

Join the ISPN Foundation for our annual Foundation Event, ***“We Stand on the Shoulders of Nursing Giants,”*** from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, March 26, 2015, during the ISPN Annual Conference in Seattle, WA. Tickets are only \$50, so be sure to get your ticket when you register for the conference. We are starting the fundraising event early to allow you time to “go out on the town” and take advantage of Seattle’s wonderful restaurants, shops, and night life. We will provide wonderful hors d’oeuvres, one free drink ticket, and a cash bar at the beautiful ***Blueacre Seafood restaurant***, which is only a two-minute walk from the hotel!

In addition to our annual silent auction (with a little ***live action by our famous auctioneer extraordinaire Peggy Dulaney***), we will ***honor a nursing giant, Dr. Kathryn Barnard***, Professor Emeritus and Director of the Barnard Center on Infant Mental Health and Development at the University of Washington School of Nursing. Dr. Barnard developed evidence-based assessment and parenting protocols that are used worldwide for assessment and treatment of infants at-risk for mental health problems. She will be receiving the ***first annual ISPN Foundation Lamplighter Award*** in recognition of a nursing giant who has significantly contributed to knowledge development in mental health nursing, and who has provided a substantial record of scholarship upon which new researchers can build. The intent of the Foundation Board is to continue this award from year to year, and choose a nursing giant who creates a research agenda that lights the spark of curiosity in new researchers. Come prepared for a great evening of fun and fellowship!

In the spirit of fair trade and the global mission of ISPN, the Foundation is also offering ***beautiful handmade African Jewelry, African Fabric Art, and Seattle-made blown glass items***. You will absolutely fall in love with this year’s offerings, so stop by the Foundation table during the conference.

Finally, the ISPN Foundation is continuing the ***Lamplighter Campaign*** to foster planned giving to the Foundation. ***The Lamplighter Campaign*** will once again give conference attendees the opportunity to make a donation of any amount to the Foundation. Donors who pledge at least \$100 per year for five years will be designated as “Lamplighters” and will receive a special gift for their willingness to ***“shine a light in the darkness.”*** Look for pledge cards in your attendee packet or from Foundation Board members wearing purple scarves and the button, “Ask me how to become a Lamplighter.” The Lamplighter Campaign is one way to help the ISPN Foundation achieve its mission to ***“bring mental health out of the shadows”*** by creating funding to support research and scholarship among ISPN members. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

We look forward to seeing you in Seattle!

The ISPN Foundation Board