

The Chester County Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association 2019 Annual Newsletter

YOU are invited to attend the 2019 Annual CCHSON Reunion Luncheon

When? 1st Saturday in June, June 1, 2019 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Where? *A Great Location !* **The Penn Oaks Golf Club**

150 Penn Oaks Drive, West Chester, PA 19382 (610) 399-0501

Cost? \$10.00 annual alumni dues* \$25.00 luncheon

*Remember, after your 50th Anniversary, alumni dues are optional.



See back page for reservation form and full details.

Reservation Deadline: Friday, May 17, 2019

We are very excited to invite you to this year's Annual Chester County Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Luncheon. The **Class of 1969** will be celebrating their **50th anniversary!** This year's program features guest speaker Linda Martin. Linda will be inspiring us with memoirs of some of her travels. Once again the luncheon will be held at Penn Oaks. The Club is known for their 5 star food, facilities and service! Your Alumni Executive Committee is delighted to be able to offer you an elegant meal like last year. It was an outstanding day we all enjoyed at the Penn Oaks Golf Club. It is a beautiful setting, with parking lot to door golf cart transportation. Once again we will be offering this reunion luncheon and program at **an affordable price of \$25.00.** Additionally, we will be **raffling fresh Chester County mushrooms.** Raffle tickets will be available for \$2.00 for 1 ticket or \$5.00 for 3 tickets. Proceeds to benefit the Alumni Association to cover expenses for newsletter printing, postage, etc.

We know you will enjoy chatting and sharing memories with members of your own class and other classes as well. Come and renew old friendships, and make new friends! You will be proud to hear about the many accomplishments of the CCH/Penn Medicine partnership and to hear updates about the hospital expansion and additions. We will have CCHSON pictures and memorabilia on display and we **encourage you to bring photographs and any memorabilia** that you would like to share. Encourage a classmate to accompany you as you share stories walking down memory lane. And wouldn't you enjoy winning some fresh Chester County mushrooms to bring home?

DRIVING DIRECTIONS for traveling northbound or southbound on Route 202. Penn Oaks Golf Club is only 0.3 of a mile off of 202. Their phone number is above; call if you get lost. **Directions from Route 926, if you are heading south on 202:** Continue south on 202 for 1.1 miles (shortly after the Mercedes Benz Dealership). Turn left onto Penn Oaks Drive at the traffic light. **Directions from Route 1, if you are heading north on 202:** Continue north on 202 for 2.2 miles (go past Stoltzfus RV Sales and Service). Turn right on Penn Oaks Drive at traffic light. **Once you turn onto Penn Oaks Drive:** Continue straight at stop sign, in 0.3 miles from your turn onto Penn Oaks Drive, parking lot will be on your left (driving range on right). Park and golf carts will come around to transport you to the Country Club entrance.



Chester County Hospital School of Nursing Class of 1969

At our Annual June Reunion Luncheon, it is our tradition to celebrate and honor CCH School of Nursing graduates who are celebrating their 50th Anniversary.

Happy 50th Ladies!!!!!!

Helen Grace Berry Biela (Poughkeepsie, NY)
Karen Beth Cameron Peeples (Rockton, PA)
Catherine Elaine Carey Cox (West Chester, PA)
Aileen Marie Dill Pilarski (Allentown, PA)
Diane E. Ford Swadley (Williamsburg, Va)
Elaine L. Gerrity Jancosko (Lebanon, PA)
Cynthia Von Stetten Kohlmeyer (Hollidaysburg, PA)
Dr. Carol Ann Merklein Hess (Bokeelia, Fl)
Gwen Elda Moore Dunn (Medford, OR)
Mary Lee Ransom Walker (Collegeville, PA)
Dorothy Ann Sharp (Reading, PA)
Judith Lawrence Sineath (Spring Lake, MI)
Penny K. Von Rembow Davis (Exton, PA)
Lee Ann Willow Hunsicker (Frederica, DE)
Nancy Wohlson Harmer (Milford, CT)

Deceased:

Linda Geyer
Ruthann Jacob
Marion Mackensen
Ruth Outland
Pam Peppernick

Addresses unknown or questionable:

Pat Yasenchak Abdill (Millville, NJ)
Evelyn D. Bartholomew Brown (?)
Sandra Sue Cox (Highlands Ranch, CO)
Ruth Marie Leary Millington (?)

The **Class of 1968...**

Celebrated 50 years at the luncheon last year!!



Penn Medicine Chester County Hospital News 2018-2019!!!!



Chester County Hospital Expansion Project Update:

Ground was broken for expansions in May, 2017. The exteriors and finishes of the expansion project are currently being completed. The exterior design was inspired by Italian architecture to access daylight and nature making it appealing to patients, visitors and staff. The project is expected to be completed in January, 2020. It will add 250,000 square feet to the hospital's campus, and renovations to 26,000 square feet of its existing facility. Once completed, CCH will have: 15 more Operating Rooms, 3 high tech labs for catheterization and electrophysiology, 13 additional Emergency Department Rooms, a patient tower with 99 new in patient beds, and a rooftop helipad.



