

CMMC College of Nursing Alumni Association

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MEETING MATTERS

- September 11, 2015 First meeting of the fall season with a BB lunch was held at the college at 11:30 AM. Bonnie Colby '87, spoke of plans for the upcoming 125th anniversary of the school of nursing in the spring. Otis Vance introduced the new director of the nursing at the college, Dr. Carol Fackler. See more under news from the college.
- October 8, 2015 Our annual fall luncheon meeting was held at CMCC with 30+ members and guests. Dr. Fackler was present and spoke with the group.
- November 12, 2015 Brown bag lunch at 11:30 at Bev Peterson's home, 7 Roy Ave. Auburn.
- December 1, 2015 Holiday party for the freshmen nursing students, 11:15 AM at the college. Meeting to follow lunch for presentation of the slate of officers.
- December 19, 2015 The pinning ceremony for the Evening Class of 2015, will be held Saturday at 10:00 AM at the First Universalist Church, corner of Elm St and Pleasant St., Auburn, ME (Parking on Spring St.)
- January 15, 2016 Annual meeting and election of officers; 1:00 PM at the college.
- February 2016 No meeting
- March 11, 2016 Regular business meeting at the college 1:00 PM
- April 14, 2016 Annual spring luncheon meeting at Central Maine Community College. Registration at 10:45, lunch at 11:30.
- April 28, 29, 30 Celebration of the 125th anniversary of the School of Nursing will start on Thursday the 28th. Graduation for the class of 2016 will be held on Saturday the 30th. Complete schedule will be forthcoming in the March, 2016 newsletter.

BITS AND PIECES

In The News;

The Calvary United Methodist Church, 59 Sabattus St., Lewiston, presented a check to New Beginnings. Pictured were Bob Rowe, executive director of New Beginnings; **Penny Goodwin '65**, of Calvary U.M.C. and Mark Madore, program director of New Beginnings.

Nice picture of 17 students of MCHP as they gathered on August 27, 2015 at Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice (AHCP) to tour the facility and to enhance and restore the Reflection Trail located there. The trail, 300 yards in length with benches along the way, provides a place of peace and privacy for patients and loved ones.

Nice picture of **Heather Chaney class of 2017**, MCHP School of Nursing as she helps paint dugouts at Auburn's Pettengill Park as part of the college's recent community service day. About 90 freshmen students of the college as well as faculty and staff volunteered at five nonprofit organizations and public agencies in the area.

Phyllis Ouellette Anctil '58 is shown with a large group of classmates from St. Dom's High School class of 1955 at a reunion held recently at Rolandeau's Restaurant.

An article written by David Sargent relates a feature story in the S/J written by Rose O'Brien on July 5, 1952 regarding the development of a PEV Unit (Polio Emergency Volunteers) at Central Maine General Hospital in Lewiston. The third to be instituted in Maine. The course called for 20-26 hours of training specific to polio treatments. Eleanor Melledy, director of nursing at the hospital and Frederick Taintor were key organizers of the program. **Claire Milton'51 RN** and **Mabel Hill RN** were two of the instructors named. The volunteers wore a blue sleeve insignia with PEV and "Fight Infantile Paralysis" embroidered on it.

Beverly Courser McCann '71, is shown with a group attending the ribbon cutting at the new Academic Learning Tower at Central Maine Community College in Auburn on October 16, 2015.

50 years ago,

August 28, 1965

The Washington, D.C., office of U.S. Sen. Edmund S. Muskie this afternoon notified the Journal that the Central Maine General Hospital of Lewiston will receive a \$200,000 Hill-Burton Grant for construction purposes. The CMG presently is beginning a \$2.87 million expansion of its facilities.

NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE

Dr. James Farmer has tendered his resignation as President of MCHP. Acting president is Otis Vance CFO while a nationwide search is being conducted.

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The faculty is currently exploring the feasibility of instituting a Bachelor of Science program at the college for the target date of 2020.

Plans are rapidly moving forward for the celebration planned for April 28, 29, 30, 2016 honoring the 125th anniversary of the founding of the CMGH School of Nursing in 1891. Functions which include the nurses pinning ceremony in the afternoon and a dinner in the evening will be held on April 28, 2016 at the Kora Temple Shrine on Main St. in Lewiston. The celebration will end on Saturday with graduation of the MCHP Class of 2016 at Lewiston Middle School. Chairperson for the event is **Bonnie Colby '87**, now a faculty member at MCHP. Contributions of all kinds; hands on, financial and memorabilia gratefully accepted.

