

BRIDGEPORT HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING ALUMNAE ASSOC. I

Dear AAI Members,

March, 2015

Our Annual Spring Dinner/Meeting will be held on Tues, April, 14, 2015 @ 6:00PM, (dinner promptly at 6:30PM) at Marisa's Ristorante, 6540 Main St, Trumbull, Rte 111. Dinner choices are Veal Parmesan, Roasted Salmon, or Chicken Piccata, including pasta, salad, roasted potatoes, green beans, dessert, coffee, or tea, with gratuities included. The price is \$29.95 per person. Please send your response to attend and dinner choice to Cathy Nucera by 4/7/15. (if anyone needs a ride to the dinner, contact one of our Board members)

Our Speaker for the Evening- will be an inspirational speaker who is downright funny and a breath of fresh air, *Dottie Bengoian*. She is unique as an entertainer, humorist and educator, and has been making audiences laugh for over 25 years as she powerfully shows the role of humor in our everyday lives. Her down-to-earth style refreshes, regales and results in uproarious, joyful laughter for those who hear her. Her message is far beyond funny and she's a living example her philosophy works. Please come join us for an entertaining evening!

The Accelerated BHSN program of December, 2014, graduated 32 and 29 new grads joined AAI. Welcome graduates to the Alumnae and congratulations on your future success! The Graduation ceremony for the classes of December, 2014 and May, 2015 will be on May 4, 2015, at the Fairfield University Quick Center.

We would like to congratulate Dr. Linda Podolak, cl of 70, in her promotion to the position of Director of Nursing of the Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing! What a wonderful accomplishment! We are so proud of you! Carol Papp, former BHSN Director of Nursing, has moved to the University of Bridgeport where the School of Nursing will eventually transfer as a collegiate program.

The Alumnae Board members will be meeting with an attorney to discuss what our Alumnae Organization will do once the Nursing School move to UB takes place.

AAI will again provide the entrance fee for the BHSN student nurse delegation to attend the National Student Nurses Association. These students whom attend the convention share their ideas on nursing issues and are our future caregivers.

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

BHSN pins or pendants- The Alumnae has purchased 2 pin molds from A J Klein Jewelers, in the Shelton Stop and Shop Plaza on Bridgeport Ave, Shelton, CT. Prices are good through 2015. Sales Tax extra.

Vintage Pin (for graduating classes before 2003)

10 k gold filled at \$55,

10 k gold at \$195,

14 k gold at \$295,

Larger Pin- (for graduating classes 2003 to present)

10 k gold filled at \$180,

10 k gold at \$425,

14 k gold at \$595,

If you have lost your BHSN school pin, or would like a pendant that looks like our school pin that you can attach to a chain, you can contact AJ Klein at 203-929-3300. This is the only way to obtain a replacement of your nursing pin. If you would like more information, please contact Caren Silhavey @ 203 -375-4553 or Silhavey@att.net

Continuing Education Scholarship Recipients for 2015 will be announced at the April dinner. If anyone is interested in applying for a scholarship, please contact Caren Silhavey @ 203-375-4553 or email her at Silhavey@att.net Applications are on our web site- www.BHSNAA1.org or contact Debi Petrushonis.

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Please send your dinner choices & payment of \$29.95 to:

Make your check out to BHSA AAI- by 4/07

Cathy Nucera, AA1 VP
13 Wesley Dr.
Trumbull, Ct 06611

1)_____ Veal Parmesan 2)_____ Roasted Salmon 3)_____ Chicken Piccata

Print your name: _____

If anyone knows of AAI members in nursing homes or in the hospital, please let one of our board members know!

Deceased Members: Several of our AAI members have passed on:*Shirley Burstein O'Brien, cl 44, Elizabeth Gmitter, cl 40, Mary Marcel Lipovsky, cl 33, Barbara Arpie Fusco, cl 54, Mary Prokop, cl 44, Gloria Halkovich, cl 61, and Gloria Zaccardi Mard, cl 45.* 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 203-452-9618.

If anyone would like to have your class reunion or classmate get together at the same time as our annual dinner/meeting- let us know, we can share the info in our Newsletter if you like and you would have a place already reserved!

If you have anything that you would like posted in our newsletter, please submit to Debi Petrushonis @ debptreas@juno.com. Bi yearly Newsletters go out in March and August.

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

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Face Book page- B.H.S.N Alumnae Association

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