



#### FIRST DECADE: 1955-1967

#### **American Socio-Political Context**

- Alaska and Hawaii are granted statehood.
- The public is focused on the cold war and the conflict between democracy and communism.
- John Glenn orbits the earth three times in a space capsule.
- The Vietnam war begins.

#### American Health Care/Nursing Context

- The President's Commission on Education calls for a 50 percent increase in nurses based on projected population growth.
- The American Nurses Association approves a position paper, "Education for Entry into Practice".
- The Nurse Training Act is signed into law.
- Federal traineeships for baccalaureate and graduate studies are made available for eligible nursing students

#### **Events in Nursing in the West**

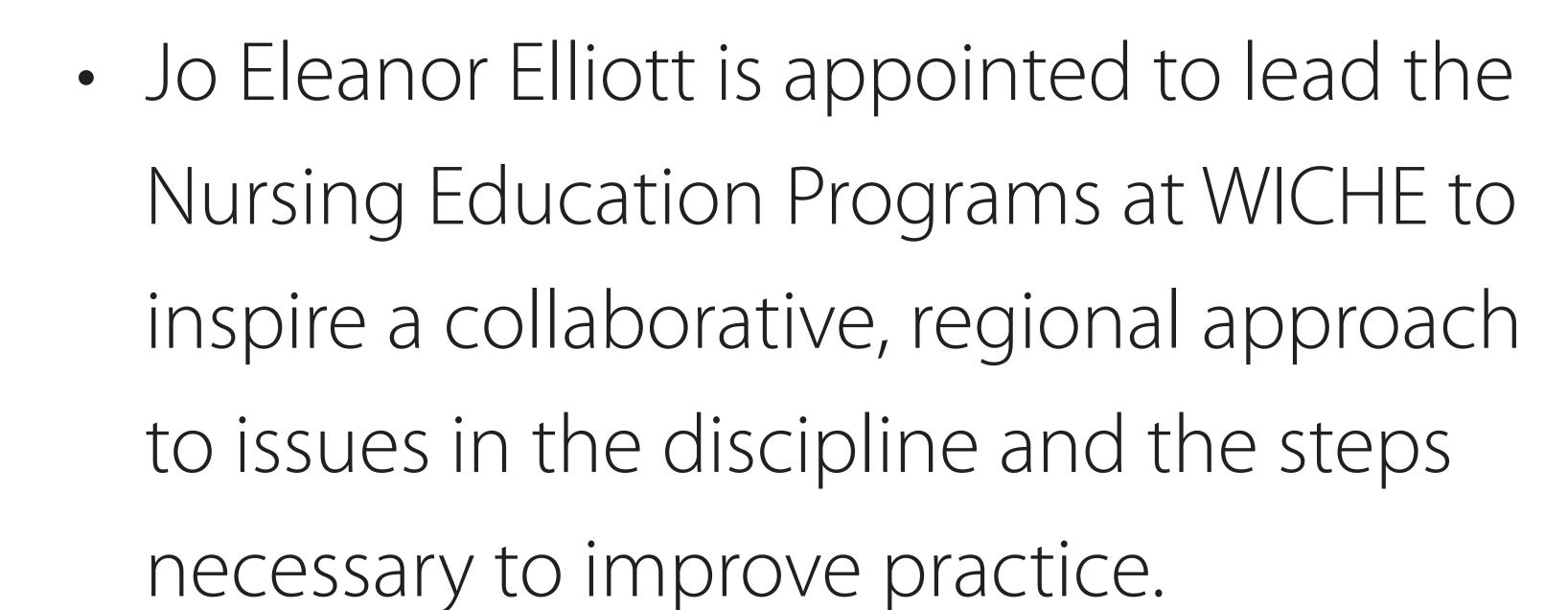
Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE)
 convenes the Western Regional Meeting on Advanced Education for
 Nursing, which recommends a consultant to study nursing issues
 in the West.



Helen Nahm

Based on the Nahm report (a survey of 20 of the 33 universities in the west and the recommendation of the first "Committee of Seven," the Western
 Council on Higher

Education for Nursing (WCHEN) was established.



