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Miss Wood Elected New President

Sandra Wood, a student from Adelphi College in Garden City was elected the new SNANYS' President at the eighth annual convention. The Convention was held in New York City at the Hotel Statler from October 5th through October 8th.

Approximately 1500 students were present, in high spirits, to make this the biggest and best convention ever held by New York State.

All Areas within our Empire State were well represented by the various Schools of Nursing. Area 2 was awarded the Outstanding Achievement Plaque for their 100% co-operation in showing the Greatest improvement. Disclosed at the final business meeting were the Officers for 1959-60, they were approved by unanimous consent of the Student representation.

The final highlight of the Convention was the Annual Uniform Luncheon held in the Georgia Room. The Guest Speaker was Dr. Peter D. Comanduras, who spoke on, "Medico, Weapon of Freedom". His speech was so vivid and highly illustrated that the audience sat spellbound in a maze of facts presented in truth. Dr. Comanduras spoke mainly of his travels through the forgotten, poor countries of our World. He pointed out the ideals, hopes, and problems of the people in Medicine who are working in these areas. He described in detail the major roles being played by American doctors, nurses, and missionaries there.

And so . . . once again SNANYS has completed another successful and memorable year in its quest for knowledge and recognition in the Nursing Profession.



MISS SNANYS

A black and white portrait of a young woman with short, wavy, dark hair. She is smiling broadly, showing her teeth. She is wearing a light-colored, possibly white, jacket or sweater. The background is a plain, light color. The photo is a head-and-shoulders shot, angled slightly to her right.

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CONVENTION FILM

Work on the Association's film project is nearing completion. Under the approval of the 1958 - 1959 SNANYS Executive Board, a film committee was founded. Roxanna Hall, of Rochester, New York, acted as chairman, and made initial contacts with companies as to the cost of producing a film for the Association. Coleman Productions of New York City, submitted the lowest bid, and the board directed that Mr. Ronald Gerhard, director of SNANYS assume chairmanship of the committee and begin the actual planning of the film.

The board decided that the film should be made at the 1959 Convention in New York City.

The title of the film is "Today's Activity -- Tomorrow's Progress", which was also the theme of the Convention. The film is designed to illustrate the important role the student association plays in preparing student nurses as responsible leaders in their profession, and in the community.

The script was written by William M. Marsh, past president, and the film was directed by Ronald Gerhard, past director.

The "First Lady of the Theater", Helen Hayes, is the narrator of the film.

The film will be one-half hour long, and will have live sound of features of the convention in addition to the narration.

Seen and heard on the film will be:

Nola Woodbury, Outstanding Student Nurse, 1959-1960
Mrs. Harry Harvey Thomas, Internationally known Parliamentarian.

Doctor Peter Comanduras, Secretary-General of MEDICO
The debate on the Association By-Laws

The awarding of the Area Plaque

The report of the tellers and many more memorable sequences.

Tentative plans for film include:

A special New York Premiere showing at the New York Coliseum on January 29th, guests to include the NSNA and SNANYS Board of Directors, the Presidents and Executive Directors of ANA and NLN, and of the NYSLN and NYSNA.

It is hoped that the film will also be shown at the NSNA Convention next spring in Miami.

The film will be reviewed by the ANA - NLN Film Library in December, for its possible inclusion in that library, for national distribution.

This film will be available for the use of schools, areas and any interested groups, after the 1st of February, 1960. This Newsletter will include distribution information in its next issue.

William M. Marsh
Chairman

MEMBERSHIP

At the November Executive Board meeting in New York City, it was called to the attention of the Board that there appears to be a general misinterpretation regarding individual membership.

This change was necessary in our By-Laws in order that they be in conformity with N.S.N.A. Without this change our By-Laws would not have been accepted. It is the philosophy of N.S.N.A. that by encouraging individual membership, students will be further prepared for future membership in Graduate Organizations. This change also allows each member voting power, where as previously voting power depended upon enrollment in each school. One of the purposes of SNANYS is to aid in the development of student nurses into truly individual members and members of a group.

In order to clarify this misunderstanding the Board recommended that the following policy be established.

"That one member in each School of Nursing be appointed by the student SNANYS members in the school to collect dues, remit them to the Area Treasurer, receive and distribute membership cards, Newsletters and submit their name to the Area and State Board of Directors, and to serve as Co-ordinators and Communications channel between SNANYS member in the school, area, and state."

