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Alumni News

Saint Marys School of Nursing

Summer, 2014

HELLO ALUMNI

This introduction is for the incoming SMSN Alumni President. Murtice Robinson Sherek '61, please call me Murt. Graduation in '61 was with a small but mighty class. We somehow managed to work an 8 hour day, go to class, attend Mass and still get into plenty of mischief. The education from SMSN prepared me to work in many fields of nursing, primarily in the ER. I became a clinical analyst teaching use of computer systems in the hospital and at homecare. It is also an honor to serve as a board member at a local community hospital. At present I work as a wellness educator, with my classmate Marilyn Anderson Spensley. We are fortunate to have a class that keeps in touch through visits and email. International medical missions taught me that I am rich in many ways, and proud to be an American. Volunteer work locally validates my fortune. My residence in north of Rochester by 1 ½ hours, in Burnsville allows for frequent visits.

It is an honor to become SMSN Alumni President for this prestigious group of RNs. Each of us could write a book telling of our training experiences and how we were prepared for our careers by our precious Sisters of St. Francis. This fast world is changing our future also. In 2020 we will have our final reunion and newsletter but hopefully not our final communications. We must try to meet often without a formal gathering. Saint Marys will always be ours... our school, our home for years, our workplace, where we learned so many life lessons. It was the place where we garnered friendships that are infinite!

The outgoing alumni board deserves high praise for what they do to communicate with us, keep alumni records updated, work with the alumni personnel at Mayo, prepare our annual newsletter and organized the annual reunion. Join me in thanking Virginia Simon Wentzel '59 serving as secretary for many years, writing a remarkable book about our school and keeping the Memorabilia Room organized and catalogued. Monica Mellem Van Kirk '59 is penning her final newsletter this month. She has kept us informed, worked closely with Mayo staff, organized the annual reunions, maintained alumni life and address changes, and accomplished innumerable tasks to keep the alumni presence at Mayo and Saint Marys Hospital. Mary Kennedy Price '66 worked as our treasurer. She has kept impeccable records and will pass the hat this fall Brenda Rizzo Rossman '67 has also done a variety of alumni work including her years as president. She will carefully guide me through my term. The new officers and past officers contact information is located in this newsletter.

Welcome to all of the attendees of the 2014 Annual Alumni Reunion and also to those who cannot attend. I look forward to meeting you and welcome your communications

by telephone, email, text letter and by using our alumni web site. This information is located in the newsletter. Here we go!!

Murt '61

SAINT MARYS HOSPITAL NEWS

Last fall Mayo announced the hospital would now be named Mayo Hospital Saint Marys Campus and no longer be Part of the Catholic Hospital Association. Mayo assured that the Franciscan values would remain through the years.

Construction beams are seen in the skyline at Saint Marys as additions to the trauma unit and the Mary Brigh building are in progress.

Mayo is celebrating their sesquicentennial year with many scheduled events. Lobby exhibits at all Mayo campuses will honor Mayo's heritage. Take the time during the reunion to view these exhibits. A book providing the history of Mayo nurses was published and given to Mayo nurses during nurse's week in May. If you check out the book you will find that one of our Alumni's family, Emma C. Lieser '32, provided a leadership gift which made the book possible.

SISTERS OF SAINT MARYS NEWS

The following sisters have celebrated 60 years of service: Sister Cynthia was a surgical nurse, Sister Elizabeth Gillis formerly Sister Maristella is currently active in the Human Trafficking Awareness and Education ministries at Assisi Hgts., Sister Regina Monnig formerly Sister Greta is retired. Sister Antoine Murphy '41, entered Saint Marys as a student nurse the year I was born, 1938. Sister celebrated her 100th birthday at Saint Marys this past January. Sister is one of the few people left who remember the Mayo brothers, Will and Charlie. Sister remembers nurses having to clean the patient's room even using a bottle brush to wash the bed springs!! Sister continues with her gentle manner and remains as "sharp as a tack" and dressed to the "nines". Sister Mary Lou Connelly '53 retired lives at Saint Marys Sister Germaine '53 retired Sister Cashel '59 started her nursing career with the class of '59 before leaving for the convent. Sister wrote a wonderful book of poetry, "One Soul's Journey". Sister Charlotte '51 is recovering from last year's surgery. Sister Lauren Weinandt remains the official keeper of the hospital archives. Sister Lauren has worked at Saint Marys for 58 years which is longer than any other employee. During the early years at Saint Marys Sister operated the hospital's ham radio for Civil Defense later as a storm spotter. She stopped in 2000 with computers being available for communication.

