



# OVH/Trinity School of Nursing Alumni Association Newsletter

Spring 2022

*Dear Fellow Alumni,*

Welcome to the Spring edition of the TSON/OVH newsletter.

“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is: what are you going to do for others?” I love this quote by Martin Luther King, Jr., because it so eloquently describes what nursing is all about. How blessed are we to be a part of a profession that offers so many ways we can help others. How many people can say that about their jobs? Healing and touching lives isn’t always easy, but it’s always worth it.

During the COVID-19 pandemic nurses definitely gained well deserved notoriety for their courage, determination and unconquerable spirit. We have all been witness to the extraordinary things nurses across the world have done for their fellow human beings and in these times of uncertainly nurses are depended on more than ever. Across the globe, it is apparent how crucial nurses are to the health and wellness of our population and healthcare systems and now more than ever, nurses deserve recognition and appreciation.

Thank you to all the alumni nurses, who are working during these unprecedented times, for being our courageous heroes and making us TSON/OVH PROUD!

As we approach upcoming nurses week, May 6-12, join me in celebrating our noble profession and alumni association by sending a note of gratitude to your most influential TSON/OVH nurse mentor/source of inspiration and if they live locally invite them to our next meeting!

This years theme for International Nurses Day 2022 captures the essence of what our beloved alma mater continues to accomplish by providing a distinguished record of achievement in nursing education, since 1912. Nurses: A Voice to Lead – Invest in nursing and respect rights to secure global health, focusing on the need to protect, support and invest in the nursing profession to strengthen health systems around the world.

We appreciate your efforts in supporting the next generation of TSON/ OVH graduates!

Our camaraderie is truly special. I hope to see you and your favorite TSON/OVH mentor/source of inspiration at our next meeting!

Kind Regards,

*Andrea Hale*  
Alumni President



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**NEXT MEETING DATE**  
**April 29, 2022 | 5:00pm at Starkdale Church**

## *From the Dean's Desk...*

### *Fellow Alumni,*

I am happy to report that we are finally seeing some light at the end of the tunnel regarding the pandemic. The numbers of COVID-19 cases in the community are dropping along with our inpatient numbers. The School of Nursing continues offering in-person classes with COVID-19 screenings, masks, and social distancing practices.

The pandemic continues to impact our enrollment numbers. I still believe people are fearful to enter our profession after hearing the news stories about the stress that this pandemic has had on our fellow nurses locally and across the country. We remain hopeful that the new scholarship will increase interest in our beloved profession and assist students to achieve their goal of becoming registered nurses. This scholarship/loan program will cover students' tuition and fee costs (after any scholarships and grants) resulting in a full-time RN position within Trinity Health System. To date, 12 students/graduates have taken advantage of this opportunity. The nursing shortage is very real and it is impacting every hospital nationwide.

On July 16, 2021 we honored 18 new graduates. The pandemic did impact the way in which they received information. Unfortunately, not all of the graduates successfully passed the NCLEX-RN Exam. Although our pass rate dropped to 83.3%, Trinity continues to exceed State and National pass rates.

The School of Nursing used CARES Act monies to enhance our Skills Lab with simulation and other progressive learning tools. We have seven simulators including a pregnant/delivering mother, baby, and child. This technology is amazing! Our students now take their unit exams online via ExamSoft on laptops purchased with CARES Act dollars.

The Faculty is working diligently to prepare students for the Next Generation NCLEX (NGN) exam. The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) plans to change the format of the licensure exam in 2023. The rationale for this change is to, "help nurses think critically when providing care and make the right decisions".

We are thankful for the two Alumni Scholarships that were awarded last year. The Faculty, Staff, and Students of the School of Nursing are grateful for the support of the Alumni Association. I hope to see more of you at our April meeting!



*Melissa Hassan MScN, 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).

We greatly appreciate your dedication to your School of Nursing

Name (both maiden & married) \_\_\_\_\_ Yr Grad \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**....to jog your memory**

Meetings are always on the 3rd Wednesday of April and October. Meetings are covered dish dinners at 5:00 p.m.

Meetings are always at Starkdale Church across from DiCarlos Pizza. Remember, we award two scholarships every year.

Remember, dues are still \$10.00

Remember, please join us at the meetings ! We need you! Remember, bring a friend or co-worker with you.

