

Alumni News



Saint Marys School of Nursing

Summer, 2013

GREETINGS TO ALL ALUMNI

Once again I am sitting here thinking about sending greetings to all Alumni. It is mid May and in the last two weeks we have experienced 15 inches of snow, rain and cold temps as well as a 97 degree day. Minnesota life is always interesting! It is with a lighter heart and optimistic outlook that I share the latest Alumni news.

The Saint Marys School of Nursing recognition piece is near completion. We expect it to be completed and hung for all to see by our reunion in September. This piece will not preclude our school being included in the history wall in the Mary Brigh building when present construction is completed. It has been a long journey but well worth it. A special thank you to Monica Mellem Van Kirk '59 and Virginia Simons Wentzel '59 for their assistance and perseverance in accomplishing this milestone.

My personal goal for the Alumni this year was to find younger members for our board of directors. That goal has been achieved. Elsewhere in the newsletter you will find a slate of officers that will be voted upon at the fall reunion. Heartfelt thanks to these ladies for stepping up, assuring us of our 2020 goal.

The Fall reunion will soon be here. Classes ending in '03 and '08 will be celebrating. Our Golden Jubilee celebrants are the Class of 1963.

The Class of 1968 will be celebrating 45 years. Members of these two classes have already been making plans for their reunion. Contacts are: Barbara Leland Rasmussen '68 (ARas96@hbcsc.net) and Pat Bezerey Norton '63 (pnorton3@msn.com).

140 Alumni attended the reunion last year. It was great fun. I am always amazed at the genuine happiness that is so apparent during the reunion weekend. I hope the reunion this year will surpass our expectations. Come and join us, you will be glad you did!!

Sincerely,

Brenda Rizzo Rossman '67

Saint Marys Hospital News

In April of this year, Mayo announced on the Rochester Post Bulletin front page, the hospital would no longer be known as Saint Marys. The Sponsorship Board would be discontinued but the Franciscan values would remain the same. In addition, the hospital would no longer be part of the Catholic Hospital Association. The outcry was what you might imagine. Letters and emails followed with the Clinic clarifying the change will be Mayo Clinic Hospital, Saint Marys Campus. A formal announcement will be made this Fall.

Thoughts from the Editor

I'm in United Arab Emirates as I write our newsletter this year. With a cold and late spring I decided to travel to UAE. As you might expect the weather here in Abu Dhabi is wonderful. United Arab Emirates continues to grow and is a friend to the US. The day after I left Rochester, May 2, Rochester received 15 inches of snow. My friends have emailed informing me it has been raining with wide ranges of temperature. Our Minnesota weather has been crazy this year.

I am writing the newsletter on my laptop so please excuse any errors I might have made especially with spelling. I take total responsibility and you have my apologies now and for any future errors.

My travel last year was limited to visiting grandchildren and short trips within the US with friends. I did get to Tennessee visiting my classmate and friend, Pat Ringer Kennedy in April.

Our commemorative project is finally reaching the final stage. This project has been a lengthy and frustrating process for all of us. Not what we had envisioned but it is a start. It is my hope we will continue to pursue the stained glass window as a more permanent commemorative.

Do stop in the Memorabilia Room in Marian Hall. We have installed a large framed timeline of Saint Marys School of Nursing. You will find it a nice addition to the room. Funds for the framing were provided by Sincere et Constanter sales.

I'm finding it not an easy task to be relieved of some Alumni responsibilities. It is time for me to step down from being your editor of the Alumni Newsletter. Anyone interested please contact me or one of your board members. I have enjoyed doing the newsletter and I'm sure someone else will also.

My struggle with my cochlear implant continues. My expectations were too high. My family and friends inform me I hear much better than prior to the implant. The cochlear department is encouraging me to have the other ear done as well. I have to admit this frightens me a great deal. I'll keep you posted to my decision.

Once again this year we have lost many of our Alumni. Our prayers and sympathy go to all that have experienced loss.

As I shared in last summer's newsletter, we have more than ample funds to celebrate our final alumni sponsored reunion in 2020. We need your thoughts and ideas as to how to celebrate this hallmark occasion. Let us hear from you.

Blessings and good health to all of you.

Monica Mellem Van Kirk '59

ALUMNI NEWS

Helen Hinkemeyer '33 received copies of surgical lists from 1932 and 1933 from her nephew.

Olga Held Moen '35 celebrated her 100th birthday in April. Olga was able to attend the Centennial celebration in 2006.

