

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Note the departure from our usual format that we may update you on the outstanding work done by your scholarship committee.

(Constitution: Bylaws, Article II, Section 1)

This Association is organized in support of and for the advancement of the Maine College of Health Professions School of Nursing, it's students, alumni and faculty to work for the promotion of the professional and educational advancement of nursing.

(Committees: Article IV, Section 7)

The Scholarship Committee shall consist of at least four members whose duties shall be to provide a system of allotting scholarships.

Each November The Scholarship Committee makes online applications available to nursing students. To be considered students must have completed the first semester, be meeting college requirements and submit all requested information on or prior to the required date. The instructions provide for student confidentiality and ensure delivery to the appropriate place.

In December of 2016, fifteen scholarships totaling \$10,500 were given to students registered for January 2017 classes. The generosity of our Alumni who support our organization through dues and bequests from families and friends, who choose to remember their loved ones with donations to the Scholarship Fund, make this possible. The Association honors the memory of alumni when notified of their passing with a donation of \$25.00 to our Centennial endowment fund. The interest earned on this is donated to be used at the discretion of the Director of the Nursing Program at the College.

On May 6, 2017, there were 52 graduates of the Applied Science in Nursing program. All students in this class who received scholarships completed their studies.

In December of 2017, eight scholarships and two hardship grants for a total of \$9,000.00 were given to students registered for January 2018 classes. Hardship grants are reserved for extreme circumstances and can be dispersed only when finances exist. No loans are given as our focus remains on scholarships for qualified students and the degree to which we can accomplish this depends directly on available funds.

Other scholarships awarded by the association annually at the time of graduation are:
The Elsie Murchison Lauten '40 RN Memorial Award (Certificate and \$250.00). The graduate receiving this award demonstrates compassion and delivery of quality care to the geriatric patient as this was Elsie's passion. Elsie, among others, worked to raise money to support student scholarships on a much smaller scale than we can provide today. In 1983 she assisted in the creation of our first Alumni Newsletter as a means of keeping in touch with graduates. cont.

Over the past thirty-five years it has evolved into our most important tool in keeping our association alive, second only to our dedicated members, by providing income for operating expenses and our Scholarship Program.

The CMGH/CMMC/MCHP Alumni Association Award (Certificate , engraved pin and \$500.00). This coveted award goes to the student voted by his or her peers as the nurse each one would most like to care for their loved one or themselves should that become necessary. To be recognized in this manner is certainly an honor.

The Association hosts a Holiday Party for the Freshman class prior to the end of the first semester. It is an opportunity to introduce students to our Association, who we are and what we do, wish them well on finals and enjoy Sam's Italian sandwiches which are as good as ever! We welcome new members and hope some will join us in support of the nursing program and it's students. Over the years we have also offered and contributed to expenses for Pinning Ceremonies and Graduation.

The Association does not do fundraising, depending solely on the annual dues in January. For decades the association kept dues at \$10.00 hoping that those of you who could would send along a little extra and you have responded. The dues form is designed for you to designate additional funds to *Donations (to be added to the general fund) or *Scholarships.

At the September 2017 meeting, members present, unanimously voted to increase yearly dues to \$15.00 to aid in publishing and mailing expenses for our March, July and November newsletters and to meet the rising need for financial assistance to students. Life gets busy. If you haven't paid your dues for 2018 please do so as soon as possible allowing us more flexibility to budget for 2018. Thank you to everyone who has and will.

Times have changed dramatically since most of us were pursuing our education. Many of today's students have other responsibilities i.e. child care, transportation, jobs that take time away from study and loss of income. Some are trying to support their own needs with limited options for assistance, surviving on small paychecks and at times face what must seem like impossible challenges.

For some students it is a career change while for others it may be the hope for a career that keeps them moving forward. To all we offer our sincere best wishes for a successful journey as they work toward their goal and take their place in the nursing profession.

It's a wonderful feeling to witness the success of so many students who we, as Alumni, have helped along the way to graduation.

ALUMNI STRONG!!!

