



RIVERSIDE – WHITE CROSS ALUMNI

April 2004 Newsletter

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Honoring the Spirit of Nursing at Riverside Methodist Hospital

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello to all... I do hope that many of you will travel to Columbus for our Annual May Luncheon. We will be having the formal dedication of "The Spirit" sculpture following lunch. We will go from the second floor cafe at Riverside Methodist Hospital to just outside the "new" Emergency Department lobby for the dedication and will unveil the "The Spirit" sculpture. We do hope that Christopher Ries, the sculpture artist, can join us for this exciting event. Following the dedication, we will travel back to second floor cafe, William Bradley conference room for dessert and punch, and for classmate and colleague visit. As we return back to the second floor cafe we will be passing through the Hospital History Wall, another wonderful place for remembering.

The Riverside campus is expanding each year; therefore I want to direct you to the parking garage identified as "RED" garage, for free parking. This garage is located just west of the "new" McConnell Heart / Emergency Department entrance, which is just west of the main Hospital entrance. New signage is in place to direct you to the "Red" garage. We will have Nursing Executive staff positioned there, as well as, along the way to direct and assist you to the second floor cafe, the Luncheon location. We will also have staff positioned at the Main entrance of the Hospital to assist those of you whom request not to walk from the garage.

Along with the Nursing Executive staff, the Riverside Methodist Hospital - C.O.O., Bruce Hagen, and our C.N.O, MaryAnn Wilcox will be in attendance to share a few words with us following lunch.

We think all will enjoy the planned agenda, and we look forward to seeing you at Riverside Methodist Hospital on May 1st.

As always,
Rita J. Smith (1966)

CLASS OF 1944

For your 60th reunion info please contact:
Jane Stevenson Jones (1944)
 1217 Gresham Road
 Columbus, Ohio 43204

2004 RWC ALUMNI REUNION LUNCHEON

Saturday, May 1st @ 11:00am
 Riverside Methodist Hospital
 2nd Floor Café
 \$15.75 per person

Your reservation slip is elsewhere in this newsletter and also available for download on our website (www.rwcalumni.com) and must be returned before Monday April 26. The hospital has offered to host our annual reunion luncheon, in conjunction with the celebration and unveiling of the new Emergency Department and Heart Hospital, and tours will be available.

CLASS OF 1964

For your 40th reunion info please contact:

Dianna Hill Seymour (1964)
 4313 Alder Drive
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Varian Simmons Wilson (1964)
 90 S. Belmar Dr.
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Class of 1964... We would like to rally the class of '64 and have as many as possible to come for our 40th. Please contact everyone that you know from our class and encourage them to attend. It will be a great celebration! We want your e-mail and snail mail addresses. Contact us ASAP. Reservation slips are available on the website at www.rwcalumni.com
 Dianna / Varian

CLASS OF 1949

For your 55th reunion info please contact:

LaVerta Able Heinzman (1949)
 40 Gladys Avenue
 Columbus, Ohio 43228
 Phone: 614-878-4987

CELEBRATING A REUNION IN 2005?

START PLANNING NOW!

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

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

FROM OUR INTERNET WEBSITE GUESTBOOK

Visitor's Name: Dee McConahey Anderson
E-mail address: rdanders@columbus.rr.com
You are from: Gahanna, Ohio
Year of Graduation 1965
Active Alumni Member: No

Comments: This is great! I have enjoyed my newsletter for so long and it is so nice to be able to have interaction! I am a fulltime admission/marketing director for the Inn at Chestnut Hill, which is an all assisted living facility located in the Gahanna/New Albany area. I have worked there for the past 10 years from floor nurse, director of nursing to the present position the last 4 years. I have gotten to RWH at times to visit residents and am always moved by the nursing display and seeing our uniforms! We had an incredible education! With the nurses' shortage, I wish our education were still available! I am still married to Ron who has been thrilled to have our daughter Joy as a partner in his dental practice for over a year now! My first son Jeff, 34, was just married in Phoenix, Arizona last month, Jay, my second son, is married with 2 boys and another on the way, and is director of quality at Northwestern Medical Hospital in downtown Chicago. He interacts with the nursing staff a great deal and states "It's like talking with my mother all the time!" Enough info, but thank you for this opportunity. I hope everyone will take the opportunity to support the "spirit" sculpture. What a wonderful idea. Dee
Sign Time: November 21 2003 at 04:19:02

