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PROFESSIONAL BIOGRAPHY

Ruth Gronlid Benson
Fairbanks, Alaska

Education:

Northwestern University, BS in Nursing, 1955
Evanston Hospital School of Nursing, Diploma
St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota, 1949-1952

Continuing Education:

As required to maintain licensure during employment

Certificates:

RN License, Alaska (AA1831) October, 1960 - November 1992
Licensed 1955-62 in Illinois, 1956-62 in California
Lifetime licensure (SRN) by Nurses Registration Board of England and Wales,
1968
Nurse Practitioner Authorization, Alaska Board of Nursing, July 1981-92
(0039-02)
Alaska Business License BL085301
IRS Employer ID 92-0123255

Employment:

Pasadena, California, Visiting Nurse Association [VNA] 1956-57; staff nurse
Part time staff nurse and charge nurse, Huntington Memorial Hospital,
Pasadena, California 1958-59
Part time and substitute positions with Fairbanks North Star Borough School
District, Fairbanks Pioneer Home, St. Joseph and Fairbanks
Community Hospitals [Labor and Delivery, Newborn Nursery]
1961-71
College Health Nurse/Nurse Practitioner, University of Alaska Fairbanks
Center for Health and Counseling, 1972-86
Independent Nurse Practitioner Contractor, 1986-92 (Fairbanks Health Center)
Retired November, 1992

Professional Activities and Offices:

Committees, State Convention Delegate (Public Health Section), California
State Nurses Association, 1956-59
Various offices and committees, District 4 Nurses Association (AaNA),
Fairbanks, including President and Treasurer, 1962 - present.
(Treasurer 1995--)
Secretary, 2 terms; President and ANA Delegate, 2 terms, Alaska Nurses
Association, 1967 - 76
Advisor (Nursing) Comprehensive Health Advisory Committee, State of
Alaska, 1971-74
Director, American Nurses Association, 1976-80. Member of ANA
Committee on Finance

Trustee, Aleyene (Dixie) Orsini Nursing Education Fund, Fairbanks, 1985 - present (District Nurses Association awards scholarships to qualified students in basic and graduate Nursing programs)
Member, Commission on Economic and General Welfare, Alaska Nurses Association, 1996-1998

Volunteer activities

Organizing Group, Fairbanks Family Planning, 1970-72
Fairbanks Family Planning Volunteer [Client interviewing and instruction] 1973-76
University Community Presbyterian Church, Bingle Camp Program, Camp Nurse and/or Co-Director, 1969-84. Program Committee and Camping Committee, Bingle Camping Ministries, 1984-95.
Synod of Northwest and Alaska, Presbyterian Church USA, Division of Higher Education, Member, 1984-86; Life and Mission Unit, 1992-93
Member, Presbytery of the Yukon Christian Education Committee, 1985-89
Elder, University Community Presbyterian Church, Fairbanks: ordained 1986; on Session, UCPC, 1986-90, 1996-present (term expires 1998)
Area Elder Representative, Yukon Presbytery Council, 1990-96. Moderator, Committee on Representation, 1997-99.
Commissioner to Assembly, Synod of Alaska-Northwest, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), 1993-96, 1996-99 (Moderator, Ecumenical Relations and Higher Education Mission Unit, 1993-96)
Moderator, Synod of Alaska Northwest, 1997-99
United Campus Ministry, UAF, Board member 1980-present, President 1982-83, Vice President 1983-84, President 1984-85, Secretary 1994-97, Treasurer 1997-98.
League of Women Voters, Tanana Valley League and LWVAlaska, Member, 1967 to present. President-Elect and President, TVLWV, 1986-88, 1989-91. Director, various terms to present.

Publications:

Quarterly President's Message, The Alaska Nurse, 1969-73; Occasional articles and letters, *Ibid.*, 1965-68.
Editor, The Alaska Nurse, 1981-84; Quarterly editorials.