



## Business Name

## President's Message

This year (2008-2009) went by very fast for the Alumni Board. We accomplished many activities that I wish to summarize in this President's Message. Much of our energy this past year has gone towards our history and Archives preservation. And because our history is so important, we want to thank all our alums who have supported us with their donations of memorabilia or their time:



Lorraine (Malone) Spargo

Class of 1960

Donated: Hat, Cape, New Testament

Bible, and book (1956) *A Manual for the Control of Communicable Diseases in California*.

Martha Fleischman

Class of 1953

Donated: School Annual

Martha Talbert

Class of ?

Donated: Photos, School Annual 1949,

School Annual 1951

The Summary of 1898-1984

Barbara Jane (Fry) MacPherson

Class of 1953

Donated: School Annual 1949, Photos,

Capping Photos (January 26, 1951),

Sidel (Gelbart) Myers

Class of 1953

Donated: 5 Textbooks

Also received, one cape with initials MCF from Unknown donor

Dr. Sharon Sekhon has been the best support system for us to move forward with our Archives. She is always enthusiastic toward obtaining and processing each item, scanning them and placing them on our website. Have you visited our website recently? New information and photos from our alumni are always being added. Check it out!

Dr. Sekhon has also been busy interviewing assorted members of our Alumni; the first alum interviewed was Barbara Jury. If you attended Homecoming 2009, you may know that she was able to interview several alumni members who either traveled from afar or who were members of an early graduating class. Amongst them several members of the Class of 1952 were interviewed. In addition, Dr. Sekhon has been involved with our moving items to Azusa Pacific University; at present we have transported 1 copy of each year's Class yearbook (3 boxes), a box of books and several uniforms, caps, and capes that have been cleaned. There has been much interest in the Nursing Archives and we are receiving more support from the University leaders in the form of increased designated space and a part-time Archivist position (also Dr. Sekhon). And, Kaiser Permanente has made monetary donations to the cause of the Western Conservancy of Nursing. Hopefully, others will soon follow and support the quest to document and save nursing history.

Our newest concern is closer to home, for the changes that we see at Leavey Hall, the home of our

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Archives room at California Hospital Medical Center. Currently, plans are for the Meeting Room to be part of a parking structure. We hope that construction will be complete by the 2010 Homecoming but will not know until closer to that time. We will keep everyone updated as information becomes available.

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## Tell Us About You....

### Your commentary on life, etc....

“Six of us from the Class of 1955B were at Homecoming 2009: June Brown, Birgith Johannessen, Carol Latoof, Grace Mizuno, Claudia Stiver, and myself (Florine Campbell Ernst). Claudia and Grace (both Alumni Board members) were working their little buns off when the rest of us arrived. Many thanks to all the Board members who works so hard to provide a great and memorable Homecoming.

We sorely missed Naomi Marvin who has always been with us. Her sister, Dorothy who was also a regular Homecoming attendee, recently passed away, resulting in Naomi's move to Fresno to be with family. Naomi's new address is: 41200 Fig Grove Circle, Madera, CA 93637. Cell phone (310) 692-0406. I'm sure Naomi would love to hear from you.

Other than the loyal camaraderie, it pays to go to Homecoming. Some great Door Prizes were given out and yours truly won a \$50 Williams-Sonoma gift certificate.



The 1955 Round Robin letters are still circulating after 13 years. We all share the ups and downs in our lives, of which there have been many since we started. Long live the Class of 1955B!”

