



RIVERSIDE – WHITE CROSS ALUMNI FEBRUARY 2010 NEWSLETTER



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2010 ANNUAL SPRING REUNION LUNCHEON

Saturday, May 1st Riverside Methodist Hospital
10:30 am Social Hour 3535 Olentangy River Rd.
11:30 am Luncheon Columbus, OH 43214
Cost: **\$22.25** (614) 566-5000

Reservation deadline is **Saturday April 24th**. Your reservation slip is posted in this newsletter and is also available for download on our website.

Please contact Pam Martin if you have any questions about our upcoming reunion. E-mail: RWCAumni@aol.com or phone: **614-870-0275**.

Make checks payable to: **RWC Alumni Association**
Mail your reservation slip with **\$22.25** check to:

Pamela Ann Martin
392 Yarmouth Lane
Columbus, Ohio 43228

MENU

Grilled Chicken Cordon Bleu
San Francisco Blend Vegetables
Seasoned Baby Baker Potatoes
Fresh Fruit Cup
Baskets of Rolls and Butter
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.

The next newsletter will be mailed in early April.
Deadline for news items is **Friday March 19th**.

We are looking for nominees for the Alumni of the Year for 2010. 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: cherrie1029@aol.com (Deadline for submissions is **Friday, March 19th**)

Once again we will have prizes 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: cherrie1029@aol.com

URGENT INFORMATION

Effective February 2010, newsletters will be mailed out, by the U.S. Postal Service, to only those members without current e-mail addresses. Those with e-mail will receive their newsletters via e-mail, to the current e-mail address we have on file, or the newsletters can be viewed on our website at www.rwcalumni.com It is urgent that we have your current e-mail addresses so that you don't miss out on any vital Alumni Association information. Please send your current e-mail address to rwcalumni@aol.com and update us with changes.

CELEBRATING A REUNION IN 2010?

The following classes will be celebrating special Reunions at our May 2010 Reunion Luncheon.

1930 – 80 years
1935 – 75 years
1940 – 70 years
1945 – 65 years
1950 – 60 years



1955 – 55 years
1960 – 50 years
1965 – 45 years
1970 – 40 years
1975 – 35 years

START PLANNING NOW!

***** If you wish to be the “contact person” for your class reunion activities, please contact Pam Martin ASAP.**

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

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!

Pam Martin (1973) Newsletter / Website Editor
E-mail: RWCAumni@aol.com
Website: www.rwcalumni.com

REPLACEMENT CAPS, TRANSCRIPTS, AND PINS

- You can obtain a replacement Riverside / White Cross nursing cap from a New York company called Kay's Caps Inc., P.O. Box 818, Valley Stream, New York, 11582. Phone: 516-791-8500. The cap is # 4545 and we have been quoted a price of \$15 each.
- Your individual grade transcripts are stored in Medical Records at Riverside Methodist Hospital. However, there is no record of class curriculum or instructor history available. They need a signed consent from the student, the student's name at time of graduation and where it needs to be sent. There is no charge. You can fax the information to (614) 566-6797 or call the hospital at (614) 566-5000 and ask to speak with Medical Records personnel.
- We have found a company that can reproduce our 3 different Nursing pins. Please contact **Rita Jane Smith (1966)** RWC Alumni President, at 614-556-4316, for details on how to order your replacement pin.

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.

If any of you are familiar with the **Facebook** program on the Internet, please know that I have added our organization to the site. I honestly am not sure how it all works yet, but it seems to be another way of networking. If any of you have any thoughts, ideas, or suggestions, please share them with the group. You can find our page by searching the Facebook program for: **Riverside - White Cross School of Nursing Alumni Association**. It appears you may have to request to be a "fan" to be able to read all the postings. Please feel free to add to the postings with your texts, discussions, or photos. We would enjoy seeing everything you have to share! Pam (Editor)

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**

What day in May, 2010 will the reunion luncheon happen? This is my 70th year and I will try to attend if possible. If you know the site and times that will help with my planning, too. Also, you can use this as my email address. Thanks **Elizabeth Brown Harvin, Class of 1940**
libby18143@earthlink.net

