April, 2003

Dear Members,

As we welcome Spring, we the AAI Board members hope that all of you have faired well with this "unpredictable" winter we have experienced! It is now time to plan for our annual Spring Banquet which will be held at Rose's Restaurant, 595 Main St., Stratford, next to Sikorsky Airport- parking in the rear. The date is Tuesday, April 8, 2003, at 6 P.M., dinner @ 6:30 P.M. Dinner choices are: Chicken Marsala, Center cut Pork Roast, or Sole Francese. Appetizers, Pasta, Salad, Coffee, Tea, Dessert, Tax and Tip are included. The BHSN AAI will be able to cover ½ the cost this one time to our members. Therefore the cost per dinner will be \$12.50 per person. We would like to see as many members as possible attend this informative meeting/banquet especially after our cold, snowy winter season that is hopefully almost over!

Please send meal choices and \$12.50 payment made out to BHSN AAI: to Cathy Nucera, VP, 153 Governor Trumbull Way, Trumbull, Ct 06611, by 4/4/03.

The Speaker for the evening will be Barbara Sager, M.D. (Hormone Replacement Therapy). This will be a very informative talk by a local Gynecologist concerning what is available now and possibly in the future. Bring your questions/concerns.

Meet the new Senior V.P. of Patient Care Operations at Bridgeport Hospital, Tara Cortez,RN, PhD. We will also have an update on the School of Nursing news by Carol DeBlois, Director.

The BHSN had given us a wish list of items that are needed for the Nursing Students. AAI has donated a gift of \$800.00 towards the purchase of a new Deluxe Texas Doll mannequin to enhance the students' education.

Congrats to Alumnae members, Caren Silhavey and Susan Beardsworth, who are both being recognized in March by the American Red Cross with their Medical Award of South Eastern Fairfield County: "Hero Award", for successfully resuscitating a woman while attending the same Lenten service at church in Stratford, Ct. This was a team effort on behalf of both Caren and Susan until the Stratford EMS and Firefighter first responders arrived. What a wonderful acknowledgement for the both of them!!!! Congratulations from all the Alumnae!!!

There have been several passings of our AA1members:Paula Simko Burritt, cl'77 - 11/02, Carol Donahue,cl'55-1/02, and Harriett Gillen,cl'29-6/02. They will be sadly missed!

Continuing Education Scholarships are being awarded- Karen Nefores is one of the recipients. If anyone wishes to apply for a scholarship, you can check our web site @ www.BHSNAA1.org and down load the info or contact Caren Silhavey @ wk 203-384-3963,or @H- 203-375-4553 .

AA1 is helping to defray the \$90.00 each for 4 BHN students to attend the 51st Annual NSNA Convention in Phoenix, Az, April 23-27 at the Phoenix Civic Plaza. Attending are NSNA Officers: Adrienne Powell, Celeste Wright, Dawn Beardsley, and NSNA member, Lillie Toni. They will be taking turns entering the forum as delegates.

One of our Alumnae members joins the BHSN faculty this year, Charlotte Boemmels. Congratulations Charlotte and the Best of Luck with your new career!!!

The NSNA Chapter of Student Nurses at BHSN are holding their 4th Annual Alumna Tea at the School of Nursing Lounge and all Alumnae members are invited, on Thursday, April 17th, @ 4 P.M. to 6 P.M.

A Senior Nursing Luncheon will be held on Thursday, April 24th @ 12:30P.M. @ the BHSN. Any Alumnae member is welcome to attend and meet the graduating class or to help out with the luncheon- just give Mary a call- 203-378-9783.

Graduation for the BHSN will be Thursday, May 8th, @ 6 P.M. @ the First Presbyterian Church, in Fairfield.

Our AAI web page is up and running with info about AAI & AA2 scholarships, bylaws, and the newsletter. If anyone wishes to add info for members to receive, please contact Debi @ DebPTreas@Juno.com, or 203-924-9175. We will send out the Spring Newsletters to all those members that sent me their E-mail address. Hopefully this will help defray some of the mounting mailing costs.

Thirteen New Life Members of 2003 with 50 years of continuous, uninterrupted dues payments are: Lucy Basala,cl'51; ElaineByron,cl'52;

Evelyn Dwyer,cl'52; Mabel French,cl'39; RoseMary Gaffney,cl'48; Marie Hackett,cl'48;

Margaret Haggar, cl'51; Rita Masanotti, cl'52; Audrey McCauley, cl'52; Joyce Shea, cl'49; Beverly Tamas, cl'52; Jean Vince, cl'52; and Joan Ann Williams, cl'51.

Congratulations and Best Wishes for at least another 50 years of good health and AA1 membership!!!

Attention class of 1968, Mary Ellen Calchera is looking for fellow classmates to keep in touch. You can E-mail her at dcalchera @easteonn.org or contact Debi, Treasurer.

We are still thinking of ways to celebrate our "100th" Alumnae Anniversary. If anyone has any ideas, please contact one of the board members. Also, if anyone has any old pictures of BHSN or the former classes, old medical items, or anything of interest that we could display at our Anniversary Party, please contact one of the board members so that we may possibly make a copy.

Please include payment of \$12.50 check made out to BHSNAAI and send by 4/4/03 to:
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