Sister is a true treasure to Saint Marys much like the ones she sold!!

Sister Generose can be seen driving her motorized cart through the hospital. She continues to oversee her ongoing project the Poverello Fund. Her energy has not decreased much especially since no recent falls or major illnesses. The Fund was recently mentioned in our local paper providing \$1,080,000 in 2011 assisting patients with financial need. Sister Frances de Sales died March 1 of this year. Sister will always be remembered for her love of people, love of her students and her love of God. Her smile would light up the room while assisting her students in the art of bedside nursing.

During her career Sister Frances served as a nursing arts instructor, nursing supervisor, assistant director of the SMSN, an associate professor at the College of St Teresa, Public Health Nurse with Freeborn County, and as a congregational health care coordinator for the Sisters of St. Francis. Sister took a year-long course in Clinical Pastoral Education becoming a certified chaplain. From 1989 to 1996, Sister was a chaplain at Saint Marys. In 2008, after so many years in the service of her beloved God and God's people she retired to the Mother House. Sister was member of the Franciscan Community for 69 years. Sister was a gentle soft spoken lady who was loved by all fortunate to know her.

OR NURSING IN THE 50'S AND 60'S

As a new graduate and RN, I knew I wanted to work in the OR, so I enrolled in the post-graduate program that was offered at Saint Marys in affiliation with St. Teresa's College in Winona. We rotated through all three branches of surgery-neuro, general and ortho taking college courses in the evenings. During the year, I was assigned for intensive work with Doris Unland '36 in OR 10, general surgery. I was fortunate, as she had been there a long time and was a walking mine of information.

Fifty-five years ago, there were twenty-five OR rooms, which were two floors in height. This allowed for the viewing gallery, where visiting physicians sat in rows, leaned over the rail and observed the procedures. They wore gowns and masks and they only spoke when the surgeon spoke to them. The scrub sinks and soap dispensers were in the OR room, behind the anesthetist. We worked from a back instrument table, which was set up in the morning and left up until our surgery list was completed. We used separate tables for the procedure we were doing and worked from a case towel, using forceps to retrieve any additional materials that we needed. After each case was finished and the patient wheeled out of the room, we would remove the case towel, rescrub, gown and glove, and set up another separate table for the next patient. It was not unknown to have four or five scheduled in each room for the day.

We trained the students and nurse aids in sterile technique as they rotated on their surgery tour. The head nurse in each room was the "scrub nurse," who handed the instruments to the surgeon, while the aid "circulated," picked up sponges, retrieved instruments and ran for replacement

supplies. We quietly directed the aids and students from the patient table while we assisted the surgeons.

We wore green scrub dresses with square necks and white gauze turbans that we wrapped around our heads. We all wore "booties" over our shoes which had just been introduced into the OR. Dr. Chuck Mayo disliked wearing the "booties" and complied under duress. Surgeons were assigned specific rooms and always opened their cases in those rooms with the assigned head nurse. I worked with Dr. Waltman Walters when I was training with Doris Unland '36. He was a well-known gastric surgeon and a lovely gentleman. When I became the head nurse in OR 9, I worked with E Star Judd, who followed the same pattern for each procedure and was easy to assist. I also scrubbed for Dr. Marty Adson, who was meticulous and conscientious, but he explored difficult procedures and was a real challenge. Dr. Mayo's list often overflowed into my room, so I had to be prepared for his colon resections, which involved very long, special instruments.

We worked long hours and continued to work until our scheduled list was finished, then we cleaned our OR rooms. We scrubbed down the walls, floor, and sinks, and then we organized our instruments and sutures for the coming day before we called it quits. The hours of work varied so we signed out, accumulating hours and vacation days. Always the goal was excellent patient care and finishing the list.

