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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*These are exciting times!*

As you know, we have moved from our Yonkers office to a lovely space in Purchase NY and also reached out to many more alumni through an expanded email roster and individual class members are doing the same with their classmates. Our membership continues to be loyal and strong and our mission of assisting graduates continues unabated.

Changes in health care financing still occupy much of the news with outcomes uncertain and a deteriorating health care system. The Institute of Medicine's report on nursing is good news for a sorry situation. We hope you will help to move their recommendations forward.

We have grateful alumni and families as we continue to assist those in need. One daughter wrote that her mother had received our Christmas card and additional check.

"She is so happy to receive the checks each month and always remarks how nice you are to remember her in this way. Even at 95, she can still tell stories about her experiences at nursing school."

A dialogue has begun with the Dean and we will soon broaden our conversations to members of the School's Alumni Association Board. While you may be impatient to see this division repaired, we are proceeding slowly to ensure that the work we do will be lasting and preserve both Association's interests and commitments. Of course we will keep you posted of our progress in our next issues.

We all are anticipating spring and a new season of growth.

Thank you for your support over the past year and we look forward to seeing you at our reunion. Remember, the date is now April 29<sup>th</sup> not as previously posted.

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# Reunion 2011

## Save the Date

### April 29, 2011

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# THE FUTURE OF NURSING IS NOW

“When the old is new again” is a saying applied to styles, ideas, mores and life in general. What was before seems to reemerge as new. The Institute of Medicine and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s report on the *Future of Nursing* issued October 2010 is a combination of old ideas and practices with present day realities and recommendations.

The recently enacted Affordable Care Act (ACA) provides an opportunity for nursing to move into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Eli Ginsburg, the noted sociologist, told the nursing community in the 1960’s to assume responsibility for nursing care, primarily for the elderly in nursing homes. He said that the mere name of nursing homes pointed to our responsibility. For whatever reasons, nursing assumed little jurisdiction in this arena and medicine, management and Big Pharma played increasingly larger roles.

The new IOM mandate calls for nursing to assume a much larger role than Ginsburg set forth at that NLN convention. It places nurses and nursing as full partners in healthcare. Our future is now.

The Report’s recommendations are:

1. Remove scope-of-practice barriers, practicing to the full extent of their education and training.
2. Expand opportunities for nurses to lead and diffuse collaborative improvement efforts. (nurses be enabled to lead and manage collaborative efforts with physicians and other health team members)
3. Implement nurse residency programs
4. Increase proportion of baccalaureate graduates from 50% to 80% by 2020.
5. Double the number of nurses with a doctorate by 2020.
6. Ensure that nurses engage in life long learning.
7. Prepare and enable nurses to lead change to advance health.
8. Build an infrastructure for collection and analysis of inter-professional health care workforce data.

In the almost 125 years since the founding of our School the profession has undergone many changes. Our School started as a three-year program, morphed into five, dropped back to four years and now has a twelve-month program for college graduates providing a basic nursing curriculum at the baccalaureate level and an articulating master’s degree. What has been gained in this evolution is a broader program that prepares nurses to be leaders, researchers and clinicians with opportunities to continue to doctoral level. Higher educational attainment and lifelong learning are urged by the report.

A career ladder, now in place, has been many years in the making. We currently have multiple pathways into nursing – nursing aides, certified nursing assistants, home health aides, practical nurses that form one stratum. The second level, all of them leading to licensure, involves associate and baccalaureate degrees and also some old three-year hospital schools and master’s programs. There are multiple outcomes for these graduates yet all are eligible for the same license despite the different skill sets and knowledge bases. This multiplicity of differently prepared nurses is confusing to the public and presents a fragmented system of nursing education.

Patient care is also affected by this confusion and the IOM report is recommending a clearer and seamless program trajectory with the ability to move up the educational ladder.

The American Medical Association has a point when they comment on the 10,000 hours of clinical work that their students and residents perform. We in nursing produce graduates with less than 1000 hours of clinical work at the baccalaureate level and associate degree graduates with even less. To remedy this shortfall of intensive clinical practice, the IOM is recommending that support be given to nurses in transition-to-practice residency programs upon completion of their basic or advanced practice programs or when they are moving into areas of new clinical practice.

Getting back to ‘what old is new’ is that the five year program previously offered at Columbia provided at least 4,000 hours of intensive patient contact in consecutive days. The present collegiate model of classes and scheduling clinical days prohibit such a schedule. There is so much to learn, education is expensive and time is money - all of which conspire against adding patient contact hours in training programs.

In earlier years, Columbia students were prized for their clinical acumen. They later assumed a diverse array of roles. They

were appointed to teaching positions as well as research projects because they knew patient care and were well prepared. Given that base, many moved into administration, teaching and research and their preparation enabled them to pursue many different careers. The Columbia nurse continues to be a highly valued colleague.