Jo Eleanor Elliott, Director,
Nursing Education
Programs, Western
Interstate Commission for
Higher Education

#### WCHEN Projects Included:

- Continuing Education to Improve Mental Health
- Changing Nurses' Participation in Health Planning
- Preparation and Utilization of New Nursing Graduates

### Research in Nursing in the West

Jo Eleanor Elliott
 collaborates on three
 conferences to expand
 and strengthen nursing
 research in the West at the
 University of Colorado,
 University of California
 Berkley, and the University
 of Washington.



Dr. Harold Enarson discusses WCHEN publication with Alice Ingmire, WCHEN Chair, Pearl Parvin Coulter, and Loretta Hanner.

• A plan for the Communicating Nursing Research conference is begun.



WCHEN Executive Committee meeting April 5, 1957 (L-R) Richard Axt, Grace E. M. Staple; Faye G. Abdellah, Katie Justus (guest), Margaret Taylor, Alice Ingmire, Chair, Sister Mary Ruth, Katherine Kelly, Lucile Gregerson.





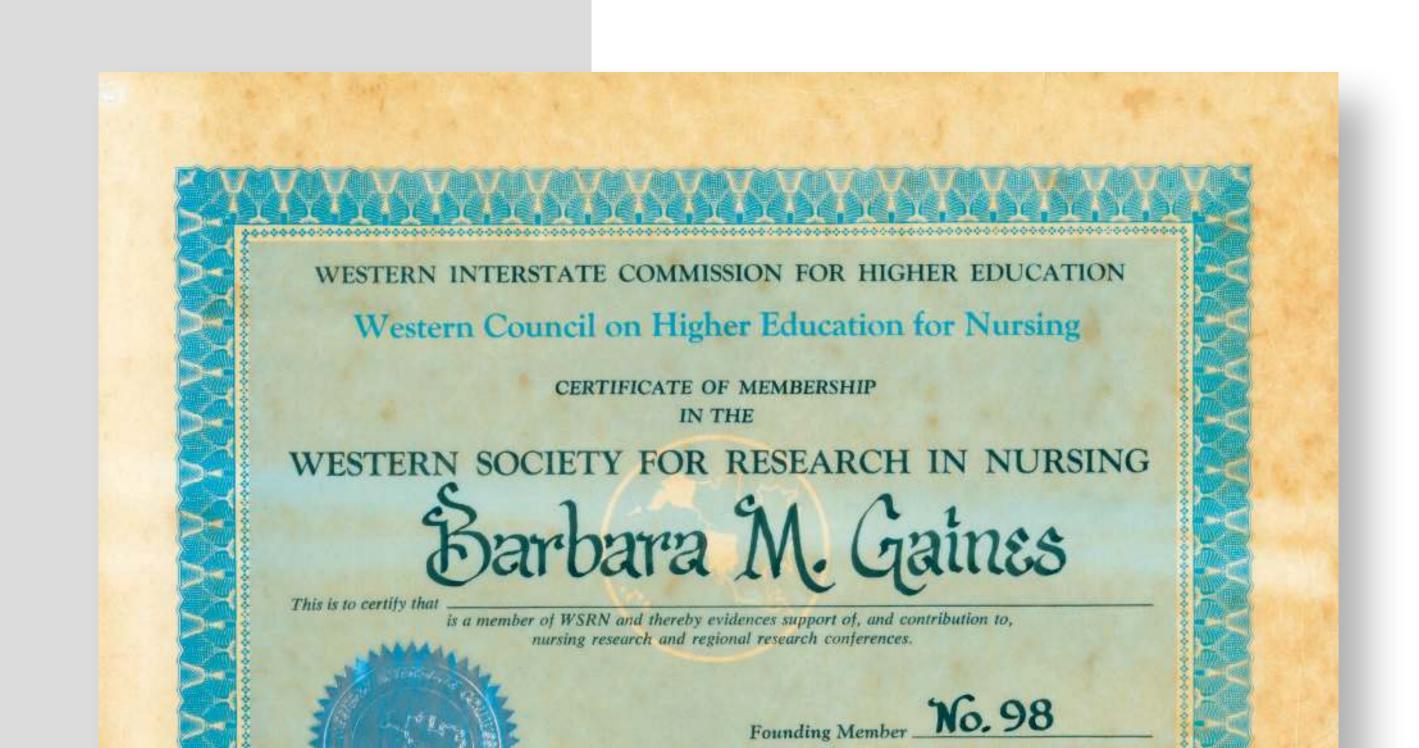
#### SECOND DECADE: 1968-1977

#### **American Socio-Political Context**

- The Civil Rights Bill is signed into law.
- The Vietnam war continues.
- Postsecondary education has significant growth.
- Richard Nixon elected U.S. President; later resigns.
- The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) is introduced federally for state ratification.

#### American Health Care/Nursing Context

- Medicare legislation is passed. Average medication cost is \$41.40/year for people age 65 and over.
- Successful organ transplants are achieved.
- Graduate programs in nursing move to emphasize clinical specialization rather than nursing education or administration.
- The Lysaught report, An Abstract for Action, notes (p. 83): We are dismayed that so little research has been done on actual effects of nursing intervention and care.
- Ava Dilworth, research branch, Division of Nursing, concludes
  there was no doubt about the need for nursing research, but
  she doubts that the nursing profession really wanted research as
  there was no demand for it.



Barbara Gaines' WSRN Certificate. She was Charter Member No. 98.

Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming

#### **Events in Nursing in the West**

The Western Society for Research in Nursing is established.

#### WCHEN Projects Included:

- Today and Tomorrow in Western Nursing, a survey of nursing needs and resources
- Continuing Education Project for Nurses: Idaho, Montana, Wyoming
- Models for Introducing Cultural Diversity in Nursing
- "The Effectiveness of the Leadership Program in Nursing