Judy Hartshorn Amos (1965) is looking for **Drusilla DeHart Gillespie**. Does anyone know her whereabouts? Please contact Judy by e-mail at: jamos5@verizon.net

NURSING GRAND ROUNDS

Your RWC Alumni Association is sponsoring Nursing Grand Rounds at Riverside Methodist Hospital on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 11:30am (30 minute program and repeated at 12:30pm) in the Susan H. Edwards Auditorium. Pizza, salad, and soft drinks are provided. CE credits are available. If you attend the LIVE session and sign in as an "external guest", you will be provided with a CE certificate at the conclusion of the program. Everyone is invited to attend and no reservations are required. The tentative schedule is posted elsewhere in this newsletter.



Dear Patty, I received my newsletter today & wasn't quite sure who to notify of this issues – so, if you are not the correct person, please pass it along. Thanks in advance! I am **Judy Ann Curry Ford (1966)**. I no longer have an e-mail address & I very much want to continue receiving the newsletter by mail. Sure hope this is possible, as I really like hearing news of classmates & others I've known. Thanks again for your assistance.



Lois Lee Wilcox South, formerly of Penn Hills, died Friday, Dec. 11, 2009 at the age of 78. Lois was born to the late Charles and Lela Clark Wilcox. Lois was the devoted wife of 51 years to the late John C. South; and beloved mother of Ann Warner and Steven (Lisa) South; sister of Robert (Elizabeth) Wilcox; grandmother of Dylan Warner, Joseph South and Maria South; aunt of Tara McQuitty; and cherished friend to many. Lois was reared in Coshocton, Ohio, and has lived in the Pittsburgh area since 1960. She graduated from the White Cross School of Nursing (1952), received a masters degree from Ohio State University and a PhD from the University of Pittsburgh. Lois was a generous and dedicated caregiver her entire life including medical and surgical nursing, geriatrics, pediatrics and psychiatric nursing at the end of her career. Lois will be remembered for her wisdom, passion for learning, her caring ways and her love for friends and family. Friends are invited to visit with the family from 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at Burket-Truby Funeral Home, 421 Allegheny Avenue, Oakmont, where a memorial service will be held at 6 p.m.

You may already know of this obit (**Louis Wilcox South**), but I found it in our local paper, and am sending it on. I do not know this lady or any of her family, so I do not know where to contact anyone. Sorry – I'm not much help. I hope you have a wonderful Christmas holiday and a great 2010. Thanks for all your hard work with the Alumni – it is so great to read the newsletter. Sincerely,
Doris Jean Meek Dickerson (1948)

Would you kindly add my e-mail address to the class of 1952 listing? **Ruth Devine Haugen** redh44@msn.com

Email address for newsletter: **Jacquelyn Madison (1966)**
jmadison@etczone.com

OUR INTERNET WEBSITE
www.rwcalumni.com

- Luncheon Reservation Slips
- Class Reunion Information
- Membership Application Forms
- Info on the Cadet Nurse Corps
- Association By-Laws
- Member E-mails
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- Association Funds
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- 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

Just wanted to let you know that "young" doctor Everhart's father took care of most all my mom and dad's family in the Columbus area. My mom was not happy when her old doctor, Dr. Hodges down on Buttles and High, quit practicing and she had to see somebody new. Dr. Hodges took care of me when I was 3 or 4 years old at that same office. Dr. Everhart took care of my aunts and uncles and I always laughed to hear him referred to as "young" rather than junior. Oh, my.... the memories just flood my soul. God bless him and his beautiful family. Thanks for the news.