Your Alumni Association Scholarship Committee;
Donna Prescott Morin '65 ; Gloria Learned Hall '64 co-chairs
Joan Bickford Neal '52; Marjorie Thornton Hansen '54
Shirley Quinlan '57, Treasurer; and Cheryl Seaward Turcotte '68, President

MEETING MINUTES

- December 4, 2017
Monday A holiday party for the freshmen nursing students acquainting them with our Alumni Association and goodies from Sam's were enjoyed. A business meeting was held at which a slate of officers was presented to be voted on in January.
- January 19, 2018
Friday 1:00 PM The annual meeting and election of officers was held at the college at 1:00 PM with 10 members present. The following officers were elected for the year 2017; President Cheryl Seaward Turcotte '68; Vice-President, Dorothy Crowley Noel '61; Corresponding Secretary, Susan Chase Baltrus '67; Recording Secretary, Sally Lovejoy Bates '55; Treasurer, Shirley Quinlan '57; Executive Committee; Anita Caron Taylor '53. Marjorie Thornton Hansen '54 and Pauline Carlin Bussierre, '64.
- February 2018 No meeting
- March 9, 2018
Friday 1:00 PM Regular business meeting at the College at 1:00 PM
- April 12, 2018
Thursday 11:30 Spring luncheon meeting to be held at Rolandean's on Washington Street in Auburn. Arrival time 11:30 AM. Cost \$15.00. (please note change of venue))
- May 5, 2018
Saturday 10:00 Graduation of the Class of 2018 Maine College of Health Professions at Lewiston Middle School on Central Avenue in Lewiston.
- May 6, 2018
Sunday 3:00 Pinning ceremony for the nursing graduates at the East Auburn Baptist Church. Alumni are cordially invited.
- May 11, 2018
Friday 1:00 PM Regular business meeting at the College 1:00 PM
- June 14, 2018
Thursday
12 noon Annual outing at Donna Prescott Morin's '65, camp at Taylor Pond, 120 Ledgeview Cove, Auburn. Bring your own salad or sandwich. Beverages and dessert provided .

BITS and PIECES

Marjorie Thornton Hansen '54 is pictured with other L/A Red Cross Blood Ambassadors at their annual Christmas luncheon on December 5, 2017. It has been an event for the past 12 years in appreciation for the 175 years of combined volunteer experience. Marge has volunteered for 12 of those years.

So sorry to read of **Lorraine Leighton Parson's '60** fire at her home with significant loss of two buildings and all their contents, including a variety of historical artifacts, antique dolls, quilts and one made with ribbons she won for raising prize Angus cows, her truck, a bulldozer and an antique car.

The 15th annual Make a Difference Day was organized at Blake Street Towers on October 28 by the Edie's Angels community volunteers. The well-attended event is planned for all year long by the volunteers. **Mary McRae'78** and Peggy McRae lead the group, joined by family and coworkers from the Central Maine Medical Center T3/cardiopulmonary unit. They work each year to enlist and gather volunteers from CMMC, the community and families to sponsor and carry out the event.



Nice picture of our President Cheryl Seaward Turcotte '68 as she introduces Kathy Becvar, our most recent honorary member of the Association. Kathy's input has been invaluable in assisting the Membership Committee with software purchases, maintenance of our membership data base and labels for the newsletter. Welcome Kathy.

NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE

Maine College of Health Professions' Dean of the College, Dr. Alex Clifford, recognized students for achieving dean's list status for the fall 2017 semester. Dr. Monika Bissell, MCHP President, was eager to acknowledge the accomplishment. "This is the first time in the college's 127-year history that we've honored students in this way."