(Editors note... Our website guest book is currently experiencing technical difficulties and is temporarily off line. I am working to correct the problems. Pam)



OBITUARY

Martha L. Olinger Etsinger, 86, of Bucyrus, died Tuesday evening March 16 at Heartland of Bucyrus. She was born in Galion to the late Harry & Mae (Scheerer) Olinger. Shortly after birth, her family moved to Bucyrus where she has resided ever since. Martha was a 1935 graduate of Bucyrus High School and went on to graduate from White Cross Nursing School (1938) in Columbus in which is currently where Riverside Methodist Hospital is located. She was proud to have donated some early nursing memorabilia to the Historical Room at Riverside. She worked as a registered nurse at Bucyrus Community Hospital in the Maternity Dept. for a number of years before becoming a housewife. She then worked at Murphy's Carpet for a number of years. Martha was a member of Good Hope Lutheran Church, where she sang in the choir, taught Sunday School, and belonged to several circles within the church. She was a member of the O.E.S. Chapter # 3 in which she served as a Worthy Matron. She enjoyed watching or listening to the Cleveland Indians and Cleveland Browns, enjoyed gardening, and collected angels & penguins. Along with her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Walter Etsinger, whom she married on February 22, 1942; one son, Tim Etsinger; one granddaughter, Geordan Etsinger; and one sister, Marge Gerberville. Martha is survived by one son, Tom Etsinger, of Bucyrus; one daughter, Jean Etsinger, of Sarasota, Fla.; and two grandchildren, Jared Etsinger of Sarasota, Fla. and Marcia Etsinger of Prescott Valley, Ariz. Memorial contributions may be given to Good Hope Lutheran Church Renovation Fund or to the Ohio Parkinson Foundation Northwest Region, Inc. through the Wise Funeral Service in Bucyrus.

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. CEU's are available. Everyone is invited to attend and no reservations are required. Upcoming topics / featured departments include:

April 21	ICU
May 19	Pain Management Services
June 16	Emergency Department
July 21	Advanced Practice Nurses
August 18	Trauma Services
September 15	Oncology Services
October 20	Heart Disease Management
November 17	Cardiology Services
December 15	Women's Health Services

OBITUARY

Grace Ellen (Ransdell) El-Zawahry, 91, of Chillicothe, passed away to Heaven, peacefully on Monday evening, March 15, 2004, in Adena Regional Medical Center. She was born Jan. 26, 1913, in Cynthiana, KY, to the late Forrest Shelton and Ella Asbury (Turner) Ransdell. She is survived by her husband of nearly 49 years, Dr. Moneim El-Zawahry; a son, Sabry and his wife, Nabila Hammoud El-Zawahry and grandchildren, Laila, Yaseen and Nada-Grace El-Zawahry. Also surviving are nieces and nephews and their families, Cedric Earl Ransdell, San Diego, CA, Hilda Johnson, Chillicothe, Jenna Lou Carnes, Greenfield, OH, Gloria Kay Allen, Maumee, OH, Lewis Ransdell, Chattanooga, TN, Dr. William Ickinger, Athens, OH, Judge John Tapp, Seattle, WA, David Lee Mossbarger, Frankfort, OH, Diane Hawley, Delaware, OH, Mike Ransdell, Baltimore, MD, Dr. Lisa Ransdell, Denver, CO and Dr. Kamal El-Zawahry, Mrs. Zeinab El-Zawahry, Dr. Joan El-Zawahry, Dr. Tamman El-Zawahry and Dr. Tarek El-Zawahry, all of Panama City, FL, and by other members of the El-Zawahry family in Egypt. Also surviving are a brother-in-law, Dane Mossbarger, Frankfort, OH, and a sister-in-law, Mabel Ransdell, Chillicothe. She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Earl, Paul, Elwood, Lewis and Arthur Ransdell; sisters, Susan Ransdell Ickinger, Lillie Ransdell Tapp and Lena Ransdell Mossbarger. Grace was a graduate of South Salem High School, White Cross Hospital School of Nursing (1934), earned her BS in Nursing Education from The Ohio State University and her MS in Pediatric and Public Health Nursing from Western Reserve University. She did additional post-graduate studies at Bellevue Hospital, New York, NY, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD, and University Hospital, Seattle, WA. She worked as a supervisor nurse in pediatric nursing in White Cross Hospital and Children's Hospital in Columbus, OH, in Los Angeles, CA, and at Harborview Hospital, Seattle, WA. She was a child health nursing consultant at the Ohio Department of Health, where she developed the premature program for the State. She was recruited by the U.S. Department of State, as a nursing advisor and educator in Maternal and Child Health at a nurse midwifery school in Samawah, Iraq and later at a rural training and demonstration center in Cairo, Egypt, where she met her husband. In 1956, she worked in premature nursing at the University of North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill, NC, and later with the Johns Hopkins University Cerebral Palsy and Brain Damage Research Project. Grace was recruited by the World Health Organization as a WHO Professor of Pediatric and Public Health Nursing for the Faculty of Nursing, Alexandria University, Egypt. This was the first university level education in nursing for countries of the Middle East. Later, she became Dean of Faculty. In the sixties, Grace followed the

