RN, CNS, AHN-BC, author of the internationally acclaimed *Integrative Herb Guide for Nurses* and *Nurse Herbalist: Integrative Insights for Holistic Practice*, presented an informative and inspiring Webinar, entitled, *Plants as Partners in Caring*. With her 25 years as a practicing nurse-herbalist, Dr. Libster explored with participants ways to partner with plants, paradigms related to use of medicinal plants, and practice models for the consumer, herbalist, and integrative model.

History of the IAHC Journal

The *International Journal for Human Caring* (IJHC), first published in 1997, replaced the yearly publications of the Annual Conference papers (see Appendix B) and the quarterly newsletters that were started by **Dr. Delores Gaut** and **Dr. Gwen Sherwood** in 1989. As the Conferences and presented papers grew and caring research and scholarly work flourished, there was an increased need to find another format for dissemination of information. The birth of the peer-reviewed Journal, published three times a year, was the next step. **Dr. Kathleen Valentine** and **Dr. Anne Boykin** were the first co-editors, who worked on the journal from the first issue, Spring 1997 (Volume 1, Number 1), to the Summer 1999 (Volume 3, Number 2) issue. When Dr. Anne Boykin stepped down as co-editor in 1999, **Dr. Zane Robinson Wolf** joined Dr. Valentine as co-editor. With the Fall 2001 (Volume 6, Number 1) issue, Dr. Wolf became acting editor and in 2006 was appointed permanent editor by the IAHC Board, a role she continues to fulfill to the present.

Starting in 1999, Special Edition/Issue Editors have been appointed to work on specific themes, which enrich the depth of exploration and scholarship in various areas of caring theory, practice, education and leadership.

- **1999: Dr. Christopher Johns and Dr. Jean Watson**, Special Issue Guest Editors, (Volume 3, Number 2) with a focus on *Nursing as Expanded Consciousness*.
- **2000: Dr. Gwen Sherwood**, Special Issue Guest Editor, (Volume 4, Number 2) with a focus on *Informing Caring Nursing Practice*.
- **2001: Dr. Donna Taliaferro and Dr. Anne Boykin**, Special Edition Editors, Summer (Volume 5, Number 2) with a focus on *Caring: A Creative Lens Through Education*.
- **2002: Dr. Richard Cowling and Dr. Carol Picard**, Guest Editors, (Volume 6, Number 2) with a focus on *theory-based practice and research grounded in the work of Margaret Newman and Martha Rogers*.
- **2003: Dr. Patricia A. Munhall and Dr. Ed Madden**, Guest Editors, (Volume 7, Number 2) with a focus on *Caring Through the Lens of Human Understanding*.
- **2004: Dr. Dawn Freshwater**, Special Issue Editor, (Volume 8, Number 2) with a focus on *Evidence-Based Practice*.
- **2005: Dr. Marian Turkel and Dr. Marilyn A. Ray**, Issue Co-Editors, (Volume 9, Number 3), with a focus on *Models of Caring Practice*.
- **2007: Dr. Marguerite J. Purnell and Dr. Charlotte Barry**, Guest Editors, (Volume 11, Number 2) with a focus on *Suffering*.
- **2008: Dr. Anne Boykin and Dr. Eula Aiken**, Guest Editors, (Volume 12, Number 2) with a focus on *Transforming Nursing Education Through the Lens of Caring*.
- **2009: Dr. Nancey France and Dr. Marian Turkel**, Guest Editors, (Volume 13, Number 2) with focus on *Nurse to Nurse Caring*.
- **2010: Beth Haas and Dr. Donna Taliaferro**, Guest Editors, (Volume 14, Number 2) with focus on *Simulation and Human Caring*.
- **2012: Dr. Jean Watson**, Guest Editor, (Volume 16, Number 2) with focus on *Caring Theories*.
- **2013: Dr. Marian Turkel and Dr. Jean Watson**, Guest Editors, (Volume 17, Number 2) with focus on *Caring in Practice*

The journal format and printing have changed over the years due to changes in publishers and needs of the IAHC. The artwork, which adorned the cover of the IJHC from its first issue, depicted a quilt designed by Eunice Hill of Bee Creative. Ms Hill is a quilter who created the quilt entitled,

“*Universal Connections*” for the 18th IAHC conference in 1996 at Rochester, Minnesota. Ms Hill incorporated into the center of the quilt the image from a pastel drawing by Mary Ericksen of Northfield, Minnesota. As described inside the IJHC cover, “the quilt design was chosen because it expresses the intent of the Journal to promote global connections, understanding, and knowledge of care and *caring as the essence of nursing and a human mode of being*.....The center shows a young girl reaching out for united spiraling figures that are brought together through human touch, thus conveying spirituality. One can reach out beyond one’s dreams and make a universal connection. The border displays costumed figures symbolic of the many cultures joined together to work toward the fulfillment of greater goals, universal considerations, and commitment to caring for the good of humankind.”

In 2011 with Volume 15, Number 1, a new cover design by May Troung was adopted in consultation with the Editorial Advisory and Review Boards. The cover features words that represent “*care*” and “*caring*” in different languages, including Danish, French, Thai, Persian, German, Turkish, Spanish, Tagalog (Philippines), Swedish, Finnish, Portuguese, Hungarian, Chinese, Congo/Kenya/Tanzania, and Zambia.

From 1997 to 2004 three issues of the Journal were published annually. In 2005, the Journal issues increased to four times a year with one issue each year including regular articles and the Annual Conference Abstracts. This allows greater dissemination of the papers presented at the conferences. In 2005, the Editorial Advisory Board was established and the Editorial Review Board was reestablished. In 2011, Dr. Charlotte Barry became Assistant Editor of the new “Essay” section. Dr. Marian Turkel and Dr. Nancey France agreed to serve as Book Review Editors and reviewers of Continuing Education articles, for which La Salle University Nursing Program will award contact hours. Additionally starting in 2005, a complete set of the IJHC Volumes 1 to the present issues have been bound and donated to the “**Archives of Caring in Nursing**” housed at the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing, Florida Atlantic University (FAU) in Boca Raton, Florida. Dr. Anne Boykin, now retired Dean of the College of Nursing at FAU, established the archives to preserve caring documents by care scholars and to serve as a resource for researchers in the caring field. The Journal volumes will continue to be archived.

In 2006, the manuscript submission process was revised. The Journal Editor and the IAHC President are currently researching a publisher and the potential for on-line publication for the Journal for wider dissemination. Whatever route the Journal takes, it will continue to serve the IAHC as a vehicle for sharing and disseminating research and scholarly works on caring and the work of the IAHC.