REUNIONS and CONTACTS

Class of 1966. Our 50th is coming up shortly in 2016. Please notify one of us if you are interested in having a reunion.

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We still have no information on **Carol (Deedee) Black, Karen Dickenson St. Cyr, Barbara Noel, Christina Moulton and Frances Wise.** *****

CMG Class of '58 Celebrates 57 Years



Seated: Florence Simpson Rost, Maureen Sullivan Richards.

Second row: Phyllis Ouelette Anctil, Mary Jones Lalumiere, Wilda Williams Webster, Joyce Barker Bamford, Nancy Parker Bartley, Marilyn Hersey Brackett, Joan MacVane Wood. Back row: Nancy Walker Olp, Betty Lerette, Terry Pelletier Baran, Peggy Thulen Goodwin. Cont. 11/15 3

Thirteen members of the 15 remaining ones in our class for whom we have addresses , celebrated an off-year reunion on August 17th at the home of Mary Jones Lalumiere in Cumberland, ME (see photo). We enjoyed a delicious home-cooked meal provided by Mary and talked non-stop about our fond memories of nurses training and subsequent experiences. How amazing that life took us in such different directions. We noted that it was 60 years ago that we embarked on our training program as “probies”. The 5 husbands who attended adjourned to another room and renewed acquaintance as well. They were Rit Goodwin, Bill Bartley, Howie Baran, Walter Wood and Rick Barker. The ladies in attendance were each presented with a hand crafted memento made by Nancy Bartley and a bag of designer popcorn from the White Mountains by Nancy Olp as they departed for home. Attendees represented the states of New York, New Hampshire, Florida, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Maine. We look forward to another celebration in the near future and especially our 60th in 2018.

AND SADLY DEATHS

Condolences to the families of;

Carol Stuart Jongbloed -'52B on August 30, 2015 at her home in Madison, CT. Carol worked at CMGH, Mass. General, Good Samaritan in OH and VNA in CT as a hospice nurse. She and her family lived for eight years in Japan, Taiwan and South Korea and the family visited many countries in the Far East. She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Don, three children Barbara, Peter, Pamela and their families that include six cherished grandchildren. Also her sister Linda and her family. (Ed. note; Thank you Don for notifying us of Carol's passing.)

Marjorie Wilson Martin '46, of Oxford on August 26, 2015 at Stephens Memorial Hospital. She was a member of the U.S.Cadet Nurse Corps during WW II, also worked in Boston Hospitals and at the Job Corps Center in Poland Spring. She is survived by five sons, John, Fred, James, Bob and Joe; two daughters, Linda and Sandra, their families and one brother Harry.

Irene Walsh Stone '47, at her home in Auburn on September 9, 2015. She did private duty nursing, was an instructor at the Poland Spring Job Corps and retired from the Maine Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health Nursing. Irene is survived by her son David, his wife Vivian; seven grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Patricia Flynn Swett '62, on Saturday August 22, 2015 at her home on Sebago Lake in Standish, Me. She was employed at CMGH, Mercy Hospital and Maine Medical Center. In retirement she volunteered for the American Red Cross and substance abuse programs in local schools. Patricia is survived by her daughter, Cynthia, two sons Scott and Daniel and their families, including eight grandchildren, as well as two brothers David and Timothy.

William "Babe" B. Curtis Sr., husband of **Janette Hall Curtis '53** died Wednesday, September 30, 2015 at his home in Norway.

Mary Briggs Kendall, mother of **Anne Kendall White '74** died peacefully at her beloved Brookside Farm in Auburn. She is survived by many children and grandchildren.

Edward F. Plossay, husband of **Sylvia Rand Plossay '55** and grandfather of **Molly Plossay '15** at his home in Lewiston on Friday, July 17, 2015. He is survived by his wife one, daughter, Deb, one son, Mike, six grandchildren, four great grandchildren, one brother and one sister and their families

Erma Rowe Sturgis, mother of **Deanne Doherty '85**, at d'Youville Pavilion in Lewiston on Saturday, August 8, 2015

Frank Folsom, husband of **Maxine Bell Folsom '54**, in Auburn, on September 30, 2015.

Lucille Jeanne (Bell) Wyse sister of **Maxine Bell Folsom '54** at the Hospice House in Auburn on July 24, 2015.