Florine (Campbell) Ernst

Class of 1955B

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*\*Received 4/25/2009\**

“NurseMADE would like to thank all of you who brought your beautiful creations for the NICU patients. You all have spent your time, efforts, and money to help these babies. The nurses were thrilled to receive all the items. I noticed that almost all of the isolettes had hospital linen covering them—not the colorful covers that we provide. There were some inquires regarding the sizes needed. The isolette covers should be about 36” x 44”. There will be a chart for head and chest sizes in *The Pulse*. As for patterns, you may use any pattern. The older sizes will be used in the Pediatric area. Thank you all so very much—everything is much appreciated.(See enclosed instructions)”

Grace (Kakuta) Mizuno

Class of 1955B

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*\*Dated April 27, 2009*

## NurseMADE Contributions:

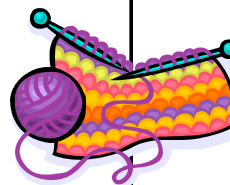
Submitted by Beverly Boyle on October 2, 2008

4 yellow hats

10 blue hats

Submitted by Beverly Boyle on April 18, 2009:

7 green hats



7 yellow hats

Submitted by Joyce Jacob on July 12, 2008:

5 multicolor hats

Submitted by Joyce Jacob on April 8, 2009:

8 multicolor hats

6 various color hats

Submitted by Grace Mizuno on April 18, 2009:

1 dark green & white sweater/cap set

1 pink & multicolor sweater/cap set

1 blue & multicolor sweater/cap set

1 light green & multicolor sweater/cap set

1 multicolor sweater/cap set

1 light green sweater/cap set

4 multicolor afghans

Submitted by Carol Rogers on April 18, 2009:

1 multicolor hat, medium size

Submitted by Diane Hara on April 18, 2009:

3 multicolor quilts

Submitted by Patricia Varnum on April 18, 2009:

1 pink print quilt

Submitted by Kathleen Gronos on April 18, 2009:

8 light blue multicolored hats

5 blue hats

5 multicolor hats

8 blue/green hats

3 turquoise hats

4 multicolor hats

1 white hat

8 pink/white hats

9 multicolor afghans (made by a friend)

Submitted by Dagmar Lamy on April 18, 2009:

1 small pink hat

Donated to the Emergency Department:

20 multicolor bears

Submitted by Tillie Schock on April 18, 2009:

4 various colored receiving blankets

1 multicolor afghan

4 multicolor hats, various sizes

5 lavender hats

1 lavender sweater

4 sweaters/jackets (store bought)

8 jumpers (store bought)

1 shirt/short set (store bought)

1 jumper & socks (store bought)

1 hat (store bought)

2 sock sets (store bought)

## Head Size Chart:

Knitted or crocheted hats should be made about 1-1.5" smaller than the head circumference, as the hat will stretch. Height includes a brim. They can be made taller if you want a large brim.



### Preemies: 1–2 lbs

Baby's head circumference is 9–10", so the hat circumference should be about 7.5–8.5". Height of hat should be 3.5–4".

### Preemies: 2–3 lbs

Head circumference 10–11.25", so hat circumference should be about 8.5–9.75". Hat height should be 4".

### Preemies: 4-5 lb.

Head circumference 11.5–12.5". Hat circumference should be about 10" - 11". Hat height should be 4–4.5".

### Newborns:

Head circumference about 13–14". Hat circumference about 11.5–12.5". Hat height 5.5–6".

### Baby: 3–6 months

Head circumference 14–17". Hat circumference 12.5–15.5". Hat height 6.5–7".

### Approximate Measurements:

Sizes for premature babies are going to be small and hopefully the following approximate measurements will give you an idea of the sizes you're stitching for.

Weight	Head Circumference	Chest Measurements	Finished Chest Size	Finished Length
3—5 lbs.	12.5"	12" or 30.5 cm	13.5" or 34.5 cm	6.5" or 16.5 cm
6—8 lbs.	13.5"	14" or 35.5 cm	15" or 38 cm	7.5" or 19 cm
9—11 lbs.	14"	16" or 40.5 cm	16.5" or 42 cm	8.5" or 21.5 cm

Note: Smaller sized hats are also needed—about 8".

