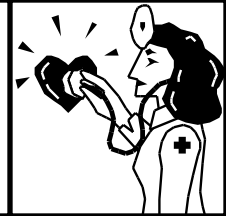


# The Pulse

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California Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association  
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Los Angeles, CA 90009

## President's Message

This is the best time of the year, getting ready to celebrate the 50th Reunion of the Class of 1959 (A & B), and the 25th Reunion of the last graduating Class of 1984. You need to be here.



As you are reading the invitation, please note the changes in the hours, the menu for the Luncheon, and the fees. This year we do not have a speaker for a CEU class and that provided an opportunity to start earlier, and therefore end earlier. You could then meet with your classmates after the Reunion on a more personal basis. We lost the services of our previous caterer, and after evaluating prices and menus, a choice was made to have the Home Girls organization cater our meal. This is a different menu, sampled and approved by our Selection Committee. As you know, our Luncheon menu prices and our membership dues have in the past created confusion for our alumni. This year, a new, improved invitation format should make life easier for all alumni attending the Luncheon and paying dues, versus those only paying dues.

Several past advisors, faculty members and sponsors are planning to attend this year. Teaser: Carolyn Nelson, former instructor at CHSN and a Class of 1984 Advisor from Tacoma, WA plans of attending.

We also plan on having an interview booth, manned by Sharon Sekhon (our archivist), for anyone interested in being interviewed. There will also be a scanning table for any photographs or documents that you would like to have scanned for our Archives at CHSNAA. This is a great opportunity to share your experiences you

had at CHSN. All archive items will be returned to you before you leave on April 18th.

These are important times to be with friends and classmates. Everyone that graduated from California Hospital School of Nursing received the highest quality of learning, in a highly esteemed and respected profession. We are the best and that is demonstrated by the participation of CHSNAA members at each Homecoming and Reunion. I am so proud to be your President.

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## CHSNAA Board

### Reports:

**Treasurer's Report** (Lucinda Westhafer): Checking account balance was \$11,039.02 as of November 2008. A total of \$222,661.43 is with Covington Capital Management.

NurseMADE (Diane Hara/Grace Mizuno): Continuing to collect donations for distribution to CHMC. **A repeat plea for donations of used clothing, shoes, Department patients; donations can be brought to Homecoming 2009 for distribution to the needy.**

For questions regarding current addresses/Mailings, contact:

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**Archives** (Diane Hara): The Western Conservancy of Nursing History now has a moveable wall in the APU Lobby with a timeline of History of Nursing/changes in Nursing/an APU History. In collaboration with St. Vincent's, the Richard Haines Foundation has been contacted for funding of archivist Ken McGuire's expenses re: processing materials. Participants presently are Huntington Hospital, Hollywood-Presbyterian, and California Hospital School of Nursing. **Barbara Jury and Margaret Souza report plans to record interviews during Homecoming 2009, the actual who will depend on attendance and interest in participating.**

**Merchandise** (Barbara Jury/Grace Mizuno): Updating of stock/supplies will be done.

**Scholarship** (Barbara Jury): **Updates on scholarships/Tuition reimbursements planned for membership voting at Homecoming 2009. See article about proposed changes, later this issue. Remember: only dues paid members in attendance at Homecoming will be eligible to vote.**

**Nominating** (Patti Healy): This year the offices of Treasurer (Lucinda Westhafer), Secretary (Elvy Gustafsson), and three Directors (Diane Hara, Patti Healy, and Mary Ann Hayase) are up for reelection. No others have expressed interest in serving at this time.

## In Memoriam:

Irene M. Ayala, a lifelong Chino resident, made her passage peacefully on December 10, 2008 surrounded by the love and affection of



her family and many friends. She is survived by her husband on 65 years (Ruben), three children (Ruben Jr. "Bud", Maurice, and Gary), three grandchildren (Danielle, Sara, and Amy), and her sister (Amy). Born at home of immigrant parents (Marcelino and Sole-dad Morales), Irene prepared herself for what life may bring by graduating from: Chino High School (Class of 1942) where she was the editor of the school newspaper, and won the award of "Outstanding Girl Athlete", then from Chaffey College where she was elected "Student Body Secretary", California Hospital School of Nursing (where she served as Senior Class President for the Class of 1947), and later earned a BSN from USC.

As an RN, Irene served with the US Nurse Corp.

