From Our President:

Saint Marys School of Nursing’s September reunion is just around the corner. The registration form is attached. Please complete it now and put it in the mail! Start plans with your classmates for a memorable event that always seems to end too soon. Remember there are only 3 reunions left…this year included. This all happened too fast!

This greeting is my last as SMSN Alumni Board President. Anne Hermanson Smith ’70 is transitioning into this position. She will preside over the banquet/meeting this year, giving you another chance to meet her. Anne is a member of the 1970 final graduating class from our nursing school and she has been working with the present board.

The role of board president was an opportunity for me to learn so much about our school and to meet many of you! Monica Mellem Van Kirk ’59 was in this role for many years. There is not enough praise for all that Monica did during those years, including facilitating our 100-year celebration. Really, she still helps! Virginia Simons Wentzel ’59 has offered us the opportunity to learn, even more, through her book “Sincere et Constanter”. If you don’t have a copy, ask for one. Virge will also tell you about the Courage and Compassion exhibit, which she led. It is on display at the History Center of Olmsted County. This exhibit celebrates our nursing school and the role taken by the Sisters during WWII.

Thank you for working with me these past years and celebrating our involvement with Saint Marys School of Nursing. I’ll be around. Murt

Anne Hermanson Smith ’70, President-elect

Greetings to all SMSN alumni and friends!

As I am writing this, it is nearing the end of April and we are finally getting some spring-like days here…after a blizzard dropped more than 20 inches of snow in my yard just last weekend! (For you folks in Florida, Arizona and other warmer climates: an April blizzard is unusual, even for Minnesota!) But we know that before long we it will be summer, followed by our next all-school reunion the weekend of September 8 and 9. This year we will be honoring the 50-year class of 1968, which counts three of our alumni board members among its classmates: Board Treasurer Marilyn Ricard Sheehan, Secretary Barbara Leland Rasmussen and Newsletter Editor Wanda Samuelson. We know they have planned a wonderful weekend for their class and hope that many others will join us as well, after which we will be just two reunions away from the “grand finale” in 2020! It isn’t too early to start thinking about that final reunion, as it would be great to have a huge turnout for what we know will be a wonderful celebration. (A special note to my fellow classmates from the last class of 1970: Please plan to attend in 2020 to help with a GRAND FINALE!)

The alumni association sometimes receives gifts or inquiries about donations from individuals and groups of classmates wishing to contribute in memory of a classmate, family member or other special person. One of many worthy causes that you might wish to consider is the Sister Joseph Endowment Fund. For more information about making a gift to Mayo Clinic, call 855-852-8129 or email: development@mayo.edu. The opportunity for Saint Marys alumni to support nursing education today and in the future is an important part of our legacy as graduates of such a great school.

Enjoy your summer and we look forward to seeing you in September! Anne

Anne Hermanson Smith ’70, President-elect

Message from our Archivist

The archiving of the Memorabilia Room in Marian Hall is mostly complete. We did take several items from the room for the Go for Broke exhibit. Once the exhibit is over and the items returned, we should consider the room complete. This does not mean changes cannot be made, especially for 2020 and our final reunion. What happens to the room after the last reunion is anyone’s guess. If you are visiting Rochester and the hospital, it is difficult to gain access to Marian Hall. All entrances are locked but one can call security for access. The Memorabilia Room will be open after the coffee on Sunday for everyone to enjoy. It is an easy walk from the Sisters Dining Room. It is well worth the time to browse! Virge

Archivist: Virginia (Virge) Simon Wentzel ’59

(A special note to my fellow classmates from the last class of 1970: Please plan to attend in 2020 to help with a GRAND FINALE!)
2017 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

St Marys Alumni Banquet and Annual Meeting was held at the Kahler Hotel on September 9, 2017. The Welcome was given by Murtice Robinson Sherek, ’61, Alumni President. The Golden Jubilee Class of 1967 was celebrated as well as the classes of 1952, 1957, and 1962.

The dinner blessing was given, followed by a short speech by Mary Ann Aelmans-Digman, class president of the class of 1967, as well as a presentation of Quilts of Valor given to the members of the class who had served in the Armed Forces.

