



RIVERSIDE – WHITE CROSS ALUMNI FEBRUARY 2009 NEWSLETTER



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2009 ANNUAL SPRING REUNION LUNCHEON

Saturday, May 2nd	Riverside Methodist Hospital
10:30 am Social Hour	3535 Olentangy River Rd.
11:30 am Luncheon	Columbus, OH 43214
Cost: \$21 / person	(614) 566-5000

Reservation deadline is Saturday April 25th.
Your reservation slip is elsewhere in this newsletter.

Make checks payable to: RWC Alumni Association
Mail your reservation slip with \$21 check to:

- Beth Berger Arnold, 7180 Blessington Court, Dublin, Ohio 43017 (for last names beginning A-L)
- Colleen Russell Modlich, 6212 Deeside Drive, Dublin, Ohio 43017 (for last names beginning M-Z)

Please contact Pam Martin if you have any questions about our upcoming reunion. E-mail: RWCAumni@aol.com

MENU

Fruit Cup
 Steamed Fresh Green Beans
 Baskets of Rolls and Butter
 Pasta Primavera
 Bruschetta Chicken
 Platter of Mini Desserts
 Pitchers of Iced Tea and Water
 Coffee Service



We will celebrate in the same place as last year (the employee cafeteria on the second floor). There will be free parking in the **RED** garage and free Valet parking will be available in the circular drive at the main entrance to the hospital. Using the Valet parking will mean fewer steps for those of you who find long walks difficult.

NEW New to our website... check the "Spring Reunion" page for current information on the activities of YOUR class at the Annual Reunion Luncheon this year!

Available at the 2009 Annual Spring Reunion Luncheon:

- WCH / RMH Events & Memories DVD
- Shepherds Heart wood replica of WCH
- Shepherds Heart wood replica of RMH

These items will sell for \$20.00 each.

The next newsletter will be mailed in early April. Deadline for news items is **Friday March 20th**. Make sure you notify us of address changes as the U.S. Post Office does not forward our newsletter.

CELEBRATING A REUNION IN 2009?

The following classes will be celebrating special reunions at our May 2009 Reunion Luncheon.

START PLANNING NOW!

1929 – 80 years
 1934 – 75 years
 1939 – 70 years
 1944 – 65 years
 1949 – 60 years
 1954 – 55 years
 1959 – 50 years



1964 – 45 years
 1969 – 40 years
 1974 – 35 years
 1979 – 30 years
 1984 – 25 years
 1989 – 20 years
 1994 – 15 years

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

Our Newsletter / Website 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. Requests and items of interest can be sent to Pam at 392 Yarmouth Lane, Columbus, Ohio, 43228 or sent by e-mail to: rwcalumni@aol.com

We are looking for nominees for the Alumni of the Year for 2009. If you would like to nominate a classmate, coworker, or friend, please contact our Recording Secretary, **Cherrie A. Cherrington (1965)**, 1029 Hidden Acres Court, Columbus, Ohio, 43224, 614-261-8662 or e-mail Cherrie at: cherric@ohiohealth.com
(Deadline for submissions is **Friday, April 17th.**)

Once again we will have a raffle at the Spring Luncheon. If you have items to donate, please contact our Recording Secretary, **Cherrie A. Cherrington (1965)**, 1029 Hidden Acres Court, Columbus, Ohio, 43224, 614-261-8662 or e-mail Cherrie at: cherric@ohiohealth.com

ATTENTION: CLASS OF 1959

Your contact person is:
Jane Kraseman Cotsamire
 319 Pine Tree Drive
 Granville, Ohio 43023
 Phone: 740-587-2300
 E-mail: jcotsamire@alltel.net



OUR NEWEST LIFETIME MEMBERS!

ATTENTION: CLASS OF 1964

We will be celebrating our 45th reunion at the Alumni Luncheon on May 2, 2009. I am the contact person and I am trying to reach as many members as possible. I have made a list of members that I don't have addresses for. If any of you have addresses or e-mail addresses for any of these members please let me know and I will let them know about the reunion. I hope to see all of you on May 2, 2009

Sue Adams Hyatt (1964)

4773 Hayden Blvd.
Columbus, Ohio 43221
Telephone: 614-876-6696
E Mail: dhyatt3@columbus.rr.com

The following names are
Missing-in-Action from the Class of 1964.
Does anyone know their whereabouts?

