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# Newsletter & May 2015

#### **Greetings from the President**

The Alumni board would like to encourage all graduates to join and support the Alumni. The scholarships we are able to fund with your alumni dues could make a difference in the lives of well deserving college of nursing students.

We are looking for new and innovative ways to raise scholarship funds. If you have any suggestions for fund raising events we would love to hear from you. All suggestions are welcome! Drop us a line at <a href="mailto:alumni@crouse.org">alumni@crouse.org</a>.

We hope you can find the time to contact your classmates and make a date to attend the spring luncheon. See you there!

Joan Warboy Greene, Class of 1957

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## **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 Registered Nurses like yourselves.

Don't forget, dues paying members 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 also very much appreciated.

The alumni office is open most Mondays. Call us at (315) 470-7214. You can also email us at <a href="mailto:Alumni@crouse.org">Alumni@crouse.org</a> with questions, comments or requests.

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



#### **Alumni News**

The Alumni Board of Directors would like to welcome three new members:

- Brynne Stockton, currently working in the Educational Services Department as the Educator for Obstetrics (Class of May 2012)
- Melissa DiNatale, a new College of Nursing Faculty member (Class of Dec 2006)
- Shannon Bouchard, Clinical Supervisor, Perinatal Services at Crouse Hospital (Class of Dec 2006)

As always, we would like to encourage all graduates of the Pomeroy College of Nursing at Crouse Hospital to join the Alumni, the dues sheet for 2015 is on our website (crouse.org/nursing/alumni) and was also included in the January 2015 newsletter.

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# Pay Your Alumni Dues On Line!

Anyone that wishes to pay their annual dues by credit card can now do so by going on line!

To pay dues on line go to the alumni web page at <a href="https://www.crouse.org/nursing/alumni">www.crouse.org/nursing/alumni</a>. Choose Alumni Membership in the left hand column.

This is a secure sight linked to the Crouse Health Foundation. Your dues will be acknowledged.

Don't forget!
You receive a 10% discount at the
Crouse Hospital Gift Shop by presenting
your membership card.

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## Regrets....

Name	Class	Deceased
Marjorie Hall Eaton	1950	2/6/2015
Barbara Isham Hanley	1950	3/3/2015
Robert Mensch	1989	2/8/2015
Florence Ezzo Pexton	1950	3/10/2015
Rita Coombs View	1941	3/19/2015

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

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# Alumni Member Donations – Spring 2015

	Class of	f In Memory of
Carolyn Sheldon Allen	1953	
Jeanette Frye Baker	1963	Gail Donaldson
Jean Tubbs Beers	1963	
Donna Duell Berrigan	1962	
Hille Libe Birdslow	1958	Gale Palen Nagen
Lois Walker Breckenridge	1949	
Mary Squadrito Clinton	1961	Gail Donaldson &
		Marge Slater
Bethyl Beaudette Dodge	1957	
Carol Nelson Duheme	1958	Jeanne Briggs Grimes
Joan Kennedy Durand	1957	
Susan Gewinner	1971	
Glenda Farney Gingrich	1948	
Joan Warboy Greene	1957	
Mary Fraser Heffernan	1951	
Suzanne Hoffman	1955	
Julie Meyers Johnson	1961	
Phyllis Graf Johnson	1954	
Patricia Bowes Jones	1961	
Lucy Nichols Martin	1961	Gail Donaldson
Barbara Cole Miller	1949	
Mary Crandall Nolander	1964	
Phyllis Ayers Nuffer	1958	
Josephine Farrell Oliva	1954	
Kathleen Sterzer Paolini	1966	
Ann Mullen Patch	1959	
Mary Faucher Prosper	1957	
Barbara Fessenden Smith	1965	Constance Barlow
Phyllis Smith Wright	1958	





#### Fall Luncheon

The Fall luncheon will be held at Borio's on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The class of 1965 will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at this luncheon.

Look for more information about the Fall Luncheon in the September newsletter.



