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2012 Calendar of Events

February 11 8:00 am - 3:30 pm  Alumni Workshop
New Developments in Simulation 7th Floor Auditorium - OSF SFMC

March 22 5:00 pm  Speaker Meeting
Safety Awareness College of Nursing, Rm 228

May 17 Noon  Senior Sendoff
Spalding Pastoral Center, Peoria

May 17 6:00 pm  Last Meeting of the Year
Off Campus - TBA

May 19 9:00 am  Graduation
Peoria Civic Center, Ballroom

No meetings in June or July.

August 16 5:00 pm  Speaker Meeting
College of Nursing, Rm 228

Celebrating Our Alumni
50 Years of Memories

Class of 1961 in attendance at the alumni dinner

Helene Joyce Aimone Ellis
Kathie Bartolo Mertolo
Janice Boundy Russell
Barbara Ann Carter Sandh
Judith Ann Cole Talbot
Constance Cougle Beaudion
Mary Jane Doyle Tallon
Cathleen Duke Henes
Carolyn Fortis Campaggio
Diana Gelligan Draminski

Judith Ann Gorman Gauthier
Kathlyn Gray Morrissey
Patricia Greenblatt Spring
Alberta Jean Holmes Vicory
Sharon Ivey Kaplan

Judith Johnson Fordham
Margaret Joyce Hagem
Judith Kirkham Cogan
Karen Lu Mini Grats
Mary Jane Paine Jogel

Reunite with your classmates! The next Alumni Dinner is September 21, 2012.
Dear Alumni and Friends,

I hope that this issue of Notes from Greenleaf finds you doing well. This issue will highlight the 2011 Homecoming events. Many alumni came back to the College for the Alumni Members Brunch and the Dinner Celebration. I enjoyed meeting and talking with you.

This is my first letter to you as President. As you know, Dr. Hamilton retired on June 30 after 14 years of leadership and service to the College. She will be missed. The strategic direction that she provided to the College leads our planning for the future. Dr. Sue Brown was hired as the Dean of the Undergraduate Program.

The 2011-2012 academic year is off to a great start. I will provide you some highlights below.

• We started three new MSN programs this fall: Nursing Management Leadership, Family Nurse Practitioner, and Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. Three new graduate faculty were hired to teach in these programs.
• The Doctor of Nursing Practice Program received Candidacy Status from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission. This is the first step towards accreditation for the program. A visit is planned for spring 2012.
• We received a $43,000 grant from the Illinois Board of Higher Education which is being used to purchase simulation equipment to assist at-risk students in preparing for the licensure examination.
• Thanks to all our alumni and friends, we awarded $81,000 in scholarships to 92 students for the 2011-2012 academic year. It is through your generosity that this is possible and I send a heartfelt thank 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 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

Message from the President

We’re on facebook.

Members of facebook can “like” us for a chance to win a College of Nursing hooded sweatshirt.

Check it out at facebook.com/sfmcccon

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Interested in Joining the Alumni Association?

Name: ____________________________ Class: __________
Surname: ____________________________
Address: __________________________________________
City, State, Zip: ____________________________
Phone Number: ____________________________
E-mail: ____________________________

Interested in Joining the Alumni Association? Please respond to Paulette Archer ’70 at (309) 655-4152, paulette.m.archer@osfhealthcare.org, or mail your $10 membership fee ($250 for Lifetime Membership) to 511 NE Greenleaf St., Peoria, Illinois 61603. Make checks payable to SFMCCON Alumni Association.

We are seeking items to recreate history of the institution and display in a locked vintage cabinet in the lobby. If you have any photographs, documents, medical instruments, etc. that you would like to donate or make available for the display, please contact Elizabeth Zaluska by phone (309-655-6363) or email (elizabeth.k.zaluska@osfhealthcare.org).

We’d like to hear from you!


Phone Number: __________________________________________

E-mail: ____________________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip: _____________________________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________________

Surname: _________________________________________ Class: __________________

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Seeking Items of Historical Value

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The ‘Outstanding Alumni – Excellence in Education’ Award recognizes and honors a nurse alumnus who has exhibited excellence in nursing education and professional development.

The award winner meets the following criteria:

• Demonstrates characteristics that reflect the highest professional nursing standards;
• Functions as a mentor in facilitating the growth and future development of nurses; and
• Serves as an outstanding role model to other professional nurses.

