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*Newsletter* ~ ~ *January 2015*

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### **Greetings from the President**

Welcome to new alumni members (Class of 2014) and all our faithful alumni of past years. 2015 has brought some exciting changes to our Alma Mater. The college has been renamed in honor of Bill and Sandra Pomeroy. Information on the college has been supplied in the newsletter by Carrie Berse (Foundation President) and Rhonda Reader (Director of the College of Nursing). I am sure you will find it very informative.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at the spring luncheon in June.

Joan Warboy Greene, Class of 1957



### **Spring Luncheon June 6, 2015 Drumlins**

Mark your calendars! The fall luncheon will be held at Drumlins Country Club. Pascale's catering is now responsible for catering at Drumlins. The room we will be using is on the second floor above the new Pascale's Restaurant. An elevator is available.

More information and details will be included in the spring newsletter. Class anniversary tables will be available. Elections will take place for Board of Director positions for the Nurses Alumni Association.

### **Fall 2015 Luncheon**

The fall luncheon will be held on Saturday, October 3, 2015 at Borio's on Oneida Lake. The class of 1965 will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### **Alumni Board Members Wanted**

Any dues paying members of the Alumni interested in joining the alumni board should send a letter of interest to the Alumni Association at one of the following addresses. By email to [alumni@crouse.org](mailto:alumni@crouse.org) or by snail mail to:

Crouse Hospital Nurses Alumni  
736 Irving Ave., Syracuse, NY 13210

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### **College of Nursing Events**

#### **August Graduates**

The college graduated eight students in August 2014. A pinning ceremony was held on August 18, 2014. There was a small reception immediately following the ceremony.

#### **December Grads**

The college graduated 32 future nurses in December. The Convocation reception and pinning ceremony was held on December 15, 2014. The alumni presented three graduates with a gift card for Bayberry Uniform Shops. The three lucky winners were: Chrinstina Maher, Michael Maglente and Maureen Larkin. The graduates will participate in the Commencement ceremony in May 2015.

#### **Honors Tea and Scholarship Reception**

This year's reception was held October 27, 2014. This reception honors the academic excellence of the students and acknowledges scholarship donors supporting nursing students. There were 32 High Honors (3.8-4.0 GPA) and 60 Honors (3.5-3.79 GPA) students. Members of the Alumni board represented the alumni members that contributed to the scholarship fund.

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## **The William G. Pomeroy Foundation Contributes Naming Gift to Crouse Health Foundation to Benefit Crouse Hospital College of Nursing**

Crouse Hospital's College of Nursing was officially re-named during a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Wednesday, January 21, 2015, thanks to the generosity of The William G. Pomeroy Foundation, based in North Syracuse, NY. The celebration was made possible through a significant gift from The Pomeroy Foundation in November 2014, monies that are now being used to enhance the school's curriculum, make capital improvements to classrooms and ancillary spaces, as well as rename the school the **Bill and Sandra Pomeroy College of Nursing at Crouse Hospital**.

The Pomeroy Foundation gift also established the Bill and Sandra Pomeroy College of Nursing Endowment Fund, a permanent source of monies that will support equipment purchases, student activities and faculty development for perpetuity.

"Today we celebrate a new name — and a new era — for the future of nursing education at Crouse," announced College Director Rhonda Reader, DNS, RN, CNE, during the morning ceremony in the Marley Education Center, where the college is housed. "This naming gift will help support the mission of the college by allowing for additional resources and support for student success and faculty development, as well as to remain current with trends in healthcare, nursing, nursing education and building improvements. Today, the opportunities for nursing graduates are endless, but with these increased opportunities come an increased need for highly skilled, competent, caring nursing professionals. The Pomeroy Foundation's donation will also allow for additional resources and support for student success; education; and information technology and facility upgrades driven by the dynamics of the healthcare industry. A truly transformative gift."

Kimberly Boynton, President and CEO of Crouse Hospital, and a Vice Chair of the Crouse Health Foundation, spoke on behalf of Crouse Leadership. "I'm so honored to be a part of today's milestone in Crouse history- both for the hospital and the college. For more than a century, Crouse Hospital's nursing education program has been recognized for its excellence and innovation. Well educated, professional nurses play a critical role in the delivery of medical care. Our exceptional nursing team carries our mission of providing the best patient care using first-rate clinical skills and extending empathy that positively impact outcomes and the healing process."

On behalf of the entire Crouse organization, I'd like to extend our sincere appreciation to the William G Pomeroy Foundation and Bill, Sandra and Foundation Executive, Paula Miller, for this latest gift. By associating your names with the College and establishing the Bill and Sandra Pomeroy College of Nursing Endowment Fund, please know that this contribution will have a profound impact on nursing education today, tomorrow and forever."

