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Alumni Association
7th Annual Workshop
on Debriefing
at the new
Jump Trading Simulation
& Education Center,
Saturday, March 22



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Homecoming 2013 Attendees from the Class of 1963



Dora (Anthony) Seth



Sharon (Aubry) Perkins



Rosemary (Besserman) Maresca



Rita (Brennen) Keefe



Pat (Debbout) White



Raymonda (Foster) Pisut



Mary Jane (Keegan) Challenger



Jean (Kelley) Schaffer



Janet (Riley) Whittington



Georgia (Rumple) Armstrong



Mary Ann (Schelkopf) Smith



Billie (Schmidt) Rocke



Rose Marie (Schmitz) Weber



Gloria (Stegen) Reinhard



Julie (Stickelmaier) Kirchgessner



Carol (Stingl) Jagelski



Joyce (Thurwanger) Young



Carolyn (Wishnevsky) Leggett



Ginger (Wuethrich) Jacocks



Message from the President

Patricia A. Stockert, RN, PhD

Dear Alumni and Friends,

As I write for this fall issue of Notes from Greenleaf, the temperatures are cooling off, the days are becoming shorter, and the leaves are changing color. I hope that this issue finds you well and adjusting to the change in seasons. This issue highlights the 2013 Homecoming events. I was happy to see so many alumni come back to the College for the Alumni Members Brunch and the Dinner Celebration. A number of classes were celebrating milestone anniversaries! I enjoyed meeting and talking with alumni from the different classes. I encourage you to read the article on the newly revised process for nominating alumni for awards. Consider nominating someone you know!

The 2013-2014 academic year is off to a busy but great start. I will provide you some highlights below. Here is a brief summary:

- We experienced a record enrollment of 699 students for fall 2013 in all programs. There were 418 in the BSN program (including 63 RN to BSN students) and 281 in the MSN and DNP programs.
- We received over 200 applications for the BSN program for fall 2014.
- The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program was granted continuing accreditation from the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) (formerly National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission [NLNAC]). The next visit is scheduled for 2020. Program accreditation is a voluntary process that validates that nursing programs meet or exceed established standards and criteria indicating educational quality. As part of the process, completion of the accreditation self-study report helps institutions identify strengths and areas for improvement related to resources, processes and results.
- The College added a Doctor of Nursing Practice Leadership (DNP-L) track beginning fall 2013. We hosted a Focused Visit from ACEN in November 2013 related to accreditation of the DNP-L.
- The Curriculum Committee is working hard with finalizing courses and submitting reports for the proposed BSN curriculum revision for fall 2014. At this time, the College is moving towards a concept-based curriculum to prepare our graduates to face the challenges in the changing healthcare system.
- Thanks to all our alumni and friends, we awarded approximately \$113,894 in scholarships to 127 students for the 2013-2014 year. It is through your generosity that this is possible and I send a heartfelt thank you to you.

As economic times continue to be challenging, we remain focused on increasing endowments and scholarships for our students. The continued decrease in federal and state funding for student financial aid presents challenges to the students. The annual appeal letter will again focus on monies for scholarships. A donation of \$1,000 or more allows the donor(s) to name the scholarship according to their wishes. I hope that you will consider making a gift this year when your Annual Appeal letter arrives.

You are a very important part of the College family and it is our goal to stay connected with you.

Patricia A. Stockert, RN, PhD



Alumni Update

Mary Donnelly, '79, President of Alumni Association

It has already been a busy year for the Alumni Association as the first semester comes to a close. Our first meeting was held at the home of Edith Matarelli for one of her famous home cooked meals. I say famous because for years Edith cooked many meals for staff and various events throughout the medical center. No one wanted to miss a meal Edith provided! Thank you, Edith, for your hospitality and a meal that was exquisite!

Our homecoming brunch and evening dinner dance was well attended with many classes represented. A jazz ensemble, the Hot Cats, provided the music. These young men did their research so music from every era of those classes in attendance was represented.

Those receiving Alumni Association scholarships attended a donor recognition dinner in October and expressed a deep gratitude for our assistance. This is one of the many ways your Alumni Association dues help students and the College.