The IJHC is a peer-reviewed journal that serves as a scholarly forum for nurses and other disciplines for the purposes of the: 1) advancement of care and caring knowledge within the discipline of nursing. 2) collaboration with other disciplines who also use care and caring knowledge in human relationships; and 3) systematic investigation of care and caring knowledge. Particular emphasis of the Journal is on caring related to health, human relationships, and improvement of the human condition. Editor Dr. Zane Wolf states that “the variety of manuscripts range from scholarly works, research studies and commentary articles to student papers, aesthetic expressions, abstracts, and book reviews” (*IJHC*, Vol. 15, No. 1, p. 6). The Journal is a valuable resource to nurses and health personnel worldwide in hospitals, universities, research centers, libraries, and health and social science settings. Social scientists and professionals from other disciplines have found the scholarship from the International Association for Human Caring to be of great interest. Authors from all disciplines are encouraged to submit manuscripts which meet the IJHC purposes. As its title suggests, the authorship of the IJHC is internationally diverse and enables care-givers and scholars to view caring from a world perspective. Author’s Guidelines may be downloaded from the IAHC Website (www.humancaring.org). Solicited and unsolicited manuscripts may be submitted.

Dr. Kathy Sitzman, Assistant Editor, in cooperation with Weber State University created an electronic archive of the first 14 issues of IJHC. Dr. Marian Turkel is Book Review Editor, Dr. Turkel and Dr. Nancey France are Continuing Education Editors, Dr. Nancey France is Caring in Education Editor, And Dr. Charlotte Barry is Essay Editor. Starting with the 2012 IJHC 16 (1) issue, Innovative Print & Media Group, Inc. serves as printer of the IJHC.

The IJHC is indexed in the Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature (CINAHL) EBSCO, British Nursing Index, and PsychINFO. Receiving the IJHC is part of the benefit of membership in the International Association for Human Caring. Without membership, the subscription rate is \$80/year for individual subscriptions and \$130 U.S./year for institutions, with an additional \$10 in Canada for both individual and institutional subscriptions and \$16 in other countries over the U.S. rates. The price has remained at this level despite the increase to four issues per year in 2005. Prices are subject to change.

A Complete List of Article Titles published in IJHC since 1997 can be found on the IAHC Website (www.humancaring.org)

In 2011, Dr. Marilyn A. Ray gave a donation of \$10,000 for the preservation of the *International Journal for Human Caring*. Dr. Marian Turkel, President of IAHC, formally named this donation in 2012 the “Marilyn A. Ray Caring Science Endowment.”

History of IAHC Scholarship Awards

The central purpose of the *International Association for Human Caring (IAHC), Inc.* is to serve as a scholarly forum for all nurses to advance knowledge of care and caring within the discipline of nursing. Toward this purpose, scholars, educators, administrators, practicing nurses, student nurses, and nurse artists worldwide, as well as people from other disciplines are invited to share their theoretical, research, experiential knowledge, and aesthetic expressions at the annual conferences, in the *International Journal for Human Caring*, and through networking to advance care and caring knowledge and improve human care. In the spirit of this purpose, three scholarship funds have been established. The IAHC is committed to supporting new generations of nurses and nurses from developing countries who would be unable to attend the annual IAHC conferences without support. Through generous donations, one-time scholarships also become available at various times. Eligibility criteria and application process are different for each award and are subject to change. Not all awards are awarded each year. For current information, criteria, and application submission and deadlines, please visit the IAHC website: www.humancaring.org.

Annual Scholarship Awards

The Leininger Human Care Research Award

The Leininger Human Care Research Award was established in 1994 to support nurses in investigating care phenomena. The prestigious Award is given in honor of Dr. Madeleine Leininger as the founder of the National Caring Research Conferences (1978), later renamed the International Association for Human Caring (IAHC) in 1989. The Award symbolizes a commitment to care and caring research to advance the body of knowledge. An award of up to \$1000 and a waived IAHC conference registration are offered each year to an individual who meets the research and eligibility criteria.

Purpose and Focus of the Award

The purpose of the Award is to support nurse scholars whose research is focused on care/caring as the essence of the discipline of nursing. A theoretical focus for the research is expected. Applicants are encouraged to focus on culture care/caring as the domain of inquiry to advance the caring knowledge and the practice of caring.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants for this award are required to meet the following criteria:

- Registered nurse committed to advance human care research.
- Member of the International Association for Human Caring.
- An active teacher, researcher, clinician or consultant who supports human care/caring as the essence of nursing.
- IAHC officers and board members are not eligible until the term of office is completed.

Process and Expectations

The applicant submits an Application Packet with the following contents:

- Background and Significance (not more than 2 pages)
- Methodology (not more than 2 pages)
- Budget with narrative descriptions of the expenses (not more than 1 page)
- A separate Reference List page
- A separate cover page should accompany the abstract with the applicant's name, contact information (address, phone number, email) and place of employment.

- The recipient of the research award will be announced at the Annual IAHC meeting.
- Recipient is required to register for the annual IAHC conference to assure proper processing and recording of participation. Please indicate on the registration form that you are an award recipient. *Do not pay for the conference. The conference registration fee will be waived by IAHC.*
- Upon completion of the research project, the recipient is expected to:
 - ❖ Submit an abstract for paper or poster presentation at a subsequent IAHC conference
 - ❖ Submit a manuscript based on the funded project for possible publication in the *International Journal for Human Caring*.

The Droesbeke Caring Award

The Droesbeke Caring Award was established in 2003 to promote student attendance at the annual IAHC conferences. This Award, established and funded by Dr. Marilyn (Dee) Ray, is given to honor the memory of her late husband, James (Jim) Droesbeke. Dr. Ray is one of the founders and Charter members of the National Caring Research Conferences (1978), which was renamed the International Association for Human Caring (IAHC) in 1989. The Award symbolizes Dr. Ray's commitment to nursing education and the promotion of understanding of caring in nursing. An award of up to \$1500 (and a waived conference fee) is offered each year to an international nursing student who lives outside the United States of America towards expenses for conference participation.

Purpose and Focus of the Award

The purpose of this award is to annually support one international nursing student from outside the United States of America in attending an IAHC conference. The focus of this award is to encourage student attendance at the annual research conference and to promote understanding of caring as the essence of nursing.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants for this award are required to meet the following criteria:

- Be an enrolled undergraduate nursing student from outside the United States, and committed to enhancing his/her understanding of caring in nursing practice, education, or research.
- If no undergraduate student applies, a graduate level student may be eligible to receive the award.

Process and Expectations

- The student submits an Application Packet with the following contents:
 - ❖ A two-page paper describing how attendance at the conference will enhance understanding of caring in nursing.
 - ❖ A separate cover page with 1) Applicant's name, 2) Contact information (address, phone number, and email), 3) College/university where student is enrolled.
 - ❖ A reference letter from a faculty member who knows his/her work.
 - ❖ Proof of a valid passport and Visa (if necessary) must be submitted before award money is sent to awardee.
- Recipient needs to register for the annual IAHC conference to assure proper processing and recording of participation. Please indicate on the registration form that you are an award recipient. *Do not pay for the conference. The conference registration fee will be waived by IAHC.*
- After attending the IAHC conference, the student is expected to:
 - ❖ Submit a brief note to the President of the IAHC at 6 months post-conference, indicating how participation in the conference facilitated the integration of caring into his/her practice, education, or research.

