

2022 Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to all graduates of Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing and thank you to all paid members of the Alumni, the Alumni Board truly appreciates your support. Sadly we have had to cancel the annual meeting in 2020 and 2021 for health concerns of our members due to Covid-19. Hopefully the Alumni will have the Annual meeting and Homecoming in August of 2022. DHSON Alumni Board communicated via email and Face Time and have made process changes due to these challenging situation with COVID-19 precautions, resulting in limited activity of the membership. The decisions forthcoming were not made lightly as the Board is concerned about how to continue supporting our mission statement:

ARTICLE III – MISSION STATEMENT

Advance the health and well-being of the community through promotion and advancement of the nursing profession.

Due to limited activity and until further notice, officer elections will halt and current positions will remain unless the Board receives notice of a member's interest to assume a leadership role. This is driven by the difficulty in arranging officer elections electronically and the limitations to electronic access for some members. Plans for the annual meeting in August 2022 will change this and elections can be held.

You can always call any of the officers with concerns and questions. Phone numbers are listed in this newsletter, on FaceBook, and Deaconess.com. Any snail mail (i.e. membership checks) can be mailed to Gayle B Rood, 1087 Turtle Bay Rd. Boonville, IN, 47601

Treasurer report: There is \$9416.30 in the checking account. There is \$9641 in the Homecoming Fund and \$29,208 in the General Fund.

Secretary report: No annual meeting in 2021

Membership

Annual dues for the Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing Alumni show 197 paid for 2021, 93 have paid for 2022 and 75 have paid for 2023. Yes, there are some who have paid beyond 2023 and your treasurer salutes you!! Please see the last page of the newsletter to join the Alumni and stay current with the latest news.

Annual Meeting

The 2022 Annual Meeting will be **Saturday August 6th at 0900 in Johnson Hall @ Deaconess Hospital – Midtown Campus. We are celebrating the opportunity to gather together again and Homecoming.** The Alumni will provide a continental breakfast and Olive Garden lunch. **The business meeting will commence at 0930. RSVPs are requested by July 1, 2022.** After the business meeting, there will be ample time to socialize with your old (or not-so-old) classmates – CALL THEM NOW.

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend this annual meeting! See you there!

Web Site

The Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing Alumni has a page on the Deaconess Hospital Web site. Go to: <http://www.deaconess.com>; then select: 'For You' in the banner line across the top; Then select "Health Care Professionals' on the right side of the screen; the "Deaconess Nursing" on the right side of the screen; and then "School of Nursing Alumni" on the right side of the screen.

Forms for Financial Assistance and Scholarships are on the web site as well as the latest information regarding meetings, Alumni news, etc. We also have a Facebook page that is listed as Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing (Evansville) Alumni.

Educational Funds

The Alumni funds available in the Deaconess Hospital Foundation are for Continuing Education for any Deaconess School of Nursing graduate. All forms needed to complete a request for educational funds are located on the Deaconess website (see directions in the first column to access the website). The money is set aside to fund registration fees for educational offerings attended by Alumni members. There is a limit of up to \$250 per Alumni per year in order to spread the funds around to assist more DHSON Alumni. To obtain funds from the DHSON endowments, you will need to complete the forms found on the Deaconess web site in the DHSON Alumni link. Send the forms to our dedicated email account at Yahoo. All requests can be sent to: dsonalumni1220@yahoo.com

Be sure to send the forms leaving ample time for all signatures to be obtained and the forms to be routed to complete the request. It can take up to THREE weeks before reimbursement checks are mailed. It is the requestor's responsibility to check with the seminar leaders to be sure the check is received if paying directly and not being reimbursed. Only four alumni took advantage of this opportunity last year for a total of \$1088. Funds are available, take advantage of this opportunity.

Scholarship News

DHSON Alumni Association awards a scholarship for Nursing Education to be awarded to descendants of graduates of the Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing in Evansville, Indiana. The \$15,000 scholarship money has been established for the express purpose of providing assistance to a student pursuing education in order to obtain a license for Registered Nursing. It is the Alumni's desire that preference be given to scholarship applicants who are entering their first year of nursing education. Scholarship forms are available on the Deaconess Web site or from one of the officers. Scholarship information is also sent to the local high school counselor offices. The application needs to be returned to Ellen Wathen at Deaconess Hospital, by March 11, 2022.

Scholarship winners for 2021 were Adele Schnautz, Isabel Sugerman, and Anna Schneider.

2021 Health Science Institute was cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid-19.

Alumni Database We attempt to update our list of addresses and names of our past graduates. Many thanks to all who send in addresses of classmates and friends! Anyone can send an update to our officers for name or address changes. We have 200 emails on file, please help us stay current with any email changes.

Alumni Deaths Since Last Newsletter

Ann Elaine Beasley Birk, class of 1973; Betty Denton Curly, class of 1954; Viola Strueh Lutz, class of 1949; Marilyn Mossbarger Lewis, class of 1952; Yvonne Lockridge Hoover, class of 1953; Charlotte Eisterhold Wehmer, class of 1972; Mary Linda Graves Mast, class of 1963; Patricia Porter Perigo, class of 1954; Elsie Joan White Michel, class of 1957; Peggy Robertson North, class of 1952; Randall Bruce Houston, class of 1976; LaVerne Norton Sitton, class of 1947; Teri L. Clark, class of 1983; Margie Lee Luker Asdtrike, class of 1959; Gertrude Vanada Lant, class of 1945; Nancy Cardona, class of 1974

DHSON Alumni Officers

Deaconess School of Alumni Board for 2021/2022

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Gayle Rood (retired) 812-897-3155

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Brenda Goldman (retired) 812-963-3123

Please feel free to contact any of the officers with news, questions or updates about Alumni functions.

Nursing Pins and Caps are no longer available.

Information concerning the Alumni's support of Africa Nursing Student

Hadiza Mohammad is the 2nd African nursing student that we have supported and she is 2 years from completing her bachelor's degree with plans to specialize in obstetrics.

**REMINDER
Annual
Meeting**

2022 General Annual and Homecoming Meeting:
Saturday August 6th 9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 PM
Johnson Hall at the DEACONESS Hospital - Midtown
Campus General meeting will commence at 0930. Come
early to mingle with classmates, the Alumni is providing a continental
breakfast and lunch catered by the Olive Garden.

Cut off this reminder and put in your August calendar!

For the miniscule rate of \$5.00 per year, you can stay current with the latest news.

Send to:

**Please indicate if
new address** ()**

Gayle B Rood
1087 Turtle Bay Drive, Boonville, IN 47601

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Email address: _____

Phone: _____

Name at graduation: _____ Maiden Name: _____ Class: _____

Would you like to have your name listed in the Class listings on the deaconess.com web site? (Personal information is password protected.) _____ Yes _____ No Include: _____ Address _____ Email address: _____
Phone _____

I PLAN TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING August 6th: _____ YES _____ NO