- Nonnie Blue Gerkin
- Susan Danby Patterson
- Linda Gardner Wehrung
- JoAnn Glaze Whipps
- Sharon Grosenberg Rees
- Betty Harrison Welch
- Kay Hicks Rhodes
- Nancy Holdren Slack
- Penny Hudson Burwell
- Connie Ike Phelps
- Andrea McElroy Vogel
- Donna Marston Cochran
- Karen Moffat Herrera
- Kathy Jo Mowrey Wythe
- Marcia Sasser Gibson
- Karen Schultz Robbie
- Diane Shuster LaWarre
- Judy Solt White
- Jane Staker Runkle
- Sally Statler Goulker
- Deanna Stoops Douglas
- Teresa (Terry) Trone
- Jerry Troutman Lucaces
- Barbara Yoakum Badertscher
- Martha Young O'Brien
- Judy Ziegler Woodard



The RWC Alumni Association provides Nursing scholarships for deserving active members of the Association and their family members. RWC Alumni members must be active, in good standing, with yearly dues kept current throughout the tuition reimbursement process. Total lifetime tuition reimbursement is limited to \$1500 / person. Restrictions may apply. Questions / concerns should be directed to **Doris Rarick Greene Weate (1948)**, 4266 Maize Road, Columbus, Ohio, 43224 or by phone at 614-267-2888.

ATTENTION: CLASS OF 1949

Your contact person is:
Lorna Boggs Murry Krausher
4700 West River Road
Wakeman, Ohio 44889
Phone: 440-839-2916
E-mail: krausherlorna@hotmail.com

ATTENTION: CLASS OF 1969

Your contact person is:
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Columbus, Ohio 43206
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NURSING GRAND ROUNDS

Your RWC Alumni Association is sponsoring Nursing Grand Rounds at Riverside Methodist Hospital on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 12:00 noon in the Susan H. Edwards Auditorium. Pizza, salad, and soft drinks are provided. CE credits are available. Everyone is invited to attend and no reservations are required. The tentative schedule is posted elsewhere in this newsletter.



Check your newsletter mailing label. It is now showing the year through which your dues are paid. Dues are \$15 / year with \$5 for educational fund, \$1 for scholarship fund and \$9 for general fund. Keep your dues current so that you don't miss out on any newsletters! Any alumnus who has graduated more than 50 years ago is entitled to Lifetime Membership status that allows them FREE membership and newsletters. "LT" on your mailing label indicates you are a Lifetime Member.

Condolences go out to **Joanne Gerhardt Adcock (1974)** on the very sudden and untimely death of her 26 year-old son Christopher on December 6, 2008 in Florida. Joanie can be contacted at: 2558 Landings Way, Grove City, Ohio 43123. To send condolences via the Internet, please visit his guestbook at the Schoedinger Funeral Home website: www.schoedinger.com

Please remind everyone to send an address, for a member of the family, of a deceased Alumnus, so that the Ohio Health Foundation can send a note of acknowledgement for our donation to the Riverside Spirit of Nursing. **Doris Rarick Greene Weate (1948) RWC Alumni, Treasurer**

Linda Powell Clinger (1963) was surprised with a retirement party by her daughter, Jill Rowe, who writes "Her party went very well and she was very surprised. The word never got out. Three Riverside classmates made it to the party so that made it even more of a special evening. Two friends of mine down here helped me with the food and a friend up home reserved the hall for me so it all came together in the end."

OUR INTERNET WEBSITE

www.rwcalumni.com

Have you visited our Internet website lately?
Here's what you will find:

- Luncheon Reservation Slips
- Class Reunion Information
- Membership Application Forms
- Info on the Cadet Nurse Corps
- Association By-Laws
- Member E-mails
- Upcoming Events
- Association Funds
- Past Newsletters
- School of Nursing History
- Member Deaths & Obituaries
- Scholarship Information
- The Spirit of Nursing Sculpture
- Shepherd's Heart Wood Carvings Order Forms
- WCH / RMH Events & Memories DVD Order Forms
- Links to Sign & Read our Alumni Guestbook
- Links to the Riverside & Ohio Health Websites



Jack Nist writes "Last year, my mother, **Frances Marcine Nyberg Nist**, a **1939** graduate of White Cross, passed away, and we had people donate to your education fund in her memory. We have now gone through her home in preparation for its sale, and would like to donate historical items that she had requested go to you. Please let me know if these are of interest, or perhaps give me a phone contact through which I could discuss your interest in such a donation. Some of these items (but not all) would include her cape, a few uniforms (though I'm not sure of dates of those since she worked as a nurse later in life), a pin, 5x7 individual photos of some of her classmates as well as one of her, and the monogrammed suitcase her parents gave her to go to Columbus for nursing school (class of 1939). Please contact me to let me know how I might accomplish this wish of hers with you." Jack Nist, E-mail: jnist@cineiga.com, Phone: 763-360-8335

POSTAGE FUND



Thank you so much to all of you who have made donations to our Postage Fund. We are no longer permitted to mail out our newsletter, free of charge, through the hospital. That means we now have to buy postage stamps, at nearly \$400 / quarter, to mail out each edition of our newsletter to 900 active members! All donations are truly appreciated!

Janet Morgan Dorsey – 1965 Thank you for all the work you do. I really enjoy the newsletter.