- ❖ Submit, at 12 months post-conference, a two page paper with (2) conference references and (2) references from the literature on caring describing the synthesis of knowledge of caring into his/her practice, education, or research. This paper may be published in the *International Journal for Human Caring*.

The Watson Student Award

The Watson Student Award was established by the International Association of Human Caring (IAHC) to promote student participation in the annual IAHC research conference. This Award is named for Dr. Jean Watson, a renowned international scholar and theorist of caring in nursing, and a co-founder of the National Caring Research Conferences (1978), later renamed the International Association for Human Caring, Inc. The Award symbolizes Dr. Watson's life-long commitment to nursing education and the promotion of the understanding of caring in nursing. An award of up to \$1000 is offered each year towards expenses for conference participation.

Purpose and Focus of the Award

The purpose of this award is to support participation of a nursing student in the IAHC conference each year with a focus of encouraging students' attendance at the annual research conference to enhance understanding of caring in nursing practice, education, or research.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants for this award must be in good standing at an accredited university, pursuing a Baccalaureate, Masters, or Doctoral degree in Nursing.

Process and Expectations

The student submits an Application Packet with the following contents:

- A letter of application. Include information on how student will share the knowledge gained at the IAHC conference in a presentation at his/her university/health care setting within six months after the IAHC conference.
- A two page descriptive essay describing his/her interest in understanding and forwarding Caring in nursing as a substantive knowledge base for nursing, OR alternatively, a copy of the abstract submitted for a poster or a paper presentation at the upcoming IAHC conference.
- A separate cover page should accompany the application with 1) The applicant's name, 2). Contact information (address, phone number, email), 3) College/ University where the student is enrolled.
- The student will provide a reference letter from a faculty member who knows his/her work.
- The student will provide names and emails of two persons: another faculty member who is familiar with his/her work, and one peer. Each should be willing to be contacted by email to provide recommendation letters OR endorsement for participation.
- The student recipient will identify a mentor for his/her interest in caring research. A letter of support from the identified mentor is expected. This letter should describe the extent of mentorship, and the willingness to remain a mentor for at least one year.
- Recipient needs to register for the annual IAHC conference to assure proper processing and recording of participation. Please indicate on the registration form that you are an award recipient. *Do not pay for the conference. The conference registration fee will be waived by IAHC.*
- Within six months, the student recipient will submit an essay/evaluation (1000-1500 words) on his/her experience. This may be published in the *International Journal for Human Caring*.

List of Scholarship Award Recipients

(Some Reflections by Scholarship Awardees are found on the IAHC website at www.humancaring.org)

Leininger Human Care Research Award (established in 1994)

- 1996 **Rauda Gelazis**, PhD, RN, CS, CTN (Study title: *Humor, Care, and Well-being of Lithuanians: An Ethnonursing Study Based on Leininger's Theory of Cultural Care Diversity and Universality*)
- 1999 **Tamara George**, PhD, RN (Study title: *Meanings and Expressions of Mental Health Care of Midwestern Dutch-Americans*)
- 2000 **Maud Soderlund**, RN, MNsc, PhDEdSc (Finland) (Study title: *The Concept of Care from the Relatives' Perspective*)
- 2003 No award granted
- 2004 **Bernadette Lange**, PhD, RN (paper: *An Ethnonursing Study of Women in Recovery from Chemical Dependence and Their Return to the Community*)
- 2005 Sawitri Limchiarunruang, EdD, RN (Thailand) (Title of study: *Caring and Acceptance of Persons Living with HIV/AIDS: Fishing Families*)
- 2006 No award granted
- 2007 **Rebecca Lee**, RN, MSN, APRN, BC (Study Title: *Caring as a Guide to Enhancing the Well-Being of Homeless Families*)
- 2008 **Juana Cantu-Cabrera** RN; MS; Dept. of Nursing, College of Health Science and Human Services, University of Texas-Pan American, Edinburg, Texas (Study: *Caring for Children Who Have Been Victims of Sexual Abuse*)
- 2009 No award granted
- 2010 **Rebecca C. Lee**, PhD, RN, PHCNS-BC, CTN-A, Assistant Professor, University of Cincinnati, College of Nursing, Cincinnati, Ohio (Study Title: *Urban Appalachian Families Experiencing Homelessness: Drawing Strength from a Web of Connectedness*). The goal of proposed study is to discover, describe, and systematically analyze universal and diverse care meanings and expressions of Appalachian families as they transition into housing after residing in an urban homeless shelter (Leininger, 1988; 1992).
- 2011 **Cindy Martindill**, MEd, MSN, CAGS, CNE, RN; Vermont Technical College, Nursing at Lyndon State College, Lyndonville, Vermont (Study Title: *Nursing Student Perceptions of Faculty Caring Through Interactive Television*. The purpose of this study is to determine the VTC nursing students' perceptions of how nursing faculty members convey caring when instruction is delivered through ITV.)
- 2012 No award granted
- 2013 **Xiao Peng**, MSNc, RN, Department of Nursing, Union Hospital of Tongji Medical College, Huazhong Science and Technology, Wuhan, China. Graduate Student--Paper: *Caring and Noncaring Behaviors from Perspective of Inpatients: a Quality Study*.

Droesbeke Caring Award (established in 2003)

- 2003 **Two Awardees:**
- **Genevieve Roch**, RN, PhD(c) (paper: *Overcoming the Limits of Caring*)
 - **Philip Esterhuizen**, RN, BA (Cur), MScN, PhD (Holland)
- 2004 **Renee Peterson**, BSN(c) (student at University of Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada)
- 2005 **Kaitlyn McClusky**, RN
- 2006 **Astrid Oviedo**, student nurse, (Philippines) (*A Theory on the Progression of*

