

Hartford Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae Association

Annual Meeting and Banquet

September 17, 2023

Sheraton Hartford Hotel South. Rocky Hill, CT

Board Members Present:

1. Mary Jane Densmore
2. Christine Johnson
3. Alicia Junghans
4. Theresa Gwozdz
5. Patricia Ciarcia
6. Phyllis DeMaine
7. Betty Ann Fusco
8. Karen Mazzarella
9. Lesley McGrath
10. Gail Rapoza
11. Sheila Rowell
12. Jerry Sicaras
13. Mary Jane Malone.

Not Present: 1. Jane Lasher, 2. Diane Labedzki

Guest Speaker: Laura Bailey, Vice President of Patient Care Services gave a brief talk of the issues facing nursing. Problems include shortage of nurses, decrease in experienced preceptors and retention of nurses. Increase new nurse preceptorships has been one of solutions for helping with these issues. She stressed the importance of Nursing and how we make a difference.

The meeting was called to order by President, Mary Jane Densmore at 2:37 pm. She introduced the head table and later introduced the past presidents and board members.

Treasurer reports were given by Pat Ciarcia for Jane Lasher.

Balance on Sep. 18, 2022 - \$29,181.00. Deposits to 9/18/23 - \$98,438.30. Expenses 9/18/22-9/1/23 - \$93,069.11. Balance as of 9/1/2023 \$35,321.73.

Theresa Gwozdz – Vice Treasurer: Utilized by 115 members, Total \$280,000 was paid out from the Medical Fund. **Scholarships** - \$27,000 for 5 recipients.

Donations for last fiscal year –Total \$37,500. This includes 10/28/21 – Hawking/Lakota Indians - \$1,000, 12/2021 – Salvation Army- TN relief - \$2,000, 3/5 + 4/11/22- Ukrainian Relief total \$5000, 9/17 – Food Share - \$5,000, World Central Kitchen - \$3,000, Prudence Crandall - \$5,000, Camp Courant - \$2,000, House of Bread - \$3,000, Tunnels to Towers - \$3,000, International Medical clinic of Honduras - \$3,000, MAPS international/Medical Care \$ 3,000. Donation for Global Giving for Puerto Rico - \$2,500.

Memorial donation for Dr. Henry Low \$250

****This year donations for 1) World Central Kitchen \$5,000 for Florida – Hurricane Ian 10/10/2023, 2) Direct relief for and Syria Turkey Relief \$2,000 on 2/2023.**

A motion was made to accept the Treasurers reports, seconded and all members voted. Motion passed unanimously.

Nominating Committee: Betty Ann Fusco stated no nominations were being made at this time since the Board is full.

Scholarship Committee: Gail Rapoza –The five Scholarship recipients were introduced. Three recipients were family of HHSN members. Three recipients were present.

1. Rhushae Ingram - \$5000
2. Kristin Ruggiero - \$5000
3. Molly Jacques - \$6000
4. Sophia Walker - \$5000
5. Michael Donovan - \$6000 Total: \$27,000

Executive Director of Alumnae Affairs: Pat Ciarcia stated that we now have a total of 580 members, last year 603 and from 638 in 2021. 33 have passed.

Miriam Sihvonen '40 –at 104y.o., Josephine Young Gamble '46, Jeanette Peterson St. Peter '48, Jean Anstett Butterfield '49, Ann Wilcox Wentink '50, Julia Griffiths Janes '51, Rita Husarik Tsokalas '51, Ana Jablonski Oleasz '53, Suzanne Pepion Barnett '54, Claire Gworek Eddy '54, Florence “Dolly” Dederick Parisi '55, Glorianna Hill Wholly '55, Jill Stackpole Ghi '57, Janice Laskas Houston '57, Diana Woodward Olivera '57, Gerturde Maylott Conroy '58, Jane Meier Wood '58, Linda DeGroff Greco '59, Susan Jones Renelt '59, Elaine Hennig Stebbins'61, Carol Fafard Pagano '62, Elsa Bozenard Hornfischer '63, Diana Santaus Trumble '64, Judith Waldhaim Grasso '67, Lorraine Helms '68, Donna Urso Kennedy '68, Barbara Mae Lindner '69, Kathleen Boyd Didier '69 (Dye Der), Lesley Reardon Buckley '71, Bonnie Allard Lewandowski '71, Barbara Chiarillo D'Amore '72, Cathy Haupt Fitzgerald '73,

The Nightingale Tribute was read by Pat Ciarcia for all those HHSN nurses who have been lost in the past year.

Old Business: Mary Jane stated that we are all very proud and grateful with this association. It is a marvel on how long and how much we have done.

Mary Jane Densmore discussed the reality of Dissolution in the next 3-4- years. She gave her e mail for any member who wanted to make contact regarding any issues regarding dissolution.

There were 197 members, 15 non-members and 10 guests at the Banquet: 20 states were represented.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded and all members voted and motion passed.

Meeting adjourned: 3:34 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis DeMaine, Recording Secretary

Roll call was started from the Class of 1976-1949.

May You Always Walk in Sunshine and Auld Lang Syne were sung.