

# Alumni Association of St. Luke's School of Nursing Newsletter 2009

## President's Report

### Homecoming

Homecoming, Saturday October 17, 2009 marks 125 continuous years of excellent nursing education at our School of Nursing. Replacing the annual Homecoming meeting will be a celebratory brunch. This will be held at the Best Western Hotel & Conference Center in Bethlehem. You will have received your invitation and sent in your response by the time you receive this newsletter. However, as a reminder, the event is scheduled from 11:00 AM until 2:15 PM at the hotel. The speaker schedule is very full but we must vacate the room by 2:45, therefore we will start the program promptly at 12 noon. The schedule is:

• 10 - 11 am	<b>Registration</b>
• 11 am – 12 pm	<b>Brunch</b>
• 12 - 2:15 pm	<b>Program</b>

Members of the Class of 1959 celebrating their 50 year anniversary of graduation, 2009 Scholarship recipients and student leaders will be guests at the Brunch.

There will not be a fundraising sale this year. A free raffle will be conducted as is normally done. If you are interested in purchasing a shirt or sweatshirt and notify me before Homecoming I will bring it to the hotel. If you prefer to have it mailed to you, the actual mailing cost will be added to the item's cost. For details. **Call 610 954-3401 to leave a message at the School of Nursing.** A member of the Board of Directors will return your call.

Items available with the alumni logo include :

- T-shirts at \$25.00 each
- Sweat Jackets (no hood) at \$30.00
- Tote Bags at \$20.00 each; Trexler Blocks at \$15.00.

If you are unable to attend Homecoming but would like to purchase any item contact Bernice Kucsan @ 610 965-5523 or e-mail at [bkucsan@ptd.net](mailto:bkucsan@ptd.net).

### Kolach Sales

Sale of Authentic Slovak Kolach (nut roll) continues to be a successful fund raising project and will be repeated this year. Some of you will recall the "nut rolls" unique to the Bethlehem area. Selections available include filling of nuts, poppy seed, apricot, raspberry, or lekvar (prune butter). The sale price is currently \$13.00 per roll.. These are perfect for holidays or anytime. They freeze well, so come prepared to stock up!!

Christmas sale dates are Monday December 14 and Tuesday December 15 at St. Luke's North and Wednesday December 16 at St. Luke's Quakertown, from 7 AM to 1 PM at both locations. We are planning a sale for Easter but have not determined the dates yet.

### Inventory

The inventory has been liquidated. The dishes and some silver have all been sold. All the engraved silver has been donated to the School of Nursing. The only major remaining items include the Nightingale Lamp, the candle snuffer and several gold pins. A recent appraisal values the lamp at \$14, 000 and the candle snuffer at \$110. The large gold pins are roughly valued at approximately \$400 each. All of this is stored in a safety deposit box at a local bank. The lamp is used at official alumni functions and the School of Nursing graduation.

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## Happenings at Homecoming 2008

- Members of the Class of 1958 were guests at a Brunch celebrating 50 years as graduate nurses. The traditional 50 year pin and a diploma recognizing their graduation from St. Luke's School of Nursing and celebrating 50 years as a registered nurse was presented to each class member.
- Scholarships in the amount of \$1000.00 were presented to second year students Alexandria Hallinger, Jacqueline Meck, Rachel Saul, and Khara Woehr
- Carol Kuplen, RN, MSN, Vice President, Senior Nurse Executive, presented an overview of activities at the hospital.
- Sandra Mesics, Director of the School presented a overview of current events at the school. She also presented her traditional comparison of 1958 world and School of Nursing events, with those of 2008.
- Raffle winners - \$100.00 – Patricia Ferko Miller, Class of 1963; \$50.00 – Bonita Rasich Budura, Class of 1974; \$25.00 each – Gloria Kern, Class of 1952, Irene Matyas Roy, Class of 1946 and Susan Papa, Class of 1968. .
  - We continue to have approximately 800+ alumnae for whom we do not have an address. Gloria Kern has contacted many people and used many resources to update and improve our database. However, **we need your input to maintain an accurate database. If you have a name change, address change or know of a deceased graduate, please contact Gloria, Bernie, call the school to inform us or email the information to Bernie at [bkucsan@ptd.net](mailto:bkucsan@ptd.net) or via the hospital website.**
  - Work on a link to the hospital web site is completed. Go to either the school or hospital website and you will be able to get a message to the alumni and see current information. You will be able to download a change of status form and /or a form for dues payment. **Go to [www.mystlukesonline.org](http://www.mystlukesonline.org), and click on the alumni link.**
  - Class information or addresses - If you are updating your class information/addresses please share current data with the alumni association. Contact Gloria Kern – mail to the alumni association at P.O. Box 1857 or email [bkucsan@ptd.net](mailto:bkucsan@ptd.net). Or contact any board member. **Please Note – the new phone number to contact alumni board members is 610 954-3401 at the school. Your message will be relayed to the appropriate board member promptly.**
- Hospital Tours were conducted during Homecoming 2008 and included a tour of the nursing simulation lab.
- The cost of a temporary license to practice nursing, as required by the State of Pennsylvania was a gift to 2008 graduates.
- Kelley Ann McLaughlin Weber, Class of 1995 and current faculty member has been appointed as liaison the Alumni Association Board of Directors
- A business meeting was held at the Celebration of Nurses event on May 3rd to meet our requirement for one general meeting annually.

