

## Retirement Tribute for Kathleen Stone

It is hard to believe that one of the icons in critical care nursing is going to hand over the reins. Kathleen Stone has been the voice of *Heart & Lung* for many years. When she was appointed as editor of *Heart & Lung*, she readily took on the task, and the *Journal* has functioned independently under her leadership and guidance. Kathleen's sense of professionalism and attention to the current issues in the world of critical nursing and medicine will be missed.

When Kathleen was appointed as editor of *Heart & Lung*, I knew that the *Journal* was going to start a new and exciting chapter. Kathleen has not disappointed me or the readership in the years she has served as editor. Her sense of staying true to the data and research findings that have made a difference in critical care

nursing is what makes Kathleen the outstanding editor that she has become.

Kathleen, I applaud you for all you have done to improve critical care nursing and to foster practice and research through collaboration with other healthcare professionals. You made a lasting impression on me when I first met you 25 years ago. I know you have also influenced, mentored, and shared your professional knowledge and wisdom with many others throughout the country and the world. You deserve to have a wonderful and carefree retirement. You have worked very hard to get to this point in your life. I was honored when I was asked to write this retirement tribute to you. You have made a difference! That is the most lasting impression that all of us hope for in our professional lifetime. I have the utmost respect for you and all you have done.

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