

HARTFORD HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING ALUMNE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING AND BANQUET JUNE 5, 2016

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: All Board members were present, including our new prospective member, Kathy Didier.

Between 12 noon and 1pm the alumnae were able to enjoy the cocktail hour visiting with each other and enjoying the appetizers provided by the AA. Gail Rapoza kept the parking organized in the outside parking lot and garage.

Betty Ann introduced the Board members, Dr. Mc Kay , who was a guest to speak on Interventional Radiology, his spouse and Cheryl Ficara.

Cheryl told us that 109,000 patients were seen at HH last year and gave us brief information about the Heart ,Vascular and the Neurosciences centers.

At 1:10 pm Mary Jane Densmore said a very inspirational prayer called "Thanks" and we all proceeded to enjoy our lunches of either salmon, chicken or steak. Salad, rolls, coffee, tea and carrot cake completed the meal.

During our dinner Sam Pasco and his trio played our favorite tunes and Marilyn Miller was snapping pictures continuously.

The business meeting was begun at 2:30 pm by Betty Ann and she introduced the board members.

Herself, President; Mary Jane Densmore, Vice President; Theresa Gwozdz, Vice Treasurer; Jane Lasher, Board Treasurer; Alicia Junghans, Recording Secretary; Pat Ciarcia, Executive Director of Alumnae Affairs; Chris Johnson, Director and Scholarship Chair; Gail Rapoza, Program; Jerilyn Sicaras, Director; Karen Mazzarella, Nominating; Lesley McGrath, Director; Phyllis DeMaine, Director; and our new prospective Director, Kathy Didier.

The minutes of the last banquet and meeting have been on our website and all accepted the motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept them as posted.

Report: Pat Ciarcia

We have 634 members . 40 members passed away this year and we added 32 reinstated members. To join the AA is only \$10.00 to enjoy 2 nursing magazines a year and the availability of the Medical Fund.

Pat asked for suggestions or ideas for the magazine in the alumnae "spotlight".

Our website has a membership application, minutes, list of board members and lots of pictures.

Present at the banquet were 192 members, 42 non-members and 8 scholarship recipients and their guest for a total of 252 .

Betty Ann shared a few letters with us from family members of nurses who have passed and thank you notes. We also received a pin and an old cape.

Old Business: Betty Ann spoke about the John Springer Garden in the courtyard of the ERC building. The class of '66 started this project 5 years ago. The family of Dr. Springer is involved with this project. There is a new Joint Center being built at HH and at the moment that is taking all the funding, but we were assured that they will start working on the garden ASAP with our spouting crane as its center.

Betty Ann also mentioned that the goals for her presidency was to concentrate on our dissolution and our bylaws. She also hopes to see the garden with "Hepatitis" to fruition. The donation to DFCI last year was \$3000 and Betty Ann showed the picture of the Zebra fish that we have mounted. "Our Nurses Care" AAHHSN.

At this point in the program it was decided to have Dr. McKay speak and to finish our business meeting after. Gail introduced him and read his credentials. He spoke on the new interventional radiology at HH. He spoke about the new Cath Lab and Tran's catheter aortic valve replacement. He presented three patient case studies. We were told that some patients are transported directly to the cath lab when diagnosed in a patient's home by an EMT and bypass the ER. We also learned they used the radial artery now and also bio absorbable implants. It was a very informative and interesting topic. We learned just how far we have come in the interventional radiology field.

The business meeting was resumed at 3:15pm.

Jane Lasher and Theresa Gwozdz both gave their treasurer reports. We are maintaining our principal. We are making money and paying our bills.

The medical fund was used by 72 AA members last year and \$157,000 was spent. 40 AA members have used it this year. Their reports were accepted.

Nomination: Karen.

Karen read the slate of officers and she reminded the members that they have until April 15 of the odd years to apply to run for office. No one has done so in several years.

The members approved the slate of officers for the next term.

Scholarship; Chris

Chris introduced our recipients of the scholarships.

We gave \$34,500 to 9 applicants. First time applicants were Lori Caetano, Leonie Jackson, Barry Johnson, Jennifer Peck, Kathy Rudzki and Renee Simone. Renewed scholarships were awarded to Angela Leininger , Julie Michaelson and Sarah Visker.

The Golden Bedpan

A new/old gold gilded enamel bedpan filled with a miniature garden of "Hepatitis" spouting water was paraded around the ball room by Gail Rapoza and Alicia Junghans. Phyllis DeMaine and the class of 67' received a gold gilded bedpan filled with a beautiful arrangement of flowers.

The class of 1966, celebrating their 50th, had an elaborate display of a student and graduation uniform, balloons, noisy bells, our shield on a cookie and knitted animals sporting HHSN clothes.

A total of 14 Gold Charms and 2 Silver Charms were distributed to members who had 50 and 25 years of continuous membership in the Alumnae Association.

The meeting came to a close with the singing of "Roll Call", June Noble's singing of "May you Always Walk in Sunshine " and all the members singing "God Bless America and "Auld Lang Sine".

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia Jungians, Recording Secretary