



# RIVERSIDE – WHITE CROSS ALUMNI

## February 2005 Newsletter

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Plans are well underway for the Annual Spring Luncheon - Saturday, May 7, 2005 at 11:30 am in the Employee Cafe here at Riverside Methodist Hospital. Feel free to come as early as 10:45 am to visit with friends and colleagues. We have invited some special guests and also will hear an overview of the new Center for Medical Education and Innovations.

The CME&I incorporates the most advanced, innovative medical technologies available today and will allow multidisciplinary training of medical professionals along the full continuum of care, from physicians, nurses, residents, paramedics and emergency technicians. It features three distinct areas of focus, including the Virtual Care Unit, the Laboratory Skills Center, and a high-tech Conference Suite. The Virtual Care Unit includes settings of an intensive care unit, emergency room, operating room, and trauma simulation, enabling training for a variety of scenarios in a single location.

The technology used in the Virtual Care Unit will be the first of its kind outside of the military, and will be the only non-military site that combines the Virtual Care Unit technology with disaster preparedness and mass casualty training.

And just as important, the center illustrates how not for-profit community healthcare organizations, like Riverside and OhioHealth invest the revenues they generate into people, facilities, and technologies that improve the quality of care and service they provide to the communities they serve.

Also, to be showcased at the May 7th luncheon will be wood replicas of White Cross Hospital. The sale of the wood replica of Riverside Hospital was so successful that we thought we must also provide such an opportunity for the White Cross Alumni Nurses. These replicas are beautiful and will be for sale at the luncheon. The cost will be \$20.00 each.

In closing - we look forward to seeing all of you at the May luncheon - we will enjoy a wonderful lunch followed by a speaker and then a tour of the new CME&I center.

**Rita J. Smith (1966)**  
RWC Alumni President

### NEXT ALUMNI MEETING

Mark your calendars! Don't miss it!

Our next Alumni Association meeting is Tuesday March 22, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

Riverside Health Center  
500 Thomas Lane  
(Behind the hospital)  
Atrium Level Classrooms



Topic: Ohio Law and the Practice of Nursing

### DID YOU KNOW

The next newsletter will be mailed in early April. Deadline for news items is Friday April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Make sure you notify us of address changes, as the US Post Office does NOT forward our newsletter.

### 2005 DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Alumni Meeting
Saturday May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Reunion Luncheon
Tuesday Sept 27 <sup>th</sup>	Alumni Meeting
Saturday Dec 10 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Holiday Luncheon

### THANK YOU

February 2005

Dear Nursing Colleagues,

We are very appreciative of your generous \$3000.00 contribution toward the support of Nursing Grand Rounds at Riverside Methodist Hospital. As you may recall, these monthly programs are presented by Registered Nurses on a topic related to an area of nursing practice. Attendees may earn 1.0 contact hour of continuing education credit and also enjoy a lunch of pizza, salad, and a beverage. I have enjoyed seeing some of you at these programs and hope to meet more of you in the future.

Sincerely,  
Mary Ann Wilcox, MSN, RN, BC  
Chief Nursing Officer

## **CELEBRATING A REUNION IN 2005?**

START PLANNING NOW!

The following classes will be celebrating special reunions at our May 2005 Reunion Luncheon.

1930 – 75 years  
1935 – 70 years  
1940 – 65 years  
1945 – 60 years  
1950 – 55 years  
1955 – 50 years  
1960 – 45 years  
1965 – 40 years  
1970 – 35 years  
1975 – 30 years  
1980 – 25 years  
1985 – 20 years  
1990 – 15 years



Our Membership Secretary, **Patty Persinger Reed (1977)**, has a large database file of active Alumni members and may be able to help you find that long lost classmate. Contact Patty at 1839 Ramblewood Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43235 or by email at [preciouspatty@columbus.rr.com](mailto:preciouspatty@columbus.rr.com)

And our Newsletter Editor, **Pamela Ann Martin (1973)**, can post your messages here in the newsletter and on our Internet Website to help you locate everyone on your list. Items of interest can be sent to Pam at 392 Yarmouth Lane, Columbus, Ohio, 43228 or sent by e-mail to: [rwcalumni@aol.com](mailto:rwcalumni@aol.com)

## **ATTENTION CLASS OF 1950**

This year, 2005, is our 55th year since graduating from White Cross Hospital School of Nursing. So let's make a concerted effort to gather at the May Reunion Luncheon to be held at Riverside Methodist Hospital. Details will be in your alumni newsletter. For out of town classmates The Fairfield Inn, 3031 Olentangy River Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43202, 614-267-1111 is in close proximity to the hospital. I would appreciate you publishing the names of our classmates whose addresses we don't have. They are: **Charlene Laird Pierce, Charlotte Lesline Earnhart, Jeanne Lewis Finneran, Joan McMannis Keller, JoAnn Murphy Underwood, and Hazel Unger Hoover.** Again thanks for your help.

