



# The DRAWSHEET



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## **This and That from Gayle**

The board and reunion committee have been busy reevaluating reunion activities. Here are some of the changes decided upon:

**Reunion 2015:** Having completed a 5 year cycle of Friday tours they will not be offered in 2015. The Friday evening social will be moved to Friday afternoon leaving the evening open for class representatives to plan individual activities.

Jacque and Janet are currently investigating changing the Saturday area in the Kahler to a more user friendly site. The July Drawsheet which includes the registration will have the final details.

**Reunion 2016:** Being looked at is a change of venue for 2016 which would offer improved handicap accessibility, free parking, easily accessible location and for those staying at the venue a continental breakfast with their room.

**? Reunion in 2017:** I am asking for input from those in classes ending in 2 & 7 who would celebrate their anniversary years in 2017. Would you like to have no reunion in 2017 and celebrate in 2018?

**Reunion 2018:** The 100th year celebration will include special events not offered before. One event already booked is "tea" at the Foundation House. A special reunion booklet will also be available. The committee is working on some other options we think you will enjoy. Please put the dates Friday September 21 & Saturday September 22, 2018 on your calendar. You will not want to miss this reunion!

**No Reunion in 2019:** All the class attending this year's reunion opted to forgo their 2019 reunion and celebrate in 2018. That would be the class ending in 4 & 9.

**Recruiting Board Positions:** Currently need to fill the vacant Treasurer position (begins January 2015) plus beginning in fall 2015 need co-chair for the Reunion Committee as Jacque will be retiring.

The board meets 4 times yearly (April, June, August & November) for 2 hours beginning at 2 PM plus the Friday/Saturday yearly Reunion Days in September. Time comment outside board meeting depends on the position. The reunion preparations are our main focus for the year with other topics as they arise. Working from a Master

Reunion Planning list tasks are delegated to board members and preparation goes very smoothly.

**2018 Committee members:** Thanks for those stepping forward we have a core group for this committee now but still needed are Alumni willing to serve on subcommittees. Decisions need to be made in the next year & preparations begun. The core group will meet a couple times a year with sub groups to work on individual activities with one person from the subgroup attending/reporting to main meetings. Possible offerings include bus tours of Rochester, uniform style show, "blessing of the hands" ceremony & 100 year anniversary booklet. If you are interested in helping with any activities give Gayle a call/email.

**Volunteers** Thanks, Thanks, Thanks to those who helped with this year's reunion. If you are able to spare from 1 to 7 hours reunion days please give us a call or say yes when a board members calls.

BURR - Winter arrived early this year in Minnesota - snow and cold beginning the second week of November. My hubby deer hunts starting Saturday Nov 22 and is listening to weather reports to see how FROZEN he will be. I enjoy catching up on my reading by the warm, crackling fireplace and watching the birds..

**Where ever you reside wishing you sunshine in your heart!**

Gayle Walters Miller '68 President

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## **Our Dream has become a reality!**

**"Every great dream begins with a dreamer" - Harriet Tubman**

The dream began April 2010 when the M-K Alumni Association Board voted to establish the M-K School of Nursing Alumni Scholarship Fund.

Establishment of a nursing scholarship would fulfill By-laws Article II Purpose # 2 (To preserve, uphold and support professional nursing) and # 3 (To preserve our heritage of Kahler and Methodist-Kahler School of Nursing) therefore establishing an ongoing legacy of the

high standard of nursing the M-K School of Nursing represents.

**“All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them” - Walt Disney**

With a giant leap of faith the Mayo Department of Development was chosen to administer the Scholarship Fund. They required an initial investment of \$ 100,000 to establish a principal base for the scholarships.

**“If you are really thankful, what do you do? You share” - W. Clement Stone**

And Share you have. The hope was to present the first scholarship in 2018 at our 100th anniversary. This fall, half way to our goal, the board was overwhelmed with the kindness of Gloria Lane Wiebusch '52. Sharing our dream Gloria's generous donation carried us past our initial goal.

**“When we do the best we can, we never know what miracle is wrought in our life, or in the life of another” - Helen Keller**

Because the initial goal has been reached 2 Scholarships will be awarded in 2015...one Travel and one Academic...each \$ 2000. Because of all the donations received nurses at the Mayo Rochester Campus will be able to enhance their education to give wonderful care to their patients following in the finest tradition of the Kahler and Methodist-Kahler nurses.