The Annual meeting was called to order by Murtice Robinson Sherek, ’61, Alumni President. The minutes of the Annual Alumni meeting of September 2016, written by Secretary Barbara Leland Rasmussen, ’68, were approved as read by Treasurer Mary Ricard Sheehan. The Treasurer’s report was read by treasurer Mary Ricard Sheehan.

There was no Old Business.

New Business: Virginia Simons Wentzel, ’59 gave an archivist report. All items in the memorabilia room have now been archived. A big thank you to Virge for all her hard work over the years. She also spoke on the “Go for Broke” project which is a traveling exhibit about the Japanese-American Internment camps during WWII. 42 Japanese-American students were brought from the camps and admitted to St Marys School of Nursing to be trained as Cadet nurses. This number was the highest number of Japanese-American students admitted to a school of nursing in the United States. From April 13 to June 17, 2018, the St Marys Alumni Association and the History Center of Olmsted County, will present the St Marys story of the integrity and conscience of the Sisters of St. Frances and the School of Nursing toward Japanese-American women during and after World War II. The admission will be free for Alumni of St Marys School of Nursing. The display will also be at Fort Snelling in Mpls/St. Paul from June 30 to September 3, 2018.

Wanda Olson Samuelson ’68, newsletter editor, discussed the newsletter and the need for articles from Alumni.

The Alumni Banquet in 2020 will be the last meeting and banquet to be held. The class of 1970 will be the Golden Jubilee class. All Alumni are encouraged to attend the upcoming banquets.

Closing remarks were made by Anne Hermanson Smith ’70. The meeting was closed with the Prayer of St. Francis and the singing of the school song.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Leland Rasmussen, ’68 Secretary

Financial Report:

SMSN Treasurer’s Report - April 24, 2018

Wells Fargo:
Checking: $194.07
Savings: $22,522.27
Total: $22,716.34

Vanguard:
Balance: $14,158.16
Summary:
Wells Fargo: $22,716.34
Vanguard: $14,158.16
Total: $36,874.50

Respectfully Submitted,
Marilyn Ricard Sheehan ’68, Treasurer

IN MEMORIAM

Mary O’Gara ’39
Sr. M. Antoine Murphy ’41
Lois (Heins) Kennedy ’47
Theresa Ball ’48
Norma Huffman Shepard ’48
Ethel Koperski ’49
Doris Byrne ’50
Dorothy Crawford ’51
Dora McDougall ’51
Patricia Welch Moore ’51
Marie Therese Huettle Dols ’52
Lois (Mozuch) Knope ’52
Patricia (Walsh) McNamara ’52
Madonna Beggin ’54
Joann McGrath Gjere ’54
Jeanice Rose Fox Richardson Janes ’54
Darkene Kamas Dibs ’55
Marilyn Fryer ’55
Sr. Rose Guercio (formerly Sr. Paul John) ’55
Barbara Munson Oshesky ’55
Rhonda Meyer ’56
Elaine Schnieder ’57
Grace Meyer ’59
Kay Frances Johnson ’59
Jean Hoffman Humphrey ’61
Patricia Mineart Moroney ’62
Carol Brandenburg Brooking ’62
Sister Leonilde Furlong ’63
Mary Jo Sundberg ’63
(Sister Latore Kalis)
Rita Bergen ’63
Mary Heskje Smith ’63
Lanis Wallskog McKinney ’65
Char Gaspard Benson ’66
Judith Friedrichs ’66
Karen Burzinski Erickson ’68
Mary Wagner Houston ’68
Lois Maas Churchill ’68
Elaine Schneeberger Rapp ’68
Joanne Deming Brinkman ’70
MARIAN HALL ALUMNI MEMORABILIA ROOM

This print was given by the Redmond family in honor of their sister Mary M. Redmond, Class of 1930. It is available for purchase. Arthur B. Durand (1796 – 1886) is the artist. The print measures 41” wide and 28” long including the frame.

White Mountain Scenery

Also available is a large mirror with a rounded top encased in a metal frame which hung in the entry way of Marian Hall. It measures 30” wide and 66” in length.