### Preemie Bias Hat:

You will need: Baby yarn (use one or two solid colors or variegated colored yarn)  
 Size F Hook  
 Size may vary depending on yarn weight and size of hook  
 Preemies can vary in size. The sizes are teeny, (tiny, small))

**Row 1:** Ch 26 (31, 36) sc in 2nd ch from hook, and each st across row. Ch 1 and turn.

**Row 2:** From now on work in back loops only. Sc in each st across. Ch 1, turn.

**Row 3:** Sc in first st, inc in next st by making 2 sc, sc across row, decrease in last 2 sts. Ch 1, turn.

**Row 4:** Sc across row. Ch 1, turn. You should always have 25 (30, 35) sts in each row.

**Repeat Rows 3 and 4** until there are 16 (20, 22) ridges on back and front.

**Finishing:** Join the back loops of the 1st and last rows together. This will cause the rows to spiral. Do not make the mistake of joining the side seams together. Run a gathering yarn through the inc side and draw up to shape the crown. Turn up the dec side for the rolled brim.

### In Memoriam...



Eleanor (De Marais) Tetro, Class of 1956B died of cancer on August 2, 2008 in Whittier Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital. She is survived by her husband Ron and two granddaughters.

Eleanor was preceded in death by her first husband Frank, and her only child Laurie, who be-

came a nurse like her mom.

Eleanor retired after working many years in a convalescent hospital in La Mirada, California. Her quiet, sweet spirit will be missed by her classmates.

## Homecoming 2009

### Reports:

This year, we celebrated the 50 year anniversary of the Class of 1959 and the 25th anniversary of the last graduating class, the Class of 1984.

It was a bittersweet realization that there are no more younger classes to celebrate. One the

other hand, this Homecoming had several "firsts" to call its own. This year, with the help of Dr. Sharon Sekhon, we began interviews with some of our alumni to get their stories recorded. This year was also marked by a new catering group, Homegirls, an offshoot of the Homeboys Industries of downtown Los Angeles. The group provides a supportive and safe environment, sponsoring young women in training to learn the various aspects of the restaurant and catering business. In addition, some of the previous catering and set-up duties were taken on by your Board, along with the assist of some spouses, family, and friends. I think that all of the Board members now have an even greater appreciation of the work of catering staff than before!!

The day began with a brunch of fruit and pastries with coffee and juice, for those with harder appetites, followed by champagne, soft drinks, and shrimp platters. There was plenty of networking time available between classmates despite the



interview times. The Alumni room was open, along with our Merchandise for sale and a montage of NurseMADE donations for all present to see.

Our Luncheon and Business meeting followed with a fresh salad, Red and Green Chicken Mole with Black Beans and Roasted Corn.

The Business Meeting portion of the afternoon consisted of voting for the Board positions of : Secretary (Elvy Gustafsson running for reelection), Treasurer (Lucinda Westhafer running for reelection), and 3 Director positions (Diane Hara, Patti Prettyman, and Mary Ann Hayase all running for reelection). There were no nominations from the floor; all candidates were reelected by the voting alumni present. After a short discussion/clarification of the proposed changes to the Scholarships and Tuition Reimbursement money distribution, changes were passed with a vote of 57 for, 4 against. (See the listed changes in this issue of *The Pulse*). See the enclosed copy of the Treasurer's Report for the 2008-2009 year. Minutes of the 2008 Homecoming Business meeting were read to the assembly by Secretary Elvy Gustafsson.

We were honored to have several honored guests at this year's Homecoming; here are their stories:

Elaine Brown, CHSN Instructor 1958-1984. Loves nursing and teaching. After the school closure, Elaine stayed at CHMC Education and Staff Development where she is still working. Taught Nursing Fundamentals under Miss Tobin, Med-Surg Nursing, and Senior Leadership.

Carol Nelson, CHSN Instructor 1971-1984. Currently teaching LPNs in Washington state. Wishes more alumni would teach as "the standards instilled here are now difficult to maintain values". Felt she made an impact in nursing, producing quality

nurses. Will be retiring at the end of June 2009, to a lake house at Mt. Rainier.

Mariel Bailey Dice, CHSN Instructor 1965-1972. CHSN represented the highlight in her working career, although she only taught here 3 years.

