

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

Monica commented on a letter written several months ago to the CEO and Board of Trustees at the Mayo Clinic for the Alumni's request to erect a statue commemorating the Saint Marys School of Nursing. As of this date there have been no response. It was the consensus of the Alumni for us to continue to pursue this and if Mayo will not pay for the project, the Alumni would do so.

Questions were answered regarding the future of Saint Marys School of Nursing Alumni Association and the continuing of the reunions. Monica explained how funds are used and the Mayo Clinic's contribution each year.

There was no further business conducted.

During the course of the evening's events, Monica introduced the planning committee. Marian Piper Paxhia '52 spoke of the caring tradition of the school's graduates.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Simons Wentzel '59 Secretary

REUNION PARKING & LODGING

Parking is complimentary in the Rochester City Public Ramps beginning at 5 p.m. Friday thru Sunday. Mayo and Kahler Hotel ramps charge a fee. Parking for Sunday Mass and farewell coffee is free. Park on the flat lot east of the hospital on Second Street. Parking of the handicap is available in the hospital ramps.

The Kahler Hotel is offering a lodging discount if reservations are placed by August 24. Identify yourself as SMSN Alumni. Rates this year are \$75.

507-282-2281 or toll free 1-800-533-1655

REUNION DATES

September 15, 16, 2007

September 13, 14, 2008

September 12, 13, 2009

September 11, 12, 2010

We will continue to host the Fall Reunions through the year 2020, when the Class of 1970 celebrate their 50th.

ALUMNI NOTES

Helen Unland Hurlburt, sister of Doris Unland '36 sent various service pins and framed retirement pictures of her sisters, Doris.

Granddaughters of Jean Birmingham Early 1910 sent a Primary Nursing Technique book dated 1908. This is the oldest item in our Memorabilia collection.

Grace Obata Amemiya '46 sent the book, "Nisei Cadet Nurses of World War II, Patriotism in Spite of Prejudice" by Thelma Robinson. This has been added to the Memorabilia Room. Three SMSN graduates are on the cover of the book and many others interviewed for the book.

Elizabeth Staudt Wilkie '32 sent a change of address. Elizabeth is 98 years old.

Diana Ball a niece of Eva Monigal '47 wrote of Eva's death. Diana's mother, Theresa Monigal Ball '48 is a graduate of SMSN.

Eleanor Plein Sena '46 sent photos of early student years.

Barbara Bergevin Ferriz, former Sister Rochon (taught neuro and OB) requesting to be placed on mailing list.

Sister Cashel Weiler '59 has authored a book of Christian poetry, "One Soul's Journey to Find Streams of Water in the Desert".

Jeanne Farley Schmieg '45 wrote she enjoys the newsletter although it has not been convenient to attend reunions. Jean has been retired for 22 years.

Lanis Wallskog McKinney '65 received the registration fee for the Centennial Reunion as a birthday gift from her sister, Jill Huygens.

Mary Genevieve Abbott Smith '46, sent her address and memories of Saint Marys.

Olga Held Moen '35 daughter, Carolyn Hazlett sent early photos of student life.

Gertrude Quinn Johnson '33 sent a 95th birthday invitation which was of her SMSN graduating photo.

Jennie Paananen Hays '54 sent regrets she could not attend the Centennial Celebration. Jennie sends special greetings to her class of '54.

Helen Keily Cunliff '33 sent greetings and a summary of her experiences as a nurse in training & since graduation.

Thelma Bakken Hottel '47 sent regrets and disappointment she was unable to attend the Reunion.

Barbara Schommer Engel '56 sent memories of working summer days and nights in non air-conditioned Saint Marys. The old saying that "Horses sweat, men perspire and women glisten" just wasn't true during my 1953-1956 years at Saint Marys. Barbara asked Sister Amadeus why students had to work so much night duty. Sister said, "it was good experience to make us fit to be competent nurses". But, truthfully, we were fit to be tied.

Clara Ferring Guider '32, her daughter wrote of her death and shared some memories her mother, Clara had of SMSN. "I can attest to the fact that the school and the education received was a major part of my mother's life".

Mary Cooper Goldis '51 wrote she was invited to a Sun Cities West Nurses Club and approached by SMSN grads, Norma Chaska & Bernadette Olson. Small world.

SMSN ALUMNI WEBSITE

We have a website through the Mayo Clinic. <http://www.mayo.edu/alumni/> click on Saint Marys School of Nursing Alumni, or do a search on Google for SMSN Alumni Association. Included on the site is reunion and board information, a brief history of our school, transcript request location and the current newsletter. Hopefully, we will be able to add some photos.