So much has changed in the last 5 years in the OR, but I like to believe that the principles of sterile technique, the challenges of precise procedures, and the welfare of the patient have remained the same.

Pat Ringer Kennedy '59

IN MEMORIUM

Augusta Lohman '23
Ruth Ryan Sullivan '28
Olga Held Moen '35
Joan Beland Schmidt '43
Ellen 'Connie' Connors Fritz Spoo '43
Donna Olson Delane '45
Marie Furth Miller '45
Jeri Bertolini Erspamer '46
Rita Gilman Kane Lawrence '47
Delores Roloff Regedal '47
Mary Paquette Tarara '47
Virginia McWhorter Becker '48
Phyllis Kunz Benike '49
Jean Erickson Slater '50
Madonna Weber Bergman '51
Dolores Randolph Capitan '54
Joyce Damm Suga '54
Dorothy Foster Cherry '55
Ruth Kivipelto Mikich '55
Jackie Lady Norstrom '56
Barbara Knope Pierce '57
Robert Dulluge '58
Pat Cashman Johannsen '60
Jolene Stadulski Allis '62
Mary Fruend Colter '63
Juanita Edwards '63

Sherry Anderson Kringen '63
Mary Ann Seelman Mathews '63
Joan Putt '63
Carolyn Dugan Campbell '66
Kathleen Schmier Sonnek '67
Judith Hackenmiller Retterath '68

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

POVERELLO FUND

I remember listening to Sister Generose introduce the Alumni to the Poverello Fund back in the early 80's. She shared the early resistance from the bishop to establishing the fund. Since then the fund has helped 11,900 patients with more than 20 million dollars. Sister Lauren had held 'Project Guatemala' bazaar and rummage sales earlier. In 1983, the money raised from Sister's sales went into the Poverello Fund. Sister Lauren has been organizing sales for 44 years. Sister's last bazaar was held last year. We will miss the pickles and jellies. My son, Jeff has a leaf on the Poverello Tree in his memory. The Alumni have also donated to the Fund and is represented on the Tree. The Tree is located near the old taxi entrance on the North wall.

GREETINGS FROM SISTER LAURE WEINANDT

It is always a pleasure to see and visit with you – our graduate nurses from Saint Marys School of Nursing - when you come to Rochester. I just want you to know how much we appreciate the many contributions you have made to the healing mission of Jesus. Your compassionate care, your expertise and contributions you make to the Poverello Fund have made a difference. This Fund gives our patients hope and eases their stress. It seems appropriate that I quote one of my favorite quotations of Sister Mary Brigh: "As we go forth into the future we must not lose the good things of the past".

Thank you and God bless you,
Sister Lauren, Archivist and Development Assistant

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

The annual meeting was called to order by President Brenda Rizzo Rossman '67.

MINUTES

The minutes of the September 8, 2012 annual meeting and the Board minutes were placed on each table. Monica Mellem Van Kirk '59 noted that Marilyn Ricard Sheehan '68 will replace Mary Kennedy Price '66 as treasurer next year.

TREASURERS REPORT

No corrections or additions. Reports placed on file as read.

OLD BUSINESS

Sharon Erdman from Illustrations and Designs presented the SMSN recognition wall display that will be placed in the corridor at Saint Marys. The dedication for this memory box will be October 24th at 1:30 PM. Even though it is not entirely completed the Alumni were encouraged to view the plaque so they would have a good idea of what was included and

how it represents our school. The cost of the project will be somewhere between, \$5000 - \$8000, and will be paid for by the alumni.

Monica Mellem Van Kirk '59 has been doing the newsletter for many years. Next year will be her final newsletter. She is looking for a replacement and encouraged others to consider this opportunity to keep Saint Marys Alumni informed. Monica will no longer be on the board but available as a resource person.