- Caring in Nursing: From the Professional Responsibility of Caring to Transpiring Care*
- 2007 **Joseph Mwizerwa**, RN, MNSC (Assistant lecturer, Mbarara University of Science and Technology, Mbarara, Uganda; (Poster presentation at the 2007 conference, entitled, *The Lived Experience of Women in Rural Uganda Who Discontinue Hormonal Contraceptive Use*)
- 2008 **Debbie Charlton**, RN, Sutton, Ontario, Canada, Baccalaureate Student, York University (Study Focus: *Reconnecting to Nursing Theory for Practice after Focusing on a Biomedical Model for Years*)
- 2009 No award granted
- 2010 **Maiara Rodrigues dos Santos** (Senior Undergraduate student, School of Nursing, São Paulo, Brazil (Topic: *Uncovering and Recognizing Humanized NursingCare: Brazilian nurses' perceptions and conception from pediatric oncology setting*)
- 2011 No award granted
- 2012 **Tina South**, Midwifery MPhil/PhD studentship,Thames Valley University, Faculty of Health and Human Sciences, Brentford, Middlesex, England (Study: *Perks and Problems: Findings from an Experiential Hermeneutic Phenomenological Study to Gain an Insight into the Lived Experience of Pregnant Midwives in the United Kingdom* (received \$2000 since no award given in 2011)
- 2013 **Two Awardees** (\$1000.00 each):
- **Meredith Porter**, undergraduate baccalaureate student, MacEwan University, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
 - **Mallory van Dyke**, undergraduate baccalaureate student, MacEwan University, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Watson Student Scholarship Award

- 2003 **Carey Clark**, RN, MSN (paper presentation: *Transforming Nursing Education: Alignment with Philosophies of Care*)
- 2004 **Tammy Hottman**, RN, MSN (graduate student at Regis College, Denver, CO)
- 2005 **Sr. Kathryn Burt**, RN, OBS, MSN (paper: *Adaptation of Quality Caring Model for Education: A Symposium—Nevada State College Healing Presence Ceremony*)
- 2006 **Wrennah Gabbert**, RN, MSN, CPNP, FNP-BC
- 2007 **Kathleen Sitzman**, RN, MS
- 2008 **Anne Vitale**, MSN, APRN BC; Toms River, New Jersey, Doctoral Student, Villanova University (Focus: To promote student's participation in the annual IAHC research conference)
- 2009 No award granted
- 2010 **Laura Gorby**, RNC, BSN (El Paso, Texas); (“As a nurse educator in a practical nurse program, I have a special interest in forwarding caring through structured self-reflective journaling as a means of self-examination, self-awareness, clinical competence, and professional growth.”)
- 2011 **Tina South** Midwifery MPhil/PhD studentship, Thames Valley University, Brentford, Middlesex, England: *Expectant Midwives- Midwifery Attitudes: A Phenomenological Study to Gain an Insight into the Lived Experience of the Pregnant Midwife.*
- 2012 **Cynthia Vorpahl Purcell**, University of Texas Health Science Center School of Nursing, San Antonio, Texas; Student in Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program at The University of Alabama at Birmingham, School of Nursing Birmingham, AL (Study Focus: To incorporate human caring into DNP scholarly project: *Implementation of Annual Colorectal Cancer (CRC) Screening Using the Immunochemical Fecal Occult Blood Test.*)

- 2013 **Sharon Sauer**, BSN, RNC-NIC, Einstein Medical Center, Philadelphia, PA; Caritas Coach; (Paper Title: *Watson's Theory of Human Caring Harmonizing with Nursing Documentation*)

Special One-time Awards:

2004: Montreal Caring Award (one time award)

- A one-time award of up to \$2400 was offered through the donation of the speaker honoraria at the 2004 IAHC Conference in Montreal, Canada. This award supported a French-speaking nursing student from outside the North American Continent, who presented evidence of financial need and interest in caring knowledge/practice.
- Awarded to **Leyla Abi Khalil Nader**, RN, MSN(c) (Lebanon), a Master Degree student from Lebanon

2004 The Montreal Friend of Caring Award (one time award)

- This award, a one-time scholarship of \$500, was the result of a generous benefactor who wanted to support the travel and expenses for a student to attend the 2004 IAHC Conference in Montreal.
- Awarded to **Alison Watson**, RN, MSN(c) (Canada), Geriatric psychiatric nurse in the Masters Program at University of Toronto

2013 Caring in Nursing Classics Scholarship (one time award)

- This one-time award of \$1200 was donated by Dr. Marian C. Turkel, Dr. Zane Robinson Wolf, & Dr. Marlaine Smith
- Awarded to **Lalitha Matthew**, RN, BSN, CCRN, from Moss Rehab/Einstein Elkins Park, Elkins Park, PA. (Podium presentation: *Enhancing Holistic Healing at the Bedside*).

2013 The Alice Ware Davidson Scholarship Award (one time award)

- This one-time award of \$1000 was donated by Dr. Marian C. Turkel and Dr. Marilyn A. Ray in honor of the late Dr. Alice Ware Davidson, co-author of *Nursing, Caring, and Complexity Science*, published by Springer Publishing Co. in 2011.
- Awarded to **Tracy-Lee Peterson**, 4th year BScN student at Grant MacEwan University Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. (poster title: *The Magic, Mystery and Miracles of Nursing explored through Sister Simone Roach's Six C's of Caring*)

History of Membership

The membership in the IAHC has grown from a small group of 16 nurses and researchers from the United States who met in 1978 to the forty-one (41) Charter members in 1987 (see Appendix A) to almost 300 members presently, including regular members, members from 5 institutions, retired members, and student members, representing nurses and other health care providers from 15 countries worldwide. Membership is open to all individuals or Institutions (see categories below) on an annual basis (January-December), as well as a special Lifetime membership.

In recognition of their contributions to the IAHC and to the advancement of care/caring research, theory, education, and practice, the late Dr. Madeleine Leininger, Dr. Jean Watson, Dr. Anne Boykin, Dr. Marilyn (Dee) Ray, and Dr. Delores Gaut have been awarded an honorary Lifetime Membership in the IAHC.

In 1987, Charter members paid a small annual fee to the organization. Formal membership dues were established in 1989 with the reorganization and renaming of the International Association for Human Caring, Inc. Dr. Leininger reports that membership dues were \$2.00 in “the early years.” According to available records, the membership dues in 1986 were \$10.00/year; and in 1990 increased to \$35 for a 2-year membership or option for 1 year membership, usually renewed at conference time. Effective December 31, 1994, all membership dues were for 2 years, renewed at the first of the year. Regular membership dues increased in 1991 (\$50.00/2 years); 1994 (\$55.00/2 years); 1996 (\$60.00/year); 1997 (\$75.00/year); 2001 (\$85.00/year) and 2007 (\$100.00/year). In 2007, the Board adopted a tiered membership level based on the economy of the countries in which members live. The organization strives to encourage membership and not make it a financial burden.

Membership privileges and categories include Regular, Student/Retiree, Institutional and Lifetime:

Regular Individual Membership Level: \$100 High Income Country; \$40 Middle Income Country; \$20 Low Income Country

- Nominating and voting privileges
- Reduced member registration fees for the annual conference
- Discounted member prices for IAHC premium retail merchandise
- Subscription to the *International Journal for Human Caring* (IJHC)

Student/Retiree Individual Membership Level: \$50 High Income Country; Middle & Low Income Country pay Individual Rate (with proof of student status or retirement age of 65)

- Full Regular Individual Membership benefits listed above

Institutional Membership: \$350 High Income Country; \$140 Middle Income Country, \$70 Low Income Country

- Full Regular Individual Membership benefits for five individuals

Lifetime Individual Membership: \$2,000 High Income Country (please contact business office (ruth@pronursingresources.com) for Middle & Low Income Countries)

- Full Regular Individual Membership benefits for life and a complimentary copy of the *History of the International Association for Human Caring*.