Diana Hill Seymour – 1964 Thank you for the great job on newsletter. I appreciate all your hard work. New Husband; New Address; New Life

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Have you changed your email address, even in the last few months? Please send us an updated address for our list! Email your updates / changes to: RWCAumni@aol.com

Marilyn Flor Smith Johnson	1948
ajohnson32@insight.rr.com	
Lorna Boggs Krausher	1949
krausherlorna@hotmail.com	
Carol Jo Mehaffey McClain	1966
dgmcmj@sbcglobal.net	
Beverly Kimberling Mann	1971
beverly.mann@fcbmrdd.org	
Alice Beck Forgrave	1970
raf71@juno.com	
Linda Lou Scott Hill	1964
lindahillsbaskets@yahoo.com	
Myrtie Blanche Billman Baker	1948
myrtie101@wowway.com	
Eleanor Lee Davis Goldenbagen	1950
hermlee@att.net	
Ruth Anne Bersinger Wildenthaler	1958
ralewild@verizon.net	
Judith Freeman Goldberg	1964
gofree11301@aol.com	
Karen Johnson Jelinek	1964
dajelinek@sbcglobal.net	
Sheila Rhodes Harris	1964
sharris6240@columbus.rr.com	
Cherrie Cherrington	1965
cherric@ohiohealth.com	
Beth E. Berger Arnold	1973
barnold99@columbus.rr.com	
Jacqueline Busson Hemmert	1969
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Barbara Dunlevy Burrus	1950
bdburrus@insight.rr.com	
Marjorie Ruth Hudson VanFleet	1962
ronvanfleet@aol.com	
Margaret Rainey Gray	1962
applestuff@juno.com	
Lois Hughes Fisher	1955
lmhfisher@yahoo.com	
Dianna Jean Hill Seymour	1964
diannajseymour@aol.com	
Janis Rife Almendinger	1964
jama@ctc.net	
Sherry Reichart Claar	1964
rsclaar@suddenlink.net	
Charlotte Hill Raines	1964
cdcee@suddenlink.com	
Cheryl Rectanus Steen	1964
cheristeen@gmail.com	
Varian Simmons Wilson	1964
varianwilson@yhoo.com	
Joan Cummins	1964
cumminsj@comcast.net	
Susie Dusz Burns	1964
luvsuz@columbus.rr.com	

A MATCH MADE IN OPERATING ROOM #2

After meeting for the first time more than 60 years ago at White Cross Hospital, 81-year-old Riverside Methodist volunteer **Marilyn Flor Smith, RN (1948)**, will finally marry her long-time friend, 90-year-old **Arnold Johnson, MD**.

They first met in 1946 in OR #2 when Marilyn was a student at White Cross School of Nursing. They became close friends but went on to marry others. Over the years, they ran into each other at alumni luncheons and would catch up. But it wasn't until after both were widowed and Arnold fell ill that they became even closer. His doctors said he would have to either move in to a nursing home or have a nurse at home to care for him. He answered, "I want to take my nurse home," referring to Marilyn. As their relationship grew stronger, Marilyn asked how she would be introduced to his family or friends. When none of his answers fit what she had in mind, she finally asked, "How about Mrs. Johnson?" He almost fell out of his chair but soon asked Marilyn to be his wife. The happy couple will tie the knot at a private ceremony on Friday, Nov. 14, and celebrate at a reception with all 52 of their children and grandchildren. Congratulations, Marilyn and Arnold!

~Riverside Pride (weekly newsletter) Issue 11/13/08

The newlyweds can be contacted at:
370 Castle Pines Drive
Gahanna, Ohio, 43230
Phone: 614-476-4554
E-mail: ajohnson32@insight.rr.com

Dear Pam, I intended to send this check months ago, but didn't get it done. It's in memory of all my classmates we have lost the past 2 years. It's not been too good for the class of 1947! I'm still hanging in – doing volunteer work at Pipers Shores. We love it and this card shows you the view, we see every day, of the Atlantic Ocean. (The photo she sent along was breathtaking.) Thanks to you Columbus area gals who keep the association going. Please use the token for the postage fund. Thanks, **Mary Evelyn Smith Milos (1947)**

Linda Saunders Ferree – 1963 Doing well. Love all the news in the newsletter. Enjoying grandkids (3 boys and 2 girls), scrap booking, and baking.

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Nancy Chapman Marsh	1964
nancatlast@yahoo.com	
Kathy Hartman Martin	1971
jlmkjm@columbus.rr.com	
Peggy Lane Wisor Hanson	1963
jimpeg@citcom.net	
Mary Lou Shook Cottingham-Traylor	1971
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Deborah Brewer	1970
brewerrn@gmail.com	