## Celebration of Nurses Social

This celebrates Florence Nightingale's birthday and all nurses. It is always held on the first Sunday in May. Brochures are mailed in April with pertinent information. The next celebration is scheduled for Sunday May 2, 2010.

**Homecoming Dates – are always scheduled for the Saturday closest to St. Luke's Day which is October 18.**

**Future Homecoming meeting dates are:**

**Saturday, October 17, 2009** – Keynote Speaker - Sandra Hayden, Class of 1959 , Topic – Nursing in a Leprosarium

125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Continuous Operation of the School of Nursing will be celebrated at a Brunch at the Best Western Hotel in Bethlehem.

**Saturday October 16, 2010** - Pricilla Payne Hurd Education Center at the Hospital

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## Jeopardy TV Show

In spring of this year, Stephanie Sathmary Decker, Class of 1981 attended a taping of the show. Imagine her surprise when one of the \$1000 questions was about St. Luke's School of Nursing being the oldest operating schools of nursing in the U.S. ! Many of us were able to tune in when the show aired because of her call to the school notifying when to watch. She was the only person in the room to know the answer - none of the contestants knew it!!

## Class of 2009

The graduation ceremony for 69 members of the class was held August 5, 2009.

**Alumni Association Awards** were presented to the following graduates:

M. Naomi Houser Award: - Susan Stahl

Julia S. Ritter Award – Jennifer Marks

Mary M. Younkin Award – Kelly Kimock

Eunice Smith Award:- Jessica Burns

Evangeline Coeyman Award – Joey Johnson

## Congratulations to Members of the Class of 1959, celebrating 50 years as professional nurses:

- Dolores Leindecker Alder\*
- Kathryn Talbot Aquinato
- Faylyn Rodowitch Boyle\*
- Barbara Borger Bullard
- Eleanor Seaman Bunko
- Kitty Townsend Burke\*
- Georgianne Kresge Casella
- Nancy Mack Clayton
- Margaret Repash Dales
- Susan Elliot Davies\*
- Elizabeth Gorman Ferguson
- Sandre Hawk Funk\*
- Kathleen O'Donnell Gardner
- Eileen Gebhart\*
- Rebecca Roeder Gehman
- Kathryn Clewell Gill
- Jane Unterlender Gillett
- Bernice Bauman Georgianni
- Mary Ann Moyer Goodine
- Arlene Richards Grebe
- Geraldine Koch Halteman
- Patricia Shaw Hand
- Rosemarie Petito Hare
- Ruth Jones Hassick
- Sandra Schaffer Hayden
- Barbara Vrabel Heidecker
- Charlotte Frey Herr\*\*
- Mildred Dodig Hettenbach
- Patricia Callan Johnson
- Barbara Kohler
- Frances Gaugler Landgreen\*
- Helen Stinner Leming
- Dawn Male Lewis
- Sara Cope Lindsley
- Patricia Gundrum McCormick
- Marie Hari Morano
- Patricia Palmer Moyer
- Nancy Stratton Nealy
- Beverly Quenan\*\*
- Mary Schmidt Rice
- Shirley Smith Rostkowski
- Freda Essio Scarpa
- Eileen Kusko Sharief\*\*
- Janet Wagner Sweeney
- Joyce Begies Szilagyi
- Antonia Josephine Thomas Visser\*
- Joyce Rusling Ward
- Patricia Morrison Weaver
- Barbara Joan Frantz Wright
- Louise Harris Young
- Regina Shiffert Young
- Marlene Linderman Zierdt

\* Indicates Deceased

\*\* Indicates - No Current Address

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## Deceased August 2008 through August 2009

