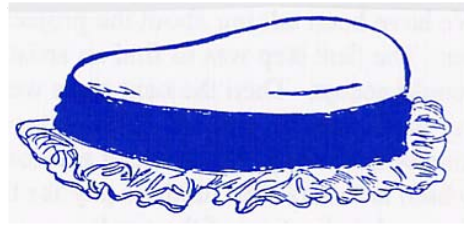


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A Note from the President

It is with privilege and pleasure that I assume the role of President of the Massachusetts General Hospital Nurses' Alumnae Association (MGHNAA). I am thrilled with the opportunity to serve you.

First, on your behalf, I would like to thank Jeanne Eskander for her dedicated leadership the past two years and welcome her as a member of the Board of Directors. Also, a special thanks to the Board of Directors who volunteer countless hours serving the membership and to meet the mission of the association. A warm welcome to new Board members as well.

Second, on behalf of the 2008 - 2009 Board of Directors, we will explore opportunities:

- To provide additional scholarship support for the accelerated RN MGHIHP program.
- To provide support for the MGH Museum Project.
- To provide further support to the MGH Department of Nursing.
- To increase the active membership of MGHNAA.
- To provide assistance for needs and services of alumnae.
- To increase contributions to the Annual Fund Drive.
- To encourage a class representative to contribute to Alumnae publications.
- To Plan for 2009 MGHNAA Homecoming.

Third, to update you, currently the MGHNAA has nearly 1,500 inactive members and nearly 1,000 active members. We would like all members to be active! I strongly encourage each graduate to join the MGHNAA as an active member by contributing \$30, your annual dues. This is a bargain! You will receive the MGHNAA publication, *The Record*, that provides bountiful information about our graduates, class news, the MGHIHP, the MGH Department of Nursing, activities of the MGHNAA, scholarship awards, charitable activities, plans for annual Homecoming, and other interests of our MGH graduates. Your generosity will help provide the Board of Directors the operational funds to continue to support the publications, the infrastructure and to keep you informed. We hope you will find the complimentary copy of the fall 2008 issue of *Beyond the Cap*, sent to each MGH School of Nursing graduate, informative.

Please feel free to contact me through the Alumnae Office if I can be of assistance in any way.

To our graduates that joined us at the September 2008 Homecoming, we hope you enjoyed the day. Our thanks to the Board who made the weekend possible.

With warmest regards, Barbara Dunderdale

A Note from the Past President

This year marked the end of my second term as NAA President and as I reflect on those two years it is with happy memories. All the Board members have been wonderful to work with and very dedicated to maintaining and improving the activities of the organization. The NAA relationships with the Department of Nursing and the MGH IHP continue to grow and strengthen. The Homecomings over the years just seem to become better and better and it is heart warming to see so many MGH SON graduates enjoying their time together. My only wish for the future of the organization is to have more involvement in the NAA by graduates who have not volunteered in the past! Think about working with us to keep the NAA functioning for the years to come.

Sincerely,
Jeanne (Cona) Eskander 1969

Visit us on the Web at: MGHSONAlumnae.org

Email us at: MGHnursealumnae@Partners.org

Send news to the NAA either by email or to P O Box 6234 Boston MA 02114

Seeking Volunteers for the Archives

Do you have an interest in history? Do you enjoy looking back on what were probably some of your most challenging experiences as a young nursing student? Are you willing to devote a few hours a month poring over historical photos and documents? The MGH School of Nursing Archives needs your assistance with the preserving and cataloging of this important resource.

Alumnae who are interested in finding out more about the opportunities to work in the archives are encouraged to contact Hannah Potter by email at hpotter@mghihp.edu (781) 862-4765.

Oral History Project

The Oral History Project is on going and we are fortunate to have some of the students at the IHP willing to interview graduates as part of the History of Nursing course. At this time we still have far more people interested in being interviewed than we have willing to do the interviews. If you are willing to volunteer a few hours to do an oral history interview please contact Sue Fisher or Linda Lass Orrell for more information at the Alumnae Office number or email address.

