

Alumni Association ~ School of Nursing

CMGH/CMMC/ MCHP

Volume 33 No. 3 November 2016

MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2016 First meeting of the fall season at 1:00 PM

October 13, 2016 Our annual fall luncheon at CMCC in Auburn was very well attended by 40

people. We were very pleased to have as our guest Dr. Monika Bissell, President of the college, who shared some interesting news which can be found under the section "News From the College." Ruth Estes '48 and Beverly Peterson '66 were pleasantly surprised by lovely carnation corsages in honor of their 90th birthdays. We thank you for this most thoughtful gesture.

November 10, 2016 Beverly Peterson's house, 7 Roy Ave Auburn.

December 5, 2016 Holiday party for the freshmen nursing students 10:30 at the college. Meeting to

Monday follow lunch for the presentation of the slate of officers.

January 13, 2017 Annual meeting and election of officers; 1:00 PM at the college.

Friday February 2017 No meeting.

March 10, 2017 Regular business meeting at the college at 1:00 PM

Friday April 13, 2017 Annual spring luncheon at Central Maine Community College.

Thursday

BITS and PIECES

Stephanie Jacques '08 is pictured with a group of nurses from Rumford Hospital who were recently designated as members of the Pathway to Excellence.

***** The local newspaper published a heart warming story told by his wife, Jeanne, of the care received by Rob Davis during his stay at CMMC. Rob suffered a life threatening illness, necrotizing pancreatitis, and was hospitalized for nine months.

CMGH/CMMC/MCHP School of Nursing Alumni Newsletter 11/16 1

Ruth Braley Estes'48, was guest of honor at a birthday party on July 10 celebrating her 90th birthday. The function was hosted by her wonderful extended family, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Despite the rain a great time was enjoyed by all. The next day Ruth underwent surgery at MMC in Portland from which she is recovering nicely. (So glad Ruth)

***** Beverly Peterson, "Pete" '66 also was honored on September 24 by her wonderful extended family, at the celebration of her 90th birthday after the surprise arrival on the 22nd of her son from VA and grandson and girl friend from CA.

***** Dorothy Crowley Noel '61 is shown below at the Dolphin Marina with Ruth Braley Estes'48 and Bev Peterson '66 when she treated them to a very enjoyable lunch for their birthdays.

Congratulations to Christine Hayden, associate member, who recently received certification in reflexology. Prior to her retirement Chris had been breast health coordinator for breast cancer patients at the Dempsey Center.

***** Joyce Savage Snay '53 is pictured with other classmates of Edward Little High School's Class of 1949 at a recent fellowship dinner held at the Park Avenue Methodist Church in Auburn.

NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE

Congratulations to Ken Albert '86 who has been appointed to the Board of Trustees at the college. Ken is a life member of the alumni association and as mentioned in the July newsletter was recently named the new President and CEO of Androscoggin Home Health and Hospice. His past experiences as an attorney and Director of Maine's Center for Disease Control will serve him well as a member of the board of MCHP.

***** Congratulations as well to Ann Ippolito Curtis '86 , current faculty member at MCHP, who has achieved her Doctor of Nursing degree. (Ed note;Quite the representation from the class of 1986)

***** Plans for a BSN program are still moving forward and we hope to have more information in the spring.

CMGH/CMMC/MCHP School of Nursing Alumni Newsletter 11/16 2

REUNIONS

Sue Chase Baltrus, Megan Carter Murphy, Cheryl DuFour Holleman and Mary Jo Cluff Whitman are shown at Harpswell in August planning the reunion for the class of 1967.

The Class of 1967 will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of their graduation from the nursing program on September 5, 2017 at the Maine College of Health Professions (new name of C.M.G.H.) We are asking for help in locating some of our former classmates in an effort to celebrate with as many people as possible. The classmates we are trying to locate are as follows:

**Mary Lou Marsh Robbins, Donna Pelkie, Jean Ann Kilponen, Delane Prew,
Karen Green, Linda Wheeler Wilson, Celine Bechard,
Teresa Crowley Moughalian and Judy Hiltz**

If you know how to contact any of the above people, please notify:

Megan Carter Murphy – megan.murphy@utexas.edu

or Susan Chase Baltrus – baltrussc@roadrunner.com

Class of 1957 Some of us from the class of 1957 met in Ogunquit at the Anchorage Motel for our 59th reunion. There were only seven of us but we did a lot of reminiscing, laughing and story telling. We ate at Mike's Clam Shack at noon then returned to the motel and continued catching up. It was decided not to continue our yearly reunions as it is too far for many to drive. Those attending were;

Jane Fogg, Terry Legere, Marie Powers, Elly MacDonald, Barbara Holmes, Marilyn Moore, and Nancy Douglas.

