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Please join us -  
**Dinner Meeting on  
Tuesday, November 12, 2019**

The cost is \$20.00 (member) or \$25.00 (non-member) with  
the fee payable to Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing  
Alumni Association, Inc by Thursday, November 7, 2019.  
If you are a student and plan to attend,  
the fee is \$10 per person.  
Mail to: Anne Coonrad,  
1400 Sausse Ave, Troy, NY 12180.

**Laura Kellogg is Recipient of  
Student Choice Award**



The Fall Semester Student Choice Recipient is Laura Kellogg. She is a nurse on 5 P. The students stated that she is kind, patient and willing to assist them. This picture includes Laura and Nursing 2 Students.

**Fond Memories**

Please send us your "fond memory."  
Share a fond memory... tell us your story.  
Please send us a unique or funny story from  
your time at Samaritan Hospital School  
of Nursing, or an example of the changes/  
differences that time brings. What are the nurses  
of 2019 doing much differently from the time  
you were in nursing school?  
Please share your stories and pictures and we  
will feature them in upcoming newsletters.



*From the*  
**President's Desk**

It was great to see many familiar faces at the Annual Alumni Banquet in June. Everyone had a lot of time to reminisce and reconnect with classmates and friends. Something new this year, pictures taken that evening were emailed to each individual that provided their email address. I have gotten a lot of positive feedback about how great the pictures were and how much everyone appreciated them. Amelia Nabozny represented the Class of 1949 and led the group in singing our Alma Mater. It is so special to be able to stay connected with our past and future!  
Our next year's Annual Alumni Banquet will be held June 5, 2020. Mark your calendars now!  
I continue to encourage everyone to be an active member in our Alumni Association by joining and attending our meetings that are held twice a year. Our next Dinner Meeting is November 12, 2019. Information regarding the details are listed in this newsletter. The Board Members and Committee Chairs can always use a helping hand.

*Mary Rose DeMarco '77, President*



Front row: Amelia Nabozny '49  
Back row: Mary Rose DeMarco '77, Chelsea Zellar '17 and Korissa Gohlke '13

**Communications**

Please help us in keeping our alumni address list as current and up to date as possible whenever you have changes for 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 Health Partners (www.SPHP.com). A brief roadmap directly to our link: once you are St. Peter's Health Partners website, click Schools of Nursing (under hospitals & affiliates). On the next page in the bottom right-hand corner (under join our Alumni Association) click learn more. This should take you directly to our webpage.

*Carl M. Cacciotti, Chairperson*





### From the Director's Desk

Dear Alumni,

The cool nighttime temperatures mean autumn is in the air and so too the return to school. Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing welcomed back 140 students including 29 first time nursing students in Nursing I.

Graduations in May and August contributed 44 more alumni to the ranks.

New York State is the first and only state to pass legislation requiring that nurses earn a bachelor's degree within 10 years of obtaining registered nurse licensure. The focus on getting more RNs prepared at the bachelor's degree level has renewed our discussions with the College of St. Rose. We are actively working on a 1+2+1 program with the College. In this model, St. Rose nursing students would complete a number of their general education and science courses in year 1 of the degree plan. In the 2nd and 3rd year, the students spend their time attending Samaritan's nursing program, completing their associate degree and taking the NCLEX-RN. In the 4th year, the student is back at St. Rose finishing their bachelors in nursing with an option to work part-time as an RN in the St. Peter's Health Partners system. Stay tuned for more news on this exciting venture.

Our Learning Lab receives a great deal of use from the students. In addition to regularly scheduled lab time, many students come and practice on their own to master skills and build confidence. We are steadily replacing equipment that becomes old or non-functional with newer state of the art equipment. Our latest purchase was two workstations on wheels or WOWs. The ergonomically designed rolling carts hold new laptops on the top surface. Our next item on the list is a pyxis machine. This would help students build comfort and confidence with the technology needed to safely pass medications.

The Student Government Association has held its first meeting and is identifying areas to focus their energies for the coming year.

If you are in the area of the school – stop in! Our door is always open and students enjoy meeting alumni.

*Patricia Cannistraci*

### Volunteers Needed

The School of Nursing is wondering if any alumni member would like to volunteer 2-4 hours twice a year. We would like you to be a patient in our simulation. Alumni would be perfect patients because you understand the importance of communication and using the nursing process to develop plans. The volunteer will act out symptoms and the students would respond. Don't worry we will give you a script. Please consider our request.

If you are interested please contact Gail Moore 518-268-5143.

