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2013 Calendar of Events

- May 16 12:00 pm Senior Sendoff Spalding Pastoral Center, Peoria
- May 16 5:30 pm Alumni Meeting Weaver Ridge Golf Club, Peoria Last meeting of the year
- May 18 9:00 am Graduation Peoria Civic Center

No Alumni Meetings June & July

Save the Date

Homecoming 2013 Saturday, Sept. 21st, 2013

Any alumni wishing to celebrate please contact Helene Batzek 309-624-9933 or helene.c.batzek@osfhealthcare.org

Class of 1962 Attending Homecoming 2012

- Bonnie (Bartlett) Stark
- Patricia (Callahan) Wren
- Otta (Kontinen) Rehn
- Sharon (Mandel) App
- Judith (Neser) Pennington
- Geralyn (Pauli) Andrews
- Judith (Richards) Steed
- Bronta (Robbins) Bradley
- Therese (Roderick) Hathaway
- Barbara (Roberts) Swenson
- Patricia (Ryan) Sutton
- Sandra (Tebben) Buffington

1962 Graduates Not Attending:

- Cecelia (Benvenuti) Kruse, Sue Ann (Bushoff) Bishop
- Howard, Carol (Caresca) Haas, Janice (Cecil) Skaggs, Linda (DeFord) Scott, Linda (DiScenna) Kemper, Diane (Dougherty) McMahon, Barbara (DuPage) Payne, Jane, Janice (Fasance) Stearns, Jill (Gregorich) Andrews, Dorothy (Jakubek) Tassoni, Elaine (Jury) Cinnamon, Brigitte (Kibler) Helzer, Judith (Lee) Blau, Susan (Mannschmitt) Wengel, Mary (McDonald) Grimes, Susan (McDonough) Marshall, Mary Francis (Veatch) Noe

Deceased:

- Marcella (Collins) Peulecke, Dixie (Ohlman-Mitchell) Kingsley, Judith (Riley) Catron
Message from the President
Patricia A. Stockert, RN, PhD

Dear Alumni and Friends,

I hope that this issue of Notes from Greenleaf finds you doing well. This issue will highlight the 2012 Homecoming events. Many alumni came back to the College for the Alumni Members Brunch and the Dinner Celebration. A number of classes were celebrating milestone anniversaries. I enjoyed meeting and talking with you.

The 2012-2013 academic year is off to a busy but great start. I will provide you some highlights below. Here is a brief summary:

- We experienced a record enrollment of 638 students for fall in all programs. There were 400 in the BSN program and 238 in the graduate program.
- We received over 200 applications for the BSN program for fall 2013.
- We continued our simulation clinical pilot project using Illinois Board of Higher Education Expansion Grant funds. In this pilot, students spend time in both the simulation lab and on the clinical site as a component of their clinical rotation through the 32” Child and Family Nursing course. This option for clinical experience has received positive feedback from students.
- The Doctor of Nursing Practice Program was granted accreditation from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). The next visit is scheduled for 2017. Program accreditation is a voluntary process that validates nursing programs meet or exceed established standards and criteria indicating educational quality. As part of the process, completion of the accreditation self-study report helps institutions identify strengths and areas for improvement related to resources, processes and results.
- We received a $17,900 grant from the Illinois Board of Higher Education which is being used to purchase laptop computers for student use in testing and in the classroom.
- Thanks to all our alumni and friends, we awarded approximately $101,000 in scholarships to 105 students for the 2012-2013 year. It is through your generosity that this is possible and I send a heartfelt thank you to you.

As economic times continue to be challenging, we remain focused on increasing endowments and scholarships for our students. The continued decrease in federal and state funding for student financial aid presents challenges to the students. The annual appeal letter will again focus on monies for scholarships. I hope that you will consider making a gift this year when your Annual Appeal letter arrives.

You are a very important part of the College family and it is our goal to stay connected with you.

Patricia A. Stockert, RN, PhD

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Alumni Association Annual Workshop Cancelled
How to Debrief while using good judgement feedback and effective communication tools.

The workshop has been cancelled due to a change in the process of securing CEU credits for Education Programs. The program we had planned was valuable, however we realize the importance of CEU’s and feel not having them would impact the workshop. Therefore we will reschedule at a later date.

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We’d like to hear from you!


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Interested in Joining the Alumni Association?

Please respond to Paulette Archer ’70 at (309) 655-4132, paulette.m.archer@osfhealthcare.org, or mail your $10 membership fee ($250 for Lifetime Membership) to 311 NE Greenleaf St., Peoria, Illinois 61603. Make checks payable to SFMCCON Alumni Association.

