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MEETING MINUTES

September 14, 2018 First meeting of the fall season at 1:00 PM with 12 members present.
Friday 1:00 PM

October 12, 2018 Luncheon was held at the Village Inn with 19 members present.
Friday

November 9, 2018 Business meeting at the College with 11 members present.
Friday 1:00 PM

December 4 , 2018 Christmas luncheon for the Freshman nursing class where they will be
Tuesday 10:30 AM introduced to our Alumni Association.

January 18, 2019 Annual meeting. Election of Officers.
Friday 1:00 PM

February 2019 No meeting.

March 8, 2019 Business meeting at the College.
Friday 1:00 PM

BITS and PIECES

CMMC has received the Joint Commissions Gold Seal of Approval for Advanced Certification for *Primary Stroke Centers* as well as for *Total Joint Replacement of Hip, Knee, Shoulder and Hip Fracture* Certification. The accreditation, which evaluates quality and safety in the delivery of critical services and patient care, recognizes CMMC's continuous commitment to improvement in delivering the highest standard of quality care.

CMMC also received certification for high quality orthopedic services. In fact a reviewer from the joint commission called CMMC "the top tier program in the nation."

Kaye Roberts Gustin, '56 is pictured with classmates from the Edward Little High School Class of 1953 which held its 65th reunion at the Carriage House in Lewiston on September 22, 2018.

The 10th anniversary of the Dempsey Challenge enjoyed beautiful weather for a change.. Enthusiasm for Dempsey was no less high than it was when the challenge began. On Friday nite when Dempsey rode into Simard-Payne Memorial Park on a Harley-Davidson customized specifically for the event he was flanked by a couple of dozen bicycle riders from the Challenge to Conquer Cancer, a group from South Carolina that has been riding for the Lewiston event for the past six years. "They can go anywhere," Dempsey said, "but they always come here."

Noting the current nursing shortage in the State of Maine St. Mary's is hiring nurses from the Philippines. In August and September 13 experienced nurses joined the staff at d'Youville. EMGH is hiring nurses from Nigeria, Ireland and Jamaica . CMHC has 736 nurses and is relieved that it only needs to hire 49. "We are blessed to have the college, MCHP, as part of our system." said chief nursing officer, Mary-Anne D. Ponti. It's no secret that Maine has a nursing shortage. Maine needs hundreds of nurses now and predicts a shortage of 3,200 by 2025. According to a study nearly a third of RN's in Androscoggin, Oxford and Franklin Counties are over 55.

Congratulations to Ruth Andren '69 on her 90th birthday on October 12,. She worked at CMMC for 21 years as nursing supervisor and infection control coordinator. She kept busy in her retirement part time at Marshwood as well as caring for family members. Ruth lives in her log cabin at Allen Pond. (Ed. Note; Again congratulations Ruth and welcome to the club of which there are a few of us.)

100 Years Ago:

September 22, 1918

Six thousand cases of Spanish influenza are reported at Camp Devens and the Boston Red Cross Headquarters has summoned nurses from all New England hospitals to care for the soldiers suffering from the disease. An Auburn boy in the camp writes that the disease has spread through the entire encampment but that the doctors are beginning to get it under control. The call for nurses came from Boston headquarters this morning to the Central Maine General Hospital and ten of the most expert of nurses left this morning on very short notice. Three of them were from the hospital and the rest of them were called in from private practices.

October 27, 1918

Donations of old muslin, linen or cotton will be gratefully received at the C.M.G. Hospital for the supply on hand is being rapidly exhausted. The institution always has a need for material of this sort but the demand has been unusually great of late because of the number of influenza patients.

50 Years Ago

October 29, 1968

The new maternity section of the CMG Hospital welcomed its first arrival on Friday. The 11-pound, 11-ounce boy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Wheeler of North Leeds, is the grandson of a graduate of the hospital's School of Nursing, **Mrs. Doroathy Hobart, '35 RN.**, office nurse for Dr. Rudolph Haas. The baby has been named Paul Frederick.

