

Alumni News



Saint Marys School of Nursing

Summer, 2011

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

The year has just flown by and not without major events. Some filled with sadness and some with joy. For myself, I lost my youngest son, Jeff in February and just this past weekend attended a Memorial Motorcycle Ride in his memory. My heart goes out to those of you who lost loved ones this past year.

My oldest son is still flying in the Air Force Reserve & returned safely last November from one of his many tours to the Middle East. His last tour should be in April.

Thank you to those who have sent greetings, change of addresses, and Alumni information for our newsletter. I'm anticipating a low attendance for our reunion this year as our numbers decline. The Class of '61 graduated only 64 with 33 plus attending the Reunion this September.

The Class of 1970 will be celebrating their Golden Jubilee in 2020 and this will be the last of the Alumni Association sponsored reunions. This is only nine years away, seems impossible. We definitely have the funds to continue the reunions through 2020.

While I'm addressing our Reunions, I hope each of you will make a strong attempt to return to Saint Marys to celebrate with your classmates. The reunions have provided an opportunity to renew old friendships and reminisce our student days.

Our school recognition proposal is at a "stand still". We have been passed yet again to another Mayo Clinic committee for approval. This remains a frustrating endeavor for all of us. By no means have we given up.

The artist who designed our window recently died but his wife has taken on his work. She is more than qualified to continue our project. We will be ready when the Clinic gives us approval.

I am still looking for articles to place in our newsletter. Send me what you think the Alumni would find interesting. I may need to edit the length of the article due to space.

I made my annual trip to United Arab Emirates last fall and plan to return again in October.

Also took a two week trip to Florida in March enjoying the warm sunshine. That was the extent of my traveling this year except for family visits. I hope to do more this next year. I have an extended "bucket list" for traveling which includes many parts of the United States. Anyone game to travel?

This year we elect officers during our annual meeting. Anyone interested in any of the offices please contact one of the board members. The contact information is in this newsletter.

Please continue to email, phone or mail any news of yourself or alumni. I enjoy hearing from all of you. The phone is difficult for me as my cochlear implant does not work well on the phone. I still struggle with my hearing but my family and friends tell me I am hearing better than before.

Enjoy the remaining time of our summer, have a blessed Christmas and may your lives be blessed with good health, family and friends.

God Bless,

Monica Mellem Van Kirk '59

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TO THE CLASS OF 1950

Sixty one years ago we became R.N.s.

Ask, would you do it all over again?

I would! Wouldn't have missed it on a bet.

The best place for training and the great friends we met.

For three years our home was called Marian Hall.

A lot of hard work but we had a ball.

Passing procedures under Miss Nolan's watchful eye,

When you heard "you did well," you breathed a sigh.

Trying so hard as probies to please,

Especially on the floor Miss Bethke oversees.

As juniors, more duty and hard classes,

But can you believe 3 lates and 2 overnight passes?

Lots of night duty, OR, Peds, Psych and OB.

At last we were seniors, YIPPEE, YIPPEE!!!!

Then very suddenly, it was graduation day.

Sister Mary Brigh and Dr. Mayo each had something to say.

How did the years fly so quickly past?

In spite of the span, memories and friendships last.

And to you my Alma Mater, Sisters, Instructors and Classmates,

I think you will agree the class of 1950 was **Great**.

Pat White Johnson

Nursing Mission

Joan Ratchford Modjeski '61, a Saint Marys School of Nursing Alumni to be proud of. Joan has participated in five Red Cross Disaster Responses taking her to Jackson MS, San Antonio TX, Fargo ND, and Atlanta GA. This year's response was cut short due to the unexpected death of her sister Mary Ann Ratchford Miller '62.

Joan began her involvement with the American Red Cross in 2004.

Joan states there are nurses needed especially in mental health areas. The average stay is about ten days with the Red Cross paying all expenses. Nurses make their own travel arrangements with the organization reimbursing.

