

BRIDEGPORT HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING ALUMNAE ASSOC. I

2005

Dear Members,

Our annual Spring Banquet/Meeting will be again @ Paris/Rome Restaurant, 595 Main St., Stratford, next to the Sikorsky Memorial Airport/ across from the old Textron Lycoming on Tuesday, April 12, 2005. The time is 6:00PM, with dinner @ 6:30PM. Entrees are: (1) Scrod Casino(oven baked with peppers, bacon & white wine), (2) Chicken Oscar(layered with crab, asparagus, & cheese), and (3) Porchetta Au Jus. Included are appetizers, pasta, salad, dessert, tea or coffee, tax and tip for \$26.00. Please send meal choices and check by 4/7/05.

Our speaker for the Evening will be Linda Podolak, RN, an instructor at the BHSN, on her recent trip with the John Hopkins University Nurse Educator Program to South Africa. Linda attended this wonderful experience in August, 2004. We are applying for CEU's for this lecture.

Our 100th Anniversary of the Alumnae is nearly upon us in 2006. We need your help with a place and time to hold this gala event. If this should be formal/ or a Luncheon, with a tour of the Bridgeport School of Nursing or the Hospital? Also, if you have anything that you can share for the event such as: memorabilia from the early 1900's, photos, medical instruments, yearbooks, journals, newspaper clippings, uniforms, caps, experiences that we could put in a keepsake book, copies of diplomas, etc.(what ever you can think of). Please send them to one of the board members with your name, address, phone # on it or give us a call.

Our Spring meetings will remain the same- second Tuesday of April –with an evening dinner. For our Fall, September meeting, a change has been suggested. This will be a daytime meeting, with a luncheon with a possible day change from the Tuesday, to a Saturday or Sunday. Further discussion will be on April 12th. An amendment may be made to our bylaws. If you have any input, please call one of the board members.

A ride list is being compiled for those members that need a ride to one of our April or September meetings. If you need a ride or can drive someone, please contact one of the board members.

The BHSN chapter of the NSNA, student nurses, will hold their annual "Tea" for alumnae members on April 28th from 2PM to 4PM @ the BHSN formal living room- all are welcome. Christopher Jones, SN, is the president of the Ct chapter of the NSNA. Laura DePetro, SN, is treasurer, and nine other BHSN are on the board. Congratulations!

The Bridgeport Hospital is looking for graduates to write brief articles reflecting their positive nursing experiences. A book is being compiled for the National Nurses Week at the Hospital. Forward articles to Karen Burrows, RN, Director of Organizational Development and Education at Bridgeport Hospital, 267 Grant St., Bridgeport, Ct 06610

The second accelerated graduation took place on December 21, 2004. Carol Collins received the Summa Cum Laude pin, and Vicki Rapanault received the Magna Cum Laude. The class graduated 27 nurses, 22 have joined the Alumnae. Congratulations!

There has been two deceased lifemembers, Elaine Byron, cl '52, and Eileen Lengel, cl '47. They will be sadly missed. Small groups of the Alumnae members attend as many local funerals of our Alumnae as possible. If anyone else is able to attend these funerals, we have a few extra capes. Please contact one of the Board members.

Continuing Education Scholarship applications are being processed, and recipients will be announced at the April meeting. Contact Caren Silhavey @384-3963 if interested in applying.

The class of '79 would like to get together. Please contact Julie(Burgh)Marcus @ 860-738-3965.

Officers of AAI: President: Mary Toohey-Repko-203-378-9783

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Please send payment of \$26.00-check made out to BHSN AAI & send to:

Cathy Nucera, VP, 153 Governor Trumbull Way, Trumbull, Ct 06611- by 4/7/05

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