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GREETINGS TO ALUMNAE MEMBERS AND GRADUATES

I am happy at this time to offer my expression of gratitude to you for your cooperation. I especially want to thank the officers and Committees for their support and assistance. It has been a most pleasant and profitable year. May the interest you have shown the Alumnae be continued by giving your best to the future officers as you have given me. Let us not live to see how much we can get out of our Alumnae, but rather strive to see how much we can put into it. Remember any association of people is only as strong as it’s weakest member, therefore we should endeavor to work together for our common benefits.

A brief message to the Graduating Class of 1937 of Jefferson Hospital School of Nursing: It gives me great pleasure to extend to you, on behalf of our Alumnae, the heartiest congratulations of our members, and the best wishes for a successful career. One of the first steps towards attaining that success is to manifest an interest in our professional organization and just as soon as you have passed the State Board examinations for registration, I urge you to become members of our Alumnae, not in word only, but in deed also. A cordial invitation from our Alumnae awaits you upon the completion of the requirements for membership.

We shall be delighted to have all graduates at the annual luncheon as an enjoyable time is anticipated.

This verse written by Oliver Wendell Holmes regarding Physicians is applicable also to nurses:

“And last, not least in each perplexing case
Learn the sweet magic of a cheerful face
Not always smiling but at least serene
Where grief and anguish cloud the anxious scene,
Each look, each movement, every word and tone
Shall tell the sufferer you are all his own
Not the mere hireling purchased to attend,
But the warm, ready, self forgetting friend
Whose general presence in itself combines
The best of tonics, cordials, anodyne”

HELENE WEBER, President.

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ALUMNAE DAY
RITZ CARLTON HOTEL
May 1, 1937
Luncheon 1 P.M.
$1.25 per plate
Dance 9 P.M.
$1.00 per person
ALUMNAE OFFICERS:
President ______ Helene Weber
Vice President ______ Ruth Adams
Secretary _______ Fern Nunemaker
Treasurer _______ Bernice Freudenberger

Ballot for the election of officers at Annual May Meeting, 1937:
President ______ Ethel Lynch
1st Vice President ______ Ruth Adams
2nd Vice President ______ Thelma Showers
Secretary _______ Fern Nunemaker
Assistant Secretary ______ Lucille Marquette
Treasurer _______ Bernice Freudenberger

Executive Committee:
Frieda Grundkovski
Ella Shomaker
Marguerite Barnett
H. Fitzgerald Spruance
Helene Weber

Nominations will be made from the floor at the April meeting.

*SICK COMMITTEE:
Members of the Alumnae reported ill during the year are as follows: M. Bonenberger; E. Pie; M. Boller; E. Rowe; E. Kelley; F. Biswanger; R. Phillips; J. Winfield; Fawcett; C. Grey and N. Culp.
Alumnae dues for 1937 were paid by the association for twelve.
Six members were recipients of the Readers Digest for one year.
Financial aid was rendered to six members.
The committee included remembrances for only those members who were reported before December 20, 1936. We will be glad to receive names of others who have been ill during the year.
Remember that a letter, card or a visit will cheer the above.
M. A. Carey, Chairman.

ARE YOU?
Are you an active member.
The kind that should be missed.
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings,
And mingle with the flock,
Or do you stay at home
And criticize and knock?
Do you take an active part
To help the work along,
Or are you satisfied to be
The kind that "just belong"?
Do you ever go and visit
A member that is sick?
Or leave the work to just a few
And talk about the clique?
There's quite a program scheduled
That I'm sure you've heard about.
And we'll appreciate if you, too,
Will come and help us out.
So come to the meetings often
And help with hand and heart.
Don't be just a member,
But take an active part.
Think this over, member,
You know right from wrong.
Are you an active member,
Or do you just belong?

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
AS OF 3-1-37
Relief Fund _______ $11,000.00
General Fund _______ 476.70
Cash on hand ________ 234.00
TOTAL _________ $11,818.70

TREASURER.