CMGH/CMMC/MCHP School of Nursing Alumni Newsletter 11/16 3

Class Of 1961 The SON Class of '61 held its 55th reunion in August at the 'Muddy Rudder Restaurant' in Yarmouth. 13 classmates attended along with 10 guests.

Front Row L-R: Dorothy Crowley Noel; Rosemary Verhille Bates-Ranks; Edith 'Dede' Perry McAllister; Dianna Audette Dudley; Georgette Bergeron Whittier; Prudy Roberts Westerberg; Sandra Sturtevant Terrell; Betty Lord Chesley.

Second Row: Kaye Ring Glines (not visible – behind Dede McAllister); Sandra Dudzik Hodgkins; Melinda Chesley Johnson; Pauline Dunlap Bockus and Roberta Hart Gamage.

AND SADLY DEATHS

Julia Eva Bunker Blaisdell '59, on Saturday, September 17, at Montello Manor where she had resided recently. She worked at CMG/CMMC as a delivery room nurse for the majority of her nursing career. Her outside interests included knitting, quilting and reading. Julia is survived by her daughter, Barbara and husband David, her brother James and wife Marlene. She was predeceased by her husband Billy and daughter, Judy.

***** Beverly D'Aiutolo '54, on September 28, 2016 in Fayetteville. She is survived by her husband, Jack, four children, their families and one sister.

***** Ruth Elizabeth Kenoyer Polley'44, on September 14, 2016 at the Veterans' Home in South Paris. She attended Earlham College in Indiana for two years and graduated from CMGH in 1944. Ruth did private duty for 10 years then was head nurse and supervisor at CMGH for 20 years. She was a member of the Nurses Alumni Association for more than 35 years. She attended and served as deacon of the Community Free Baptist Church in Sabattus and later at the Court Street Baptist Church in Auburn. Ruth enjoyed bird watching and wrote a book "Little Twerp" about the chickadee that she had raised. She is survived by her sister, Helen Mosher, her cousin, Charles Sisson and his wife Stella and 31 nieces and nephews.

***** Alfreda E. Gaudreau sister of Lorraine Leighton Parsons '60 at her home in Gilead on September 30, 2016. ***** Harold K. Knightly, husband of Margaret Twitchell Knightly'60 at his home in Oxford on September 25, 2016.

Charles Lachapelle, husband of Gerene Beaulieu Lachapelle '60 on Thursday Oct. 20 at Togus Hospice.

***** Richard A. Marshall M.D. on Tuesday August 23, 2016, in Peabody MA. He served as chief of the Department of Anesthesiology at CMMC for most of his tenure from 1966 to 1995. Dr. Marshall will be fondly remembered by many of us as a caring, down to earth, fun loving man always ready for a good joke. Our thoughts are with his wife, three children and their families.

***** Raymond Sylvester, friend and companion of Virginia Stone 47, on November 1, 2016 at his home in New Gloucester. Raymond was the widower of Barbara Olsen Sylvester '43.

YOU WROTE US

1. From Arlene Emery Jenkins '62, 19187 Mallard Dr., Indian Land, SC 29707

“ I enjoy reading all the alumni newsletters. Brings back many memories of my years at CMG School of Nursing. My nursing career served me well, 40 years of full time nursing from emergency room to every department in the hospital, office nursing and finally retiring from a Kaiser call center in 2004. So much water “under the bridge”! The years are going all too quickly now. I seem busy all the time and living in a Lifestyle community like Sun City Carolina Lakes (look it up on the internet) keeps us very busy. I can do everything or nothing! The glowing tribute you wrote about my former roommate and dear friend Donna Belanger brought tears to my eyes. She was such a special person. She added her special touch to our profession. Thank you so much for that article. THANK YOU TO ALL THE OUTGOING OFFICERS AND THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS FOR ALL THE WORK YOU DO. Us “old timers” really appreciate it. Enclosed is a poem I helped write for our Kaiser newsletter many years ago. Hope you enjoy it as much as I had fun writing it. Blessings to each one.”(Ed.note; Thank you Arlene for all the kind words and apologies for not printing your nice letter in the July newsletter; the typist misplaced it. Mea Culpa . See poem below.) cont’