Alma Beck	1930	2/04/2009
Mary Schuler Beil	1937	11/08/2008
Beatrice Gillispie Breisch	1946	3/09/2009
Mary Gradwohl Danish	1942	1/25/2009
Susan Elliott Davies	1959	2008
Elizabeth Stival Diehl	1957	4/17/2009
Miriam Mensinger Eddy	1931	12/14/2008
Mildred Ridilla Galitiski	1957	1/17/2009
Lorraine Kindred Groman	1951	7/29/2009
Nancy Heacock	1975	2008
Evelyn Marstellar Hein	1953	9/22/2008
Kathleen Resetar Holben	1950	3/09/2009
Janet Edelman Kleckner	1947	10/07/2008
Dorothy Shegina Howell	1945	3/03/2009
Thelma Raidline Kearney	1946	1/31/2009
Shirley Wolfe Letden	1958	7/17/2009
Gloria Jane Freefield Murray	1952	3/01/2009
Jean Ludwick Rogacs	1952	11/22/2008
Arlene Kuhns Roth	1940	4/04/2009
Dorothy Koons Smith	1933	12/04/2009
Beth Thomas Strohl	1940	12/23/2008
Dolores Free Tirrell	1948	8/08/2009
Donna korba Trimmer	1968	9/26/2008
Shirley Evans Van Horn	1957	3/08/2009
Amy Beth Williams	2006	2/08/2009
Elizabeth Smith Woodard	1945	11/17/2008
Shirley Shindel Yost	1952	8/21/2008
Joanne Ahlum Zamolyi	1960	1/31/2009

### A letter from the daughter of Beatrice Gillispie Breisch includes this excerpt:

*"She must have received some terrific training in your nursing school! The lessons and skills learned are following her into her 80's. They remain with her long after other memories have faded. Perhaps this message will serve as encouragement to students of today. If nursing is more to them than just a job, if it sits in their hearts as a lifestyle, then they have chosen the right path. I know my mother did".*

### Classes Celebrating Reunion in 2009:

1934, 1939, 1944, 1949, 1954, **1959 - 50 Years**, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004

### Classes Celebrating Reunions in 2010::

1935, 1940, 1945, 1950, 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005

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## **Missing Members of 2009 Reunion Classes:**

The following list contains the names of individuals in classes which are due for various reunions in 2009. If you know any of these alumnae or if you are willing to share an address, a new (married) name and/or someone is deceased, please have them contact Gloria Kern, Bernie Kucsan or any board member. Call the School of Nursing at 610 954-3401 or Bernie at 610 965-5523. You may also e-mail information via the St. Luke's website or directly to Bernie at bkucsan@ptd.net.

## **Class of 1934:**

Virginia Armitage Imes, Mary Jo Anastasi Pilling, Donna Smallwood Simmons

## **Class of 1939:**

Katherine Boucher Forsythe, Margaret Graham Hoag

## **Class of 1944:**

Jean Zemaitis Goyne, Daisy Summers Gray, Mary Stine La Croix, Ellen Lehman Nixon, Nancy Heller St. John, Theresa Dengler Walenski

## **Class of 1949:**

No information missing!

## **Class of 1954:**

Jean Torpey Coffin, Betty Dawalt Matthews, Sylvia McElvar Mitchie, Faye Ann Thomas Volk

## **Class of 1959:**

Charlotte Frey Hero, Beverly Quenan, Marguerite Horwath Sharief, Marlene Linderman Zierot

## **Class of 1964:**

Marjorie Hickock Baum, Carole Endicott Bissel, Carolann Danko Catalogne, Lynne Kichline Fee, Beverly Weaver Garcia, Carol Kale Laverty, Barbara Huhn Rundle, Barbara Silcox, Nancy McConnell Weiner

## **Class of 1969:**

Carole Hebrew Bella-Hebrew, M. Elaine Konkus Busch, Sharon Casey Crouse, Mary Glazer Fairchild, Catherine Flecksteiner, Maureen Dercole Herget, Mary Beltz Howowski, Celestine Kringer, Nannete Krum Krueger, Suzanne Preisler, Catherine Horvath Ruth, Gwyneth Evans Sample, Sharon Stout Schultz, Ann Mikewicz Sobocinski