- Developing a Q-Sort Instrument to Delineate
   Differences between Graduates of Baccalaureate and
   Associate Degree Programs
- Faculty Development to Meet Minority Group Needs
- Development of Nurse Faculty for Improving and Expanding Continuing Education and In-service Education Programs
- Analysis and Planning for Improved Distribution of Nursing Personnel and Services
- Training Nurses to Improve Patient Education
- Feasibility Study: Leadership Preparation for Complex Organizations
- Regional Program for Nursing Research Development
- Delphi Survey of Priorities in Clinical Nursing Research
- Compilation of Nursing Research Instruments (became known as The Blue Book)

## Communicating Nursing Research Conference

- At the first annual conference,
   Madeline M. Leininger, PhD, RN,
   presented a keynote paper,
   The Research Critique: Nature,
   Function, and Art.
- Marge Batey produces and edits the Communicating Nursing Research proceedings.



Marie Cowan and Marge Batey

- Enhanced research rigor of research methods.
- Enhanced education of research methods.
- Increased clinical research, inclusion of minority communities.
- Outcomes of studies on mental health.





#### THIRD DECADE: 1978-1987

#### **American Socio-Political Context**

- The United States economy shifts from industrial base to information base.
- Middle class continues to make economic gains.
- Attempts are made to link high technology with high touch.
- The Berlin wall collapses. For the first time, all Western Europe is governed by democracies.
- Leadership shifts from the World War II generation to the Vietnam War generation, bringing with it a mistrust of government.
- Second wave of feminism emerges.

#### American Health Care/Nursing Context

- Disease-related groups (DRGs) begin as a means to manage health care costs.
- Increased professional choices for women affect enrollments in schools of nursing.
- Sex discrimination becomes an issue within nursing as men enter the profession in greater numbers.
- Increased acuity level of patients and use of technology in hospital settings results in an increased demand for nurses.
   This becomes known as the "quicker and sicker" phenomenon.

#### **Events in Nursing in the West**

- Jo Eleanor Elliott leaves WCHEN to become the Director of the federal Division of Nursing.
- Jeanne Kearns is appointed Director of Nursing Programs at WICHE.
- Pamela Brink begins
   the Western Journal of
   Nursing Research.
- A new Committee of Seven is appointed to explore the status of the WCHEN organization.