path of her husband in his WHO assignments in Rangoon, Burma, New Delhi, India, Jakarta, Indonesia, Geneva, Switzerland, and New York, NY. In these countries, she volunteered in support of nursing education and developing nursing leadership. In recognition of her contributions, she received several honors and awards from organizations and universities in the USA and elsewhere. Grace traveled extensively in many countries in Europe, the Middle East, Southeast Asia, and the Far East, where she established life-lasting friendships. She was actively involved in American and UN women's clubs and was a member of the American Nursing Association, the Ohio Nursing Association, and the White Cross/Riverside Nursing Association. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Chillicothe and was very active in church and circle activities. She loved classical music, painting and was gifted with a beautiful soprano voice. As a nursing student at White Cross, she sang with her sister, Susan in several churches throughout Ohio to raise funds for their nursing school. She has been a joyful inspiration throughout her life to her patients and their families, and to her coworkers and friends for her integrity and loyalty. She lived her life to the fullest and was courageous with great compassion, thoughtfulness and kindness to everyone, especially the weak and underprivileged. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends across the globe and will be blessed in Heaven for her faith and good deeds.

DID YOU KNOW

The next newsletter will be mailed in early September 2004. Deadline for news items is **August 25, 2004**.

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

NEWS AND NOTES

The newsletter & Grace's (Ransdell El-Zawahry) death notice both came today. I am sending you the obit – you may do as you choose. Dr. didn't list the year she graduated but I think it was 1934. Her sister Susan (Ransdell Ickinger) died a couple years ago. I think she graduated in 1938. I enjoy your letters but do nothing outstanding that would be of interest. You do a great job. **Betty Moon Roe 1946**

Just a note to advise you that Martha (Olinger) Etsinger passed away 3/16/04. I'm not sure of her date of graduation but she was 86 years old. Thank you for all you do to publish the newsletter. I am not able to attend the meetings but enjoy reading the newsletter. Sincerely, **Doris George Markling (1942)**

