
Newsletter ~ ~ *September 2014*

Greetings from the President

I hope you all had a fun and a restful summer. We are looking forward to the beautiful fall season and the alumni luncheon in October. Then in November we will host our popular basket raffle in the hospital cafeteria again. I encourage all alumni members that are able, to help with this project. We depend on the revenue for our scholarships and have found that the basket raffle is an excellent source of scholarship funds. Read on for more information in this newsletter on how you can help. I look forward to seeing many of you at the luncheon.

Joan Warboy Greene, Class of 1957



Treasurers' Report

If you haven't paid your dues yet this year it's not too late! Your dues help fund additional scholarships for nursing students at the College of Nursing. Without your help many of these students would not be able to achieve their dreams of becoming a Registered Nurse like yourself.

Don't forget, dues paying member enjoy a 10% discount at the Crouse Hospital Gift Shop. Every little bit helps! All dues paying members will be mailed a membership card that you will need to present to the cashier to take advantage of this generous discount.

Donations in memory or in honor of someone dear are very much appreciated.

The alumni office is open most Mondays. Call us at (315) 470-7214. You can also email us at Alumni@crouse.org with questions, comments or requests.

Jo Oliva, Treasurer, Class of 1954
Jean Serling, Co-Treasurer, Class of 1950



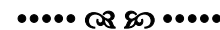
College of Nursing News

At the May 21, 2014 Convocation Ceremony, Holly Pettitt, Gina Sansone and Colleen O'Gavaghan received gift cards from the Alumni Association for Bayberry Uniform Shops to use for purchase of uniforms or other nursing needs as they begin their nursing careers.

On Thursday, May 22, 2014 at the Commencement Ceremony for the Class of 2014, Alumni President Joan Greene presented the Nurses Alumni Award to Samantha Murphy.

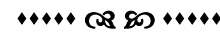


On August 13, 2014, Crouse Hospital College of Nursing will welcome 82 students into its freshman class.



Continuing Nursing Education Scholarships

The Crouse Hospital Nurses Alumni was able to fund three scholarships this past summer for new graduates to continue their education. We hope to be able to continue these scholarships for every graduating class in future years.



Time Capsule Rededication

On Thursday, June 12, 2014, there was a re-dedication of Crouse Hospital's time capsule. There were many new items placed into the time capsule that represented work of the hospital, College and Foundation today. The time capsule was created in 1895 and had previous additions added in 1928. Crouse Hospital has become the first CNY hospital to list prices online for its most common medicals procedures. Interested in seeing these costs? Go to: crouse.org/prices. You can also ask questions about pricing by emailing priceline@crouse.org.



Regrets....

Name	Class	Deceased
Mary Ellen Ingles Anderson	1950	7/20/14
Jeanine Briggs Grimes	1958	7/1/14
Jane Hoey	1950	4/26/14
Joan Palen Nagen	1958	5/27/14
Elizabeth Mullen Scanlon	1948	5/25/14
Pauline Coe Thurlow-Smith	1958	5/23/14
Joyce Hamby Rothenberg	1959	6/16/99

When informing the Alumni Office of the death of an alumnus, please send a printed obituary, notification from a family member or friend or a link to an obituary published on line. Please include your name and address as well.

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Alumni Member Donations – Summer 2014

	Class of
Maureen English deMontozon	1965
Mary Fraser Heffernan	1951

In Memory of Joan Palen Nagen

Hillie Libe Birdslow	1958
Roberta Truesdel	1958
Phyllis Smith Wright	1958

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Have You Included the Crouse Hospital College of Nursing 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.

Alumni News

"Take me to Crouse"

Jean Young, class of 1961 and long time Alumni board member, wanted to share her husband Bill's "Take me to Crouse" experience. On June 18, 2014, Bill experienced chest pain and was seen by his primary care physician at 2 pm. He was immediately sent to the Crouse Cardiology Specialists to be seen by Dr. Joseph Battaglia.

After an Echo Stress Test, the Cardiology team was called from home and Bill was transported to the Cardiac Catheterization area. He had two stents inserted. This quick service prevented a heart attack and heart damage.

