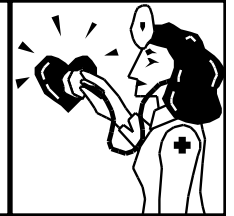


The Pulse

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California Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association
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President's Message

This is the year to celebrate the Class of 1961, my Little Sister Class. It was an honor for the Class of 1960 to be a mentor to this special Class. This graduating class was one of the largest, and many of those alumni are coming to celebrate their fifty years! Veronica "Roni" (Little) Bloomfield is a member of a core class group that have committed themselves to encourage their classmates to attend this year's Homecoming. They have written bios, had several meetings to plan all their weekend activities: visit, a hospital tour, visiting time and more. This Class is in the process of making a DVD of their class memories, including class members' interviews.



This 2011 Homecoming will also be honoring our California Hospital School of Nursing Faculty. Carolyn Nelson and Margaret Souza have informed the Board that Joy Manor will be attending (from Chicago!). Won't you come, meet and greet all the faculty members that plan to attend? We've also sent invitations to several of our California Hospital doctors, including Dr. Arnold Kalan, Dr. Erwin Kaye, and Dr. Kenneth Senter (now living in Maine). And there's more: we have a CEU presentation by Cynthia Broze, author of "Nurses of Los Angeles Uncapping the Mystery". "The City Kitchen" will be catering our luncheon again.

I have two areas of interest in the hospital environment to introduce. The first is a "lost" painting that was found in a hospital storage area, that is now being displayed in the hallway on the way to the hospital's chapel. Many years ago, a section of the art work had been cut out to accommodate an air vent which left permanent damage. The chaplain, Brother Louis Magdaleno, obtained an engraved plaque with a Biblical

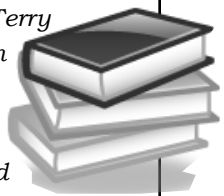
verse (Matthew 11:28) to cover the hole and now you can see the beautiful painting by the chapel. The second interesting event occurred when Barbara Jury attended the rededication of the Keith P. Russell, M.D. Women's Health Center at California Hospital Medical Center and celebration of the Labor & Delivery Department. Dr. Russell's daughter expressed an interest in attending our Homecoming; we hope she will be able to attend and share her memories of her father and his work.

As always the planning for the Homecoming provides a lot of joy with the work, and the California Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Board hereby invites you to come and celebrate a special day with the Class of 1961, the School of Nursing Faculty and all our important guests!

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The first edition of "Caring, Making a Difference One Story at a Time", was collected and compiled by Terry L. Beam and Joyce A. Johnson, with Editor Karen B. Casady is sold out. The second edition can be obtained from Amazon.com. Search: "Caring,

making", and it will pop up. Price is \$9.95 and shipping is free if your total order is ≥ \$25. Another new book is just out, "Nurses of Los Angeles: Uncapping the Mystery" written by Cynthia Broze, NP, MSN. This book details the history of nurses in Los Angeles from 1856 to the present. It contains more than 400 historical images and included is the history of California Hospital. On page 248 is an article about Barbara Jury and on page 249 is an article about Joyce Jacob. It is an excellent book about nurses in Los Angeles. The book is available at www.nursesoflosangeles.com.



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Tell Us About You....

Your commentary on life, etc....



“On a beautiful October (2010) weekend, a group of ladies from the CHSN Class of 1984 gathered in the Napa Valley home of Dr. and Mrs Losey, aptly named “Meg’s Vineyard”. At Homecoming 2009, when the Class of ‘84 was honored, we all gathered after for more conversation, laughs, and tears. We agreed at that time that we would like to give the Class of ‘60 a run for their money and have gatherings during the year between the annual Homecomings. It was decided by all that our first ‘reunion’ would be in Napa, at Meg and Bob’s house. We arrived from different parts of the state, with Kathi Myers traveling from her home in Hawaii. Amongst the attendees for the weekend were: Gail Newland, Hilary (Reid) McGloin, Meg (Rose) Losey, Mary (Zuliani) LoPresti, Val (Pierce) Ranson, and Patti (Prettyman) Healy. We began arriving in Napa on Friday afternoon., with everyone meeting at Meg’s for catching up, some wine, and then a very lovely Napa-style dinner, arranged by Hilary. We stayed up late Friday night, sharing stories, many laughs, and many memories. Saturday morning we started with breakfast at the Losey’s, then were off for a day of wine tasting. Wine tasting started at 10:00 am with private tours and tastings at four different wineries! We took a lunch break back at Meg’s, and then walked to Meg’ neighbor’s private vineyard. We finished the day by driving to the Artessa Winery which sits on a hill overlooking the Napa Valley, with views of the surrounding areas. It was breathtakingly beautiful! We left with many bottles of very fine wine, which we just happened to get a discount on, thanks to Meg. Saturday evening ended with a lovely dinner made by Meg’s friend Dolly, and was served at Meg’s lovely home. Bob (Losey) was gracious enough to give up his household to a bunch of crazy women, however he did join in the fun with some wonderful and very insightful stories of California Hospital days. Sunday came too quickly, with a brunch at the Boon Fly Café, all of us lingering and not wanting to



