

BRIDGEPORT HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING ALUMNAE ASSOC. I

Dear AAI Members,

January, 2021

We wish to extend our appreciation for our wonderful nurses who have worked, volunteered or extended their concern for the safety and care of the people they have come in contact with during this memorable 2020 year!

In June, 2020, AAI had donated face creams and lip balm to nurses and staff at Bridgeport Hospital as part of the Covid relief to help with chapped faces and lips from wearing protective face masks and coverings.

Our Annual Spring Dinner/Meeting for April will be on hold for now unless situations change with restaurant and meeting restrictions. We may consider a Zoom Alumnae meeting if members feel more comfortable with this to discuss AAI business. The Alumnae has purchased a Zoom account to hold our Board meetings and this has worked out very well.

There will be a biennial vote by members for AAI Board officer positions at our April meeting. If anyone is interested in an Officer position, contact one of the Board members.

BHSN Historical items- there are still some items remaining in our storage unit, such as clear glass dessert plates and cups and the blue Danube plates and cups that are available if anyone is interested in these items. A donation will be accepted and will be used for our scholarship fund. Please contact one of the AAI officers.

Alumnae members receiving our AAI Continuing Education Scholarships for 2020 were Keilan LaBranche, cl 5/17 and Dorett Thomas, cl 96. Good Luck in your future endeavors.

Continuing Education Scholarship information- is on the AAI website, www.BHSNAA1.org. For any AAI member who would like to apply for a scholarship, being in good standing for at least one year and continuing with their nursing career, applications will be accepted between January 15 through March 15, 2021. Please go to the web site for an application and guidelines and/or you can contact Caren Silhavey for any further information @ 203-375-4553 or email her at Silhavey@att.net. Scholarships will be awarded after all information required has been reviewed and a Board decision is made.

The AAI Continuing Education Fund- has made a yearly contribution to the Bridgeport Hospital Foundation, in 2020, for nursing professional development and nursing awards for excellence. Our mission is to encourage and support continuing education and lifelong learning.

Life Members- New Life Members for 2021 are Patricia Petrusaitis Kwochka, cl 70, and Janet White, cl 70- these are AAI members whom have paid their dues consistently for 50 Years. Congratulations and may you all enjoy another 50 yrs. and more as a Life Member!

Deceased Members: Several of our AAI members have passed on recently, *Audrey Broadbent McAuley, cl 52, Dorothy Bush Peck, cl 51, Mary Schrum Parnoff, cl 47, Barbara Egeressy Gazdik, cl 57, Phyllis Rosionowski Stott, cl 49, Judith Burr Walker, cl 55, Patricia Cassaza, cl 48, Dilma Rita Barbero, cl 53, Donnale Worby, cl 79, Joyce Soracco Bruno, cl 52, Margaret Kofarago Thomas, cl 72, and Arlene May O'Leary, cl 56.* They will be sadly missed! Often, the Alumnae sends a delegation to attend the funeral of our deceased members in the local area. If we are unable to send a delegation because of distance or other circumstances, the Alumnae will donate, in their memory, to our Continuing Education Fund. If anyone is available to attend funerals, if only occasionally, please contact Cathy Nucera, AAI VP, at 203- 449-6944

If anyone knows of AAI members who are in nursing homes or in the hospital, or whom has passed away, please let Dottie Connolly, AAI secretary, know. 203-922-8022 or Dotconn0119@gmail.com

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