TRANSCRIPTS

Transcripts are available by writing:

Mayo Records Management

North Warehouse 1-117

105 5th Street NW

Rochester, MN 55901

Your request must include your name, maiden name, the year you graduated, and your current address. There's no charge for transcripts.

2007 SMSN ALUMNI REUNION

Schedule of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
September 15	Brunch for Class of '57 & guests Parking is complimentary at Michaels and city ramps	11 am-1 pm	Michaels Restaurant
	Banquet for all alumni & guests		
	Social Hour	5:30-6:30 pm	Kahler Hotel Subway Level
	Dinner	6:30-9:30 pm	Windsor Room Subway
	Photo Session	Follows dinner	Windsor Room
September 16	Mass for alumni & guests Parking: flat lot east of Domitilla Building, Second St., Saint Marys Hospital	8:30 a.m.	Saint Marys Chapel
	Farewell Coffee	Following Mass	Sisters Dining Room
	Dining room is located on main floor Domitilla		

(Cut here and mail in registration form)

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____ CLASS _____
(first) (maiden) (married)

ADDRESS _____ EMAIL _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

Brunch (class of '57 & guests only)

☐ I will attend (complimentary)

Brunch and banquet are complimentary for members of the Class of 1957

☐ Not attending

☐ Number of guests (\$15.00)

Banquet

☐ I will attend \$35.00

☐ Not attending

☐ Number of guests (\$35)

Coffee

☐ I will attend

☐ Not attending

☐ Number of guests

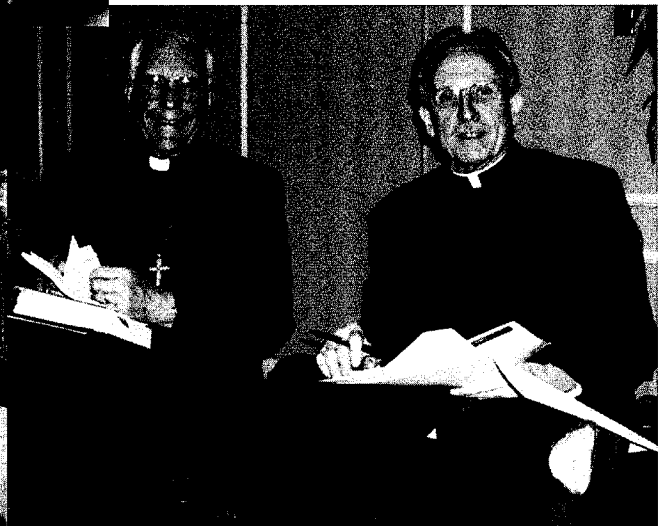
Class photo (for classes of '42, '47, '52, '57, '62, '67)

☐ I am enclosing \$8.00 for photo. Please mail me a copy of my class photo. Photos will be mailed in November.

PAYMENT MUST BE ENCLOSED WITH YOUR RESERVATIONS

Detach this reservation form and mail with appropriate payment **NO LATER THAN AUGUST 31** to: **SMSN Alumni Association, Siebens 533, Alumni Center, 200 SW 1st St., Rochester, MN 55905**. Checks payable to: **SMSN Alumni Association**. **TICKETS WILL NOT BE MAILED.**

Centennial Celebration 1906-2006





McManhon's, Callahan's, McReady's, and Sullivan's . . . to go with the first name of Mary, Margaret, Colleen and Bridget. He thought for sure he was back in Ireland. When he asked about the high number of with "Auld Sod" monikers, one answer he got was, "Well we were taught, from the time we were at our mother's knee to be kind, and to be of help if we could". There were no end of stories. War stories, travel stories, airport delay stories, and life stories. They were keen observers of the world around them and eager to share their experiences. The Old Curmudgeon and many of his readers owe their very lives to nurses. Probably a good idea to thank the very next one that you see.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

We want to keep you informed of alumni news and future dates of reunions.

Remember to include the Alumni Association of any change of addresses. You can email or mail the changes to me or to the Siebens address. Return mail is costly to the Alumni.

CLASS OF 1957

We have several unknown addresses for the following Alumni;

Charlotte Bristoe Moreland, Mary Concannon, Mary Ellen Dempsey Kettlekamp, Barbara Knope Pierce, Anna Mae Kruger Roethler, Margo Lane Crawford, Doris Gibson Long, Janice Hammer Palmer, Eva Harris, Mary Ann Kater Warpinske, Freda Weeks Tollbom, Frances Welsh Sills.

If you have any information concerning missing '57 Alumni please contact:

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