Charlene Vermillion Barsky, Class of 1964

Please add me to the RWC Alumni e-mail. I'm now retired from nursing and enjoying time with grandchildren and family. Thank you, **Kathryn Sindel Schwade - 1970**
kaschwade@yahoo.com

Thanks for all you do to get the news letter out. I am glad to furnish my e mail address. **Delsie Lane Fry (1953)**
d.fry@att.net



Zeda J. Paulin Beans, 78, of Sarasota, FL, and Sylvania, OH, passed away Wednesday November 11, 2009, in Florida. Zeda was employed as a registered nurse **(1952)** for many

years. She was also an active member of the Maumee Valley Girl Scout Council. She is survived by her loving husband of more than 55 years, E. William Beans; daughter, Elizabeth (Stephen) Bouffard; son, Richard (Monique) Beans; and grandchildren, Rico, Colette, Andres, and Nola. Friends may call at the Reeb Funeral Home, 5712 Main St., Sylvania, OH, Wednesday November 18th from 4 - 8 p.m., where Funeral Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. Interment will follow at Toledo Memorial Park. Those wishing to give memorials are asked to consider Tidewell Hospice and Palliative Care Unit, 5955 Rand Boulevard, Sarasota, FL, 34238. Online condolences may be offered to Zeda's family at:
www.reebfuneralhome.com

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: RWCAlumni@aol.com

Wendy Mount Dudte	1969
wudte@bellsouth.net	
Kathleen Miller Price	1970
kprice1015@gmail.com	
Jane Kraseman Cotsamire	1959
jcotsamire@windstream.net	
Kathryn Sindel Schwade	1970
kaschwade@yahoo.com	
Delsie Lane Fry	1953
d.fry@att.net	
Cathy Bellan Arthur	1967
gcarthur@cox.net	
Anne Hibbs Butcher	1963
aereb@cros.net	
Carole Lugar Mantonya	1955
mantonya@ecr.net	
Miriam Green Peterson	1950
mipet@bellsouth.net	
Jane Baker Anderson	1966
anderjc@comcast.net	
Mary Beth Hughes Thomas	1973
rlt.mbt1952@yahoo.com	
Jacquelyn L. Madison	1966
jmadison@etczone.com	
Shirley Hostetler West	1951
sawest121630@embarqmail.com	
Ruth Devine Haugen	1952
redh44@msn.com	
Sandy Laird Givens	1963
sandygivens@gmail.com	
Leah Crouse Polis	1970
leahpolis@polis-simon.com	
Kelly Smith Mallory	1963
kellymalloryart@gmail.com	
Jane Mayer Seum	1973
jaseum@live.com	
Elizabeth Brown Harvin	1940
libby18143@earthlink.net	
Laurene Verrell Zavodny	1970
lzavodny@ohiohealth.com	

Just wanted to send my email address.

Cathy Bellan Arthur - 1967

gcarthur@cox.net

I am sending my updated email address in order to receive the newsletter online. Thank you for all you do to keep us in touch. **Anne Hibbs Butcher - 1963**

aereb@cros.net

Please send Riverside-White Cross Alumni newsletter to:
mantonya@ecr.net

Thank you. **Carole Lugar Mantonya - 1955**

Enjoy the newsletter and do not want to miss an issue. Not sure you have my current address. Thank you.
Miriam Green Peterson - 1950
mipet@bellsouth.net

Could you please add my e-mail to the class of **1966**? Thanks. **Jane Baker Anderson** anderjc@comcast.net

I just received the November newsletter. You did another great job! I always look forward to reading it. I just tried to get on the RWC web site to check if you had my e-mail address but could not access the site. So while I am thinking of it, I'm sending it to you through your e-mail. It's a good idea financially and environmentally to e-mail as many newsletters as possible. Have a great Thanksgiving! My family and I are doing well here in Toledo. Sincerely,
Mary Beth Hughes Thomas (1973)
rlt.mbt1952@yahoo.com

I am Shirley Hostetler West, Class of 1951. I thought you had my e-mail address but on scanning the web site I'm not there. I really enjoy the newsletter and know how much work it must be. Thank you all. I had a double mastectomy the last of July at Dublin Hospital. I went there because I could have a private room, and Dr. Lilly operates there also. The Riverside Breast Clinic is really great. A very compassionate group. I'm doing fine, and I'm back at the Y working out three days a week. Old age hasn't gotten me down yet. Good health to you all. Thanks again. **Shirley Hostetler West (1951)** My e-mail address is: sawest121630@embarqmail.com