Please help keep our alumni files current by sending us your e-mail address and phone number.

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The Alumni Association will be selling Palmetto Pewter pendants of the College logo for $10.00 and 6" x 6" clear static cling vinyl decals for $5.00.

If interested, please contact Helene Batzek at 309-624-9933 or helene.c.batzek@osfhealthcare.org

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CLASS OF 1963

Mark your calendar for Friday September 20-21, 2013.

Plans are in the making for an opportunity to get this very special group together again to celebrate their 50th anniversary.

More information to follow. For more information immediately:

Julie Kirchgessner at (309) 685-1575 or julkirch@gmail.com
Ginger Iacovets at 309-689-1158 or mikgrinj@mtco.com

The Alumni Association is still looking for Kathy Martin Morgan, Sister Rose Sharon (Sandra Quinn), and Joan Local Wolff. If you know their whereabouts, please contact Helene Batzek.
In Sympathy

The faculty and administration of Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing extend their sympathy to the families of the following Alumni.

Ruth Herbst Smith ’41
Edith Perry Crook ’43
Mary Celestine Barnes Mayr ’43
Delphene Doss Mikkelson ’44
Emma Woerner-Taylor ’44
Lois Arnold Martin ’45
Mary Zerfas ’45
Elaine Bowden Polansky ’55
Joanne Talbot Plouffe ’57
Sally Wood, Sister M. Geraldine ’57
Joanne Van Dekeere Jenrath ’57
Sharon Musell Vallis ’63
Patricia Doherty Resutko ’67
Susan Devlin Noth ’74
Patricia Morr ’84
Una English Leitner ’40

Helene Batzek, Alumni Relations Representative, received a call from Una’s son, Dr. Edward Albrecht, informing her that his mom had passed away in 2012 at the age of 93. Because she loved being a nurse and most of all loved St. Francis Hospital School of Nursing and the education she received, Dr. Albrecht and his wife, Melody, honored their mother by purchasing an Alumni Association lifetime membership in her name. She will be remembered on both the lifetime and memorial plaques hanging in the College lobby.

We have 1,021 graduates whose addresses are unknown.

1946
Mildred Vucson Bartol
Mary Power Bauschelt
Evelyn Sommer Bentley
Frances Casassa Blanco
Betty Gustafson Brooks
Geraldine Doering Brown
Shirley Driffler Brown
Margaret Doud Campbell
Margaret Carroll
Joan Smith Cunningham
Marylee Burrows Dickson
Helen Ryan Dorf
Josephine Dywer Ducanson
Rosemary Miller
Helen Harrington Ford
Helen Cannon Genseal
Patricia Sylvestor Johnson
Dorothy Killian
Gertrude Fagoz Larson
Pauline Thielbar McKeon
Georgia Harwick Mureikes
Luette King Rebuffoni
Betty Raley Schutz
Ann Heffman Sperlinger
Ann St. Louis
Virginia Denman Stumbor
Dolores Turchi Tolene
Florence Fortune Wimber
Grace Abel Wood
Vera Filz Zinner

1947
Jeanette Weygand Anson
Beth Johnson Bohms
Vera Hoobler Brady
Patricia Harst-Williams Bye
Naomi Hammill Christ
Pauline Slagle Chumbley
Bette Moran Darnell
Stella Maslach Donahue
Mary Rita Novak Dy
Wilma Billings Erickson
Mary O’Connor Farley
Mary Jane Gress Flag
Marjorie Hockstatter Gardner
Patricia Kunz Gutos
Patricia Duddy Howard
Geraldine Krug Kettto
Irene Kimoshita
Virginia Starkey Larson
Doris Spilman Maguire
Mary Frederick Maupin
Katherine Pfister McCall
Mary Rosalie Brown McCormick
Irene Farko McIntosh
Thelma Snaadt Miller
Marion Moore
Ethyl Paris Olson
Betty Hotop Phillips
Genevieve Shelmelski Poglioli
Margaret Suits Polillo
Madelyn Ruffatto
Rose Negro Sakai
Elise Shishara
Joan Stout Sover
Ruth Claus Stamler
Juanta Stringham
Roxina McCoy Sullivan
Olive Williams Watterson
Dorothy Nance Webster
Lois Kauffman Willoughby

1948
Marian Grace Bell
Barbara Tuffentsamer Birthesel
Doris Perkins DeFoy
Virginia Maslanka Etzen
Avis Doubeak Fazier
Kathleen Cody Ford
Patricia Kuder-Suell Handley
Marquette Shrik Hamer
Ruth Lohnes Johnson
Mary Rice Knutson
Barbara Wright Licota
Nadine Hermeshoff Loveridge
Helen Milos
Ruth Forney Rogers
Sbas Veil

1949
Lucy Hopping Halterman
Christine Stankiewicz

1957’s 55th anniversary, 1962’s 50th anniversary, 1972’s 40th anniversary and 1982’s 30th anniversary. An anniversary cake was provided and framed graduation pictures were presented to the Class of 1962. The graduating classes who attended the celebration ranged in graduation years from 1940 to 1995.