Albany: Brianna Santos. **Auburn:** Kailey Bubier, Lecia Curtis, Jessica Kelly, Benjamin McKay, Calli Murray and Riki Pratt, **Bethel:** Katherine Botka. **Bridgton:** Ashley Clark. **Brownfield:** Allison Aker. **Buckfield:** Alexis Bennett. **Casco:** Jessica Perkins; **Denmark:** Shelby LeBlond. **Durham:** Josie Desjardins. **Freeport:** Jennifer Brown and Stacy Gaddis. **Gray:** Kelly Harris and Anna Knapp. **Jay:** Ellen McLeod. **Leeds:** Craig Crosby and Joseph Petrin. **Lewiston:** Denny Bourgoin, Karli Fletcher, Cari Jolin, Bailey Jumper, Amanda Lemay, Tanya Ogden, Nateasha Ouellette and Kelsey St. Cyr. **Monmouth:** Dakasha Desrosiers. **Rumford:** Benett Trinh. **Sabattus:** Kayla Clark, Kayla Hall and Skylar Michaud. **Strong:** Amanda Cote and Maggie Elliott. **Topsham:** Jessica Baker. **Turner:** Madison Bagley. **Winthrop:** Ashley Gerrish.

AND SADLY DEATHS

Lorraine Leavitt Donaldson '51, in Havre de Grace MD. on December 12, 2017 at the age of 87. She was a loving wife and devoted mother who was very active in the First Baptist Church where she served as a Deaconess. She is survived by her two sons, Thomas and John, daughter-in law Kimberly, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. (Ed. note; Thanks to Dotti Thompson Howe '55. Her letter appears in You Wrote Us)

Patricia Curran Garrity '48 at Hospice House in Auburn on Thursday, January 11, 2018. Pat attended Bates College for a year prior to entering the nursing program at CMGH via the Cadet Nurse Corps. After her marriage she worked in a skilled nursing facility in Milford, CT and upon her return to Maine she did private duty nursing until her retirement in 1993. She was an avid knitter, a volunteer at Horizon 55, a member of St. Joseph's Church, and CMGH/CMMC/MCHP School of Nursing Alumni Association, of which she was a very active member. She is survived by three sons Martin and his wife, Norma, of Guilford, Conn., Mike and his wife, Linda Thibault, of Auburn, and Tim and his wife, Laurie, of Litchfield; grandchildren: Christopher Garrity, Jennifer Turcotte, Theresa Speringo, Penny Santamauro, Tom Garrity and Cheryl Meadows; 13 great-grandchildren; and two loving grandpups.

Mildred Jane Gillis '36 passed away March 18, 2011. She practiced her profession at CMGH and New York Foundling Hospital. She and her husband made their home in Lewiston until 1950, when they relocated to Thomaston. Together they owned and operated Rockland Fruit and Produce Co. in Rockland, until their retirement. Predeceased by her husband, Ronnie, and one grandson Mildred is survived by two daughters Carol and Jane and their families including five grandchildren and five great grandchildren. (Ed. note; We were notified by Jane A Lutsk 90 Stonebridge Cir, Newcastle, ME 04553 as a result of our recent mass mailing.)

Sharon Fitzherbert Hall, '64 of Dresden on Monday, November 27, 2017 at Maine Medical Center, in Portland. Sharon was a nurse for 25 years at AMHI., going there shortly after graduation from nursing school. She enjoyed camping, gardening, loved to shop and going out with special friends. She is survived by her husband, Fred Hall, son, Jonathan Hall, stepson, Fred C. Hall, stepdaughter, Leslie LaWicker and her mother, Blanche Fitzherbert, of Dresden..

Marjorie J. Oliver '63, at her home in Georgetown on December 23, 2017. After graduation she served as a faculty member at CMMC SON for over 25 years. Marge was very active in community affairs in her home town of Georgetown, the Lewiston/Auburn area and Grand Junction, CO where she lived part time. In retirement she became a National Disaster Volunteer for the American Red Cross and served on 13 National Disasters, the last being 9-11. She was an active member of the Audubon Society. She is survived by her daughter Joyce Oliver, three grandsons Jason and James Lang, Michael Ferrell Jr and their families, including nine great grandchildren and five great great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her son, Michael, daughter Jane C. Lang '67, her husband, James, and her friend and partner William Theimer Jr. of CO.