CCH Award-Winning Care:

As CEO Michael Duncan points out in his letter, CCH is continually recognized for health care quality. Here are some of the honors and acknowledgements awarded:

Breast Health Re-Accreditation by the National Program for Breast Cancers

Highest Five-Star score by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Full Re-Accreditation of the Chest Pain Center

Three –Year Accreditation with Commendation for the Cancer Program of CCH

Recognition by the IBLCE and ILCA for Lactation Care Services

An “A” in the Leapfrog Group Rating for keeping patients safe from preventable harm and medical errors

Magnet Recognition of NURSING STAFF by the American Nurses Credentialing Center for excellence in patient care

Certification by Joint Commission as a Primary Stroke Center



A top 100 Hospital by IBM Watson Health

And...CCH has been designated as the ONLY American Association of Diabetes Educators Diabetes Prevention Program approved site. The hospital achieved this singular designation because of its successful track record for serving the community and for reversing the prevalence of the disease in Pennsylvania.

An Open Letter from Penn Medicine Chester County Hospital President & CEO

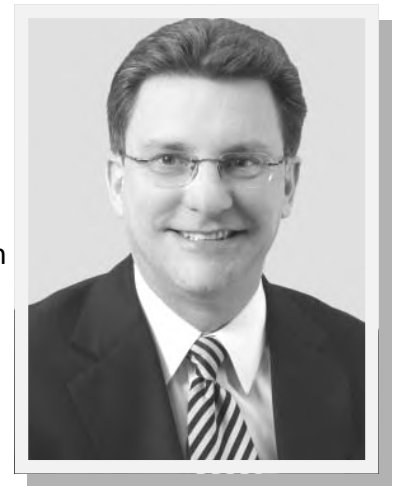
PENN MEDICINE
CHESTER COUNTY HOSPITAL



Dear Friends,

Chester County Hospital has always embraced a pursuit for quality. In fact we live it every day. Year after year, we evaluate, we measure and compare our efforts to our regional and national peers to gauge our effectiveness in delivering the highest quality of care in a manner that is safe and cost effective.

And so it is with great pride to share that Chester County Hospital has been ranked 6th in the Philadelphia region and 12th in the state by U.S. News & World Report. The magazine placed Penn Medicine among the top 10 hospitals in the nation and #1 in Pennsylvania, achieving Honor Roll status and top rankings in 11 clinical specialties. U.S. News rankings recognized hospitals for outstanding quality, expertise, technology and experience.



Chester County Hospital is also among the top two percent of hospitals nationwide to receive a five star rating from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The new Overall Hospital Quality Star Rating methodology takes 64 existing quality measures already reported on the CMS Hospital Compare website and summarizes them into a unified rating of one to five stars.

To know that all the efforts we have put in place to ensure that our patients receive high quality care and a positive patient experience have been recognized by CMS and U.S. News & World Report, is a tribute to all who work at the hospital and a commitment to those who walk through our doors.

Warm regards,

MICHAEL J. DUNCAN

*President and CEO
Chester County Hospital*

Memories from the 2018 Chester County Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association Luncheon

The reunion luncheon was held last year on Saturday, June 2, 2018 at the Penn Oaks Golf Club in West Chester, PA. It was a gorgeous sunny day for our alumni to venture out. There were 90 alumni in attendance with 8 of the attendees celebrating their 50th Anniversary! The Class of 1968 in attendance were (listed in alphabetical order): Margie McMuller Abel, Majorie Henne Bezubic, Janet Taylor Cooper, Linda McGowan Grimm, Patricia Holt Miles, Margaret Dingwall Naylor, Mary Anne Santangelo Newman, Karen Mayher Underwood. They are pictured on page 2 of this newsletter.

The luncheon menu consisted of Penn Oak's delicious homemade Chester County Mushroom Soup, Baked Atlantic Salmon with Dill Blanc Sauce or Chicken Francaise with chef's choice vegetables, rolls and apple cobbler a la mode.

After a delicious lunch, Mr. John Hadfield along with his talented Akita dog named Reggie provided the alumni with a comedy variety show. The show consisted of music, magic and jocularly! It was a truly memorable show enjoyed by all!

After the wonderful program, a Business Meeting was held. Alumni Association President Elizabeth Smoker presided. Elizabeth gave special recognition to the Class of 1968. Several members of the Class of 1968 shared some of their most memorable stories as student nurses. Next, the 2017 secretary meeting minutes and treasurer reports were





Alumni Association News



President's Ponderings 2019

Greetings!