By 7:15 pm he was resting comfortably in his room. All of this happened in a five hour time span! He received excellent care and every staff member was courteous, professional, informative and cheerful. We will always keep on saying...

"Take me to Crouse"

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Spirit of Women Initiative

Crouse Hospital has a new program for women called Spirit of Women. You can join the network online or ask for a paper form. As a member, you will receive a monthly wellness email, special event notifications, and more. If you would like more information please contact Kathleen Miller at (315) 470-5777 or kathleenmiller@crouse.org. You can also visit the website at www.crouse.org/spirit

The next event will be held on September 18 from 6-8:30pm at Justin's Grill, 6400 Yorktown Circle, E. Syracuse, NY. A free night of relaxation and expert health information focusing on understanding a woman's body is in store.

There will be light refreshments, desserts, mini-massages and other spa treatments along with two speakers. Each attendee will receive a Spirit Passport. You are asked to register in advance by calling 315/472-2464 or online at the above address.

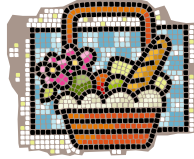
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Basket raffle

Every fall, the Alumni hosts a basket raffle in the hospital cafeteria. This year is no exception! Our fall basket raffle will take place Monday thru Friday November 3-7 from 8am- 5pm. We will be selling tickets which can also be purchased by using payroll deduction.

Our basket themes this year will be the:

- Holiday
- Children's Books
- Adult Crafts
- Children's Crafts
- Spa Products
- Lottery Tickets
- Wine and other Libations (2 baskets)
- Smoothies and Juice Products.



We are also hoping for a few hand designed wreaths for the holiday season.

If you would like to help with this project, we would love to have you! We can use other baskets, cash donations and even help with managing the ticket sales. Please email the Alumni Office at alumni@crouse.org or call the office at 470-7214. For more information email Julie Johnson JulieJohnson@crouse.org.

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Get Involved!

Interested in getting more involved in your alumni association activities? We are looking for a few good new board members. If you are interested, please email Alumni Association President Joan Greene at alumni@crouse.org.

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Crouse Hospital News

Crouse Hospital Names Eric Deshaies, MD, FAANS, FACS, Medical Director for Endovascular and Cerebrovascular Neurosurgery and Adham Kamel, MD, Stroke Program Medical Director

Crouse Hospital has appointed Central New York neurosurgeon **Eric M. Deshaies, MD, FAANS, FACS**, Medical Director for Endovascular and Cerebrovascular Neurosurgery, effective November 10.

The development a comprehensive neurosciences service line has been one of Crouse's key strategic initiatives. This includes neurology, neurosurgery and comprehensive stroke care. "We feel there is an

opportunity to enhance these services and are excited to have a surgeon of Dr. Deshaies' caliber and experience join our clinical team," says Crouse CEO Kimberly Boynton.

Dr. Deshaies, who will be affiliated with Crouse Medical Practice, specializes in brain aneurysms, arteriovenous malformations of the brain and spinal cord, stroke rescue therapies and skull base and brainstem tumor surgery. He is one of only a few dual-fellowship trained neurosurgeons in the country and the only one in Central New York.

As part of its ongoing development of neurosciences, Crouse began construction in July on two new 'hybrid' operating rooms in the Witting Surgical Center. These existing ORs are being adapted so that certain diagnostic and interventional neurovascular and peripheral vascular procedures can be performed by Dr. Deshaies and other members of the hospital's neurosurgical and vascular service teams.

In practice for 14 years, Dr. Deshaies received his medical degree from University of Connecticut School of Medicine. He currently serves as Director of Neuroendovascular, Cerebrovascular and Skull Base Tumor Services at Upstate Medical University, where he also is Associate Professor of Neurosurgery, Neuroscience and Physiology. Dr. Deshaies has been the primary investigator on a number of brain aneurysm and stroke trials, which he will be bringing to Crouse. He has authored over 50 publications, including two books and over 30 research publications.

