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Kitty is also being written up in Ladies Home Journal as one of the 25 Most Influential Women in Health & Medicine. Love ya Kate

from a management firm, the ACNM Board of Directors prepared the College for responsibilities of the future. Ms. Cavero also initiated the President's Pen in the ACNM newsletter, *Quickening*, and regularly communicated with the membership through this forum. In 1984, she was a recipient of the ACNM's Hattie Hemschemeyer Award.

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Sandra Dietrich obtained her certificate in nurse-midwifery in 1968 through the combined affiliation of Maternity Center Association, Kings County Hospital, and Downstate Medical Center of the State University of New York. She received a BA in health administration from Ottawa University in Missouri in 1979.

Ms. Dietrich has been a staff nurse-midwife, clinical instructor, service director, educational coordinator, and director of a perinatal program during a professional career in nurse-midwifery that has spanned 25 years. Most recently, she served as the president of a training and development company based in Mississippi.

In 1973, Ms. Dietrich created a module on how to establish a nurse-midwifery service, which she revised biannually through 1985. She identified ten steps to the process in a paper that was published in 1979 by the *Journal of Nurse-Midwifery* and gave workshops all over the country to help others implement them. A Community Orientation Packet that incorporated her ideas was eventually developed by the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) for distribution. She also helped to implement the first mastery learning modular curriculum in nurse-midwifery education and created trigger films for the beginning practitioner.

Ms. Dietrich served on the ACNM Board of Directors as a regional representative from 1976 to 1978, and in that capacity, she developed the role of the regional representative and communication within a region, setting a standard for others to emulate. She was chairperson of the ACNM Clinical Practice Committee (1972-1976) and was the first to organize that committee into a local working group and a national committee. She served on the Ad Hoc Committee to Study the Feasibility of Separation of the Division of Examiners from the ACNM, was

a member of the Task Force on Childbirth Centers, and was chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee on CNM/Physician Relationships.

Ms. Dietrich was the 1981 recipient of ACNM's Hattie Hemschemeyer Award and received the Governor's Distinguished Service Award from Mississippi in 1985.

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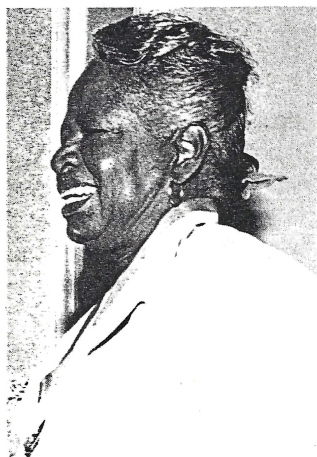


For more than 40 years, Kitty Ernst has been a leader in the field of nurse-midwifery and in the development of the best care possible for families in pregnancy and birth. An early president and active member of the American College of Nurse-Midwives, she conducted the first wave of accreditation for nurse-midwifery education programs and developed the first "What is a

Nurse-Midwife?" brochure. As a practitioner, she served families in capacities ranging from public health nurse-midwife in the mountains of Kentucky to director of the nurse-midwifery service and education program at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center, in the heart of New York City. As a parent educator, she taught some of the first childbirth education groups of the International Childbirth Education Association. As a field consultant committed to innovation for the sake of healthy families, she developed family-centered maternity care provided by an obstetrician/nurse-midwife team at the Salvation Army Booth Maternity Center in Philadelphia. She directed a project to develop and evaluate a program of Self Care/Self Help Education Initiated in Childbirth and assisted in planning and implementation of the demonstration Childbearing Center at Maternity Center Association. She led the way in inspiring and coaching the many birth centers that followed. She conducted a national on-site survey of freestanding birth centers and provided consultation for the First National Collaborative Study of Freestanding Birth Centers. As director of the National Association of Childbearing Centers (NACC), she continued to be a leader in the effort to bring birth centers into the mainstream of health care delivery and helped to institute the Commission for Accreditation of Freestanding Birth Centers. During this time, she also served a term as vice president of ACNM. Meanwhile as director of the Pilot Community-based Nurse-Midwifery

Education Program (CNEP), she developed a model for meeting the overwhelming need for experienced birth center nurse-midwives committed to innovative family-centered maternity care. She brought this model to a new arena as the chair of the ACNM National Commission on Nurse-Midwifery Education. Currently, she serves as faculty member of CNEP and director of the NACC Consulting Group and occupies the only endowed chair in the profession, the Mary Breckinridge Chair of Midwifery. She is the recipient of several awards including the Martha May Eliot Award for exceptional health service to mothers and children, American Public Health Association, the ACNM's Hattie Hemschemeyer Award, and the Maternity Center Association Award for Distinguished Service.

ARMENTIA TRIPP JARRETT
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Armentia Jarrett received her nursing diploma from Grady Municipal Training School for Nurses in 1943, a bachelor of science degree from Marquette University in 1952, a master's degree in maternal child health nursing from Yale University, and a certificate in nurse-midwifery from Johns Hopkins University in 1959. From 1960 to 1962, she developed the first project to demonstrate

a dramatic reduction in maternal and child mortality and morbidity by the use of a certified nurse-midwife; indeed, Ms. Jarrett was the sole innovator and implementer of the historically significant Madera County Project in California.

During the next decade, Ms. Jarrett worked as a public health nurse and also served as a director of nursing programs for the American Red Cross. In 1973, she assumed the directorship of the nurse-midwifery service at Martin Luther King, Jr. General Hospital in Los Angeles. At the time, only two hospitals in Southern California were employing nurse-midwives. She, thus, set to work to help re-establish nurse-midwifery in California and served as chairperson of the Committee for California Licensure of Nurse-Midwives.

From 1974 through 1976, Ms. Jarrett was a co-founder and first chairperson of the California Consortium for Nurse-Midwifery; and, from 1975 to 1977, she

served as chairperson of the local ACNM chapter. She deservedly became the first certified nurse-midwife to become licensed in California.

In 1979, Ms. Jarrett took another hiatus from the profession of nurse-midwifery to return to the American Red Cross European Headquarters as its director of nursing programs and was based in Stuttgart, Germany, until she retired in 1982. In 1991, she came out of retirement to become a faculty associate for the nurse-midwifery education program at the Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science in Los Angeles.

In 1991, Ms. Jarrett received the Armentia Jarrett Award from Charles R. Drew University, College of Allied Health; and, in 1992, she received the Healing Hands Award from the University of California, Santa Barbara. She was also honored in 1992 by the ACNM as the recipient of the prestigious Hattie Hemschemeyer Award.

VERA R. KEANE
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Vera Keane is a distinguished nurse-midwifery practitioner, educator, and researcher. She holds a BS and an MA from Columbia University Teachers College and a certificate in nurse-midwifery from the Maternity Center Association.

Ms. Keane is a charter and life member of the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) and also served as its president from 1965 to 1967. During her presidency, the accreditation of educational programs was begun and the ACNM Foundation was established.

Ms. Keane practiced for 2 years, performing home births in New York City. Her other professional experience includes appointments as general director of the Maternity Center Association from 1965 to 1968, associate professor and chair of the nurse-midwifery program at Yale University School of Nursing, assistant professor of maternity nursing at Cornell University-New York Hospital School of Nursing, and associate director of the Connecticut Nurses' Association. She is an inspiring and beloved teacher who has profoundly influenced several generations of nurse-midwives to respect and appreciate birth as a natural process centered in the woman and her family.