Please visit the IAHC website (www.humancaring.org) for updated and further membership information.

Appendices

Appendix A Charter Membership

National Caring Research Conference Vallombrosa Retreat Center, Menlo Park, California 1987

The following forty-one (41) people became the first Charter members of the National Caring Research Association in 1987. Officers and Board members were appointed for a two year term (1988-1990), until the first election by membership was held in 1990. Many of the Charter members have served on the Board or as an officer of the Association before and after 1987, as well as attending the annual IAHC conferences. Many continue to add to the caring body of knowledge through their research and publications, and their work in promoting caring practice. The list below includes the name of each Charter member and their place of residence in 1987. It is noteworthy to add that Charter Members were apparently sought over the next two years at the 1988 and 1989 conferences to support the Association. However, an accurate list of names for those years is not available.

Agnes Aamodt, Tucson, AZ	Toni Bargagliotti, San Francisco, CA
Janet A. Bauer, Cedarville, OH	Gay Allison Bernard, Melbourne, W. Australia
Anne Boykin, Boca Raton, FL	Linda Brown, Guilford, CT
Helen A Bush, Dallas, TX	Nancy K. Case, Englewood, CO
Connie J. Delaney, Decorah, IA	Susan M. Ely, Salt Lake City, UT
Shizuko V. Fagerhaugh, San Francisco, CA	Kathryn Gardner, Rochester, NY
Marie Gates, Warren, Warren, MI	Delores A. Gaut, Denver, CO
Phyllis A. Gielegem, Troy, MI	Martha J. Harter, Peoria, IL
Patricia J. Larson, San Francisco, CA	Madeleine M. Leininger, Detroit, MI
Harriett Lionberger, Napa, CA	Diane L. Magyary, Seattle, WA
Marilyn Miller, Brooklyn, NY	Ellen Olshansky, Seattle, WA
Martha Price, San Francisco, CA	Agatha (Tracy) Quinn, Littleton, CO
Marilyn A. Ray, Denver, CO	Doris Riemen, Tyler, TX
Savina Schoenhofer, Boca Raton, FL	Diane Scott, San Francisco, CA
Marcia N. Sheets, Littleton, CO	Amy P. Slevin, Peoria, IL
Janet M. Smerke (Lakomy), Denver, CO	Sue A. Thomas, Larkspur, CA
Judith Triestman, Stonybrook, NY	Kathleen Valentine, Johnson City, NY
Janet F. Wang, Morgantown, WV	Jean Watson, Denver, CO
Cynthia J. Weiss, Chesterland, OH	A. Frances Wenger, Goshen, IN
Roberta Whidden, San Francisco, CA	Marilyn Whitley, Portland, OR
Laura C. Zamora, Brooklyn, NY	

Appendix B IAHC Publications

Books

Leininger, M. (Ed.). (1981, 1989). *Caring: An essential human need*. Detroit, Michigan: Wayne State University Press.

Papers from the first three National Caring Research Conferences, 1978-1980; Originally published by Charles B. Slack, Inc. in 1981, republished in 1989 by Wayne State University Press, Detroit Michigan.

Leininger, M. (Ed.). (1984, 1990). *Care: The essence of nursing and health*. Detroit, Michigan: Wayne State University Press.

Papers from four research conferences (1981-1984). Originally published by Charles B. Slack, Inc., in 1985; republished in 1990 and by Wayne State University Press, Detroit, Michigan.

Leininger, M. (Ed.). (1988). *Care: Discovery and uses in clinical and community nursing*. Detroit, Michigan: Wayne State University Press.

Papers from the 8th conference held at the Vallombrosa Retreat Center in Menlo Park, California in 1986 and the 10th conference held in Boca Raton, Florida in 1988. Available through Wayne State University Press, Detroit, Michigan.

Leininger, M. (Ed.) (1990). *Ethical and moral dimensions of care*. Detroit, Michigan: Wayne State University Press.

Papers that addressed the Ethics and Morality of Caring from the 9th conference, held in 1987 at the Vallombrosa Retreat Center, in Menlo Park, California. Available through Wayne State University Press, Detroit, Michigan.

Leininger, M. & Watson, J. (1990). *The caring imperative in education*.

New York: National League for Nursing Press (pub. #41 -2308).

Papers from the 11th conference held in 1989 in Denver, Colorado.

Gaut, D. & Leininger, M. (1991). *Caring: The compassionate healer*.

New York: National League for Nursing Press (Pub. # 15-2401).

Papers from the 12th Conference held 1990 in Houston Texas. Invited papers are included.

Gaut, D. (Ed.). (1992). *Caring: The presence of nursing*. New York: National League for Nursing Press (Pub.# 15-2465).

Papers from the 13th Conference held 1991 in Rochester, New York. Invited papers included.

Gaut, D. (Ed.). (1993). *A global agenda for caring*. New York: National League For Nursing Press. (Pub. #15-2518).

Papers from the 14th Conference and the first International Conference held 1992 in Melbourne, Australia. Invited papers included.

Gaut, D & Boykin, A. (Eds). (1994). *Caring as healing: Renewal through hope*. New York: National League for Nursing Press. (. Pub. #14-2607).

Papers from the 15th Conference held 1993 in Portland, Oregon. Invited papers included.

Boykin, A. (Ed.). (1995). *Power, politics & public policy: A matter of caring*.

New York: National League For Nursing Press (Pub. # 14-2684).

Papers from the 16th Conference, held 1994 in Ottawa, Canada.

IAHC Videotapes and Booklets

More current items available from the IAHC Business Office: **Professional Nursing Resources, Inc, 801 East Park Drive, Suite 100, Harrisburg, PA 17111; Phone: 717-703-0033; FAX: 717-234-6798; www.pronursingresources.com. Several items have been placed in the IAHC Archives.

Human Care and Caring: IAHC Refocuses Nursing. (1993)

A VHS video developed by the IAHC, Inc. in collaboration with Madonna University, Media Services, Livonia, Michigan. A 38-minute interaction with three of the early leaders in human care/caring research: Dr. Madeleine Leininger, founder of the Caring Research Group and eminent nurse anthropologist; Dr. Delores Gaut, first elected president of the Association; and Dr. Malcolm MacDonald, an early leader in the integration of human caring in nursing education and service.

IAHC Conference, 2003, Boulder, Colorado, USA

A VHS video documenting the 2003 Conference, *Calling the Caring Circle*, including sessions, activities and interviews with participants.

Delores Ann Gaut. (1997). Historical Review of the IAHC, 1978-1996.