ALUMNAE DAYS
Our first Alumnae Day was in 1933. In the morning the returning graduates were conducted through the Curtis Clinic and a very interesting lecture was delivered by Dr. M. Rehfuss. The various classes met in different restaurants and hotels for luncheon and later in the afternoon a tea was held at the Nurses' Home with Miss Sanford and Miss Emma Pie' pouring. The dance in the evening was held in the Assembly Hall of the Medical College.

In 1934 the Association held a luncheon at the Adeiphia Hotel, 179 members being present. The dance was held in the Crystal Ball Room in the evening.
This program was repeated in 1935, with 197 members attending the luncheon, and Miss Harriet Friend, our speaker, Mr. Fry, president of the Board of Trustees, and Dr. H. Mohler as our guests. The evening prior to Alumnae Day, the portrait of Miss Melville was presented to the Nurses Home by the Association.
In 1936 the Alumnae Day festivities consisted of a dinner and dance on the roof of the Bellevue Stratford Hotel. 48 members attended the dinner. The dance was very successful and from the proceeds, a sum was set aside to send a student nurse, Miss Harriet Spatig, to the Nurses Home.

Due to the evident unpopularity of the dinner in 1936, we are returning to the original luncheon and dance program for May 1, 1937 Alumnae Day. For this occasion, we have secured the Junior Ball Room and the Roof Garden of the Ritz Carlton Hotel for the luncheon and dance respectively. We are looking forward to having many of our friends with us this year to enjoy what promises to be the best Alumnae Reunion to date.

The Entertainment Committee.

ALUMNAE DAYS

Dear Fellow Nurses:
Los Angeles, Cal.
Just a reminder that you should be proud, and justly so, of our great Medical Institution. Having been in hospitals from coast to coast I feel qualified to state how fortunate we are to have graduated from a nation-wide famous and traditionally brilliant Medical Center.
Cordially,
F. Tirrachia Doherty

From Hawaii: Kindly give my aloha to the girls. Best wishes to you all this 1937.
Sincerely,
MYRTLE STICKLER.
WERE YOU AT THE BAZAAR?

The idea of holding a bazaar in the fall of 1936 was introduced at the preceding February alumnae meeting. In March Erma Paulson was elected chairman of a committee of twenty.

Tireless scheming developed intense work throughout the summer months. Night duty and hot weather were no obstacles to the determined helpers. Jellies were made, fruits were canned and dolls were transformed by hand made costumes. The ingenuity of our domestically inclined girls brought forth artistic boxes, portfolios, intricate needlework, including afghans, counterpanes, quilts and the like. The needle point work was superb.

All departments of the hospital cooperated willingly, either in the capacity of sales force, customers, or contributors of articles to be sold. The hospital seemed indeed a loyal cooperative community.

Dr. H. K. Mohler was instrumental in securing 125 S. 11th Street as the bazaar headquarters.

Adequate advertising was given the event. Mrs. Weed of the Jefferson Medical College office secured radio publicity. The city newspapers contained notices and pictures of the bazaar. One hundred attractive posters were distributed throughout the city in the leading stores, hospitals and hotels.

By October the 23rd and 24th the bazaar was in full swing. Miss C. Smulling’s kitchen, gaily decorated with red the predominating color, was very homelike. Its shelves linens, utensils, vases, and beautiful potted plants.

Miss M. Carey’s attractive linen booth displayed lovely hand made bride sets, crocheted and knitted articles, pillow cases and innumerable other practical articles.

The table and candy booth, with its homey goodness, tempted many an onlooker. Reducing diets were forgotten as the dainties disappeared.

Miss Fitzgerald’s doll booth with Mother Goose characters Red Riding Hood, Sleeping Beauty and Prince Charming; Little Bo-Peep and even Humpty Dumpty provoked many Ohs and Ahs from the longing children and the envious grown ups.

Chances on a camera, doll, bedroom suite, lovely knitted bag, a needle point telephone book cover and silk bed quilts were sold to advantage.

Both evenings were taken up with a fashion show, the program having been planned by Stella Koller and the music was furnished by Ethel Lynch. Graduate and student nurses of the Jefferson Hospital, assisted by Miss Florence Polis, a friend of our chairman, were the models who displayed period reflectives from 1835 to 1936.

