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One hundred years ago the Arkansas Nurses Association was formed by nurses similar to each of you. It is through their foresight that we are here to celebrate ARNA’s Centennial Anniversary. For the past 100 years the members of this association have worked to improve the profession, improve client care, and to improve nursing education. As the ARNA President I welcome each of you to this Gala Event to celebrate the best of who we are. Enjoy.

The Arkansas Nurses Association (ARNA) celebrates its 100th birthday in this year of 2012. How privileged we all are to share this once in a lifetime event together. It is fitting that we pause to remember and honor the courageous nurses of our early beginnings. They initiated efforts for nursing to be recognized as a valid profession. We pause to applaud and recognize our colleagues of today who have and still are experiencing rapid changes in health care, education and service. They are facing the challenges and paving the way for the next generation of nurses. We encourage and prevail upon our nursing students to strive to continue nursing’s efforts to be equal partners in health care, always advocating for the needs of patients and families. It is also fitting on this momentous occasion to ask ourselves how many persons have touched our lives and made it possible to be a part of a noble profession that enters the lives of families at such profound times. We remember and thank each of them. I remember, honor and thank Sister Mary Inez, a Sister of the Religious Order of Mercy in Chicago, for making it possible for this nurse to start her own career 56 years ago. Happy Anniversary Everyone!
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100th Anniversary Gala
Event Schedule

6:30 p.m. – Reception
Music Provided by “The Rockets”

7:30 p.m. – Centennial Gala

Welcome – Jujuan English
President – Arkansas Nurses Association

Master of Ceremony – Craig O’Neill
Anchor, KTHV, Little Rock

Greetings
The Honorable Mark Stodola, Mayor, City of Little Rock

Invocation – Bishop Anthony Taylor
Catholic Diocese of Little Rock

Gala Dinner
Century of Fashions – Parade of Nursing Uniforms
Lana Sinclair, Moderator

Introduction of Speaker – Shirlene Harris

Co-Chair 100th Anniversary Gala Dinner
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Marla Weston, CEO
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Reflections and Remembrance
Nursing: Past, Present & Future
Shirlene Harris & Rhonda Finnie

Outstanding Arkansas Senior Student Award
Presenter – Jujuan English

Happy Birthday ARNA – Candle Lighting Ceremony
Sandra J. Brown, Program Committee

Closing Remarks
Joanne Dejanovich, CEO
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Let’s Dance
Music Provided by “The Rockets”

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Salad

Spinach Salad with Frisse, Gorgonzola Cheese Crumbles, Candied Pecans, Sliced Roma Tomato, served with Raspberry Vinaigrette and Balsamic Vinaigrette

Entrees

Pan Seared Filet with Onion Crusted Chicken Breast Served with Burgundy Demi Sauce, Roasted Jumbo Asparagus, Herb Roasted Tomato on a bed of Yukon Golden Mashed Potatoes

Dessert

Spiced Cheesecake Served with Butterscotch Sauce and Whipped Cream Topped with Gingerbread Crumbles or Chocolate Mousse Cake Garnished with Golden Oreo Crumbles. Served with Whipped Cream, Strawberry and Chocolate Sauce

“In August of 1999, I began to park at Today’s THV’s front door and demanding to be put on TV,” said Craig. Today’s THV relented in December 1999. On Craig’s first day of work he was sent to Dallas to cover the Cotton Bowl game between the Arkansas Razorbacks and the Texas Longhorns. In June of 2008, he went into news with Dawn Scott and Liz Massey. Craig holds the distinction of being the only disc jockey to ever host a dance at the White House.

Throughout the years, Craig has given his time and talents to help many organizations including The American Cancer Society, Big Brothers / Big Sisters, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Arkansas Children’s Theatre, Arkansas Arts Center, Arkansas Children’s Hospital, Muscular Dystrophy Association, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Ballet of Arkansas, Easter Seals, Florence Crittenton Home, American Heart Association, Hope Lodge, VIPS, and Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Craig is married to his college sweetheart, Jane. They have two grown children, Abby and Thomas, two grandchildren, Bella and Amelia.

Marla J. Weston, PhD, RN
Chief Executive Officer of the American Nurses Association

Dr. Marla Weston is the chief executive officer (CEO) of both the American Nurses Association (ANA) and the American Nurses Foundation (ANF), and a recognized nurse leader with more than 30 years diverse management experience in health care operations.

Prior to joining ANA in 2009, Dr. Weston served at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in the Veterans Healthcare Administration (VHA), first as program director in the Office of Nursing Services, and then as deputy chief officer in the agency’s Workforce Management and Consulting Office. At the VHA, she oversaw policies, programs, and initiatives that provided support for employees at all VHA facilities across the country. She also was responsible for improving nurse retention, and for promoting nursing as an attractive career choice. In addition, Dr. Weston served four years as the executive director of the Arizona Nurses Association. During her tenure, association membership increased by 24 percent and revenues rose by 109 percent.

Dr. Weston graduated magna cum laude from Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a bachelor’s of science degree in nursing. She graduated summa cum laude from Arizona State University, with a master’s of science degree in nursing. She earned her doctoral degree at the University of Arizona, where her dissertation, Antecedents to Control over Nursing Practice, addressed ways to increase the decision-making role of the hospital nurse – in short, nurse influence and power.