### Belknap, Mosley and Seber Funds

The board would like to thank Korissa Gohlke for serving as the chair of the Belknap Scholarship committee. Currently we have one application for the Belknap Scholarship. A determination of who receives the award will be decided in November's meeting amongst the members of the committee, and will be awarded in December. There is still time to apply for the Belknap Scholarship while pursuing your back up Baccalaureate or Masters degree. Applications can be found on the Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing website. Alumni dues must be paid in order to be considered for the scholarship. Thank you all for your support of the Alumni Association.

*Martine Grignon, Belknap Chair*

The Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association Fall Dinner Meeting will be held at Paolo Lombardi's Ristorante, 104 West Sand Lake Road (Rt 150), Wynantskill, NY on November 12th at 5pm. The guest speaker will be Maxine Smalling, RN, BSN, MS, Executive Nursing Officer of Mental Health. The topic of discussion for that evening will be "Mental Health Transformation: The NYS Experience".

*Chelsea Zellar, Mosley Chair*

The Seber Fund awarded six applicants \$125.00 each this year. Anyone attending school in a nursing program is eligible to apply. Please see our website for more information and the application form.

*Claudia Graham, Vice President and Seber Chair*

### Condolences to:

- Linda Goodspeed Flihan Class 1968 on the loss of her husband, Joseph Flihan
- Eleanor Lowell McGreevy Class 1957 on the loss of her grand-daughter, Shannon M. Quackenbush
- Maureen Mouso Class 1967 on the loss of her husband, Dr. Marcus L. Shoobe
- Anne VonFricken Coonrad Class 1984 on the loss of her father, Anthony VonFricken
- Patricia Kurywka Class 1966 on the loss of her brother, Michael Kurywka
- Margaret Garren LaPosta Class 1955 on the loss of her husband, James E. LaPosta
- Kathleen Korniak Class 2010 on the loss of her mother
- Debra Crandall Ellett Class 1979 on the loss of her mother, Joan E. Crandall
- Catherine Goyette Shriver Class 1971 on the loss of her husband, Richard Shriver

### Condolences to the families of:

- Louise Tetrault Kehn Class 1945
- Elizabeth Kasparian Class 1951
- Helen Talbot Canfield Class 1981 (5/2/18)
- Abby L. Wright Class 2011
- Carol Mezger Pflieger Class 1950 (12/11/17)
- Virginia (Claire) Brownell Crepon Class 1953
- Winifred Lillie Cabot Class 1946



### Bits & Pieces

**Miriam Rogowsky 1965** - I have 4 grandchildren, for most part retired from nursing, though I keep active in professional organizations, social groups and am caregiver for my husband.

**Barbara R. McHale 1977** - Retired from being Oncology Nurse Navigator but did consultant work with Pfizer and Academy of Oncology Nurse Navigators. Just published "A Metastatic Breast Cancer Navigator Tool Kit" a guide for navigators, both clinical and non-clinical to utilize to improve patient care.

**Chelsea Zellar 2017** - Currently I work as a LPN for SPHP and will be attending Samaritan SON in the fall of 2019.

### Alumni Banquet



Front row: Amelia Nabozny '49  
Standing from left to right:  
Liz Banick (granddaughter), Geraldine Nabozny (daughter in law and grad of the class of 1978), Judy Gray (daughter), Carol Alnutt (daughter)

### Then and Now . . .

Please send us your then and now pictures from your time at nursing school with information about what you are up to now!

### Congratulations to:

Tara Burke-Muscattello (Finance). She has recently accepted a full-time position at Samaritan Hospital as a Psych Nurse Practitioner. Congratulations to you and best wishes in your newly accepted position.

### Alumni Pays it Forward

Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing received a \$1,000 scholarship donation in recognition of Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center's 2019 Betty Trotter Award for Excellence recipient, Catherine Cerri Delhuerto, RN. Cathy was honored to select her alma mater as beneficiary of the donation. Cathy, a 1980 Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing graduate, has worked for Baylor St. Luke's as a bedside transplant nurse for 30 years. She provides direct patient care in the fast-paced Heart and Lung Transplant Unit. In nominating Cathy, her managers noted her dedication and service to her profession.

### The Maureen A. Mouso RN, '67 and Dr. Marcus L. Shoobe Endowed Nursing Scholarship

The Maureen A. Mouso RN, '67 and Dr. Marcus L. Shoobe Endowed Nursing Scholarship provides an annual \$2,000 award for students pursuing their RN from the Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing. The selected recipients will be second semester first year or second year RN program students who have consistently exhibited academic excellence and have need.

Maureen made the donation in memory of her late husband Dr. Marcus Shoobe, an Albany urologist, to honor his love of teaching and medicine.