How the brides were envied of their loveliness. Fond memories were recalled at the entrance of the merry widow and a dude of east side, N.Y. in the gay 90’s. The “Cleaner Upper” brought a laughing response from the audience. The little student nurse wearing her grandmother’s bridal nightie and boudoir cap made a big hit.

After the games, sandwiches and punch were sold. Is it any wonder that the Jefferson Bazaar proved to be a huge success both socially and financially?

ETHYL LYNCH.
3-10-37

HISTORY OF THE NURSES’ RELIEF FUND

In May 1928, it was suggested we have an independent Relief Fund for our Association other than the money contributed to the State Silver Emergency Relief Fund and the A.N.A. Relief Fund.

About this time, some U.S. Bonds, were called for payment, which the Association had purchased. This amount was $500.00. Mr. Jacob Lit made our first gift of $50.00, in November of the same year.

Early in 1930, the Publicity and Entertainment Committees combined and carried out plans for a benefit card party and dance which netted $988.23. This party was held March 4th, in the Assembly Hall of the Medical College.

The sum of $190.00, which had been paid for a sick member and not used, was transferred to the Relief Fund by vote of the Association. The sum of $550.00 was withdrawn from the savings account of the Walnut Street Saving Society and added to the fund. The fund at this time amounted to $2,278.23 and it was voted to open an account known as the “Jefferson Nurses’ Relief Fund,” with the Pennsylvania Co. for Insurance. A copy of this motion with the signatures of the officers of the Association as well as the chairman of the executive committee, was sent to the Pennsylvania Co.

The discussion arose as to the advisability of using some of the money for a sick nurse. It was the consensus of opinion that it would be wise to leave this money accumulate until it reached such an amount that the interest could be used for giving aid to members in need.

A check for $90.50 was received from the Mary L. Funk Estate. A donation from Miss Sarah Taylor was accepted.

The second card party and dance held in the Medical College Hall was given for the fund, netting $882.81. Sufficient amount was transferred from the savings account to make this sum a total of $1,100.00.

Accrued interest, dues from delinquent members, sums transferred from the general fund, increased the Fund. In April of 1931, it was enlarged by a contribution of $500.00, through Dr. Ross V. Patterson.

The balance over and above that was needed to finance the activities of the Association was added at the end of each fiscal year, proceeds of bazaar held in October 1936 and $1,000.00 from the general fund brings the entire Fund to the grand total of $11,000.00 which is being turned over to the Board of Trustees, in trust, for investment. The interest of which will provide for the needs of our unfortunate members.

It is the hope of the Association that this fund will be increased from time to time and that sufficient money will be available to care for every need of the members of our Alumnae Association.

FORGET-ME-NOT

A bright blue star dropped from the sky
And fell on the banks of a stream.

Painted them leaves to hold.

The sun smiled on the tiny bits
And gave them a heart of gold.

A passing fairy with a gilded brush
Painted them leaves to hold.

A humming bird gathered some sweet perfume
And left with each a dot.

But it wanted a name, so God bent down
And whispered, “Forget-me-not.”

CHRISTELLA CAMPBELL ’35.
In Memorium

The Training School for Nurses has suffered a severe loss in the death of the Directress of Nurses, Miss Clara Melville, on March 18, 1937.

Miss Melville became Directress of Nurses in 1915 when the student body numbered one hundred and the staff twelve graduate nurses.

Through her wise guidance, untiring efforts, and unselfish devotion to duty, the school progressed during the years to its present enrollment of 230 student nurses and a staff of 68 graduates.

From April 1, 1918, to April 1, 1919, Miss Melville served overseas as Chief Nurse of Base Hospital number 38, which was stationed at Nantes, France.

Memorial services were held at the Nurses' Home at 1012 Spruce Street, March 23; the Rev. Vincent Berry of Patterson Memorial Church officiating. Members of the Helen Fairchild Post, No. 412 of the American Legion also conducted services. Interment took place at Fernwood Cemetery.