The hospital has also appointed **Adham Samy Kamel, MD**, as medical director for its stroke program. In this role, Dr. Kamel, who most recently served as interim stroke director at University Hospital in Syracuse, will oversee the continued development and direction of Crouse's stroke program. A strong stroke program is a critically important component of a comprehensive neuroscience service line. "Crouse has been a NYS-designated stroke center since 2007 and we are looking forward to bringing the program to the next level under the leadership of Dr. Kamel," states CEO Boynton.

A native of Cairo, Dr. Kamel received his medical training from Cairo University Hospital and completed his residency at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh. He also completed fellowships in vascular neurology at Upstate Medical University and Allegheny General, and in electrophysiology at Upstate. Board certified in vascular neurology and psychiatry and neurology, Dr. Kamel is widely published in the areas of neurology and acute stroke intervention.

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Crouse Health Foundation News

Crouse Hospital Alumni Scholarship Support

Through the generous support of Crouse Hospital Nurses Alumni, twenty-four scholarships totaling \$13,000 were recently awarded to Crouse Hospital College of Nursing students for the 2014-2015 academic year.

Sixteen came from investment income earned by the endowed Crouse Hospital Nurses Alumni Fund; the balance came from an outright donation made by the association. Recipients of these awards were recently selected by a committee on the basis of financial need and academic achievement, and letters of appreciation from the students chosen will be shared with Alumni leadership soon. Our heartfelt thanks go to all of the alumni whose continued involvement and generosity made these awards possible.

Gifts and Giving Opportunities

Exciting plans for the Crouse Hospital College of Nursing provide exciting giving opportunities for our alumni, their family and friends. Tax-deductible donations are being sought for a wide range of initiatives, and contributions of any magnitude have a meaningful impact on the programs that are offered to students, the training provided to faculty, and the building and equipment used for classes.

For more information on how to make a current gift or a donation through an estate plan, please contact Carrie Berse at the Crouse Health Foundation at (315) 470-7004 or CarrieBerse@crouse.org. All inquiries will be kept confidential and information provided with no obligation.

Tribute Evening

With invitations mailed out late last month, close to 700 tickets have already been sold for our Tribute Evening gala honoring the Physicians of Pediatric Cardiology Associates (Drs. Atallah, Byrum, Egan, Kveselis and Smith). This year's event will be held on Friday, September 19th at the Nicholas J. Pirro Convention Center at Oncenter. Entertainment will be provided by jazz artist (and Syracuse native) Nick Ziobro, accompanied by a 16-piece orchestra.

For more information or tickets, contact the Foundation at (315) 470-7702 or crousefoundation@crouse.org.

Carrie Berse, President
Crouse Health Foundation

Meet the New College of Nursing Director

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to introduce myself in your newsletter.

I graduated from St. Joseph's School of Nursing with my RN diploma in 1986. A group of classmates and I moved to Utica that summer to earn our bachelor's degree from SUNY College of Technology in 1988. I returned to St. Joseph's in 1989 after accepting a position in the operating room and enrolling in the master's degree program at Syracuse University. In between getting married and having children, I finally finished the master's degree. I stayed at St. Joseph's for 25 years in a variety of roles, most recently as the College's Associate Dean. In December, 2013, I graduated from The Sage Colleges in Albany with a doctorate in nursing education and leadership. My dissertation focus was student nurses' experiences of moral distress. I hope to continue that work in my spare time!

My husband, Jeff, is a golf professional at Cavalry Club. We have two sons: Bryan (19) is a sophomore at Le Moyne College and Kyle (16) is a junior at East Syracuse-Minoa High School. They are both avid golfers... I am not and somehow find plenty to do when the three of them are on the links!

I am thrilled to be the Director of Crouse Hospital College of Nursing. I have spent the past 15 years learning as much as I could about associate degree nursing education and feel well-prepared to help our faculty and staff to continue providing the highest quality to our students and alumni. I look forward to working closely with the alumni association.

Rhonda Reader, DNS, RN, CNE, Director

