

Freedmen's Hospital Nurses' Alumni Clubs, Inc. Executive Board



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Observation of the 2015 Triennial Reunion

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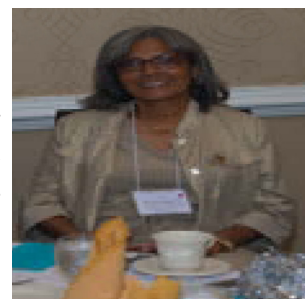
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The registration of 42 registrations went well as planned and executed by Faye Jackson and her committee. The Hospitality Room was well appointed and appreciated by its visitors. On Saturday the Continental Breakfast was a time to Meet and Greet. The Opening Session presided over by Julia Varner McFarlane, the President of the Executive Board, brought greetings from the D.C. Council Chairman, the LeDroit Park Association, Howard University School of Nursing, the Chief Nurse Officer of Howard University Hospital, the Chi Eta Phi Sorority Basileus, a representative from the HU Retirees and remarks from our President-elect, Cheryl Sadler. We heard guest speakers affirm how valuable Freedmen's Nurses were and are to Howard University Hospital and the community and how that legacy shall live on.



The Business Meeting was carried out according to Roberts Rules off Order and followed the agenda with appropriate reports given and accepted.

The Scholarship Luncheon was well attended and Dr. Bernadine M. Lacey did a fantastic job of reminding us that "it's never over" and the song "If I Can Help Somebody" sung by Mr. Samuel Hooper was right on time!

The Evening Event was an "Evening Extraordinaire" with a delightful repast. We received a lesson in Nursing (LIFE) by our Dear Mrs. Ida C. Robinson, much of which we have heard many times before, but none of which we should forget. After our lessons, we had plenty of good music to loosen up the soles (and souls).

The Memorial Worship Service was as always very moving. We enjoyed wonderful song selections and a moving sermon by the Reverend Brenda McBorrough and very appropriate commentary by Carol Johnson, President of the D.C.Club.

We ended our Reunion with a short business meeting and lots of marching orders for the next three years. "There's much to be done to get more nurses to the front line."

After having time to think about our Triennial Reunion, I realize and remember what a wonderful time I had as a Freedmen's Hospital School of Nursing student and as a Staff Nurse.



"Celebrating the Legacy of Freedmen's Nurse"

From the Executive Board

Dear Alumnus,

The Reunion was such a great success because of you and for that I am grateful. Some of you worked tirelessly to see that all the events were carried out as planned. The attendance at all events was more than in the past two Reunions. It was really great to see others who have not attended Reunions in the past. A lot was accomplished at the Reunion. The changes that were started will continue such as shorter weekend. The minutes from the Executive Board meetings will be available for all financial members. The Constitution and By-Laws will be updated by October, 2016. The necessary corrections to the History of our School of Nursing and our Alumni Association has been updated and the website will be updated real soon. Hopefully these corrections will satisfy your concerns and requests. Again I say Thank You to all who participated and continue to make our Association a viable legacy.

Sincerely,

Julia Varner McFarlane, Class of 1969

Executive Board President

Thank you for your support!!!!

2015 –2016 \$cholar\$hip Donation\$

Olive Glasgow
Joynell Jenkins
Louise B. Dawson
Ida Polhill
Nettie Sims

Velmaree Smith
Cheryl Sadler
Lizzie Graham
Jacqueline Patterson
Freddie Grice

Joyce Phillip
Glendalyn Allen
Loris Hill—memorial
Brenda Tuckson



D.C. CLUB MESSAGE



Dear Alumni:

I offer to you greetings on behalf of Freedmen's Hospital Nurses Alumni Clubs, Inc. . We are getting fewer in number every year, so we are asking your continued support as we continue to keep the legacy of Freedmen's Hospital alive.

In our effort to keep the name of Freedmen's Hospital alive we are embarking on a project with those who were born at Freedmen's Hospital. So if you know any Freedmen's Babies, please get their name and number and forward the names to Kathy Senior at 1050 New Jersey Ave., NW Suite 416, Washington, DC 20001, or call her at 202 289-7071. You will be hearing more about this project in the next year.

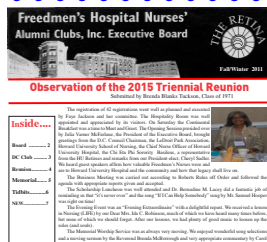
We are also embarking on a project with the Howard University School of Nursing, details have not been formalized. We are making efforts to update the Freedmen's School of Nursing display in Freedmen's Hall. This project, hopefully, will be completed in the near future.