This is the new email address for **Sandra Laird Givens** class of **1963**. Please use the name I always go by which is Sandy Givens. Thanks so much! Great job!
sandygivens@gmail.com

I was in class of **1970**. Thanks for all your hard work. New e-mail address is leahpolis@polis-simon.com
Leah Crouse Polis

Hello, What a great web page, you have done a terrific job. Anybody know how an old lady like me can reactivate her license? We live in Florida now so I can't attend any alumni functions. Tom's PD continues to make his life difficult. He was scheduled for DBS 12/1 but has been battling melanoma for 2 months, wide excision which would not heal. He is rescheduled for DBS at OSU 1/13/10. Merry Christmas and blessings to all. **Kelly Smith Mallory (1963)**
E-mail: kellymalloryart@gmail.com

My new email address is jaseum@live.com. I don't want to miss the newsletter! I am still a home health nurse so I drive a lot and do paperwork at the kitchen table the rest of the time. My older son, Karl is working fulltime and taking online classes with a goal of possibly teaching special ed or going to seminary. He helps me a lot with Zach who is autistic. Zach has a great teacher this year which was an answer to prayer! Las Vegas weather is great and I admit I am a weather wimp after 19 years here.
Jane Mayer Seum (1973)

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
Riverside White Cross Alumni Association Meeting
December 12, 2009

The meeting was held at University Plaza on Olentangy River Road. Annual Christmas Luncheon began at 12:00pm with Rita Smith, President, welcoming everyone. Rita asked Rae Arnold to give a prayer prior to the meal. After a delicious meal, Rita gave an update on what is going on with Riverside Methodist Hospital. Financially they are doing well, they had a good October. All other hospitals in city are going to private rooms only and RMH may be headed in that direction also. A lot of large doctor specialty groups are joining OhioHealth and will be managed by OhioHealth. \$40,000 nursing scholarships were given in 2009. The "Spirit of Nursing" has received \$92,181 over a five month period. There is a new program at RMH for retired nurses who want to volunteer to give patient care on units that need assistance. So far there is one who is now volunteering and 2 more in the wings to also participate. Rita will try to get note cards printed for the classes of 40 years and back celebrating anniversaries next year and have pictures related to those classes on the cards. Hope to have them by the Annual Alumni Luncheon. Marilyn Smith Johnson spoke what we all feel-Thanking Rita for all she does to keep us going. Doris Nelms Ossman provided the entertainment. We sang Christmas carols. Joe Forquer and his wife (they were dressed as Santa's helpers) then assisted with distributing the gifts brought for our gift exchange. Respectfully submitted,
Cherrie Cherrington, Recording Secretary

To Whom It May Concern: My mother, **Irene M. Dilsaver Rees**, was a graduate of White Cross Hospital in **1929**. I enjoyed reading the news as much as she did over the years of my growing up as she talked so much about the gals in her class. Sadly my Mom died in 1994. At that time I told the alumni of her death, but asked if I could still get the paper following the classmates' names I recognized. I couldn't let go at that time. I should have asked that you stop sending the paper a while ago, and now no longer see names of any of her class mentioned. Thank you so much for the years that you have continued to forward the paper to me through her name. Time to part company now, but I did so like seeing the things that were going on. I imagine almost all of her class is deceased now. I was and am very proud of my Mother. I did not follow in her footsteps, however, as I became a teacher. Thanks for the years you shared with me. Sincerely, Alice Rees Jones

**Do we have your current e-mail address?
Send any changes to: rwc alumni@aol.com**

Enclosed is a check to be added to the postage fund. Since I don't have e-mail I figured I'd help with the postage. I'll try to remember to send a check whenever I get a newsletter. I enjoy the newsletter every time and also think you do a wonderful job with it, Thank You.
Marilyn Miller Taylor (1958)

Condolences go out to **Ann Kaltenbach Buchfinck (1965)** whose husband, Lloyd, completed his journey through Alzheimer's disease on January 7, 2010 at the Columbus Alzheimer Care Center. Messages of sympathy may be sent to Ann, via e-mail, at: curlyann333@att.net