Joan's participation this year was cut short by the unexpected death of her sister **Mary Ann Ratchford Miller '62**.

Joan also participated in a 2008 medical mission to Los Amigos in Chimbote, Peru with fellow alumni of the Class of 1961. Participating in this mission they paid their own expenses.

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Mary Nigg Bartholet '48 received a much deserved Washington State Nurses' Association Award: "Hall of Fame" on March 18, 2010 in Seattle.

Gloria Shutte Boye Marolt '51 wrote for information for her 60th reunion this year. Has missed not receiving the newsletter due to address changes.

Thelma Bakken Hottel '47 sends greetings. Gloria is not able to attend reunions any longer but with us in spirit.

Helen Leopold Hager '50 sent regrets she could not attend the reunion last year. Special greetings to her class of 1950, sending prayers and hugs to everyone.

Barb Graham Johnson '55 sent greetings to her class and unable to attend reunion due to health problems.

Marie Loef Silva '46 hoping many classmates attended the reunion last fall and wished she had been there. "What an experience I had at Saint Marys"

Doris Peterson Holland '40 sent her Saint Marys OR book for the Memorabilia Room. Book has many autographs of the neuro surgeons and some of the residents. Doris sent in her SMSN pin for someone.

Priscilla Pratt O'Rourke '66 in September last fall met with her past roommate Connie Armstrong Dulas '66 in Buffalo MN. Connie is blind and Priscilla read the past three newsletters to her. Connie had a MVA and also received 33 radiation treatments for breast cancer last year.

Patricia Stephan Johannsen '66 wrote her change of address and request to receive the newsletters. Plans to attend her 45th this year.

Claudia Pollard McSpadden '53 emailed news of the death of her sister, Patricia Pollard Bakken '46 "Her days at Saint Marys were always important to her, especially participation in the Cadet Nurse Corps. She always spoke of Saint Marys with great pride".

Pat White Johnson '50 wrote sending the poem she wrote for her class at the 1989 reunion. Pat spent some time this winter visiting classmates and her cousin

Jackie Lady Norstrom '56 sent in address changes
Terry Czaplewski Barnes '54 wrote she has AML and experiencing some fatigue but enjoy watching their grandson play baseball. Terry says hello to everyone and asks we keep her in our prayers.

Mary McWhorter Collett '48 sent Christmas greetings again this year. Mary keeps active and visits with family

Joan Miller Wenneson '47 emailed requesting any information of her class after losing contact with them. She does keep in contact with Thelma Bakkan Hottel and Mary Kink Roth and sent their addresses.

Joan Lance Wilson '57 wrote of the passing of Dolores Zarn Evangelisti '57 her roommate from Marian Hall.

Sister Carmen Sonnek sent holiday greetings and her new address Janesville MN

Judy Adams Stanci '65 sent Christmas greetings and states that her class is like family enjoying their 45th.

Pat Pritchard Herron '60 Sent Christmas greetings and said she loved being back in Rochester last fall for her 50th celebration.

Gloria Birkholz Pope '63 sent a donation in memory of her mother, Concordia Kehoe Birkholz '39
Delores Roloff Regedal '47 sent in a donation for Shirley Christensen Spencer '44. "Chris was so good about coming to our reunions and stopping for a classmate in Brooklyn C tr."

In Memorium

Ilma Hoehne Braatz '31

Patricia Hume Hamilton '34

Luella Nixa Tesoriero '34

Harriet Hiestand '35

Anne Tierney McKelvey '37

Avis Larson Harrington '37

Dorothy Thaller Schultz '38

Marjorie Lindsley '39

Concordia Kehoe Birkholz '39

Fern Rosenstock Risinger Nielsen '39

Emil Zahasky '40

Margaret Theobald Atwood '43

Shirley Christensen Spencer '44
 Cahly Gonzalez Raymond '45
 Patricia Pollard Bakken '46
 Carol Berdan Grum '47
 Doris Conner Fredette '47
 Bernadette Kawaguchi Okuda '47
 Mary Klink Roth '47
 Darius Adams '49
 Vicki DeSloover Clappier '50
 June Meisner Mathison '51
 Jean huevelmann '53
 Patty Joyce Hick Scuro '55
 Kevin Cunningham '55
 Dolores Zarn Evangelisti '57
 Mary Ann Ratchford Miller '62

