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Message from the NAA President

Dear Fellow Alumnae,

Summer is here and we are looking forward to warm, relaxing days with family and friends.

The Homecoming Committee is preparing for our Homecoming event on September 28, 2019. We are pleased to have a speaker at the luncheon this year, Elizabeth McLellan, RN, MSN, MPH, and MGH SON class of 1976. Elizabeth is Founder and President of Partners for World Health based in Portland, Maine. She has been a leader in nursing and healthcare administration throughout her career and has received numerous awards for her leadership and global humanitarian work. Her web site is <https://www.partnersforworldhealth.org/>

There is still time to register for Homecoming. Program and registration coupon are on page 3 of this issue and on our web site, mghnursealumnae@partners.org

Several members of the board are working with the MGH Nursing History Committee on various projects including planning for the 150th anniversary of the MGH SON in 2023.

The MGH Nursing History Committee was the recipient of the Patricia Austen History Award for 2019. The award was presented at a ceremony in May. The group was honored for its multiple successful projects elucidating and preserving MGH nursing history.

Dean Inez Tuck, MGHIHP School of Nursing, and Katie Mulcahy, new Director of Alumni Relations at MGHIHP, attended our most recent Board meeting and spoke about the importance of increased collaboration with our alumnae association.

In order to continue our mission of education and history, the Board has recently voted to work with an organization and program development consultant looking at ways to sustain our organization. I will keep you informed of our progress.

There are a significant number of inactive members. If you are in an inactive status, please consider bringing your status back to active by simply paying your 2019 dues.

All the members of the Board are asking for your support.

May you have a wonderful and safe summer,
Ann Quealy
President, MGHNAA



Some of the Nursing History Committee members at the award ceremony, Russell Museum, 5/29/2019. One of the founders Dr. J.C. Warren, looks on approvingly from rear left.

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Message From the Editor

Greetings,

Plenty of activities to report, see below. With concerns expressed about our decreasing membership, the Board agreed to hire a consultant for six months to evaluate and make recommendations for the organization to continue to sustain itself. Her name is Kathryn Plazak and she has begun her work already. Her background includes experience in administration, management and governance.

We hope you will consider joining us.

What's New

NAA News

The Board is feeling more stressed without the support of our long-time members who retired over the past six months. We have several ongoing projects including streamlining our office on Founders 3; planning for changes to the Homecoming program; updating our internal policies and procedures with a focus on fiscal management (the Finance Committee has grown from three to five or six); hiring an outside consultant to explore long term planning with us; exploring ways of increasing our membership.

MGH News

Nurse Recognition Week, the first week in May, is extravagantly celebrated at the MGH with both scholarly and fun activities. NAA Board member Lisa Compagnone attended one of the main events, the annual addresses by Chief Nurse Debbie Burke and President Peter Slavin celebrating the contributions of nurses to their patients and to the hospital. Lisa feels that attending some of these MGH-based activities strengthens her connection to her own history at MGH.

Board member Mary Larkin attended Nursing Research Day, part of Nurses' Week every year. This year's Yvonne Munn Nursing Research Lecture was given by Diane Carroll, PhD, RN, MGH SON class of 1969. She spoke about, "The Role of the Nurse Scientist in Practice." Research grants and awards are given out on this day. To date, forty-seven research awards have been granted to MGH staff nurses.

The Magnolia tree given by the class of 1981, thriving on the Bulfinch lawn, will soon have a plaque identifying both the tree and the donor. Thanks to Marianne Ditomassi RN, Director of Operations for Patient Care Services at MGH.

Tenants in Ruth Sleeper Hall are gradually being relocated. We hope to get inside to take some pictures (and perhaps grab a souvenir or two) before the demolition begins.

IHP News

Nursing events (3) were held in May, with the NAA being represented at each. These included Commencement for all of the IHP students, at which Lisa Compagnone carried the NAA flag displaying our school pin in the procession; Convocation, at which we offer congratulatory remarks; and completion of the ABSN program, at which we participate in the presentation of the Staats Award. Inez Tuck, RN, Dean of the IHP SON visited one of our board meetings to provide an update on the school and to introduce Katie Mulcahy, who has taken on a newly created role at the IHP, Director of Alumnae Relations.

History/Archives News

The big news is about the Patty Austen MGH History Award for 2019, conferred upon the Nursing History Committee. You can see a recording of the presentation event at: https://www.dropbox.com/sh/42uddpjlsonhbg/AAD1jtkNI_ZF28exE-B_7Utfa?dl=0

Seven of the eighteen members of the committee are MGH SON alumnae, so the NAA is a very strong voice in it's projects. Currently we are exploring ways to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the founding of the SON, culling through the SON archives files for inspiration. Suggestions welcome.

Website Notes

President Ann Quealy has forged ahead with an outside consultant to try to bring our website a bit more up to date and make some of the forms available online. It is a work in progress but beginning to be able to at least provide current information.

****HOMECOMING INFORMATION FOR SATURDAY, 9/28/2019, 8AM – 3PM****

MGH MAIN CAMPUS

We are pleased to announce a morning speaker for Homecoming this year. She is Elizabeth McLellan, RN, MSN, MPH, class of 1976, Founder and President of Partners for World Health based in Portland, ME. The organization, started by Elizabeth in her basement some ten years ago, has as its mission to “collect and redistribute surplus medical supplies and equipment locally and internationally to those in need. The work improves the quality of healthcare in under served communities and diverts hundreds of thousands of pounds of medical materials from landfills each year. Their in-house medical mission program provides on-the-ground education and training for healthcare workers, helping to improve healthcare standards of practice.” Statistics for 2018 in a recent newsletter report diverting 250,273 lbs. of usable medical supplies from landfills; delivering 300,128 lbs. of medical supplies locally and internationally; logging 22,483 volunteer hours; shipping 11 medical containers; donating 750 personal care bags for homeless in ME and VT. You can read more at their website: <https://www.partnersforworldhealth.org/>

Seating is limited to 140 so sign up soon!

Dues may be included with Homecoming payment. The dues period is January through December.
Please indicate which year you are paying.

8am-12pm	Registration, White Building Corridor
8am-11:00am	Continental Breakfast Reception, Russell Museum
10-10:20am	Annual Business Meeting, O’Keefe Auditorium
10:30-10:50am	Debra Burke, RN, MGH Patient Care Services Update
11am-12pm	Speaker, Elizabeth McLellan, RN, MGH’76 Topic: “Human Trafficking, A Personal Perspective”
12pm-1pm:	Reception & Class Pictures, Wang/Bulfinch Patios
1pm-2:30pm:	Luncheon, Tea Leaves Café, Wang Building Lobby

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Check all that apply:

\_\_\_\_\_ Luncheon & Program, \$75. per person

\_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Meal

\_\_\_\_\_ Dues, \$30. (Please indicate if payment is for 2019 or 2020)

\_\_\_\_\_ Fund Drive Donation (tax deductible)

**Graduating Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name: (include maiden name): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Cancellation and full refund if notice received by September 7, 2019.

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***SAVE THE DATE!***

**HOMEcoming 2019**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th, 2019**