Barbara Jury, CHSN Instructor and administrator, and graduate of the Class of 1950. Remembers the affiliation with USC, and Nursing classes at USC. Remembers buses to USC games, remembers being at a USC-Notre Dame game where the score was tied. When started teaching CHSN, an OB teacher was killed the Friday before she started as an instructor. Obtained her MSN to direct the school. Remembers in 1964 working on CHSN's NLN accreditation (but still took time off for the 1964 Olympics).

Margaret Wolfe Souza, CHSN Instructor 1958-1984 (Class of 1958). Remembers 1 semester at USC, but no football games. Hardest assignment was to teach Seniors Communicable Diseases a few years after starting. Also taught OB, Peds, Med-Surg. Loved every bit of it. Has treasured memories of her years with CHSN. Currently working CHMC in Case Management (since school closed). Nothing like CHSN. Made many good friends.

Arnold J. Kalan, MD. OB-GYN MD at CHMC. Class Sponsor for the Classes of 1980 and 1984. Remembers "a good group of students". Started at CHMC in 1961, now one of the oldest medical staff at the Medical Center. States "the smartest thing I ever did was to marry a SHSN graduate: Joan (Donald) Kalan, Class of 1963." (Unfortunately, Joan was unable to attend this year). Has had some health problems in recent years; "the best part is when some CHSN grad recognizes me and the quality of care goes up dramatically." Says, "the world needs more RNs" and

"hopes there are plenty of people out there wanting Nursing Scholarships".

Barbara Wolford, member Class of 1956, CHSN Instructor. Worked with Miss Tobin teaching Fundamentals of Nursing in the basement. Remembers problems with Resusci-Annie who kept closing her legs, making catheterization practices difficult. Had her dad make wooden triangles to keep the legs open. Got a job in Wisconsin about 3 years later, mostly because "they thought I was an expert in Communicable Diseases." Felt impelled to become an expert due to this expectation. Returned to CHSN with 1 year as faculty when made critical comments on floor that Zella Nichols heard about. Learned from the students Recalls teaching the principles of heat-cold with demonstration of mustard plaster on the forearm of a student—student sustained 2nd degree burns!

Selma Gregg, Class of 1956, was working in 1960 at Orthopedic Hospital when Barbara Jury called on her to say that she was needed in OR/PACU. Taught CHSN 1960-1966. Tried to make every student an OR RN. Currently works a 120 bed hospital in Nevada City. Met 2 CHSN grads who came to work there.

### **Presentation of Honored Classes:**

Representing the **Class of 1959** at Homecoming 2009: 21 alums present

Marion (Churness) Salvage: worked 18 years in Utilization Review. Retired for 2 years. Now working as a preschool assistant.

Shirley (Lexvold) Waggoner: worked OB/Labor & Delivery until had her family. Lives in Florida. Had fun on the freeways.

Judy Masterson: works 4 days/week at a school-based center for Family Planning.

Shirley Dortha (?\*): retired several times.

Has 4 kids, 4 grandkids. Married 49 years but lost husband last year. *\*I regret that I can't figure out who this is because I don't have a full name. Please contact me and I will publish a clarification. — The Editor.*

Joyce Abels: worked 27 years nursing then retail shops. Has 4 kids.

Sharon Allen Art: worked Surgery. Taught an OR program. Retired 3 years ago. Lives in Colorado.

Zeleen Franklin (unable to attend due to eye surgery on April 15, 2009 requiring 10 days flat in bed; representative reporting): doing great. Certified Nurse Practitioner. Has 1 son, 2 grandkids. Was a partner with Joyce Jacob at LA Unified for 11 years. "3 year RNs are the best". Remembers L & D: most births 0000-0600. Recalls patients lined up in the halls waiting for delivery rooms, cathing patients in the halls. Remembers going to San Francisco for Communicable Disease classes. Got an MSN, then a Peds RN Practitioner. .

Mary (Struyk) Waetjen: born at California Hospital, kid born at California Hospital, relatives worked at California Hospital. Graduated and became an English teacher.

Mary (Peterson) Johnson: active working with mothers and babies. Lactation expert.

Cathy (Schroeder) Heine: Health Care Coordinator for migrant workers.