Contact us if you are interested in any artifacts.

Special Messages for this years’ honored Classes

Class of 1958

It is our 60th reunion this year. Our Class is a combination of the July class and the October class. I’m not sure how many of us we had at the beginning, but 90 of us graduated on August 17, 1958. There are so many memories: Sr. Mary Brigh, the hospital administrator and Sr. Julie, the Director of Nursing, working days, evening, nights and splits, and the support of our wonderful teachers, head nurses and supervisors. We made wonderful friends as classmates and many of us still are in contact and have attended many reunions. Ten years ago, we had 26 at our 50th reunion. It would be wonderful if we could have as many or more come to Rochester for our 60th. I hope to see you there.

Kay Entwisle Bach

Class of 1963

This is our 55th reunion and a cause to celebrate. Come and gather with our classmates, sharing memories and adding our class picture to next year’s newsletter. We hope to see many of you there!

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 1968 JUBILEE REUNION!

“DIP ’68”: Do you remember attending our first ever Alumni Association banquet and seeing the 50-year class celebrate and wondering if we’d ever be that class? Well, that time has suddenly/finally (depending on your perspective) come for our class. It has been fun renewing friendships over the past few years in anticipation of this milestone event. By now, each of you should have received either an email or a snail-mail invitation to the weekend’s events: Friday evening at Willow Creek Golf Course clubhouse ($25/person, with reservations being handled by Kathy Harty Jacobson, 914 1st Ave NW, Byron, MN 55920) plus the Saturday events (lunch at Victoria’s Restaurant and the banquet at the Kahler Hotel). Even though the Saturday events are complimentary to our class, you still need to make a reservation. If you have not submitted your “what I’ve been doing for the past 50 years” for our reunion booklet, please do so ASAP. Send that info to JoEllen Pedrick Escher at 3 Merca Lane, Hot Springs Village, AR 71909 or to jpedesch@yahoo.com. There is a $10 fee for the booklet and if you need it mailed to you, please add $5 for postage. We on the committee are excited to see as many classmates as possible for our BIG 50 celebration. So, dust off those hats and dig up some gloves and come join the fun!!

JoEllen Pedrick Escher

Messages to the 2019 Honored Classes

Class of 1959

Next year we will be celebrating our 60th year since graduation from Saint Marys School of Nursing. Next year’s reunion will be on September 7th and 8th , 2019. Virge and I are already making plans for our gathering. The following is what we are planning:

Friday evening Wine and appetizers at my home
Saturday lunch at a local restaurant
Sunday Mass with coffee after Mass at Saint Marys and Brunch for those still in town

Those that need transportation to and from the airport will need to contact Virge or myself. Email us if you are planning on attending the reunion providing us with your email addresses.

Virge: rocwent@gmail.com
Monica: monicajo1959@gmail.com
To Class of ’69 - Next year’s 50 year Class

Plans for celebrating our 50th class reunion September 7 & 8, 2019, have begun. How did that happen?

Please add the dates to your calendars. It would be great to see all of you after all these years. Plan to meet your roommate next year at Saint Mary's. There are 16 folks for whom we have no contact information. Please contact me at kathy.a.weber@gmail.com or Pat Pousard at pousardpat@gmail.com for any changes, or if you know someone without email.

Now is the time to find the memorabilia and photos and plum your minds for the memories of our 3 years at SMSN. Looking forward to seeing you at the reunion next year,
Kathy Weber

Alumni Notes

Tom Janes (son): I wanted to let the Saint Mary’s alumni association know of the passing of my mother - Jeanice Fox Janes, ’52. Mom spent many years working in the nursing field and continued to work full time at Texas Health Resources - Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas as a Nurse Navigator for Women’s Health cancer patients. She died on January 16, 2017.

Eileen (Scanlon) Norris ’49 sent her change of address and says she is well and enjoying life – busy – and was 90 in January.

Dorothy Neitzel Crawford ’51 worked as a surgical nurse in a Twin Cities Hospital. She passed away this last March.

Mary Jo Sundberg ’63 was a nurse at St. Barnabas Hospital (now HCMC), North American Life and Casualty and Fairview Columbia Heights Clinic. She was a past President of and active member in the Minnesota Association of Occupational Health Nurses. She passed away in September, 2017.