YOU WROTE US

From Ruth Andren '69, P.O. Box 273, Greene, ME 04236

"Hi all. Such a busy spring and summer I think I forgot to send in my dues. In April I was invited to go on a Caribbean Disney Cruise with my daughter (nurse practitioner), my grandson, Joshua and his wife, Sharon, and three great granddaughters. What a delightful lark and a great way to enjoy the children. Two weeks later I went to Florida with my sister to visit my brother and his wife for 10 days. Two weeks after that I celebrated my youngest grandson, Kevin's, wedding at my daughter, Marie's, home. Every weekend since has been fun family times. Every month through September almost fully booked here at camp with a few away outings. Happiness is family and mine has given me such joy in my retirement years. Hope to still be kicking in 2019 for our 50th. Do so enjoy reading this newsletter. Keep up the good work." (Ed. note; You are truly blessed.)

From Sylvia Barie Murphy '55, P.O. Box 72, Tenants Harbor, ME 04860

" I am writing to thank my classmates , class of '55 for their thoughtful cards and notes of sympathy since my husband, Merton Murphy, died suddenly in June. I especially want to thank my classmate Dottie Howe and husband for their gift in Mert's memory to the alumni scholarship fund. Since I already had tickets to fly to Reno for two weeks in July to visit my daughter, Judy, and her family, my family encouraged me to go. I had a wonderful restful two weeks. My daughter treats me like a queen. Enclosed is a donation in Mert's memory for the scholarship fund. Thank you for your great newsletter."

From Don Jongbloed, husband of Carol Stuart Jongbloed '52B, 538 Boston Post Rd, Madison CT,06443

“ It is with great sadness that I write to report the passing of my beloved wife of 61 years, Carol Stuart Jongbloed ,class of 1952 B, from a long standing lung disease. Enclosed is a copy of her obituary.” (Ed note: Don, we are so sorry for your loss.)

From Arlene Emery Jenkins'62, 19187 Mallard Dr., Fort Mill, SC 29707

“ I always enjoy receiving the “newsletters” and read them from cover to cover! Thank you so much for sending them to me. I would not be able to read them on line due to macular degeneration in both eyes, for which I am receiving periodic injections. I was so sad to read that Donna Belanger had passed away recently. Donna had written me prior to her moving back to ME and had told me she would get in touch with me when she got settled. Needless to say, I never heard from her. Donna was my room mate in Metcalfe Dorm our senior year of nurses training. She was a great room mate and we got along so well. We had kept in touch all these years since we graduated in 1962. This will be a void in my life. Barney and I are “plodding” along and continue to keep busy. I love Sun City and he loves being with me! We enjoyed a two week trip to Salt Lake City to visit Barney’s son and family. We traveled all over Salt Lake and surrounding areas. What beautiful country we saw. We continue to take trips with our “Daytrippers” group around the Carolinas. We are enjoying “our golden years” while we are still able. Give a warm “hello” to everyone who remembers me. I think the class of 1962 is scattered all over the country.”

NOTICES

IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM OUR CO-PRESIDENTS

Cheryl Turcotte and Dorothy Crowley Noel.

The Alumni Association wishes to extend a warm welcome to Carol Fakler, DNSc, RN the newly appointed Director of the MCHP Nursing Program. We look forward to working with her in ways to benefit the school of nursing. We have had the pleasure of meeting with her several times, most recently at our fall luncheon. Dr. Fakler has a strong background in nursing education most recently at the University of Southern Maine. Again, welcome Dr. Fakler.

Time to Change Our Name!

The only thing we can be certain of in life is change! That is clearly true of our school of nursing as it has grown and developed in these changing times. What was once a three year diploma school is now a two year Associate Degree school of nursing. It is one school within a college that includes other schools of health professions – and is continually growing! We announced the new name when it changed in 2014. It is now ‘Maine College of Health Professions’ (MCHP). We presently have two graduating classes who are grads of MCHP – 2014 and 2015, and will have a third in April, 2016. It is therefore important to include them in our name – as we do graduates of CMGH SON and CMMC SON. **cont.**

Time to change our name! Change is rarely easy. However, we must embrace the new while continuing to celebrate our rich history...a history of 125 years in 2016! We have one name suggestion to date:

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Do you have other suggestions for consideration? If you do, please let us know by **DECEMBER 31, 2015**. Write to us at **70 Middle Street, Lewiston, Maine 04240**, leave a phone message at our alumni office at **(207) 795-2884** or e-mail - dcrowleynoel@roadrunner.com.

From the Editors

Please don't forget to pay your dues for 2016. if you are two years in arrears you may no longer receive the newsletter

Thank you to the following who donated to the association from June 30, 2015 to October 31, 2015.

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