**The Future is Bright - This is only the beginning**

Where do we go from here? Yearly the interest generated by the principal base will be available for scholarships. All donations go to the principal (interest bearing) therefore the fund will be self sustaining. All donations are tax deductible. As contributions continue the principal will grow. With that growth M-K will give multiple scholarships and/or give larger dollar amounts. I challenge all Alumni to consider a yearly gift amount. Since 2010 personally I have pledged \$ 100 yearly to honor and to remember those special to me.

**Criteria:** Our M-K board, the Mayo Nursing Department and the Mayo Department of Development are working on the fine points of the criteria now.

**The First Presentation** will be Wednesday May 13, 2015 at 3 PM in Philips Hall.

Sincerest thanks to all who have donated. Hail to Thee our Alma Mater!!!

From my Irish heart warmed by your generously my many thanks to you.

**“May your day be touched by a bit of Irish luck, brightened by a song in your heart, and warmed by the smiles of people you love” - Old Irish blessing.**

Any questions can be directed to

Gayle Walters Miller '68

President Methodist-Kahler Alumni Association

## **Scholarship Fund Contributions**

Gloria Lane Wiebusch '52

Linda Krause Armstrong '69

Mavis Nicol Rausch '54

Judy Smith Johnson '69

Sherry Stevens Hall '64

Lila Decker

Margaret McCormick

**In memory of Jean Felty DeBoer '68**

**From Ann Marie Buckman Hemmah '68**

**In memory of Charlottee Boelter Sprague '46**

**From Kathy & Paul Remtema**

**In memory of Mabel Brelje '48**

**LaVonne Stegeman Bracker '48**

**Alnora Goedtko Paulson**

**From Loren & Jeanne Nerell Goettsch '48**

**In memory of Marjorie Helman Thompson '55**

**From Judith Larson Roda '55**

**In memory of Marvel Madsen Kulsrud '45**

**From Lenora Mahoney Anderegg '45**

**In memory of Margaret Peterson Rossberger '47**

**From Lois Bower**

**In memory of Donna Weeks Porath '46**

**From Lois Anderson Wendorf '46**

**In memory of Stanley Larsen**

**From Phyllis Andeson Gaustad '55**

**In memory of Carol Ann Wallace '55**

**From Norma Sorenson Plank '59**

**Karen Hovland '60**

**Audrey Tvrdik Johnson '55**

**In memory of Marjorie Helman Thompson '55**

**From Audrey Tvrdik Johnson**

**In memory of Margaret Hedges Schroeder '34**

**From Virginia Redden Herzenach '64**

**In memory of Jerrie Jensen Owens '64**

**From Connie Knutson Vitalis '64**

**In memory of John & Shirley Madison**

**From Joyce Madison Wood '69**

**In memory of Ruth Wheldon Weis**

**From Vaunettee Alrick '68**

**In memory of Fern Schollmeier Colby '43**

**From Margaret McCormick**

**In memory of Lois Arneson Winch '45**

**From Carol Kingsbury Reid '69**

**In memory of Lois Bulter Johnson '49**

**From Carol Bulter Gable '49**

**In memory of Jeanette Wilhelm**

**From Kathleen Kinney Zarling '70**

**In memory of Carol Frederickson**

**From Marsha Hagen**

**In honor of Class of 1969**

**From Sandy Haus Pennington '69**

**In honor of Rose Polga Bayuk '38**

**From Gayle Walters Miller '68**

**In honor of Gloria Lane Wiebusch '52**

**From Gayle Walters Miller '68**

**In honor of Class of 1964**

**From Judy Cordermann '64**

**Annette Jorgensen Mickelson '64**

**In honor of Geraldine Martha Myers Griebenow '55**

**From Audrey Tvrdik Johnson '55**

**In honor of** Arleta Kleppe Stensland '54

**From** Judy Bauleke Lloyd '69

**In honor of** Class of 1969 & **In memory of**

Aunt Geradine Kath Jacobson '31

**From** Margaret McKee '69

**In honor of** Class of 1969

**From** Julie Carlson Lauritzen '69

Julie Pagelkopf Harpel '69

Gwen Pectorious Saul '69

**In honor of** Kathleen Blim Ekern '69

**From** Joleta Hervey Smith '69

**In honor of** Class of 1954 & **In memory of** deceased classmates of 1954

**From** Donna Hauth Lee '54

**In honor of** 2014 Class Representatives

**From** Diane Schlaeppi O'Shaughnessy '63

**In honor of** Helen Paur Coupal '51

**From** Don "Chip" Coupal

### **Correction Scholarship fund**

LaVerna Cooper Benzkofer '64 in Memory of Elaine Cook Yost '65

### **Deaths**

Ardis Johnson Dalbey '37

Lola Torney Paulson '39

Fern Viola Mohn Borge '43

Elaine Viola Severson Dobbertin '45

Elizabeth Zenz Lefebvre '45

Marvel Madsen Kulsrud '45