NEW BUSINESS

Brenda gave a report on the banquet attendance – 131 present. We will continue meeting the weekend following Labor Day at the Kahler Hotel and plans are to continue until 2020.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President elect: Anne Hermanson Smith '70

Secretary: Barbara Leland Rasmussen '68

A motion by Marilyn Ricard Sheehan '68 to accept Anne and Barbara to the above offices. Motion passed.

Announcements were made regarding mass, coffee and parking for Sunday morning. There were also questions regarding the availability of Marian Hall being open on Sunday.

Motion by Monica to adjourn passed.

Respectively submitted,

Paula Rott Steinbronn '59, Acting Secretary

COMMENORATIVE PROJECT AC- COMPLISHED

We began this project in January of 2006. Eight years later we finally have recognition that others can view. This plaque honors all 3,875 graduates of Saint Marys School of Nursing.

We first requested a bronze statue of a student nurse. This was declined by Mayo stating the tribute needed to be non-sex. Next we attempted to place a stained glass window in the tower entrance to the hospital. This was also declined by Mayo. If you remember the free standing box that Mayo designed and suggested. Our reunion attending Alumni suggested it looked like an ATM machine!!! Next Mayo's design department came up with a "shadow" like box to place in one of the corridors of Saint Marys. Following 18 months of meetings the project is completed. You will find photos of the project enclosed in the newsletter. The Alumni attending the banquet last year was able to see the plaque and approved the design. The plaque is hanging near the entrance to West Joseph – main floor.

All of the above projects, the Alumni would be responsible for cost.

I hope the Alumni will continue to pursue the stained glass window displaying our nursing pin as this would provide a more permanent recognition.

BY-LAW AMENDMENT

The board recommends the following change to the by-laws:
Article II: Board of Directors to be elected by ballot at the annual meeting which is held each Fall.

Article IV: An annual business meeting will be held each fall to elect new directors.

The remaining portions of the articles will remain as written. This recommendation to be voted on during the business meeting this fall.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Joseph Howlett first entered Saint Marys in 1917, looking for work and shelter. Joseph possessed wonderful handyman skills. He performed odd jobs and carpentry work in exchange for a small salary, food, a home and family. Joseph earned the title "Joseph the Carpenter" for all he did. One important carpentry project was creating the manger for the nativity scene.

After his death in 1960, the sisters found his gift to Saint Marys. Behind a picture in his room was a note containing his savings and investments. The sum total was \$10,000 with his wish the money to be placed in the Sister Joseph Endowment Fund. Joseph is one of the largest donors to the fund.

As a student, I remember taking care of Joseph where he had a room on first west Joseph. Ruth Bethke was the head nurse. Do you remember Joseph?

Back in those days it wasn't uncommon for employees to live and eat at Saint Marys. Many were struggling financially during their early years working at Saint Marys. The hospital was also growing all of the food for patients and employees.

1938, the first lady, Eleanor Roosevelt addressed an audience mainly nurses in Saint Marys Auditorium.

James Roosevelt, son of President Roosevelt returned to Saint Marys for further treatment. James married his nurse, Romelle Schneider '37

Hamburger is 29cents a pound, 7 cans of peaches, \$1.00.

1939, Ann Marie Tierney McKelvey '37, was selected as a new United Airlines stewardess. Ann currently lives in Everett, WA.

Saint Marys will construct a 250 medical bed addition. This building is now called the Francis Building.

The North Star, private yacht of Dr. Will was sold after owning the yacht for 17 years. Many students and sisters were treated for rides on the yacht.

Sister Joseph, superintendent of Saint Marys celebrated her Diamond Jubilee.

1951, Michael's restaurant opened, a martini was 60 cents, filet dinner, \$3.60.

1958, Year we found out the \$64,000 Question Game Show was rigged!

1959, The "Gypsy Queen" died. Remember when they all camped on the front lawn of Saint Marys? I remember Sister Mary Brigh being worried the Queen's death would create a backlash.

1963, 101 women participated in the ceremonies of reception of the religious habit of Sisters of St. Francis and profession of vows.

Saint Marys will build an eight-story addition to be called the Alfred Building.

1964, Clinic stopped the Saturday half day. No further Saturday post ops for us.