Students and faculty looked forward to our donation of Halloween candies in the lobby. Once again we kept the "candy cauldron" filled! We helped serve at the College Thanksgiving

Dinner where alumni met students and families and shared a meal together.

After the holidays, we will put the final touches on our Alumni Workshop on Saturday, March 22, 2014. This year the workshop will be presented by our alumnus Toufic Khairallah '06. The workshop will be on Debriefing. We are fortunate to be able to hold the workshop in the new Jump Trading Simulation and Education Center!! Please register early as space will be limited.

As you can see, we have had a busy first semester and are looking forward to more good times in the future. I hope you can attend our January post-holiday meeting at Avanti's North Peoria. February is our workshop. And Edith has volunteered to host our March dinner meeting once again at her home!

Thank you for your membership support, time and efforts in helping our association continue to grow.

May God bless and keep you in His care throughout the Fall/Winter months.

Kimberly Mitchell, RN, PhD

*President of Tau Omicron
Saint Francis Medical Center
College of Nursing*

I am pleased to announce that the College's chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International has earned the Chapter Key Award for the third time in a row! In 2013, only 78 chapters of over 510 chapters worldwide have earned this award for

chapter excellence. The feedback on our application was very positive and complimentary. We have a vibrant chapter, and we can all be proud of our accomplishment. Only a chapter with many active, dedicated members and a strong Executive Board can achieve this award. Hats off to all who have helped make this chapter the success that it is!

Specifically, we were recognized for:

- Involvement of numerous members in our planned activities
- Commitment to the mission of the organization on the local, regional, and international levels
- Consistent community outreach
- Providing a wide variety of chapter activities
- Active engagement in Haiti and Liberia
- Engagement in scholarly presentations to nursing and other disciplines

Many, many thanks to all!

Keep In Touch

1956

Mary Walker Weeks

Since graduation, I've worked in nursing for fifty years in nursing education, and as head nurse and supervisor positions in the Chicago and Kansas City, Missouri Area. My greatest joy is being professed into the Secular Franciscans of the Holy Eucharist fraternity in Independence, Missouri in 2008.

1957

Marilyn Harler Wilken

We have moved a little closer to our kids. We have lived in the Washington and Oregon area many times before. We have kids and grandkids in Oregon.

1970

Dennis Level

Over these many years, it has always been nice to receive "Notes" – and to be reminded of all the good memories from the College of Nursing on Greenleaf. No matter where growth might take the College, it is good to know that Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing remains as such a viable, important part of nursing education.

1971

Rita Allen Bonetti

After 27 years practicing as an FNP-C, I have retired. Practice ranged from family practice rural health centers in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan; Public Health Practitioner; Public Health Officer in Kansas; to ER call in a small rural hospital in Kansas. Not sure what being retired means, but I am looking forward to the opportunities it will bring.

1990

Sylvia Hvizdos Tjaden

Wow almost 24 years at this! I've been working as an RN since graduating. I am on Facebook and would love to hear from old classmates. I recently accepted a position as a home care nurse for the Eastern Region. I am planning to go back to school for my Masters and to also become a Nurse Legal Consultant in October.

1994

Ed Stomiany

Next year will be 20 years since earning the BSN and our class hasn't appeared to have stayed in contact. It would be great if we could at least update the school or the Alumni Association for the September 2014 gathering as how our life and career has progressed. I hope that everyone is doing well after these years. I have often thought of you as a group and individually.

Abby Markland Marinich

Abby is now working as an RN in Orthopedics.

2011

Kaitlyn Hacker Williams

Kaitlyn is working as a nurse – Cardiac Surgery Intensive Care in North Carolina.