Mary Swanson (daughter) sent the following messages to her mother’s class and included her mother’s best friend and classmate information, which she promised she would do for both. Her mother: Lois (Mozuch) Knope ’52 worked her entire nursing career at St Michael Hospital, Stevens Point, WI. She began her career as staff nurse in 1953 and retired in 1988 as Vice President of Nursing Service. She was also a founding member of Ministry Health Care Hospice in Stevens Point, WI (She was the inspiration for Mary who also became a nurse) Lois died in January, 2018. And, Lois’s best friend:

Patricia (Walsh) McNamara ’52 Patty, retired as Infirmary Director for the Sisters of St. Joseph in Stevens Point, WI. Previous employment included private duty home care and staff nurse at Portage Co. Home. She died in August, 2017.

Joann McGrauth Gjere ’54: My mother was a proud alumnus. Until the end of her life, she valued her nursing education and her profession. She read the newsletters cover to cover and frequently had stories about her nursing school experiences. Thank you for being so important in her life.

Marilyn Fryer, Class of ’55 and Instructor for SMSN

Marilyn Fryer ‘55 pouring coffee at the SMSN 100th, 2006

Marilyn was born in Marshalltown, Iowa in 1934. She graduated from Saint Mary’s School of Nursing in 1955. After graduation, she worked as an OB nurse and nursing instructor at Saint Mary’s Hospital, and was married to Richard “Dick” Fryer in July 1957 in Marshalltown. After starting their family, she stopped working at Saint Mary’s and focused her time and attention on their three children including their youngest who was born with special needs. In 1976, Marilyn returned to the work force, taking the position of Health Services Coordinator (RN) for Bear Creek Services for the entire 40 plus years of its existence, having worked with a group of parents who started the Olmsted ARC (Bear Creek Services) for adults with Developmental Disabilities. Marilyn and Dick both served on the Bear Creek Board of Directors, with Marilyn attending the last Board meeting of her term of office in December 2017. In 2015, Dick and Marilyn were honored by the City of Rochester with the “Mayor’s Medal of Honor.” This award was given to recognize their tireless advocacy for people who have special needs in our community. In 2016, Dick and Marilyn were presented with a “Lifetime Achievement Award” by Bear Creek Services for their four decades of volunteerism and advocacy for that organization. Marilyn died January 27, 2018.

3 sets of sister graduates, amazing!
Courage and Compassion
The Go for Broke Project

On April 12th, Saint Marys School of Nursing Alumni Association celebrated the opening of the Go For Broke traveling exhibit at the History Center of Olmsted County. The Alumni received a grant through the Go For Broke National Education Center and the National Park Service. Courage and Compassion, Our Shared Story of the Japanese American World War II Experience chronicles the lives of the more than 110,000 men, women, and children of Japanese ancestry who were forced from their homes and relocated to internment camps, losing their homes and livelihoods. We were able to represent our school, Saint Marys Hospital and Rochester through several panels depicting activities before, during and after WWII and telling the story of our forty-two Japanese -American students and the Cadet Nurse Corps. The exhibit closes on June 17 and will be at Fort Snelling in St. Paul from June 30th to September 3rd. The following are pictures of the exhibit.
Following are pictures of the Open House at the Olmsted County History Center, (OCHC) May 4th.

President and CEO of Go For Broke National Education Center, Mitch Maki, PhD delivering speech at the Grand Opening of the Courage and Compassion exhibit on May 4th, 2018.

Audience listening to Mitch Maki’s talk.

Japanese Iris and Chrysanthemums both significant to Japan.

‘67 Saint Marys Graduate ...Dorothy Graham Brama and her husband Tony talking with Mitch Maki. Also celebrating Nurses Week, 2018

Sally Sudo, Sandy Leinonen, MKSN grad and Tom and Kiyomi (MKSN grad) Takekawa. Tom spent his childhood in Minidoka internment camp but was too young at the time to know our students.

