

Alumni News



Saint Marys School of Nursing

Summer, 2007

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings to all Alumni,

What a year 2006 was for our Centennial Celebration of the school's founding in 1906. The response and attendance to the Reunion was wonderful. 550 Alumni returned for the event. Graduates from classes of 1935 thru 1970 attended. Olga Held Moen from 1935 attended with her daughter, Carolyn Hazlett. Olga traveled from Wyoming. A pleasure to meet and visit with a gracious lady. Friday afternoon a coffee was held at Saint Marys with Sister Generose welcoming the returning Alumni. The Centennial Committee served coffee and tea with hats and gloves like the "days of yore". Mass celebrating the class of 1956, was held at 4:30 in the Chapel. Later that evening, the Alumni participated in a wine and hors d'oeuvres party in the Gonda Atrium which is part of the Mayo Clinic downtown. Over 600 people attended. Saturday morning a bus tour of Rochester filled four buses. The Class of 1956 spent the afternoon honored at a brunch. Many Alumni attended Marianne Hockema's Franciscan Five Presentation. The day was complete with the annual banquet. We were entertained by Murtice Robinson Sherek and members of her class of 1961. They presented a style show with models portraying Edith Graham Mayo, a probie with the appropriate uniform with the Peter Pan collar, uniforms used throughout the years, a "pink" service uniform used by the students when working for pay, a Cadet Corp uniform worn by Cadet students during WWII, Sisters wearing the white and brown habits, formal wear for a "tea", including hat, gloves and nylons with seams, a swimsuit of the 1950's era, a portrayal of Evalyne Collins, and a trench coat with pajama legs rolled up for cafeteria or chapel wear. The class of 1967's, Triple Trio assisted us with "In Your Quiet Halls Saint Marys." A CD of their album was given to attending Alumni. Sunday morning we celebrated with an Ecumenical Church Service followed by a brunch. The music and service were wonderful and emotional with Alumni in tears. Father Dean Marek and Pastor Les Horntvedt officiated.

The response I received following the reunion was overwhelming. The 150 plus emails and cards you sent were a welcomed surprise. Thank you all. The committee did an outstanding job and I want to once again thank them for their successful efforts. The committee: Gladys Perko Born '54, Marilyn Piper Fryer '55, Jane Campion '55, Dona Haes Hanson '56, Carolyn Jacobson House '61, Murtice Robinson Sherek '61, Brenda Rizzo Rossman '67, Virginia Simons Wentzel '59 and Marian Piper Paxhia '52 who got the ball rolling by facilitating the first session. A thank you also to Mary Kennedy Price '66 who each year is responsible for the Alumni coffee.

The Memorabilia Room in Marian Hall continues to be a work in progress. We will continue to sort, date and organize old letters, photos, and other items of interest. Our hopes are that

what we are doing presently will last for many years. The proceeds from Sincere Et Constanter will benefit this project.

This year the reunion will be celebrating graduates of classes ending in 2 and 7.

We are continuing to pursue our plan to have a bronze statue of a Saint Marys student nurse to be placed on the grounds of Saint Marys. A petition was circulated at the Sunday brunch by the Class of '55 and sent to the Mayo Clinic. I will keep you posted on our progress with this project.

After the Reunion, I left for the Persian Gulf again spending a month there. I then accompanied my friend to parts of the world for two weeks. We traveled to Malaysia, Bali, Singapore, Australia, New Zeland, and Maldives. An exhausting trip. Holidays were spent with my four children and families in Saint Louis. After the holidays I spent three weeks in Jordan and Egypt which included a five day cruise down the Nile. An awesome part of our world. Arriving back in Rochester, I headed to Florida for three weeks. My traveling for the summer is visiting my five grandchildren in Madison and Saint Louis.

Life and retirement continues to be blessed with good health, family and friends and I hope this is true for each of you. My prayers are with you and please continue with your correspondence. I enjoy hearing from you and appreciate all the news you send. Safe journey to Alumni returning for the fall reunion.

Sincerely,

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ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

The general meeting of Saint Marys School of Nursing Alumni Association was called to order by president Monica Van Kirk on September 30, 2006 at the annual alumni banquet. The minutes of the 2005 annual meeting were read. There were not corrections or comments on the above reports. Mary Kennedy Price '66 gave the treasurer's report. The assets ending June 30, 2006 are: \$59,543.14. The Centennial Celebration bills have not yet all been paid.

Vanguard	\$7,619.75
Wells Fargo	
Savings	\$1,736.90
Checking	\$30,903.80
Mayo Credit Union	
Savings	\$2,195.42
1 yr. CD	\$3,702.17
3 yr. CD	\$13,384.76