**PLEASE! PLEASE!**

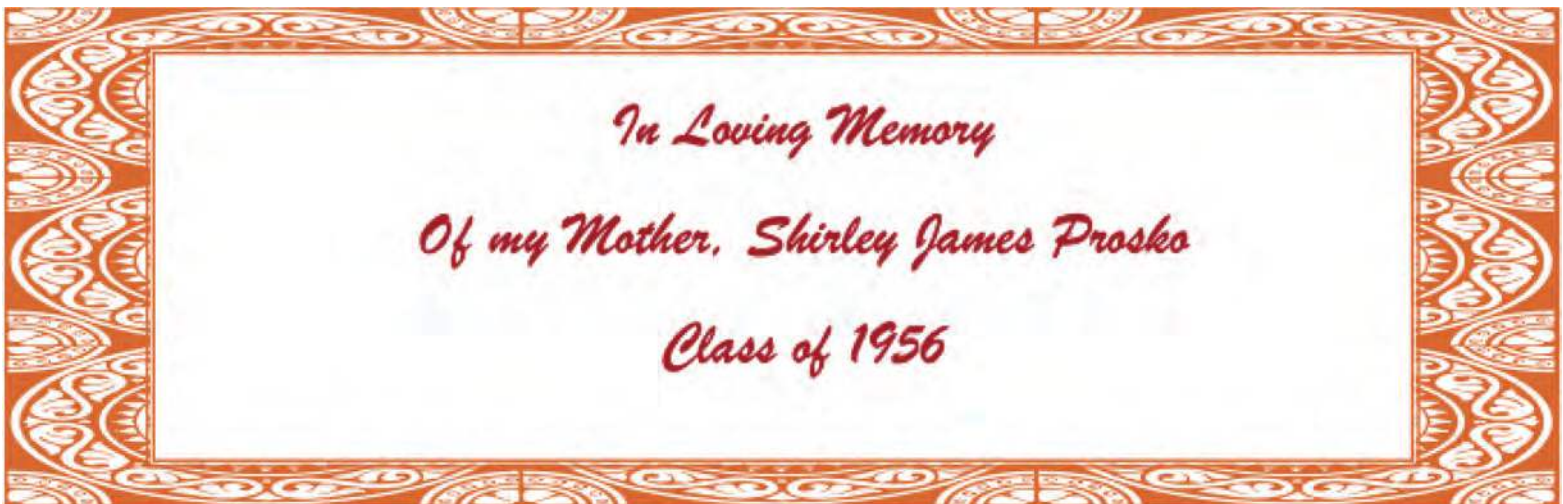
**If you relocate or change your name, please contact us by phone or mail or you can text me (Blanche ) at 740-219-2800. We have no way of locating you without some help.**

Also, if you know a nurse who does not receive the newsletter, please let me know.

All correspondences are to be mailed to **Char Biacco or Andrea Hale**. Their addresses are on the front page. **Do not send to the School of Nursing.**

Below is an example 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**







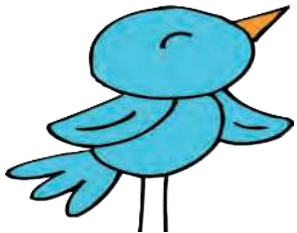
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Melissa Hassan  
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Carolyn Westfall



Right  
Char Biacco  
Debbie Mathieu  
Carla Milosevich







**Andrea Hale,  
President**



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Right:Lee Kontra



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Natalie Linn; Becky Salvino;  
Michele Kuczykowski;  
Joy McCraley



**FRONTLINE HEROES:**  
**National**  
*Nurses Week*  
*May 6-12*



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**Right** Kathy  
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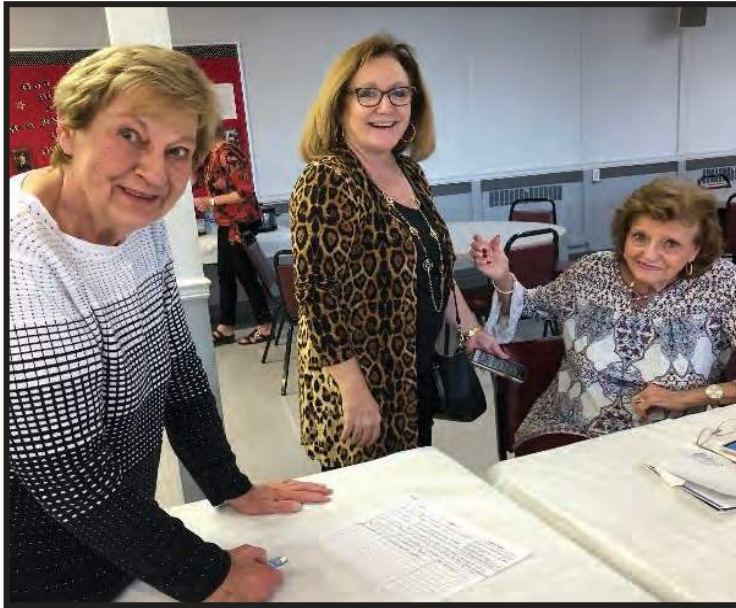
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Patty Milosevich ,  
Back: Amber Marino ;  
Carla Milosevich








Below  
**Left: Blanche Williams**  
**Mary Beth Allan**



Above  
**Right; Eleanor Kindsvatter.; Middle" Natalie Linn**  
**Right: Suzie Rousey**

A Lot of great food with  
 Mary Beth Allan"left  
 Ella Jane Burns"center  
 Patty Milosevich front  
  
 Come and enjoy a fun evening  
 with some good friends and  
 great nurses. There is a lot to  
 talk about plus



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