Memorials and Gifts

Delores Roloff Regedal in memory of

Shirley Christensen Spencer '44

Gloria Birkholz Pope '63 in memory of her mother,

Concordia Kehoe Birkholz '39

Gift from **Rose McCardel Deamicis '59**

Sister Generose's Award

Sister Generose received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Catholic Health Association of the United States. She received the honor June 6 in Atlanta. Sister Generose Gervais is a former Saint Marys Hospital administrator. The hospital's mental health building is named after Sister Generose. Sister also started the Poverello Foundation in 1983. The foundation is named after St. Francis, who was known as El Poverello (the poor man of Assisi). The foundation has helped more than 9,000 patients and raised more than \$16 million.

Hopefully, we can convince Sister Generose to repeat her acceptance message at our fall banquet.

Congratulations Sister, this award could have been given years ago. We are proud of you.

Annual Meeting Minutes

Monica Mellem Van Kirk '59 called the meeting to order on September 11, 2010 with 176 members in attendance. The minutes of the June 2010 board meeting were read. The treasurers report was read and approved. We have \$39,099.61 in assets.

Old BUSINESS: the cost of forwarding mail. Articles for the newsletter are needed. The newsletter can also be found on the alumni website.

Recognition Project update: Once again the project is on hold. Lynn Frederich of administration is now the person who will be approving the project. A new

proposal will be written. Marilyn Fellows requested we purchase a crystal bowl with SMSN engraved on it and placed in the Tower hallway. A motion was approved at the 2009 annual meeting for a window in the second street entrance. Monica reemphasized that the Clinic is large and proposals take time to pass through committees. It was also mentioned that a window would permanent and difficult to remove in time. The Clinic has had all projects on hold related to the economy. After much discussion the members decided they would send emails and letters supporting the project to Monica who will forward them on to Ms Frederick.

The photo book from the Class of 1970 is missing, if known please return.

An Alumni asked what to do with old pins, Monica stated she frequently has requests for pins. Pins can be sent to Monica for distribution. Last year three pins were sent to individuals.

The meeting was closed.

Treasurers Report as of December 31, 2010

MAYO Credit Union	Regular savings	\$2,234.92
	1 year certificate	\$4,212.28
	3 year certificate	\$15,688.30
	Sub total	\$22,135.50
Wells Fargo bank	Savings	\$7,748.52
	Checking	\$1,621.52
	Sub total	\$9,370.04
Vanguard	323.831 shares	47919.67
Total of all accounts		\$39,831.21

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Class of 1960

First row, left to right: Elaine Johnson Jendro, Gerry Tressel goblirsch, Betty Bruehling Honermann, Jean Durand Batte, Carol Whelan Gustafson, Janice Bettiga Allstrom, Pat Cashman Johannsen, Dee Schinella Curran, Jan Babcock Galloway, Nancy Thompson, Jackie Himmerich Maass

Second Row: LaVonne Forstrom Eckstrom, Eileen Heaser, Delsie Simon Hoffee, Therese DeGrood, Mary Hasara Clark, Shirlely Sonntag, Donna Albers Geise, Liz Padgett Campbell, Carolyn Fox Johnson, Ysela Terrazas Sanchez, Mary Steffes Gustavson, Mary Frehart McFadden

Third Row: Rosemary Wagner Johnson, Gladys Balconi Simenc, Dianne Erding Wolfe, Rita Smith Rozidlo, Judy Sosinski Goodman, Irene Weinmann Stasiak, Barbara Bach Lindholm, Diana Dietz Doll, Dody Domish, Mary Hackett Mirhoseini, Christine Hoffman Polis