Sincerely,  
**Eleanor Lee Davis Goldenbagen (1950)**  
5578 Chowning Way  
Columbus, Ohio 43213  
614-577-9398

## **ATTENTION CLASS OF 1965**

Would you be kind enough to post a notice in the next newsletter asking class members from 1965 to contact me about a get together? They can email me at [bechdolt@aol.com](mailto:bechdolt@aol.com) **Diane Hartney, Cherrie Cherrington**, and I are the locals and are willing to organize something, if we can find enough people. Thank you. **Betsy Eal Bechdolt**

## **ATTENTION CLASS OF 1955**

The annual Luncheon is coming up May 7, 2005 and the RWC Alumni Association recognizes those classes celebrating their special years. I'm encouraging all you classmates, who are within driving distance of Columbus, to make a special effort to attend for our 50<sup>th</sup>. Riverside Methodist Hospital has once again offered to host the luncheon and they really "put out the red carpet" for us last year. (We were escorted from the parking garage to the luncheon area.) Look forward to seeing you there! P.S. Does anyone know the whereabouts of **Charlotte Snider Cordes**? We do not have her address. Thanks. **Martha Melissa Staker (1955)**

## **NEWS AND NOTES**

**Barbara Lilly Cranston Rife (1965)** has a new e-mail address. It is: [bcransto@columbus.rr.com](mailto:bcransto@columbus.rr.com)

Please change my email address AGAIN for the Feb. issue of the newsletter. So sorry to put you to all this work but my husband has had computer problems and decided to go with a different provider that just became available in our area. Thanks for all your hard work. It's great to be able to keep in touch with old friends through the newsletter. My new Email is [candlsteen@comcast.net](mailto:candlsteen@comcast.net) **Cheryl Rectanus Steen (1964)**

I just accessed the page for "members" and realized that my e-mail address is not correct. It's been changed to [judy@sunnydaze.us](mailto:judy@sunnydaze.us). Also, can you verify for me that the reunion luncheon for our class (1960) is on Sat. May 7th? I need to make arrangements to attend. Thanks. I appreciate your efforts to keep us informed. **Judy Anderson Schmitt**

Email correction: the correct email address for **Judy Rhodes Martin (1968)** is: [jmarti05@lolcollege.edu](mailto:jmarti05@lolcollege.edu) (that's a zero and a five... the rest are little o's)

I just wanted you to know my email has changed to [pbparr@hotmail.com](mailto:pbparr@hotmail.com) The website looks great. Thanks! **Pamela Harris Parr (1970)**

Ever consider putting a historical display on the website of the different pins, caps, uniforms, etc. from the various stages the school has gone through? I know the hospital has a great display off the parking deck, but there are a lot of us out here who enjoy studying the history of nursing in the state and thought this might be interesting to see. My wife and I are both RNs and have a collection of vintage nursing items in our home office that we enjoy very much. You have an excellent alumni site. HAPPY HOLIDAYS... Jim Wiandt CRNA, Coshocton, Ohio. Email is: snoozeac@localnet.com

I would like to obtain my transcripts from RWC. Any assistance with this would be appreciated. Thank you, **Kathy Pifer Russell (1972)**

*Debbie Hartman, Transcription Services, is the contact person for our nursing transcripts. She just needs a signed consent from the student, the student's name at time of graduation, and where the transcripts need to be sent. There is no charge. You can fax your request to 614-566-6797 or mail it to Medical Records, with attention to Debbie. She can be reached via email at hartmad@ohiohealth.com*

**From the November 04 Newsletter...** *Does anyone know the current whereabouts of a nurse by the name of Ann Chappelle who came to work at RMH in 1962 or '63? I've never been in touch with her since I left Columbus and, frankly, we were not close friends but I remember that she told me that her father was killed during the invasion at Normandy in 1944, that she never knew him and was raised by a stepfather; she said how much she would like to go someday to see his headstone. My husband and I just returned from a trip to France and in Normandy, at the huge American cemetery, I looked for and found that headstone. I would love to share our experience and photos with her, especially if she never made the trip personally. She was petite, pretty, and dark-haired and had a bit of a lisp, but I can't even remember where she came from. But maybe, just maybe, one of you knew - and still knows - her and will help me get in touch. Thanks - **Barb Weidner Ike (1962)** (email: a2ike@aol.com)*