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REUNIONS

CMGH Class of 1958, 60th Reunion, Camden, ME

Front L-R Marilyn Miller Burgess, Maureen Sullivan Richard, Nancy Walker Olp,
Mary Jones Lalumiere, Phyllis Ouelette Ancil and Bette Lorette.

Back L-R Marilyn Hersey Brackett, Nancy Parker Bartley and Joyce Bamford Barker.

On a lovely summer morning, September 5, 2018, eight classmates boarded the bus in Auburn and headed for Camden. Much visiting and sightseeing along the way. On arrival we met up with “Sully” who had arranged for our visit to her delightful town and our delicious lunch at the Waterfront Restaurant.

We then took the bus to the summit of Mount Battie where we enjoyed a beautiful scenic overlook of the Camden area. On our way back we stopped in Monmouth where we visited the historic museum and buildings, where with the help of a guide we stepped back a century and a half in time. All very interesting. More visiting on the bus remembering dormitory life, house rules and house mothers, all with many chuckles. There was concern for those classmates who were unable to travel, those we were unable to locate and those no longer with us. Once back in Auburn we said “good byes.” Sad to see this special outing come to an end. (Ed.note; Thanks to Nancy Walker Olp for the nice write up.)

NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE

On October 16th, MCHP honored 1945 CMG School of Nursing graduate, Hazel Hayman Gould. Mrs. Gould and her husband have been long-time supporters of nursing education at the college, and last year announced their support for interprofessional education at MCHP.

CMMC School of Nursing Class of 1987 alumni and MCHP faculty member, Bonnie Colby'87, led a team of faculty and students in a medicine take back in the Lewiston-Auburn area on October 27th.

Nice picture of MCHP nursing students Callie Gallant & Alasha Hawksley shown testing reflexes on a fellow student, Bobbie Trask. Also of Heidi Meek RN teaching students initial patient evaluations.

AND SADLY DEATHS

Nancy Hamlin Coccia '45 of Port St. Lucie, Fla., passed away Aug. 1, 20 days before her 95th birthday . She graduated from Central Maine General Hospital's School of Nursing in Lewiston as a registered nurse in 1945. She enjoyed a varied nursing career that included the Army Nurse Corps and the opening of Stephens Memorial Hospital in Norway, where she held various supervisory roles prior to moving to Florida in 1959. Nancy enjoyed traveling starting in 1951 with her mother to her homeland of Sweden, where she met many Swedish relatives and later studied Swedish at Uppsala University. She also continued her travel adventures throughout Europe.

Survivors include her son, David Weir; her granddaughters and their families: Karen Weir, Kinsey Johanna Hammelman and Maxwell Austin Hammelman, Austin, Texas, Kristine Tietz and Livia Allison Tietz,

Nancy Ann Howard Douglass '57, in Lewiston on Sept. 6, 2018. She was an OR nurse for many years before working for Dr. Ralph Goodwin until her retirement. Nancy was involved in the community, a member of the Ladies Auxiliary, helping with community events and the Little World's Fair held each year. Nancy was an active member of the East Auburn Baptist Church. Nancy is survived by her devoted husband, Larry, daughters Bonnie Phillips of Auburn and her companion, Chris Cote; Jill Guay of Minot, Deanna Trudeau and husband, Brian, of Florida, five grandchildren Jennifer, Alex, Ashley, Caitie and Howard, two step grandchildren Danielle and BJ, four great-grandchildren Matthew, Ada, Autumn and Kylie.

Desda Rutledge Fogg '59 on August 29th, 2018 at Frederick Memorial Hospital in Frederick, MD. Her special interests at CMGH were surgical and OBGYN. Her career culminated in 2002 when she retired from psychiatric nursing in Maryland. She is survived by her husband, James Fogg, her son and daughter, Brian Fogg, Deanna Snowden, five treasured grandchildren and two pups.