1967, Sister Mary Brigh suggested a crucifix be placed in the concrete pouring supporting the buildings of Alfred and the addition to Marian Hall. This practice continues today. A crucifix was placed in the \$25.8 million expansion of the ER. Did you know that the damaged crucifixes are placed under the altar of Saint Marys Chapel?

1969, Sister Julie Erne announces closure of Saint Marys School of Nursing.

1986, Saint Marys Hospital and Methodist Hospital merge with Mayo.

1989, Phil Strand is author of the new book "A Century of Caring" commemorating Saint Marys 100-year history.

1991, The Generose Building begins construction. Named after Sister Generose, the building will house Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Adult Psychiatry, and the Drug Dependency Unit.

CLASS OF 1959

This is our 55th celebrating year and there are some events planned for the reunion weekend. I do need you to notify me if you are planning to attend. What events are you planning on attending?

Friday, September 5 Wine and Hors d'oeuvres Party

Saturday, September 6 Lunch at Michael's

Sunday, September 7 Brunch

Would you be interested in a Trolley Ride of the city with a box lunch on Saturday instead of Michael's? We would stop for a tour of the Mother House.

This may be the last reunion for some of us so please seriously plan to attend. Contact me or Virge either by phone or email.

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BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 24, 2013

Present: Brenda Rossman, Monica Van Kirk, Murtice Sherek, Marilyn Sheehan, Mary Price, Virginia Wentzel, Barb Rasmussen.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Corrections to the board meeting of August 23, 2013

2013-2015 President Murtice Robinson Sherek '62

2013-2015 President-elect Anne Hermanson Smith '70

2015-2017 President Anne Hermanson Smith '70

2013-2015 Secretary Barbara Leland Rasmussen '68

2014-2016 Treasurer Marilyn Ricard Sheehan '68

2014 Newsletter Wanda Olson Samuelson '68

TREASURER'S REPORT

Wells Fargo Bank 9/30/2013

Checking: \$4410.05

Savings: \$5,410.05

Total \$9820.10

Sincere et Constanter account		
Checking:		\$3,355.61
Savings:		\$1900.88
Total		\$5,256.49
Total Wells Fargo Accounts:		\$15,076.59
Vanguard-Balanced Index Fund	6/30/2013	
Share Price: \$25.26	Shares owned: 372.1474	
	Value:	\$9408.69
Mayo Employees Credit Union	6/30/2013	
Savings:		\$2245.24
1 year certificate	\$4279.07	Maturity 4/25/2014
3 year certificate	\$16,251.58	Maturity 4/25/2015
Total		\$22,775.89

TOTAL OF ALL ACCOUNTS \$47,261.17

Reunion Expenses:
Banquet-Kahler Hotel \$4722
Farewell Coffee bill still outstanding
Florist bill still outstanding
Photographer bill still outstanding
Income: \$7019 which includes the \$3500 donation from the Sister Joseph Fund and the money collected for the class photos.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Alumni Recognition Plaque dedication scheduled for October 24, 2013 did not take place due to the plaque not being finished. Monica Mellem Van Kirk suggested dedication during the 2014 Alumni Reunion after the Mass. Alumni Banquet: 113 Alumni and 16 guests attended. There were suggestions to start the event earlier but it was thought the time frame was workable as is. The Alumni Banquet will be held September 6 at the Kahler Grand Hotel. Alumni have reserved the Kahler for our banquets through 2020, which will be the last alumni, sponsored Reunion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Contact information for the board was distributed.
Treasurer Mary Kennedy Price '66 will give the checkbook to Marilyn Sheehan for the winter.
3. Monica will transfer the Mayo credit union funds to Wells Fargo as they mature. The first one maturing April 25, 2014. Mary will check on transferring out of the Vanguard Funds.
4 Alumni duties were discussed.
5. Wanda Olson Samuelson, '68 will take over the newsletter next year. The outline is in place and Monica thinks it will be a smooth transition. Johnson Printing will continue to do the printing.
6. By-law changes must be made and voted on at the reunion annual meeting. The change concerns the date of the Annual meeting.
There was some discussion about the Alumni Association's website. It can be only changed once a year in December. It was thought that the new slate of officers should be listed. Respectively submitted,
Barbara Leland Rasmussen '68
Secretary

ALUMNI NEWS

Pat Flaherty '45 sent in a photo of their Seattle alumni group taken last spring. This group has been meeting yearly for at least 50 years. This photo is in the newsletter. Thank you, Pat.