In Sympathy

The faculty and administration of Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing extend their sympathy to the families of the following Alumni:

Geraldine Alexander
Anderson '38

Donna Cotton
Barbier '57 (deceased 2012)

Carolyn Seelye
Calhoun '93

Vonce Keller
Culp '39

Eleanor Burns
Eaton '46

Avis Doubeck
Fazer '48 (deceased 2010)

Marjorie Hochstatter
Gardner '47

Kathleen Duffy
Hastings '55
(deceased 2011)

Gladys Graner
Pence '41

Barbara Thorne
Powers '50

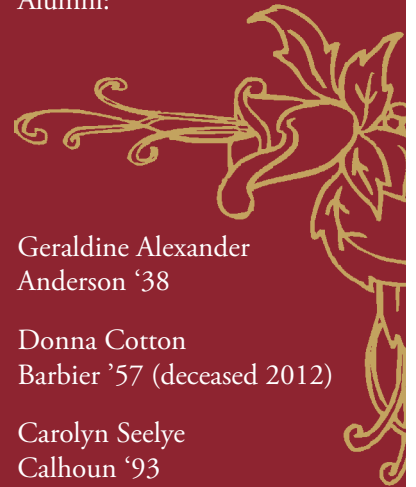
Camille Rabority '56

Anita Brueck
Roach '46

Olive Williams
Watterson '47

Teresa LoPreste
Wilkins '42

Dorothy Wynne '42





Please Help Us Find These Alumni

1950

Eileen Burke
Thelma Champeau
Mildred Baker Comeaux
Rose Cerda Donna
Dorothy Garcia
Theresa Benoit Monroe
Phyllis Westphal Pence
Henrietta Roszkowski
Grace Henning Sullivan
Marjorie Thomas-Nicolai
Mary Muzzarelli Vann
Dorothy Donahue Walker
Agnes White

1951

Joanne Brinkman
Lester Champion
LaVonne Dietsche
Verla Steele Dowell
Trudy Gorecki
Elizabeth Kidd Helms
Dorothy Ober/Wiesemann Kaluzny
Marilyn Knottek
Patricia O'Beirne Kramarsik
Elizabeth Lenac
Norma Taylor Murphy

Lucile Kmetz Null
Shirley Kinczewski Oberle
Dorothy Grundy Picket
Joanne Carlilie Smith
Elizabeth Stokes
Maryann Wetzberger Sullivan
Roberta Kuerth Torrey
Viola Koscilnak Weygandt
Richard Wham
Estella O'Neil White

1952

Marilyn Green Bender
Betty Gieken Brummett
Betty McLaughlin DeSilva
Madelon Lolli Dickinson
Lois Baker Evans
Joyce Lyons Evans
Mary Beth Fagot Gallagher
Barbara Brolley Genster
Angela Hackett
Phyllis Pfoff Hylton
Virginia Snider Kostan
Ramona Ellwanger Martin
Shirley Hundt Parkins
Anna Quanstrom
Patricia Ann Butler Rathke

If you have contact information for any of the following alumni, please notify Helene Batzek, 309-624-9933 or helene.batzek@osfhealthcare.org

Rosa Schragger
Barbara Holzinger Smith
Arlene Thompson
Jane Gould Whelan
Thelma Moser Worrell

1953

Mary Hughes Becker
Esther Johnson Benson
Dollie Dick Colwell
Donna Mowder Congram
Delbert Dial
Elizabeth Thompson-Clark Dorland
Helen Smick-Ensign Echterling
Helen Williams Fisher
Marilyn Carter Hodge
Arlene Zahn Hurst
Patricia Shannon-Carruthers Leach
Majorie Martell
Eleanor Hagan Moulton
Bernadette Muza
Dolores Prince Perino
Betty Olande Perry
Jo Ann Heitmann/Anderson Smith
Sandra Matthew Vanderleest

1954

Elaine Jackson Bryson
Maureen Dourneen Burns
Roberta Dreistadt
Ann Cummings Drohan

Rosina Ippolito Goe
Dorothy Biagi Stempniak

1955

Dawn Miller Bell
Carol Schultz Daye
Elena Placencia Ferry
Anne Dehart Filitz
Eva Jane Fish
Ellen Rueff Greene
Elizabeth Jackson Kapraun
Anita Ryan Kirk
Geneva Allen Kirkham
Patricia McCaffrey
Marian Menke
Marjorie McQueen Milon
Mary Ernestine Paulda
Minnie Fortado Purdue
Alice Ryan Pursley
Jane Elliot Quinn
Nona Goble Retzer
D. Imelda Rowell
Audrey Canaevit Schirman
Janet Mullinax Shotton
Evelyn Volz
Chester Wiczorek
Irene Wiczorek
Sally Bachman Willis
Patricia McQueen Winzeler
Patricia Allison Wizgird