The next speaker was Laura Lust, a Crouse alumna, class of 2009, who followed her passion — nursing - and chose the specialized area of oncology. She practices on 4 South Irving, a unit and team near and dear to the Pomeroy's hearts.

"As a graduate of Crouse Hospital's College of Nursing, it's really wonderful to be working at Crouse. Our Instructors guided us through this incredible journey, not just to learn the ins and outs of the job but to find out who we are because that's really what nursing is. It was during clinical time that I was able to find my true calling, oncology nursing. I've been working on 4 South Irving, Crouse's oncology unit, for almost 6 years. It has truly changed my life. 4 South is my family and so are our patients. "

"I'd like to ask Bill Pomeroy to say a few words. Bill is a Trustee of The William G. Pomeroy Foundation, the Founder and CEO of CXtec and TERACAI, and a great friend of the Crouse organization."

"Thank you for sharing in this celebration, and a special thank you to Carrie Berse and the staff of the Crouse Health Foundation for all you do on behalf of Crouse Hospital."

"My life changing event was my leukemia diagnosis in 2004. That brought me close to Crouse, and since then we have supported Crouse Hospital and the Foundation in various ways. Being able to help improve the places, people and causes that have had an influence on my life is a very profound experience. Crouse holds a very special place in our hearts as Crouse helped save my life. The decision to support the College of Nursing was a personal one for Sandra and me. Our leukemia journey began at Crouse Hospital on 4 South, the Crouse Oncology Unit, where I spent 88 days enduring three rounds of chemotherapy."

Sandra and I never felt alone in our journey. Daily we interacted with a wonderful group of people. They were competent, caring, fun and managed us through some very tough times. They are the nurses and staff of 4 South, and I am a living testament of their exceptional care. Not so fun times were setbacks such

as episodes of severe rigors that I thought I couldn't survive, only to feel saved by my nurses. I had such confidence in the way they cared for me."

"Thank you for what you do every day to care for cancer patients and their families. There will be patients like me at Crouse Hospital in the future. It is important to me that they have the same quality nursing care I received. We are confident that the dynamic training you receive at the Bill and Sandra Pomeroy College of Nursing at Crouse Hospital will prepare you to be caring, competent, professional nurses. We hope this naming gift is a testament to how strongly we feel about Crouse Hospital, the enriching experience it provides its nursing students, the compassionate care they give to patients, and our desire to see the Pomeroy College of Nursing School continue to thrive today, tomorrow and forever."

To learn more about Bill and Sandra Pomeroy, this historic event and the comments made during the program, or to watch a video of the January 21<sup>st</sup> ceremony, simply go online and visit <http://www.crouse.org/pomeroy>.



Bill Pomeroy

**Carrie Berse, President  
Crouse Health Foundation**



*Pictured (left to right) cutting the ribbon for the Pomeroy College of Nursing at Crouse Hospital are: Crouse Nurse and College Alumna (Class of 2009) Laura Lust; Crouse Hospital President & CEO Kimberly Boynton; Pomeroy Foundation Executive Director Paula Miller; Benefactors Bill and Sandra Pomeroy; College of Nursing Director Rhonda Reader; and Crouse Health Foundation President Carrie Berse.*





### 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 [www.crouse.org/nursing/alumni](http://www.crouse.org/nursing/alumni). 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
Constance Barlow	1960	1/12/15
Heather Bookman	2000	11/8/14
Dr. Marcia Allene Dake	1944	7/24/14
Deborah Dinehart	1993	11/15/14
Gail Donaldson	1961	10/31/14
Christine Dobrovosky Manwaring	1946	11/5/14
Jean Hewitt Wallace	1951	8/29/14
Bernice Ferdyn Wasilewski	1940	1/19/15
Marion Ferrer Wright	1948	10/16/14

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.

### Alumni Member Donations – Fall 2014

	Class of
Alexandra Follmer Battelini	1961
Jean Savage Bloom	1946
Joanne Patrick Bowlin	1961
Linda Grunder Burnett	1961
Carole Mosher Cheney	1958
Mary Squadrito Clinton	1961
Lois Meer Cole	1955
Julie Meyers Johnson	1961
Velma Harris Kirsch	1955
Mary Knapp	1956
Jean DeMartino Mastrangelo	1953
Clotilda Barnes McCormick	1961
Linda Lever Moffett	1961
Deanna Wilkinson Moyes	1958
Lois Dickson Palen	1961
Doris Pofahl Paul	1961
Marlea Grant Peate	1953
Jean Eaker Young	1961

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### 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](mailto:carrieberse@crouse.org).

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