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## This & That from Gayle

\*I am excited to serve as your President! M-K alumni have thrilling events to experience in the coming years. The board has reviewed/discussed suggestions from the Reunion Day Survey. Some changes to improve your reunion experience may be forthcoming.

\***Mark your calendars...**2018 will be an all school reunion year to celebrate our 100th anniversary. The board is currently asking for volunteers to serve on a committee to plan for the big event. Yes, it seems many years off but they will rapidly pass by. Please consider helping plan & execute this special celebration. I would love to hear from you with your special memories of your days at M-K.

\* The Historic Preservation committee keeps amazing me with their innovative plans to keep our treasures intact and share them with the world. The display at History of Medicine Library introduces visitors to the role of M-K nurses over the years in Rochester. I am grateful for the interest Mayo has shown to assist us in the preservation of memories via our historic materials.

\*A personal **Thanks** to all the board and committee members and class representatives for all the time & effort put forth to keep our alumni association functioning.

\*I am not a "snowbird" or "Q-tip" who spends Minnesota winters somewhere south. I enjoy looking out the window at the snow while soaking the warmth from my real wood burning fireplace. (Who cuts, splits, loads the wood box and makes the fire...Mr. Miller, of course!). So please e-mail or call me with ideas, suggestions or comments on how we can improve our association & Reunion Day. I view my role as President to serve the M-K alumni & guide us forward as a group. You can reach me at [irnutmeg@msn.com](mailto:irnutmeg@msn.com) or 507-867-4732 home or 507-421-8426 cell.

\*The happiest of holiday seasons to you all.

Gayle Walters Miller '68 President

### Reunion 2010

#### Classes 5 and 0

September 24 and 25 2010

Heritage Hall

Kahler Grand Hotel

Rochester, MN.

## Methodist-Kahler Alumni Association Board of Directors 2009-2010

President .....Gayle Walters Miller '68  
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Historic Preservation .....Carol Ann Wallace '55

## 2018

What does it mean to you, besides being another year older? It is the year we celebrate our schools 100 anniversary.

This occasion will require a great deal of planning, so the M-K Board is asking for some of the alumni to volunteer to help plan this celebration, remember 100 years only comes around once, so don't be timid.

The planning has to begin soon so we can book the place and other activities. so put your thinking cap on and volunteer.

## 2010 Reunion Class Representatives

### 1930, 1935 and 1940 Board of Directors

The Alumni Board will be happy to greet you.

### 1945 Florence Schubert

It's hardly believable. We will be celebrating 65 years since we graduated, took State Boards and became full-fledge members of the Nursing Profession. Hopefully, as many of us as possible will plan on attending this great 65th reunion. If you cannot attend, please send me a summary of your life since graduation. We have wonderful stories to tell about our experiences. I don't do e-mail but I would be happy to hear from you the old fashioned way! I will share your letters at the reunion.

Florence Schubert, RN., Ed.D

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### 1950 Board of Directors

The Alumni Board will be happy to greet you on your return for your 60th reunion.

### 1955 Geri Meyers Griebenow

I want to encourage all of you to attend our 55th reunion on Sept. 24th and 25th 2010. Friday night will be the usual get together at RMH and the 25th is the big reunion day. Please come.

If you have any questions now, or when you get here, call me.

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### 1960 Shirley Anderson Ackerman

#### A Special Invitation for the Class of 1960

It was 1960....Elvis ended his two year hitch with the U.S. Army," Only the Lonely," was released by Roy Orbison,

the first weather satellite was launched AND the Class of 1960 graduated from Methodist-Kahler School of Nursing. A 50th anniversary is a special event, whether it is a wedding or a high school class. An upcoming special event is the 50th M-K Class of 1960 Reunion, will be celebrated with informal event on Friday evening September 24th at Rochester Methodist Hospital with the main event on Saturday September 25th, 2010.

If you were a member of the class at any time, please join us to reminisce, renew old acquaintances and honor those who passed along life lessons that we carry in our hearts. Hope to see you there, friends.