Sister Antoine Murphy '41 sent thanks to the alumni board for their service. Also sent a suggestion for use of alumni funds. The chapel organ is in of repairs.

Ruth Emily Anderson '43 sent for Sincere et Constanter

Joyce Baker Jacobson '46 sent a donation and supported Saint Marys Hospital retaining the name Saint Marys. "We must not forget our roots and keep them alive".

Delores Roloff Regedal '47 Sent in address change to Madonna Towers in Rochester.Enjoys the newsletter.

Jean Chaplin Bartholomew '47 sent in address change

Joan Miller Wenneson '47 sent in current changes in her class. Would like to hear from anyone from her class of '47.

Elaine Goddicksen Engelland '50 send in address change. Elaine added "Saint Marys "then" remains a treasure in my heart".

Coletta Elskamp Hayward '47 Sent obit of Mary Lawler McCarthy'42 and also requested her class reunion photo.

Sophia Gager Baldwin '51 sent in a copy of her book, Lebanese Immigrant's Daughter. The book was given to the retired nuns at the Mother House.

Rosemarie Keating Roehl '51 sent in current address.

Gloria ShuteBoge Puroit '51 sent Christmas greetings

Catherine Carter Orosz '52 "I enjoy reading the Alumni News, it brings fond memories of my days at Saint Marys".

Pat LaGasse Toepter '52 sent in passing of Veronica Schmit '52

Jenny Pananen Hays '54 "I have returned to my roots in the Black Hills of SD. Memories of my student days at saint Marys bring a smile to my heart. Former classmates will always be on my list of special people in my life. Love the newsletter".

Berni Allen Schalm '55 emailed change of address and classmates obit.

Gerrie VandeVoorde Driessen '57 "thanks for a great reunion, food fit for a king".Sent appreciation for the board's work.

Mary Schimek Weber '58 sent address change for classmate, **Mary FayLabernil '58**

Mary Jo Canar '58 Sent in address change and thanked those involved with preserving the history of the Saint Marys nurse. "We contributed a great deal to the image of the Mayo Clinic as a premier health care organization".

Frances (Chris) McKown '59 sent in new email address."Our 50th reunion was a special time with all the memories that it brought back. Due to that reunion, I re-connected with my roommate, **Emily Juchniewicz Buss**. While my professional education took a long road, I have never regretted the foundation I received at Saint Marys, In my career, I have been put into many unique situations

but I was well prepared for them because of those first three years".

Mary Jo Schmidt Becker '59 has moved from Wisconsin to Fort Dodge, Iowa

Sharon Pelly Arnold '59 Sharon and daughter stopped in Rochester to have lunch with '59 classmates last summer

Ruth O'Neill Peterson '60 sent address change and would love visitors.

Irene Weinmann Stasiak '60 address change

Betty Bruehling Honermann '60 requested an older newsletter with her class reunion photo.

Ludmilla Vidmar Slavec '62 address change and requested reunion information.

Gretchen Smith '62 "wonderful to be reacquainted with so many of my classmates".

Julia Hanson Kochsiek '62 "Writing to inform you of the passing of my friend and fellow Saint Marys grad, **Stella Hilinski '45**. Stella hired me at St Luke's in 1973, where she was Assistant Director of Nursing.

Phyllis Belisle Clancy '62 sent in address for **Mary Lou Campra Clancy '62**

Sandra Maritz McFall '63 sent in address change and looking forward to her 50th reunion this year.

Jeannett Anebas Hill '64 "Down sized to a smaller place. Enjoy less cleaning".

Kathleen Kukuske Thiem '64 sent in address change

Mary Flynn Dorpinghaus '64 sent in address change

Claudia Coates Richards '66 sent her address update

Margaret Yackley Marcello '66 Sorry to have missed her 45th reunion. Appreciated hearing from her classmates during a difficult time. Sent in address for **Pat Stephens Johannsen '66**.

Suzanne Fetterers Quinn '67 has moved from Wyoming to Montana.

Linda Richardson-Beaird '69 Linda continues a rewarding psychotherapy practice and has traveled to Peru and Norway in the last 5 years. She sends greetings to her 1969 classmates.

Norma Chaska sent address change

Olga Chyle Jung '49 unable to attend 2012 reunion due to health Issues

Sisters Generose and Lauren sent their Christmas greeting to the Alumni.