**And Barb's follow-up story...** It's been chaotic around here thru the Holiday, but I have a minute now and I'd better tell you the story before the details slip my mind. Happy New Year! Before I even received my copy of the RWC Alumni Newsletter, I got an email from Pam Martin with Marvine Turner Wyrick's '65 name and phone number; Marvine had called Pam to say she thought she could get in touch with Anne Chappelle! I called her right away (she lives in Pickerington), she had gone to great lengths to contact Anne's half-sister (with the help of Marvine's mother and a friend in New Lexington), and that

(Cont.) required the use of a TDD operator. Thanks to her perseverance and ingenuity, she had found out how I could contact Anne. It turns out that Marvine and Anne both graduated from New Lexington High School (in fact, Anne graduated with Dick Willison, husband of my classmate, Kay Kisor '62) but I didn't remember that - or I never knew it. Anne answered the phone in Alpharetta, Georgia when I called that evening and we had a wonderful 'reunion' chat. I forgot that she came to RMH from Good Samaritan Hospital in Zanesville in '62 with Marsha Myers, who was also a friend of mine, way back when. Anne's been married to Alex Wernick for 42 years, has 4 children and 2 grandchildren. What fun to catch up after all this time! She recently retired from many years of oncology nursing. Anne and her husband have traveled to France but never to Normandy, so I was thrilled to tell her that we had found her father's grave and that I would send her a picture of the white cross that bears his name, one of 10,000 American graves. As we spoke of it more, however, it became clear that there was more than one Ohioan named Chappelle killed during the allied invasion in 1944. The marker we had found in the American Cemetery in Colleville-sur-mer, France was engraved with "Thomas J. Chappelle" and Anne's father's name was Frederick Dale. She has documentation that he's buried in a cemetery called St. James, somewhere in Normandy. So it turns out that my dear friend and RWC classmate, Bobbie Redman Donley, her husband, John, my husband, Ron and I searched for, found, stood and grieved at the wrong spot. We had the right man in our minds, however, the Dad that Anne never knew. Our sympathies, our patriotic pride, and our solemn gratitude were heartfelt but they were expressed a few miles off target. Nonetheless, our trip to France was perhaps more special to us since there was this personal mission attached and we enjoyed having a sentimental reason for visiting that immaculate, impressive cemetery. Thanks to the RWC Newsletter and its readers and some diligent detective work by Marvine, I was able to renew my acquaintance with Anne. One thing for sure, if we ever go to Normandy again, we'll search for St. James Cemetery and express our condolences directly to the proper hero. **Barbara Weidner Ike (1962)**

I am trying to find information on the **Nightingale Cottage for Convalescent Children**. I noticed that I have seen it mentioned a couple times in your newsletters that I have come across online, and I didn't know if anyone could help me or direct me in the direction to find more information. I am looking for my stepmother's brother who spent time there when he was born and diagnosed with polio. Thank you for your time and any assistance you can give me. Kim Sobers (email: ksobers@unitedprecast.net)

Pam: A bit of news and I would like to know if anyone else has had a Cochlear Implant. I am sure most nurses that knew me, would remember that I had problems with my hearing. Now at the age of 78 I have had this Cochlear implant on Feb 22 and will next week have it hooked to the processor so that I can learn how to hear all over again. I have 2 boys and both of them have had these implants and have gotten along so well. Pam, I might add since you knew, **Kristy Lewis Leiter (1973)**, my daughter, that she is now wearing a hearing aid This is a genetic thing and all 5 of my children are starting to have some problems. The Dr. and the people at UNC are anxious to do a study of this. Enjoy the newsletter very much. **Helen Jeweldeen (Linson) Dove (1947)**

**Thelma Eileen Dunn Griswold (1945)** passed away February 4, 2005, after complications from surgery, in Gainesville, FL. She is survived by 5 sons, two of which are RN's; Bill of Red Wing, Minnesota, Jim & Mike in Gainesville, Florida, Dave in Atlanta, Georgia and Pat in Pennsylvania. Her husband, Ralph, died December 24, 2002. A memorial will be held at the Lakewood Country Club, February 20th at 4:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Santa Fe Endowment Nursing Programs Emergency Fund or your local Humane Society, on behalf of Thelma Griswold. She was the Henderson Hall roommate of Jeanne Ann Fawcett Fletcher and was still working at 80! (*info supplied by Jeanne Fletcher*)

