



OVH/Trinity School of Nursing Alumni Association Newsletter

Fall 2022

Dear Fellow Alumni,

As the cold of winter and the warmth of the holiday season approaches, I extend sincere greetings to all OVH/TSON alumni. I hope you enjoy the newsletter and feel inspired to reach out and invite your classmates to our meetings.

This summer it was my pleasure and honor to speak at the TSON commencement ceremony and I'm very pleased to share that seven graduates from the class of 2022 joined the alumni association. Hopefully, we will meet many of them at an upcoming meeting soon!

Currently, TSON stands on the cusp of some very challenging years as our profession faces another nursing shortage. The more than two-year COVID-19 pandemic has exposed both the flaws in our healthcare system and the opportunities for improvement creating a paradigm-shifting moment in nursing. Our profession has a choice regarding how we contribute to the solutions and articulate our value into the future of healthcare.

According to The American Nurses Association (ANA), more registered nurse jobs will be available through 2022 than any other profession in the United States. According to an article in the Nursing Times, The US Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that more than 275,000 additional nurses are needed from 2020 to 2030. Employment opportunities for nurses are projected to grow at a faster rate (9%) than all other occupations from 2016 through 2026.

The decreased supply of RN's at the bedside and increase demand related to a growing and aging population creates quite the challenge for our profession and alma mater. To meet this projected demand, the number of new graduates entering and staying in the nursing workforce every year for the next three years would need to more than double! Please ponder how we can encourage others to consider a career in nursing and raise the enrollment of our beloved alma mater, TSON.

The journey to becoming a nurse often begins with the heart and desire to care for others. Share your story of why you became a nurse, You just never know who you might inspire to be one too!

Hope to see many of you soon at our fall meeting on October 19.

Kindest Regards,

Your president,

Andrea Hale
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NEXT MEETING DATE
October 19, 2022 | 5:00pm at Starkdale Church

From the Dean's Desk...

Fellow Alumni,

The pandemic continues to impact our enrollment numbers and the way we educate the future nurses of our Community. On August 15, 2022 twenty-seven new students started the Program. We continue wearing masks and practicing social distancing when feasible. These precautions assist with keeping students in school avoiding COVID leaves. The nursing shortage is impacting Trinity Health System plus most hospitals nationwide. The need to recruit individuals to Nursing has never been greater. We are requesting that our Fellow Alumni Members promote our profession and alma mater to help recruit students. On July 15, 2022 we graduated 14 new nurses. To date, 11 of those new nurses have passed the NCLEX-RN exam and are officially Registered Nurses. Please keep the remaining graduates in your thoughts and prayers. Trinity continues to consistently exceed State and National pass rates.

The faculty are committed to the challenge of preparing our students for the new Next Generation NCLEX (NGN) exam. The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) is planning to change the format of the licensure exam to, "help nurses think critically when providing care and make the right decisions". The new format is expected to be implemented for the Class that will graduate in July of 2023.

We are thankful for the two Alumni Scholarships that were awarded this year. We remain eternally grateful for the support of the Alumni Association. I owe an apology to the Alumni Association. At the April meeting, I requested the purchase of a video camera for our new clinical simulation lab. Between helping out on the Hospital-side of the Organization and a recent knee replacement, I have not had the opportunity to explore exactly what the School needs. I hope to have some information to share at the October meeting.

2023 will be an exciting year for Trinity Health System as a whole. The long awaited new clinical units will open and graduates of the Class of 2023 will take the Next Generation NCLEX-RN exam. Our students will be able to provide quality nursing care on state of art clinical units.

Hope to see all of you at the October meeting!



Melissa Hassan MSN, RN
Dean, Trinity Health System School of Nursing

Below is a form for you to complete and send in with you dues and donation (optional). Send to Char Biacco. Her address is on front page. Dues are still \$10.00/yr. We greatly appreciate your dedication to your School of Nursing.

