

Greetings from the President



Julie Johnson

The past few months have been a very exciting time at "Crouse Health." Because of the hospital's interest in community, it was felt that this new name is more

inclusive and descriptive of their mission.

Your Alumni Board of Directors is considering a change to use the Crouse Health name, too; that decision will be made over the next year. We would love to hear your thoughts about all of the changes at the hospital and the College of Nursing pertaining to names – their's and ours. Please email comments to us at Alumni@crouse.org.

The new Pomeroy Emergency Services partially opened this summer. I hope any interested individuals that live in the area have an opportunity to see this beautiful and modern facility. The expansion and capabilities of the ER is "almost" unbelievable. When the whole area is totally finished, it will include an expanded Prompt-Care Facility, too. This will be moved from the POB to the main second floor space that housed the original ER. The main entrance to the hospital will also change.

Our fall luncheon will be held on October 28, 2017, and will be held at Embassy Suites by Hilton at Carrier Circle. Join us for a gathering to renew old friendships. Menu selection and reservation forms are included with this newsletter and on our website, crouse.org/nursing/alumni. Please have your reservation in by October 20, 2017.

Thank you,
Julie Johnson, Class of 1961

News from the Pomeroy College of Nursing

by Rhonda Reader, Dean



Rhonda Reader

Fall has arrived at Pomeroy College of Nursing with orientation for 82 new students. Orientation activities took place in the newly renovated Sulzle auditorium, thanks to the continued generosity

of the S.I. Newhouse Foundation. Our faculty and staff planned wonderful events for both new and returning students during the first weeks of school, including an evening at a Syracuse Chiefs' baseball game (pictures on page 8) and a "student involvement/resource fair" which included a variety of Crouse Health departments and community agencies to help connect students with opportunities and programs of interest.

The students capped the first week off with a toast (sparkling grape juice!) to a successful year. Ryan Barker, Assistant Dean for Students, read the alma mater. For those of you who may have forgotten, the alma mater was written by Helen Hale Brockway:



To our Crouse-Irving
Homage we bring
With joy and with gratitude
Let music ring.

Fount of our knowledge
Home of our youth
Help us through the coming years
Guide us in truth.

Life's clouds and sunshine
Shall come to all
Sorrow and happiness
To each will fall

Whatever comes to us
This be our song
Honor to Crouse-Irving
Which made us strong.

Students loved the new tradition and are looking forward to another toast at the completion of the program when we celebrate their graduation.

Please visit the Pomeroy College of Nursing Facebook page for more photos and the updates on student activities throughout the year. Thank you for your continued support. Have a wonderful fall season.

Gift Baskets

The annual Gift Basket Fundraiser for PCON scholarships will be held in the Crouse Hospital cafeteria from October 16 – 20, 9 am – 4 pm daily. The gift baskets will be on display all five days. Tickets cost \$1 or 6 for \$5. The winners will be announced on Friday at 3 pm. Last year, the raffle raised \$1670 and – as usual – the Lotto basket was the overwhelming favorite with 546 tickets sold. Many thanks to all of you who support our gift basket raffle. Best wishes and congratulations to the winners!



Congratulations, Graduates!



The Graduate Convocation Breakfast was held at 9 am, Thursday, May 25th in the Community Room of the Marley Education Center. Rhonda Reader, Dean, Betty O'Connor, Chief Nursing Officer, Kimberly Boynton, President and CEO of Crouse Hospital and Matthew Hickling, Commencement Speaker, offered Welcome and Introductions. Claire Meyers was the student speaker. The success and academic excellence of our graduates was recognized and the scholarship donors supporting nursing students at the Pomeroy College of Nursing were acknowledged. Thirty-five graduates were pinned. A delicious buffet breakfast was enjoyed by all.



Claire Meyers, student speaker

That afternoon, The Pomeroy College of Nursing at Crouse Hospital Class of 2017 Commencement was held at 2pm in Hendricks Chapel, Syracuse University. Rhonda Reader, Dean, presided. Kimberly Boynton, President and CEO, Crouse Hospital and Betty O'Connor, Chief Nursing Officer, offered greetings. Matthew Hickling, a pediatric nurse from Albany Medical Center who gained Facebook fame when his 4-year old patient asked to "marry" him and he arranged a ceremony that was videotaped and then "went viral," gave the Commencement address. Leah Rizzo was the student speaker. Fifty-seven graduates were presented diplomas.



Karen Bennett retirement announcement and recognition of years of service



Recognition of Julie Johnson's service to the PCON Board of Alumni

Congratulations, Graduates!