Condolences to **Miriam Green Peterson (1950)** on the death of her husband, Victor Peterson, from viral pneumonia, in January, in Cape Town, South Africa. Victor was a retired U.S. Naval Officer and his ashes will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery on May 18. Miriam can be contacted by e-mail at: mipet@bellsouth.net



Roanna Joyce Evans Houserman, of Pataskala, Ohio, passed away on February 8, 2010. She was born on November 13, 1937 in Licking County. Married on September 12, 1959 to Carl P. Little Houserman. Graduated from Big Walnut High School in Sunbury, Ohio in 1955, White Cross School of Nursing in Columbus, Ohio in **1958** and retired from Nursing & The Ohio Nursing Association in 2000. Was a past member for many memorable years with Heightkins/Heart of Ohio Girls Scouts and Shawnee United Remnant Band of Ohio. Preceded in death by husband Carl P. Little Houserman, parents Floyd and Esther (Bush) Evans, brother Claire Richard Evans, grandparents Clinton and Millie Artz Bush and Bert and Mary (Searfoss) Evans. Survived by daughters, Elizabeth A.H. (Ronald) Fields, Brenda L.H. (Nisar) Shaikh; godson, Robert Morrison (wife, Melet); grandchildren, Sahra H., Jibrail A., Fatima A., Idris A. Shaikh and Laura E.A. Fields; great-granddaughter, Kamira Maliyyaka; sisters, Judy K. (Paul) Walls, Bonnie S. Evans, Connie E. (Kenny) Matthews; nieces, Monica, Tiffany, Mariah; step-nieces and nephews, Christy, Mick, Kevin, Karen; many cousins and friends. A memorial service will be held at Messiah Lutheran Church on Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg, Ohio on February 13, 2010 at 11 a.m. Lunch to follow. Flowers are greatly appreciated. Make donations out to Messiah Lutheran Church, attn: Memorial Fund. The family gives a special thanks to Hospice. KAUBER-SAMMONS FUNERAL HOME is in charge of the arrangements. An online memorial will be located at <http://www.kaubersammons.com>

I'm enclosing Zeda's obit. She battled cancer for 11 years. What a fighter she was and just this summer she and Bill made a trip to England and Italy. She is a 1952 graduate of W.C.H. Thank you. **Charlotte Mindling Marmon (1952)**

Marge Sorreles Davies' husband was at her side at every meal for many years, and gradually cut back. Makes one wonder why God created such an illness as there are so many with it. Marge was one of the nurses at Marion General when I worked the summer of my junior year, I think, while we were at Columbus State and had every week-end off so I went and worked there. Then later in life we went to the same church where I met her husband and later her children. I saw them this morning at a Kiwanis Pancake Day in Marion and they all seemed so relieved that her trials are all over and she's at peace.

Esther Himler Yake (1962)

FROM OUR INTERNET WEBSITE GUESTBOOK

Name: Robin Hird Gavin
Year of Graduation: 1968
E-mail: tag1@cornell.edu
Current Location: Ithaca, New York
Nursing Specialty: EPRP Veterans Health Admin
Active Alumni Member: No
Comments:
Always happy to hear from others that are RWC grads.

Name: Connie Rager Speaks
Year of Graduation: 1971
E-mail: speaksconnie@aol.com
Current Location: Tulsa Oklahoma
Nursing Specialty: Long Term Care
Active Alumni Member: No
Comments:

Came upon this site by accident. Glad I did. I would love to hear from any of my classmates. Please send an email with an update!

Name: Jean Marstillier Walker
Year of Graduation: 1969
E-mail: jeanthebean@insight.rr.com
Current Location: Westerville, OH
Nursing Specialty: occupational health
Active Alumni Member: yes

Comments:
Since my email address was published last fall I have reconnected with Debbie Taylor and Wendy Dudte. What a blessing! Thanks.

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! We can reduce that amount by sending the newsletter, via e-mail, to the nearly 300 members who currently have Internet access and e-mail. All donations are truly appreciated!