## **Class of 1974:**

Pamela Gilbert Beal, Nanncy Argot Boileau, Barbara Sweeney Chodur, Judith Crook, Susan Siegfried Dilts, Wanda Butler Fioca, Judi Stish Giuliani, Linda Owens Good, Judith Brewen Jones, Linda Krajcar Koczirka, Mary Ann Krivak, Karen Maurer Lee-Benner, Patricia Heim McCurdy, Barbara Moses, Anita Coyman Mudrick, Sheryl Kline Shaffer, Judy Mack Smetzer, Barbara Christman Styer, Susan Mohn Titus, Julie Smith Tyson, Karen Lauritsen Van Sandt, Mary Anne Kostelnick West

## **Class of 1979:**

Judith Billig, Patricia Calaway, Karen D'Innocenzo, Kristin Hallburg, Bonnie Himmelwright, Pamela Gerberich Krall, Carla Riemer Malantonio, Susan Marhon, Mary Muldowney, Christine Payer, Maureen Flannery Roche, Sharon Sables, Lee Sadak, Lisa Galloway Whitehead

## **Class of 1984:**

Terri Ascani, Mary Azure, Kathy Yunkunis Bellino, Christine Borek, Debra Brinker, Debra Pomichhter Goldstein, Cindy Harwi, Kathryn Hertzog, Ann Kruczek, Diane Lynch, Betty Blosky Moran, Victoria Ferraro Moyer, Lisa Mullen, Donna Horvat Paterson, Michelle Derr Reigard, Leslie Brenneman Thum, Krista Trach Turner, Marylynn Woolaver

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## **Class of 1989:**

Tara Faust, Tracy Trainer Harrison, Michele Pisani

## **Class of 1994:**

Suzanne Anthony, Carole Chen, Michele Stauffer Cox, Nancy Eckstein, Michelle Gaffney, Tonya Keys Garland, Keri Johnson, Kim Marks, Crystal Troxell Miller, Terri Miller, Sandra Pletz, Jennifer Pongarelli, Pat Raniere, Lori Schneck, Sandra Schultz-Peter, Dinesh, Singh, Bernie Steffens, Patricia Tyson, Jessica Wargo

## **Class of 1999:**

Karen Benny, Stefanie Bilotta, Jessica Bisbee, Cheryl Stoneback Breard, Avery Bryant, Marlene Casseys Coach, Mary Cox, Laura Diehl, Elisa McCabe Fries, Selena Goodlin, Stephanie Keyser, Cheryl Kappes Klouda, Amy Coldren Marker, Andrea Furry Nansteel, Doreen Crosby Nolan, Karen Ratz O'Donnell, Sarah Ongori, Melissa Schadt, Katie Lauriano Theodoridis, Renee Lehr Troyan, Christine Trump, Yvonne Vincent

## **Class of 2004:**

Mary McCardle, Shannon Murphy, Molly Nye, Ursula Fuchs Porzio, Christine Rice

## **2008-2009 Board of Directors:**

- Ann Bockius Andres , Class of 1956
- Bonnie Rasich Budura, Class of 1974
- Rosemarie Bukics Hodrick, Class of 1958
- Barbara Rohn Frank, Class of 1971
- Gloria Kern, Class of 1952, Corresponding Secretary
- Sandra Epp Kimmel, Class of 1961
- Bernice La Bar Kucsan, Class of 1954, President
- Wendy Dennison Magocs, Class of 1978, Recording Secretary
- Ethel Stahr Pudleiner, Class of 1952
- Nancy Sames Ryan, Class of 1954
- Frank Rosssi, Class of 1986,
- Esther Jacoby Stefanik, Class of 1952
- Mary Ann Molnar Sysak, Class of 1973, Treasurer
- Evangeline Coeyman, Class of 1942. Honorary Member
- Kelley McLaughlin Weber, Class of 1995, School of Nursing Liaison to Alumni Board

## **Donations to Scholarship Fund – 2008**

### Memorial Donations:

- Nancy Sames Ryan (1954) - mother Mabel Haines Sames (1931)
- Esther Jacoby Stefanik (1952) - Catherine Shestosh
- Class of 1952 - Patricia Bitting Lynch, Jean Ludwick Rogacs, Gloria Freefield Murray, Shirley Shirdell Yob
- Deanne Pawelczyk Czar (1975) - mother Elsie Pikline
- Judith Keiser Bredahl (1968) - Carol Chrobocinski Taglang(1958)
- Judith Keiser Bredahl and Virginia Recicar (1968) - Carol Chobocinski Taglang (1958)
- "Lunch Bunch" - Jeanette Fodis Engellson, Iva Swavely Gingrich, Evelyn Schaeffer Hoffman (1951) - Lorraine Kindred Groman (1951)

### Scholarship

- Audrey Kressler Ritter(1957) - \$100 to Evangeline Schuler Coeyman Fund (1942)
- Class of 1968 - \$1220 memory of Donna Korba Trimmer (1968)
- Class of 1958 - \$3340 to Evangeline Schuler Coeyman Scholarship Fund (1942)

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## St. Luke's School of Nursing at Moravian College

The St. Luke's School of Nursing at Moravian College is pleased to offer the Third Annual Sipple Lecture.