IN MEMORIUM

Elizabeth Staudt Wilkie '32
Myrtle McIntosh Foster '37
Gertrude Luostari Farlow '38
Alyce Maxfield Lindberg '42
Coral Cowden Lower '42
Mary Louise Lawler McCarthy '42
Stella Hilinski '47 (sister of Dorothy Hilinski Beckman '47)
Mildred "Midge" Bernard Macken '47
Mary Louise Klink Roth '47
Arlene Anderson Lehman '48
Gwendolyn Thomas Scott '48
Eileen Harrold Berg '49
Pat Anderson Danaher '49
Muriel Lee Nixa '49
Patricia Green Schmidt '50
Sister Jean Schulte '50
Laura Ohlson Schubert '51
Veronica Kacmarynski Schmit '52
Eva Lind Bennett '53
Pat Riley McCormack '55
Ruth Kivipelto '55
Marlene Jacobson Loonam '56
Dolores Zarn Evangelisti '57
Jacqueline Hingeveld Bittner Zimmer '58
Mary Beth Jenny Garton '61
Devona Oschenslayer James '61
Diane Huls Kukac '67

MEMORIALS AND GIFTS

Joyce Baker Jacobson '46
Shirley Mabee Hagen '47 in memory of Midge Macken '47
Barbara Johnson Otte '62

DO YOU REMEMBER

1962 --50 YEARS AGO

Jean Craig, a nurse at Saint Marys Hospital, will leave for South Vietnam, where she will serve for two years as a recovery room nurse based in Da Nang. Craig will be part of a six member team in connection with the U.S. Public Health Service and the Agency for International Development.

1938—75 years ago

For the first time in the history of Saint Marys School of Nursing, male students are enrolled at the school. Having passed probation periods, they are in the midst of their training course. Emil Zahasky '40 was this first male student. Emil died in 2011 and was well known at Saint Marys.

50 plus years ago: **Sister Barnabus's** wonderful doughnuts. We had them on special days in the cafeteria and each Christmas. Light and not a hint of grease!!

Remember **Sister Gertrude** serving meals to CUC patients using china and a silver service on Fourth Medical which is now the Francis Building. Sister Gert brought me a large glass of fresh orange juice when I was ill with the flu. Ill students were housed in the corridor of fourth center and Sister thought we were neglected.

SISTERS OF SAINT MARYS NEWS

Sister Generose was in the news frequently this past year. Several photos were included. One was Sister and Sister Lauren attending a summer Twins game in the new stadium. Sister was honored this past Fall for her 24 years of service to Madonna Towers and her commitment to health care. Sister no longer spends midnight hours preparing hundreds of jars of pickles and jams for sale benefiting the Poverello Fund.

Last Fall Sister Lauren came up with the idea of filling jars with Sister's pickle recipe. The jars had a label with Sister Generose's picture. The jars sold for \$5 or more.

Sister Vera Klinkhammer turns 102 this Fall. After living at Saint Marys for 72 years, Sister has moved to Assisi Heights. She continues to walk 12 miles a day. Sister Vera was an operating-room supervisor and more recently a patient visitor.

Sister Antoine Murphy '41 was featured in the Rochester Post bulletin providing history for the Nativity Creche that is found in the Chapel every Christmas Season.

Sister Lauren Weinandt has 57 years of service at Saint Marys this year. Sister has worked at Saint Marys longer than any other employee. Sister arrived at Saint Marys in 1956 as an Executive secretary. Currently Sister is the official keeper of the hospital archives. Since 1968, Sister has organized bazaars which benefit the Poverello Fund.

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

September 8, 2012

The annual meeting was called to order by President-Elect Murtice Robinson Sherek '61

Secretary's Report

Virginia Simons Wentzel '59 read the minutes of the September 10, 2011 annual meeting. Minutes were printed in the 2012 newsletter.

No corrections or additions.

Treasurer's report

Report was given by Murtice Robinson Sherek '61. The accountants report ending December 31, 2011 follows:

Assets	\$18,728.11 (checking & savings)
Investments	\$28,100.35 (CD's, Vanguard)
Revenues	\$7980.47 (Banquet ticket and photo sales, Sister Joseph Endowment Fund for reunion expenses and contributions)
Expenses	\$9,497.11 (reunion expenses which include luncheon and banquet coverage for the 50 year celebrating class, newsletter, postage, accounting fees, and misc.) This is a loss of \$1516.64.