The Outstanding Alumni in Education Award was presented to Bev Reynolds, RN, EdD, CNE, at the Alumni Dinner on September 17, 2011. The following nomination was submitted by Kim Mitchell, RN, PhD, CNE. Bev is a Professor at our college. Kim is an Associate Professor.

The nomination reads:

Bev Reynolds is a graduate of Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing. She graduated in 1975 from the diploma program and again in 1989 from the BSN program. Bev has been teaching since 1985 when she was the nurse educator for Emergency Medical Services (1985-1989). Later, Bev taught at Illinois Central College in the Practical and Associate Degree Programs from 1992-1997. Bev joined the faculty of the College in 1999, and she currently holds the rank Professor.

Bev believes in lifelong learning and serves as a role model to others in this regard as evidenced by her continuing education through the years. In addition to the previous degrees mentioned, Bev earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Saint Francis in Joliet, Illinois, a Master’s degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago, and a Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from Illinois State University.

Bev consistently demonstrates the characteristics that reflect the highest professional nursing standards. In 2007, Bev earned the designation of Certified Nurse Educator, a prestigious designation of excellence in education awarded by the National League for Nursing. Bev routinely demonstrates the characteristics that reflect the highest professional nursing standards.

Bev has demonstrated the College with enthusiasm and vision in leadership roles. She has been the chair of the Faculty Affairs and Curriculum Committee. She has been instrumental in the curriculum redesign efforts at the College. She is recognized for identifying the need for a concept-based curriculum and promoted this change. She has served on the Faculty Promotion Committee, Graduate Program Committee, and helped prepare the report for the National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission. Bev was part of the committee that prepared the Centennial Celebration. She served on the Illinois Nurses Association Continuing Education Provider Unit Committee, a committee of the medical center. The leadership she has demonstrated is evidence of her enduring commitment to the College.

In addition to being an invaluable member of the College faculty, Bev is an asset to her community, Morton, Illinois. Bev served as a volunteer for Blessed Sacrament Parish events such as the Annual Parish Festival and fundraising activities to support the Catholic Youth Group and more.

Bev has demonstrated evidence of scholarly activity in several ways. She prepared an article for publication based on her doctoral dissertation work. She has taught portions of the medical-surgical component of the Illinois NCLEX-RN Review Course throughout the state. She developed the Peer Learning Program at the College, whereby students who have successfully completed a course volunteer to be tutors for students who are struggling. Additionally, Bev created the Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) for second semester seniors.

Bev has functioned as an informal and formal mentor to graduate students and faculty members alike. Faculty members routinely ask Bev for advice concerning difficult student situations and course development questions. Bev’s expertise, willingness to help, and her ‘open door’ policy make her the ideal faculty mentor. Bev has many substantial achievements that have been mentioned. However, the intangible factors distinguish her from other outstanding educators. Bev is respected and revered among her peers and held in highest esteem as an educator. Bev is most deserving of this award.

Alumni and the College of Nursing faculty and staff are so proud of the much deserved honor given to Dr Bev Reynolds. Submitted by Jan Boundy, RN, PhD

Cora Goishi was born in Hanford, CA in 1923. Of Japanese descent, her family owned and worked a farm to create a life for themselves here in the United States of America. Growing up, Cora assumed such would be the course of her life – living and working in agriculture. In May 1942, Cora’s world changed drastically. Stemming from the bombing of Pearl Harbor, President Roosevelt issued a decree ordering all U.S. citizens of Japanese descent to be shipped from the western coast. Cora, amongst many others, was shipped to a Federal Assembly Center in Fresno. There she began working as a nurse’s aid, learning skills as she went.

That September, Cora and other Japanese Americans in Fresno were boarded onto a long train that took them to a camp in Arkansas. The young people there were encouraged to go to school and create a life outside the camp. An opportunity arose when word came that The Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis were seeking students to enter their newly formed School of Nursing. Cora solicited her grammar school eighth grade teacher and a former neighbor to write letters of recommendation and was delighted when she was accepted to train at the School. Along with two other young women, Cora relocated to Peoria and spent the next few years learning important nursing skills and living with her classmates. They lived on the top floor of the School, where they shared a large room with beds divided by curtains. After graduating in 1947, she spent eight months practicing her nursing skills at St. Francis while awaiting board results. She was thrilled when news came that she’d successfully passed the required exams! She returned to Hanford equipped to begin a career she’d never imagined as a child. “I wouldn’t have known what to do if I hadn’t found nursing,” Cora recalls.