After marrying her High School sweetheart, Irene went on to work in the Chino Unified School District as an ESL educator and later initiated

Chino's Head Start program. Irene also held many responsible positions within the Chino community: Cub Scout Den Mother, PTA President, "Sweetheart of the Year", Secretary/"D" Street School Committee, Chairwoman/Chino Valley Medical Center Citizens Advisory Committee, to name a few. Irene's love of travel (meeting new people, enjoying local cuisines, experiencing different cultures) took her to many places: Russia, Israel, China, Alaska, Taiwan, The Philippines, Great Britain, Mexico City, Guadalajara, and occasionally to South Bend, Indiana for USC/Notre Dame football games. As her life continued to unfold, Irene had occasion to keep company with Kings and Queens, Prime Ministers and Presidents, Heads of State and Diplomats, Captains of Industry, as well as Union Leaders, movie stars, and assorted

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professional athletes. Through it all, Chino always remained her home and her family always in her heart, never losing sight of her roots. For all this, and so much more, Irene Ayala is sweetly and lovingly remembered. A celebration of her life was held on 12/22/2008 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Chino. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to: Inland Hospice Association, 233 W. Harrison Ave., Claremont, CA 91711.

"We were a very small class of 10 who enrolled as members of the Cadet Nurse Corps, and we simultaneously were enrolled at USC, having completed our pre-nursing classes at various universities and community colleges. We were the first residents of Moore Hall. There are now only 3 of us since the loss of our dear associate, Irene Morales Ayala. The surviving members of the Class of 1947B are: Lois Kirscher Ferguson, Beverly Bradbeck Fikse, and myself."

*\*Submitted 1/10/2009*

Susanna (Keen) Owens

Class of 1947

862 Hartglen Avenue

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Sandy (Fleck) Hall, School Nurse and friend to many, passed away December 11, 2008 at home. She died peacefully with her family and friends by her side.

Sandy was a member of the CHSN Class of 1965. She touched the hearts and lives of many! Whether it was talking to people over the telephone or when visiting our office, she offered a listening ear, snacks,

water, and sometimes advice (that we never wanted to hear but knew was right). She was a wealth of information, gave it her all and was there for each and every one of us even if she did not know you. She always took charge of opening and closing the office so that others could be with their families. She never complained. She loved nursing. She loved people, family, and children. She was generous and giving. She tolerated our craziness. She organized us all. She knew how to talk to people. She made us laugh and she made us cry.

Memorial Services were held December 27, 2008 in La Canada, with a reception following. In lieu of flowers, Sandy had requested donations to LAUSD Kathryn L. Kurka Children's Fund, (in memory of Sandy Hall), to be: PO Box 39531, Los Angeles, CA 90039.

## **Arrivals:**



CHSNAA Director Diane Hara reports the arrival of a new granddaughter.

## **California Hospital M e d i c a l Center reports:**



A new heliport in downtown Los Angeles was recently unveiled and is being called an immediate asset to trauma transport services. The Robert F. Maguire Heliport is located on top of the

Grand Avenue Garage at 240 West Venice Blvd. The structure, owned by Maguire Investments, will allow helicopters carrying patients to access the Leavey Trauma Center at California Hospital Medical Center for the first time. The newly crated access is a welcome expansion of services for the Los Angeles County Fire Services, Los Angeles City Fire, and other emergency medical agencies.

Please help us locate your fellow alumni, especially the Honored Classes. Contact Secretary Elvy Gustafsson or any Board Member if you have any information on how to contact them:



**Honored Class of 1959 (50 years):**

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Birt, Joyce (Ables)  
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(760) 765-1032

Blank, Catherine  
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Blizard, Margaret  
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22152 Cape May Lane  
Huntington Beach, CA 92646

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Chaponis, Margaret  
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(972) 540-6515

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## Honored Class of 1984

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(661) 943-2056

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Prather, CA 93551-952

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No known address or phone number

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Neenan, Cheryl

*No known address or phone number*

Ohlson, Lori

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Ondoy, Nanette

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Las Vegas, NV 89107-207

(702) 222-0783

Park, Sherrie Lyn

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Pierce, Valerie Ann

*No known address or phone number*

Reid, Hilary

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Shoukry, Cristina L. (Garcia)

*No known address or phone number*

Tann, Bonnie M.