## WCHEN Projects Included:



- Continuing Education to Improve Mental Health
- Changing Nurses' Participation in Health Planning
- Preparation and Utilization of New Nursing Graduates

## Communicating Nursing Research Conference

- Conference structure eliminates
   the formal critique and moves to
   discussion format.
- Poster sessions are added.
- RIFF-RAFF breaks into the annual research conference.
- The New Researcher Award is established, later named for Carol A. Lindeman.



Nancy Woods and Marie Cowan enjoyed RIFF-RAFF.

- Qualitative research methods.
- Rural health care and vulnerable populations.
- Gerontology health promotion through end-of-life.



Skit players get ready to take the stage during RIFF-RAFF.



## OF LEADERSHIP:



#### FOURTH DECADE: 1988-1997

#### **American Socio-Political Context**

- Free trade and a global market place boom. China moves toward becoming an economic force in the world.
- The country starts the 1990s with a budget surplus.
- The wage gap between the rich and the poor continues to grow.
- First Gulf war ensues.
- A religious revival influences national and local elections.
- The U.S. Human Genome Project is begun.

#### **American Health Care/Nursing Context**

- The pharmaceutical industry markets prescription drugs directly to consumers.
- Poverty, absence of health care insurance, and growing health care costs significantly increase the percentage of the GNP spent on health care.
- The debate regarding education for entry into practice between baccalaureate and associate degree nursing programs continues and in some states, escalates.
- Independent nursing practices grow as a model of care as do the numbers of Nurse Practitioners in joint practices.
- Numbers of nurses from minority groups increase substantially.

#### **Events in Nursing in the West**

- WCHEN separates from WICHE and the Western Institute of Nursing (WIN) is born.
- The first WIN Assembly meeting is held.
- The Western Academy of Nurses (WAN) is established.
- The Jo Eleanor Elliott Leadership Award is established.
- The Anna M. Shannon Mentorship Award is established.

Information Concerning the Impact of DRGs

in the Reimbursement of Hospitals on Clinical Nursing

A Western Project to Improve Training in Geriatric Nursing

Hospital Nursing Characteristics and Nursing Needs in

Nurse Continuing Education Program: Special Needs of

Dissemination of Information Related to Strengthening

of Nursing Education and Practice and to Set

Racial/Ethnic Minority Populations Who Abuse Alcohol

Care in Both Hospitals and Community Settings

WIN Projects Included:

the Western Region

and Other Drugs

Future Directions

William Holzemer, Distinguished Research Lecturer.

### Select Conference Areas of

### Influence on Domain of Nursing in the West

- HIV/AIDS
- Homelessness
- Women's Health
- Chronic Health Conditions

**Bev Hoeffer** 



Members of the Western Academy of Nurses at the 2000 conference in Denver, CO.

### **Communicating Nursing Research Conference**

- Continued emphasis on mentoring of novice investigators.
- The Research Information Exchange Poster Session is added.
- The Distinguished Research Lectureship Award is established.
- State of the Art and/or Science Papers are introduced.



2000 Distinguished Research

Lectureship winners:

Leona Eggert with nominator, Nancy Woods



Virginia Tilden with nominator,





**Communicating Nursing Research Conference** 

• Conference continues with all-time high increases in attendance.

• Poster awards at the conference are established for individuals and

#### FIFTH DECADE: 1998-2007

#### **American Socio-Political Context**

- 9/11 2001 terror attack.
- The war on terrorism and homeland security drive decisions, such as federal spending priorities. Surplus of federal funds becomes a deficit.
- Scientists agree on the reality of global warming.
- The price of oil increases and there is a move to develop alternative energy sources.
- Human Genome Project is completed in 2003 with analysis continuing for many years.