A review of the beginnings of the Caring Research Conferences and the gradual growth of a small group of nurse researchers into the International Association for Human Caring over the first eighteen years.

A. Lynne Wagner & Delores A. Gaut. (2008). History of the International Association for Human Caring—1978-2007.

A. Lynne Wagner revised and expanded the *Historical Review of the IAHC, 1978-1996* that was originally written by Dr. Delores A. Gaut in 1997. (100 pages of history and photographs)

*****A. Lynne Wagner & Delores Ann Gaut. (2013). History of the International Association for Human Caring—1978-2013.***

Updated IAHC History Booklet (132 pages of history and photographs).

Available for sale from the IAHC Business Office: **Professional Nursing Resources, Inc;**

Journal

The International Journal for Human Caring (Zane Robinson Wolf, PhD, RN, FAAN, Editor)

Started in 1997 and now published four times a year, the peer-reviewed journal serves as a vehicle for nurses and other health care providers to publish and to read the most updated research and practice in the area of human care and caring. One issue a year includes the IAHC Annual Conference Abstracts. For an updated list of articles published since 1997, visit the IAHC website: www.humancaring.org. The IJHC is indexed in the Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature (CINAHL), EBSCO, British Nursing Index, and PsychINFO. (See full history of the Journal under the Section: "History of the IAHC Journal.")

Appendix C

Other Scholarly Resources

A Sample of Recent Publications by IAHC Members and Leaders

Boykin, A, Schoenhofer, S.O., & Valentine, K. (2013 release). *Practical Strategies for Transforming Healthcare Systems: Creating a Culture of Caring*. New York, NY: Springer Publishing Co.

“This is a time-tested, practical guide for nurses and other healthcare professionals who wish to transform their healthcare systems based on caring values and the promotion of intra- and inter-professional dialogue among stakeholders. It describes a theoretically grounded model created by nurses for transforming the culture of healthcare systems at all levels, and features tested strategies that facilitate accessibility, efficiency, effectiveness, and enhanced outcomes. At its most basic level, this model, the Dance of Caring Persons, expresses the fundamental beliefs and attitudes that each person in the healthcare system lives caring meaningfully in unique and valuable ways, and the contributions of each person to the whole of the enterprise have a significant place within it. The Dance of Caring Persons is already in use to guide the organization and functioning of such health systems as the Mayo Clinic, Kaiser Permanente, Duke University Health Systems, SE Division of GeoCare Group, Marshfield Clinic, United Health Care Services, and Sutter Health Care Systems.” (from www.springerpub.com).

Davidson, A., Ray, M. & Turkel, M.(Eds.). (2011). *Nursing, caring, and complexity science: For human-environment well-being*. New York, NY: Springer Publishing Co. (American Journal of Nursing 2011 Book of the Year Award for Professional Development and Trends in Nursing.)

“This innovative volume explores nursing and complexity science, and investigates how they relate in research, education, and practice. The book examines best methods for using complex systems, with expert contributing authors drawn from nursing, sociology, informatics, and mathematics. Each author is actively involved in studying and applying complexity science in diverse populations and various settings-especially in terms of nursing, chronic care, health care organizations, and community health networks.” (from www.springerpub.com)

Hills, M. & Watson, J. (2011). *Creating a caring science curriculum: An emancipatory pedagogy for nursing*. New York, NY: Springer Publishing Co.

‘The hallmark text for nursing faculty seeking to promote the transformative teaching of caring science, this book reflects the paramount scholarship of caring science educators. The volume intertwines visionary thinking with blueprints, living exemplars, and dynamic directions for the application of fundamental principles. It features emancipatory teaching/learning scholarship, and student/teacher, relation/evaluation models for adoption into education and practice regimens.’ (from www.springerpub.com)

Kagan, P.N., Smith, M.C. & Chinn, P.L. (Eds). (July 2013). *Philosophies and practices of emancipatory nursing: Social justice as praxis*. New York & Oxford, UK: Routledge.

Nelson, J. & Watson, J. (Eds.). (2012). *Measuring caring: International research on caritas as healing*. New York, NY: Springer Publishing Co.

“This is the first international compendium of Caritas research, presenting the findings of 41 studies from 7 countries. The book examines similarities and differences in the ways in which each country applies Watson's Theory and documents the outcomes of these interventions. It addresses

relationships between nurses and patients, nurses and their colleagues, self-care, and how Caritas is used to resolve outcome issues system-wide.” (from www.springerpub.com)

Ray, M. (2010). *Transcultural caring dynamics in nursing and health care.* Philadelphia: F. A. Davis Company.

“Dr. Ray presents a unique approach to understanding the ever-changing dynamics among cultures and to building a transcultural caring relationship between the professional and client. This new model reflects how globalization, mass communication, and technology are affecting cultures in today’s world and how cultures are influencing one another.” (F.A. Davis website)

Ray, M. (2010). *A study of caring within the institutional culture: The discovery of the Theory of Bureaucratic Caring.* Germany: Lambert Academic Publisher.

Smith, M.C., Turkel, M.C., & Wolf, Z.R. (Eds.). (2013). *Caring in Nursing Classics.* New York, NY: Springer Publishing Co.

“This is a core resource for nursing educators and students at all levels who seek fundamental perspectives on the art and science of caring. The text includes 37 classic book chapters and journal articles written by leaders in the field and illuminates the evolution of the caring paradigm over a 40 year span—from its beginnings as a philosophical/ethical/theoretical guide to nursing, to implications for the future development of caring science. Co-published with the Watson Caring Science Institute (WCSI), it will also be a primary resource for students attending WCSI programs and for in-service education programs, especially in hospitals with, or seeking, Magnet status. Each section features an introductory essay illuminating important concepts, followed by reflective questions appropriate for baccalaureate, master’s, and doctoral levels. Also included are multiple-choice questions, a variety of case studies, a digital teacher and student resource with PowerPoints for key ideas, and more.” (from www.springerpub.com)

Other Resources

Many of the leaders and members of the IAHC have contributed to the caring movement outside of the IAHC. Their work and accomplishments serve as an extension and as resources to the IAHC. Each of their accomplishments have advanced care/caring knowledge, research, and practice. Listed below are but a sampling of such resources and at best an incomplete accounting of all the resources and publications that members of IAHC have contributed to the advancement of care/caring knowledge and practice. A literature review on any of the leaders and members of IAHC, as well as other caring scholars, will reveal a wealth of work in the caring arena. This list is intended to illustrate the outreach that leaders in the IAHC have extended into other endeavors and their influence in promoting caring as the essence of nursing worldwide. Any omission is not intended to lessen the many other valuable contributions from caring scholars.