Just wanted to let you know that my email address has changed. It is now nanner1942@aol.com. All is well in Galion. Getting ready for the holidays and a new baby girl who will be born on Dec. 8 at RMH to Steve and Andrea Francisco. We are anticipating a baby girl and her name will be Madelyn Kate, but then I always said wait till you see the merchandise. We will be headed to Southport, NC after the holidays for the winter. We are planning a trip to Hawaii in Feb. with friends and we will cruise the islands. You do such a fine job with the newsletter, and I look forward to reading it. Keep up the good work. **Nancy Fair Francisco (1963)**

**Cheryl Hefner Arnold (1965)** Thanks for all your work. E-mail: mountainmom1@webtv.net

**Lois J. Coulson Smith (1947)** After 55 years I am moving across from my daughter's family.

**Joan Marie Shenkle McKee (1959)** Thanks for all your efforts.

**Marilyn Dixie Middaugh Lyon (1965)** I am doing well after craniotomy May 2003. Volunteering and working part time.

**Sharon Warnock Billman**, 65, of Ostrander, died Tuesday Dec. 28, 2004 at her residence following a courageous battle with a liver ailment. She was born Nov. 12, 1939 in Jeffersonville to John and Elta DeHaven Warnock. She was a registered nurse with several years of service to Riverside Methodist Hospital (**Class of 1960**) and Grady Memorial Hospital and most recently ACMS of Dublin. She had been a resident of the Ostrander area since January 1965. She was a member of the Pleasantview Church of Christ and most recently attended Bellepoint United Methodist Church. She was a member of the Ohio Nurses Association, The Ohio Angus Association Auxiliary, AARP, and was a lifelong 4-H member and adviser. She is survived by her husband, Leroy B.; two sons, Leroy E. (Kelli) Billman of Fredericktown, and Brent Billman of Delaware; a daughter, Shannon Billman of Cygnet; a grandchild, Ashley; a brother, Robert Warnock of Jeffersonville; and a sister, Dorothy Creamer of Xenia. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Anita Lee Billman, in 1979; and her parents. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Liver Foundation, Fund For The Cure-Hepatitis, 75 Maiden Lane, Suite No. 603, New York, NY 10038-4810. Condolences may be sent to the family at 6063 S. US. 42, Ostrander, Ohio 43061.

Condolences to **Marjorie Gatchell French Lessig (1961)** on the recent death of her husband Don, from Pancreatic cancer. Notes of sympathy can be sent to Marge at 2147 Fulton Drive, Coshocton, Ohio 43812.

Condolences to **Doris Rogers Johnson (1959)** on the unexpected death of her son, Michael Erick Johnson, on January 10, 2005 at his residence. Expressions of sympathy can be sent to Doris at 3816 Rita Marie Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43220. Phone: 614-459-0772 (*info supplied by Janet Bowman Geiser-1959*)

My husband passed away March 04 and I have recently moved. My new address is 1960 Sever Dr. Clearwater, FL. 33764, phone 727-449-8057 and E-mail address is mshuttleworth@tampabay.rr.com. Thank you for making the changes. **Marlene Mautz Shuttleworth (1958)**

**Rosemary Lu LeValley Hagar (1956)**  
rhagar@peoplepc.com

**Lynn Alexander Kosanovic (1973)**  
thefamilyK@comcast.net

**Marilyn Melvin Zakareckis (1958)**  
ezak@castles.com

**Ruth Esquivel Olson (1962)**  
reo185@exp.net

**RWC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

(Please PRINT all information)

First / Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Notes \_\_\_\_\_

This is a change of address. YES / NO (*Circle one*) This is a NEW / RENEWAL membership. (*Circle one*)  
 Make check payable to RWC Alumni Association. Dues are **\$7.50** per year. Donations to funds accepted.  
 Mail check and form to: **Patty Reed, Membership Secretary, 1839 Ramblewood Ave, Columbus, Ohio 43235**  
 Do NOT send Luncheon Reservations with Membership Dues.

**YOUR ALUMNI OFFICERS**

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**MAY 2005 RWC LUNCHEON REUNION RESERVATION SLIP**

(Please PRINT all information)

First / Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Comments / Requests \_\_\_\_\_



Deadline for Reservations is Monday May 2  
 Make checks payable to RWC Alumni Association  
 Mail your reservation slip with **\$15.75** check to:  
**Marilyn Flor Smith, 2630 Queensway Drive, Grove City, Ohio 43123**  
 Do NOT send Membership Dues with Luncheon Reservations.



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