Gladys (Shimoni) Schumacher: retired 5 years ago after working as an Occupational RN for Boeing and their Space Shuttle program.

Judy (Bellon) Bell: Labor & Delivery RN. Has 5 kids.

Carmen (Siverio) Landry: did Critical Care nursing, with open heart surgery. Retired last year.

Julienne (Rout) Matteson: retired in 2000. Worked PT ~ 4 years ago for Neurologist.

Dolores (Bertram) Crist: JCAHO survivor.

Carol Swanson: Licensed nursing home administrator.

Helen Davies (?): worked Critical Care and ER. Retired for the 2nd time this year.

Janeene (Tambert) Conter: present.

B. (?) Madsen: still working. Director of Nursing.

Julia (Meisgeier) Taber: from Minnesota. Works Pediatrics.

Krystal (Dominguez) Mizoshiri: retired in 1982. Still works Newborn Nursery. Here visiting from Hawaii.

Representing the **Class of 1984** at Homecoming 2009: 27 alums present

Patti (Prettyman) Healy: worked 13 years at CHMC in the ER. Has worked all different nursing aspects. Did Medical Staff Review at CHMC, then Case Management at CHMC. Now working Saint John's in Santa Monica in the GI Lab (last 2 years). Has 1 son (9 years old). Remembers graduation at a Lutheran Church with Channel 2 doing news story on the "end of an era" as another nursing program closed. News report mentioned CHSN grads had a greater than 90% pass rate.

Meg (Rose) Losey: met her husband here at CHMC (Pediatrician Robert Losey). 3rd RN in the family here at CHSN. Now living in Napa. 15 years in a Pediatric Nursing Clinic. Has 4 kids, 3 step-kids.

Hillary Reid: lives in San Francisco. Has worked every shift and unit.

Mary (Zuliani) LoPresti: remembers Sharon taught OR. "Administration sucked the life from me."

Janet (Huson) Hewson: worked 3 years at

CHMC ER. Now Director of ER Trauma Services at Western Med, Orange County.

Bonnie Tann: worked Home Health, then as Manager of Home Health department. Worked Kaiser Permanente where did all in-house Nursing Supervision except ER. Went to school ~ 5 years ago and got MBA in Health Finance. Goal is to bring nursing back to the bedside and teach old-time nursing to new generations

Yvette Mansion: worked ICU, PACU. Did 3-11 and 11-7 House Supervision with Miss Marvin at CHMC. Met hubby and had 4 kids (only one 14 year old left at home), living in San Bernardino. Now has 7 services reporting to her.

Kristina Seh (?): privileged. 3 milestones in my life: met hubby during nursing school/had shower, was a bedside RN x 25 years with 15 years on the 7p-7a shift, went to CA State Long Beach for BSN, MSN. With number of units taken, should have a PhD by now! Certified RN Practitioner/DM Educator. Important points: sharing what you know, eating less/moving more. Shared concerns with our nation's migrant workers and the general health of our nation. Has 2 kids.

Gail Cote: Certified AIDS RN. Moved to St. Mary's Long Beach.

Maria Etchepare: worked CHMC in ICU, moved on to UCLA Neuroscience/Trauma. Works about 60% (3 days/week) as RN Coordinator for Brain Research Program. Finishing her Masters degree in FT school; will be done in about 6 weeks. Army Reserve Captain with about 30 days/year commitment.

Screened a film by C & E Productions (Curt and Elvy Gustafsson) highlighting the Honored Classes. Some excerpts from the film include:

"I remember getting a list from Miss Tobin to give a bath—full multi-step list!". "I remember Dorm life: curfew hours, all the rules and regulations—good discipline." "...getting to know all the people of different backgrounds..." "I remember meeting in the kitchen for peanut butter sandwiches after hours..." "One Halloween, there were 4 or 5 costumes of skeletons... we walked to the Sheraton and paraded around the lobby, until they paged, "Mr. Skeleton and party, report to the Front Desk, where we were asked to leave."

