Thanksgiving 2017

Showing gratitude is associated with the Thanksgiving celebration in the United States. The Journal of Continuing Education in Nursing celebrates Thanksgiving, although ours is not a holiday—our thanksgiving takes the form of publicly acknowledging the importance of our Editorial Board and Review Panel.

Reviewers are the behind-the-scenes people who make a journal and authors look great! Through their work in reviewing—sometimes the same manuscript more than once—they provide substantive feedback for the editor to make a decision about a manuscript. Sometimes that feedback is global, such as raising questions about the clarity of a part of the manuscript or the methods used. Other times, the feedback is in the details, such as identifying line-by-line critiques of wording that help clarify the submission. The best possible outcome is having both elements to guide authors in revisions.

The voluntary nature of being a reviewer is one of the hallmarks of a substantive process and, in a sense, an obligation of a profession. Many reviewers identify that the reasons they engage in this labor-intensive process have to do with being at the cutting edge of emerging information and giving back to the profession. That sounds like altruism to me. Why would you spend many hours several times a year doing thought-provoking work if it were not for such reasons?

The Journal wants to thank each of our reviewers for the many hours and brain cells devoted to the work they do. We want you to know that you are instrumental in making a good manuscript great (or telling us it’s already great). You spend even more time and thought working with those manuscripts that have great ideas but need assistance in being clearer or more complete.

Thank you! As you celebrate Thanksgiving this year, know that the editorial staff, authors, and readers of The Journal of Continuing Education in Nursing join together to acknowledge your contribution to the advancement of the profession. You have earned this recognition!

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