Marjorie Kremenak Cochran '46

Donna Lou Weeks Porath '46

Anita Ling Siegmann '52

Carol Cater '52

Lynn Chess Haddan '54

Mildred Gruver Nikodym '54

Delores Miller Brown '54

Ruth Wheldon Weis '57

Marie Landsverk Behnken '63

Marjorie Behnke Parker '63

### **Drawsheet corrections:**

Geraldine Meyers Griebenow '55 was mistakenly reported as one of our deceased alumni, we are sorry for upsetting you and your friends.

**Classes 1940 & 1945** Board Nancy Kollar Moore '65 VP, M-K Alumni Association.

### **Class of 1950**

Dear classmates it's 65 years since we graduated from KSN.

Many changes have occurred in Rochester since then. I would love to have you attend our reunion-come with canes, walkers, wheelchairs also some aches and pains! If you can't come please send me a note as to how you are doing and your family -pictures if possible.

Looking forward to seeing you on September 18 and 19 2015. Any questions call me 507-288-7658

Maxine Rupprecht Kalmes

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### **Class of 1955**

60 years since we graduated hope you are all planning on returning for this reunion. If you are unable to attend please send a note and pictures to pass around.

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### **Class of 1960**

Please plan on attending our 55<sup>th</sup> class reunion.

Join us in September, but if you are unable to do so, please send me a note to share with our classmates. Please contact me with updates to your records since 2010. Thanks!

Shirley Anderson Ackerman

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### **Class of 1965**

**50 Years** since we graduated. How can that be possible? Your Alumni Association is planning the reunion and your class representatives want to make sure that you plan to join us on Friday, September 18 and Saturday, September 19, 2015, for the celebration of 50 years!! If you have not been in Rochester for years, you will be amazed how it has changed.

We would appreciate if you would update your email address by sending us a message (include your mailing address also). Let us know if there is something you would like us to arrange to make your reunion more fun. There will be a letter coming out to you in a couple months,

Looking forward to seeing all of you!

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### **2015 M-K Alumni Board Meetings**

**2:00 pm (1400): Christ United Methodist Church**

**April 28**

**June 16**

**August 25**

**November 3**

**Annual Meeting- Kahler Grand Hotel**

**September 18 & 19 2015**

**Classes ending in 5 and 0**

## Class of 1970

Hello to all! Save September 18&19 2015 for our 45<sup>th</sup> reunion. We should be over 65 by now and hopefully enjoying the benefits of retirement. If your not able to attend send a note and pictures.

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## Gloria Lane Wiebusch Helped Us Reach Our Goal

I'm an active 84 years old-Kahler School of Nursing graduate of 1952, church volunteer, Gopher football fan, Waverly singer and work out three or more days a week I want to thank the board for sending me remembrances which brought back reasons why I came to the Kahler School of Nursing, which was a second career choice in my life. Since I was a child of the depression, there was not money for college. My interests were in science and math; I probably would have chosen to be a medical doctor. Instead I worked a year after attending a quarter at Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls, where a nurse in our dorm was a Kahler grad with a tall cap. My two aunts were nurses Memories of my three years 1949-1952; as a probe I worked my first two hours a day

on first floor Worrall doing "room order". We had class during the day at the Damon, went on nights after eight or nine months having a whole corridor of patients at the Colonial, where the new wing opened in 1949. There were twelve iron bed wards in the older areas of the hospital. The upper floors of Kahler hotel had oral, plastic and colon surgery patients as well as surgical suites. We all remember Miss Pladsen and the square corners when making beds! I was one of the honor graduates in our class and remember Charles Mayo (Chuck) handing me my diploma with a "peck" on my cheek-my claim to fame!

