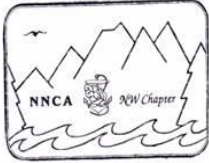


# NWNNCA



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### PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

We are very excited as initial plans are underway for the 2018 NNCA Reunion aboard a Holland America ship bound for Alaska. The reunion will start at a Seattle hotel Wednesday evening May 9th with meetings being held on the 10th and the 11th. The ship departs from Pier 91 on Saturday, May 12th and returns the following Saturday, May 19th. The new point of contact at Cruise Specialists is Mary Ellsworth. For those who would like to reserve a state room in advance for a \$100 fully refundable deposit, Mary can be reached at: 800-544-2469 or [mellsworth@cruisespecialists.com](mailto:mellsworth@cruisespecialists.com).



At our recent NWNNCA Board meeting, Mary Kerdus and Madeline Ancelard graciously volunteered to co-chair the Reunion. As plans are formulated, we will be seeking volunteers to help. Please watch for more information in future newsletters.

Joline DeVos, Karen McNamara and Pat Taylor reviewed and selected two scholarship awardees. Veronica Daly from Oregon Health Science University (OHSU) Portland campus, has been selected to receive the \$1500 chapter scholarship. Melissa Curtis from OHSU La Grande campus, was selected for the \$1000 national scholarship. The scholarships are being presented at the Fall General Meeting on October 17th to which the awardees are invited.

Madeline Ancelard announced that ENS Sophie Curatilo, NC, USNR, recent graduate of Seattle University School of Nursing, who was attached to the ROTCU at the University of Washington, is the 2015 ROTC nursing student awardee. Gifts from the NWNNCA chapter include a copy of

In and Out of Harm's Way as well as national NNCA and chapter memberships where she will be stationed at Camp LeJeune (Palmetto Chapter).

Our Chapter Membership Chair, Pat Taylor recently met with the Senior Nurse Executive, CAPT Max Cormier and the Navy Nurses at Naval Hospital, Oak Harbor. In addition to introducing them to the Navy Nurse Corps Association, she was able to demonstrate use of the website and application processes for chapter and national memberships. CAPT Cormier and several nurses will be in attendance at our fall Chapter meeting.

Five of the seven NWNCA Board positions will be up for election in 2016. Interested chapter members are asked to contact President Lisa Stephens if you are interested in becoming a Board member. Text her at 360-621-8655 or email [ldhstephens@yahoo.com](mailto:ldhstephens@yahoo.com).

Kit Tate is our host for our fall meeting in October at the retirement community of Mirabella in downtown Seattle. In addition to lunch and a tour of the facility, the video 'American Nurse' will be shown. Details can be found in this newsletter. The point of contact is Tracy Brommel, our chapter Vice President. Hope to see you all there!

Lisa Stephens

Mirabella, Seattle



## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE Fall 2015

There has been quite a whirlwind of activity going on in our NWNCA chapter since our spring meeting. In an effort to facilitate communications with current members and market NNCA/NWNCA membership, we utilized various mechanisms. Membership renewal notices were emailed to 93 active members and invitations to join were emailed to 63 inactive members. 91 hardcopy renewal notices were mailed out with an explanation on how to renew online or the option to pay by check. Lisa Stephens and I represented the local chapter at Naval Hospital Bremerton's cake-cutting ceremony and 5K fun run during the week of the Nurse Corps birthday. I attended one of Naval Hospital Oak Harbor's lunch and learn in an effort to market to their active duty and eligible civilian staff. CAPT Cormier, the DNS, joined NNCA/NWNCA that very day!

Despite our efforts, our membership numbers fell from those reported in the Spring 2015 newsletter but on par with those in the Fall 2014. We currently have 83 active members acquiring seven new local members, three members died this past year, one moved out of the area, and 28 did not respond to the email and hardcopy renewal notices.

To facilitate membership renewal next year, the Spring 2016 meeting will be held at a venue with Wi-Fi capability so members willing to renew online can do so before or after the meeting. I will also have hardcopies available for those more comfortable paying by check.

Check out the NNCA website for real-time directory updates, online member search capabilities, and the availability of both past and present NNCA and NWNCA Newsletters.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Fall meeting!