# **Crouse Hospital News**

#### **Neuroscience Institute**

Research pushes clot-removal treatment forward as a new standard in treating strokes. Researchers have completed an international, randomized controlled trial showing that the clot-retrieval procedure, known as Endovascular Stroke Rescue Therapy (ESRT), can dramatically improve patient outcomes after an acute ischemic stroke.

Crouse Hospital endovascular neurosurgeon Eric M. Deshaies, MD, FAAHS, FACS, was a primary investigator in an international stroke rescue trial, using the stent retrieval devices for ESRT. The recent announcement affirms that the method is safe and effective in removing clots in the brain's largest blood vessels-the carotid, anterior and middle cerebral arteries, which are linked to the most serious disabilities after a stroke.

Dr. Deshaies was the second cardiovascular neurosurgeon in New York State to perform a blood clot retrieval procedure on a stroke patient when the device became available in 2013. "I knew immediately that this device would be a game-changer in the way we manage stroke patients. Now we have the data to prove this to be true" says Dr. Deshaies, one of only a few fellowshiptrained neurosurgeons in the country and the only one in New York State.

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### **News from the College of Nursing Dean**

Spring (they say it's really here!) is always a busy time for colleges. At the Pomeroy College of Nursing we're gearing up for Convocation and Graduation in May. Our students are excited, enjoying the attention they're receiving from prospective employers.

Crouse Hospital is experiencing rapid growth in patient care services and as a result is offering recruitment and retention incentives. Our graduates will receive a generous sign-on bonus and additional monetary reward for remaining at Crouse more than a three-year period. If you know any new or seasoned nurses seeking challenging and rewarding positions, please encourage them to visit the Crouse Hospital website at crouse.org/careers.

We are also dealing with rapid growth and change at the College. The new curriculum is being evaluated and revised, and our new Associate Dean for Curriculum, Anne Jacobs, is leading these efforts. Patty Morgan, member of the faculty since 2004, has been promoted to Associate Dean for Faculty. Patty will be responsible for faculty support, oversight of student issues and compliance with accreditation and regulatory agencies. And we welcome a new Financial Aid Officer, Kenneth Kendall. Kenneth came to us from neighboring Syracuse University and brings a wealth of experience and knowledge.

If you have an opportunity to visit the College, please stop in and say hello. You will see many new faces, but the mission of the College remains unchanged: We are dedicated to educating clinically competent, caring professionals who are prepared to respond to the rapidly changing healthcare environment.

Rhonda Reader Dean, College of Nursing

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### **New Financial Affairs Officer**

Kenny Kendall joins Crouse Hospital College of Nursing as the Financial Affairs Officer. Kenny received his BA from SUNY Oswego. He worked in Financial Aid at Syracuse University for three years prior to joining the College of Nursing in March.

Kenny will have regular reports in our newsletters for all members of the alumni.

Welcome to the team, Kenny!

### **College of Nursing News**

#### **Graduate Convocation Ceremony**

The Convocation and Pinning event for the May 2015 graduating class will be held at the Holiday Inn on Electronics Parkway on Wednesday, May 20. There will be 73 graduates completing the program this spring.



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#### **Graduation Commencement Ceremony**

Graduation will be held on *Thursday, May 21, 2015* at 2:00 pm at Hendricks Chapel on the SU campus.

The commencement speaker will be William Pomeroy CEO of CXTec and TERAI, two multi-million dollar technology companies based in Syracuse, NY.

Mr. Pomeroy established the William G. Pomeroy Foundation and is the major donor for whom the College of Nursing has been renamed to The Bill and Sandra Pomeroy College of Nursing at Crouse Hospital.



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## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Global Health Initiative

Students are making plans to participate in the 4th annual Global Health Initiative in Guatemala from May 26-June 5. Students and faculty are working together to raise funds to support this endeavor. They danced the night away at Latin Dance Night in March. They will be hosting a Cultural Unity Night on Saturday, May 9 at the Marley Education Center. There will be ethnic dishes, Irish dancing, bag pipers, belly dancing, henna painting and various cultural activities for the entire family. Also featured were multiple gift basket raffles, a 50-50 raffle and a silent auction.

Alumni are always welcome to attend any of the events and or donate to this wonderful, worthwhile learning experience.