Marjorie Eugenie (Everett) Forbes '66, 73, of Somerset, MA, on May 27, 2018.

In her early nursing career, she worked at Tufts New England Medical Center and Newton Wellesley Hospital. She helped her husband begin his dental practice acting as his assistant, receptionist, and cleaning lady, Later she worked at Clifton Rehabilitation Center, in Somerset for almost twenty years, before retiring in 2012. She is survived by her husband of almost 50 years, Donald, her son, Darryl and his wife Kim, her daughter, Melissa Loomer and son-in-law Bill and her daughter Cindy Desmarais and son-in-law Rob. She also leaves her grandchildren, Nicholas, Benjamin, Owen, Kelsey and Logan. Also her brother, Richard and sisters Barbara Starboard and Lynn Wilson, She was predeceased by a sister, Dorothy Fuller.

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Dorothy (Dottie) Raynor Turner '61, on August 20, 2018 in Raymond, ME. During her career she worked in Lewiston in intensive care, taught prospective nurses at Norway Hospital and ran the Nursing program at Oxford Hills High School for 30years. After retiring she became the Director of Nursing at Casco Inn Nursing Facility before retiring for a second time. She is survived by her husband, Charles, her two sisters Dolly and Skip, her son Chuck and wife Susan.

Sara (Sally) J. Robbins on Aug. 25, at Bridgton Health & Residential Care Center. She was a graduate of Maine Medical Center School of Nursing in 1954. Sally completed courses from USM in secondary education. A dedicated registered nurse she spent many years at what is now CMMC in Lewiston, where she ended her career as the assistant director of the School of Nursing. In 1985, she assisted the Hicks family in starting Bridgton Health Care Center. Sally worked for BHCC until age 78, when she finally retired. She is survived by her daughter Susan, her son, Bill and her daughter, Sylvia, and their families.

Virginia Allain, "Dolly," 91, a lifelong resident of Poland Road in Auburn on, Aug. 8, at Clover Manor. Many of us remember her from the many years that she worked in the lab at CMMC.

Richard B. (Getch) Gatchell Jr., 69, son of **Helen Verderber Gatchell '46**, on July 24, at CMMC in Lewiston. He was educated in Auburn and graduated from Edward Little High School, Class of 1967. While at ELHS, he was a star football and baseball player and a member of the ski team.

Robin Taylor Neal, Daughter-in-law of **Joan Bickford Neal '52A**, on October 29, 2018 in Lewiston. She opened her own practice in family therapy and founded the Couples Conference and Counseling Center in Auburn. She is survived by her husband John, two daughters, Leslie and Allison, two grandchildren, her mother and many other family members.

YOU WROTE US

From Linda Gonya '60, 117 Loon Pt. Road, Poland, ME 04274.

“Hi Everyone, Thanks so much for sending me this beautiful cyclamen plant. My latest bout of asthma has now improved. I'm on the mend and doing great. Hope to see you all this fall and able to attend meetings again.” (Ed. note; Hope to see you soon Linda. Glad you are doing better.)

From Marcia Humason Akers '69, 627 Empire Road, Poland, ME 04274

“Dear friends of our alumni, The cards and plant were a real pleasure to receive. I recommend you all get the shingles vaccine. many thanks.” (Ed. note. Good advice Marcia)

From Lois Cookson Silloway '54 195 Powder Mill Rd., Warren, ME 04864

“It is so late in the year that I am sending dues for 2019 also. I am enclosing extra too. My roommate from the Wilson Home saw my name in the newsletter and wrote to me! The newsletter is so great and I would love to hear from other 1954 graduates. I am still living in my own home with a land line. 207-273-2172. (Ed. note' So glad you heard from a classmate. It is one of our goals to help grads keep in touch. Thank you, Lois.)

Please do not forget to pay your dues for 2018. (\$15.00)

If you are two years in arrears you may no longer receive the newsletter

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