Pat Taylor



## Upcoming Events

NWNNCA FALL General Meeting  
October 17, 2015  
Seattle, WA  
(details p. 9)

### Future NNCA Meetings:

**2016 NNCA "Homecoming" Reunion**  
Board & Annual Meeting:  
April 25 – 01 May  
Newport, RI

Reunion Hotel:  
Hotel Viking  
1 800-556-7126  
nnca.org for details



## Scholarship

Normally in this edition of the newsletter the Scholarship Committee would be reporting on the number of applicants we had for our \$1500 scholarship and perhaps even the name of the individual the committee had selected. Instead, I am reporting that we are at the beginning of totally revising our process of soliciting applicants and evaluating them. We have reviewed the process used by other chapters and are hoping to identify best practices and then put together our own application and evaluation process. We will still be awarding a scholarship this year just a little later than usual. It is the committee's intent that we will be selecting our scholarship awardee in July and awarding the scholarship in time for the fall semester/quarter. By delaying the application timeline, the individuals writing the clinical evaluations will have a better foundation for writing the recommendations. We will be announcing the name of our selectee in the fall newsletter and at the fall meeting. If anyone asks you about the scholarship reassure them that there will be one awarded this year just a little later than in the past.

Joline DeVos

## Treasurer's Report

Current balances:

Savings	\$9,699.30
Checking	\$4,250.20
CDs	\$1,882.39
Total	\$15,831.89

We have three CD's:

Date	8/18/2013	10/13/2014	12/12/2014
Matures	2409	2414	2415
Amount	\$665.69	\$613.64	\$603.06

Bonnie Bulach

### NWNNCA'S NROTC AWARD

The 2015 University of Washington Memorial Day Observance and Joint Services Awards Ceremony was held at the Don James Center at Husky Stadium on May 21, 2015. It is the annual ceremony to commemorate those who have served and sacrificed for our country as well as an opportunity for the reserve officer training corps (ROTC) units to recognize their outstanding cadets and midshipmen.

Among those recognized was the outstanding senior nursing student, Midshipman Sophie Curatilo, who received the NWNNCA's award. The award is a copy of "In and Out of Harm's Way" and membership in the Navy Nurse Corps Association. It was presented by Captain Madeline Ancelard, NC, USN (ret).

Midshipman Curatilo's qualifications for the award are being an effective leader who balanced athletics, nursing clinicals and NROTC unit requirements while maintaining a GPA of 3.7 at Seattle University (SU). A superb mentor, she goes out of her way to guide and advise junior nursing students. She took the initiative to coordinate a meeting for all UW NROTC nurse options with Navy Nurse Corps officers to discuss professional development.

She is a fierce competitor who has won multiple awards from SU Cross Country team including First-Team All American, Western Athletic Conference (WAC) female runner of the week and MVP for the 2014 cross country team season culminating in winning the 2015 WAC 1500 meter run.

In addition to the NWNNCA award, Midshipman Curatilo also received the Navy League of the United States, Seattle Council Award "for being an absolute standout ..."

She is now stationed at the Naval Hospital, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Madeline Ancelard



## *IN MEMORY...*



### **Christine Anne Picchi: June 2, 1950 – April 2, 2015**

Christine earned her BS at Catholic University of America, her MA at George Washington University and her RN at Hartford Hospital School of Nursing. She entered the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps in 1970 and retired after 26 years of service at the rank of Captain.

In retirement, Christine worked to help support various military associations. She was predeceased by her husband, Roger Lerseth; her parents, Ferrer Bruno Picchi and Virginia Mary Barrett; and her sister, Leslie Picchi. She is survived by her sisters, Kathleen Wright, Amy Picchi and Debra Picchi; her niece, Michelle Saczynski; and her brother, Steven Picchi. A memorial service was held Friday, April 17, 2015, at Burley Funeral Chapel in Oak Harbor, Washington.

### **Virginia Clara “Ginny” Dolvin: July 25, 1919 – June 3, 2015**



Following high school, Virginia obtained her registered nursing degree at Abington Hospital, near Philadelphia, PA. In March of 1942, she enlisted in the U.S. Navy and began a long history of service to military families.

Virginia and the other nurses received no rank and no civilian clothing. She traveled with the first SPARS (women in the U.S Coast Guard) and other women in the military from New York to San Diego on a troop train.

While in the service, Virginia met Sheridan (Lee) Dolvin at a time when the Navy did not allow married females. Virginia left active duty on the morning of December 22, 1949, with the rank of Lieutenant Commander, and that same afternoon, she and Lee were married in Oakland, CA. Lee remained on active duty.