Darlene Sandholm Beyers '47 wrote requesting the newsletter and updated her address. In Rochester as daughter received a stem cell transplant. Daughter is doing well.

Eleanor Caven Tacheny '48 States she talked with Mary Mauer Duncanson a classmate from Mapleton, MN. Provided current address.

Mary Lu Horton Johnson '48 "I have not received the News for a number of years and I ask you return my name to the mailing list".

Mary McWhorter Collett '48 Mary sent her annual holiday newsletter .Mary broke her leg last June and spent the summer recuperating at home. Mary and her sister Virginia were both Saint Marys graduates.

Irene Weis '48 Irene wrote comments regarding their 65th reunion photo. I won't pass the comments on Irene!! LOL
Anne Baseggio Higgins '50 "I was a 1952 recipient of the Mayo Clinic Nurse Scholarship and a 1954 graduate of Marquette u of Nursing. There were multiple role models/mentors at Saint Marys: Beth Nolan Trembley, the master of teaching arts. Irene Beland and Sister Maureen Fay as educators. Sister Gertrude's kindness and provision of personal care to patients. Her communication with Physicians...a genuine flow of respect between nurse and physician. I had the privilege of working with Sister Gertrude for two years on Fourth Medical. Jean Dawson's capability to study and make patient diagnosis. Physicians respected her opinion and she was years ahead of her time in being a critical member of the patient team". Anne requested information in purchasing Sister Mary Brigh's book and the Sisters Story books. Anne also wanted her roommate's address. Does anyone have Valeria Kennedy Martin's address? If so contact the editor, Monica.

Pat White Johnson '50 was unable to attend last year's reunion due to Clinic appointments. This is the first missed in many years. Pat alerted us to two deaths of Alumni. One was her cousin, Jackie Lady Norstrom '56.

Sophia Gager Baldwin '51 "Graduating from Saint Marys and becoming a RN gave me a profession that constantly employed me. Saint Marys was the wind beneath my wings." Sophia asks that her classmates of '51 buy her book from Kindle.

Gloria Schutte Marolt '51 Gloria and her husband visit Mayo often. Her friend and classmate, Madonna Weber Bergman died recently.

Lois Knope Mozuch '52 wrote her sister; Barbara Knope Pierce '57 had died. Barbara was known nationally for breeding of Norwich terriers.

JoAnne Harding Luby '54 Wrote requesting a friend's address only to learn Dolores Randolph Capitan '54 had died. "Why didn't I keep up with her? " "A flood of fond memories." JoAnne hopes to make the reunion, her 60th.

Norma Chaska '55 sent address change
Delores Epping Wolf '57 sent in address change and her email address.

Gloria Hoffine Hostak '58 has returned to Rochester. Gloria

is prompt with any changes of address. "Our oldest kids share the same birthdays. What a night 54 years ago!"

Mary Kate Meyer Wilde and Jan McIntosh sent in address changes '59

Irene Weinmann Stasdiak '60 sent in her address change.

Lorraine Wanzek Beran '62 "I always enjoy the Alumni Newsletter". Informed us of the passing of her classmate, Jolene Stadulski Allis.

Barbara Penning Gleason '63"50 years passed so fast? It was good to see all the classmates and to catch up on all the news. Barb thought the reunion was perfect! Pat Bezerey Norton '63 sent updated addresses of her class and thanked the board for a successful reunion. Pat created some thoughtful unique displays and memory items for her classmates.

Carol Peine Raleigh '65 emailed requesting '65 addresses and sent me updates. She is already organizing for their 50th!!