The late **Madeleine Leininger**, PhD, RN, FAAN published approximately 300 books, chapters, and articles on human care/caring based on theory and research, leaving a legacy and an indelible contribution to caring research and understanding. She recognized as early as 1950 that caring is the essence of nursing and the central domain of inquiry. With her background in anthropology, Dr. Leininger recognized that care needs are influenced by cultural practices. She developed the theory of Culture Care and established the Transcultural Nursing Society in 1974. The National Caring Conferences that started in 1978 and became the International Association for Human Caring in 1989 were an outgrowth of Dr. Leininger’s work in Transcultural Nursing. Her most recent publication includes: Leininger, M. and McFarland, M. R. (2006). *Culture care diversity and universality: A worldwide nursing theory (2nd edition).* Boston: Jones and Bartlett Publishers.

Jean Watson, PhD, RN, FAAN is Distinguished Professor and Dean Emerita, University of Colorado Denver College of Nursing and Anschutz Medical Center, where she held an endowed Chair in Caring Science for 16 years. She is founder of the original Center for Human Caring in Colorado and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing. She previously served as Dean of Nursing at the University Health Sciences Center and is a Past President of the National League for Nursing. Dr. Watson has immensely contributed to the caring movement, authoring and co-authoring over 18 books and 150 other publications, developing and teaching her Theory in Human Caring and Caring Science and her worldwide efforts to create networks of individuals and institutions who practice Caring Science. Her latest activities include Founder and Director of the non-profit foundation: Watson Caring Science Institute. In partnership with Heart science developments, she serves as Distinguished Scholar in Institute of HeartMath (www.heartmath.org). Her more recent publications include:

Watson, J (2012). *PostModern Nursing and Beyond*, Boulder, CO: Watson Caring Science Institute (originally published in 1999 by Churchill Livingstone (Harcourt Brace and Co, Limited), London, England.) Now available through Watson Caring Science Institute (www.watsoncaringscience.org).

Watson, J. (2008). *Nursing. The Philosophy and Science of Caring. Revised & Updated Edition*. Boulder: University Press of Colorado.

Watson, J. (2009). *Assessing and measuring caring in nursing and health sciences* (2nd ed.). New York: Springer Publishing Co.

Watson, J. (2005). *Caring science as sacred science*. Philadelphia: F. A. Davis. (AJN Book of the Year Award 2005).

Watson, J. (2002). *Instruments for assessing and measuring caring in nursing and health sciences*. New York, NY: Springer. (AJN Book of the Year Award 2002). (Japanese translation in print).

For further information, visit Dr. Watson's website: www.watsoncaringscience.org

Anne Boykin, PhD, MN, RN, Professor Emeritus and Director of the Anne Boykin Institute for the Advancement of Caring in Nursing in the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing, Florida Atlantic University, as well as Past-President of the International Association for Human Caring, has published widely in the caring field. The FAU website states the College of Nursing embraces a Caring based philosophy, "expanding the science of caring, studying its meaning, practicing the art, and living caring day to day." It is the first College of Nursing to create a center for the "Archives of Caring in Nursing," established under the leadership of Dr. Anne Boykin, to house historical documents of IAHC and other scholarly collections focused on Caring. September 2012, Florida Atlantic University launched the Anne Boykin Institute for the Advancement of Caring in Nursing.

Dr. Boykin's theory of Nursing as Caring and strategies for creating caring cultures are described in Boykin, A. & Schoenhofer, S. O. (2001). *Nursing as caring: A model for transforming practice*. Boston: Jones and Bartlett (National League for Nursing Press) and a second book to be published in 2013: Boykin, A, Schoenhofer, S.O., & Valentine, K. (2013 release). *Practical Strategies for Transforming Healthcare Systems: Creating a Culture of Caring*. New York, NY: Springer Publishing Co. For further information, visit: www.nursing.fau.edu

Sister Simone Roach, PhD, RN influential philosophical work in human caring has added a scholarly contribution to the caring movement. Her many publications add a thought-provoking dimension to understanding human caring as "a mode of being." Among her influential works are:

Roach, M. S. (2002). *Caring, the human mode of being: A blueprint for the health professions* (2nd rev. edition). Ottawa, Ontario, Canada: CHA Press.

Roach, M. S. (Ed.). (1997). *Caring from the heart: The convergence of caring and spirituality*. New York, NY: Paulist Press.

For further resources on various topics, see the following authors:

Caring Science:

- Katie Eriksson, PhD, RN
- Jean Watson, PhD, RN

Reflective Practice:

- Christopher Johns, PhD, RN
- Dawn Freshwater, PhD, RN
- A. Lynne Wagner, EdD, MSN, RN (Aesthetic narrative inquiry)

Theory-Development and Evolution:

- W. Richard Cowling III, PhD, RN (Rogerian Theory; Appreciative Inquiry)
- Marilyn Parker, PhD, RN (publications on Nursing Theories)
- Carol Picard, PhD, RN (Margaret Newman's theory)
- Marilyn A. Ray, PhD, RN, CTN-A (Theory of Bureaucratic Caring)
- Marilyn A. Ray, PhD, RN, CTN-A and Marian C. Turkel, RN, PhD, NEA-BC, FAAN (Theory of Relational Caring Complexity; Theory of Organizational Economic Caring)
- Marlaine Smith, PhD, RN

Caring Philosophical Models and Moral/Ethical Focus:

- Sigridur Halldorsdottir, PhD, RN
- Jane Sumner, PhD, RN, PHCNS, BC
- Marilyn Ray, PhD, RN

Evidence-base Practice and Standards of Care:

- Zane Robinson Wolf, PhD, RN, FAAN

Caring and Technology:

- Rozzano (Nino) Locsin, PhD, RN

Caring Science Curriculum

- Marcia Hills, PhD, RN, FAAN
- Jean Watson, PhD, RN, FAAN

Caring Guiding Professional Nursing Practice

- A. Lynne Wagner, EdD, MSN, RN (Caring Mentoring Model)
- Marian Turkel, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN (Theory-Guided Practice-Hospital)
- Charlotte Barry, PhD, RN, NCSN (Theory Guided Practice-Community)

Appendix D

Fundraising Activities: Past and Present

In general, the main income for the Association comes from annual membership dues and the annual conference registrations. Throughout the years there have been generous gifts and contributions given by members and other benefactors/sponsors in support of conferences, maintenance of the IAHC, scholarships, and other expenses.