Ruby Jewel Hanley, '46 on 1/2/2018.in Lincoln County. She practiced home health in Florida early in her career and later she was a nurse at Miles Memorial Hospital and did many years of private duty nursing in the community. She was predeceased by her son, Scott; and husband, Bob. She is survived by her daughter, Jewel; son, Mark, granddaughters, Alison Lee, and Megan Reinhardt; grandson, Stewart Hanley and four great-grandchildren.

Dr. Clifford "Craig" Heindel, MD, 78, unexpectedly, Friday, December 29, 2017 in Portsmouth NH. He served as a neurosurgeon Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston, ME from 1980-1997.

Roderick Potter, husband of **Barbara Jones Potter '53** in February, 2017. (See letter below)

Dr. Russell Vernon Radcliffe, MD, in Estero, FL on December 15, 2017. Upon finishing his residency at the University of Vermont in 1974, Dr. Radcliffe served as a Radiologist at CMMC in Lewiston, ME for 40 years and served as the President of the Maine Medical Association in 1996-97.

YOU WROTE US

From Barbara Jones Potter '63, 16 Alton Rd. #211, Augusta, ME 04330

"Just a note to let you know that my husband, Roderick Potter, died last February. We had been married 61 years," (Ed note; Sorry for your loss and thank you for notifying us.)

From Dorothy Thompson Howe '55, 1112 Main Rd. , Stamford, VT 05352

"Hi "Good people". I just received notification of Lorraine Levitt Donaldson's' 51 passing. If you don't already know I know you'll want to. You might have heard from Dodie (Lorraine's brother's wife) but I'm not sure if she's still living. The check is for the Alumni Scholarship Fund in memory of Lorraine." (Ed. note; FYI. She sent Lorraine's son's address John and Kimberly Donaldson , 539 Craigs Corner Road, Havre de Grace, MD 21078)

From Sharon Gilpatrick Morrill '74, 50 Austin Rpad, Newcastle, ME 04553

"My grandmother, Asenath Tozier and great aunt Ruth (Tozier) Snell were CMG grads. Asenath met my grandfather Charles Murch during the 1918 flu epidemic while, she and her sister, every able bodied student and RN cared for dozens of young men with influenza, my grandfather showed up with appendicitis. Love at first sight! After I retired I took a position as a community health outreach RN and ran flu shot clinics for CHANS/Midcoast Hospital. In retrospect , my grandmother perhaps had more influence on my career than I previously realized. Although nursing school was the toughest thing I've ever done I don't regret the pursuit. I have had a varied and satisfying career and kept working through at least two recessions. Thank you CMMC."

(Ed. Note; thanks so much for sharing that wonderful story Sharon. Wonder how many students ended up marrying patients. We recall a scholarship from Tozier sisters ,Aseneth '20 and Ruth '17.)

From Sherry Clark '95, 2735 Dublin St. Missoula, MT 59808

"Things are good. I hung up my traveling nurse shoes for a while and took a permanent position at a hospital in Missoula, Montana working as an ICU charge nurse. My Dad and Stepmom aren't doing well so will be close by to help. My Stepmom had a stroke and my Dad has dementia. My own mother is living in a nursing home in California but is doing well. Have split my time between California and Montana but will stay here for a while. Note new address. Thanks. Hope 2017 will be a good year for everyone." (Ed. note; Mea Culpa Sherry. I just acquired your letter a short time ago. I have no idea what happened. Hope things are going OK for you in MT. Sounds like you have a lot on your plate. Take care.")

Eileen Howard Paine '53, PO Box 41750, Auburn, ME 04212.

"Thanks so much for the pizza gift card. It's a treat not to have to cook. Also, I very much appreciated all the well-wishes I received. It means a lot to me to be remembered. I miss all of you."*****

FROM THE EDITORS

Ruth Braley Estes '48
Dorothy Murray Gardner '57 Joan Bickford Neal '52A
Frances Watson Morin '71
Beverly Peterson '66 Jean Veazie Pulkkinen '60

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

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Many thanks to the following who donated to our Alumni Association from November 2017 through February 2018;

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