Joan Quaday Wilson '65 sent in new address

Sandra Forstrom Hayes '65 sent in new address and email

Mary Ellen Knedle Murray '66 "Hello to the Class of '66" States she has had a wonderful nursing career and now thinking of retirement. She is living in rural Baraboo WI

Sister Generose sent the Alumni a thoughtful thank you note for inviting the Sisters to the banquet and coffee. She sends love and prayers to all alumni and looking forward to the blessing of our plaque.

BOOKS OF INTEREST

Sister Mary Brigh's Book of Poetry

The Sister's Story Books I and II

Sincere et Constanter, History of Saint Marys School of Nursing

Above books available at the Sunday morning coffee.

The Nurses of Mayo Clinic Caring Healers is available in the Mayo stores.

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.

The book is available to download on Kindle.

SITES OF INTEREST

Alumni visiting Rochester may be interested: Mayo has a Statuary Park on the west side of the Gonda Bldg. (across from St John's Church), a historical section on the first floor of the Mayo Bldg., Saint Marys and Kahler Schools of Nursing have provided artifacts of the 20th century nursing on the 3rd floor of the Plummer Bldg., art displays in the atriums of Gonda and Siebens Bldgs. Soldiers Field Park also has a nursing memorial. All sites are within walking distance of down town.

The Memorabilia Room in Marian Hall will be open Sunday. Independent tours of Saint Marys are available. Pamphlets are located at information sites in the hospital.

If you have a car and some extra time I would highly recommend a tour of the Mother House, Assisi Hgts. Mayo is utilizing a large portion of the house and the sisters all have newly remodeled rooms. No car, catch the Rochester Trolley and have them drop you off and pick you up on the next tour.

REUNION PARKING AND LODGING

Parking is complimentary in all Rochester Public Ramps from 5 PM Friday through Sunday at midnight. All Mayo and Kahler ramps charge a fee for parking.

Parking for Sunday Mass and 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 Grand Hotel is again offering alumni a lodging discount if reservations are placed by August 10. Identify yourself as a SMSN Alumni. Rates this year are \$85 plus tax.

Kahler phone number: 507-280-6200

ADDRESS AND LIFE CHANGES

Send any changes or news to the following:

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FUTURE REUNION DATES

September 6 & 7, 2014

September 12 & 13, 2015

September 10 & 11, 2016

THOUGHTS FROM YOUR EDITOR

The editor is late this year in sending out your newsletter. My plate has been full this spring and early summer. You would think being retired I would have more time. Not to be!!

Our winter was one to remember filled with record days below zero, snow on top of ice which took a toll on our roads. The roads were like driving on a washboard. Young people didn't know what I was describing. "What's a washboard?"

The harsh winter and late spring made for hours of work in the yard. Wouldn't you know this was the year I decided not to go south!! I won't make that decision again, already plans for next year!

International travel this was limited. As you know I spent a month in United Arab Emirates last May. Plan to join my friend at her villa in Geneva in August and then fly to UAE with her. I'll return in time to host a

party at my home for my 1959 classmates during the reunion.

Last summer I met 3 high school friends in Northern Minnesota. We tried to meet every other year. We are planning a trip to Italy next year. We always have a good time together appreciating our good health and friendship.

My middle granddaughter graduated May 28 in St. Louis. My daughter roped me into grilling burgers and hot dogs for over 400 seniors! Took place outside, hot- hot- hot! Three more graduations to go.

Both my grandsons are involved in youth baseball and I attended several of them. The games I can't attend I can watch through an app. Amazing what technology is out there. My kids keep me current with all the gadgets. I still haven't learned all the "bells and whistles" on my new car.

I visited my friend and classmate, Pat Ringer Kennedy in April. Tennessee is lovely in the spring. A week later Pat came to Rochester and our local classmates met for lunch.

My cochlear implant has improved my hearing in quiet locations but large gatherings are a challenge. Music in many restaurants these days has loud back ground music. I did decide not to have the right ear implanted. I was worried I would not hear anything without the processors attached (like when I'm sleeping).