CHRISTMAS 2003 WITH THE CLASS OF 1929

- **Marie Miesse Hess** wrote this has been a good year and has kept busy doing unimportant things! For 2004, she is planning on a trip to Las Vegas and a week in Palm Springs, California. She is looking forward to the May 1 dedication of the new wing to Riverside Hospital and viewing the crystal sculpture for the nurses with her name and class of '29.
- **Josephine Perry Higgins** wrote that she is doing well considering she celebrated her 95th birthday August 20, 2003... Happy birthday. In May, she went to a cantata at the Sundanese Presbyterian church in San Diego and attended all of Billy Graham programs (her daughter sang in the choir). She had several short trips in July in the area where she lives... one to the I Max theater in Balboa Park, San Diego and a trip to Sea World for a family outing which included 3 of her great-great grandchildren (she has 7 great-great grandchildren from age 8 months to 7 years). In August they went on a Trolley trip through Old Town, San Diego seeing all the ancient buildings and contents. September included a visit to a Polynesian center at Huntington Beach and November she attended the buffet dinners and all the Christmas programs at the Lawrence Welk Theater. Josephine sends "Best wishes and Love."
- **Gladys Wright Denny's** sister wrote that there is not much change with Gladys this year. She tries to watch TV but she can't see it. She still uses a wheelchair so can't get around much. She will be 98 the day after Christmas. Happy Birthday Gladys. Thank you Ruth for keeping us updated.

NEWS AND NOTES

My email address is: **SARBIL90@ADELPHIA.NET**
Hope to see a lot of my classmates in May for our 45th! **Sara Hymes Dumbauld (1959)**

I wanted to let you know that James David Pollock, the son of **Rosemary Jeffers Osborn (1945)**, was killed in an auto accident January 17th. He also leaves behind a wife and 2 children. Rosemary may be contacted at 736 B Cedar Court, Lebanon, Ohio 45036. Donations may be made to the family in care of *The Ben and Kristen Pollock Education Fund*. **Jeanne Fletcher (1945)**

I saw this obituary in the Attica Hub newspaper, my hometown area. Mary Alice Moon Cahill was a 1938 WCH grad. Evidently her eldest son didn't think important to list her affiliations with White Cross. Thought this would be of interest. Dr. Cahill's younger sister, Arlene, (WCH grad) married Dr. Warren Hoffman WCH intern in late 40's. Love, **Helen Brooks Alford (1948)**

NEWS AND NOTES

Used to live on Revere Court there in Lincoln Village. Do drive through occasionally. Looks nice! Want to add my email address: **krausherlorna@hotmail.com**. Appreciate the work on the newsletter. Your mom was so faithful doing it also. Had visited her once in the Nursing Home. See you in May at the Alumni Luncheon. Have a granddaughter delivering my 1st great grandbaby in January '04 at Riverside. Thanks!
Lorna Krausher (1949)

Dear Pamela, I was sorry to hear that your mother died though knew of her failing health. She was indeed a loyal alumna of WCH – and the many years she wrote the "newsletter" (which you've continued in the same fashion) were terrific and most certainly responsible for keeping the classes in touch and the Alumni Association alive! She was head nurse on 3A when I was a student and she did a good job of keeping us all "in line." My thoughts are with you and your family. I appreciate all of your hard work in continuing the newsletter! Many thanks! **Ruth Anne Leonard Ferrell (1951)**

Our condolences go out to **Ruth Nease Powers (1948)** on the recent passing of her mother Helen Nease, who was 99 years young at the time of her death. You have our sympathies, Ruth.

Thanks for all your efforts with the Newsletter. Even though I know so few of the names, I love reading all the news. I think you are filling your mother's shoes quite well. She was a jewel! Happy holidays and a Blessed New Year. Sincerely, **Betty Stewart (1949)**

OBITUARY

Kathleen "Kitty" Bell Johnstone, 57, of Lakeview Drive, Morgantown, WV, passed away on Thursday, Sept 18, 2003 at Ruby Memorial Hospital. She was born January 19, 1946, in Columbus, Ohio a daughter of Thomas Richard Bell and Donna Eckelburger Conlay, of Grove City, Ohio. She graduated from Riverside White Cross School of Nursing in 1967, married Robert Johnstone in 1969 and moved with her family to Morgantown in 1991. She worked in the Cancer Information Service of the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center at West Virginia University. In addition to her parents, she is survived by her husband, Robert Edmund Johnstone; three daughters, Erica and spouse, Brian Caveney of N.C., Emily and Stephanie Elaine Johnstone, at home; a sister, Suzie Bell Worthington; and a brother Thomas R. "Rick" Bell, Jr. She was preceded in death by a son, Robert Eric Johnstone. Donations may be made in her memory to the WVU Foundation, c/o Cancer Prevention and Control, 1 Waterfront Place, P.O. Box 1650, Morgantown, WV 26506.