PCON graduates tables



Crouse Health Foundation

Report to the Crouse Hospital Nurses Alumni – Fall 2017

by Carrie Berse,

President, Crouse Health Foundation



Carrie Berse

With deep appreciation

In July of this year, the Pomeroy College of Nursing at Crouse Hospital received a very generous donation from the Estate of Mary Capella Redmond, RN (Crouse-Irving Hospital School of Nursing, Class of 1951). Mary bequeathed the bulk of her estate to the College to provide scholarships to deserving students, with the provision

that they be given in the name of Barbara A. Riorden, BS, RN, a 1923 graduate of our school who went on to become Interim Superintendent as well as a Nursing Arts Instructor. Mary was a native of Solvay, NY who worked as a registered nurse in Syracuse for many years, and we are in the process of learning more about her from her executor and family. In the meantime, we are pleased to share that her vision and generosity have been used to create the Mary Redmond Memorial Scholarship Fund, an endowed fund that will permanently underwrite a full scholarship in Barbara Riorden's name for at least one Pomeroy College of Nursing student every year.

Pomeroy College of Nursing Scholarships

Through the generous support of the Crouse Hospital Nurses Alumni, fourteen scholarships totaling \$7,000 were recently given to Pomeroy College of Nursing students for the 2017-2018 academic year. These awards came from investment income earned by the endowed Crouse Hospital Nurses Alumni Fund, and recipients were selected by the school based on academic achievement and financial need. (Please take a moment to read the heartfelt letters of appreciation received this year from our scholarship recipients, displayed on page 4.) In January, another eight scholarships will be awarded for the 2018 calendar year in the name of Crouse Hospital Nurses Alumni from an outright donation of \$5,000 made by the association. These "split" scholarship disbursements — academic year versus calendar year — represent the College's goal to have monies available for students entering our program in both the fall and spring semesters. Our students are deeply grateful for this meaningful support, and our heartfelt thanks go to all the alumni whose continued involvement and generosity make these awards possible.

If you would like to learn more about how you can personally assist our students through an outright or estate gift, contact Carrie Berse at the Crouse Health Foundation at (315) 470-7004 or CarrieBerse@Crouse.org. All information will be provided in confidence and with no obligation.

Comprehensive Campaign

The Crouse Health Foundation's CrouseCares Comprehensive Campaign has raised more than \$11.5 million to-date toward a goal of \$20 million. This fundraising effort is providing support for the renovation and expansion of two key areas at Crouse Hospital: the new Pomeroy Emergency Services Department and the Baker Regional Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. To learn more about giving to the campaign, please contact the Crouse Health Foundation Office at (315) 470-7702 or visit crouse.org/crousecares.

Event Updates

- The 2017 Crouse Classic Golf Tournament was held on July 18th, netting close to \$125,000 for a new transport isolette for the Baker Regional NICU's Transport Team. We are pleased to support the special group of providers who help move babies via ground and air between 18 birthing affiliates spanning 14 counties between the Canadian and Pennsylvania borders.
- Our second annual Polo for Preemies fundraiser was held on July 30th with more than 1,000 in attendance at the Skaneateles Polo Club. Net proceeds totaled more than \$25,000 and will be used to further the work of the Baker Regional NICU.
- Ticket sales for our 41st annual Tribute Evening gala are brisk as we prepare for the October 6th event at the Oncenter in Syracuse. Two Crouse and community supporters — Judy and Eric Mower — will be honored that night; information on the event and how to participate can be found online by visiting crouse.org/tribute2017.

Have You Included the Pomeroy College of Nursing at Crouse Hospital in Your Will?

If you have, please let us know. We'd like the opportunity to say "thank you."

For more information on how to make a charitable bequest, save on estate taxes, or set up a life income plan for a spouse, child or loved one, please contact Carrie Berse at the Crouse Health Foundation at (315) 470-7004 or carrieberse@crouse.org.

All responses are kept confidential and information is provided without obligation.

Thank You from Our Scholarship Recipients

Thank you very much for your gift of a scholarship. Every little bit helps so much towards getting me to my goal of becoming a nurse. It also takes some pressure off when worrying about funds. Once again, thank you! Your generosity is very much appreciated!

To Crouse Hospital Nurses Alumni:

It is with gratitude and humility that I write this note of thanks for your generous donation in the form of an educational scholarship – a gift for which I cannot begin to thank you enough for.