Time is truly marching on and I often think where has it gone and so quickly. This is my last newsletter and being the last it brings some sadness. I have enjoyed writing the newsletter and what really has been fun is hearing from all of you. I will miss that communication. I'm looking forward to visiting with you at the reunions now that I'll have addition time to do so. That doesn't mean you still can't send emails to tell me how you are doing. I guess that means my love affair with SMSN doesn't have to end. I'll have you in my prayers always.

Wanda Samuelson will continue with the newsletter and I know it will be in capable hands. Thank you, Wanda for taking on this responsibility.

Blessings to all of you and may we find peace in our world. I wish a safe journey to all who are attending the reunion in September.

Monica Mellem Van Kirk '59

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BLESSING OF SAINT FRANCIS

May the Lord bless thee and keep thee,
That thou mayest ever serve Him faithfully;
May He show thee His face,
Lest the darkness of despair encompass thee;
And have pity on thee,
When in thy weakness thou wanderest from fidelity;
May He turn His Face toward thee,
That in Its light all else may fade from thee;
And grant thee the peace
Of a heart wise in humility.

Sister Mary Brigh Cassidy, May 1936

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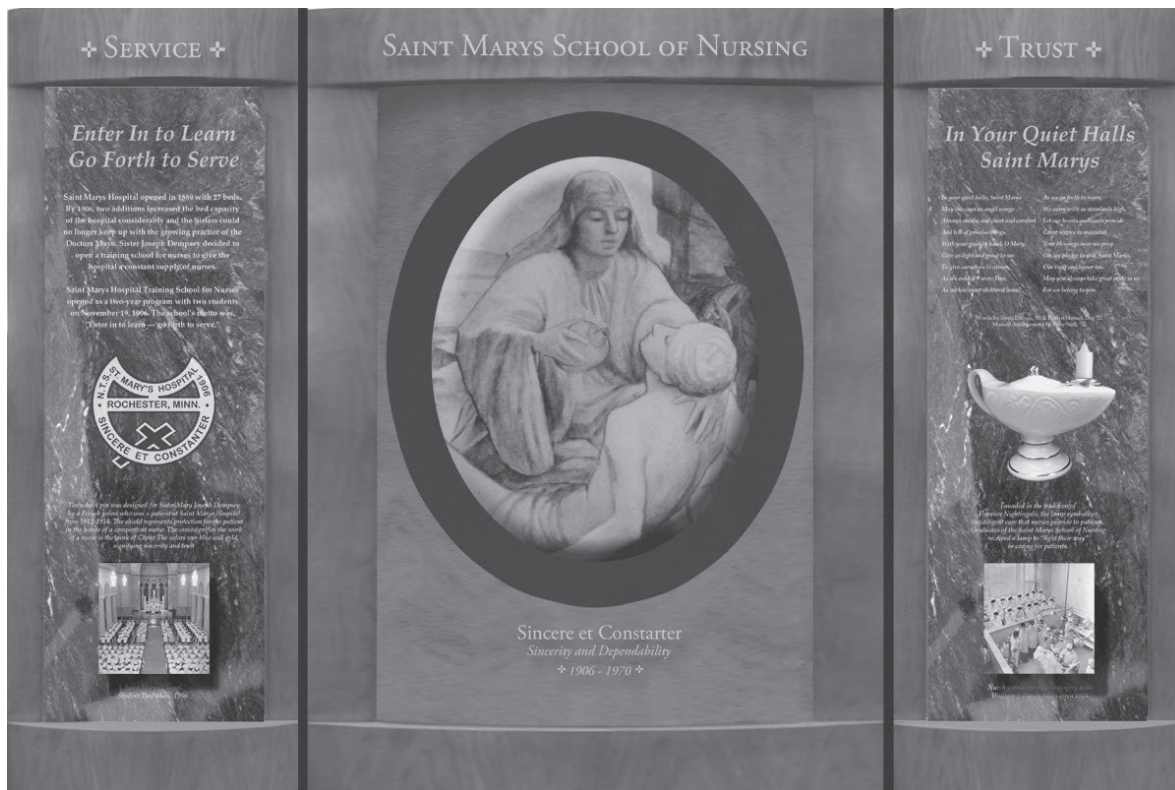
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