

# Broward Association of Rehabilitation Nurses (BARN)

## Communique - Winter 2020

We have almost made it through the year 2020! BARN has continued to hold monthly meetings virtually to keep our members informed and engaged. We have not allowed the Covid-19 pandemic to stop us from fulfilling our mission to educate and promote rehab nursing. We will continue to monitor the pandemic situation using the CDC, state and local guidelines for social gatherings. Please stay safe, remember to wear a mask while out, eye covering while at work, wash your hands, practice social distancing and continue doing all the amazing things you do every day as a Rehab Nurse and professional.

### Members in the News:

**Congratulations to Grace Yousif, RN, BSN, CRRN, CMSRN** for being awarded the ARN Staff Nurse of the Year at the ARN Virtual Conference this year. Taken from her submitted nomination, “Her story and journey have been difficult at times but she always has a smile on her face, hope in her eyes and ready for a new challenge. She is a beloved member of our chapter and districts who makes an impact every day in the lives of patients, colleagues and peers. She is the Nurse and person that we should all aspire to emulate at work and in our personal lives. Many words were used by colleague, peers and patients to describe Grace; intelligent, proficient, organized, dependable, a role model, open, receptive, supportive, professional, knowledgeable, a valued asset, respected, compassionate, trustworthy, kind hearted, easy going, loving, cheerful, confident, self-assured, gentle, caring, understanding, brave, sweet and an Angel. She is the nurse you want to work alongside but most importantly the one you want taking care of your loved one. Grace has dedicated her entire life to the selfless service of humanity, family and God.” Congratulations to Grace on a well-deserved award.



**Jim Edwards**, our current FSARN President, has been deployed by the US Army to Colorado during this pandemic. He was set to retire when he was reactivated and deployed this year. Jim was scheduled to finish in November, but has been extended for 6 more months. We thank him for his service to our Country!



Jim Edwards with his Therapy Dog Aspen

**Pat Quigley, PhD, MPH, APRN, CRRN, FAAN, FAANP, FARN** from our Tampa district was installed as our new ARN President at the annual conference in October, 2020. This was a virtual event. She will serve a one-year term as the leader of our organization. Congratulations Pat!



**Membership** has its value through professional development, continuing education and networking. We are running a **special for 2021**. Attend the BARN installation of Officers and receive a free 2021 BARN Membership. In order to receive a **free** BARN district membership, you must pre-register online for the Holiday Party, attend the event and then sign in on the “chat” function during the event. This membership is for BARN membership only (voting member or nonvoting associated member) and does not include ARN/FSARN state or national membership dues. We need member involvement at all levels including participation in events, planning of events and committee involvement.

## BARN Meetings:

**NOVEMBER:** The meeting has been postponed for November.

**DECEMBER:**



### **Holiday Party and Installation of Officers**

Virtual event

December 8, 2020

6:00pm to 8:00pm

Register at [www.BrowardARN.org](http://www.BrowardARN.org)

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## Scheduled Events:

- ✚ **Installation of Officers:** BARN will be installing the new officers at the Holiday Party. There were no further nominations submitted for the officers of the organization. Since the election was uncontested, no vote was required per our policy and procedures. The candidates met the requirements for the nomination and will be installed during the Holiday party in a first ever virtual event. Our current FSARN President-Elect, past BARN President and long-time member, Kathy Sobczak, will preside over the installation ceremony.

### **BARN Board for 2021 to 2023:**

President: Donna Bagley

President-Elect: Denise Barbera

Recording Secretary: Clare Pereira

Corresponding Secretary: Leslie Schlienger

Treasurer: Ina Fletcher

Directors at Large: Sue Brown, Sue Sharman and Carol Mangan

Past President: Margaret “Peggy” Rosier

Scholarship: Barbara Martelli

Membership: Leslie Schlienger

- ✚ **Contest:** Get those ugly sweaters dusted off! We are having a contest. We will be asking everyone to wear their sweater and turn on your camera so we can be on screen together.



The winner will receive a FSARN cloth face mask.



- ✚ Share your favorite holiday beverage recipe. We will post them for everyone to enjoy on the website. This is one of Ina’s favorites that she enjoyed at holiday time in Budapest, Hungary. This is a Coffee Melange made with layers of steamed milk, espresso and golden colored honey. It looks beautiful and is soooo good anytime of the year! Perhaps you have a holiday recipe that you would like to share or your holiday decorations. Send me your pictures so we can all enjoy to [inafletcher@comcast.net](mailto:inafletcher@comcast.net).



- ✦ **Auction:** We will have an item to auction. We will unveil the item(s) at the party. The proceeds will go to the FSARN educational fund. At the summer social this year we raised \$110 due to the generous donation by Sue Brown of 2 Florence Nightingale Collector Barbie Dolls.

#### January:



**Tuesday 01/19/21** Virtual  
John Knox Village hosting  
5:45pm Welcome and social gathering  
6:00-7:00pm Presentation  
1 Nursing CE awarded  
Registration [www.BrowardARN.org](http://www.BrowardARN.org)

**February:** We will be holding our annual Rehab Update 2021 in a virtual format. Mark your calendar for Friday, February 26, 2021 for that event. Details will be posted soon on the website at [www.browardARN.org](http://www.browardARN.org).

#### FSARN News:

**The virtual Leadership Forum** was a huge success for FSARN. We had 75 attendees and 8 vendors. The money raised will be used primarily for scholarships for FSARN members. Sue Brown led the Forum and ensured the participants received 4.5 nursing CE credits and 4 contact hours for CCM Ethics from CCMC. In attendance was the ARN President Pat Quigley, ARN Board of Directors Director Sue Fowler, and Sue Brown ARN Nominations and Leadership Board.



Sue Brown and Ina Fletcher running the program from home.

[www.BrowardARN.org](http://www.BrowardARN.org) is our Website and where you can find all of the most up to date information. You will find monthly meeting information and links to registration and evaluations/certificates for our monthly meetings, contact information for BARN officers, links to sponsors, membership application, scholarship application and other fun and interesting information. Additional information may be found on our Florida state chapter website at [www.FSARN.org](http://www.FSARN.org).

**We hope you will be joining us for some or all of the upcoming events. The BARN Board will keep you informed of all the current happenings via the website, email blasts and Communiques. Until then... stay safe and continue safe practices during these unprecedented pandemic times.**