leave. With hugs, tears, and goodbyes, we were all off to our various destinations, with the promise of seeing each other in April, and planning our next get together.”

Submitted 2/5/2001 via email

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VOLUNTEERS WANTED: The California Hospital Auxiliary Foundation is looking for volunteers to help at California Hospital: rewarding experiences, flexible hours and days! Contact Auxiliary President Barbara Jefferson on her cell (323) 401-4832.

Did you know? At present, there are 300,000 actively licensed practitioners in California which is the largest healthcare profession in the state. The number of practicing California nurses nearly doubled between 1980 and 2008, but California remains near the bottom of all states in the number of RNs per capita. Non-white nurses now comprise 40 percent of the total workforce and many of the non-white nurses are foreign-trained from the Philippines. RN salaries grew 19 percent from 2001 to 2009, with San Francisco at the \$91,104 and in Los Angeles the average is \$76,913. The age of the average nurse is increasing and now is at 47 years of age. Most nurses, over 50 percent work in acute care settings. Job satisfaction is increasing

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and relates directly to interaction with patients. What is least pleasing: Paperwork! *Reprinted from Working Nurse Magazine, January 17, 2011*

I want to encourage all alums to write in (email or snail mail) to let us all know what's going on with you, your opinions, your life experiences since nursing school, etc. Be sure to include a title (CHSN article?) in any emails sent as we need to verify who this came from/what its about. Remember: this column's life/info depends on you! — The Editor.

Business Meeting Reports:



Treasurer's Report (Lucinda Westhafer, Treasurer):

Investment account total \$255,374.66. Checking account total \$14,259.34. Expenses approved = \$1200 for Curt Gustafsson for video/prep costs for the 2011 Homecoming.

NurseMADE (Grace Mizuno/Claudia Stiver reporting):

Good response in donations from alumni, with continued needs in NICU and Pediatrics. **We're still looking for donations of any clothing (assorted sizes) to supply the ER patient needs. Please bring your donations to Homecoming 2011! And of course, any coverlets/quilts, baby hats or blankets that you have made, we'll see that they get to those in need in the NICU and Pediatrics.**

Archives (Diane Hara/Margaret Souza reporting): New space for the Western Conservancy of Nursing History in Fletcher Jones Center at APU, but committee is currently looking for larger area, for display and preservation. Financial support is still needed. A plan is in the works for a possible display of (nursing) manikins in the hallway outside the offices in the APU Library area. Diane will be representing the Conservancy at an LA Convention, with a PowerPoint presentation of LA history, manikins in uni-

form, information, decks of "Nursing History" cards, and Cynthia Brose's book *Nurses of Los Angeles: Uncapping the Mystery* available.

Memoirs (Margaret Souza/Barbara Jury reporting): Recording via camcorder in progress.

Scholarship/Tuition Reimbursement (Barbara Jury reporting): No new activity at present.

Newsletter (Mary Ann Hayase reporting): Discussed potential of overhauling CHSN website, adding in pdf issues of *The Pulse*, in addition to increasing ease of use/access. **Remember, *The Pulse* is your chance to communicate with your classmates/fellow alumni. We're looking forward to your letters and photos.**