Alumni Awards were presented by Dr. Jan Boundy at the end of the evening. The college’s centennial history books were raffled as prizes. Other prizes that were raffled include framed composites of the class of 1962 and 1972.
Notes from Greenleaf

Class of 1972 Celebrating 40 Years

Pictured above (left to right): Nancy (Lind) Beyer, Vanda (Michels) Marsh, Pam (Lynch) Papp, Catherine (Schuman) Fischer, Cindy (Jakse) Stegmann, Marietta Centko, Theresa (Sullivan) Nussbaum, Deborah (Goodson) Kocsis, JoAnn (Koestner) Ehrecke, Linda (Barth) Gilbert, Margaret (Mullady) Berk, Suzanne (Forbes) Neureuther, Colleen (Graham) Malone, Patti (Page) Dini

To all 1957 graduates: Five of us celebrated at Four Points Sheraton in downtown Peoria. Peoria and St. Francis do not look like what we left in 1957 in case you have not been back. The anniversaries of the 30th, 40th, and 50th were also celebrated. We have lost more of our friends than at our 50th. We wish all of you well or improved health with possibility of seeing you at our 60th.

Marilyn Harler Wilken took the time to call every 1957 graduate and wants to share with everyone the information she gleaned. Alum from the Class of 1957 may contact Helene Batzek, Alumni Relations Representative, at helene.c.batzek@osfhealthcare.org or 309-624-9933 for this information.

Class of 1957 Celebrating 55 Years

Pictured left to right: Marilyn (Harler) Wilken, Carlene (Galassi) Hebel, Roberta (Guditis) Phares, Mildred (Lander) Biederbeck, Peg (Mowbray) Thomas

1963
Judy Lambrecht-Dean

‘Just wanted to thank you for keeping me in the loop as to what is happening at SFMC College of Nursing. I look forward to each edition of your newsletter. In addition, I thought I would give you an update of what I am up to: I am currently a Medical Hypnotherapist, received a Doctor of Science (DSc.) in Holistic Health in 2009; I am currently the President of the National Association of Nurse Massage Therapists; I was chosen as the Woman of the Year 2012 by the National Association of Professional Women based on my work within massage therapy as a Nurse Massage Therapist. I cannot believe that next year (2013) I will be celebrating 50 years in Nursing.’

1966
Lois Walgrave Goudreau

‘I currently work part time at Provena St. Mary’s Hospital as circulating/scrub nurse in surgery. Still love my work, but enjoy spending time with my 4 children and 9 grandchildren. Would like to hear from classmates from 1966 at legoudreau@sbcglobal.net’

1981
Sherry Schaffer Schoen

Sherry earned her diploma from St. Francis School of Nursing in 1981 and a BSN from Bradley University. She is currently working at the Center for Health Surgery Center in Peoria and prn in the Sleep Center at OSF.

1983
Jeanne Beauprez Barton

Jeanne received a diploma in 1983, earned a BS from Missouri Southern in 1995 and an MSN from Indiana State in 2007. She lives at 140 Old Town Parkway, Unit 3103, St. Augustine, FL 32084. Her e-mail is: Jeanne2148@yahoo.com

1984
Julie Harter VanLoo

‘I finally graduated with 3.94 from University of Phoenix in Denver, Colorado with my BSN. This was on the old bucket list after surviving Stage IIIB breast cancer. Good to know chemo didn’t affect the brain cells too badly. Work at University of Colorado Hospital as an RN Staff Nurse 11, floating all of the ambulatory outpatient clinics. Was inducted into International Sigma Theta Tau. Plan to take vaccines to a small village in Ecuador on a mission trip with church in 2014. Between now and the mission trip, Rosetta Stone Spanish is on the list. Will credential for AAACN next fall 2013 and become a diabetes educator and credential spring of 2014. Fall of 2013, I will credential for RN level III with a PCDA project to prevent falls in the ambulatory setting.’

I continue to care for 5 kids with special needs. My husband, Rich, travels the world with his consulting job. One in college, one graduating high school, and the baby is now a freshman in high school. Time sure flies.

