"If you desire, you shall be the means of doing much good in this generation"

D&C 11:8

When the theme for the year was selected at our September board meeting, “desire” is what stood out to me. It caused me then and now to reflect on my desires and how my actions do reflect my desires. There are competing demands for our desires. When I reflect back over a day; a class; an interaction with a friend, stranger, or colleague; time at home, etc., it is clear when my desires are inward focused versus outward focused. An outward focus almost always leads to some measure of “good.”

In many ways, it is as simple as Alma teaches us in relation to faith, ”...even if ye can no more than desire to believe, let this desire work in you...”. When I desire, even in a small way, to focus outwardly and see others’ needs and wishes as important as my
small way, to focus outwardly and see others' needs and wishes as important as my own, that they matter as much as I matter, and let that desire work in my, my actions and words are better. This mindset helps me be better than I may naturally want to be at times with students, colleagues, friends, and family yet on those occasions when my desires are outward, I’m in a much better position to do good.

- Patti Freeman

(FWA President-elect)

FWA November Activity: Museum of Art Tour
Please join us on November 17th at 1 p.m. in the MOA lobby for our next Faculty Women’s Association activity.

We will have educators for the Museum of Art leading tours for our group through the exhibitions: *To Magnify the Lord: Six Centuries of Art and Devotion* and *A Visual Testimony: Minerva Teichert’s Book of Mormon Paintings.*

The hour spent with the MOA educators will make this a rich and meaningful opportunity that you won’t want to miss.

Click here to learn more about the exhibitions.

Thank you to all who participated in the FWA Research and Creative Works Showcase event last month!
Member Spotlight:
Dr. Janelle Macintosh, College of Nursing

Q: How long have you been at BYU?

Q: What do you love about your job?
A: By far the best parts of my job are working with students and my peers at the College of Nursing. I love being with students, because they have so much energy and are so anxious to learn. That is infectious and I love it. We have such great students and I feel like I get to make some really meaning connections and relationships. I feel like we get to learn together—and that is fun! I also love my peers, I have made true friends who listen to me when I whine, dry my tears when I cry, and rejoice with me when there is cause to celebrate. I am truly blessed.

Q: Are you currently working on any research projects? If so, what?
A: My current research is looking at immunizations rates of Newborn ICU graduates. I am doing medical chart reviews to see if NICU babies are immunized on the recommended schedule.

I am also conducting focus groups with parents of children with special healthcare needs (often NICU graduates) to explore their perceptions about immunizations for their child(ren) and others.

Q: What’s your favorite thing to do when you’re not at work?
A: My favorite things are spending time with my super cute hubby and my PUGS! I also love to garden and we grow tons of food—most of which we give away to our neighbors.

Q: If you could go on vacation anywhere in the world, where would you go?
A: There really isn’t anywhere I wouldn’t want to go.... I have traveled a bit and love spending time in other places and learning about new people, customs, and food... I love food! I served a mission in Portugal and look forward to going...
back, when the temple is dedicated there.

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