Gwendolyn Gibson Gallatin Maurer, 84, formerly of East Palestine, passed away 1:10 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2009, at Parkside Health Care Center where she had been a resident. Mrs. Maurer was born Sept. 4, 1924, in Wellsville, a daughter of the late Fred A. and Velma Cunningham Gibson, and had been a 30-year resident of Columbiana, coming from East Palestine. She had been a graduate of the former White Cross Hospital School of Nursing (1945), Columbus, and had been employed as a private duty nurse. She was a member of St. Jude's Catholic Church of Columbiana and was also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary of East Palestine, and was very active at one time in the East Palestine Nurses Association where she had been a charter member. Besides her parents, she was also preceded in death by her stepmother, Mildred Gibson; her husband, Clyde Maurer, and a sister, Juanita Curl. Mrs. Maurer is survived by a son, Donn Carlos (Betty Joy) Gallatin of Johnson City, Tenn.; and two daughters, Toni (Ron) Freer of East Palestine, and Sue Hurd of Hickory, N.C. Seven grandchildren, Josef and Steven Freer, Aaron, Dan, and Rachel Hurd, and Matt and Andy Gallatin, survive her as well as five great-grandchildren. The family has asked that memorial tributes take the form of contributions to either the Way Station, 909 Heck Road, Columbiana, OH 44408 or the Rescue Mission of Mahoning Valley, 962 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Youngstown, OH 44510

Gwendolyn's daughter can be contacted at:
Toni Freer
2402 Rauch Road
East Palestine, Ohio 44413

Cheryl Hefner Arnold – 1965 Thanks to Cheri Cherrington for information regarding transcript and graduation records for RWC school of nursing.

Roberta Danford Pryor – 1959 I enjoy the letter so much. Thanks for all your hard work.

Gerri Weimer Benner – 1962 The newsletter is great – kudos for everyone's work!

Members of the Alumni Association - May all the joys of the season be yours. Thank you so much for your assistance and support. It has greatly helped me pay for my books and supplies. Have a wonderful holiday season.

Molly Mays - Tuition Reimbursement recipient
Daughter of **Barbara McDonald Mays (1977)**

I want to thank you for doing such a terrific job with the newsletter. I know many of us enjoy reading about our former classmates as well as appreciate the time and energy you put into this project. Can you please email me the date of the 2009 reunion? Our class, the class of 1964, will be celebrating a special reunion and I need to plan for that time now. My email address is jama@ctc.net. Thanks so much for your help. **Janis Rife Almendinger 1964**

Karen Frank Kime – 1972 Love the Newsletter! It reminds me of three of the best years of my life. Although this is a good time as well. I care for my 4 grandkids 3 days a week and at this age that is enough! But what a blessing they are. Having recently undergone a 4 hour surgery for a severe pelvic floor prolapsed, however, I have a 3 month vacation from lifting – that includes my 15 month old and 11 month old grandbabies. Again, my close encounter with hospitals and medicine in general was such a disappointment to me. Not once was I checked to see if I was doing my coughing and deep breathing. And an individual knocked my empty water pitcher on the floor. The lid slid halfway across the floor. This person picked the pitcher up, replaced the dirty lid and put water in it and returned it to my bedside table! Since being discharged I have had urinary problems and have had to catch myself often. From the doctor's office, I was given an unwrapped handful of semi-ridged catheters that had black fuzz all over them! This was a very prominent hospital and the doctor was the chief of pelvic reconstruction in 3 hospitals! I've always said we at RWC received a superb education and my experiences have only proven that to be true.



Jean Van Zandt Griffin Andrews, age 85, of Albuquerque, N.M., formerly of Columbus, died Tuesday, January 6, 2009. Jean was a graduate of Newark High School, in Newark, Ohio and the White Cross School of Nursing (1945) in Columbus, Oh. WW II US Army Veteran attached to the 124th Station Hospital in Linz, Austria. She was a 1st Lt. Nurse, General Duty, awarded the World War II Victory Medal and Army of Occupation Medal. She is survived by her husband, Theodore J. Andrews of Albuquerque, N.M.; son, Larry Andrews of Los Angeles, Calif.; niece, Elizabeth (Martin K.) Fletcher of Delaware, Ohio and their daughters, Carrie B. Fletcher and Captain Meghann B. Fletcher, USAF. To send condolences, please visit: www.schoedinger.com.

Last know address:
1433 Monte Largo Drive NE
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87112

Condolences to **Jeanne Carolyn Fisher Miller (1950)** on the death of her husband, of 57 years, Maurice "Maury" Miller. Jeanne's daughter writes: *"As you can see by the attached newspaper articles, Dad went home to be with the Lord this past June. We had a beautiful service to celebrate his life. He was an inspiration to so many people and so loved. Mom continues to live at home with wonderful care-givers. My husband, Rick, and I live just a couple of miles from her. We moved to DeLand two and a half years ago to be closer to Mom and Dad as their health was declining. We enjoy taking Mom to church, Stetson music events and Stetson basketball games. With warm regards, Margaret."* Memorial donations may be made to the Bert Fish Nursing Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 46, DeLand, Florida 32721. Jeanne can be contacted at: 725 North Cherokee Avenue, DeLand, Florida 32720, Phone: 904-736-1584