Cora married her late husband, Hank, in 1948 and went on to raise three daughters and a son. She worked at several hospitals in California but will always remember the time she spent in Peoria at St. Francis Hospital School of Nursing. The story of Cora Goishi is truly amazing and one we are certainly proud to have been a part of!
Enjoy the Holidays and Stay Healthy was the topic for OSF dietitian Ashley Simper.

Alternative ideas, recipes and a sample of a healthy holiday dessert were enjoyed by all attendees.

Speakers will be presenting at all in house meetings. Next in house meeting will be March 22nd on Safety Awareness at the College of Nursing rm 218.

The Alumni Association presents its 6th Continuing Education Conference

Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012

New Developments in Simulation from 8:30 am - 3:30 pm, 5 CEU's

OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, 7th Floor Auditorium

- Registration Fees: $60 non-association member, $40 alumni association member, $20 student
- Fee includes materials, continental breakfast, snacks and lunch. Parking is free in OSF Medi-Park 3 located on Greenleaf Street.

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1996
Kris Krienke Deesien,

Received MS and MBA from the University of St. Francis. Now working as Director of Acute Care Nursing in Virginia.

2000
Jennifer Marriott,

I spent the first five years of my nursing degree working in oncology. I graduated in 2005 with my MS and family NP and continued working in oncology and palliative care. Most recently I have been working full time as a self-employed contract NP in long term care, and have now started teaching at Galveston College in the nursing program for LVN/ADN.

2008
Jessica Johnson,

Recently married and is now Jessica Fulton.

Cora Brewer,

Recently married and is now Cora Turnbull.

Annette King Plato,

Working as an RN in Jacksonville, North Carolina.

Kymberlee Minnaert,

Currently working at OSF Saint James in Pontiac as a Utilization Review Nurse and an Epic Credentialed Trainer.

2009
Peggy Gebhardt,

Recently married and is now Peggy Bush.

Kimberly Watson,

Working as a Public Health Nurse.

Adrianna Nava,

Recently accepted into the University of Pennsylvania’s Graduate School of Nursing and will be relocating to Philadelphia, PA September 2011. Degree sought: MSN. Health Leadership with a Health Policy Focus.

Reminder...
All checks for alumni events or donations must be made out to SFMC Alumni Association.

Ginger (Wartburgh) Jacobs 1963
Judy (Fordham) Johnson 1964
Mary Rose (Morrissey) Kelly 1940
Mary Ellen (McMahen) Kennedy 1948
Ann (Goman) Kerr 1950
Julia (Sticklemaier) Kirchgasser 1963
Judith (Case) Kirkham 1961
Helen (McNamara) Kowar 1948
Rosemary (Hughes) Knowles 1952
Heather Kypa 2011
Susan (Leher) Langdale 1958
Rita (Bogner) Lauerman 1949
Idella (Hartvig) Lee 1956
Sharon (Grinnin) Lee 1960
Una Mae (English) Leitner 1940
Dennis Level 1970
Juan (Smith) Lindquist 1956
Suzanne (Hure) Lloyd 1998
Toni (Kull) Lutz 1999
Michael Mandrell 2009
Vanda (Michels) Marsh 1972
Edith (Pico) Matarelli 1950
Mansi (Allen) McCann 1956
Sondra (Miller) McFarre 1960
Lucy (Hoschelt) McCann 1951
Rita Jean (Barboromot) Mcmorrow 1965
Mary Fran (Brenabe) McShane 1946
Marlene (Noonan) Mercer 1956
Shari (Halu) Metcalfe 1968
Ellie (Spore) Meyer 1945
Gloria (Castellan) Miller 1957
Kymberlee Minnaert 2008
Laura Murphy 2010
Debby Nunning 2007
Jill (Powers) Osborne 1987
Linda (Frascio) Osika 1986
Pamela (Lynch) Papp 1972
Jill (Weberski) Parsons 1998
Mary (Black) Peterson 1965
Robertta (Gudits) Phares 1957
Joseph Querciagrossa 1964
Sharon (Huett) Richmond 1965
Barbara (Prokop) Riva 1959
Kerr Boloy 2009
Kathleen (Eppel) Sager 1956
Phyllis (Horvan) Schaefer 1947
Theresa (Smith) Schaefer 1980
Mary Lou (Nauam) Schmidt 1956
Cynthia (Gonendern) Schott 1979
Jacket (Graves) Scott 1968
Manilyn (Polier) Scott 1950
Kathie (Devito) Sebastian 1965
Victoria (Jones) Selburg 1965
Connie (Johnson) Setlander 1965
Cheryl (Sahno) Shewmaker 1965
Mary (Cotton) Stone 1965
Qian Su 2011
Carol Swank 2011
Theresa Tenbornus 2007/2011
Ganger Torres 2007