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The *Archive* is located on the web at [www.chsnarchive.org](http://www.chsnarchive.org) and to date has over 1,000 records including portraits, candid shots, personal correspondence, marketing material, and curricula related to the School of Nursing. The design of the *California Hospital School of Nursing Digital Archive* is under the direction of the Studio for Southern California History, a nonprofit dedicated to Southern California's social history, and the Alumni Association.



<b>CHSNAA Scholarship/Tuition Reimbursement program:</b>	
<b>Current plan:</b>	
Article VII., Section I.	Scholarships will be awarded based on available funds. The Scholarship Committee shall bring recommendations for scholarships or tuition reimbursement to the Board of Directors for approval.
<b>Proposed additions to Article VII, Section I.:</b>	<b>In unique situations, the Scholarship Committee will be the final determinant of ultimate scholarship eligibility.</b>
<b>Current plan:</b>	
Article I, Section II.	The Alumni Award for Undergraduate Study in the field of Nursing shall not exceed \$2000 per scholarship awarded. This award is made by the CHSN Alumni Association.
Article I, Section III.	The Alumni Award for Graduate Study in Nursing or a related field shall not exceed \$2000 per scholarship awarded. This award is made by the CHSN Alumni Association.
Article I, Section IV.	Continuing Education Reimbursement shall be up to 80% of a maximum of \$500 for one class only. This award is made by the CHSN Alumni Association.
Article I, Section V.	Criteria for Undergraduate Study. The candidates must be CHSN graduates currently licensed to practice nursing.
<b>Proposed change to Article I, Section V.</b>	<b>Criteria for Undergraduate Study. The candidates must be CHSN graduates (dues-paid alumni) <u>or</u> the relative of a dues-paid alumni, for study in the field of Nursing.</b>
<b>Current plan:</b>	
Article I, Section VI.	Criteria for Graduate Study. The candidates must be CHSN graduates currently licensed to practice nursing, and who have earned a Baccalaureate degree, preferably in nursing.
<b>Proposed changes to Article I, Section VI.</b>	<b>Criteria for Graduate Study. The candidates must be CHSN graduates (dues-paid alumni) <u>or</u> the relative of a dues-paid alumni, currently licensed to practice nursing who have earned a Baccalaureate degree. The degree pursued should be in the field of Nursing or a related field.</b>
<b>Current plan:</b>	
Article I, Section VII.	Criteria for Continuing Education Reimbursement Award(s). The candidates must be CHSN graduates currently licensed to practice nursing, who are in need of Continuing Education units to maintain licensure.
<b>Proposed changes to Article I, Section VII.</b>	<b>Criteria for Graduate Study. The candidates, currently licensed to practice nursing, must be (dues-paid) alumni <u>or</u> the relative of a dues-paid alumni who have earned a Baccalaureate degree. The degree pursued should be in the field of Nursing or a related field.</b>

\*\*Note: Only dues-paid alumni present at Homecoming 2009 will be eligible to vote.

## Questionnaire for the California Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association:

Please take your time to answer each question. Use separate pages for more space. Print clearly or type your responses; they will be recorded in the California Hospital Digital Archive & posted on the Archive's website.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Grad year: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**May we contact you for photographs or for an interview?    Yes    No**

1. How old were you when you first thought about becoming a nurse? When did you definitely decide to become a nurse? What influenced this decision? (For example: a parent or teacher, fictional or real figure in history, a war, etc.).
2. How would you describe your background? Your parents? Did you come from an extended family or a smaller family unit?
3. What or who were your support systems prior to coming to CHSN? Did your support systems change?
4. What schools of nursing did you consider? Why did you choose California Hospital School of Nursing?
5. What do you recall of the application process? Who interviewed you? Was it an individual or group? One interviewer or more? Where was the interview held? What was it like?
6. What are your early memories of your first classes at the School of Nursing? Who were your first teachers? First impressions? What was California Hospital like when you arrived?
7. If applicable, what do you remember about moving into the dorm? Did you have a roommate? Was she someone you already knew? What was your first encounter like?
8. If applicable, what are some of your favorite memories of dormitory life? What social events stand out in your memory? Memories of study hours? Lock out? Housemothers?
9. What are some of your favorite memories of time spent in the Library? During study hours? After class? Doing research?
10. Where were you living before you came to California Hospital? If different from Southern California, what were your first impressions of the place?
11. What was downtown Los Angeles like when you arrived? Did any major events occur when you were at California Hospital? Refer to list below for examples of historic pivot points.