Dr. Weston has been widely recognized for her leadership for nurses and for nursing, including being selected for membership in the American Academy of Nursing. She will be inducted as an Academy fellow in October 2012.
A century of Arkansas nursing progress began one-hundred years ago, in October 1912, when a small group of visionary and bold nurses with their supporters, organized the Arkansas State Graduate Nurses Association. They were a third generation from Florence Nightingale and her teachings in, Notes on Nursing, What It Is and What it is Not. Led by a bold President, Irene Howard Aydelett, RN, they achieved their first goal of mandatory nurse registration the following year in 1913. By March, a Board of Nursing was established to regulate licensure and the numerous schools of nursing through established standards. With that beginning, and the passing of time, nurses assumed additional roles and practices in addition to the emergence of the Licensed Practical Nurses during a major influenza epidemic. The organization of today, is a clear testament of the determination, work, political savvy and commitment to the patients and their families.

The Arkansas nurses braved the historical floods of 1927 and 1937 and saved lives through camp nursing and statewide immunization projects. The polio epidemic of the 1950s brought new opportunities for clinical bedside care, technology, and medications. Also, in the domain of nursing education, Baccalaureate nursing education emerged in the in the 1950s due to the efforts of Arkansas’ nurses working collaboratively with other citizen and healthcare groups. The 1960s and 1970s presented massive technological advances, advancements in medications and open heart surgeries and explosion of various critical care units—cardiac, surgical, medical, neurological and so forth. The ever present shortage of nurses intensified in the 1980s, at the same time in the health care profession emerged as one of the fastest growing job sectors in the American economy. Schools and colleges of nursing enrolled and graduated their maximums in the effort to address the shortages. Through the perseverance and boundless energy of Arkansas nursing leaders, the 1990’s offered historical progress for Arkansas nurses. The safety of healthcare workers and professional dialogue sprung to the forefront. Issues such as workplace violence against nurses and sharps safety occupied our attention, and so continue today.

In 1995, through the collective efforts of nurse leaders with statewide support, the state’s first doctoral degree in nursing was established by the College of Nursing, at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. That same year, the Arkansas Nurse Practice Act was amended by Act 409 creating licensure, prescriptive authority and Medicaid reimbursement for advanced practice nurses. In addition, the Arkansas Nurses Association confronted the challenges related to Act 409 to ensure the scope of practice for advanced practice nurses is not compromised.

The first decade of the 21st century created opportunities to reflect on our past successes, address the current challenges and mentor the leaders necessary to move the association forward. In 2010, the Institute of Medicine published its report, The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health. The anticipated report describes the future, with all nurses practicing to the fullest extent of their license and defined practice standards, in concert with preparatory and continuing education for expanding roles.

At the century’s end, Arkansas nurses and the Arkansas Nurses Association, reflects on leadership and determination of those in the past who mentored and assured those of the present a profession with high standards, and those who are now promoting future nursing. In 2012, Nursing was again, as in the past decade, was voted the “Most Trusted Profession.” As Judith Collins stated in her 2012 Convention keynote address, “Finally, the missing player is now sitting at the American Healthcare Table,” with full rights and capabilities. With this 100th Anniversary, Arkansas nurses will raise the Nurse’s Torch higher and carry it with full fledged futuristic aspirations, expanding capabilities and professional respect.
For the past twelve months, the 100th Anniversary Steering Team engaged the Arkansas Nurses Association in a year-long celebration. The overarching plan was to have a year-long celebration culminating with a grand Gala Event at the Peabody Little Rock Hotel. As planned, the year began with Arkansas Governor Mike Beebe proclaiming 2012 as “The Year of the Nurse.” The signed proclamation hangs in the Association’s corporate offices. In February, a press conference was held at the Arkansas Capital in which the history and accomplishments were extolled. In March, the combined Districts 10 and 11 held an extravagant celebration in Little Rock at the Embassy Suites. The event was preceded by a Channel 7 live televised appearance, with two ARNA nurses announcing and describing the upcoming event. The event highlighted a style parade of nurses uniforms from the past and present, beginning with World War I through 2012. In April, ARNA Districts 6, 8 and 13 hosted a second regional celebration at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, honoring the nurses of the future, the student nurses. In May, a third celebration at Hot Springs was hosted by Districts 3 and 12 with a program designed for the continuing education of nurses in the area. In September, a fourth celebration was hosted in Pine Bluff by Districts 1, 2 and 4 with a luncheon at the Central Presbyterian Church. Jujuan English, ARNA president was guest speaker. In October, the association held the Annual Convention at the Peabody Little Rock Hotel. Governor Mike Beebe and Mark Stodola, the Mayor of Little Rock, greeted over 300 registered nurses and 1,100 student nurses in the filled auditorium. In addition, nurses attending had the opportunity to complete a maximum of ten continuing education contact hours. In addition, at least 47 poster sessions reflected, practice, research, education, pediatrics, therapies, and more. Also, the convention provided opportunities to promote the Gala through announcements, sales of tickets and t-shirts.

The Gala Event of this evening was planned to celebrate the centennial milestone, of nursing’s continued professional commitment to healthcare for Arkansans. In doing so, all attendees will participate in a special Candlelight Ceremony, to highlight ARNA’s 100th Anniversary, memorialize nurses of the past, honor those of the present and stimulate student nurses to foster the profession’s future vision. The Master of Ceremony, Craig O’Neill will add his unique talent as he keeps the program moving. Special recognition will be given, to deserving individuals for their unique contribution to the profession and the association. We hope you enjoy the celebration.

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With these candles we commemorate the 100th birthday anniversary of the Arkansas Nurses Association, with heartfelt memory of past colleagues who made this event possible; hold in esteemed honor those nurses and supporters we know and appreciate among us today. Our grateful thankfulness to all, for our rich heritage and the coming future:

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