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

- Sylvia Jones Fromm ’51
- Velma Ernst Thompson ’44
- Carolyn Volkens Heitzman ’46
- Lucille Matychowiak Miller ’50
- Mary Ellen (McMahen) Kennedy

Keep In Touch
Reminder...
Lisa Henderson Overturf

Looking for news from the class of 1983, especially Sharon Rose Marie Schmitz Weber

1983
Lisa Henderson Overturf

Would love to connect with some members of my graduating class! turfloveslife@gmail.com

1960
Rose Marie Schmitz Weber

Recently married and is now Cheri Hlavin

1966
Sandra Gotch

Retired, living in Arizona.

1978
Cheryl Rossok

Recently married and is now Cheri Hlavin

1983
Lisa Henderson Overturf

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Lifetime Members
(bold names indicate new members)

Paulette (Cooper) Archer 1970
Kathie (Moeri) Bartos 1995
Janice (Russell) Boundy 1961
Marietta C etko 1962
Kathie (Moeri) Bartos 1995
Dawn Cortez 2000
Mary (Parker) Donnelly 1979
Ellen Franks 1967
Sharon (Gott) Godfrey 1990
Judy (Gallicano) Guimeshreiner 2005
Lexi Garth 2009
Patricia (Onuay) Henkins 1965
Jean (Vosicky) Holmes 1961
Judith (Burnham) Hopwood 1998
Scott Kaszts 2000
Mary Jo (Vogt) Paine 1990
Mary (Kegar) Poilege 1978
Mary (Mundy) Phelps 1965
Pam Ramik 2009
Sharon (Gott) Romanek 1966
Kathy (Johnson) Rosenbuhl 1965
Rose (Gerardo) Segabett 1958
Janet (Johnson) Stuley 1965
Nancy (Davis) Sidhu 2001
Ed Stotman 1994
Jennifer Tan 2008
Carolyn (Johnson) Vincent 1964
Deb Wallenfang 2009
Brenda (Stuckee) Wilson 1965

If you would like more information on joining the Alumni Association or becoming a Lifetime Member, contact Paulette Archer at (309) 655-4132 or email paulette.m.archer@osfhealthcare.org.

A Lifetime Member pays one time fee of $250. Make checks payable to “Alumni Association”.

Send to Paulette Archer at 511 NE Greenleaf St., Peoria, IL 61603
Alumni Update
Mary Donnelly, ’79
President of the Alumni Association

This has been an eventful fall for our association! Our first homecoming dinner was a success. Two groups have already contacted us to help with plans for getting class members together at next year’s event. We are happy to supply you with contact information for your classmates as well as assist with e-mails and phone calls. Let’s increase next year’s homecoming dinner attendance!

Our first speaker meeting was fun and informative. We were given helpful healthy holiday eating tips as well as the opportunity to taste delicious samples. Members attending enjoyed having a speaker followed by a short meeting. Attendance was much higher. We plan to have additional speakers at future meetings. Once again we volunteered to assist Student Senate at the college Thanksgiving dinner. December graduates were given the lunch bag and one year free membership that has been our tradition for several years.

Students are increasingly recognizing the support of Alumni through our visible presence, scholarships and gifts to the college. We are always striving for increased membership, attendance at meetings and events and new ideas. We are growing and that feels good!

Our January meeting will be in a new location at the Lariat Steakhouse on January 19 at 6:00 pm. Please come and enjoy fine dining as we share our memories of the holidays.

Raffle Winners

Gift certificate dinner for two from Boyd Steak House at the Par-A-Dice Hotel Casino
Helene Batzek

Gift certificate from Prospect Florist
Elle Meyer

Leather bound notebook from Burklund Distributors
Jean Holmes

Overnight stay at the Four Points by Sheraton Downtown Peoria
Eleanor Eaton

One round of golf at Weaver Ridge Golf Club
Judy Gorman

Christmas Centerpiece from Red Barn in Morton
Mary Ellen Kennedy

$25 gift certificate Avanti’s Ristorante
Jennifer Hopwood