Since retirement one year ago, I have had a lot of time to read and reflect. I came across Winnie the Pooh and Piglet the day that Pooh asked Piglet, "What day is it"? Piglet responded, "It's today". Pooh sighed, "My favorite day"! That's how I feel about today too. You all remember the Cheshire Cat's response when Alice was lost and asked him which way she should go. He responded, "if you don't know where you are going, then any road will take you there. Then it doesn't matter which way you go". I agree with that one too. I could continue with these weighty philosophies, but you will begin to think I'm not doing anything meaningful with my retirement, and that wouldn't be true. Your officers are busy planning the 2019 Alumni Luncheon for Saturday, June 1st. We are celebrating the Class of 1969. We have also developed an alumni web page accessible through the CC Hospital Public Site. We encourage you to take a look at it and give us your ideas. After you read this newsletter be sure to complete the form for the luncheon. Share your Newsletter with other CCH graduates who are not members of the Alumni Association and ask them to join us. Pooh and the Cat won't be there but many of your friends will be. See you there!

*With warmest regards,
Elizabeth*

Elizabeth Maule Smoker

CCHSON Alumni President, Class of 1966

Alumni Office

Our alumni office is located in the Financial Building adjacent to the hospital (the Former Nurses Residence). The office telephone number is 610-431-5463.

History of Alumni Association

Are you a lover of history? We are currently looking for volunteer alumni to help with researching our history from 1945-1975, and from 1976 to present. Let us know by calling the number above.

Notes of Thanks!

A great big thank you to all of our Alumni Association Officers/Committee for their dedication and hard work in planning our Annual Luncheon. They meet several times a year to plan every detail of the luncheon and program, and to stuff envelopes to mail the newsletters to everyone.

*Also a thank you to Jennifer DiMedio, Class of 1992, for getting our **new alumni web page** up and running! Check it out online by going to The Chester County Hospital web page and click on "Nursing". The web page includes certain information such as how to obtain a transcript, how to join our alumni association, etc.*

A special thanks goes out to Helen Satterthwaite, Class of 1949. Helen donated a CCH Nurses Cap to the Museum of Nursing History at Lasalle University. The museum had our pin in their collection but did not have the cap.



We lovingly remember those we have recently lost :

Classmates

Dorothy 'Dottie' Smedley, Class of 1945

Nursing Instructor

Jessie E. 'Betty' Engan

NOTE: If you know of a classmate that passes away please notify us to list in the annual newsletter.

***CCH School of Nursing
2017-2018 Alumni Association Officers***

President

Elizabeth Maule Smoker Class of 1966

Vice President

Christine Butkus Hinks Class of 1974

Secretary

Penny Von Rembro Davis Class of 1969

Newsletter

Marcia DiEmedio Bowers Class of 1976

Program

Janet Conrad Dettra Class of 1964

Web Page

Jennifer Mento Dimedio Class of 1992

Treasurer

Sandy Flickinger Cremi Class of 1964

Advisor Emeritus

Helen Windle Satterthwait Class of 1959

*Annual Luncheon Committee
Including Alumni Officers*

Nancy Mooney Kirk Class of 1962

Maryann Irvine Class of 1964

Susan Alexander Hall Class of 1976

Mary Anne Newman Class of 1968



***Alumni Officers and Luncheon Planning
Committee***

Front row: Maryann Irvine, Elizabeth Smoker, Chrissy Hinks, Second row: Connie Enoches, Nancy Kirk, Mary Ann Newman, Sandy Flickinger, Marcia Bowers and Sue Hall

Please Print Your Name (First, Maiden, Last)

Class of _____

Phone: _____ E-mail address: _____

Please Circle the Items that apply and Return:

I will attend the June 1, 2019 Alumni Luncheon at Penn Oaks Country Club

I will not attend the June 1, 2019 Alumni Luncheon

COSTS

Annual Alumni Dues \$10 (optional after 50th Anniversary)

Luncheon Cost \$25.00

Make checks payable to Chester County Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association

(Tax deductible gifts for Alumni Association or Rose Garden Maintenance are always welcome.)

Please Circle One Entrée Choice:

Chicken Marsala

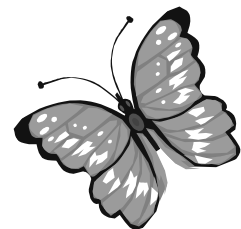
Maryland Crab Cake

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS Friday, May 17, 2019

Please return dues and luncheon reservations to:

Sandy Flickinger Cremi, Treasurer
652 Monocacy Creek Road
Birdsboro, PA 19508

Sandy Flickinger Cremi
Phone: (610) 385-6106 or E-mail: cremisd@aol.com



NOTE: If you have friends with whom you particularly want to sit, please include their name/s and we will certainly *try* to place you at the same table.