Old Business

Sharon Erdman from Illustrations and Designs presented interim ideas to recognize Saint Marys School of Nursing. With handouts she demonstrated three options to be located in the main corridor of the Joseph Building. An approximate 3x5 shadow box display could be completed quickly. A more permanent display is still being planned but is on hold until Facilities complete major remodeling.

A question was asked regarding the stain glass window located in the Tower entrance which has been a suggestion for years. Sharon replied this would be a Facilities project. The Board will need to discuss this again. Another suggestion was an interactive with a "push button" to display a video. This would not accommodate people taking up space in a busy corridor but could be part of a more permanent display or online.

New Business

None

Respectively submitted

Virginia Simons Wentzel '59

Secretary

BOARD MEETING MAY 14, 2013

Present: Brenda Rossman, Virginia Wentzel, Mary Price

Absent: Monica Van Kirk, Murtice Sherek

Guests: Marilyn Ricard Sheehan '68, Barbara Leland Rasmussen '68

Secretary's Report: Brenda provided a brief summary of the April board meeting. Present were Brenda, Virginia, and Monica.

Treasurers Report: Mary provided the following report:

Wells Fargo Checking: 4/30/2013	\$4501.89
Wells Fargo Savings: 9/30/2012	\$5751.14
Total	\$10,256.03

Mayo Credit Union: 9/30/2012

Regular Savings:	\$2242.81
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One Year Certificate:	\$4263.89
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Two Year certificate:	\$16,130.63
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Total	\$22,637.33
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Vanguard: 6/30/2012	\$8393.28
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TOTAL ASSESTS: \$41,286.64

Old Business

Brenda reviewed current status of the Commemorative Project. Some changes are needed to meet facility requirements. Board approved this and advised to proceed in order to be installed as soon as possible.

New Business

Reunion: Brenda contacted the Kahler which is under new owner-ship. Brenda was assured that all is in place. Prices were not available at this time. Reservations have been placed thru 2016.

Election of Officer's 2013

Ann Hermanson Smith '70 and Barbara Leland Rasmussen '68 have agreed to run for office. Marilyn Ricard Sheehan '68 has agreed to replace Mary Price as treasurer next year. Election will be held during the Reunion's Annual Meeting, September 7, 2013.

Virginia sent an email to Dr. John Noseworthy CEO of Mayo, and letters to Sisters Marilyn Geiger President of Sisters of Saint Francis and Jean Keniry. All assured Virginia that Saint Marys will still retain the name Saint Marys.

Respectively submitted,

Virginia Simons Wentzel, Secretary

CLASS OF 1959

Difficult to believe our 55th reunion arrives next year, 2014. I have been thinking about what we can do to celebrate within our class. A Friday evening cocktail party for those that arrive early. I would be glad to host this at my home. Saturday, a luncheon at Michael's around noon. Email me any ideas you might have.

We have a number of unknown addresses, if you have any of these addresses contact Virge or me. Our contact conformation is in the newsletter.

I'm hoping for a good turn out as this may be our last opportunity for some to attend future reunions.

COMMEMORATIVE UPDATE

The committee has met several times this past year with the project finalized and is now being constructed. It will be placed in the corridor leading to M59 in the Joseph Building. The 2x3 shadow box is divided into three areas. A large middle area with two smaller areas on either side. A brief history of our school, our school song, our nursing pin, the Nightingale lamp, and two photos of students in the Chapel and in M59 are displayed. Hopefully, it will be installed for the September reunion.

FUTURE REUNION DATES

September 7 & 8 2013

September 6 & 7 2014

September 12 & 13 2015

September 10 & 11 2016

All reunions are held at the Kahler Hotel.

BOOKS OF INTEREST

Sister Mary Brigh's Book of Poetry

The Sister's Story

The Sister's Story II

Sincere et Constanter, History of Saint Marys School of Nursing

Above books available at the Sunday Farewell Coffee.

Sophia Gager Baldwin '51 has written "Lebanese Immigrant's Daughter" which is her memoir. "The book describes how Saint Marys School of Nursing liberated me from my parents' old world culture. How a group of dedicated nuns taught me nursing skills so I could go out into the world and succeed. They deserve my heartfelt thanks!" The book is available to download on Kindle.

PARKING AND LODGING

Parking is complimentary in all Rochester Public Ramps from 5 PM

Friday thru Sunday midnight. Mayo and Kahler ramps charge a fee.