Retail merchandise sold over the years and fundraising activities include:

- Booklet, *Historical Review of the IAHC—1978-1996* by Delores Gaut
- IAHC gold-plated pin
- Note cards depicting a painting called “An Invitation to Dream,” by Mary Ericksen in 1993/1994 and the quilt by Eunice Hill, called, *Universal Connections*, created in 1996.
- IAHC Pen and post-it notes
- IAHC Silver heart-shaped paperweight
- Posters:
 - 1) Poster depicting the quilt design, *Universal Connections*;
 - 2) The 20th Anniversary Poster from the 1998 conference on the theme, *Creating Cultures of Caring*;
 - 3) A poster on the 1999 conference theme, *Cultural Diversity in the New Millennium*.
- Quilt Pattern: pattern to make a quilt with the “Universal Connections” design
- Quilt Material packs: A package of the materials needed for the interior and first border of the “Universal Connections” quilt. Comes with blue, magenta, green, purple and yellow material and measures 24 x 32 inches.
- Video: *Human Care and Caring: IAHC Refocuses Nursing*,
In 1993 Drs. Madeleine Leininger, Delores Gaut, and Malcolm MacDonald produced a video outlining the history and growth of the International Association for Human Caring. (see Publications/Videos in Appendix).
- Video: *IAHC Conference, 2003* (Boulder, Colorado)
A video made during the 2003 conference in Boulder, Colorado that captures the conference activities and interviews with participants.
- 2003 Boulder Colorado T-shirts
- Booklet, *History of the International Association for Human Caring—1978-2007* by Dr. A. Lynne Wagner and Dr. Delores Gaut. (100 pages of history and photographs)
- 2011 IAHC Conference in San Antonio featured a Silent Auction.
- Booklet, *History of the International Association for Human Caring—1978-2013* by Dr. A. Lynne Wagner and Dr. Delores Ann Gaut. (Updated IAHC History) [132 pages. For purchase of the IAHC History, contact ruth@pronursingresources.com]

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Appendix E Pictorial History of the IAHC



"Circles of Caring" quilt, by Eunice Hill



1996: gold-plated IAHC pin

IAHC Presidents



Madeleine Leininger, PhD, RN
IAHC Chair/President 1978-1990



Delores Gaut, PhD, RN
IAHC President 1990-1993



Anne Boykin PhD, RN
IAHC President 1993-1996



Kathleen Valentine, PhD, RN
IAHC President 1996-1999



Zane Robinson Wolf, PhD, RN
IAHC President 1999-2002



Carol Picard, PhD, RN
IAHC President 2002-2004



Gwen Sherwood, PhD, RN
IAHC President 2004-2006



Dawn Freshwater, PhD, RN
IAHC President 2006-2007



Donna Taliaferro, PhD, RN
IAHC President 2007-2010



Gail B. Williams, PhD, RN
IAHC President 2010-2012



Marian Turkel, RN, PhD
IAHC President 2012-2014



Nancey France, PhD, RN
IAHC President Elect 2012-2014



1990: Madeleine Leininger, Delores Gaut, Marilyn Ray, Malcolm MacDonald, Jean Watson, Anne Boykin, Agnes Aamodt, Doris Riemen, Kathleen Valentine



1997 Finland:
Delores Gaut, Madeleine Leininger
Kathleen Valentine, Anne Boykin



Board 2012 - 2013:
Louise O'Reilly, Patrick Dean, Jane Sumner,
Carol Wilson, Marlaine Smith, Marlienne Goldin,
Marian Turkel, Lynne Wagner, Gail Williams

Scholarship Awards



The Leininger Human Care Research Scholarship Award given in honor of Madeleine Leininger.



The Watson Student Scholarship Award, given in honor of Dr. Jean Watson.



Dr. Marilyn (Dee) Ray, sponsor of the Drosbeke Caring Scholarship Award, in honor of her late husband, James Drosbeke



IAHC Conferences

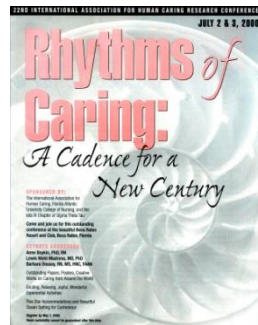
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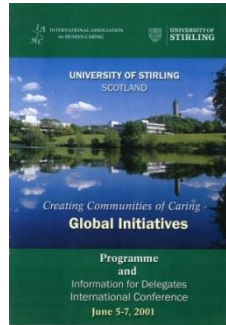
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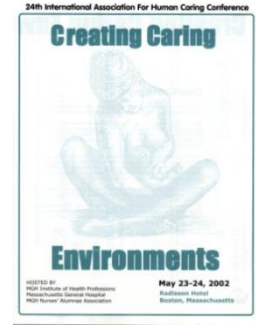
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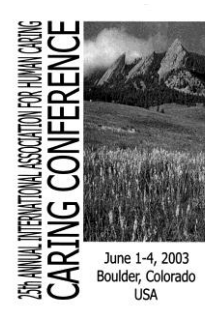
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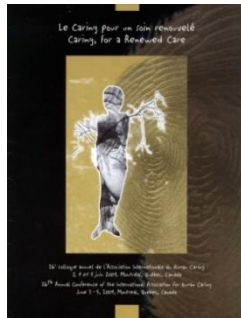
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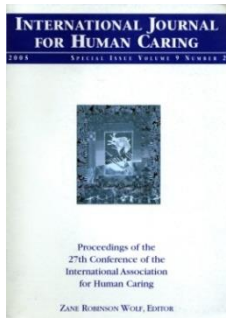
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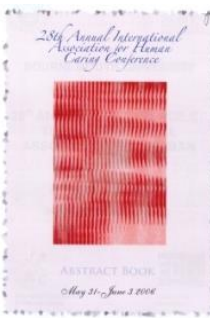
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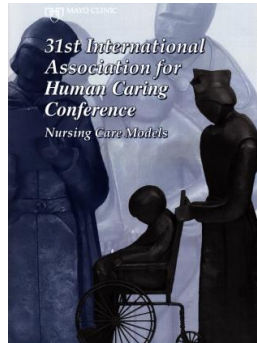
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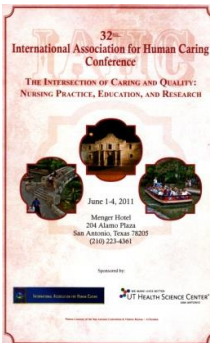
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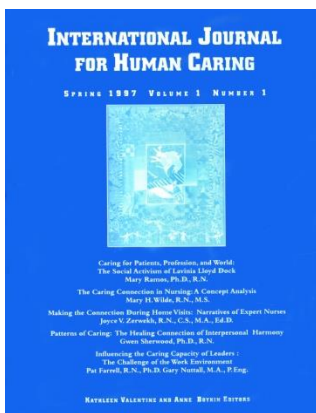


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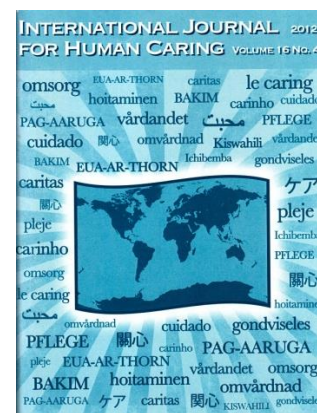
IAHC Journal Covers



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