I was married in 1953 to Fred (Tiger) from Lake City. I worked as a night float at the Colonial after graduation. Then while Fred was in the Army I worked at a county hospital in Oklahoma and as a private duty nurse at Brooke Army Medical center caring for the first heart surgery patients and later for a doctor, both in San Antonio, Texas. We then lived in St. Paul and later in White Bear Lake, where we raised our family of three daughters. I was a stay at home mother and worked part time as they grew up working in St. Paul hospitals during those years. Hospice was started at St. Johns where I worked and then spent twenty two years at Our Lady of Good Counsel, where an order of Catholic nuns cared for dying cancer patients

Fred was diagnosed in 1979&1980 with Primary Biliary Cirrhosis an auto immune liver disease. He was sent to Mayo and I was his "nurse" for twenty-eight years of life he was given thanks to excellent physicians, the research in his disease and Gods healing prayers. He had two liver transplants and three kinds of cancer among twenty surgeries and many complications; we enjoyed life, lived frugally and decided to give Mayo gifts as we were able and when we died. In working with many persons in Mayo Development Department and our financial advisor, I decided to do part of it now so I could see it being used. Part went to the M-K Scholarship Fund the rest to liver research. Bruce Bonnicksen of the development department (whose mother, Gloria'58 is also a M-k graduate) worked to facilitate this. I wanted you to have it before 2018, as we age there are fewer of us to make it happen. Many of my KSN friends have died.

## Kahler Graduate Veteran of WWII

Rose Polga Bayuk ('38) World War II Army Veteran A very spry, 99 year-old Rose (Polga) Bayuk, 1938



Kahler graduate, was a featured guest at the September 8, 2014, Veteran's Round Table in Rochester, Minnesota. The program's title was "Mayo Clinic Nurses in WW II". Rose was interviewed about her experiences as a student nurse at the Kahler School of Nursing and as an army nurse in World War II. Rose served on a hospital ship, the Thistle, which transported wounded soldiers from the European theater to the United States (stateside) for treatment of their injuries.

Rose Polga was born on Minnesota's "Iron Range" in Buhl, MN, in 1915. Rose was inducted into the U.S. Army, as a nurse, on November 3, 1942. She appeared at the Scott Hosier

Veterans Roundtable, wearing her army uniform! Methodist-Kahler Alumni President Gayle Miller, and other Methodist-Kahler alumni who attended, greeted Rose following the presentation. In addition, we were well represented with uniforms and other artifacts from our collection, related to the Cadet Nurse program, which Mayo Nursing Administrative Specialist, Adam Holland, spoke about. The alumni association has purchased the DVD of the entire program which featured Rose, Adam Holland and Katharine Bilodeau, volunteer with the History Center of Olmsted County.

Rose Bayuk currently lives in St. Paul, Minnesota, and will be interviewed at the Mayo Nursing Grand Rounds on Monday, December 15, 2014. We hope to be able to post the Mayo Nursing Grand Rounds video on our website, at some point in the future.

Submitted by Suzanne (Stuber) Mattson, '68



## **Sesquicentennial Nursing Grand Rounds Event** **Monday, December 15, 2014**

**12:00– 1:00pm**

**Phillips Hall, First Floor, Siebens Building**

Guest speaker Rose Polga Bayuk '38

# Drawsheet

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December 2014

Mayo Foundation

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**Please Save for future reference:**

Contact us at Methodist-Kahler Alumni Association ATTN: \_\_\_\_\_ Box 654 Rochester MN 55903

**Address & email changes/deaths to Sandy Moore**

**Drawsheet articles/information to Sandy Moore (Drawsheet published in July and December)**

**General Fund donations (not tax deductible), cap charms, pin replacement & bills to Attention Treasurer**

**Illness & general questions to Gayle Miller**

**Scholarship donations (tax deductible)**

Send to Mayo Clinic Department of Development 200 First St SW Rochester MN 55905 (Make check payable to "Mayo Clinic" with memo field note stating for M-K School of Nursing Alumni Scholarship Fund in memory of \_\_\_ or in honor of \_\_\_. Attach note to include your first name, maiden name, married name, year of graduation, current address. See web site for other options.

**Transcripts**

Request from M-K Alumni Association care of Mayo Registrar's Office, 103 Guggenheim, 200 First Street, SW,

Rochester, MN 55905. Request must be in writing and include: graduation name and year, current name and address, number needed and where to send, and include any forms to be completed. **There is no charge for a transcript.**

**2014 Reunion**

September 18&19, 2015

Please note the web address has changed.

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