Condolences go out to the family of the late **Sharon Warnock Billman (1960)** on the death of her daughter, Shannon Billman Seedorf, 35, of Cygnet, who died Tuesday Feb. 2, 2010 at the Wood County Hospital, Bowling Green. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to be given to the family. Condolences can be made at www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com.

Thank you to **Jean Proctor Jones (1949)** for her donation to the Postage Fund.



Margaretta "Marge" Sorreles Davies, age 82, of Marion and formerly of Caledonia, died Thursday afternoon, February 11, 2010, at the Community Healthcare Center after a long

battle with Alzheimer's disease. On October 15, 1927, Marge was born in Marion, the daughter of the late George W. and Virginia (Custer) Sorreles. She was a 1945 graduate of Green Camp High School. Marge furthered her education by graduating from the White Cross School of Nursing in **1948** and then received her BSN from The Ohio State University School of Nursing in 1967. She was a Life Member of the OSU Alumni Association. During her 50+ year nursing career, Marge worked for Dr. Robert T. Gray in Prospect; Marion City (General) Hospital; St. Luke's Hospital in Cleveland; University of Southern California Hospital; and Community Medcenter Hospital. In 1991, she retired as the Director of Nursing from the Marion County Health Department, where she had been employed for 15 years. Marge was a faithful member of the Emanuel Lutheran Church in Marion. She also enjoyed volunteering her time for Mobile Meals in Marion. The greatest joy in life for Marge was taking care of people. She took great pride in taking care of her patients as a nurse, but more importantly, she truly loved taking care of her family. Marge will be dearly missed by her husband of 44 years, Bobb L. Davies, of Marion; her son, Brett L. (Carol) Davies of Leitchfield, KY; her daughter, Melinda (Robert) Gilpin of Marion; four grandchildren: Connor and Colleen Gilpin of Marion, Miriah Myers and Sierra Davies of Leitchfield, KY; sister, Arline McNeil of Green Camp, several nephews, great-nieces, and their extended families. In addition to her parents, Marge was preceded in death by her brothers: George W. and Warren G.; and her sister, Helen. Marge's family will greet friends from 2 – 4 p.m. on Sunday, February 14, 2010, at the Denzer-Farison-Hottinger & Snyder Funeral Home, 360 E. Center St., Marion. Services celebrating her life will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday at the Emanuel Lutheran Church, 241 South Prospect Street, Marion, with Pastor Mark Schuring officiating. Burial will follow in Caledonia Cemetery. Memorial contributions, if desired, may be made to the Marion Community Foundation Scholarship Fund, 504 S. State Street, Marion, Ohio 43302. These contributions will be used to help the training of future nurses. For those wishing to express their condolences to Marge's family, you may do so by visiting <http://www.snyderfuneralhomes.com/>

Dear Pam, The enclosed check is for the postage fund. I appreciate being given lifetime membership in the alumni association, and getting the newsletter, so this is just a little something to help keep it going. Best wishes,
Barbara DeWeerd Lemmen (1959)

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COMMENTARY

Heartbroken family buries another veteran
Wednesday, November 11, 2009 5:36 AM
By MIKE HARDEN (*Columbus Dispatch*)

