

**BRIDGEPORT HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING
ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION I, Inc.**

Dear Member:

August, 2014

Our Annual Fall Luncheon/Alumnae Meeting will be not held this year in September. In review of the survey that was sent out last year to members, the majority of members requested one yearly AAI meeting/dinner in April. Hopefully member attendance will be outstanding for this coming April meeting to catch up on the news from BHSN!

There were 56 graduates from the BHSN April, 2014 class. The 41 graduates from the December, 2013, Accelerated Class were invited to attend the April 28th graduation ceremonies at the Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts at Fairfield University. All 56 graduates of the class of 4/14 completed AAI applications. AAI honored our new graduate nurses with a social in April. Congratulations to all the graduates!

In honoring their outstanding academic achievements, AAI bestows gold pins to the top scholastic graduates upon graduation. The Suma Cum Laude gold pin was awarded to Amber DelPrete, cl 12/13 and Andrea Sclafani, cl 4/14. The Magna Cum Laude gold pin was awarded to Tori Dwyer, cl 12/13, and Felicia Davidson, cl 4/14. Congratulations to the four top scholastic graduates from the classes of 12/13 and 4/14.

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. Applicants will be announced at our April dinner/meeting. Applications are also on our Web site. www.BHSNAA1.org- please include a copy of your current college class enrollment with your application to Caren @ Silhavey@att.net or at 203-375-4553.

Please update your address if moved or email address and forward to Debi @ debptreas@juno.com- please include your full name in a note so that I know whom you are.

Our AAI Face Book Page is up and running thanks to member Jamie Raczkowski, cl 4/13. To join face book email **Jamie @ jme02raz02@aol.com** or go directly to the **Face Book page- [B.H.S.N Alumnae Association](#)**

We have looked into purchasing 2 jewelry templates for replicating our BHSN nursing pin at AJ Klein Jewelers in Shelton. For those whom may have lost their original pin or would like a new pin/pendant, one that could be placed on a chain for a necklace or charm, we have purchased 2 templates. One template will be for our vintage original pin for graduating classes before 2003, colors are maroon, gold and white and the newer pin is slightly larger and is for graduating classes 2003 to the present, and is maroon and gold. The price list for gold filled, 10K, and 14 K will vary on the pins. You would contact AJ Klein Jewelers directly to order pins after Nov. 1, 2014, at 866 Bridgeport Ave, Shelton, 203-929-3300. With gold prices fluctuating, the estimate of the pins may vary from the ones below. Pins will be made to order, not in stock, and will cost the price of the pin plus CT sales tax and shipping and handling. Pins are no longer available for purchase after graduation from BHSN. If you need more information, you can contact Caren Silhavey at 203-375-4553.

The estimates are as follows:

Vintage BHSN nursing pin before 2003

\$40- gold filled
\$155- 10 K gold
\$224- 14 K gold

Nursing Pin 2003 to present

\$55- gold filled
\$310- 10 K gold
\$445- 14 K gold

Deceased Members: A few of our AAI members have passed on: Frances Trimble O'Brien, cl 42, Elizabeth Gmitter, cl 40, Shirley Burstein O'Brien, cl 44, Mary Marcel Lipovsky, cl 33, Barbara Fusco, cl 54, and Mary Prokop, cl 44. All will be sadly missed! AAI contributes a donation to our Continuing Education Scholarship Fund in memory of our deceased member if we are unable to attend their service. If you hear of any out of State member who has passed on, please contact one of our Board members. If anyone would like to participate as a funeral delegate, please contact Cathy Nucera at 203-452-9618.

If anyone is interested in posting news in our annual newsletter or have a class get-together or reunion at our annual meeting, or know of a member in a hospital or convalescent, please send emails to debptreas@juno.com

If anyone knows of a restaurant, with a banquet room and handicap access, that you would like to try or recommend for our annual dinner/meeting, please email or call Debi @ [*debptreas@juno.com*](mailto:debptreas@juno.com) or **203-924-9175**

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