These type of scholarships help towards alleviating the high costs of academic financial challenges for those who are seeking a career in this much needed profession. It's comforting to know that there are organizations, such as yours, that support students and provide these much needed resources to them so they are able to succeed and achieve their professional dreams.

I thank you again for investing in my educational journey and pursuit of my career goals. I feel honored that you have selected me and I hope to one day use my education to help others and to give back to the wonderful community that supported me.

Thank you all for the generous financial contribution as I begin my journey towards becoming a Registered Nurse. I am enthusiastically looking forward to gaining the skills necessary to be a successful employee in the healthcare industry.

Thanks to the Crouse Hospital Nurses Alumni General Scholarship, I can breathe a little easier financially and fully focus on my career goals. Again, I cannot express my gratitude enough for this gift, and I look forward to helping save lives.

I want to take this time to thank you for your generous donation to the Pomeroy College of Nursing at Crouse Hospital. I am honored to be one of the recipients of the Crouse Hospital Nurses Alumni Fund. This scholarship has made going back to school much less of a burden.

I am entering my second and final year of nursing school and will be completing my second associates degree in May of 2018. Upon graduating I plan on getting a job as a graduate nurse, while studying for the NCLEX. I also plan on furthering my education and getting a bachelors in nursing as well.

Receiving the Crouse Hospital Nurses Alumni Fund has been a huge financial help. I live on my own and waitress to get through school, with this scholarship I am able to spend less time working and more time studying. Your financial generosity has allowed me to come one step closer to my goal, and inspires me to give back to my community. I hope one day to be able to give back to my school and help other young students achieve their goals as well.

I am writing to express my most sincere gratitude for your generous financial gift. I was delighted and honored to discover that I was a recipient of the Crouse Hospital Nurses Alumni Fund Scholarship once again for my second academic year. I can now continue working toward my longtime dream of becoming an outstanding nurse with a lesser financial burden, thanks to you.

The reason I chose to enter the field of nursing is one that I hold close to my heart. I was sixteen years old when my father was diagnosed with cancer. Although we knew it was terminal, I was still shocked when he passed just a year later. Throughout his illness, I met many healthcare professionals as I accompanied him to countless appointments and hospital stays. As much as I disliked the circumstances that brought me there, I was fascinated to converse with these caretakers and learn about their careers. Of all those who cared for my father, the nurses stood out to me the most. Not only were they medically competent, but they were extremely compassionate to both him and our whole family. Their care for him resonated with me, greatly influencing my decision to pursue nursing.

The choice for me was easy, and I cannot wait to see the amazing places this career will take me. As a nurse, my goal is to give back to the community and change lives, one patient and one family at a time. I want to give others the experience I had navigating the healthcare system with my father. I want to be their advocate and show them true compassion, all while challenging myself in a rewarding career.

I have decided to share my story with you as a way of expressing how truly grateful I am to have received your scholarship. It was not an easy journey for me to get here financially. I am so humbled to have received this generous funding that will assist me in completing my nursing education and finally pursuing my dream. Your selfless generosity has taken me one step closer to my goals, and it is truly a privilege and an honor that you have decided to award me your scholarship. Thank you so very much.

My name is

and I am starting the nursing program at the

Pomeroy College of Nursing at Crouse Hospital in January. I can admit it's a little nerve-racking; I'm slowly reaching my goals and bettering myself as a person. It is very nice to know that I have a support group and people who believe in me.

So from the bottom of my heart I'd like to thank the Crouse Hospital Nurses Alumni General Scholarship for kindly attributing to my school academics by taking some stress from paying school off. I really appreciate it and will work even harder knowing that I have such a big support group starting with my family and ending with you guys. Again thank you so much for your kind gesture, it is noted and highly appreciated.

I am sincerely honored to have been selected as a recipient of the Crouse Hospital Nurses Alumni Fund scholarship in the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars. Thank you for your generosity, which has allowed me to continue my education in the field of nursing. My hope one day is to work within Crouse Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit; being accepted to the Bill and Sandra Pomeroy College of Nursing at Crouse Hospital and receiving your gift has helped me get closer to obtaining my dream.

As I complete my education at the Bill and Sandra Pomeroy College of Nursing at Crouse Hospital, I am very thankful for receiving your thoughtful gift. Due to your scholarship, I will be successful in achieving my dream career in Syracuse, New York.

Thank you again for your thoughtful and generous gift.

I am writing in response to the scholarship email that I received. I wanted to express my genuine gratitude to everyone at the Crouse Foundation for selecting me as a recipient for the Crouse Hospital Nurses Alumni Fund General Scholarship.

