Dear Friends,

It is a great pleasure to “guest pen” the Center for Ethics in Health Care newsletter honoring our outstanding volunteers and to add my profound thanks for the vital work that you have done in support of the Center. The list of volunteers this year totals over 200, representing thousands of hours of time given by caring and generous hearts. The Center would not exist without this force for good.

When I began this visionary work with Dr. Susan Tolle over 25 years ago, we could not have imagined the profound impact that the Center would have not only in Oregon but throughout our nation. It is the faithful support of the Ethics volunteer community that has promoted and supported our work and has made so much of the Center’s work possible.

Thank you,

Gary T. Chiodo, DMD, FACD
Steering Committee Chair, Center for Ethics in Health Care

---

**Kinsman Conference a Success**

The annual Kinsman Ethics Conference, held at a different Oregon venue each year, this year attracted 212 participants in Hood River. The conference was over-subscribed and while it was exciting to have such interest, it was disappointing to have to turn away ethics leaders who would have liked to participate. Those in attendance agreed that the theme of “A Conversation about Ethical Issues across Rural and Urban Health” provided valuable insights and a call to action to promote greater collaboration.

**Awards and Accolades**

Congratulations are in order for our own Susan Tolle who was presented with the Esther Pohl Lovejoy Leadership Award by the OHSU School of Medicine Alumni Association on May 6th. Esther Pohl Lovejoy was the second woman to graduate from our Medical School and the first to practice medicine. Dr. Lovejoy’s influence was both national and global, setting standards for community health and providing the antecedents to global medical relief efforts. Susan was selected for this award because her remarkable leadership has had both a national and a global impact. Thank you, Cornie Stevens, for advocating for Susan’s selection so eloquently.

And even more congratulations, this time for Dr. Phyllis Beemsterboer, Associate Director at the Center for Ethics. Phyllis received the Faculty Senate OHSU Leadership Award following her nomination by the School of Dentistry. Her leadership skills are being put to good use as she partners with Drs. Lynn Jansen and David Barnard in the development of new Ethics and Professionalism curriculum for the School of Medicine. She is also taking a critical leadership role in the formation of the Center’s new Program in Compassionate Communication. Additionally, Dan Kennedy, a pharmacist and Associate Director with the Center, has been invited to help develop ethics curriculum in the School of Pharmacy on Ethics and Professionalism for 2017. The Center for Ethics is playing a pivotal role in curriculum development at OHSU, an activity that traditionally occurs about once every 20 years.

**ONE MILLION POLST FORMS!**

Yes, approximately one million POLST forms have been completed in the United States. This landmark accomplishment means respect of wishes for individuals nearing the end-of-life and greater comfort and guidance for millions of their family members. Please take a moment to reflect upon this accomplishment and another moment to take pride in having supported the work that has made it possible.

---

For help in making a gift to the Center for Ethics, please contact Ann Barden at bardena@ohsu.edu or (503) 412-6355.
Members of the Steering Committee and Advisory Council gratefully acknowledge the numerous community and professional hours contributed to the Ethics Center’s programs.