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## *From the* President's Desk



**H**ello to all my fellow alumni members:  
As the summer nears its end, we look forward to the crisp fall weather! I encourage alumni members to attend our fall dinner meeting to be held at Paolo Lombardi's Ristorante. The food is always fantastic and reconnecting with fellow alumni members is worth the trip to Wynantskill. Our speaker is the Hon. Mary Pat Donnelly, Rensselaer County District Attorney. It's your opportunity to ask the top law enforcement officer in Rensselaer County questions regarding issues of public safety and how it intersects with the nursing profession.

The board is still in need of new members. Not only do we have vacancies on the executive committee, but our various committees are in need of committee members. The commitment of time is not overly burdensome. Please reach out if you are interested.

*Hon. Anne L. Coonrad, President*

## Communications

Please help us in keeping our alumni address list as current and up to date as possible whenever you have changes to yourself or classmates. I also just wanted to remind everyone that the newsletter and information concerning the Alumni Association can be found on the alumni website at St. Peter's partners. ([www.SPHP.com](http://www.SPHP.com)). A brief roadmap directly to our link: once you are on SPHP.com click careers, then schools of nursing (left side of page), then Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing, then Alumni Association. This should take you directly to our webpage. So, please be cautious during these challenging times and feel free to contact us if you have any questions pertaining to the Samaritan School of Nursing.

Respectfully submitted,

– *Christine Lutringer, Chairperson*



## From the Dean's Desk

Dear Alumni,

This fall we welcomed a class of 29 Nursing I students and 7 LPN students. It feels good to have the students back in the classrooms and the hallways filled with their voices. Probably the most exciting news, from a student perspective, are the new uniforms! Gone are the old white tops and royal blue or burgundy bottoms. RN students wear black scrubs, and if needed a white lab coat. The LPN students wear a white scrub top and black scrub bottoms. All the students look so sharp!



*Nursing I students in new uniforms, ready to attend clinical.*

In total, the alumni grew by 28 new associate degree graduates in May and 17 LPN graduates in August. Our NCLEX pass rates remain high, particularly in relation to New York State and the national average. Below are the most recent 1st time new graduate pass rates for each program:

	Practical Nurse		Registered Nurse	
	2022*	2021	2022	2021
<b>Samaritan</b>	100% (4/4)	87.5% (7/8)	89.90% (44/49)*	95.08% (58/61)
<b>NYS Average</b>	77.89%	71.27%	75.47%	63.36%
<b>National Average</b>	79.32%	79.50%	80.38%	64.80%

\*Testing data from first two quarters of 2022

As I mentioned in my last communication, we are developing a laser focus on preparing the current students to take and PASS the new NCLEX-RN and NCLEX-PN exams that launch in April 2023. The new test items will test the new graduate's clinical judgment. Faculty have been busy flipping the classrooms, meaning the student does all the textbook learning BEFORE the class, and class time is spent actively applying the learning to case studies, scenarios, and even lab skills. In addition, we are now including these "next generation" type questions on our written exams.

I am very excited to share a welcomed addition to the nursing leadership at the school. Alumna Beverly Stewart has been promoted to Associate Director. Bev now has a lightened teaching load and is assuming more leadership roles in the school of nursing. Bev has extensive experience as the charge nurse in Samaritan's emergency department. So she is more than capable of addressing all the situations and scenarios that develop on the school campus!

**Patricia Cannistraci, Dean**



LPN Graduating Class August 2022



Associate Degree graduating Class May 2022

## Bits and Pieces Fall/Winter 2022

**Helen Thayer Millard '66** writes that she is enjoying retirement and is expecting her 6th great-grandchild in March.

## Condolences to the Families of:

Lillian MacNaughton Kehn '70  
Sandra Sheppard Tarte '63  
Florence Groeschel Strang '51  
Stephanie Joslin '94  
Constance Malone Laposta '55  
Jean Wager Hinkson '74  
Irene Tubbs Morris '61  
Dorothy Swinton Wells '47  
Janice O'Hare Krough '73  
Laurie M. Williams '98  
Susan J. Dame '99  
Joan Sibley McReavy '68

## Condolences to:

Lillian Rita Hughes Westbrook '60  
on the loss of her Husband  
David Westbrook Sr.

## Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association Fall Dinner Meeting

**When:** Tuesday November 8, 2022

**Where:** Paolo Lombardi's Ristorante,  
104 West Sand Lake Road, (Rt 150),  
Wynantskill, NY

**Time:** 5:00 PM

**Guest Speaker:** Rensselaer County District Attorney,  
Mary Pat Donnelly

**Topic:** "Crimes Against Health Care Workers"

**Program:** 5:00 PM gathering (Cash Bar)

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Alumni/Foundation Meeting

**Dinner Choices:** Breaded Breast of Chicken topped with  
tomato sauce and mozzarella cheese.

Tendered Veal simmered in marinara sauce  
with red and green bell peppers.

Eggplant Layered with romano and  
mozzarella cheeses in marinara sauce.

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## Dinner Meeting Reservation

Please return reservation with \$20.00 (member) or \$25.00 (non-member) with the fee payable to Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association, Inc by November 3, 2022.

If you are a student and have an interest in attending, there is a fee of \$10 per person.

**Mail to:**

Anne Coonrad, 1400 Sausse Ave, Troy, NY 12180

All reservations must be honored. If a cancellation is required, please contact Chelsea Zellar at (518) 380-7359.

If anyone has a topic they would like to see presented at an Alumni meeting please contact Chelsea Zellar or other Board Member.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Veal \_\_\_\_\_ Eggplant



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## **Belknap Fund**

We encourage all Samaritan Alumni to apply for the Belknap Scholarship while pursuing their Master's degree or beyond. Application can be found on the Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing website. An award is disbursed annually in December of each year. Annual Alumni dues must be paid by February 1st to be considered for the scholarship.

– *Trish Kelly, Belknap Chair*

## **Seber Fund**

### **The William F. and Josephine H. Seber Scholarship is awarded to:**

Any Samaritan graduate who is a member of the Alumni, in good standing i.e. has paid yearly dues for the current year prior to February 1st of said year OR a female student in the Registered Nurse program of the Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing. Members must be matriculated into a nursing program.

Applications must be received by the Seber Fund Committee at least one month prior to the beginning of the semester.

You must reapply every semester. Lifetime total award is \$2,500.

Applications may be obtained from the financial aid officer at the School of Nursing or downloaded from the Alumni/school website.

– *Claudia Graham, Vice President*

## **Welch Fund**

A brief reminder regarding one of the many benefits of the SON Alumni Assoc.:

The Blanche E. Welsh Fund was established in 1968 by the last will and testament of Blanche E. Welsh. The purpose of the fund is to provide aid and assistance for sick and/or disabled nurses with their medical expenses. Funds are available to any member in good standing (dues paying member for 5 years) or lifetime member based on review of applications by the committee.

Additional details and application forms may be found on the Alumni web site:

[https://www.sphp.com>careers>School of Nursing >Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing>Alumni Association.](https://www.sphp.com/careers/School%20of%20Nursing/Samaritan%20Hospital%20School%20of%20Nursing/Alumni%20Association)

– *Barbara Holmes, Chairperson*