Name (both maiden & married) _____ Yr Grad _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ CELL _____ EMAIL _____

I had asked my friend, Christine Radivoj, to write an article regarding Nurse Practitioners in any area that she chose. I am giving you her Biography, so you can judge her fantastic background as a nurse practitioner.

Chris is a 1981 graduate of Winterville High School ; 1984 graduate of OVH School of Nursing; 1987 graduate of Franciscan University; 2013 UMassBoston post Masters certificate Family Nurse Practitioner; Certified as Family & Emergency Nurse Practitioner. Currently employed by Steel Valley Emergency Physicians in ER at trinity West.

History of the Nurse Practitioner

The history of advanced practice in nursing can be traced to the late 1890's and the first nurse practitioner (NP) program was founded in 1965. In the US, there are more than 350,000 licensed NPs with the majority of them trained in family practice followed by adult, psychiatric and acute care. In addition to NPs, advanced practice includes certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNA), clinical nurse specialists (CNS), and midwives. Entry level for NPs is a masters or doctorate degree from an approved graduate school. Competency is validated by the passing of a national certification exam followed by state licensure. Like registered nurses (RN), advanced practice is governed by the rules and laws of a state board of nursing. In Ohio, NPs are required to collaborate with a supervising physician however 24 states now have independent practice. This has been proposed in Ohio; however, we are not quite there yet.

Advanced practice originated out of unmet medical need due to physician shortages in rural areas, however it has now evolved into a legitimate profession in all 50 US states. NPs can be found practicing in both inpatient and outpatient settings. Like our RN colleagues, NP are revered and trusted. In fact, when surveyed most patients are extremely satisfied with the care received by their advanced practice nurse and the quality outcomes are equally as positive. Having a NP as your health care provider is truly like having "the best of both worlds." NPs are trained to use a medical model of care diagnosing, treating and prescribing with training similar to our physician counterparts but do it with their "nursing touch." What does that exactly mean? Nurses are famously known for their genuine caring, empathy, exceptional communication skills and more so for their ability to advocate for patients. To me, all of these attributes plus the additional education make the NP an integral and valuable part of the health care team.

In our area, there are hundreds of NPs and ARPNs who are definitely making a difference in the lives of everyone they touch. In smaller institutions, it is harder to get traction, however it is happening daily in the Ohio Valley because of the professionalism, perseverance and sincere desire to serve the community. If you have a special nurse in your life, take a moment to thank them!

It is an honor and a privilege for me to give a shout out to our very own Blanche Williams, who was a pioneer in the profession, and paved the way for all ARPNs in Ohio. Blanche, THANK YOU for your dedication to our profession, patients and the residents in our area. My colleagues and I are proud to follow in your footsteps and continue the legacy that you so humbly founded.

Christine Radivoj, MScN, APRN, FNP-BC, ENP-C



In loving memory of our dear friend,

Ella Jane Brozka Burns.

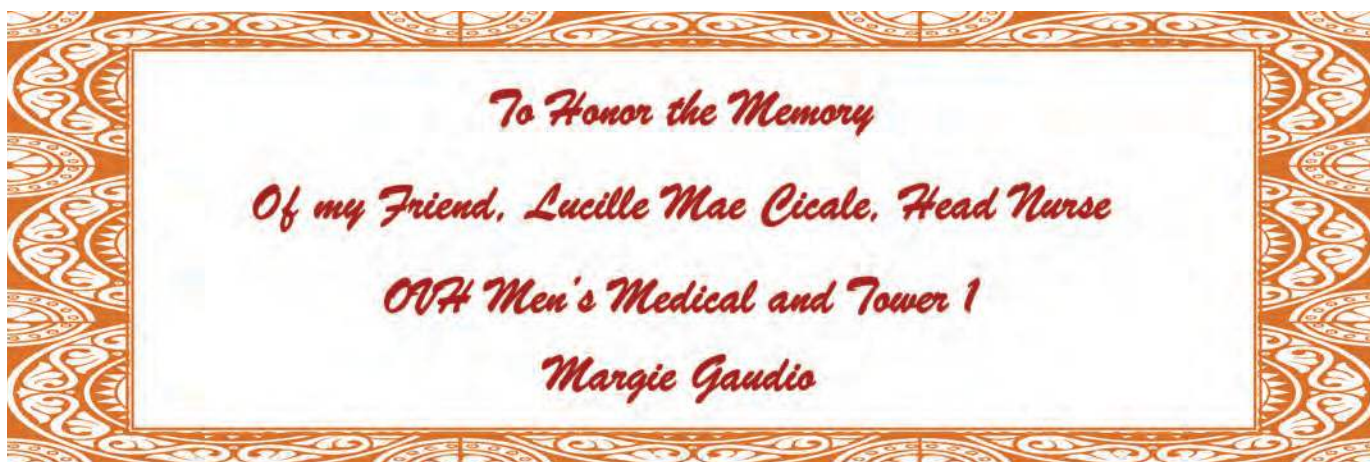
Ella Jane was a dedicated alumna from the day the alumni organized. She never missed a meeting and was always the first one in attendance preparing tables and making coffee. She will be truly missed by all of her friends.

