Year in the rear view mirror!
Well another reunion is over and from everyone I spoke to it was enjoyed. The choice of Kahler Apache was well accepted. Many liked the free ground level parking and access to motel; we will be using this same place for 2018. This next year will be very busy for the board as we will be making and finalizing plans for the 100th Anniversary reunion in 2018 on September 21 and 22. Hope that as many of you as possible will make it back. This will be our last hurrah so let’s make it great one. Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and will have a Happy and Healthy New Year! Hope to see you all on September 21 and 22, 2018.

M-K Alumni Board Meetings
at 1:00 pm (1300):
Christ United Methodist Church
April 25 2017
June 20 2017
August 29 2017
November 7 2017
No Annual Reunion

General Reunion class info:
There will be no Class Reunions on 2017 or 2019. The Board will be busy in 2017 planning the reunion for 2018 our 100th anniversary. It will be an all school reunion with no class representatives. If you want to do something with your returning classmates you may consider finding your own representative to make any arrangements that you would like to do in addition to what the board will plan. We would like to know how many classmates will be returning so please send an email to dsmoore@kmtel.com or send a postcard to Methodist-Kahler Alumni Association, Box 654 Rochester, MN 55903.

The Changing Face of Rochester:
A lot of growth has happened to the city of Rochester in the 44 years since the last Methodist-Kahler and Kahler student nurses were residing here. If you are a Rochester resident, you have experienced it. If you graduated, left Rochester, and have not returned for your class reunions in the interim, you will be amazed at the growth. It is no longer the "small town" you might remember as a student nurse, it is a growing city. There is a movement afoot to turn Rochester into a "destination" city - named Destination Medical Center. The goal is to provide visitors with a positive tourist experience, outside of their time at the Mayo Clinic. Why tell you this? With our special 100th Anniversary celebration scheduled for September 2018, it is to give you a "heads up" as to the possible price tag for this once-in-a-lifetime event. Think of is as an "inoculation" to possible "sticker shock". Likely most all of the hotels and motels in the city will do major remodeling and upgrading in the next few years, which may translate to higher room rates per night. Your Alumni Board is looking into extra events and tours to make this a special time for attendees. A dedicated group of volunteers is committed to marking this milestone and celebrating the school's heritage that shaped our futures. Though your board has little control over prices, they are making every effort provide a memorable experience in the most cost-effective way possible. Further details will be coming in future issues of the "Drawsheet", with the final registration form coming mid-year of 2018.

Scholarships Awarded to:
Our 2016 M-K School of Nursing Alumni Association Scholarships were given to three recipients... Valerie McManimon, Lisa Fatehi, and Elizabeth Stanek who have used the $2000.00 gifts to further their education in nursing. How proud we Alumni should be to see our legacy of passion and commitment to the nursing profession continue with your generous gifts that make this scholarship possible.
Deaths

Jean Strain Thomas ‘46
Ruth Root Underwood ‘53
Suzanne Collinge Wedge ‘54
Gloria Olsen Mueller ‘65

Scholarship Donation

In Honor of Class of 1966
From: Barbara Block Madison
Carol Hansen Young
Elizabeth Bice Thom
In Honor of Barbara Fuller Erstad’58
From: Cheryl Alldredge Twining’66
In Honor of Kathleen Hawkins ‘66
From: Judy Ness Rucker ‘66
In Honor of Dottie Dye Snow ‘66
From: Kathy Emmons Meunier ‘66

In Honor of Class of 1961
From: Judith Nash Bauman ‘61
In Honor of Jane Erickson Westrum ‘66
From: Ann Wolff Junker ‘66
Marsha Ericksen Parker ‘66
In Memory of Mary Sunness Moser ‘61
From: Kathleen Groenke Sime ‘61
In Memory of LaVonna & Donna Anderson ‘51
From: Marilyn Dumke ‘51
In Memory of Kathleen Dykeman Conner ‘61
From: Donna Gerber Bond ‘61
In Memory of Ruth DeJongh ‘66
From: Marsha Ericksen Parker ‘66
Kathleen Hawkson ‘66
Cleo Issendorf Grayden ‘66
Betty Eckman Mitchell ‘56
Heidi Ubel Baruch ‘66
Janeen Woodard Sitte ‘66

to the Colonial Nursing Library (formerly located on the 6th floor of the Colonial Building). On reunion day, a check was presented to a library staff member, to be used as it was needed. Books, art work, periodical subscriptions, computer equipment were some of the items purchased. After the Colonial Nursing Library collection was moved to the Plummer Building, we stopped giving an annual monetary donation.

2. In 1986 our Alumni Association teamed up with the Rochester Methodist Hospital Auxiliary (aka "Pink Ladies"), to purchase the "Constellation Earth" statue. This artwork was unveiled on reunion day in June 1986, with our own Harriet Rudd, representing us as our president, being one of "unveilers". It remains a prominent feature in the green space on the southeast side of the Methodist Hospital.

In 2015, our Alumni Association presented a framed poster of this artwork, signed by the sculptor, to the Methodist Campus Volunteers (formerly known as the Rochester Methodist Auxiliary). It is now hanging in their office in the subway level of the Methodist Hospital.

3. Our Methodist-Kahler Alumni Association Scholarship for Continuing Nursing Education endowment will perhaps be our lasting legacy. Every year, the interest from the principal in the fund, is made available to the Mayo Department of Nursing Education, to be used in their Nursing Scholarship/Continuing Education yearly awards program. Nurses working at Mayo, in Rochester, are eligible to apply. There is an annual awards ceremony where donors and recipients are honored. This process will continue even after our Alumni Association no longer exists. Our fund is managed/invested through the Mayo Department of Development. We can feel good about the fact that our alumni association will have our fingerprints on a process for educating future generations of nurses

The Legacy of the Methodist-Kahler Alumni Association:
There are 3 high-profile projects that the Methodist-Kahler School of Nursing Alumni Association contributed to, after the school closed in 1970:
1. For many years a monetary donation was given annually
Class of 1966
Please Save this for Future Reference

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

Address & email changes/deaths to Sandy Moore: dsmoore@kmtel.com

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

General Fund donations (not tax deductible), 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.

Please note the web address has changed.

http://www.mayo.edu/mayo-clinic-alumni-center/methodist-kahler-school-nursing-alumni-association