

## **Our Journey**

Wednesday. Day One of our journey

Eighteen strangers. Twenty-somethings to fifty-somethings

With one commonality. Nursing.

Denver, Colorado. Mile-high. Celebration of Art, Celebration of Nursing.

Five P.M. group meeting. Introductions all around

What is an Ambassador? What is our charge?

One hour later dinner on our own turned into dinner with friends

Not a wallflower among us

Eighteen voices sharing feelings and stories, like old friends.

Thursday, Day Two. Full of sessions

Look at us! MGH is the largest contingent

Pride swelling, overflowing

We are Magnet.

Curt Coffman, what a beginning. Motivator extraordinaire.

Jeanette, can we have him for nurse's week? It would be a great coup.

Magnet energy-electrical-palpable.

Nurses from all over, facilities both large and small.

Those just beginning their journey, others re-designating.

What a fabulous gathering

Sharing of ideas, stories of successes.

No snobbery here, just pride in being Nurses.

Posters, products, bookstore and more.

How can we make this happen?

What do we need to assure our success?

Dinner at Carmine's on the Penn

A true celebration.

Our friendships growing.

Keith in the middle, smiling, taking it all in.

Waiters, like paparazzi, taking our pictures.

Laughter shared all around the table.

How is this possible?

Twenty-four hours ago eighteen individuals

Now eighteen members of a cohesive team of professionals

Sharing one goal

Magnet Re-designation

Thank-you Jeanette. The dinner and company were superb.

Back to the Magnolia in time for cookies and milk.  
Nightcap at Harry's  
More sharing, laughing, strengthening bonds.

Friday. Breakfast strategy session at the Magnolia.  
How will we translate all we are learning  
To the Champions and Steering Committee?  
Will we be up to the challenge?  
No doubts at all.  
Ideas flying freely  
We have caught Magnet Fever and it is contagious.

The energy continues through the last session  
The end has come.  
Bags ready, taxis ordered  
Off we go  
Our time in Denver has come to a close.

Where shall we eat dinner? So many choices  
Let's go here, no, there  
To our surprise, there are all the others  
One last meal shared together.

Energy still abounds  
All agree. What we shared was magical.  
Lessons for Keith on I-pods, cell phones, and modern music choices  
We are psyched, pumped, energized  
We are MGH nurses, ambassadors  
Ready to lead the Magnet Journey  
Ready to showcase that which is MGH Nursing.

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