New Alumni Association Members

The College is pleased to recognize the latest Alumni Association Members:

Carol L'Ecluse Appell 1964
Georgia Rumpel Armstrong 1963
Lynn Davis Barrineau 1983
Barbara Sands Carter 1961
Lola Waterman Cordts 1948
Mary Lou Perino Eilers 1964
Dawn Ewing 2013
Nancy Evens Huckaba 1968
Andrea Kari 2013
Rita Brennan Keefe 1963
Ruth Houdesheidt Kennedy 1949
Michelle Loeffler 2005
Kathleen Schuster Markey 1948
Raymonda Foster Pisut 1963
Gloria Stegen Reinhard 1963
Bryn Sampson 2013
Mary Ann Schelkopf Smith 1963
Qian Su 2011

Diane Woerner Wroczynski 1978
Joyce Thurwanger Young 1963

LIFETIME MEMBERS

Mary Lou Gora Craig 1960
Pat Faucon Geltmaker 1966
Mary Giles German 1965
Diane Martin Gould 1975
Dee Dee Henning 2005
Sharon Aubry Perkins 1963
Mary Black Peterson 1965
Joseph Querciagrossa 1964
Mary Ann Jennings Vieweg 1965



Attention All Lifetime Members...
Soon you will receive one of these pendants!
Keep a watch for them in your mailbox.

Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing

HOMECOMING

Classes Celebrating Anniversaries: 1948, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, and 1993.



You Speak, We Listen

We heard that alumni attending wanted some live jazz and we accommodated. Homecoming 2013 provided a jazz ensemble from Chicago, the Hot Cats, for the musical entertainment.

Pictured are Tako Kinoshita, guitar, and Isaiah Sanderson, saxophone. Not pictured are Bick Fishburn, drums, and Eric Moca, bass.

Silent Auction...

Eleven packages were available with the proceeds going to student scholarships sponsored by the Alumni Association. Packages and highest bidders were:

Red Barn Christmas centerpiece
Helene Batzek

Par-A-Dice:
Two gift certificates, dinner for two
Ginger Jacocks '63

Avanti's: five, \$5 gift cards;
16" - one topping pizza and pizza cutter
Janet Shipley '65

Glass cake server, glass pitcher and four glasses
donated by Carolee Farris,
Cookie Shack \$15 gift certificate,
Prospect Florist \$20 gift certificate
Kathy Rosenbohm '65

One night stay at Four Points by Sheraton, Peoria
and \$50 gift certificate to Regency Restaurant
Helene Batzek

Three pewter pendants
Kathy Rosenbohm '65 (2)
and Patti Stockert (1)

Fall jacket, purse and necklace
Cary Vincent '64

Two t-shirts and \$25 certificate to One World
Mary Ann Vieweg '65

College of Nursing hooded sweatshirt,
insulated lunch bag, and shoulder tote
Rosemary Maresca '63

Pampered Chef: Trifle Bowl, holiday dessert book
and chocolate peppermint sauce
Helene Batzek

Two framed oil paintings
donated by Mary Jo Gebhardt
Rita Keefe '63 and
Maureen Hermann '95, 2011

Saturday
September 21
2013



Those in attendance...

1948:

Annamarie Happ
Mary Ellen McMahon Kennedy
Kathleen Schuster Markey
Ida Caletti White
Margaret Simonton Woerner

1958:

Mary Cleary Adlington
Janet MacDonald LeMaster

1963:

(see front cover)

1968:

Mary Jane Gualandi Bowen
Jo Ann Kovash
Susie Leber Langjahr
Sharie Hahn Metcalfe
Jalee Graves Scott

1973:

Martha Stevenson Krutke

1978:

Diane Woerner Wroczynski

1983:

Allison Steach Alden
Jeanne Dunne Barrett
Lynn Davis Barrineau
Jeanne Beauprez Barton
Amy Aldon Eathington
Debbie Adams Scheffel

1988:

Kristine Tyler Rose

1993:

Katherine Doubet



HOMECOMING

Unable to attend Homecoming on October 11, 2013, seven 1958 graduates gathered at Mt. Hawley Country Club in Peoria. Although the number was small, everyone enjoyed getting together, sharing a meal, and reminiscing about old times.