SNANYS is the only student nurse organization in New York State that promotes the Health, Welfare, and Education of student nurses. Even though all students are not members of SNANYS, we feel that SNANYS information should be passed on to all student nurses as it is a means of preparation in their professional role as a Graduate.

A letter is in the process of being prepared that will present a more detailed explanation of Individual membership. This letter will be sent to all Directors of Nursing Schools, Area Presidents, and Student Government Presidents.

Miss. F. Scalzo, 2nd Vice President
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to attend more of these meetings because working closely with these organizations provides an opportunity for me and for other students to gain experience as we prepare to take our place in the graduate nurse organizations when we are eligible for membership.

I am looking forward to participating in the activities ahead, as I represent student nurses in New York State during the coming year.

Nola Woodbury
Keuka College
Keuka Park, N.Y.

NEW OFFICERS OF SNANYS 1959 - 1960

The following people have been elected to the position of officer, to the board of directors, or to the nominating committee of SNANYS, for the year 1959 - 1960:

President: Sandra Wood, Meadowbrook Hospital, Area IX.

First Vice-president: James Gelatt, Binghamton State Hospital School of Nursing, Area XII.

Second Vice-president: Frances Scalzo, Strond Memorial Hospital Area II.
School of Nursing, Area VIII.

Recording Secretary: Ruby Pless, Lincoln School for Nurses, Area VIII.

Treasurer, Roland McCleary, Mills School of Nursing Area VIII.

Board of Directors: Jay Reber, Long Island College Hospital, Area IX.

Barbara Cook, New Rochelle Hospital, Area VII.

Barbara Johnson, Kings County Hospital, Area IX.

Elaine Graves, Long Island College School of Nursing, Area IX.

Chairman of the Nominating Committee: Bonnie Lavin, St. John's Hospital Area IX.

Appointed editor of SNANYS Newsletter for the year 1959 - 1960 was Alfred E. Steff, Central Islip State Hospital School of Nursing, Area IX.

Congratulations and good luck to all of you in the coming year.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Are you interested in any of the following?

As students, regarding-

1. scholarships
2. loans

As graduates, regarding-

1. scholarships
2. fellowships
3. educational grants
4. loans available on a national or regional level

If so, you can obtain this information by writing to-

1. U.S. Navy Nurse Corps Office
O.N.O.P.
346 Broadway
N.Y. 13, N.Y.
2. Committee of Careers
National League for Nursing
2 Park Avenue
N.Y. 16, N.Y.
3. Office of the Surgeon
Attn. anc. Procurement Officer
Governor's Island, N.Y. 4, N.Y.

For other information regarding careers, write-
Mr. Jay Reber
10 Ocean Parkway
Brooklyn 18, N.Y.

NEWS BRIEFS

- Area "2" awarded plaque for "Area Showing Greatest Improvement" for the year. Area "7" awarded certificate for Runner-up.
- Debate on By-Laws results in individual membership, "a step forward" in student professional organization.
- Convention Luncheon attended by over 400 persons.
- Ruth Brooks, R.N., long time advisor to SNANYS retired from nursing organizational work. First to receive new SNANYS Award for recognition of outstanding contributions in the field of Organization of Student Nurses.
- Ronald Gerhard, former director and Newsletter Editor of SNANYS, appointed "Historian" of Association. Job: to keep track of the growth of SNANYS.
- Genieve Kunes, past president and Molly Cronmeyer Miss Student Nurse, both awarded one years' membership in NLN by Southern New York League for Nursing, for outstanding student leadership. This award is to become an annual feature of the Convention.
- New York State has the largest potential NSNA membership in the nation. How about getting one friend to join this year?
- Richard Gierman of Area 8 to run for National President.
- Outstanding Student Nurse to emphasize that more competitors are encouraged.
- Questionnaires to be sent to the areas asking their opinions about a chartered bus being sent to the National Convention in Miami.
- Certification of recognition to be given to Helen Hayes at the premiere of the SNANYS film.
- Area 9 -- host for convention; tentative date Oct. 14-17.
- Theme of Convention to be "Sound of Achievement".
- James Gelatt to go to Miami as the Pre-convention chairman.
- Student nurse week -- May 22-28.
- All areas are asked to send suggestions for a "State song" to SNANYS, Board of Directors. The adopted song will be chosen at the state convention and the winning area will receive an award. The song will be used at the National Convention.
- Please send convention pictures to the editor as soon as possible.