David K. Heydinger, M.D., age 90, a long time seasonal resident of Drummond Island, Michigan and recently a resident of Duluth, Georgia died Thursday, November 13, 2008 at his home on Drummond Island. David was born on September 4, 1918 in Lima, Ohio to Alphons and Dana (Borchers) Heydinger. He achieved his education at the University of Alabama and Maryville College, Maryville, Tennessee, A.B. Degree in 1940 and Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, M.D. Degree in October 1943. He did his internship at Gorgas Hospital, Panama Canal Zone, 1943-44. He served his country as a Lt. U.S. Marine Corp in the Pacific area between 1943-46 and completed his residency training at White Cross Hospital and Ohio State University Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, 1946-51, where he remained in practice until 1974. He was a diplomat of the American Board of Surgery, and Clinical Professor of Surgery and Professor of Clinical Anatomy at Ohio State University School of Medicine. A mid-career change led Dr. Heydinger into rural and public health care fields and in 1975 he became President of Appalachian Regional Hospitals. He then served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor and Chairman of the Department of Family and Community Health at Marshall University School of Medicine in Huntington, West Virginia. Later he was appointed by the Governor as Director of the West Virginia Department of Health which he retained under the succeeding governor for six months when he retired in 1990. He married Lorna Duff on March 30, 1946 and she preceded him in death in 2005. He is survived by his children, Lorna Lee Heydinger of Scottsdale, Arizona, Barbara Louise Spohn of Duluth, Georgia, Cynthia Wenger (Mark) of Upper Arlington, Ohio, Laura Ryan (Peter) of Duluth, Georgia, and Dave Heydinger (Linette) of Duluth, Georgia; 14 grandchildren; and five great grandchildren; two brothers Thomas Heydinger of Bellefontaine, Ohio, and Ted Heydinger of Austin, Texas and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one brother, the Reverend Richard B. Heydinger and one sister, Barbara Heydinger McGarvey. In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions to Drummond Island Medical Center, P.O. Box 98, Drummond Island, Michigan 49726.

Cherrie Cherrington (1965), Alumni Correspondence Secretary, sent a note to Dr Heydinger's family saying, "The Riverside White Cross Alumni Association offers our sympathy to Dr Heydinger's family. He was one of the kindest most gentle man I ever had the privilege of knowing". She received back this note... "Cherrie, Thank you so much for your kind note. Dad was a remarkable man in many ways and we will miss him terribly. His time and relationships at Riverside are among his most cherished. Thanks for reaching out to share your appreciation of him; it means a lot to me and to my sisters".
Dave Heydinger

Dianna Jean Hill Seymour (1964) Hello, I have not been in touch for a while but I have been keeping up with the newsletters. Thank you so much for keeping me on the list. You do a wonderful job with the newsletter and I always feel included in the RWC Alumni family. 2005 was a challenging year for my family. I had a knee joint replacement in June. My husband of 34 years, John, died in July 2005 after a very short battle with pancreatic cancer. It was a difficult recovery and adjustment period but I have a wonderful support team of friends and family and was able to return to work in September. I have worked in the field of addiction over 30 years, but unfortunately I could not help our son who is alcoholic. I finally quit enabling him and had him removed from my home in October, 2006. I had been attending Al anon and knew what I should do but it took a great deal of courage to follow through with it. It still hurts my heart to know that he is on the street but help for him now has to come from him. Interestingly enough, I could now get on with my life. I could not do this while I was enabling my son. To make a long story short, an old friend had always been in my life. Dave and I met in the fourth grade in Chillicothe and we went to Junior High and High School together. When we graduated, he went to OU in Athens, OH on a full football scholarship (he was a Jock even then) and I went North to RWC School of Nursing. Our lives went their separate ways but occasionally crossed- like when his cousin moved across from me and I would see Dave when he came to visit. We also started attending our high school reunions and would touch base then. After John died, Dave would check in more often. We saw each other Christmas of 2006 and we married in Honolulu August, 2007. Life has been wonderful and I love living back in my home town. Dave still travels, but sometimes I go with him. We are amazed at our good fortune finding each other at this stage of our lives and sharing our families. Together we have 6 children and 18 grandchildren. We are truly blessed. Unfortunately I will not be able to attend our 45th reunion of our class in May. However, fortunately Dave is taking me on a belated honeymoon to Italy. We both are very excited. I hope that this letter helps to update classmates as I will be absent in May, and I encourage all alumni to update their life happenings. I would love to hear from classmates - e-mail: diannajseymour@aol.com or phone: 740-774-3168. By the way, I married David Stout but kept my last name.

Dianna Hill Seymour
37 Timberlane Drive
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601-1939
Cell: 415-312-3349

Please include me on the RWC Alumni address list. I'm planning on being at the banquet this year to celebrate our 45th class reunion. Thanks

Sherry Reichart Claar (1964)

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St. Albans, W.V. 25177
304-727-1601
Email: rsclaar@suddenlink.net

I lost my RWC pin (I graduated in 1970). I was so sad. After much searching, I have found a local jeweler who could make a 2-piece die template like the original pin for about \$700-800. Once that template/pattern was made, the cost for a new pin would be in the \$80 range (depending on which metal is chosen) for the person ordering a new pin. My question is this: would the alumni association be able and willing to pay for the "up front" fee to get the 2-piece die template made? We could then make it known that replacement pins (for those as unfortunate as I to no longer have their originals) could be ordered ad lib from this private jeweler. I think there might be a number of other RWC grads who would welcome the chance to replace a lost pin. Please let me know your thoughts. Thank you.
Alice Beck Forgrave (1970)