#### American Health Care/Nursing Context

- Health care issues focus on rising costs and the growing number of uninsured.
- Medicare expenditures exceed anticipated growth raising concerns about its long-term viability.
- The Institute of Medicine releases the following: *To Err is Human:*Building a Safer Health System and Crossing the Quality Chasm.
- Evidence-based practice becomes the standard for health care.
- The generation of nursing knowledge becomes a global activity.

#### **Events in Nursing in the West**

- Following a call for proposals, Oregon Health & Science University becomes the host organization and WIN offices move from Boulder, Colorado to Portland, Oregon (July 1, 1996).
- Paula McNeil is appointed Executive
   Director (July 1, 1996).
- WIN is incorporated as a nonprofit organization under Oregon law.
- The annual WIN assembly continues and is renamed the WIN Member Assembly.

#### WIN Projects Included:

- WIN website, www.winursing.org, goes live.
- A website, www.nursingPhD.org, is initiated as a resource for prospective doctoral students.
- NEXus The Nursing Education Xchange:
   Partnering to increase the capacity of nursing doctoral programs, is funded by the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE), US Department of Education.
- Improving Healthcare through Nursing Informatics.
- Leadership Development Initiative" begins, later named the "Clinical Inquiry Initiative.



Paula McNeil, Executive Director

# students and the Research & Information Exchange. Research grants for WIN members established with joint funding by WIN, Sigma Theta Tau

- International, the American
  Nurses Foundation, and the
  generousity of WIN members.
- Silent Auction is started to help support the WIN Awards.
- WIN collaborates to form the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science (CANS).



Caroline Ellerman, Chair of the Silent Auction Committee, visits with potential purchasers.

- The Patsy A.
   Perry Award for Physiological Nursing Research
   Award is established.
- The WIN/John A. Hartford Foundation Regional Geriatric Nursing Research Award is established.

- Informatics
- Community Based Action Research



Research projects are shared during poster sessions.





#### SIXTH DECADE: 2008-2017

#### **American Socio-Political Context**

- The first African American, Barack Obama, is elected President of the United States; holds office for eight years.
- The United States recovers from global economic crisis and recession.
- The country and the world fight radical extremist terrorism.
- An anti-government movement strengthens.
- Social Media emerge as a major means of communication.

### American Health Care/Nursing Context

- The Affordable Care Act (ACA), "Obamacare," is passed, providing increase in number of Americans covered by health insurance.
- American health care costs slowed under the ACA. They
  continue to exceed those compared with other advanced
  nations of the world while outcomes fall short.
- The Institute of Medicine releases *The Future of Nursing:* Leading Change, Advancing Health.
- · Health care practice focuses on quality, safety, and outcomes.
- Continuation of the ACA is threatened by Republican control of all three branches of government in 2017.

#### **Events in Nursing in the West**

- The WIN/John A. Hartford Foundation Regional Geriatric Nursing Education Award is established.
- Work to establish an endowment fund begins in order to continue increasing the amount and number of grant awards.
- A task force is named to facilitate organizational efforts in development and membership recruitment/retention.
- The first award of \$10,000, jointly sponsored by Sigma Theta
   Tau International, was announced at the 50th anniversary of the
   Communicating Nursing Research Conference.
- New research grant, jointly funded by CANS (Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science) was announced at the 50th anniversary of the Communicating Nursing Research conference.

#### WIN Projects Included:

- 50X50 Fundraising Project was started in which over \$50,000 was raised by the 50th Anniversary of the Communicating Nursing Research conference. The purpose of the fund was to increase the size of current research grants and add new ones.
- NEXus was funded by the Health Resources and Services
   Administration of the US Department of HHS to expand the project beyond the western region. The project later became self-supporting.



Molly Aultz, pictured with Ann Voda, is the first recipient of the Ann Voda Award.

### Communicating Nursing Research Conference

- The Ann M. Voda American
   Indian/Alaskan Native/First Nation
   Conference Award is established.
- The dissertation award is given in collaboration with the CANS.
- The conference experiences significant growth in the number

of abstracts presented and in attendance.

- Global health
- Emerging infectious diseases, such as EBOLA
- Biomarkers and omics
- Impact of
   environment on
   health



Conference participation has grown in numbers and in diversity.