

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF THE HARTFORD HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING

BANQUET MINUTES

JUNE 4 and JUNE 5, 2011

On Saturday, June 4 the Class of 1961, celebrating their 50th anniversary, and the Class of 1966, celebrating their 45th anniversary, enjoyed a luncheon at Hartford Hospital in the special dining room. After the luncheon the alums were given their choice of two tours of the hospital: the surgical floors and the emergency department, or the new cancer center.

At 2PM all the alumnae met in the hospital lobby where the bronze student nurse statue, known as The Caregiver, was rededicated in her new location in the newly remodeled hospital lobby. Lloyd Glasson statue sculptor was present and Andrea Burr, Chaplain at HH gave the prayer. Cheryl Ficara, new VP of Patient Services and Karen Mazarella, president of the Alumnae Association spoke. Our Caregiver looks beautiful in her new home.

Sunday June 5 found over 200 alumnae at the Crowne Plaza in Cromwell for the annual Alumnae Banquet. We enjoyed a wine/cheese/fruit/cocktail social hour followed by a lovely luncheon and program. Our guest speaker was Dawn Beland, RN, MSN of the Stroke Center at Hartford Hospital. Also, Cheryl Ficara, new VP of Patient Services was introduced to our group and she also said a few words.

Scholarship recipients were announced and each of the 4 recipients received \$2500 scholarship.

The highlight of the afternoon was the presentation of a \$50,000 gift to Hartford Hospital from the Alumnae Association for the purpose of nursing education. Jeff Flaks, COO and Cheryl Ficara, VP accepted the donation.

The golden bedpan was passed onto the Class of 1962.

In closing, roll call was read and sang, June Noble '54 sang "May You Always Walk in Sunshine" and all alums sang God Bless America and Auld Lang Syne.

It was a memorable weekend.

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