

BRIDGEPORT HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING ALUMNAE ASSOC. I

Greetings AAI Members,

March, 2025

Hope you are all enjoying this nice weather! The Alumnae Board is having our annual April Alumnae Member Dinner Meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 to begin at 5:30pm, at the Gusto Trattoria Italian Restaurant, 255 Boston Post Rd, Milford, Ct, in the dining room on the lower level with direct parking access in front and side of the restaurant. (Across from the Aldi's grocery store.) The menu choices include: Chicken Marsalla with Marsala wine and mushroom sauce and a side pasta, Grilled NY Strip Steak with mashed potatoes and broccoli or Grilled Salmon with garlic mashed potatoes. All served with Arugula salad with sweet roasted pears, dried cranberries and raspberry vinaigrette, Focaccia bread and roasted garlic, coffee, tea and dessert. THE ALUMNAE IS ABLE TO COVER THE DINNER COST FOR AA1 MEMBERS! There is also a cash bar available. Please send your dinner choice at the bottom of this page with your name by April 1st to: Cathy Nucera, AA1 Vice President or call Cathy.

Speaker for the April meeting – Jeannine Link-Staltaro, MS, RD, CDN, who is a dynamic speaker and a big advocate for nutrition and healthy choices as we age. Jeannine will discuss foods and minerals we need in our diets to maintain our health and active lifestyles. Join us for an interesting and informative evening!

New AA1 Life Member for 2025- after paying dues for 50 consecutive years, the Alumnae bestows Life Membership to its members. Please welcome, *Diane Avery, class of 1974*, as our new AA1 Life Member for 2025! Congratulations Diane and enjoy many years of prosperity!

A.J.Klein Jewelers, at 866 Bridgeport Ave, Shelton, Ct, has 4 BHSN replacement nursing pins for sale to BHSN graduates. If anyone is interested, you may contact them at 203-929-3300 to purchase one. A.J.Klein will be able to order more nursing pins if all of these are purchased. The cost is \$145 +tax.

BHSN Historical items- there are still a few glassware items from the BHSN Alumnae teas from over 50 years ago remaining in our storage unit. There are blue Danube plates only, clear glass dessert plates and cups, and beveled clear glass cups. If anyone is interested in these items, a donation will be accepted and will be used for our scholarship fund. Please contact Deb Petrushonis, Treasurer, at 203-231-3306 or debp320@gmail.com



Continuing Education Scholarships are awarded for nursing continuing education that the Alumnae supports. The Alumnae has extended the scholarship program for AA1 members also who are continuing their education with a higher level of their nursing degree. You can contact Caren Silhavey for any further information @ 203-375-4553 or email silhavey@att.net

The Certification scholarship program for AA1 members- is to assist in covering expenses for their specialty certification/ recertifications that are necessary to continue in their nursing career fields. The certification form and guidelines are on AA1 website, www.BHSNAA1.org. If anyone is interested or needs further information, you can contact Edi Poidomani at edisr@sbcglobal.net.

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Your Name:

Dinner choice: return this slip with choice by April 1, to Cathy Nucera, 60 Bear Paw Dr, Stratford, Ct 06614
____ (1) Chicken Marsalla ____ (2) Grilled NY Strip Steak, ____ (3) Grilled Salmon or (203-449-6944)

Deceased AA1 Members: we were recently notified of several members have passed on:

6/2024-deceased- Jean Dick Weir Corvino, class of 1950,

8/2024-deceased- Kathryn Harper Hofmiller, class of 1959,

11/2024-deceased- Meta Wright Politi, class of 1947. They will be sadly missed!

The Alumnae, when we can, 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 AA1 members who would like to attend funerals of fellow members, you would wear a white blouse and slacks and a cap. **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.**

The Connecticut Nursing Honor Guard organization is also available to attend any nurse's funeral in Ct. with an honor guard and a beautiful ceremony. You can contact Cathy Nucera,VP, for further information.

Donations: During the year, the Alumnae donates to non-profits as a way to make a positive impact for a cause and to support happiness in the lives of others. If AA1 members know of any such organizations that are dear to their hearts and/or in need of support, especially with regards to nursing or healthcare, but not limited too this, please contact one of our board members.

If anyone knows of AA1 members who are in nursing homes or in the hospital, or whom has passed away, please let Dottie Connolly, AA1 Secretary, know at 203-922-8022 or Dotconn0119@gmail.com

JUST A REMINDER- You can review the AA1 Mission Statement, Bylaws, past newsletters, scholarship and certification applications and guidelines, our membership pamphlet and AA2 organization information—on our website, www.BHSNAA1.org

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