When the Navy sent the Dolvin family to Oak Harbor in 1966, Virginia returned to work serving as a visiting nurse for Navy Relief. Ginny also served as a volunteer instructor for the American Red Cross, teaching first aid and CPR courses. She was also a part of the faculty for Skagit Valley College, teaching the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course. Virginia logged over 10,000 hours of volunteer service.

Ginny was predeceased by her husband, Lee; she is survived by her daughter, Susan Dolvin and family.

**Eleanor Downs "Downie" (O'Neal) Nemec : March 25, 1937 – August 23, 2015**

“Downie” majored in Nursing at University of Alabama and in her junior year was admitted to the Navy in the first class to be commissioned officers in the Naval Nursing Corps. As a Lieutenant JG, she served at the Naval Hospital Subic Bay and Yokosuka Japan.



After honorable discharge from the Navy, Downie worked at the VA Hospital in Seattle as the charge nurse for the first Coronary Care Unit (CCU) in Seattle where she met her husband, Neil, at the University of Washington in 1974. She went on to teach nursing at the Intercollegiate College for Nursing in Spokane where her husband was in residency training at the time. She retired from that position to start a family.

She is survived by her husband, Neil; their two sons.

A visitation and celebration of Downie's life was held from on Aug. 28, at Coeur d'Alene Services in Clanton, AL., were held Sept. 3. A graveside service with military honors followed the funeral service.

**Judith Helen (Olwic) Griffith: November 16, 1940 – April 22, 2015**

A graduate of St Vincent Hospital School of Nursing, Toledo, Ohio, Judith joined the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps and served her country from 1962 – 1965. After leaving the Navy, she continued her nursing career while raising three children and pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree.

An accomplished watercolor artist, Judi was a member of the Alaska Watercolor Society since the early 1980s. She always found the art in everyday life and was fascinated by the beauty of nature. She was frequently inspired by the photos her adventurous kids would share. She put her artistic skills to use building a beautiful custom home with Ron that overlooks a creek where she enjoyed fishing for trout.

Judi is survived by her husband, Ronald; son Michael, his wife Marianne and their sons Gregory and Drew in Alaska; daughter Karen, her fiancé Todd Pruzek and children, Maya and Thomas in California; son Scott and his wife Kathy in Alaska; and cousin Randy Komisarek. Memorial donations can be made in Judi's name to Saint Catherine's Church, Priest River, Idaho, or Bonner General Health, Community Hospice in Sandpoint, Idaho.

**NWNNCA FALL GENERAL MEETING**  
October 17, 2015

Mirabella  
116 Fairview Avenue N  
Seattle, WA

Directions:

Located on the NE corner of Denny Way & Fairview Ave N.

From I-5 northbound: exit 167 toward Seattle Center/ Mercer St. Turn left on Fairview. Go 4 blocks to Mirabella.

From I-5 southbound: exit 166, take ramp right for Stewart St. toward Denny Way. Keep straight on Stewart St. for 0.1 mi then bear right on Denny Way. Go 0.2 mi, turn right on Fairview Ave N. to Mirabella.

Our meeting & Lunch will be in the 10<sup>th</sup> floor West Dining Room. Parking Arrangements have been made to Valet Park up to 15 vehicles. Please carpool as much as possible.

**MEETING AGENDA**

1100- Social Hour  
1130- Lunch  
1200- Speaker / Presentation  
1330- Business meeting  
1400- Meeting adjourns

**Lunch** – Cost is \$12.50 per person. Payment made directly to Mirabella: Cash, Check or Card. – Non Alcoholic drinks are included. Alcoholic Beverages are available and will be paid for by the individual

RSVP, by mail, email, or text no later than **October 8, 2015** to  
Tracy Brommel  
12266 Ridgepoint Circle NW  
Silverdale, WA 98383  
[tbrommel@gmail.com](mailto:tbrommel@gmail.com); Text: 360 620-6475



# Reservation Mail-in Form

Number in your group for lunch\_\_\_\_\_

Lunch will include **Entrée**, **Soup of the Day** and a **Dessert** of Assorted Cookies

**Entrée** Selection(s): choice of following:

Mirabella Crab Louie\_\_\_\_\_

Cobb Salad\_\_\_\_\_

Albuquerque Turkey Sandwich \_\_\_\_\_

Burger \_\_\_\_\_

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