## **Crouse Health Foundation News**

#### **Endowment Fund/Scholarships Update**

The Crouse Health Foundation's Endowment Fund was started through a \$5 million fund-raising campaign in 1983. The principal of the fund is never touched; investment income only is used to purchase equipment and fund programs and services at Crouse Hospital.

In 1988, the Foundation made its first disbursement of investment income back to Crouse Hospital. Today, the market value of the Endowment Fund is more than \$24 million, net of the more than \$20 million in investment income that has been given back to the Hospital since disbursements started 27 years ago.

In 1999, the Crouse Hospital Nurses Alumni started a named, endowed fund within the Endowment Fund to furnish scholarships for qualified students in the Pomeroy College of Nursing at Crouse Hospital. Started through donations totaling \$25,000, the market value of the Crouse Hospital Nurses Alumni Fund (net of all scholarships awarded) now stands at \$111,613 (as of December 31, 2014)

The Crouse Health Foundation's 2015 Endowment Allocation Committee met on April 2<sup>nd</sup> to distribute a record allocation of \$1,050,000 to high-priority needs at Crouse Hospital. Our thanks go to President Joan Greene for representing the Crouse Hospital Nurses Alumni at the meeting. Fifty-one grants were made that afternoon, and a complete list of the awards can be found at www.crouse.org/foundation. Fifty-four scholarships for students in the Pomeroy College of Nursing were part of one grant, with eleven of those scholarships funded through investment income generated by the Crouse Hospital Nurses Alumni Fund. That brings the total number of endowed scholarships funded by the Alumni Association to 83 since the fund started disbursing investment income back in 2000. These endowed scholarships are in addition to the eight annual scholarships (six general and two Elsie Hillen scholarships) funded by Crouse Hospital Nurses Alumni, for a total of 19 scholarships for the 2015-2016 academic year. Recipients of these awards will be selected in July, with at least one going to a current LPN who is working on becoming an RN.

Thank you all for your continued support of the Pomeroy College of Nursing at Crouse Hospital and the Crouse Hospital Nurses Alumni Fund!

For more information on supporting the College through an outright or estate gift, please contact Carrie Berse at the Crouse Health Foundation at (315) 470-7004 or CarrieBerse@Crouse.org. All information is provided with no obligation and held in strictest confidence.

### **Crouse Classic Golf Tournament**

Our annual Crouse Classic Golf Tournament is scheduled this year for Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at Bellevue Country Club in Syracuse. Proceeds will be used to purchase equipment for the Kienzle Family Maternity Center and the Baker Regional Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Crouse Hospital. If you are interested in golfing, or if you or someone you know would like to make a donation of \$500 to sponsor a hole or tee, please contact the Foundation Office as soon as possible at (315) 470-7702 or visit crouse.org/foundation.

#### **Tribute Evening 2015**

We are pleased to announce that Crouse's long-time Director of Echocardiography, Dr. Anis I. Obeid, will be our honoree for Tribute Evening 2015. The gala will be held on Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at the Pirro Convention Center at Oncenter, and the theme will be "The Rhythm of Love", a celebration of Dr. Obeid's many contributions to medicine, teaching, the arts and interfaith relations. Entertainment will be provided by The Time Machine Band out of the NY metropolitan area. For more information, please contact the Foundation Office or visit our website.

### "Take Me To Vegas" and Support Crouse Hospital

Join Crouse colleagues and community supporters on Friday, May 1 from 6 to 10 p.m. at Drumlins Country Club for the Crouse Hospital Auxiliary's "Take Me to Vegas" fundraiser. Enjoy gaming tables, fabulous prizes, live entertainment, a silent auction and international food stations, all while supporting the work of Crouse Hospital. This year's event will feature the opportunity to roll the dice to win a car donated by Lowery Brothers Dealerships. Proceeds will benefit the Auxiliary's \$100,000 pledge to the new Pomeroy Patient Patio at Crouse Hospital. Tickets are \$75 per person or \$125 per couple. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Auxiliary Board Member Connie Bull at (315) 288-5294 or bullconstance@gmail.com

#### Carrie Berse, President, Crouse Health Foundation

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

f 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.