

## BRIDGEPORT HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING ALUMNAE ASSOC. 1

Dear AA1 Members,

January, 2023

We hope everyone has had a healthy and great year! We are all aware of living in the throes of illness and viruses that don't seem to have an end in sight! We commend our deepest appreciation to our wonderful fellow nurses who have been working in various nursing fields and for their care and concern to the patients during another year of Covid illnesses!

**Annual Spring Alumnae Meeting-** Our Annual member Spring meeting for April 2022 was held on Zoom and our speaker was, Edi Poidomani, Jr, a Hatha Yoga Instructor. Edi shared and demonstrated various yoga techniques and meditation. We had 19 AA1 members sign up for this meeting. Zoom continues to be the more comfortable norm to meet with large groups. The AA1 Board members will discuss safety and concerns and if we should have our Annual dinner meeting, April 11, 2023, at a restaurant or continue with the Zoom online meeting. We will notify members in an upcoming newsletter in March. If anyone has a suggestion for a restaurant or a speaker that they would like for our Annual April dinner meeting, please contact Cathy Nucera, V Pres.- 203-449-6944 or [cathy.nucera@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.nucera@gmail.com)

**BHSN Historical items-** there are still some items remaining in our storage unit, such as clear glass dessert plates and the blue Danube plates only, from our Alumnae items, from the School of Nursing that are available if anyone is interested in these items. If you would like to make a donation, it will be placed in our scholarship fund. Please contact one of the AA1 officers.

**Scholarships-** receiving our 2022 AA1 Continuing Education Scholarship was Katerina Maddern, cl 5/2010 and Sally Jennings, cl 5/16. Best of Luck in your future endeavors.

**Continuing Education Scholarship application information-** is on the AA1 website, [www.BHSNAA1.org](http://www.BHSNAA1.org). For any AA1 member who would like to apply for a scholarship, being in good standing and continuing with their nursing career, applications will be accepted between January 15 through March 15, 2023. Please go our the web site for an application and guidelines and/or you can contact Caren Silhavey for any further information @ 203-375-4553 or email at [Silhavey@att.net](mailto:Silhavey@att.net). Scholarships will be awarded after all information required has been reviewed and a Board decision is made.

**AA1 has made contributions in 2022,** One was to the Bridgeport Hospital Foundation for the Covid Meal Delivery Program as a way to have meals delivered to working Bridgeport Hospital employees working long hours on the Emergency Preparedness Teams. AA1 also made a contribution to the Red Cross for the Ukraine Crisis Support. AA1 has also given 2 awards at Bridgeport Hospital during nurses week in 2022. Our mission is to encourage and support nursing continuing education, lifelong learning, and to collaborate with allied associations.

**AA1 Bylaws-** The AA1 Board has worked diligently to review our Bylaws that have not been updated since 2012. The Board met several times and brought the Bylaws up to date for 2022. Since this is a legal document, we asked Attorney Eric Gross, from Green and Gross, PC, to review the context and a copy is available to AA1 members if requested by email or hard copy, contact Debi Petrushonis @ [debptreas@juno.com](mailto:debptreas@juno.com) The updated 2022 AA1 Bylaws will be posted on our website- [www.BHSNAA1.org](http://www.BHSNAA1.org)

**Deceased Members:** Several of our AA1 members have passed on in 2022-

Mary Joan Bicheck, cl 50,	Dorothy Kosc Mojcher, cl 48,
Marie Giannino Curran, cl 43,	Barbara Metro Quinn, cl 53,
Barbara Barna Henschel, cl 50,	Patricia Freddino Rowe, cl 69
Delores Markus Kochiss, cl 58,	Janet Jackson Stowe, cl 51
Dorothy Magyar, 57,	Jean Tackacs, cl 56

We were notified this year that Alice May Gosslin, cl 54, passed away in March, 2020. 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 AA1 will donate,

in their memory, to our Continuing Education Fund or to the family's request. If anyone has a Gray Wool BHSN Nursing Cape that they would like to donate to AA1 for our delegation to wear at our member's funeral and if anyone is available to attend funerals, if only occasionally, please contact Cathy Nucera, VPres. At 203-449-6944 or [cathy.nucera@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.nucera@gmail.com)

If anyone knows of any AA1 members who are in nursing homes, in the hospital, or who has passed away, please let Dottie Connolly, AA1 secretary, know at, 203-922-8022 or [Dotconn0119@gmail.com](mailto:Dotconn0119@gmail.com)

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