

HARTFORD HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING AND BANQUET JUNE 10, 2018

RED LION HOTEL, CROMWELL CT

BOARD MEMBERS: All board members were present (14). There were 185 members present and 26 guests, including two of the three scholarship recipients with their guests, three band members, Philip Gordon and assistant, our financial advisor from Morgan Stanley, Ellen Blair, Director of Nursing at the IOL, our guest speaker, and Cheryl Ficara, HHC Regional Vice President of Patient Care Services.

The members were able to enjoy the cocktail hour with appetizers supplied by the Alumnae from 12 to 1pm. Theresa Gwozdz and Betsy Gaudian were greeters at the reception table. Gail Rapoza kept the parking organized outside and Marilyn Miller, our photographer was kept busy snapping pictures.

Betty Ann Fusco, her last day as president, called the meeting to order at 1 :08 pm. Sixteen states were represented. The class of 1973, celebrating their 45th had a wonderful turnout. The class of 1968 were celebrating their 50th. The head table was introduced as well as all the Board and Band members.

Mary Jane Densmore said a prayer and we had a moment of silence remembering those 36 members who were lost since June 2017 and for all military personnel.

The attendees then enjoyed their meal of salmon, chicken or pork, followed by carrot cake for dessert.

The annual meeting was opened at 2:10 pm by Betty Ann.

A motion was made and the reading of last year's banquet minutes was waived since they have been on the website.

Pat Ciarcia, Executive Director of Alumnae Affairs, thanked Betty Ann for her 6 years of service and she was presented with a gift card and flowers.

Jane Lasher, Board Treasurer, who handles all the daily deposits and expenses. read a brief report and there was a detailed one available for all to see if they chose after the meeting.

Theresa Gwozdz, Vice Treasurer, told us 89 members used the medical fund and approximately \$200,000 was used. Her report was available for review also.

Betty Ann did explain how the Board uses email at times to vote on a donation. One example was our donation to Puerto Rico after their devastation.

Karen Mazarella, past Nominating Chair, read the list of the Executive Board and members.

President, Mary Jane Densmore, Vice President, Chris Johnson,

Jane Lasher, Board Treasurer, Theresa Gwozdz, Vice Treasurer,

Pat Ciarcia, Executive Director of Alumnae Affairs

Alicia Junghans. Recording Secretary, Betty Ann Fusco, Nominating Chair,

Gail Rapoza, Program and Publicity, Kathy Didier, Scholarship Chair

Jerri Sicaris, Lesley McGrath, Karen Mazzearella , Phyllis De Maine, and our new member Sheila Rowell are Directors.

The slate was voted on and approved by the members

Chris Johnson, Scholarship chair introduced the two recipients present. We gave three scholarships this year. Each were \$5000.00.

Jean Boccaccio, Cheryl Mitchell and Cheryl Simon were the recipients.

Old Business: Funding for the fountain has been obtained and hopefully a ground breaking for the Springer Garden will be this fall.

Phyllis, Chris and Maria Tackett have been working on pictures that will line the halls of the SESI building soon. We are contributing to the framing.

Many Nightingale Tributes have been done this past year for deceased nurses.

There has been a change in the bylaws. There is a minimum of four directors with a maximum of eight directors on the Board. It is getting much more difficult to get members to join us.

At 2:30 pm Gail Rapoza introduced Dr. Ellen Blair, Director of Nursing at the IOL who started at the IOL in 1982 and became DON in 2009. She has done psychiatric nursing for 38 years. She spoke on Psychiatric Care, A Historic Overview and its Contribution to Nursing. She spoke of care from the 1400's to the present. We learned the first antipsychotic drug, Thorazine, was used in

the 1950's. She spoke about Florence Nightingale, Dorothea Dix, and Linda Richards and their contributions to nursing care.

The IOL was originally called the Hartford Retreat. It was a very educational and interesting talk.

Five 50-year charms were given out, four to be mailed. There were no 25 year charms.

A tie tack was presented to Philip Gordon, our financial advisor as a thank you for his great job with our funds.

We celebrated Stephanie Kaminski 101st birthday with flowers and a song. 80 years a NURSE!

The passing of the Golden Bedpan from Linda Samuelson, Class of '68 to Kathy Didier, Mary Jane Densmore and Karen Mazarella, Class of 1969 took place.

A thank you to Pat and her daughter who assisted her at the banquet and to Gail and Lorraine who directed the parking. Marilyn Miller was also recognized as our photographer who snapped many pictures and did a beautiful job putting them together for our website.

The class roll call was done with much waving of napkins.

We closed the banquet with joining hands and remembering June Noble as we all sang her traditional song of "May you always walk in Sunshine, continued with "God Bless America" and "Auld Lang Syne".

It was another wonderful banquet and a good time was had by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia Junghans, Recording Secretary