I am planning on attending the reunion and am in the class of "69". As I am in Florida I do not want to be the contact person but would like any emails you may have from our class to contact before to maybe get together the night before or after. Thanks for all you do and Happy New Year.
Connie Howard Duquin (1969)

FROM OUR INTERNET GUESTBOOK

Name:	Barbara Lilly Rife
E-mail address:	bcransto@columbus.rr.com
Year of Graduation:	1965
Current Location:	London, Ohio
Nursing Specialty:	ICU

Comments: Hello to all-Pam and company do such a great job on the alumni stuff. Pam and I worked together at Madison County Hospital for a few years-I miss her. I work part-time, am blessed with good health and was really blessed in July 08 with the birth of my first grandchild-Danny. I keep him two days a week-My daughter thinks I am doing her a favor. Most of you know different. Blessings to all of you, Babs

Name:	Lois Steiner Uber
E-mail address:	gamerkle@hotmail.com
Year of Graduation:	1941
Current Location:	Palm Desert, CA

Comments: My mother is Lois Steiner Uber. She graduated from White Cross Hospital in 1941. She is currently living in an assisted living facility. While going thru old pictures, we came across an old picture of Mom (Lois Steiner) with a woman in her class 'Becky'. Mom received letters from Becky within the last 2 years, but I can't find her last name. I am attempting to locate her. Any assistance is appreciated. Thank you Gretchen Merkle (daughter of Lois)



Carol Jo Mehaffey McClain - 1966 Hello Pam, First I wanted to tell you that I worked with your mother in the nursery @ RWC for 4 weeks following our stint @ Ben Franklin. The money I earned paid my last year of training. I then worked in Labor and Delivery as an RN and had frequent contact with the nursery. Judy Burton Rogers and I were visiting friends of hers in Westerville late last summer and had to visit the hospital. The lobby is amazing! Judy's cousin work in the pharmacy (Gary?) and they paged him for us. Next stop was the cafeteria ~ not the one of 1966! We thought we'd get our supper and have some of that fabulous food. Guess it had to go due to progress. Sure couldn't have those formal etiquette classes in the cafeteria of today. That's when I learned to properly eat grapefruit. (I do have grapefruit spoons in my drawer.) Next was the OB dept. Thought it was big before ~ They offered to let me go back to the delivery area but time was getting short. And they were VERY busy. We both hope to get to a May meeting in the near future. Judy's children are all married and have given her and Wayne six grandchildren. The kids live in NC, SC, FL and RI. She continues to work @ a local hospital in the OB dept. A large Atlanta hospital recently purchased theirs and many of the changes are neither welcome nor popular. Progress. Darryl and I have been in Uhrichsville for 37 years. Our children are all in their own homes. Kyle who was born @ RWC will turn 41 on the 9th of Dec. He lives in Norton and becomes more of a bachelor each time we see him. We were told all kinds of things when he was born and encouraged to not get too attached. He is a computer engineer and just finished going rim to rim @ the Grand Canyon in October. His college degrees are in Finance and Computer Science and Engineering. Jay is 39, lives in Leesville in Carroll CO. He is married to Terri Jo and has two steps ~ Kaleigh is 13 and Somer is 7. Megan has been married to Jim for 17 years. Justin is 20 and Marah is 16. They live outside of Stonecreek, Ohio. We have never had a dull moment. The grands all keep us busy. Although I haven't worked for several years, I have continued to use my nursing education whether actively working, caring for my and Darryl's parents, speaking to groups or serving on endless committees. At one time in the early 1970s, there were nine (9) White Cross/RWC grads working @ Twin City Hospital in Dennison. The same hospital is going through some major changes. There is a huge new addition and they are recruiting a lot of specialty physicians. They have been affiliated with Mercy Hospital in Canton and I guess that will be changing soon It is so great to see the dedication our fellow grads have for their nursing careers. Ruth Ann Johnson (1965?) still works @ Twin City Hospital, Dennison. Her presence during the procedure made me totally comfortable. Outcome was a lipoma instead of a sarcoma. Please add my email address to the list of class of 1966: dgmcmj@sbcglobal.net