Julie.VanLoo@uch.edu’

1990
Tamara Lewis Wilkins

Tamara received her MSN in 1996 from University of Illinois. She is currently working as a Family Nurse Practitioner.

1994
Renee Shughart Engle

Renee lives at 518 Champaign Road, Colchester, IL 62326. She received her CLNC in 2010. Renee would like to keep in touch with fellow alumni. Contact her at engleinc@mtenow.net

2008/11
Theresa Temborius

Theresa now resides in California. She loves it there and says California is “so warm and accessible.” She attended two Giants/Cards playoff games and had lots of fun. Work is good and she loves the veterans. Theresa is hoping next year to become a lifetime alumni member.
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April 2013

Homecoming 2012

Raffle Winners

Christmas Wreath, Red Barn, Morton
Marilyn Wilken 1957
$20 gift certificate, Prospective Florist, Peoria
Mary Adlington 1958

$25 gift certificate, Avanti’s Ristorante, Peoria
Kathy Rosenbahn 1965

$80 dinner cert., Boyd’s Steak House, East Peoria
Pat Sutton 1962

Weaver Ridge Golf Club, Peoria, One round of golf and 2 Sunday Brunch certificates
Millie Biederbeck 1957

Surprise gift, Sterling Flower Shoppe, Peoria
Carlene Hebel 1957

Palmetto Pewter Medallions, Tom Whitworth
Love – Maggie Berk 1972
Virgin Mary – Sondra McNemor 1960
Leaf – Mary Jo Paine 1961
Plain Cross – Sue Cornish 1970
Irish Cross – Patti Dini 1972

Framed Composites – Class of 1972 and Class of 1962, Alumni Association
1972 composite – Suzanne Neureuther 1972
1962 composite – Therese Haythaw 1962

Donations for Alumni Scholarships

Burlund Distributors, East Peoria
Gina and John Wetzel

Mary Rose Kelly ’40

Marilyn Palm ’53

Rosemary Ufheil ’57

All donations go directly to the Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing Alumni Association

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New Alumni Association Members

Lezley Sheetz Anderson 2011
Rebecca Atkins 2009
Margaret Mullady Berk 1972
Mary Ann Welsh Bohne 1962
Leigh Ann Bonney 2007
Karen Burkitt 2004
Kelly Cone 1992
Phillis Dewitt 2009/2012
Kelly Nimesgern Fogelmark 2007/2010
Megan Powlisz Frey 1999/2010
Amy Funk 2012
Mary Farr Gardner 1973
Virginia Graber 1960
Lorri Graham 1984/1996
Therese Rozman 1962
Judith Dwyer Hendricks 1960
Fran Vachon Johnson 1962

CJ Kingston 2008
Barbara DuPage Payne 1962
Melanie Reeves 2011
Beverly Budd Reynolds 1975/1989
Michelle Rolando 2003/2012
Kathleen Eppel Sager 1964
Sharon Manke Sip 1962
Crystal Rodgers Slaughter 2004/2012
Bonnie DeMonte Souders 1965
Bonita Bielefeldt Stark 1962

LIFETIME MEMBERS

Cynthia Steinhauser Colley 1979
Mary Hamilton 1958
Una Maee Leiterin, 1940 (deceased)
Toni Kull Lutz 1999
Vanda Michels Marsh 1972
Judy Meuser Pomatto 1962
Cheri Boma Throop 1974

Keep In Touch

1956
Mary Jo Walker Weeks
Mary Jo has worked in nursing for fifty years in nursing education and head nurse and supervisor positions in Chicago and Kansas City, MO. Her greatest joy is being a wonderful school since I graduated in 1958. You have one of my classmates, Mary Adlington, as part of your team: she knows what I’m talking about. I just have to express myself. I know our class is getting fewer. I am in a retirement home and loving the community in which I live. My nursing experience will always be part of my life as I share it with people around me. God bless Alumni Relations and the work you do.”

1958
Mary Legner Peiffer
Mary writes: ‘I cannot pass up the opportunity to say how proud I am of St. Francis Hospital as it has grown to be such a wonderful school since I graduated in 1958. You have one of my classmates, Mary Adlington, as part of your team: she knows what I’m talking about. I just have to express myself. I know our class is getting fewer. I am in a retirement home and loving the community in which I live. My nursing experience will always be part of my life as I share it with people around me. God bless Alumni Relations and the work you do.”

1962
Deborah Videitch Welsh
‘Thanks for all you and the others did for the great Homecoming and our class’s 50th reunion, including letting us see 4th floor at the residence! Blessings on you and all the staff, students, and alumni!'
Alumni Award Winners

Four alumni received awards for their outstanding performance in the nursing profession. Information provided by their nominators is included below.

