

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



CHANGES

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Hello colleagues and welcome to Autumn 2016. An exciting time of the year with many changes; cooler temperatures, school schedules and rich colorful leaves creating brilliant landscapes. Changes are in full array at ANA-New York.

I am humbled and honored to have been elected to serve as the second ANA-NY President for the 2016-2018 term. This would not have been possible

without the superb leadership of our first Executive Director Karen Ballard and past President Betty Mahoney. They have been dynamic role models and mentors to nurses locally, nationally and internationally. I am grateful for their guidance, support and encouragement for this awesome and daunting leadership opportunity. Their passion and dedication to nursing facilitated the development and exponential growth of ANA-NY during three short but very busy years into a premier professional nursing organization of over 4,100 members strong! ANA-NY will forever be indebted to our founding leaders - Karen Ballard & Betty Mahoney.

Now it is time to “Pay It Forward” and facilitate ANA-NY’s evolution by creatively addressing the focus of our strategic goals;

- ✚ Health & Work Environment
- ✚ Quality & Safety
- ✚ Leadership Development
- ✚ Membership
- ✚ Mutual Partnerships

As ANA-NY ventures into the next phase of organizational growth it is imperative we personally invite and encourage all New York nurses to become engaged members. Membership has two distinct but interconnected components; professional accountability and personal growth. Each new member brings a unique perspective and diverse experiences that enhance our collective expertise and expand the resources and support offered to our membership.

ANA-NY Needs You: Change Agents and Risk Takers to be the leaders for our dynamic profession and the rapidly changing health care industry. We can no longer accept the standards of care as the status quo but we must use them as stepping stones towards excellence.

As your President I pledge to be your voice and address issues that impact our profession and our members including new graduates; our future nurse leaders to seasoned experts. Each nurse can inspire one another and together we can achieve goals that initially seem unattainable. Yes, there are many obstacles ahead; downsizing, units/hospitals closing, pending legislation, educational, employment and financial barriers to name a few. However, I believe we can embrace them as

opportunities where each nurse is a spark that contributes to an inextinguishable flame lighting the way. Collectively our brilliance reflects passion, commitment and professionalism.

I encourage you to explore ANA-NY's diverse programs, committees and initiatives to identify which is the best match for your interest and talents. I look forward to meeting you and working together as we "Build a Community of Empowered Nurses" to influence the future of nursing.