Parking for Sunday Mass and the farewell coffee is also complimentary on the flat lots East of the hospital on second street. Handicap parking is available in the hospital ramps.

The Kahler Hotel is again offering a lodging discount if reservations are placed by August 10. Identify yourself as a SMSN Alumni.

Rates this year are \$83 plus tax. Kahler Phone numbers: 507-280-6200

SITES OF INTEREST

Alumni may be interested in the following: Mayo has a Statuary Park on the West side of the Gonda Bldg. (across the street from St John's Church), a historical section on the first floor of the Mayo Bldg., Saint Marys and M-K Schools of Nursing have provided artifacts of 20th century nursing on the 3rd floor Plummer Bldg., an art display in the Siebens Atrium, and Gonda Atrium which honors nursing. Soldiers Field Park also has a nursing memorial. All within walking distance of downtown.

The Memorabilia Room in Marian Hall will be open all weekend. Independent tours of Saint Marys and Mayo are available. Pamphlets are located at information sites.

ROCHESTER TROLLEY TOURS

City tours are available for those that may be interested. The tour does take you up to the Mother House at Assisi Heights. Request a stop and then be picked up on the next tour. The Mother House has been remodeled, the first change since being built in the 50's. The tour also takes you out to Mayowood which Mayo has assumed ownership. The trolley tours are offered Tuesdays thru Saturday and board at the entrance of the Marriott Hotel and the second street entrance of Saint Marys., Rides are \$10.

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First Row: Mary Girens Bates, Nancy Ermatinger MEyer, Anita Reiter Gerth, Pat LaGasse, Toefer, Barbara Gengler Harery

Second Row: Grace Sledge, Connie McDonnell Walsh, Emma Hildebrandt Amann, Mitzi Sarazen Jorgensen, Audrey Slight Crawshaw



CLASS OF 1957 left to right

Row 1: Lois Kessler Tisdell, Margaret Dundon Donahue, Carol Meier Angeli, Audrey Fesenmeyer Green, Gerrie VadeVoorde Driessen, Teresa Kolars Ferlic

Row 2: Jane Harguth Larsen, Pauline Butler Coughlin, Ruth Gruenhaupt Hein, Sharon Flynn, Mary Killalea Cowden

Row 3: Therese McDonald, Carol Roloff Swearingen, Genevieve Gangelhoff Sumner, Kay Kitzman, Fran Forchner Eide



CLASS OF 1962 left to right

Row 1: Mary Rossman Nagy, Judy McAdams Hagaman, Andrea Lea Foster, Kay Shanahan Goihl, Judy Andreoli Schofield, Phyllis Belisle Clancy, Gail Salvini Spitzer, Doris Strande Doom, Maureen Mahoney, Pet Kenan, Pat Wodele Gasik
 Row 2: Dorothy Allen Hassel, Nancy McDonald Meyer, Gretchen Gebeck Smith, Bonnie Hebel Fritz, Carol Langowski Ploetz, Barbara Holz Sullivan, Dorothy Brust Drew, Helen Kreidermacher, Karen Oldenborg Mohalski, Barbara Johnson otte, Marlene Matech Hildebrandt, Ludmila Vidmar Slavec
 Row 3: Elizabeth Guth, Betty Becker Beck, Janice Stokvis Blum, Helen Miller Schauer, Jeannine Lahiff Kriesel, Ann Hebert Theobald, Marlene Waletzko Sullivan, Jolene Ashpole Doyle, Sherry Fawcett Kearns, Nancy Long Jensen, Elizabeth Powers Meier, Rosemary Murphy, Mary Rose Weldon Gag, Marsha McGee Anderson



CLASS OF 1967 left to right

Row 1: Ginger Weinberger Meirick, Caroll Barkalow Nigon, Patricia Bergh Sowder, Mary Kay Messett Mallon, Brenda Rizzo Rossman, Shirley Zachman Holton, Jeanne Bernhardt Watts, Margaret Westbook Batteen, Judy Skerbitz Holtz, Thelda Hielsem Haack, Sue Thruley Rodruck
 Row 2: Mary Miller Baca, Jan Rosing Herfindal, Jo Goshorn Bryan, Barbar Wagenseil Hrabe, Bev Moore Osmundson, Jeanne O'Bryne Heit, Judy Maus Ramberg, Dorothy Graham Brama, Wendy Weeda Lineer, Angie Bucaro Skarhus, Bernie Heidt Garak,
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- ☐ I received more than one copy
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