

## BRIDGEPORT HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING ALUMNAE ASSOC. I

Dear AAI Members, March, 2010

Our Annual spring Meeting/Dinner will be held on Tues, April, 13, 2010@ 6:00PM, at TESTO'S

Restaurant, 1775 Madison Ave, Bridgeport, Ct. Entrees will be (1)Chicken with mushroom, proscuitto and cheese, (2) Eggplant parmesan or (3) Filet of Sole, vegetable, salad, coffee, tea, and dessert with gratuities included. The price is \$25.00 per person. Please send meal choice and checks by 4/8 to Cathy Nucera.

The Speaker for the evening will be Dr. Beata Skudlarska, Geriatric Medicine, from Stratford.

If there is a specific topic of interest to you, in Geriatrics, please let one of the board members know before the April dinner. Our slate of Officers of the AAI Board will be presented and voted on at the April dinner.

The Accelerated BHSN program graduated 61 nurses in December, 2009. All new grads joined the Alumnae. We would like to welcome the new graduates to the Alumnae and congratulate them on their success! The Graduation ceremony for the December, 2009 and May, 2010 student nurses, will be held in May, 2010.

The National Student Nurses Association will hold their annual convention this year. The Alumnae has provided the entrance fee for the BH student nurses who attend this event each year.

We have 9 New Life Members for 2010 whom have paid their dues consistently for 50 Years! They are:

Eleanor Brake, cl '58, Mary Ellen Felsmann, cl'58, Joan Hamilton, cl'57, Barbara Herman, cl'58, Gail MacQuarrie, cl'58, Ann Parry, cl'51, Meta Politi, cl'47, Florence Williamson, cl'58, and Mary Ellen

Wynne, cl '57. Congratulations to you all and may you enjoy another 50 years and more as Life Members!

There are 140 current Life Members in Alumnae I!

Continuing Education Scholarship recipients for 2010 will be announced at the April dinner. If anyone is interested in applying for a scholarship, please contact Caren Silhavey @ 203-375-4553.

We would like to congratulate Caren Silhavey, cl' 69, Dr. Linda Podolak, cl'70, and Charlotte Parinawski, cl'72, for their recent accomplishment as Certified Nurse Educators. This certification is credited by the National League of Nursing, NLN. Also, congratulations to Diane Avery, cl'74, for her certification in Geriatrics. Congratulations again to all for your prestigious achievement!

Deceased Members: A few of our AAI members have passed on. They are: Frances Brackett, cl '56, Jennie Crelan, cl'50, Florence Petrucelli, cl'53, Helena Carpp, cl'44, and Evelyn Bulmer, cl'41. They will be sadly missed! Often, the Alumnae sends a delegation of several nurses in uniform and caps, if available, to attend the funeral of our deceased members in our local area. If we are unable to send a delegation because of distance or other circumstances, the Alumnae will donate \$25.00 to our continuing education fund in their memory. If anyone is available to attend funerals, please contact Cathy Nucera, AAI VP at 203-452-9618.

Carole Castagna, cl'65, has contacted us that Brenda Somogie Jones, cl'65, has passed away.

The Class of 1960 is looking for classmates to celebrate their 50th anniversary! Please contact Marge Kuhar, cl'60, @ margku@hotmail.com Please let anyone from that class know- even if not an Alumnae member!

If anyone has news & would like it posted in the newsletter, please email or call Debi P.

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Officers of AAI: President: Mary Toohey-Repko- 203-378-9783 V.President: Cathy Nucera- 203-452-9618

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Please send dinner payments of \$25.00 & Cathy Nucera, AA1 VP

Make your check out to BHSA AA1- by 4/8/10- to: 13 Wesley Dr., Trumbull, Ct 06611

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Choice: \_\_\_\_\_ (1) Chicken, \_\_\_\_\_ (2) Eggplant Parmesan, \_\_\_\_\_ (3) Filet of Sole