

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Alumni Banquet – April 25, 2008

Our annual Alumni Banquet will be held at Twin Ponds Country Club on Main St. in New York Mills on Friday, April 25, 2008. We will be honoring the Classes of 2008, 1983, and 1958. As is our custom, attendees from these classes will be our guests, and their dinners will be complimentary. For all others attending, the cost of the banquet remains at \$30.00, which includes your \$10.00 Alumni membership dues. If you do not send back your reservation by Friday, April 18, you will be charged an additional \$10.00 at the door. If you are financially unable to pay to attend the Banquet, and you would like to attend, please call Judy Hobaica at 797-5464, and the Alumni Association will pay for your dinner. This will be kept completely confidential, as always. Cocktail hour will be from 6-7pm, and dinner at 7pm. Judy Hobaica is once again our chairperson for this year's Banquet. We thank you for all your efforts, Judy! We look forward to seeing all of you at the Banquet this year, and hope that the members of our honored classes will make a special effort to attend.

Hotel Rooms Available For Banquet

If you need a hotel room for the Banquet, a block of rooms will be available at the Radisson Hotel on Genesee St. in Utica at a discounted rate of \$91.00 per night. The rooms will be available on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. Call (315) 797-8010 as soon as possible, and use the reference of St. Elizabeth Alumni Association.

President's Memo

“The Alumni Banquet this year is on Friday, April 25th. As Chairperson and President I am extending a personal invitation to all of you. By attending you strengthen our alumni and enable us to continue our work of providing scholarships and other philanthropic activities. For \$30.00 and one evening in the spring you are actively participating in our alumni. It is an opportunity to meet other members, visit with old friends and make new ones. For those of you that did not live on campus, come and see the camaraderie shared by other alumnus. Honor the 50 and 25 year graduates and the Class of '08 – all who help to maintain the credibility of the college and exemplify the unselfishness and professionalism of our nurses. I hope to see you all in April.”

Banquet Transportation

If you are in need of a ride to and from the Alumni Banquet, please contact Judy Hobaica at 797-5464, and she will try to arrange a ride for you. Please let her know by the reservation date, April 18, 2008.

Annual Dues

Although the Banquet price remains at \$30.00 this year, with annual dues holding at \$10.00 for 2008, it will be necessary to increase our Alumni Association annual dues to \$15.00 starting in 2009. This means that the cost of next year's Banquet will increase as well. Our dues have not increased in many years, but in order to maintain our budget, and continue to provide aid to the College of Nursing in turning out the best nurses possible, we regret that we must increase our dues by \$5.00 next year. Thank you for your understanding in this matter. As always, if you are unable to attend the annual Alumni Banquet this April, your dues may be sent to: Judy Hobaica, 2 Bonnie Brae, Utica, NY 13501. Your \$10.00 helps to defray the cost of this newsletter, provide scholarships, and educational materials to the College of Nursing. Again, if you attend the Banquet, your dues are included in the cost of the dinner. Our Honored Class members may mail their dues to Judy, or pay their \$10.00 at the Banquet. Keep supporting your Alumni Association, and thank you very much.

Uniform Sales

We have three more uniform sales planned for this year. Our next one will be March 26th and 27th, in Conference Rooms B & C at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. This sale will be sponsored by Josie's Uniforms. Future uniform sales will be held on June 20th, and November 21st, and will be sponsored by Uniform Professionals. Our profits support the good works of the Alumni Association, such as scholarships, annual banquet costs, mailing costs, and gifts and donations for our alumni and College of Nursing. These sales always include a wonderful selection of scrubs, shoes, lab coats, stethoscopes, and the latest in badge holders and other novelty nursing items. These all make great holiday, birthday and anytime gifts for your family members and friends in the nursing profession. If you're looking for a new work wardrobe, come shop our sales and support your own Alumni Association. If anyone has any special requests for merchandise or sizes, please let Babs Clapper know at 339-3296.

Travel Mugs and Window Clings

We will again have insulated travel mugs and window clings with the College of Nursing logo on them. Show your school pride and use your travel mug to enjoy your hot and cold beverages, and display your window cling on your car window. And remember – these items make great gifts!

Recertification Course

Four nurses from St. Elizabeth Medical Center have completed a recertification course by the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) as Trauma Nursing Core Course (TNCC) instructors. The nurses are : Phyllis Ellis, RN, MS, FACHE, Vice President; Peggy Ward, RN, Emergency Department staff nurse; and St. Elizabeth College of Nursing Alumni Anna Giannico, RN, Emergency Department Nurse Manager; and Filomain Talerico, RN, MS, Trauma and Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. The course, held in Syracuse NY on December 14th, 2007, is required for nurses to remain active TNCC instructors.

Talerico Elected Vice President of State Trauma Society

Filomain Talerico, RN, MS, has been elected Vice President of the New York State Chapter of the American Trauma Society (ATS). The ATS held its chapter's Quarterly State Trauma Advisory Committee meeting in Albany on November 29th, 2007, where President Joanne Rubsam made the announcement. The ATS is dedicated to the prevention of trauma and to improving trauma care delivery throughout the nation. Mrs. Talerico is a graduate of the St. Elizabeth College of Nursing. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from SUNY IT, and a Master's Degree from the New School for Social Research. She has been employed at the Medical Center for eighteen years. In her current position as Trauma and Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, she works with the Oneida County Health Department, Emergency Medical Services, and is involved in many injury prevention programs for high school students and senior citizens, as well as Trauma Services and Emergency and Disaster Preparedness planning for the Medical Center. Congratulations, Fil!

Founder's Day

Following a noon Founder's Day Service in the Medical Center Chapel on Wednesday, December 12th, 2007, Dr. Michael and Mrs. Jennifer Daniels Kelberman received the Founder's Day Community Service Award. Mrs. Kelberman is a 1984 graduate of the St. Elizabeth College of Nursing. Linda Kokoszki, RN, BS, Infection Control Coordinator, received the Mother Bernadine Award, named after the Medical Center's founder. Congratulations to both Dr. and Mrs. Kelberman, and to Linda.

In Memory.....

Class of 1942

Cecelia Wameling Byrne - 1/15/08

Class of 1943

Elizabeth Maloney

Class of 1944

Rena Primus Bonaparte – 2/20/07

Marguerite Christopher Williams - 4/07

Class of 1946

Mary Rose Butler Schuessler – 10/3/07

Class of 1948

Elizabeth Mae Richard Grubner – 2/6/08

Class of 1985

Jean Gates Mc Carthy – 1/08

ALUMNI BANQUET RESERVATION – April 25th, 2008
Twin Ponds Golf and Country Club Cocktails 6-7pm Dinner 7pm

NAME: _____

MAIDEN NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

YEAR GRADUATED: _____ **PHONE:** _____ **NOTE** New
Address _____

Menu Choices: **Roast Beef** _____ **Chicken Francaise** _____ **Vegetarian** _____
(check one)

Banquet cost: \$30.00(includes tax, gratuity, dues)
Dues only : \$10.00 (if not attending the banquet)

Please make checks payable to:
“St. Elizabeth Alumni Association”

Send reservations and payment
by April 18th, 2008 to:
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