What a Nurse Means to Me
White crispness of a uniform, a halo of a hat, the power of mercy and a handful of tact. The glow of kindness and a smile on a face. Signs of bitterness or pain show no trace.

Hands of velvet crossing a fevered head, hands efficiently soothing a wrinkled bed.
Hands of strength to hold another in pain. Hands of gentleness holding to restrain.

A voice of tenderness giving a sense of belonging, a voice of caring through the long restless night to a sun filled morning. A voice that is cheerful ringing through the darkest hour. A voice radiant but firm with graciousness of power.

Ears that hear wrangled peace which bells the breath of sighs. Ears that hear sobs of

humans who's lost someone dear. Ears that hear the voices in tremor and everlasting fear.

A heart kissed with warmth of golden fleece of maternal time's mother, a heart that would never disagree with the heart of another. A heart that feeds human hunger and cleanses fears, a heart with the warmth of heaven to dry painful tears.

Dedicated to human calls to forever burn her light, forever in her homage through the endless night. A nurse, if in a clinic, advice, hospital or the need of a town, wears God's Ten Commandments as her glowing crown.

CMGH/CMMC/MCHP School of Nursing Alumni Newsletter 11/16 5

2. From Andrea Neal Spear '73, 375 Upper East Pond, Nobleboro, ME 04555

“ I appreciate the newsletter (every edition). It brings me back to loving my RN life. It was my passion for 30 years, especially critical care and PACU. My breast cancer (x2) and Lyme disease really debilitated me and I really miss my career and all my friends. This now is part of my journey and I have been fortunate for my sons their wives, my grandchildren and a rock of a husband. Each day is another step one at a time. Thanks again and every time an RN crosses my path a CMG/ CMMC nurse are always the best prepared. P.S. Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Peterson and Mrs. Neal I remember and you are appreciated for your teaching and caring.” (Ed. note; Thanks Andrea for your very nice letter and kind words, Dotti, Pete and Joanie really appreciate them and hope you are making progress on your road to recovery.)

3. From Lois Cookson Silloway '54, 195 Powder Mill Road, Warren, ME 4864

“ It is so late in the year I am also sending dues for 2017. The newsletter is great and I don't want to miss my issue! I was glad to hear the news of 1954 classmates and send sympathy to Maxine Bell. Shirley Turner was in my Camden High School of 1950. Sincere sympathy to her family. I am well and cope with arthritis. I use a walker in my home of 52 years and a wheel chair when I go out for Sunday worship weekly. I think it is great that our school of nursing is keeping pace with the modern world. To train other professionals is a great idea and I am proud to be a graduate of CMGH/CMMC/MCHP. I remember Kay Winslow Smith 52A from Stewart three. It is great she is still playing golf.”

***** 4. From Joline Bussiere Persico '75, 443 Ludlow St. Portland, ME 04102

“ I am also listed as class representative for 1975. However my email address is wrong it

is chocoholic1213@maine.rr.com. Thank you”. (Ed note; Thanks for informing us Joline, we have corrected the error.)

5. From Melanie Ayer '16, 22 Woodland Ave. Lisbon Falls, ME 04252

“Dear Alumni Association. Thank you so much for the award and beautiful pin. I was shocked and

humbled that my classmates chose me to receive this award. I will wear my pin with pride.” (Ed note; Melanie was the well deserved recipient of the Alumni Award.)