Resolutions on the Death of Clara Melville:
Whereas the death of Clara Melville has removed from our membership and rank, our Directress of Nurses, a life of service and a fine citizen;

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the officers and members of the Jefferson Hospital Nurses Alumnae Association, record here our sorrow for our loss, our sympathy for the relatives and friends in their loss and our sense of the great loss to the hospital in the passing of our member, the Directress of the School of Nursing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be recorded in our minutes and a copy be sent to the immediate family of Miss Melville.
Sarah Smith is still confined to her bed. We record with profound sorrow the death of Adelaide O'Laughlin. She served as president of our association in 1905. Our sympathy goes out to her family. We extend our sympathy to Elizabeth Howe Frowert on the death of her husband Howard Frowert. Hazel McNerney joined us for six months during a leave of absence from her duties as office nurse in New York City. Inda West Feller of Punxsutawney is residing temporarily in this city. Ruby Worthing is doing General Duty in Children's Hospital in San Diego. T. Tirrachia Doherty has been doing General Duty in Los Angeles. While there she met Mabel Yoder Krieger. Beatrice Bixler visited in town January 1 to 3, and was much amazed to see the advances made in Jefferson in ten years. Ruth Bray continues her nursing in Abyssinia. Mary Tamanis is doing General Duty at the Pennsylvania Hospital. To Mary Fielding who recently lost her father through illness, we extend our sympathy.

Elise Mitchell is engaged in community nursing at Lansdale, Pa. Catherine Gray is at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital. Mildred Huber is on General Duty at Allentown Hospital. Catherine Smullin recently recovered from an attack of scarlet fever. Miriam Robinson has been president of the Pennsylvania Nurses Anesthetists' Association for the past two years. Dagmar Steinheil Bolton and her two children will spend the summer in Finland visiting relatives. B. Bixler lost her hospital pin eight years ago. It was found by V. Emig in York and returned to the owner May, 1936.

Anna Wadsworth Lynch is touring Europe indefinitely, having sailed on the S.S. Manhattan on October 24, 1936.

Travelogue: during the past year.

British Isles
- Clara Melville
- Ruth Purinton
- Ethel Hunt

Norway
- Elvira Jensen

Bermuda
- Francis Wildonger
- Fern Nunemaker
- Marguerite Barnett

Florida
- Marie Scherer
- Thelma Showers

Los Angeles
- Bernice Freudenger
- Margaret Carey
- Helene Weber

New Hampshire
- Elizabeth Ent
- Theresa Fucci Wakeley

Reading (attending the convention) (as guests) Oct. 1936.
- Clara Brunner, Lancaster
- Beatrice Knoll Smith, State College
- Grace Waltman Fenstermacher, Allentown
- Mary Robinson Godfrey, Pittsburgh
- Lorraine Knoll, Reading

Delegates: Alice Henry, F. Grundkovski

Texas and Mexico
- Ada Zimmerman
- Adele Lewis

In August 1936, the Misses Adele Lewis, Frances Label, Sarah and Ada Zimmerman enjoyed an automobile trip to Mexico City. En route they visited the Centennial at Dallas. Many novel and unusual experiences remain in their memories and a desire to journey Mexicanward again.

We need subscribers for the American Journal of Nursing. Price $2.50 per copy for clubs of ten.