The group wishes to thank Karen Wolf for her dedication to this work as a faculty member at the IHP. She has moved to California but will continue to be our resident expert on the project.

Homecoming 2008

This was another great Homecoming. One hundred fourteen graduates and guests were at the Radisson Hotel in Boston on Saturday September 27, 2008 to celebrate. The Business Meeting of the Association was conducted. All of the reports will be published in the Record in 2009.

After the Business Meeting there was a program including a panel of four students. All members of the new fourteen month BSN program at the MGH IHP. Pat Dynster, Assistant Professor in the graduate program in Nursing at the IHP lead the discussion. The students discussion was wonderful and those in the audience felt that they came away with a very strong connection to the IHP nursing programs.

Hors D'oeuvres and cocktails were provided by the MGH IHP prior to the annual luncheon. Many thanks to the IHP for this very generous donation to the Alumnae. Hannah Potter, Archivist at the IHP displayed a number of pictures and yearbooks of past classes of the School of Nursing and the Association had gift items for sale.

At the luncheon, Janis Bellack, President of the MGH IHP, spoke about the nursing program and the new Accelerated BSN tract as well as the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program. For more information on these programs or others at the IHP contact the IHP at 36 First Avenue Boston MA 02129-4557, (617) 726 2947. Christopher Hartley, Director of the Office of External Relations that the IHP, was recognized for all that he has done to assist the NAA over the years.

Anniversary Years in attendance:

- 1938 celebrating 70 years (2 members attended)
- 1948 celebrating 60 years (5 members attended)
- 1953 celebrating 55 years (1 member attended)
- 1958 celebrating 50 years (33 members attended)
- 1963 celebrating 45 years (22 members attended)
- 1968 celebrating 40 years (4 members attended)
- 1973 celebrating 35 years (14 members attended)
- 1978 celebrating 30 years (2 members attended)

MGH Museum

The Massachusetts General Hospital Museum is an extraordinary project slated to open in 2011 as a part of the hospital's bicentennial celebration. The museum will serve to capture future hallmarks in medicine and reflect on the rich, proud history of this world-class academic medical center. The museum will be located at the corner of North Grove and Cambridge Streets and include the Resident's Physician House (b.1891).

Displays are planned for viewing by patients and families, scholars, students, and the public at large. Interactive, multimedia exhibits, guided tours, gallery talks, special programming, are among the many displays planned in this multifunctional facility. The MGH School of Nursing is an integral part of the noble history of the MGH, medicine, and of nursing – regionally, nationally and internationally. The MGHNAA will endeavor to support this effort with a generous contribution to preserve our illustrious contributions to the care of patients at MGH and world-wide.

I would encourage our graduates and their families to contribute important artifacts that may help to preserve our heritage as a lasting tribute. Please call, write, or e-mail the MGHNAA and we will be pleased to accept your gifts, archive them, and distribute.

Student Paper Award Winner

I Will Be Your Nurse

I will be your nurse.
I will be one of many,
But I will still be yours.
When I am with you, I am with you,
And when I am away, you are not forgotten.
As charts and monitors abound with numbers,
I will never treat you like one.
Our goals will be one and the same.
Thus you and I are a team.
And although it is I who cares for you,
We are equals, and I will treat you as such.
Your pain is my pain,
And your needs are my needs.

I will be your nurse.
I will be your second voice,
As you speak to me, you will speak through me.
That, which you cannot reach,
I will reach, until you can.
That, which you cannot clean,
I will clean, until you can.
And while today it may be the strength of my arms,
that lifts you from your bed,
In the end, it will be the strength of my mind,
the strength of my heart, and the strength of my soul,
that has allowed you to lift yourself.

Jeffrey Silvia
MGH IHP Nursing Student

A wonderful poem that speaks to all of us as well as showing the scope of the students at the IHP.

Lost and Found

An MGH School Pin has been found in the Raleigh NC area. The number on the back suggests it might be class of 1960-1961. If it is yours, contact Marlene at the Alumnae Office.