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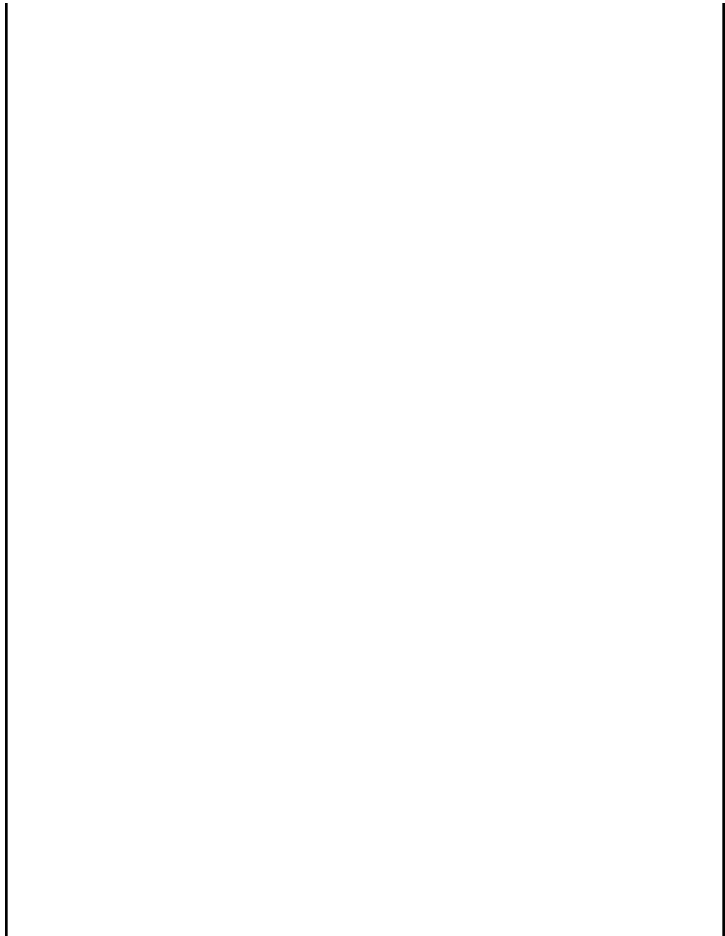
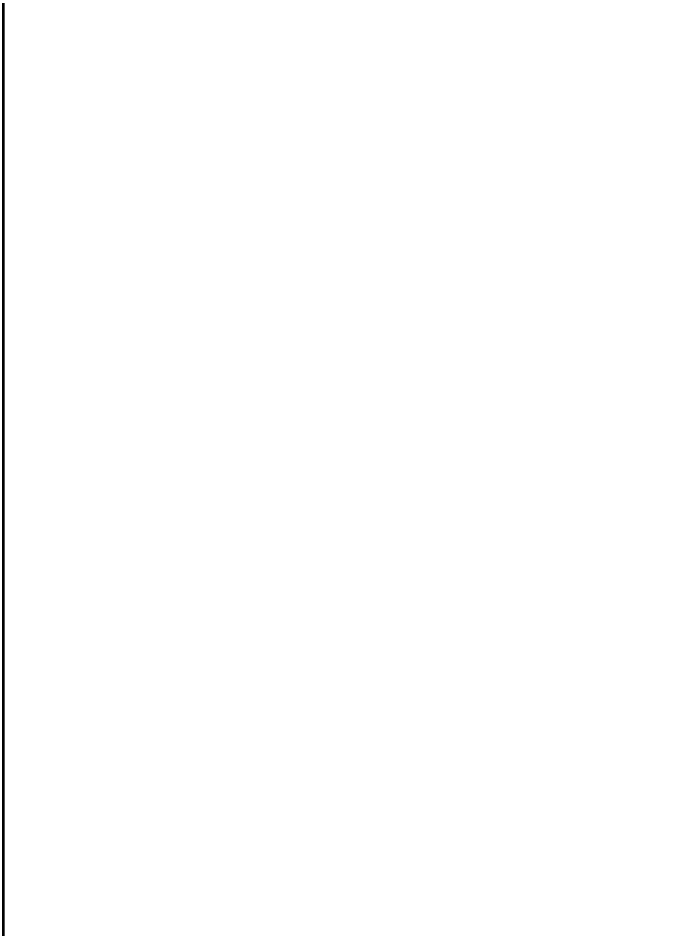
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Presenting the Class of 1961 Capping Ceremony



Questionnaire for the California Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association: mail to the PO Box

Please take your time to answer each question. Use separate pages for more space. Print clearly or type your responses; they will be recorded in the California Hospital Digital Archive & posted on the Archive's website.

Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____

Graduation Year: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Grad year: _____

E-mail: _____

May we contact you for photographs or for an interview? Yes No

1. How old were you when you first thought about becoming a nurse? When did you definitely decide to become a nurse? What influenced this decision? (For example: a parent or teacher, fictional or real figure in history, a war, etc.).
2. How would you describe your background? Your parents? Did you come from an extended family or a smaller family unit?
3. What or who were your support systems prior to coming to CHSN? Did your support systems change?
4. What schools of nursing did you consider? Why did you choose California Hospital School of Nursing?
5. What do you recall of the application process? Who interviewed you? Was it an individual or group? One interviewer or more? Where was the interview held? What was it like?
6. What are your early memories of your first classes at the School of Nursing? Who were your first teachers? First impressions? What was California Hospital like when you arrived?
7. If applicable, what do you remember about moving into the dorm? Did you have a roommate? Was she someone you already knew? What was your first encounter like?
8. If applicable, what are some of your favorite memories of dormitory life? What social events stand out in your memory? Memories of study hours? Lock out? Housemothers?
9. What are some of your favorite memories of time spent in the Library? During study hours? After class? Doing research?
10. Where were you living before you came to California Hospital? If different from Southern California, what were your first impressions of the place?
11. What was downtown Los Angeles like when you arrived? Did any major events occur when you were at California Hospital? Refer to list below for examples of historic pivot points.