** Marriages Reported **

** During 1936-37 **

Dorothy Dundore, '32
- to Dr. Thomas Williams

Charlotte Moore, '28
- to Mr. Alexander Burt

Louise Huggel, '36
- to Dr. Jessie Hafer

Agnes Kuller, '21
- to Mr. Jack Reeve

Sara Blackburn
- to Mr. Russell Baxter

Margaret Spatz, '30
- to Mr. Jack Ganger

Nellie Stair, '31
- to Mr. Walter Teller

Dorothy Schenk, '30
- to Mr. Kenneth Ragen

Adele Gustitis, '26
- to Dr. James Ruppersburg

Effie Fitzkee, '21
- to Mr. Neil Furey

Henrietta Fitzgerald, '21
- to Mr. Gilbert Spruance

Esther Patton, '35
- to Mr. Woodrow Benner

Filomena Tirrachia, '27
- to Mr. Edward Doherty

Edna Shere, '28
- to Mr. George Richards

Katherine Meighan, '30
- to Mr. Merville Withbee

Helen Ritchey, '34
- to Mr. Paul Frederick

Rita Kratzer, '30
- to Mr. Claude Roeder

Erma McCuller, '35
- to Mr. McDonald

Geraldine Hyde, '34
- to Mr. George Powers

Kathryn Hoffman, '33
- to Mr. Homer Snader

Kathryn Warner, '33
- to Mr. Albert Armitage

Mary Ann Daeuber, '36
- to Dr. Leslie Schumann

Mildred Collins, '32
- to Mr. Edward Humphreys

Lida Reeve, '31
- to Mr. Kenneth Ragen

Beryl Cornell, '34
- to Mr. John Leach

Laura Klink, '34
- to Dr. John Leach

Virginia Emmert, '31
- to Mr. Thomas Williams

Elizabeth Romick, '33
- to Mr. Ivan Cobb

Ruth Bay, '33
- to Dr. Ralph Fennell

Minnie Underkoffler, '30
- to Dr. Edward Humphreys

Births reported:
- Elizabeth Howard Farmer, '26
  - a daughter

Eleanor Finn Stewart, '26
- a daughter

Mayda Pruehan Maxwell, '26
- a daughter

Yeprakse Tufenkian

Koumjian, '31
- a son

Grace Whitsell Schmidt, '30
- a daughter

Mildred Meyers Smith, '33
- a daughter

Grace Maybe Miller, '22
- a daughter

Dorothy Brinkman Faust, '27
- a daughter

Delilah Hendricks Naugle, '25
- a daughter

Gwendolyn Godshalk
- Cressman, '25
  - twins

Ruth Ulsh Menicon, '31
- a daughter

Pauline Frenldak McGee, '33
- a daughter

Elizabeth Romick Cobb, '33
- a daughter

Irene Rice Paist, '19
- a daughter

Mary Daeuber Schumann, '36
- a daughter

Sara Tryens Wright, '33
- a daughter

New Positions Accepted
- Mary Breth: Dispensary nurse in the Board of Education Building.
- Francis Wildonger: Girard College Infirmary.
- Grace Wolford: Girard College Operating Room.
- Louise Vinegard and Josephine Smith both at Valley Forge Infirmary.
- Christella Campbell: assistant in Maternity Department, U. of P.

Kathryn Rhule: General duty at U. of P.
Nothing affords me greater pleasure than to be given the opportunity to express my admiration of the very fine spirit of cooperation always shown by the Nurses’ Alumnae Association in every endeavor undertaken to advance the interest and reputation of the hospital, their Alma Mater.

Jefferson has entered upon its 113th year and continues to increase its scope of usefulness by providing the most modern care for the sick and injured. The hospital offers unusual opportunities to its student body of men and women so that all may go forth from its doors well equipped to prevent disease and to alleviate human suffering.

Never before in the history of the hospital has it been called upon to administer to the needs of so large a number of individuals seeking its services.

Constant changes are taking place in its organization and physical equipment so as to keep abreast with the best hospital practice and this year will be noted as one with an unusually large number of accomplishments.

The Magee Professorship of Medicine, formerly held by the late Prof. Thomas McCrae has been filled by the election of Prof. Hobart A. Reinmann, who comes to Jefferson from the Professorship of Medicine which he held in the University of Minnesota.

Dr. Louis H. Clerf, formerly Professor of Bronchoscopy and Esophagoscopy at Jefferson Medical College, has been elected Professor of Laryngology and Bronchoscopy to his present duties. Dr. Clerf, in addition to his present duties, the duties formerly discharged by Fielding O. Lewis, who has been made Emeritus Professor of Laryngology and Consulting Laryngologist to Jefferson Hospital.

Dr. Martin E. Rehfeld, Clinical Professor of Medicine, was elected Professor of Medicine and is now a member of the senior faculty of the Medical College.

Some of the important changes and improvements begun during the past year warranting the individual beds in the public beds in the Dewey, Judd and Chestnut Streets.

The Catherine Middleton Salarium in the children’s ward has been completely rebuilt and each child will now occupy a cubicle with its own complete equipment, thereby reducing the danger of cross infection and greatly facilitating the care of these children by the nursing staff.

The sixth floor of the Samuel Gustine Thompson Annex, which had never been completed, is now being divided into rooms on the upper floor and completely equipped new bedside tables gradually will replace the old equipment.