Society and health care have changed radically in recent years and nurses must be prepared to assume their rightful role on the health care team. More baccalaureate and higher degree nurses are needed; prepared faculty are essential to teach the one million or more that will be needed nurses as our aging nurse population begins to retire in the next ten years. Further, we need nurse leaders who are co-equal with physicians and able to assume responsibility for primary care for in/out patient services. Columbia has already started on that path.

Two of our Columbia family are heavily involved in the review, recommendations and implementation of the IOM/RWJF report – Chris Kovner '69 of NYU and our Dean, Bobbie Berkowitz.

This is not a task for only those in administration, faculty or clinical positions. The report is calling for all nurses interested in the cause to join a nationwide effort to help bring the report's recommendations to fruition. We encourage you to help nursing to assume its rightful position in our health care sector. If you wish to participate, please go to this website: <http://www.thefutureofnursing.org>. Help where you can, either locally or through the Alumni Associations. All nurses, active and retired, are needed to implement this multi-faceted program. It is in our own interests and the health of the nation that is at stake. Remember the motto over the front door of Presbyterian Hospital, struck in 1929 "For the Most High Cometh Healing." Our nation is depending upon you.

## Reunion 2011

Friday, April 29th will find us convening at the New York Athletic Club at 180 Central Park South for our 118th annual meeting and reunion. In past years we have had spectacular attendance and everyone enjoyed the ambiance and opportunity to reunite with their classmates in surroundings with which we are familiar.

During the annual meeting we will present the newly elected Board members and conduct association business. Following that we will hear of the accomplishments of our Distinguished Alumni, take pleasure in awarding scholarships to very bright and capable alumni pursuing further education. Our keynote speaker is Susan Woodward Brewster '65 who will describe her work on Non-Governmental Mercyships International and the Smile Train. As an added treat, her husband, Richard, will provide photos of their work to accompany the presentation.

A leisurely lunch and class photographs will be followed by a panel discussion of the Institute of Medicine's new report on "The Future of Nursing." You will have the opportunity to participate and it is anticipated that this topic will carry us into the closing wine and cheese hour.

Rooms are available at the NYAC (212. 767.7135 or [reservation@nyac.org](mailto:reservation@nyac.org)) for \$260/night; Union Theological, B'way and 121st for \$135 and up; (212.280.1313); Millennium UN Plaza for \$232(212.758.1234; Double Tree at 569 Lex for \$246 (212.752.4770). Parking is available at QuickPark at 125 W 58th between 6th and 7th Avenues. (There is a rear entrance to the NYAC on 58th near the corner of 7th Ave.)

We hope you will join us.

## CUPHSONAA ITEMS FOR SALE

Now you can purchase several items from the Alumni Office. A handy tote bag with our logo (\$20), informal note cards (\$10), keychain (\$7.50) and post-it notes (\$7.50) plus postage (\$3.75) are available. Just send your order to the Alumni Office 287 Bowman Avenue, Suite 310, Purchase, NY 10577. In addition, we also have several videos for sale produced with extensive interviews of our grads of each decade and 50th reunion Class videos for 1956-1960. These are (\$18) postage included.



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## *In Memoriam*

1933	Caroline LUTHER Keil	April 21, 2010
1935	Ruth SKEMP Burkhart	July 14, 2006
1936	Eleanor HALL	unknown
1940	Margaret WILSON Gleason	May 10, 2010
1943	Camille FORTSHOFF Galland	October 22, 2010
1943	Carol SCOTT Wagner	unknown
1944	Marjorie CHASE Chapman	November 17, 2010
1944	Rheba ROBINSON Kraft	July 6, 2010
1945	Virginia DOLLIVER Knight	November, 2009
1945	Helen CRAIG Kaffitz	September 17, 2010
1945	Nancy ALLAN Specht	April 24, 2010
1947	Rosina MANTELLO Coulehan	September, 2009
1949	Nellie WALTER Eaton	January 29, 2010
1951	Janet AYLWARD	May 16, 2006
1951	Roberta HOWE Maguire	September 25, 2010
1951	Joan WARNOCK Manalio	unknown
1952	Sally Ann SMITH Kauzlarich	October 3, 2010
1953	Mary DOYLE McNulty	January 10, 2010
1954	Janet STREET Cower	January, 2010
1955	Stephanie EDWARDS Hicks	August 5, 2010
1955	Jeanne CLAYTON Rebholz	September 10, 2010
1956	Shirley HOLMAN	January 14, 2010
1959	Rose Ann NAUGHTON	December 31, 2010
1960	Delores LUCERO Dove	March 12, 2009
1961	Dorothy MINOR Jensen	December 12, 2010
1964	Mildred WURTH King	May 28, 2010
1964	Susan ROCKWELL West	January 15, 2011
1971	Paula GOLDBLATT Pearson	July 5, 2010
1973	Kathleen RUSHTON Moorhead	unknown
1974	Carol YORK	unknown
1977	Lisa ROSEN Safer	March 18, 2010
1983	Cecelia PENKALA	September 4, 2010

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