I am humbled to know that I was one of many that were considered. Your kindheartedness and generosity are so very much appreciated. I cannot wait to further my education and nursing career at Pomeroy College of Nursing at Crouse Hospital.

Thank you kindly.

Newsmakers

Erin Zinkievich, Class of 2006, Clinical Supervisor of the new Pomeroy Emergency Services Department at Crouse Hospital, recently offered a tour of the facility for the Alumni Newsletter. She pointed out the many innovations and wonderful advancements that have been incorporated into the design of the facility, many of which were suggested by ED staff. Some of these new features include:

- Two behavioral health rooms in which equipment can be locked away for patient and staff safety;
- An observation unit, previously located in another part of the hospital, where patients can get care quickly;
- A bereavement room;
- Two resuscitation rooms offering 360 degree access to medical equipment with a movable boom;

- A treatment room specifically designed for stroke patients;
- A bariatric treatment room with a lift that can transfer patients that weigh up to 1,000 pounds.

Erin said the staff are very excited and look forward to Phase Two of the renovation project in which Prompt Care will move into the old ED space, expected in 2018. Since its July opening, Erin said that the community-at-large has embraced the new ED facility for its comfort, quiet atmosphere and cleanliness. She gave special acknowledgment to **Charles Eaton, Class of 2000**, former Emergency Services Nurse Manager, for his significant and tireless contributions toward seeing this dream realized.



The new Pomeroy Emergency Services Department gives a nod to the past with the placement of historical photos from the Crouse Hospital archives.



Erin in one of the resuscitation rooms containing the 360 degree movable boom.

Fall Luncheon

**Saturday,
October 28, 2017**

Embassy Suites by Hilton

6646 Old Collamer Road S.
East Syracuse, NY 13057

11:00 am – Seating Begins
12 Noon – Luncheon

Any questions, please contact Julie Johnson (315) 449-3559.

Directions to Embassy Suites By Hilton

From Areas East or West:

- Take I-90 (NYS Thruway) to Exit 35 to Carrier Circle
- Follow traffic circle to Rt 298 E towards Doubletree Inn
- Take first left (before light) off of 298 East onto Old Collamer Road South (sign is well marked)
- Go to the end of the road. Embassy Suites is on the right.

From Areas North or South:

- Take Rt. 81 to exit 25A
- Take I-90 East (NYS Thruway) to Exit 35 to Carrier Circle
- Follow traffic circle to Rt 298 E towards Doubletree Inn
- Take first left (before light) off of 298 East onto Old Collamer Road South (sign is well marked)
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Crouse Hospital Nurses Alumni Fall Luncheon

Entrees: (Pick one)

- Shrimp scampi over linguini
- Chicken cordon bleu with Bechamel sauce
- Tortellini primavera

Field salad of mixed greens with strawberries, walnuts and gorgonzola cheese; wild rice; green beans almandine with butter sauce; rolls, butter, water, coffee, tea

Dessert: Strawberry short cake

Name _____

Maiden Name _____ Class of _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Menu Choice: ☐ Shrimp ☐ Chicken ☐ Pasta

Cost is \$25 (gratuity included). Checks should be made payable to *Crouse Hospital Nurses Alumni*.

Mail completed registration form and payment **by October 20th** to Jo Oliva, 6050 Bay Hill Circle, Jamesville, NY 13078.



Alumni Recipients of The DAISY Award at Crouse Hospital include:

Molly Lanza, RN, Class of 2004, Elizabeth Dablock, RN, Class of 2002 and Melisa Vadala, RN, 2013 were among the **April 2017 Daisy Honorees** from 8 Irving, Labor and Delivery. The mother who nominated the recipients wrote of her tragic experience — the loss of her unborn daughter on Valentine's Day, her due date, when no heartbeat could be detected on the sonogram in her obstetrician's office — and shared her profound appreciation of the loving care she received. "We rushed up to Crouse and I was a mess... Molly answered all of our questions and was just so kind as all of our family showed up... I just want everyone to know how wonderful of a job they did and how much they helped us through the worst day of our lives...You are all amazing!"

Melissa Smith, RN, Class of 2013, and Nicole Petrie, RN, Daisy Award Recipients for June, 2017, were nominated by their night charge nurse on 8 Irving, Labor and Delivery, **Casey Richardson, RN, Class of 2005**. Casey wrote, "I have worked at Crouse for 12 years now with a couple breaks in between...What ultimately lead me back each time was the family that I have had the privilege of becoming a part of there. This past week, I have been on the other side of things. I was the grieving family member and not the nurse. I am having a hard time finding the right words to explain how much of a comfort everyone was to me. ..The support that I was given and the care that was provided ...reminds me of why I am so profoundly grateful to be a part of our Crouse family."