Kay Patterson, thumbing through family photos of her sister **Penny Hudson Burwell (1964)**, conceded, "She was the cutest. She made homecoming court. I made hall monitor." The remark drew a wry chuckle from their two other sisters - Holly Cavallaro and Lynne Hudson - the trio having assembled last Wednesday at Holly's Hilliard home to sift essence from grief on behalf of the sister whose casket they bore home late last month to a veterans grave in Dayton. "I felt very strongly about being a pallbearer for her," Holly said. "It was both the hardest thing I have ever done and yet, in some ways, the best thing I have ever done." At Holly's home, Penny's countenance - youthful and untroubled - smiles back from a photo taken when she graduated from nursing school at Riverside Methodist Hospital. That was before the Army, before Vietnam, before Penny's dinner-table skirmishes with her sister Lynne over what the United States was doing in Southeast Asia. The women's father, Ben, once commanded, "That's it. Both of you shut up. We're not going to talk about this war anymore at this table." Though Ben did not object to Penny's decision to join the Army, the choice cut to the marrow of the memory of family heartbreak during World War II. Twice within six weeks, Ben lost a brother to the war - one in the skies over Germany, another over the South Pacific. "I can remember Daddy going down to the basement to cry," Kay said. After Penny left for Vietnam in 1968, Holly recalled, "I remember watching Walter Cronkite and the news, and anytime they mentioned a city, Daddy would get out the atlas and look it up on the map of Vietnam." Less than a decade after Penny returned from Vietnam, she began demonstrating symptoms of myriad ailments, including malabsorption syndrome and osteomalacia (sometimes called "adult rickets"). "In 1978, she went from 120 pounds down to 72 pounds," said Penny's husband, Jim Burwell. When malabsorption syndrome was diagnosed, "She told me, 'This thing will kill me.'" She was one of the plaintiffs in the Agent Orange class-action lawsuit, he said. "She got a few hundred dollars. The attorneys got the biggest share." By early last month, Penny's weight was down to 67 pounds. For her birthday, Oct. 11, Jim prepared lobster tail, her favorite. She was able to get only two bites past the sores in her mouth. "She wanted a flag-draped coffin," Holly said. "She wanted taps, but no guns. She hated the sound of guns." Holly's 22-year-old son, Nick, joined his three aunts as pallbearers. After the flag was folded and the bugle notes faded, he told his mother, "There is a lot to be said for the military." Holly knows he has a close friend just back from Kuwait. "I would respect his wishes," she said of the possibility that Nick might enlist, "but I think this family has given plenty." The graves of the veteran dead among her kin stretch from Holland to the South Pacific. "I don't want us to lose anymore." *Retired columnist Mike Harden writes Wednesday and Sunday Metro columns.*

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 and Fund Donations.

RWC ALUMNI OFFICERS

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>E-MAIL LINK</u>
President	Rita Jane Smith	1966	614-556-4316	smithr@ohiohealth.com
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2010 ANNUAL MAY REUNION LUNCHEON RESERVATION SLIP

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Comments / Requests _____

Deadline for Reservations is **Saturday April 24th**
Make checks payable to **RWC Alumni Association**
Mail your reservation slip along with check for **\$22.25** to:
Pamela Ann Martin
392 Yarmouth Lane
Columbus, Ohio 43228

Please do not send Membership Dues or Fund Donations with Luncheon Reservations.



IMPORTANT 2010 DATES TO REMEMBER

(Subject to change without notice)

Wednesday February 17	11:30 am (30 minute program) and repeated at 12:30 pm	Nursing Grand Rounds in the Susan H. Edwards Auditorium at Riverside Methodist Hospital, sponsored by your RWC Alumni Association. Tentative Title: Risks and Benefits of Blood Transfusions: Evidence for Rethinking Old Habits about H&H. Speakers - <i>to be determined</i>
Wednesday March 17	11:30 am (30 minute program) and repeated at 12:30 pm	Nursing Grand Rounds in the Susan H. Edwards Auditorium at Riverside Methodist Hospital, sponsored by your RWC Alumni Association. Tentative Title: <i>to be determined</i>
Friday March 19	5:00 pm	Deadline for news / notes for April newsletter
Friday March 19	5:00 pm	Deadline for submission of nominees for the 2010 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: cherrie1029@aol.com
Tuesday March 23	7:00 pm	General Membership Meeting in the Riverside Health Center, 500 Thomas Lane (behind the hospital) Atrium Level Classrooms. Parking and access to the building through the PURPLE parking garage.
Wednesday April 21	11:30 am (30 minute program) and repeated at 12:30 pm	Nursing Grand Rounds in the Susan H. Edwards Auditorium at Riverside Methodist Hospital, sponsored by your RWC Alumni Association. Tentative Title: <i>to be determined</i>
Saturday April 24	5:00 pm	Deadline for reservations for Annual Reunion Luncheon
Saturday May 1	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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