Alumnae Record

The **Record** has a new editor, please welcome Sue Fisher who will be starting with the next issue. Sue has volunteered to work on the publication as primary editor with the help of Donna Hovey who will continue to compile all of the Class News that is submitted.

Deadline for submission of material for this edition is December 12, 2008. Materials submitted after that date will be saved for the next edition in 2009. Class News should be directly emailed to Donna Hovey at: DHovey1@Maine.RR.com

New Acquisition for Alumnae Archives

Many of us read and may have been influenced by the Sue Barton nurse series before entering into nursing school. You may not remember that the series was written by an MGH graduate Helen Dore Boylston, class of 1917. Recently re-published we have purchased the seven books for our alumnae archives in the office. Another good reason to visit the office during Homecoming. The books are available for purchase online : www.ImageCascade.com and Amazon.

Honorary Membership Awarded

The Board of the Alumnae Association voted to bestow Honorary Membership to Karen Wolf. This is only the third Honorary Membership awarded by the Association.

Karen, who started her nursing career at the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, has many times seemed more a graduate of the MGH because of all of the work that she has done for the Alumnae Association.

Karen was the author of the book, **The Next Twenty-five Years**, that was published at the schools 125th Celebration. She also worked with the committee to start the process of doing video interviews with key people in both the School of Nursing and the development of the Institute of Health Professions for the 125th. This initial project led to her involvement in the current Oral History Project. She worked to get IRB approval from the hospital for human research and worked with the committee to maintain both active written history from graduates but also to get the oral history material digitalized. Even from her new faculty position in California she will continue to work with the project.

Dues 2009

Fall is here again and as we look toward 2009, it is time to renew your commitment to the Alumnae Association. Membership gives you the edition of the **Record**, reduced rates for continuing education programs, eligibility for loans and scholarships and other discounts on MGHNAA materials. It is also a way to support your association and communicate with your classmates and other graduates of the school. The association needs your support in the form of dues to have an operating budget to pay for all of these things. Fill in the form below and send it in today with your check for US\$ 30.00 to cover dues and if you have not responded to the fund drive send in any additional donation to the Annual Fund Drive.

Because of the cost in time and money, please send in the form and dues today to eliminate the need for second notices. Thank you for your consideration. Due to the cost of forwarding mail, if you have two addresses please give us your permanent address for all mailings. Our system does not allow us to automatically switch from winter to summer address for members. You might also look into the post office new forwarding system for a flat fee they will send all mail to you monthly. That would be a sure way to not missing any of the mailings. The Record will be sent in January or February so that is a good address for us to have on file.

Together we have a powerful voice – let’s work together to keep the association working for all.

Please cut off and return this form with your check for \$30:

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P. O. Box 6234 Boston MA 02114

Make check payable to MGHNAA

Membership dues for Jan.1 – Dec 31, 2009

Name (include name at graduation): _____

Permanent Mailing Address:

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Email address: _____ Graduating Class: _____

Please add my tax deductible contribution of \$ _____ for the Annual Fund Drive

PRICE LIST GIFT ITEMS 2008-2009

Exciting new items marked with an asterisk have been added. Most items are able to be viewed on our web site www.mghsonalumnae.org

UMBRELLA \$15.00

TILE \$15.00

MUG (glass) \$10.00

*MUG (blue ceramic) \$10.00

NOTE CARDS & Envelopes:

Nurse silhouette 10 for \$10.00

Sundial (black and white) 6 for \$10.00

(full color) \$2.50 each or 3 for \$5.00

* MGH school Pin 5x4 block of paper (50 sheets) \$5.00

TOTE BAG (Sundial) \$20.00

SUNCATCHER (blue or amber) Specify color \$15.00

*SCARF 20X20 cream and gold with caps \$30.00

BOOKS

Centennial Review \$10.00

The Next Twenty-five Years \$15.00

An Alumnae Tribute \$15.00

All three for just \$30.00

If ordering by mail, phone or email allow 3 weeks for delivery and include \$10 to cover postage. If you are ordering more than three items please contact the office for shipping costs.

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