Class of 1948



Pictured left to right: Ida (Caletti) White, Margaret (Woerner) Simonton, Mary (Ellen) McMahon Kennedy, Annamarie Happ and Kathleen (Schuster) Markey

Class of 1958



Pictured left to right: Back... Maryallis (Burke) Burgess, Dr. Joan Kulpa, Mary (Cleary) Adlington, Kay (Guditis) Brown, and Joanne (Haramincich) Wieczorek, Front... Judy Weigers and Rose (Gerardo) Seghetti.

Class of 1963



Pictured left to right: Back row... Rae (Foster) Pisut, Mary Jane (Keegan) Challenger, Rosemary (Besserman) Mareska, Carolyn (Wishnevsky) Leggett, Sharon (Aubry) Perkins, Pat (Debbout) White, Gloria (Stegen) Reinhard, Janet (Riley) Whittington, Joyce (Thurwanger) Young, Georgia (Rumple) Armstrong. Front row... Jeanne (Kelley) Schaffer, Ginger (Wuethrich) Jacocks, Rita (Brennan) Keefe, Billie (Schmidt) Rocke, Mary Ann (Schelkopf) Smith, Julie (Stickelmaier) Kirchgessner

2013

Nominate an Outstanding Alumnus!!!

Do you know of an alumnus who has done outstanding work in the areas of nursing, education, leadership or practice? If so, please consider nominating them for one of the Outstanding Alumni Awards. The criteria are included in the newsletter. This year the College is accepting nominations for the awards throughout the year. Nomination deadline is June 1, 2014. This new process gives you more time to submit your nomination. Award winners and their guest will be honored at the Annual Homecoming Dinner in September.

Class of 1968



Pictured left to right: Nancy (Evans) Huckaba, Sharie (Hahn) Metcalfe, Joann Kovash, Sue (Leber) Langjahr, Mary Jane (Gualandi) Bowen, Jalee (Graves) Scott

Class of 1983



Pictured left to right: Allison (Steach) Alden, Amy (Aldon) Eathington, Jeanne (Beauprez) Barton, Lynn (Davis) Barrineau, Jeanne (Dunne) Barrett, and Debbie (Adams) Scheffel

HOMECOMING 2013 Alumni Awards

Each year, the College requests nominations for outstanding alumni and the three awards are presented at the Homecoming Dinner.

- 1) The winner of the Ruby Cealey Distinguished Alumni Award should be a person who demonstrates Caring, Professionalism, Leadership, Community service; and Contributions to the profession. This award may be awarded posthumously.
- 2) The Excellence in Education award recognizes and honors a nurse alumnus who has exhibited excellence in nursing education and professional development.
- 3) The Excellence in Practice award recognizes and honors a nurse alumnus who has exhibited excellence in nursing practice.



Pictured left to right: Margie Francisco, Toufic Khairallah, Lynne Reiner

Excerpts from each nomination follow:

RUBY CEALEY DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD
presented to Margie Francisco

Margie is currently an outstanding nurse educator at Illinois Valley Community College in Oglesby, IL where she has taught for 8 years. She is committed to providing quality instruction to first and second year students. She has developed or revised several nursing classes and is always ready to assist others who need help. The students indicate she is a friend and mentor. As second year Program Coordinator she developed a remediation plan for all students. She administers the plan and tracks all students to completion. She leads an Evaluation Committee.

Margie is enrolled in Doctoral Education. She, with a co-instructor, developed Alpha Delta Nu (ADN) Honor Society at Illinois Valley Community College. In addition, she volunteers at a homeless shelter and is active in a breast cancer support group. She participates in a program that makes articles that are donated to area hospitals. She works as an RN supervisor at St. Margaret's in Spring Valley, IL.