1941: The bombing of Pearl Harbor

1960-1974: Vietnam War

1942: The internment of Japanese Americans

1965: 5-year Delano Grape Strike

1943: Zoot Suit Riots

1965: Watts Riots

1944: End of WWII

1968: Assassination of RFK at Ambassador Hotel

1950: Korean Conflict

1969: Manson murders

1954: Opening of Disneyland

1973: Election of Tom Bradley, LA Mayor

1957: Dodgers come to LA

1984: LA hosts the Summer Olympics

12. What are your first memories of your early clinical experiences?
13. What are your memories of your capping ceremony?
14. What were your favorite classes in nursing school? Why?
15. What did you usually wear to school? Describe it?
16. Were there nurses or other hospital staff members who had a positive influence on you? Who were they?
17. What were your favorite floors to work on? Why? Least favorite? Why? What shifts did you like best? Least? Did you work for pay?
18. Who were your favorite patients to work with? Why? Can you remember any stories that illustrate This?
19. Who were your favorite doctors? Head nurses? Supervisors? Nursing instructors? Hospital administrators? Why? Can you remember any stories that illustrate why he or she was your favorite?
20. What are your memories of your Affiliations? What are they? Positive and negative? Be sure to Include specific information.
21. What do you remember about the cafeteria? Your favorites? Night lunch? Dorm food/snacks?
22. What do you remember about your graduation ceremony?
23. What was your first job in nursing after graduation? Was it in the area of nursing that most interested you? Did you remain in this area of nursing throughout your career?
24. What other areas of nursing did you pursue? What influenced your job/career changes?

25. If applicable, what college or school did you attend prior to and during your education at CHSN? Favorite classes? How did you commute to and from classes? If you drove, what kind of car did you have? Did you have any favorite teachers?
26. Did you pursue further education after graduation from CHSN? What degrees, certifications, etc, did you earn? From what colleges, universities, educational programs, etc?
27. Did you pursue a career (careers) other than nursing? What and why?
28. Have you received any form of recognition or acknowledgment apart from your nursing career? What were they associated with?
29. Did you join the military after graduation? Which branch? What was your rank at the time of discharge? Did you travel in the course of your service? If so, where? What are a few of your most memorable experiences while in the service?
30. What is the best thing about nursing to you?
31. What is the worst thing about nursing to you?
34. Why should we remember California Hospital School of Nursing?
34. Please include any other memories, experiences, or thoughts that you wish to share.

Send your responses in to: CHSNAA

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### CHSN Alumni Association: Merchandise Price List

Merchandise	Available Sizes	# desired	Price/one	Price/two	Subtotal	*Pick-up?	Ship? (Y/N)
Blue Sweatshirts w Gold CHSN Logo	L		\$15	\$25			
Blue Sweatshirts w Gold CHSN Logo	XXL		\$17	\$28			
White Polo Shirts w Blue CHSN Logo	L		\$15	\$25			
Tote Bags w CHSN Logo	N/A		\$10	N/A			
Fanny Pack w CHSN Logo	N/A		\$6	N/A			
Stainless Steel Travel Mug w CHSN	N/A		\$10	N/A			
Wine/Burgundy Leather Planner/Organizer w embossed CHSN Logo	4" x 7"		\$12	N/A			
Navy blue Baseball Style Cap w Gold CHSN Logo	Adjustable		\$8	N/A			
CHSNAA Memory Cookbook	N/A		\$20	\$40			
Commemorative CHSN Display Brick	Variable Appearance		\$25 on site				

Shipping/Handling= \$5 per order (not including Brick – see above) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to CHSN Alumni Assoc.** Total amount due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please print legibly:

Ship to: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (In case we need to reach you)

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Note if pick-up desired, arrangements must be made at time of order with the Merchandise Committee Representative**



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**\*\*Return Service Requested\*\***



**Homecoming 2009 will be Saturday, April 18, 2009. Start planning now—reserve the day!  
Honored Classes for 2009 are: the Class of 1984 (25 years). **\*\*The Last Class!!!!**  
the Class of 1959 (50 years)**

**Submissions for *The Pulse* may be sent to the PO Box or emailed to the Editor. Please include a CHSN identifier(s) in the email subject line/message if any attachment(s) enclosed.**