"The hands-on approach (to teaching) was wonderful.... More comfortable hospital setting and the realization of team nursing...now, Clinical without practical takes twice as long to become an RN." (The value of) CHSN... smaller, with undivided attention from the instructors, plus hands-on practice and theory—they don't offer this today. Today's programs mean lesser prepared RNs due to less hands-on experiences. CHSN and CHMC offered the opportunity for lots of interactions.

"(CHSN) made us self-sufficient and self-supporting. I remember the 1st test in our 1st year: must have been about 1 day into the school year and was about medical abbreviations. I tested poorly—had to do a lot of hard work." "Clinical experience was the best; the training and experiences were invaluable, including assessments and knowledge of lab tests."

*\*\*\*\*My apologies to all for any transcription errors, name errors in the alumni statements. Should any of the people involved submit corrections, they will be printed in the next issue of The Pulse after receipt. —  
The Editor*



## Door Prizes Awarded during Homecoming 2009:



Pat Varum, Class of 1952: gift bag.

Carolyn Nelson, Instructor: gift basket.

Coy Subic, Class of 1960: gift basket.

Linda Adams, Class of 1970: gift basket.

Bettye Dacus, Class of 1964: Personal fitness kit.

Janet Kinsella, Class of 1979. Personal Fitness kit

Marlene Overbeck Schwartz, Class of 1960: Personal Fitness kit.

Kathleen Gronos, Class of 1963: Personal Fitness kit.

Jane Summers Araki, Class of 1960: \$50 Williams-Sonoma gift certificate.

Florine Ernst, Class of 1955: \$50 Williams-Sonoma gift certificate.

Table centerpieces were distributed per table to person with birthday closest to today .

*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.

Visit the website to see what others have written or said about their CHSN experiences!

### From the Treasurer's Report presented at Homecoming 2009:

Assets March 2009

Operational Checking Account	\$13,485.49
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Edison Internal Stock

216 Share Common@ ?

20 Shares Preferred @ \$25 par value     \$500

Covington Capital Management	\$205,984
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Total Assets	\$219,969.49
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Total Liabilities	\$0
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The web *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*

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**From the Treasurer's Report at Homecoming 2009**

**California Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association Budget**

<b>Income</b>	<b>2008 Actual</b>	<b>2009 Proposed</b>
Dues/Luncheon	\$5212	\$6000
Merchandise/DVD	\$465	\$400
CE Class	\$0	\$200
Dividends/Withdrawals		
Edison International	\$267	\$250
Covington	\$9600	\$9600
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$15,544</b>	<b>\$16,450</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>2008 Actual</b>	<b>2009 Proposed</b>
Homecoming	\$8096	\$8500
CEU Class/BRN Renewal	\$200	\$200
Scholarships	\$0	\$2000
Printing/Supplies/Postage	\$2515	\$3500
PO Box Rental	\$40	\$40
Archival Materials	\$4293	\$5000
Miscellaneous	\$551	\$300
Merchandise	\$0	\$500
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$15,695</b>	<b>\$20,040</b>

### CHSNAA Scholarship/Tuition Reimbursement program:

<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>APPROVED 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>APPROVED change to Article I, Section V.</b>	<b>Criteria for Undergraduate Study. The candidates must be CHSN graduates (dues-paid alumni) or 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>APPROVED changes to Article I, Section VI.</b>	<b>Criteria for Graduate Study. The candidates must be CHSN graduates (dues-paid alumni) or 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>APPROVED changes to Article I, Section VII.</b>	<b>Criteria for Graduate Study. The candidates, currently licensed to practice nursing, must be (dues-paid) alumni or 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 were eligible to vote.

Questionnaire for the California Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association: mail to the PO Box

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?
32. Why should we remember California Hospital School of Nursing?
33. Please include any other memories, experiences, or thoughts that you wish to share.

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Fanny Pack w CHSN Logo	N/A		\$6	N/A			
Stainless Steel Travel Mug w CHSN	N/A		\$10	N/A			
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CHSNAA Memory Cookbook	N/A		\$20	\$40			
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