The Jefferson Hospital has just pride in the important part which the nursing staff has played in every forward movement undertaken by the hospital.

The death of Miss Clara Melville, Directress of Nurses, on March 18, 1937, has taken from the nursing staff of the hospital its devoted leader, loyal friend and sound adviser. The Board of Trustees at its meeting held March 22nd, 1937, has taken from the nursing staff of the hospital its devoted leader, loyal and sympathetic advisor.

In the death of Miss Melville, a graduate of the School of Nursing of Jefferson, Class of 1915, there were enrolled 110 students with 12 graduate assistants. The nursing staff at the time of her death consisted of 230 student nurses with a supervising staff of 68 graduate nurses.

When Miss Melville became Directress of Nurses in February, 1915, there were enrolled 110 students with 12 graduate assistants. The nursing staff at the time of her death consisted of 230 student nurses with a supervising staff of 68 graduate nurses.

The central dressing-sterilizing room on the 3rd floor of the General Hospital is no longer adequate to meet the needs of the hospital. The rooms of the abandoned accident ward on the first floor of the General Hospital are undergoing extensive alterations to provide space for the installation of modern, enlarged sterilizing equipment and a central medical and surgical supply and solution room.

HENRY K. MOHLER, M.D., Medical Director.

STUDENT NURSE ACTIVITY

The social events of our class opened with a Hallowe’en Party. Many costumes ranging from paper bags, rags, linens, silks, satins and laces were worn. A frisky horse added much merriment although the special feature of the evening was a mock colored wedding.

At Christmas time we presented to one of the mothers on an evening floor a new daughter, Miss Jefferson. This doll, dressed as a student nurse by C. D. Williams, was a reward to the holder of the lucky number in a drawing sponsored by us. We greeted the new February class with a Valentine Party.

During sparse moments, the Senior girls made an afghan. Many costumes ranging from paper bags, rags, linens, silks, satins and laces were worn. A frisky horse added much merriment although the special feature of the evening was a mock colored wedding.

The Choral Club wishes to thank Miss Barnett for entertaining them at tea on February 28.
THE BULLETIN—
PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Another issue of the Bulletin has been prepared for you. We have tried to give you news, history of organization, a bit of food for thought and reflection, and messages from some of the absentees. Is this what you expect or is there something else you would like?

The members of this committee are very busy nurses. They have spent many hours collecting news in order that you might have the Bulletin. Do you think it is worthwhile? Shall we publish more than one each year? This is your Bulletin and we urge you as individuals to support it by contributing news articles. Chairman of committees present your messages to our members. There is available space. The box in the nurses’ rest room has been placed there for your contributions. Will you please help the committee throughout the year, not only in March and April? Drop at least one article in the box or mail it.

Let us express our grateful thanks to all for their faithful work and to those whom we have ‘bothered’ for news.

Mt. Carmel, Pa., 4-27-36

I want to express my appreciation of the publication of a nurses Alumnae Bulletin. I read it from cover with absorbing interest. Here’s hoping for many more editions.

My very best wishes to all the girls and hats off to good old Jefferson!

Sincerely,
“DEWEY” (A. Durovick Tomosula ’26), May, 1936.

The Bulletin is very commendable.
C. MELVILLE, Sup’t of Nurses.

“DO YOU KNOW”

The J.N.A. Association was organized in 1895 by Susan C. Hearle, then directress of nurses of Jefferson, the association’s first president and now a life honorary member. Miss Hearle was a graduate of the Philadelphia General Hospital.

We have graduated (including 63 for 1937) 1382 nurses.

On a busy day, 60 operations were performed, excluding those in the bronchoscopic department.

The number of nurses on private duty March 4, 1937, was 112. The daily average for 1936 was 74.

January 27, 1928, 85 members attended Alumnae Meeting.

The P.S.N.A. will hold its annual convention at Altoona in October. Headquarters: Penn Alto Hotel.

Furthering their education:
Summer School: Marie Myers, Fern Nunemaker, Willie Alder.
Special Course at University Hospital: Ester Latsha.

BAZAAR ACCOUNT

Total receipts $2,570.00
Expenses 1,010.00

Balance (to Relief Fund) $1,560.00