

HARTFORD HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL BANQUET JUNE 7, 2015

The annual banquet of the AAHHSN was held June 7, 2015. During the cocktail hour our alumnae enjoyed their drinks with fruit and cheeses while visiting with their classmates and friends. A blue and white tote bag adorned with our seal was given to all alumnae present.

All members of the board were present with the exception of Mary Jane Densmore.

Betty Ann Fusco opened the banquet at 1pm and introduced our guests. Due to illness Dr. Markewicz and his spouse were unable to attend. Cheryl Ficara was introduced and said a few words. Lynn Roberge Malerba, Class of 1974 and Chief of the Mohegan tribe was also introduced as well as Sam Pasco and the band members.

Betty Ann read an Indian prayer prior to us all enjoying our meals of fish, chicken or steak. Sam as usual entertained us with a variety of melodies.

At 2:10pm the Business meeting was begun. All the board members were introduced and Alicia Junghans read the minutes of the 2014 banquet that were accepted as read.

The Board Treasurer, Jane Lasher gave her report. We have a total of 649 members. 210 have over 50 years of membership. We have 30 new members this year in the bed fund. Jane reminded us that AAHHSN underwrites 33-40% of the alumnae dinners. Last year 208 alumnae attended with 38 guests. Eight members have died. Among our donations was \$10,000 to the nursing magazine.

Terri Gwozdz, Vice Treasurer explained that we have 2 funds, the Medical Fund and the Everyday Fund that is used for scholarships. In 2014, 63 members used the medical fund for a total of \$140,000.00. To date as of June 2015, 30 members have used \$50,000. We are only using the interest on our monies and the principal remains intact. Our donations this year totaled \$88,000.00. The reports were both accepted as read. Outside the banquet hall was a poster showing our donations.

Karen Mazzerella, Nominating, had no report, but the alumnae were encouraged to nominate

members .

Scholarship Chairwoman, Chris Johnson, introduced the 11 scholarship recipients . We gave \$40,000.00 in scholarships this year.

Old Business:

There was an article written about the AAHHSN and our \$75,000.00 donation for the Springer garden and our good works.

The tote bags were our donation to a convention of nurses, fall of 2014 in Hartford, involved with the History of Nursing. We decided with a vote to purchase extra to give to our members.

The 50 year charms were presented and there were 25 year charms to be mailed.

A thank you was extended to Sam and the band members , wait staff and to those members who assisted in various ways at the banquet. Marilyn Miller was very busy with her camera.

The golden bedpan was presented by Judy Gorski and Barb Maheu to Gail Rapoza and Alicia Junghans, Class of 1966.

Roll call was started with the class of 1976 by Betty Ann. June Noble closed our banquet with the traditional song of "May You Always Walk in Sunshine" . We all joined in for "God Bless America" and "Auld Lang Syne".

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia Junghans