Margie is a 1978 Diploma Program and May 2005 MSN graduate.

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD
presented to Toufic Khairallah

Toufic Khairallah ("TK") is a 2006 graduate of Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing. As a new nurse he demonstrated a passion for learning and a desire to become the best professional nurse possible. TK is eager to share knowledge and encouragement to colleagues. He became a nurse preceptor after only one year and thrived in transitioning new graduates to their first professional role.

He was promoted to the Clinical Nurse Educator role and contributed to a nurse reduction in turnover over the next couple of years. He became a pioneer in a newly designed Nurse Scholar position. He enjoys mentoring new staff members. He coordinated the Extern Education program and recruits nurse externs to participate in training with medical students in an innovative environment where each role learns from the other. He co-led a multi-disciplinary first-of-its-kind simulation that allowed family presence in the operating room during organ donation circulatory death procedures.

His focus on creativity, passion for education and fearlessness towards innovation drives change that benefits the profession and communities that OSF Ministry serves.

EXCELLENCE IN PRACTICE AWARD
presented to Lynne Reiner

Lynne Reiner is a double alumna of the College of Nursing. She was recipient of the Sister M. Ludgera Memorial Award for Outstanding Masters in Nursing when graduating with her MSN. Her career objective focuses on facilitating evidence based practice and interactive education to improve care of postpartum women and newborn infants.

She demonstrated leadership in practice as the house-wide chair of the governance cabinet of the Professional Nursing Congress at OSF Saint Francis and she was the house-wide chair of the Communication Committee for the Congress at OSF Saint Francis serving from 2002-2006. She is known for problem solving and innovative solutions for clinical patient problems and has worked in conjunction with the Family Birthing Center to facilitate consistent evidence based care practices. She has certifications in Neonatal Nursing High Risk, Maternal Newborn Nursing, and is an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant. She is a regional trainer for Neonatal Resuscitation Program.

She teaches part-time for the College of Nursing. Students comment on her ability to teach and encourage them in their growth as nurses.

Judges of the 2013 Alumni Awards were Cristin Rassi, Patricia White, Patricia O'Connor, and Robin Strange. A big "thank you" goes out to these alumni for their due diligence to give of their time for selecting the outstanding alumni award recipients this year. Also, thanks to the alumni who took time to prepare excellent materials for our nominees.

We encourage all to take advantage of the opportunity to nominate a graduate (or graduates) who meet the established criteria.

Keep Sending Us Your Thoughts and Ideas

The College continues to read your communications and it is our goal to serve you as best we can. If you have any input to what you would like to see the College and Alumni Association do, please contact **Helene Batzek** at **309-624-9933** or **helene.c.batzek@osfhealthcare.org**.

We'd like to hear from you!

Is there any professional or personal news you'd like to share with your colleagues? New job? Promotion? Advanced certification? Honors/awards? Professional activities? Marriage? New baby? Move? What would you like to see included in *Notes from Greenleaf*? Send us the details.

Last Name		First	Surname
Home Address			Telephone
City	State	Zip Code	
Occupation	E-mail	Yr. Graduated	
SFMC/CON/SFHSON Degree(s)		Year(s) Received	
Other Degree(s)	Year(s) Received	Institution	Major

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Please help keep our alumni files current by sending us your e-mail address and phone number.

Interested in Joining the Alumni Association?

Name: _____
Surname: _____ Class: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone Number: _____
E-mail: _____

Please respond to Paulette Archer '70 at (309) 655-4132, paulette.m.archer@osfhealthcare.org, or mail your \$10 membership fee (\$250 for Lifetime Membership) to 511 NE Greenleaf St., Peoria, Illinois 61603. Make checks payable to SFMC-CON Alumni Association



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March 20	5:30 pm	Alumni Association Dinner Meeting	Home of Edith Matarelli '50
March 22	8:30 am	Alumni Association Workshop, Debriefing	Jump Trading Simulation & Education Center
May 15	5:30 pm	Alumni Association Spring Fling Dinner Meeting	TBA
May 17	9:00 am	Graduation	Peoria Civic Center