Another faithful attendee, Irene Barker, is in ill health and has relocated to Wyngate in Weirton. If you would like to send her a card letting her know that she is missed and not forgotten, here is her address.

Irene Barker; Apt 133; The Wyngate; 100 Wyngate Drive; Weirton, WV, 26062

Below are examples of a memorial that you may insert honoring a beloved nurse. It can be a friend or relative who you would like to honor. Send your request and wording that you would want to use plus \$10.00. This would go to our treasury toward the scholarship fund.

PLEASE SEND IT TO: BLANCHE WILLIAMS, 301 Williams Blvd. Winterville, OH 43953





Mailing newsletter-Top
Left-right: Char Biacco; Toni Brehm
 Blanche Williams; Donna Elson; Mary Beth
 Allan; Martha Jane Brondos



Bottom: Mail Helpers Blanche Wil-
 liams, Donna Elson., Mary Beth Allan, Becky
 Salvino, Pam Welsh, Joy McCraley, Eleanor
 Kinsvatter, **Front:** Char Biacco,
 Martha Jane Brondos



Enjoying the good food!!
 Mary Beth Allan



Looking Pretty
 Suzie Rousey



Left: Martha Jane Brondos and Blanche Williams saying "good-by" to our dear friend, long time OB nurse and alumna, Bobbie Penman, as she prepares to leave for her new home in Columbus. Bobbie's daughter, Laurie and son-n-law, John, live in Columbus, so it is a win-win move for both Bobbie and Laurie. We will miss her terribly and encourage you to send her a card, so she knows we all care about her and love her, Her address is: 7780 Olen-tangy River RD; Room 110; Columbus, OH 43235



Left :Toni Brehm
Right:
Judy Davis
Natalie Linn
Lee Kontra



Left: Back
Michele Kuczyski
Front left: Yvonne
Rozman
Right: Joy McCraley



Left: June Crago
Right: Donna Dubetz



NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is October 19 at 5:00 p.m. at the Starkdale Presbyterian Church located across from DiCarlo's Pizza. It is a informal covered dish dinner meeting. If you cannot bring a dish, come anyway. There is always plenty of good food and a lot of conversation. We are looking forward to seeing you at the meeting.

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO

Please, if you move, relocate, marry, or have an address change, let us know. We have no way of finding your new address. Many newsletter are returned because "moved with no forwarding address" is stamped on the returned newsletter.

MAILING INQUIRIES

Do not send questions or inquires regarding the alumni to the school of nursing. The School of Nursing's return address is used on the newsletter for mailing purposes only.

Send checks or questions to:


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Steubenville, Ohio 43952

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VOLUNTEERING OPTIONS

If anyone would like to volunteer to fold and seal our newsletter or to help setup for our meetings, please call any of the officers listed on the front page or Blanche Williams at 740-282-6502. We appreciate any help you can give.



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