- **Date:** Wednesday October 28, 2009
- **Time:** 5 to 7 pm
- **Place:** Foy Hall Auditorium, Hurd Campus at Moravian College
- **Topic:** Nursing Leadership in the 21st Century
- **Distinguished Speaker:** Karen Morin, DNS, RN, Professor and Director of the Philosophy Program in Nursing at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. Dr. Morin is the President Elect for Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society

The lecture is free and open to the public. St. Luke's School of Nursing Alumnae are particularly welcome to attend. Please **RSVP at 610 861-1660** if you plan to attend.

## Volunteers Needed for St. Luke's Hospital & Health Network

St. Luke's Hospital & Health Network is a dynamic institution. We are constantly evolving and growing. As an alumnae of St. Luke's School of Nursing, we would like to invite you to get involved with us. Become a volunteer and support the "assistive" needs at St. Luke's Allentown Campus, St. Luke's Bethlehem Campus, Quakertown, Miners Memorial, the VNA of St. Luke's or Hospice House on Black River Road in Bethlehem.

Experience has taught us that our retired nurses are some of the best volunteers because of their comfort level in a hospital environment. Something that may be intimidating to the public is familiar to a nurse. Like a hand in a glove, there is a good fit.

Examples of areas where a retired nurse can make a big impact are in the **OR Waiting Room and the Cancer Center at the Allentown Campus**, Monday - Friday. **Times are flexible** starting at 7:30 am and ending at 4 pm in **3 - 4 hour** time slots. The OR Waiting Room is located in the new East Tower. The position provides support for waiting families as the liaison to the Post Anesthesia Care Unit. The Cancer Center is located at the Integrated Health Campus and helps provide support to the patients and the staff.

Other opportunities include the Gift Shop and the Greeter/Concierge. For additional information, please call Georgine Winfield in Allentown at 610 770-8495.

If you would like to know more about the Bethlehem campus or any other campus, call Barbara Burger at 610 954-4673. Opportunities abound and we welcome your call.

## A Memorial Tradition

In the Lehigh Valley, we have begun a new tradition for our graduates who are newly deceased. When we see an obituary or are notified of the death of a St. Luke's School of Nursing graduate, we deliver a red rose and a "cap" to the funeral home. We have had very positive feedback from families who appreciate this gesture.

Because it is not possible to be aware of every graduate's death, we would request that perhaps each class would appoint a member to follow this new "tradition" for a classmate. If you are unable to provide a cap the red rose is a symbol of the school and a sign that classmates and/or other alumni care.

## Yearbooks Needed for the School of Nursing Library

If you have a yearbook or know of anyone willing to donate a yearbook, the following years are missing from the school's library: any before 1927, 1928 through 1946, 1948 - 1952, 1954, 1957, 1961 - 1966, 1968, 1972 - 1976, 1981 - 1988, 1994.

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## Membership Dues

At the Homecoming meeting last year, there was a unanimous vote by members present to increase the annual dues to \$20.00.

## 2009 Dues Notice

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Please complete this form, attach check and mail to: Alumni Association of St. Luke's School of Nursing, P.O. Box 1857, Bethlehem, PA 18016-1857

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Is married name new? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If applicable, any previous married name? It was \_\_\_\_\_

Address: Street, City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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Is address new within the last 5 years? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Optional:** Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate the effective dates of any corrections noted – address, new name, etc.**

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**Check is payable to Alumni Association of St. Luke's School of Nursing:**

Dues - \$20.00 Year (up to 25 years) \_\_\_\_\_

Dues - \$10.00 (after 25 years) \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Donation \_\_\_\_\_

Fundraiser Donation \_\_\_\_\_

You are not required to be present to win the fundraiser raffle.

NB: Dues and donations as tax deductible as designated by law. Your cancelled check is your receipt. Please mail dues and donations for receipt by October 1, 2008 to ensure receipt by the association before the Homecoming meeting. Send to:

St. Luke's Alumnae Association of St. Luke's School of Nursing  
P.O. Box 1857  
Bethlehem, PA 18016-1857