Trevor Tompkins, RN, Class of 2015, Daisy Award recipient for July, 2017, was nominated by his nurse manager, **Colleen Phinney, RN, Class of 1983**, because he is extremely committed to providing the best care to all of his patients and their families. Colleen's nomination included a particular example of Trevor's compassion and commitment. "A few weeks ago, the cloudy skies of Syracuse broke for a particularly warm and sunny spring day. A patient had been admitted a few weeks prior with a particularly grim prognosis, she was bedbound, having difficulty with pain management and it was unknown if she would ever leave the hospital, let alone ever get some fresh air and be able to feel the warm sun on her face. A suggestion was made to try and get her outside onto the Pomeroy Patient Patio. Trevor swung into action and within a short period of time, the patient, her husband, son and niece were outside, joking that the only thing that could make this better was a margarita. Despite being bedbound, on oxygen and multiple IV tubes, Trevor was able to provide a small ray of sunshine to this patient and family, both literally and figuratively. I am sure many of Trevor's coworkers could share countless other stories of how he has bettered the hospital experience for many of our patients."

Dawn Bezon, RN, Class of 2002, Daisy Award recipient for August, 2017, was nominated by a grateful mother who wrote, "Nursing is more than a job, it is a continued effort to give a piece of yourself, to show compassion, to build trust, to make a difference in the moment. Dawn is every bit or an extraordinary nurse and deserving of this award. The compassion she showed and displayed for me and my family is remarkable."

Reflections

Helen Parker
(1926-2017)
graduated
from Crouse
Irving School
of Nursing
and became a



registered nurse in 1948, earned her BS in education from Syracuse University in 1957, as well as her MS in Nursing Education in 1975. She was a public health nurse for six years before joining Crouse Hospital School of Nursing where she was a beloved instructor for 35 years. On the 75th birthday of the College of Nursing, she spoke to the celebrants and shared her reflections on the nursing profession. We celebrate Helen's rich legacy with these selected excerpts:

The patient always has and always will be the focal point of student learning and behavior. Our history is one of many changes and many people contributing to its growth. I know of no other profession where comradery is any closer as nursing is caring and helping each other. No other profession can tell the stories of actual incidents that were any funnier, any more frustrating, any more humiliating or any more rewarding. Every day, a new occurrence brings a new story. Each class says to each other, "Do you remember when....?" This is when we remember those nurses and people who have had a lasting influence on each of us. We are here to celebrate our 75th birthday, to recognize that each and every one has contributed to the school's growth and reputation and to offer our assistance to the growth of a tried and true profession. Let us recognize those who have made our school the great institution that it is and do our best to uphold its reputation and tradition."

Spring Luncheon was a Delicious Success

The Alumni Spring Luncheon was held at Embassy Suites in East Syracuse on June 3, 2017 and over forty alumni attended. The Class of 1957 celebrated their 60th Reunion and the Class of 1967 celebrated their 50th. There were twelve members of the 1967 class attending. Dean Rhonda Reader spoke to attendees about the Pomeroy College of Nursing. She was pleased to announce that the December 2016 class had a 100% pass rate for their recent Boards. Betty O'Connor, CNO of Crouse Hospital, spoke to attendees about the new Emergency facilities that would be soon opening. Both Rhonda and Betty answered a variety of questions that were asked about the Pomeroy College of Nursing and the hospital. We finished our luncheon by announcing the winner of the 50/50 raffle who won a receipt of \$84 — the Alumni fund received \$85 — and the two door prize winners. A fun and delicious luncheon was enjoyed by all.



Class of 1955



Angelina Loffler Class of 55



Class of 1957



Class of 1967



Rachel DeNoble and Lisa Carr,
Class of 88

We Remember... RECENTLY DECEASED



Class of 1947

Marion Shultis Caswell
April 11, 2017

Class of 1972

Patricia A. Tessier
May 10, 2016

Class of 1948

Helen L. Parker
July 11, 2017

Please see Helen's
Reflections, shared at
the School of Nursing's
75th birthday celebration,
on page six.

Crouse Hospital Nurses Alumni Board

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CoN Night at the Syracuse Chiefs



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Name: _____ Class: _____ Year: _____

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We look forward to hearing from you!