Jane Frances Beasecker Worner, age 77, passed away July 30, 2008 at Heartland of Kettering after a year of battling colon cancer. She was preceded in death by her husband, Franklin D. Worner; her parents, George Clifford Beasecker and Margaret Maude (Light) Beasecker; her two brothers, George Douglas Beasecker and Gerald Frank Beasecker; and her sister, Kathryn Margaret Jaffke. She is survived by her three daughters, Pamela S. Worner of Seattle, WA, Sandra K. Pierce and husband George of Oakwood, and Virginia A. Snead and husband Steve of Dayton; and her two grandsons, Brandon D. Pierce and Colin A. Pierce of Oakwood. Always fond of animals and a devoted Cincinnati Reds fan, she also leaves behind her beloved cat, Sparky. Born in Salinas, California, Jane grew up in Burlington, WI and Marysville, OH, where she was Valedictorian of her Marysville High School class of 1948. She had the lead in the school musical her senior year and played trumpet in the marching band. A Registered Nurse and graduate of the White Cross Hospital School of Nursing in 1951, she gave up her career to raise her children but her desire to help others was strong. Jane was a Girl Scout Leader and Sunday school teacher when her children were young. Following her husband's death, she did volunteer work for the nursing home that cared for him. While a resident at The Grand Court, she would often help take care of other "older" residents. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to SICSA, Hospice of Dayton, or Oakwood United Methodist Church. The family would like to thank the staffs of The Grand Court, Heartland of Kettering and Hospice of Dayton for their loving care of Jane these past years.

Last known address for Jane:
2271 Millwood Road
Dayton, Ohio 45440-2709

The "**Shepherd's Heart**" company that made our wooden cutouts of the hospitals has apparently gone out of business. We have attempted to e-mail them and have called their number and reached the "no longer in service" message. We also tried the Salem, Ohio operator and there is no listing there or in the surrounding areas. Does anyone know what has happened with the company or know of any company that might make our cutouts for us?

I have spent a lot of time this winter trying to update our website list of member's e-mail addresses. "Bad" addresses, for emails that have been sent out and returned, have been deleted. Visit our website and check out the "Members E-mail" page where your e-mail addresses have been sorted by class. Please check the accuracy of those e-mail addresses and let me know of any changes, additions, or deletions that need to be made. Thank you for your help!

Pam Martin (1973) Newsletter / Website Editor
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Just a note of thanks to my old friends and fellow RWC friends for all the kindness you paid to my nephew who was in the ICU for several weeks on a vent, struggling with asthma. Having been out of nursing for 14 years and living in PA, you can imagine my concerns of not being able to visit frequently and check on his status. Rita Jane Smith (1966) and many of my past classmates were so gracious and thoughtful in keeping my sisters and his grandmother, **Doris Rarick Greene Weate (1948)**, informed of his condition and the care he was receiving. They all had rave reviews on the expert and professional care that was performed daily. He is doing well now and back to normal, thanks to all of you and the wonderful facility we all love. Thank you all!

Mary Lou Shook Cottingham-Traylor (1971)

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Dear readers... In late November I received a postcard from Michele Huggett, in Earlysville, Virginia, the daughter of **Lorna Boggs Murry Krausher (1949)** asking me to spread the word and help her family celebrate Lorna's 80th birthday. Michele asked if we could "shower" her mother with birthday cards. It was her hope that her mom would receive 80 cards in honor of her 80th birthday. So, I put the word out to all of you and, once again, YOU CAME THROUGH! Then we took it one step further. Lorna's birthday just happened to coincide with our Alumni Christmas party on December 13th. So we surprised her with a BIRTHDAY PARTY at the Christmas Party! We even had birthday cake – supplied by Doris Nelms Ossman (1963). Another Alumni member, Colleen Russell Modlich (1973) was also celebrating her birthday, which only added to the merriment! Lorna says "**a big THANK YOU for the many birthday cards for my 80th. I was the baby of the Class of 1949. What a wonderful celebration from our nurses. Thanks again!**" Those who sent cards include:

Marilyn Flor Smith Johnson	1948
Beth Berger Arnold	1973
Janet Zeisler Schwamberger	1965
Myrtie Billman Baker	1948
Connie Howard Duquin	1969
Marie DelCol Brandt	1967
Lee Davis Goldenbagen	1950
Sharon Fischer Osborn	1977
Mary Lou Shook Cottingham-Traylor	1971
Velma Clark Sherwood	1961
Ann Graham Turner	1949
Kathleen Griffin Shumway	1949
Billie Conley Shaw	1949
Virginia Baum Wilson	1949
Ruth Ann Smith Kinney	1949
Laverta Able Heinzman	1949
Marilyn Ellwood Smith	1960
Sarah Moffatt Robertson	1961
Isabelle Lawten Brown	1949
Bonnie Bolton	1968
Betty Williams Stewart	1949

RECENT DONATIONS TO FUNDS

Kathleen J. Miller Price	1970	General Fund
Janet Morgan Dorsey	1965	General Fund
Sharon Penewit Compton	1962	General Fund
Colleen Russell Modlich	1973	General Fund
Kathy Hartman Martin	1971	Scholarship Fund
Deborah Williams Cherry	1976	Postage Fund
Susan Thomas Hilty	1962	Postage Fund
Diana Hill Seymour	1964	General Fund
Leah Ann Crouse Polis	1970	Postage Fund
Linda Saunders Ferree	1963	Postage Fund
Roberta Danford Pryor	1959	General Fund
Cherrie Ann Cherrington	1965	Postage Fund
Marilyn Constien Moser	1961	Postage Fund
Jeanne Fawcett Fletcher	1945	Postage Fund
Jacqueline Busson Hemmer	1969	General Fund
Gerri Weimer Benner	1962	General Fund
Charlotte Hill Raines	1964	Postage Fund
Diane Clark Hartney	1965	Postage Fund
Connie Howard Duquin	1969	Postage Fund
Joan Cummins	1964	Scholarship Fund
Jean Fraser	1951	Postage Fund
		in memory of Jane Beasecker Worner (1951)
Michelle McCaskey Gibson	1963	Postage Fund in memory of Judy Minear Glover
Nancy Hays Hilton	1956	Postage Fund In memory of sister-in-law Lois Jean Hilton Volkmar