6. From Joyce Bamford Barker '58, 5 Timber Lane, Exeter NH 03833
brkrjonric@aol.com

“Please accept my apologies! I have been moving from one home to another-still in the throes of changing places and not finding things. That, plus newly diagnosed with Alzheimers I’ve had trouble keeping up with necessary activities. I am late sending dues as mail goes to Exeter and stays there until we go the next time. Anyway I don’t recall the amount of the alumni dues and I am enclosing \$20.00 in hopes it covers the amount, If there is more information let me know via my email address. Since I’ve moved my information on the dues amount and who to send it to has changed. Thanks for the newsletter.” (Ed note; Sorry to hear of your recent diagnosis Joyce. We wish you well.)

CMGH/CMMC/MCHP School of Nursing Alumni Newsletter 11/16 6

7. From Cornelia Wallen Pierce's '48 husband Fred. 1690 Glen Abbey Ln. Winter Haven, FL 33881

fmpiercejr@msn-com " Connie is at present a long term care patient at Life Care Center of Winter Haven. She has been there since late September of 2015. Please send any mailings to her present address. She can receive mail at Life Care but she doesn't usually let me know. She cherishes her connection with friends from CMGH. Most sincerely, Fred Pierce" (Ed. note; Thank you so much for the nice note regarding Connie. Very sorry to hear of her illness and we wish you both the best possible. Take care of yourself.)

***** 8. From Julie Blaisdell's, '59, family James and Marlene Bunker PO Box 1598, Fuquay Varina 27526

"If the following expression of thanks could be included in your next newsletter for alumni, we would appreciate it. To the many who visited, called, sent cards, made donations or attended Julia Blaisdell's memorial service, her family sends heartfelt thanks for your friendship and loving care." (Ed. note; Thank you for the nice note. We surely will miss her.)

NOTICES IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Cheryl Turcotte

The Historical Committee would like to collect yearbooks from each class that published one. The Alumni currently has yearbooks from the following classes:

1934 1960 1972

1956 1961 1979

1957 1962 1980

1958 1963 1995

1959 1964

If your class published a yearbook and you would be willing to donate it to the Alumni, we would greatly appreciate it. If you know that your class did not publish a yearbook, that would also be helpful to know. Please contact Susan Chase Baltrus at baltrussc@roadrunner.com.

A REMINDER !! Remember when checking our Face Book site to click on like or make a comment which will enable us to track the number of visits to the site. Thanks to

Darlene Ryder of CMMC's Public Relations Department, for maintaining to site on our behalf.

CMGH/CMMC/MCHP School of Nursing Alumni Newsletter 11/16 7

From the editors A thank you to all members and friends who have donated to the association from July,1,2016 to October 31, 2016.

Donations to the Asociation; Mary Jane Roop, Lois C. Silloway, Nancy Douglass, Nancy Bartley, Rose Orcutt, Barbara Paiton, Louise Wood, Linda C. Rioux, Phyllis Anctil, Lorraine Thompson, Martha Brown, Sharon Fields and Alice Keddy.

Donations to Scholarship Fund; Julie Persico, Lois Silloway, Megan Murphy, Mary Jane Roop, Nancy Douglass, Candice Paradis, Lois Tash, Linda C. Rioux, Lorraine Thompson, Sharon Fields, Joline Labbe.

In memory of Joanna Smith; Brenda Deojay.

In memory of;Julia Blaisdell Cory and Esther Newendyke, Dorothy Howe, Pauline Bussiere, Richard Smith, Dorothy Crowley Noel, Marlene Burns, Brenda Deojay, Sally Bates and Cheryl Turcotte.

In memory of Ruth Polley, Peter Truesdale, husband of Anne Truesdale '55; Sally Bates.

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

ALUMNI DUES \$10.00 Per Calendar Year

First Last Grad

Name _____ Name _____ Name _____ Class _____

ADDRESS _____ < if new _____ TEL _____ DOB _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

{ } check here if you want newsletter sent by regular mail to the above address!

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

DUES _____ DONATION _____ SCHOLARSHIP _____

(Please specify amount for each)

If you want to receive a membership card please enclose a SASE (self addressed stamped envelope) with your dues. MAIL TO: Alumni Association ~ School of Nursing

CMGH/CMMC/MCHP 70 MIDDLE STREET, LEWISTON, ME 04240 (207-795-2884)

Alumni web site

mchp.edu

CMGH/CMMC/MCHP School of Nursing Alumni Newsletter 11/16 8

