

BRIDGEPORT HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING ALUMNAE ASSOC. I

Dear AAI Members,

March, 2023

Wishes to everyone for a Happy Spring Soon! What a Crazy Winter! With the consideration of less exposure to our members, we have decided to have a Zoom conferencing for our annual April Alumnae member meeting. **The date is Tuesday, April 11, 2023.** We will start our log on meeting time at 6 PM so everyone has time to log on or get assistance if you need it. Our meeting will officially start at 6:30 PM. You can bring your own dinner and preferred drinks and relax from the comfort of your favorite chair! **If you would like to attend the April 11th Zoom meeting, please include your name and email to Deb Petrushonis @ debptreas@juno.com, or you can text or call me with your email or phone number at 203-231-3306.** A reminder and zoom link will be sent out to you a few days before the meeting. You will need to go to the website www.zoom.us and put the zoom apt on your computer or other device that you wish to join the meeting, its easy. Or you can call in on a phone number and participate in the meeting without video, if you do not have computer access.

Speaker for the April meeting –Sunny Yoo Ruggeri, RN,BS,MS,MSN,cl 12/16, a PhD student, will discuss “Factors associated with medication non-adherence in chronic diseases, cancer and breast cancer.” She will discuss the correlates of oral endocrine therapy adherence in older women with breast cancer.

At our April meeting, Julie Marcus, cl 79, will discuss her membership in the Connecticut Nursing Honor Guard and what this organization does.

Also, Our Financial Advisor, Fran Carson, will update us on the Alumnae’s finances with TD Ameritrade. Please join us for an informative evening!

New AAI Life Members- after paying dues for 50 consecutive years, the Alumnae bestows Life Membership to its members. Please welcome Barbara Calus Aubin, class of 72, and Janice Sienkiewicz, class of 72, as Life Members for 2023! Congratulations to you both and may you enjoy a long Life Membership!

BHSN Historical items- there are still quite a few glassware items from the BHSN remaining in our storage unit, such as clear glass dessert plates and cups, fluted clear cups and blue Danube plates only. 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 so that we can meet with you and distribute these items to you.



Continuing Education Scholarship information- Scholarships are awarded for nursing continuing education and certification courses that the Alumnae supports. You can contact Caren Silhavey for any further information @ 203-375-4553 or email at silhavey@att.net.

Scholarships for 2023- will be awarded to Maura Dehm Lynch, cl 2010 and Sunny Yoo Ruggeri, cl of 12/16.

JUST A REMINDER- You can review our updated Bylaws, past newsletters, our membership pamphlet, the AAI Mision Statement and AA2 organization information– on our website,www.BHSNAA1.org.

Deceased AAI Members: several members have passed on recently and several that we were just notified of:

Lucy Scinto Basala, cl 51- deceased 12/6/14
Anne Botsko Belejack- cl 44- deceased 2/5/22
Virginia Kemp Bryan, cl 50- deceased 2/3/23
Lillian Sievers Chmielewski-cl 48- deceased 10/16/21
Margaret Cames Disbrow, cl 59- deceased 12/3/22
Joan Hynes Hamilton- cl 57- deceased 2/14/23

Lt Cdr Barbara Hivizdo- cl 59- deceased 12/3/22
Patricia Chapdelaine Miller-cl47-deceased 8/21/18
Eleanor Tichenor Wheeler-cl 42-deseased 11/11/16
Joan Ann McMellon Williams-cl 51- deceased 9/6/21
Barbara Miller Wright- cl 49- deceased 3/28/21
Arlene Blodwell Wyllie- cl 44- deceased 6/18/18

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 is available to attend funerals,** if only occasionally, please contact Cathy Nucera,VP, for further information, at 203- 449-6944, or cathy.nucera@gmail.com. We have several Alumnae gray wool capes to loan to AAI members who would like to attend funerals of fellow members.

Dear Alumnae members, if you would please let their families know about your Alumnae membership and to notify Cathy Nucera or one of our board members at the time of your passing, so we may honor your memory. **If anyone knows of AAI members** who are in nursing homes or in the hospital, or whom has passed away, please let Dottie Connolly, AAI Secretary, know. 203-922-8022 or Dotconn0119@gmail.com

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