

BRIDGEPORT HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING ALUMNAE ASSOC. I

Dear AAI Members,

January, 2022

We have made it through another difficult year with the Covid virus still at our heels! We send our appreciation to our wonderful fellow nurses who have worked in various nursing fields for their care to the people they have come in contact with during the 2021 year!

Our last Annual Spring Alumnae Meeting for April 2021 was held as a Zoom meeting, and our speaker was, Cheryl Green, DNP, with 16 members attending. We all felt more comfortable in our own homes at this time and the meeting worked out very well. Our AA1 Board was voted in again for another 2 years. The AA1 Board members will discuss safety and concerns and if we should have our annual meeting in April 2022, at a restaurant or continue with the Zoom online meeting. We will notify members in an upcoming newsletter in March.

BHSN Historical items- there are still some items remaining in our storage unit, such as clear glass dessert plates and cups and the blue Danube plates, from our Alumnae supplies from the School of Nursing, that are available if anyone is interested in these items. A donation will be accepted and will be used for our scholarship fund. Please contact one of the AAI officers.

Scholarship- receiving our 2021 AAI Continuing Education Scholarship was Katerina Maddern, cl 5/2010. Best of Luck in your future endeavors.

Continuing Education Scholarship application information- is on the AA1 website, 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, 2021. Please go to the web site for an application and guidelines and/or you can contact Caren Silhavey for any further information @ 203-375-4553 or email her at Silhavey@att.net. Scholarships will be awarded after all information required has been reviewed and a Board decision is made.

The AAI Continuing Education Fund- has made contributions in 2021, to the Bridgeport University Nursing Program, for nursing scholarships, the Housatonic Community College Foundation, for the Surgical Technology Program for scholarships and program needs, the Special Faith Community Nurse Program in Newtown, Ct, for their Parish Nurse community program health teaching needs, and the Griffin Hospital Valley Parish Nurse Organization in Derby, Ct, for their special community health teaching programs. Our mission is to encourage and support nursing continuing education, lifelong learning, and to collaborate with allied associations. AA1 has donated awards for nursing excellence to Bridgeport Hospital and recent recipients of those awards during Nurses Week were a Ashley Bradshaw, Labor and Delivery, at BH, and Christine Needham, Advanced Practice Nurse, Rapid Response Team, at BH.

Life Members- Our New Life Member for 2022 is Marianne Kazemersky, class of 1970. Life members are AAI members who have paid their dues consistently for 50 Years. Congratulations and may you enjoy another 50 years and more as a Life Member!

Deceased Members: Several of our AAI members have passed on in 2021- Anita Mullins McGrath, cl 1946, Rita Ohmes Masonati, cl 1952, Mary Dolan Wolf, cl 1958, Joan Stockman Smith, cl 1957, and Joan McMellon Williams, cl 1951. 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 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, AAI VP, at 203- 449-6944 or cathy.nucera@gmail.com

If anyone knows of AAI members who are in nursing homes or in the hospital, or who has passed away, please let Dottie Connolly, AAI secretary, know- 203-922-8022 or Dotconn0119@gmail.com

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