



OVH/Trinity School of Nursing Alumni Association Newsletter

Spring 2023

Dear Fellow Alumni,

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

The National Nurses Month Celebration is quickly approaching and this year's theme "You Make a Difference" is divided into four areas for nurses to reflect on and practice throughout the month — Self-Care, Recognition, Professional Development and Community Engagement.

Whether you are a new grad, seasoned nurse or retired, take time each week to reflect on this year's theme and celebrate our sacred profession.

- Week 1:** Self Care - Indulge yourself in whatever feeds your mind, body, and spirit.
- Week 2:** Recognition - Honor the work of a nurse you admire by sending them a note of love and appreciation.
- Week 3:** Professional Development - Focus on how you can excel and lead in your nursing career or provide opportunities for the next generation of nurses by making a donation to our scholarship fund.
- Week 4:** Community Engagement - Become a mentor to someone who is considering a career in nursing or share your wisdom by sending a note of encouragement to students at TSON.

I am honored to serve as your Alumni President and hope that you'll join us for an upcoming alumni meeting. Keep in touch with us, and become an active member of the OVH/TSON alumni family!

Kindest Regards,

Andrea Hale
Alumni President



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Congratulations, President, Andrea Hale!!
The Valley Hospice Board of Trustees has unanimously selected Andrea Hale as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO). The previous CEO, Cynthia Bougher, retired after 28 years of service. Andrea has been serving as Valley Hospice's Chief Operating Officer, (COO).
We are so very proud of you, Andrea, and wish you the best in this challenging position.

NEXT MEETING DATE
April 19, 2023 | 5:00pm at Starkdale Church
Come and enjoy a fun evening with friends and great food. There is much to talk about .

From the Dean's Desk...

Greetings Fellow Alumni,

As if you already didn't know this, but you are graduates of one of the Best Nursing Programs in the State! Out of 123 Nursing Programs in the State of Ohio, Trinity Health System School of Nursing is one of two programs to achieve a 100% pass rate on the NCLEX-RN in 2022. We are the only local program to receive this rating. Pass rates across the nation have declined over the past five years. The 2022 national rate was 79.9% with Ohio's rate being 75.83%. The School of Nursing has achieved a 100% pass rate four out of the past six years and has consistently exceeded state and national pass rates.

We continue to request that our Fellow Alumni promote our beloved profession and alma mater in an effort to help attract individuals to Nursing as a career. The nursing shortage continues to impact Trinity Health System plus most hospitals nationwide. The need to recruit individuals to Nursing has never been greater.

On July 14, 2023 we will have 16 new graduates join our 2,466 Alumni. This group of graduates will be the first to take the Next Generation NCLEX (NGN) exam. According to the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN), "the NGN exam uses case studies like you would see in the real world to reflect the kinds of critical decisions nurses have to make in a variety of healthcare settings. It focuses on interactions between nurse and client, the client's needs, and expected outcomes." I don't know about you, but it sounds like the types of questions that I answered on many exams taken at this very School of Nursing. The faculty have been working diligently to prepare the current group of graduates for this new testing format.

The long awaited new units on the Trinity West Campus will open this summer. Our students will be able to provide quality nursing care on state of art nursing units. We hope that the majority of the new graduates will stay with Trinity to care for the patients in our Community.

Hope to see all of you at the April 19 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). 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 _____ DONATION _____
PHONE _____ CELL _____ EMAIL _____



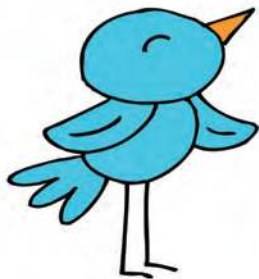
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Joy Mc Craley
 Char Biacco
 (Treasurer)

If you relocate or change your name, please contact me by mail or text me at 740-219-2800. (Blanche Williams, 301 Williams Blvd., Wintersville, OH 43953)
 If you know a nurse who does not receive the newsletter, please let me know. All correspondence is to be mailed Char Biacco or Blanche Williams. Char's address is on the front page .Do not send to the School of Nursing.

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Natalie Linn
 Becky Salvino
 Joy McCraley



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 Camille Cicone
 Patty Milosevich
 Carla Milosevoch



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Left - Sophia Mastros Krome
Right -Andrea Hale

Above
Left- Blanche Williams
Martha Jane Brondos



Left
Suzie Rousey



Lower Left
Mary Beth Allan

Lower—Right
Left—Lee Kontra
Right—Donna Elson



Left to Right

Judy Owings

Melissa Hassan

Debbie Methiou



Above

Left : Toni Brehm

Right: Carolyn Westfall



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Judy Owings

Lee Kontra



On the next page are memorials that others have requested honoring nurses. 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

Kathryn Nestor, former Director of Nurses at OVH,
wants to honor and thank all the nurses at OVH who made her, an Allegheny
Pittsburgh nurse, feel welcome.

A special memorial for the late Jean Hutton who served as head nurse on
post partum during my tenure at OVH(1984—1997).

THANK YOU ALL!!

In memory of my wife, Connie Sue Snyder Meade

Class of 1969

Husband—-Phillip Meade

In memory of my dear classmate and friend,

Anne Galbraith Wright. Class of 1957

Ann Lewis Artman

In memory of my dear classmate and friend,

Theresa Difilippo McKelvey Class of 1962

Karen Skunda Chuma Weintraub




**Celebrating "National Nurses Week" With Gratitude For The
Special Nurses In Our Lives MAY 6– 12, 2023**



TRINITY NURSING CLASS 2023 HAD A 100 PERCENT PASS RATE ON NCLEX RN EXAM.

Out of 123 nursing programs in the state of Ohio, Trinity School of Nursing is one of two programs to obtain this recognition. Since the beginning of the nursing program in 1912, the school has educated 2,466 RN's. Dean Melissa Hassan attributes much of the successful program to the dedicated Master's prepared faculty.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2022!!

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