Dan Nowakowski, Curator of HCOC, Virginia Wentzel, Archivist SMSN, Mitch Maki, GRBNEC Japanese-American Education Center CEO, Murtice Sherek, President SMSN Alumni Board, Ryan Harren, Collections Manager, History Center Olmsted County
Group with Japanese-American friends from the Twin Cities who have helped us with information and support.

REUNION PARKING AND LODGING

Free parking is provided at all PUBLIC meters/ramps after 5:00 p.m. during the weekday and at all times on weekends. **There is a fee for all Mayo and Kahler (Kahler requires your credit card) parking ramps.**

Parking for Sunday Mass and Coffee is complimentary on the flat lot east of the hospital on Second Street. Handicap parking is available in the hospital ramps.

The Kahler Grand Hotel is offering alumni a lodging discount if reservations are placed by **August 10**. Identify yourself as a SMSN Alumni. Rates this year is unchanged at $94 per night plus tax. Kahler phone number: 507-280-6200.

**Official SMSN information and inquiries**

Transcripts request should be directed to the alumni mail box email address: mayoalumni@mayo.edu or phone the alumni office at 507-284-2317.

REMAINING REUNION DATES

- September 8 & 9, 2018
- September 7 & 8, 2019
- September 12 & 13, 2020

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Mayo Clinic Alumni Center
Att: SMSN Alumni Board
200 First Street SW
Rochester, MN 55905
or
email information to Wanda at: was2947@hotmail.com

Contact any Board member at their email addresses that follow or reach them through the Mayo Website: Go to Mayo Clinic Alumni Center, click on Saint Marys School of Nursing Alumni Association, then go to About Us, and you will find the Board and their contact info listed. The Newsletter should be there in full, as well.

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Class of 1967

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Row 3 (L to R): Patricia Gulden Schoenfelder, Sue Vogt Quinlan, Sue Andrus Bennett, Paula Dewanz Cuneo, Sister Paulanne Gruber, Mary Scully Langenfeld, Mary Korba Pastor, Jana Chrystal Stojsavijevic, Mary Hincheski Zabel.

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2018 ST MARYS SCHOOL OF NURSING ALUMNI REUNION

September 8 & 9

Banquet for all Alumni & Guests on Saturday, September 8, 2018
Social Hour 5:30- 6:30 with Dinner at 6:30  Kahler Elizabethan Room
Photo Sessions for celebrating classes of ’53, ’58, ’63 & ’68 following banquet

Sunday, September 9  8:30 am  Mass for Alumni & Guests in the Saint Marys Chapel
Farewell Coffee following Mass in the Sisters’ Dining Room
Parking for Mass in flat lot East of Chapel on 2nd Street. Handicapped parking in any hospital parking ramp

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to: SMSN Alumni Association  Siebens 533  Mayo Alumni Center  200 SW 1st Street, Rochester, MN 55905

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50 YEAR CLASS of 1968 ONLY

NAME ______________________________________________
(first)                    (maiden)             (current last name)
CLASS of 1968
ADDRESS ___________________________________________
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LUNCHEON AND BANQUET ARE COMPLIMENTARY FOR THE 50 YEAR CLASS OF 1968!

LUNCHEON FOR CLASS of ’68 ONLY
Saturday, September 8, 11:00 – 1:00
Victoria’s Restaurant: 7 1st Ave SW
(Located in the Kahler Hotel block - park in hotel ramp)

LUNCHEON ___I will attend Luncheon
(No Guests for Luncheon due to limited seating)

BANQUET ___I will attend Banquet ($0)
___Number of guests ($35 each)

SUNDAY COFFEE ___I will attend ___# of Guests

ALL OTHER CLASSES

NAME ______________________________________________
(first)                    (maiden)             (current last name)
CLASS of _________________
ADDRESS ___________________________________________
______________________________________________________
EMAIL ______________________________________________
PHONE ______________________________________________
BANQUET ___I will attend Banquet ($35 each)
___Number of guests ($35 each)
SUNDAY COFFEE ___I will attend ___# of Guests

PHOTOS FOR CLASSES ’53, ’58, ’63, ’68 ONLY:
$10.00___Enclose $10.00 per photo (will be mailed to you)

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