We continue to give scholarships every year. Thus EVERY member is encouraged to give \$100 to the scholarship fund each year in addition to their \$100 dues. Both can be paid on an installment plan just make the notation on your check. Dues are to be paid between January and March and mailed to our Financial Secretary Marcia Jackson- Hooper at 2600- 33rd Street, SE, Washington, DC 20020. We accept dues and scholarship donation whenever you can send them, However, if you want to be included on the current roster dues should be paid by March.

We continue to meet monthly in Special Function Room A, located in the cafeteria, at Howard University Hospital. We meet the first Wednesday at 11 AM. We ask that you join us if you are able. If you need assistance in any way from the Alumni, please don't hesitate to call or write us.

I pray many blessings to you and yours.

Carol Johnson – Class of 1965
President – DC Club



Thank you for supporting the scholarship fund 2015-2016

Blanche Newton-Finch
Sylvia Royal
Judy Walker
Marie Randolph Wright
Alma Belcher
Helen Johnson

Ernestine Brogsdale
Juanita Howard
Alice Hilfiker
Dorothy Pringle
Faye T. Jackson
Barbara Isaacs

Charlotte Reid
Marcia Jackson-Hooper
Evelyn Tuckson
DeCarlo Gladden
Edith Roberts

Earline Sampson
Eva Tilden
Julia Macfarlane
Ruby Vancroft
Hope Butler

Wesley Branch
Geneva Greene
Janie Smith
Myrtle Jackson
Carol Johnson

Triennial Reunion 2015

Freedmen's nurses came to Washington D.C. from far and near to participate in the Triennial Reunion 2015. What a joyous occasion starting with the Executive Board Opening (Breakfast) Session to fellowship, food and laughter in Hospitality suite.

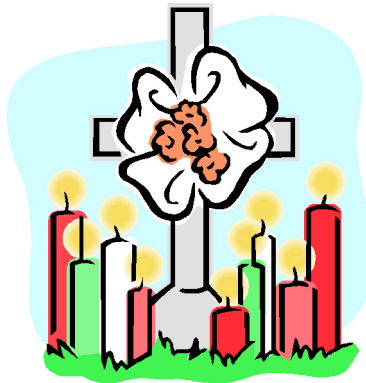
Our Theme: Generations Fulfilling Its Legacy" was quite evident as we shared stories of our lives since retirement, accomplishments in nursing and expanded roles, travels, and alumni nurses enjoying birth of grand babies to the fourth & possibly fifth generation.

The Reunion Committee(s) were amazing. They used Freedmen's nursing skills and more to overcome all adversities that threatened the success of Reunion 2015.

Kathy E. Senior, Reunion Coordinator, FHSN Class 1962



In Memoriam



2015

Rosie Gibson, class of 1954

Bettie Carmichael McDowell, class of 1944

Velma M. Gurley Reese, class of 1959

Elizabeth Hewitt Sloane, class of 1966

Sylvia Jean Walton Shaw, class of 1961

Ada C. Palmer Henry, class of 1943

Suzanne E. Vaughan, class of 1945

Marian L. Etheridge, class of 1960

Anna B. Coles, class of 1948

Jacqueline Ann Berrien, daughter of Annie G. Berrien,
class of 1932

2016

Barbara Cruse Cobb, class of 1958

Arlene McKeithan, class of 1958

Cornelius Alexander, husband of Barbara Alexander,
class 1959

Nancy Rutledge Simpson, class of 1970

Lena Day Coleman, class of 1938

*"Remember Our
Sick and Shut-In"*

News Tidbits

During the last two years the DC Club has awarded \$8500.00 in scholarships. Your continuing support is appreciated and welcomed.

The alumni received a copy of “The Hemostat” 1935 edition from the estate of the late Lena Coleman, class of 1935. This newsletter was published by the students organization of the Freedmen’s Nursing School and it’s theme was “It Clinches All Things Vital”. *Do you remember? If so share with us!!! Maybe you have some memorabilia to share!!!!*

Freedmen’s Hospital is featured in “Heritage—Honoring Our Hospitals” Early Years in the Nation’s Capitol, published by the District of Columbia Health Association.

Welcome Ms. Taylor Madalyn Brown, born February 22, 2016. Congratulations to great, great grandma Thelma Wheeler, class of 1948.



Kudos to Judy Walker and to all alumni who are involved in community health activities. Judy participated in Health Awareness & Sporting Day held at Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church. Many continue to volunteer in health fairs, career fairs, adult and child care.

News!!!

Sharing your milestone with your colleagues!!! Let us hear from you!

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