

The Western Pennsylvania Hospital
School of Nursing
Alumni Association Newsletter

Summer 2010

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here it is July/August and I am finally getting this letter to you. It is certainly not due to lack of thought . . .

ALUMNI

The alumni meetings are slowly declining in membership attendance. This president is concerned and is encouraging everyone living in the Pittsburgh area to attend the meetings. Reunion will be coming soon and we will need volunteers for preparation. If you are aware of anyone who does not receive a newsletter, please send their address to the alumni association. Many members have moved and did not update their addresses.

The class of 1960 is celebrating fifty years since graduation. The class started in August 27, 1957, with 106 starting students and ended with 51 graduates. Thirty-five alumni for 1960 have been located and sad to say eight are deceased. The celebration is scheduled for July 30 and 31, 2010, and the group will be touring the hospital, nurse's residence and ending with a Ducky tour.

GRADUATION

The *162th graduation of the School of Nursing, Class of 2010*, took place on June 25, 2010, with 41 graduating. Alumni members, faculty and students joined together to recite the nurses' prayer by "candle light". The Alumni Association was pleased to sponsor a reception for the graduates and guests immediately afterward.

Alumni Website

There is now an Alumni Web site where the officer names, alumni meetings, link for

Dues, address changes and other information will be available. The plan will be to send one newsletter per year and post other information in late fall.

To get to the Alumni Web site go to the West Penn Allegheny Health System Web site at www.wpahs.org and on the left side click on "Education" then on the next page click on "The Western Pennsylvania Hospital School of Nursing" and on this page scroll down to the heading "Alumni" and click on the link "Alumni Association". This site will be used for early information about the reunion, such as dates and the hotel. Please make sure you look at this site in 2011 for information about the next reunion in April 2012.

HOSPITAL NEWS

I am sure you have read about The Western Pennsylvania Hospital decreasing its services and number of nursing units. There are two School of Nursing classes presently enrolled. Their medical-surgical rotations will be at The Western Pennsylvania Hospital, Allegheny General Hospital, and Forbes Regional Hospital. The plans are for the school to continue. The Alumni Newsletter will give updates about the school and its activities as usual.

ALUMNI OFFICERS

The officers for 2010-2011 are as follows:

- President: Patricia Black, RN
- Secretary: Elizabeth Bachtel, RN
- Treasurer: Rosemaria Elm, RN;
Mirella Ferrar, RN

MEETING DATES

The *meetings for the rest of 2010* are as follows:

- Tuesday, September 14, 2010
- Tuesday, December 7, 2010 (location to be determined)
- All meetings (except December) are in the School of Nursing, Room 319, at 6 p.m.

ENDOWMENT

The Alumni Association continues to support the ***Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund*** in the memory of our special nurses. This is also a great way for you to recognize friends, classmates, mentors and colleagues. Hopefully, you will continue to make donation(s) to the fund. A form is enclosed on the next page. Please be sure to make any checks out to the WPH FOUNDATION and NOT to the Alumni Association. Thanks!

IN MEMORIUM

The Alumni Association has been notified of the following deaths:

Edward Angell		Wilma Jean Wilson Kachner	1938
Maureen Rusnock	1951	Mary Lou McKeag Miller	1948
Elizabeth Ruefle Geisler	1947	Dot Pearce Cox	1969
Mildred Gerstbrein		Vivian Guesman Pisani	1956
Alice Caldwell Forney		Janet Lynn Piatt Randolph	1968
Marian Butler Kissler	1941	Marian Cuning	
Richard A. Uhrin Jr	2004		
Marilyn Bonnell Allen			

AND LASTLY

It is dues time once again.
Good bye for now fellow alums . . .

Sincerely,

Patricia Black, RN President