Vanda Michels Marsh: Outstanding Alumni – Excellence in Leadership Award

Vanda Michels Marsh has been a registered nurse for 40 years, and a pediatric nurse practitioner for thirteen years. For the majority of these years she has worked within the pediatric arena, first as a charge/supervisor of nursing at Children’s Memorial in Chicago, then helping a fledging pediatrician start a new practice (which is one of the premiere practices in the area today) where she currently practices as a PNP. She is a certified asthma educator who developed an asthma clinic within her practice and is working on a grant to provide asthma education to local schools. In addition to all she does locally and regionally, she is one of the founders of Little-by-Little, a non-profit group which provides medical services to people living in Haiti. She is participating in a research project with Children’s Memorial Hospital implementing a Cardiac Risk Reduction in Pediatrics program for patients. She is an amazing leader whose knowledge, skill, compassion, grace and faith run very deep and always serves as her guidance and direction as she serves. “This nurse has re-written the story of the lives of many people by simply who she is and what she does with the gifts given to her.”

Dr. Paulette Archer: Ruby Cealey Distinguished Alumni Award

Dr. Archer is a 1970 graduate of the Saint Francis Hospital School of Nursing with 25 years’ experience as a nurse educator. She is known to be a strong student advocate and has a passion to help students learn, especially those who have difficulty with course material and tests. She has been an advisor to junior and senior students. She has also been the advisor for Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing Student Senate for several years. In this role, she assists students to be effective and responsible student leaders.

Cristin Rassi: Outstanding Alumni-Excellence in Practice Award

Cristin Rassi has enjoyed a 16 year nursing career at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center which began in 1995 as a nurse extern on acute neurology. Throughout the years, she has been an outstanding and valuable RN on acute neurology, neuroscience critical care, surgical intensive care unit, and also worked as Trauma Services Manager which has contributed greatly to her becoming an advanced practice nurse. In 2004, she graduated from the College of Nursing with a master’s degree in nursing and became certified as an APN, CNS. She is currently a provider of care for Illinois Neurological Institute (INI), Neurosurgery, serving patients across the continuum of care and currently serves as the alumni representative on the College Board at Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing.

Patricia O’Connor: Outstanding Alumni – Excellence in Education Award

Patti O’Connor “first entered the nursing profession in 1978 and completed her MSN at the College of Nursing in 2007.” She is a remarkable teacher who continually strives for teaching excellence by exploring and implementing numerous active learning strategies in her courses, most recently adopting Prezi for presentations and making orientation available via Skype to students who live a distance from the College. She has willingly and consistently served as a preceptor for Graduate Program Educator students and always receives “rave reviews” from these students. She has been extremely supportive of the College’s efforts toward revision of the BSN curriculum, and already employs a student-centered approach in her teaching methods. She has a “can do” attitude and commitment to her students as well as a willingness to function as a change agent for the College. She is an inspiration and a role model to our faculty and the graduate program Nurse Educator students who have the incredible opportunity to have her as a preceptor.”

When you receive this newsletter we will be well into the New Year. I hope everyone had a Blessed and peace filled holiday season. As 2013 moves forward, we can take pride in an Alumni Association that continues to grow and give back to the college through our gifts and supportive presence. The pictures and sharing within these pages will evidence the fun and work we have shared since our last newsletter.

We continue to invite suggestions on how this association can be strengthened. Some members suggested changing the format of our meetings to allow for an increased opportunity to socialize. While we do have business to conduct, a major incentive is getting together to share our lives and have fun. We have already taken our meetings off campus and combined them with dinner. Since then, we have seen an increase in attendance.

For the March meeting, we will trial reversing our meeting format. We will have social time first with our meal beginning at 5:30. After dinner, we will have a short business meeting. We hope this reversal will: 1) allow more time for socialization; 2) provide an opportunity to discuss any agenda items planned for the business part of the meeting; and 3) allow those who cannot stay for the meeting, the opportunity to express views on any issues.

Also at the March meeting we will be bringing in a speaker from Pampered Chef who will have product samples and information. Paulette Archer has offered her home and the Alumni Association will provide the meal as a change of pace for gathering.

Finally, I would like to point out the beautiful pewter pendants we will be selling through the Alumni Association. A picture with description is in another section of this newsletter. Currently, the same company is working on an ornament that will include an image of the college’s 6th floor bridge.

In the New Year, let us be thankful for each other, our growing association and the support we continue to give each other and the college.