1941: The bombing of Pearl Harbor

1960-1974: Vietnam War

1942: The internment of Japanese Americans

1965: 5-year Delano Grape Strike

1943: Zoot Suit Riots

1965: Watts Riots

1944: End of WWII

1968: Assassination of RFK at Ambassador Hotel

1950: Korean Conflict

1969: Manson murders

1954: Opening of Disneyland

1973: Election of Tom Bradley, LA Mayor

1957: Dodgers come to LA

1984: LA hosts the Summer Olympics

12. What are your first memories of your early clinical experiences?
13. What are your memories of your capping ceremony?
14. What were your favorite classes in nursing school? Why?
15. What did you usually wear to school? Describe it?
16. Were there nurses or other hospital staff members who had a positive influence on you? Who were they?
17. What were your favorite floors to work on? Why? Least favorite? Why? What shifts did you like best? Least? Did you work for pay?
18. Who were your favorite patients to work with? Why? Can you remember any stories that illustrate This?
19. Who were your favorite doctors? Head nurses? Supervisors? Nursing instructors? Hospital administrators? Why? Can you remember any stories that illustrate why he or she was your favorite?
20. What are your memories of your Affiliations? What are they? Positive and negative? Be sure to Include specific information.
21. What do you remember about the cafeteria? Your favorites? Night lunch? Dorm food/snacks?
22. What do you remember about your graduation ceremony?
23. What was your first job in nursing after graduation? Was it in the area of nursing that most interested you? Did you remain in this area of nursing throughout your career?
24. What other areas of nursing did you pursue? What influenced your job/career changes?
25. If applicable, what college or school did you attend prior to and during your education at CHSN? Favorite classes? How did you commute to and from classes? If you drove, what kind of car did you have? Did you have any favorite teachers?
26. Did you pursue further education after graduation from CHSN? What degrees, certifications, etc, did you earn? From what colleges, universities, educational programs, etc?
27. Did you pursue a career (careers) other than nursing? What and why?
28. Have you received any form of recognition or acknowledgment apart from your nursing career? What were they associated with?
29. Did you join the military after graduation? Which branch? What was your rank at the time of discharge? Did you travel in the course of your service? If so, where? What are a few of your most memorable experiences while in the service?
30. What is the best thing about nursing to you?
31. What is the worst thing about nursing to you?
32. Why should we remember California Hospital School of Nursing?
33. Please include any other memories, experiences, or thoughts that you wish to share.

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CHSN Alumni Association: Merchandise Price List

Merchandise	Available Sizes (circle order)	Price/one	Price/two	Subtotal
Blue Sweatshirts w Gold CHSN Logo	L XL	\$15	\$25	
Blue Sweatshirts w Gold CHSN Logo	XXL XXXL	\$17	\$28	
White Polo Shirts w Blue CHSN Logo	L XL	\$15	\$25	
Tote Bags w CHSN Logo	N/A	\$10	N/A	
Fanny Pack w CHSN Logo	N/A	\$6	N/A	
Stainless Steel Travel Mug w CHSN Logo	N/A	\$10	N/A	
Wine/Burgundy Leather Planner/Organizer w embossed CHSN Logo	4" x 7"	\$12	N/A	
Navy blue Baseball Style Cap w Gold CHSN Logo	Adjustable	\$8	N/A	
CHSNAA Memory Cookbook	N/A	\$20	\$40	
Deck of Nursing History Cards	N/A	\$5	\$10	
Commemorative CHSN Display Brick	Variable Appearance	\$25 on site \$40 w S/H		

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Homecoming 2011 will be Saturday, April 9, 2011. Start planning now—reserve the day!

Honored Class for 2011: the Class of 1961 (50 years)

Other honorees: to be announced

Submissions for The Pulse may be sent to the PO Box or emailed to the Editor. Please include a CHSN identifier(s) in the email subject line/message if any attachment(s) enclosed.