In the November 2008 issue of our Newsletter, I told you of the story of **Shirley Hamilton Stewart (1959)** and how you all pulled together to recover and restore some old photographs for her daughter, who had lost all the family photos. Well, it turns out that it truly is a very small world! Shirley and my mom, **Genevieve Menkel Martin (1948)** both came from the small southeastern Ohio town of Woodsfield, and Shirley's parents, Vernon & Margaret Hamilton, were well known in town. I wrote my Uncle Charles (Mom's little brother) to ask him if he remembered the Hamilton family. His reply was: "*Vernon was my 5th grade teacher. He and his wife were great people. The daughters were all nice kids. I knew them all.*" Uncle Charles didn't have any old photographs or yearbooks to share with Shirley's family but it was nice to know they were still connected! Pam - Editor



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 \$15.00 per year. Donations to funds accepted.
Mail check & form to: Patty Persinger Reed, Membership Secretary, 1839 Ramblewood Ave, Columbus, Ohio 43235
Please do NOT send Luncheon Reservations with Membership Dues.

YOUR ALUMNI OFFICERS

POSITION	NAME	CLASS	E-MAIL LINK
President	Rita Jane Smith	1966	smithr@ohiohealth.com
Vice-President	Doris Nelms Ossman	1963	patriot@columbus.rr.com
Membership Secretary	Patty Persinger Reed	1977	preciouspatty@columbus.rr.com
Recording Secretary	Cherrie Cherrington	1965	cherric@ohiohealth.com
Newsletter & Website	Pamela Ann Martin	1973	rwcalumni@aol.com
Treasurer	Doris Rarick Greene Weate	1948	~no e-mail~
Past President	Doris Nelms-Ossman	1963	patriot@columbus.rr.com
Board of Directors	Sandi Tincher	1967	tinchs1@ohiohealth.com
Board of Directors	Mary Beth Gallagher Conkle	1976	mbconkle@columbus.rr.com
Board of Directors	W. Rae Lynch Arnold	1963	wra119@insight.rr.com

2009 ANNUAL MAY REUNION LUNCHEON RESERVATION SLIP

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Street Address _____ Year of Graduation _____

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Telephone _____ E-mail Address _____

Comments / Requests _____



Deadline for Reservations is Saturday April 25th

Make checks payable to RWC Alumni Association

Mail your reservation slip with **\$21** check to:



- Beth Berger Arnold, 7180 Blessington Court, Dublin, Ohio 43017 (for last names beginning A-L)
- Colleen Russell Modlich, 6212 Deeside Drive, Dublin, Ohio 43017 (for last names beginning M-Z)

Please do NOT send Membership Dues with Luncheon Reservations.

IMPORTANT 2009 DATES TO REMEMBER

(Subject to change without notice)

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| Wednesday February 18 | 12:00 pm | Nursing Grand Rounds in the Susan H. Edwards Auditorium at Riverside Methodist Hospital, sponsored by your RWC Alumni Association. |
| Wednesday March 18 | 12:00 pm | Nursing Grand Rounds in the Susan H. Edwards Auditorium at Riverside Methodist Hospital, sponsored by your RWC Alumni Association. |
| Friday March 20 | 5:00 pm | Deadline for news / notes for April Newsletter. |
| Tuesday March 24 | 7:00 pm | General Membership Meeting in the Riverside Health Center, 500 Thomas Lane (behind the hospital) Atrium Level Classrooms. Free parking and access to the building through the PURPLE parking garage. |
| Wednesday April 15 | 12:00 pm | Nursing Grand Rounds in the Susan H. Edwards Auditorium at Riverside Methodist Hospital, sponsored by your RWC Alumni Association. |
| Friday April 17 | 5:00 pm | Deadline for submission of nominees for the "2009 Alumni of the Year. Please contact our Recording Secretary, Cherrie A. Cherrington (1965), 1029 Hidden Acres Court, Columbus, Ohio, 43224, 614-261-8662 or e-mail Cherrie at: cherric@ohiohealth.com |
| Saturday April 25 | 5:00 pm | Deadline for reservations for Annual Reunion Luncheon. |
| Saturday May 2 | 11:00 am | Annual Reunion Luncheon at Riverside Methodist Hospital, 3535 Olentangy River Road, Columbus, Ohio 43214, (614) 566-5000. Free parking and access to the building through the RED parking garage. |

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