BRIDGEPORT HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION I

Dear Member:

September, 2009

Our Annual September Luncheon/Alumnae Meeting will be held on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>September 20</u>, <u>2009</u> from <u>12:00PM to 2:30PM @ the Brick House Restaurant</u>, <u>90 Pershing Dr.</u>, <u>Derby</u>, <u>Ct.</u> There will be a Buffet Brunch consisting of an Egg/Omlet Station, a Salad Bar, and a Hot Entrees Station which includes- chicken, fish, barbeque ribs, sausage and veal. Coffee, Tea, Soda, &/or Juice is included for <u>\$17.65 per person</u>, which includes gratuities. <u>Directions to the Brick House-</u> take Rte 8 Northbound, exit 16-Pershing Dr. exit- at first Stop Light take a Right into the Valley Bowl Plaza, (across from Shop Rite), the Brick House is straight ahead. Enter through the front, the Banquet Room is towards the back. Parking on the left side of the building-enter at the side door- nearer to the Banquet Room- take a left once inside the door. Please forward your respond and check to Cathy Nucera by Thurs, 9/17/09.

There was a problem in locating a place and date in booking our Sept. luncheon, so the date of Sept. 20th was adjusted from our original By-Laws to meet with the availability.

There were 62 graduates from the BHSN May, 2009 class. Members of the December, 2008 Accelerated class were invited to attended the graduation ceremonies as well. 61 graduates of the class of 5/09 completed AAI applications and were voted into the Alumnae at our July Board meeting. Congratulations to all the graduates!

As an honor to congratulate their outstanding academic achievements, AAI bestows upon graduation, to the top scholastic graduates, the Suma Cum Laude gold pin that was awarded to Norah Willis, cl 5/09, and to Kelli Comboni, cl 12/08. The Magna Cum Laude gold pin was awarded to Cui Zhao, cl 5/09 and to Janet Spray, cl 12/08. Congratulations to the four top scholastic graduates from the classes of 12/08 and 5/09.

Any AAI member, who has been a member in good standing for 2 years, may apply for a Continuing Education Scholarship towards furthering their nursing education. Please contact Caren Silhavey @ 203-375-4553 for an application. Applicants will be announced at our April dinner/meeting.

There is a new catalog discussing the programs offered at BHSN. The RN program is a 2 year intense hospital based nursing program with the Associate degree option and LPN to RN option. The Surgical Technology program, Peri- Operative Nursing program, and Steri- Processing Technician program. We will try to obtain a copy of the catalog for viewing at our luncheon.

Re-election of AAI Board Officers for another 2 yrs. will occur again in April, 2010. The slate of current board officers or any new applicants will be presented at our September, 2009, luncheon/meeting. Anyone interested in any of the AAI Board Officer positions, please contact one of the current Officers.

Deceased Members: There has been a few of our AAI members who have passed on. They are: Margaret Carboneau, cl '32, Mildred Oesau, cl '30, Helen Osedach, cl '40, and Helen Sellavaag, cl '34. They will be sadly missed! Whenever possible, AAI sends a funeral delegation consisting of a few of our members, dressed in nursing uniforms, to attend the service of one of our members. If this is not possible because of distance or other circumstances, AAI adds a donation of \$25 to our Continuing Education Scholarship Fund in memory of our deceased member. If anyone would like to participate as a funeral delegation participant, please contact Cathy Nucera at 203-452-9618.

If anyone is interested in posting news in our Bi-annual newsletters, please send emails to <u>debptreas@juno.com</u>.

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Please send buffet brunch payment of \$17.65 made out to- BHSN AAI- by 9/17/09 to: Cathy Nucera, VP

Your Name:_____

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