Fourth Row: Janet Zak Speltz, Donna Schmidt McCroarty, Joanne Walsh Smith, Pat Pritchard Herron, Sister Jeremy Hein, Edith Dressel Mutch, Nancy Hammill Goodbar, Carol Feeley Metzget, Arlene Zelko Reuvers, Mary Ann Wald Hanson, Sharon Clark Thiemann, Margaret Gorrilla, Pat Brown Hill

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Second Row: Barbara Schack Kaminski, Sara Murphy Ihrke, Angie Garrity Broich, Linda Frye Johnson, Janet Melzark Pilloud, Susan Guzzetta Davis, Judith Wegner Collopy, Mary Hart Brookhart

Third Row: Sanda Smith Amussen, Barbara Zepp Soderquist, Carol Peine Raleigh, Marilyn Gengler Mussallem, Sharon Poisson Hanson, Maxine Bach Daly, Jeannine Killian Ladd, Ann Brunner Selleck, Judy Adams Stanel, Judy Massery Borshoff Carter



Class of 1970

First row, left to right: Linda McBroom Little, Sharon Wolff Vitas, Becky Wildes Biesanz, Mary Flood Carlson, Marcia Bissen Petersen, Marianne Vandendriessch Boerboom, Narma Opsahl Steele, Trudy Salzmänn Redford

Second Row: Cheryl Davis Basztura, MaryAnn Gainey Wolesky, Pat Coakley, Anne Hermanson Smith, Joanne Deming Brinkman, Ilene Lager Ernster, Linda Hugh Olson, Margaret Handfelt Wick, Pamela Beatty Lamm

Third Row: Donna Seipel Gettys, Linda Dodds Wardell, Lorraine Turner Dressel, Susan Keefe Geis, Nancy Schares Weber, Mary Schisler Scott, Kay Burke Allen, Claudia Merhi (Henderson), Gloria Little Wesley



Class of 1950

First row, left to right: Margaret Classen Gray, Vera Kruse Sullivan, Pat White Johnson, Pat Frihart Carruth

Second Row: Rose O'Neill Perra, Lois Nigon Holland, Lorry Sullivan Macken, Veronica De Sloover Clappier, Carleen Mayer Tester



Class of 1955

First row, left to right: Arlyne Piechowski Kaus, Marilyn Pioper Fryer, Phyllis Pytleski Salz

Second Row: Bea Pittman Faikner, Dodie Freison McCarty, Dorothy Foster, Cherry Pat Dooley

Third Row: Nancy Perry Madden, Corinne Weiss Edmonson, Pat Becker Parrott, Berni Allen Schalm

2011 SMSN ALUMNI REUNION

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
September 10	Brunch for class of '61	11:00 to 1:00	Michaels Restaurant
	Parking in public ramps is complimentary on weekends & evenings from Friday to Sunday midnight. Michaels Restaurant also has complimentary parking on their lot.		
	Banquet for all Alumni & Guests		
	Social Hour	5:30 to 6:30	Kahler Hotel Mezzanine
	Dinner	6:30 to 9:00	Kahler Elizabethan Room
	Photo Sessions for celebrating classes of 1941, 46, 51, 56, 61, 66 following banquet		
September 11	Mass for Alumni & guests	8:30	Saint Marys Chapel
	Farewell Coffee	following Mass	Sisters Dining Room

(cut here and mail registration form)

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____ CLASS _____
(first) (maiden) (current)

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL/PHONE _____

BRUNCH (CLASS OF '61 ONLY)	BANQUET	COFFEE
___ I will attend (complimentary)	___ I will attend \$35.00	___ I will attend
No guests	___ Number of guests(\$35)	___ Guests

THE BRUNCH AND BANQUET ARE COMPLIMENTARY FOR THE CLASS OF 1961

CLASS PHOTO FOR CLASSES OF 41, 46, 51, 56, 61, 66 ARE \$9.00

___ I am enclosing \$9.00 Photos will be mailed to your home,

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