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### **1965 Helen Lichtblau Myers Greetings to the Class of 1965**

Are you ready to see all your classmates after forty-five years? Make plans now to attend your 45th reunion. It is always fun to take that trip down memory lane.

If you have not been to Rochester recently, you will be amazed at the changes. The historic presentation that Carol Ann Wallace has put together and will present on "60 Years o Kahler and M-K History" is absolutely amazing. You will not want to miss it. The dates are September 24 and 25, 2010.

If you are unable to attend, please send a picture and your story so that we can share it. If you have any questions, I would be happy to help.

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### **1970 Chris Birkholz Tangalos Greetings class of 1970**

Can you believe it has been 40 years since graduation? I was surprised when I got the call to invite you to the reunion. I had trouble grasping that 5 years had passed so quickly. It seemed like only yesterday that we were together for our 35th reunion.

We did not change then and I fully expect us to be the same this time around. Well, at least until we look at old pictures! For those who were unable to attend the last event, it was really a very nice time and we missed you.

We should be able to have a good turn out in 2010. No M-K class is younger and more vigorous than us. I am anxious to see and visit with each and every one of you. Bring pictures, share stories, tell tales and talk both about work, retirement, second jobs, new passions, kids, grandchildren and perhaps even great-grandkids. I

will bring pictures of our dog.

Rochester has changed a lot, even in the last five years. The medical campus continues to grow and there are even signs of a nightlife downtown. Yes, Dayton's moved to Apache Mall a long time ago and is now no more, but the old building still stands and is now the Rosa Parks Pavilion with Red Lobster on the main level. For those who remember the Galleria and the third floor movie theaters, that's now part of the new University of Minnesota campus complete with a U of M gift shop. For those of you who may have vanished from Rochester never to return, the Chateau Theater became a Barnes and Noble bookstore over two decades ago.

The reunion committee has some great activities planned and September should be fine for some exploration and life outdoors. I am looking forward to seeing each and every one of you. Let's strive for our best turn out ever. Come join us! Chris Birkholz Tangalos

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### **Question from the President for your consideration**

One of the three purposes of the M-K Alumni Association listed in our By-Laws states "to preserve, uphold, and support professional nursing". During the November board meeting I challenged the group to consider how the alumni association meets this purpose. I am asking for your input on establishing a M-K nursing scholarship to be given yearly at the Mayo Medical Center for nurses to attend educational seminars or further their nursing education. I believe that would fulfill our By-Laws purpose and leave an ongoing legacy of the high standard of nursing the M-K School of Nursing represents.

Funds could be generated through designated memorials/gifts and donations from alumni and their families (especially since we no longer have an M-K library to donate to). Yes, we will have to raise significant dollars initially but after that the fund would be self sustaining. I am currently working with the department at Mayo that handles the nursing scholarships to establish a dollar amount that would be needed. We will be able to set our own criteria for that scholarship. The only time frame for establishment would be when we have generated sufficient funds.

I have faith that if you as alumni feel the scholarship a worthy purpose together we can make it happen.

Please e-mail me or call or send via US Post mail your thoughts, comments or questions. You can reach me at [irnutmeg@msn.com](mailto:irnutmeg@msn.com) or 507-867-4732 home or 507-421-8426 cell.

## DEATHS

Edith Burnham Schrader '34  
Mary Danver Anderson '38  
Janet Caldbeck Post '40  
Mary Flora Morrison '42  
Shirley Ueland Erickson '44  
Donnabelle Casey '46  
Edith Koster Daykin '46  
Anita Prichard Martin '47  
Alice Krieger Cahill '49  
Marjorie Fish '49  
Joyce Hanson Frank '49  
Lois Butler Johnson '49  
Barbara Morey Sletten '59

## MEMORIALS

Edith Burnham Schrader '34  
from Mary Burnham Asprey '51  
  
Donnabelle Casey '46  
from Marjorie Olsen Harned '45  
  
Virginia Nehring Utz '54  
from Donna Hauth Lee '54  
  
Fred Wiebusch  
from Gayle Burk Kylo '52

*Happy Holidays*