NEWS AND NOTES

Just a short note to let you all know that I enjoy getting the Riverside-White Cross Alumni news. Just wish there would be something from the class of 1947. My husband and I retired to N.C. in 1990. We have a small farm so I can keep a garden and he can have a couple of horses and a pony for grandchildren (17). My health is good and my husband's is now as he just had his second hip replacement in Jan. and is doing great. Of course he had the very best of nursing care. 4 of our 5 children live in NC. Daughter Kristy (Lewis Lieter - Class of 1973) lives on our farm in Mt. Vernon, Ohio. 2 of our sons are Pharmacists; one is a Dr. in critical care and pulmonology, my daughter here in NC is also a nurse married to a Dr. As you can see we have a very medical family. I am in touch with a few of our classmates but would like to hear from more of them. **Jeweldeen Linson Dove (1947)**

It is with great sadness that I tell alumni of the death of classmate and friend **Kitty (Kathleen) Bell Johnstone** on September 18, 2003 in Morgantown, West Virginia. In 2000 Kitty was diagnosed with ovarian cancer and had almost continuous treatment from that time until her death. Twenty years ago Kitty was treated successfully for breast cancer. With great determination Kitty continued to work nearly full time during her 3 years of treatment. For over 10 years Kitty was a Cancer Information Specialist at the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center at West Virginia University. When patients or family called 1-800-4-Cancer they talked with Kitty or one of the other dedicated nurses who provided evidence-based information regarding cancer and treatment including options for clinical trials. With great love, amazing energy, and real determination, Kitty lived as normal life as possible during her treatment, enjoying family, friends, coworkers, and travel. She worked hard to be well. She is survived by her husband Bob, daughters Erica, and spouse Brian, and grandson Brandon, Emily and spouse Trent, and Stephanie at home, mother Donna Eckelburger, sister Suzie Bell Worthington and spouse Terry, and brother Rick. Son, Robert Eric Johnstone, preceded Kitty in death. Kitty's father, Thomas Bell, died 3 weeks after her death. Kitty was my friend even before I really knew her. Little did I know in those first few weeks of our nursing education that the encouraging notes and small gifts I received from "Rudy" really came from her. She is missed. **Janet Dombek Wertz (1967)**

NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES

Lois Hart Obrock (1974)
LMO@ADELPHIA.NET

Mary Jane Wilcox Crothers (1948)
M.J.CROTHERS@MAILSTATION.COM

OBITUARY

Naomi Jones Franz, 74, passed away 10-18-03 at Marion General Hospital, Marion, Ohio. Naomi was a graduate of White Cross Hospital School of Nursing, Class of 1950. She was formerly employed at Med Center Hospital, Marion, Ohio. She is survived by 2 sons, 2 daughters, 5 grandchildren, and 1 sister. Memorial contributions may be made to Quality of Life hospice, 1000 McKinley Park Drive, Marion, Ohio. Condolences may be expressed to the family via email at: gunderhall@aol.com or to her son at: Scott Franz, 56 Ridge Road, Deerfield, New Hampshire 03037.

OBITUARY

Mary Alice Moon Cahill, of Tiffin St., Attica, Died Tuesday December 31, 2002 at Hillside Acres Nursing Home, Willard. She was born June 27, 1917 in Ohio to the late Rev. Forest and Mrs. (Tittle) Moon. She was a surgical nurse (WCH Class of 1938) and a member of the Attica United Methodist Church, former member of the Eastern Star and Literary Guild. Surviving are five sons, F. Dallas Cahill DDS of Attica, James F. Cahill Ph.D. of Richboro, Pa., Thomas R. Cahill of Gurnee, Ill., Edwin J. "Joe" Cahill of LaVerne, Calif., and Donald E. Cahill of Tiffin; daughter, Nancy L. Futrell of Cincinnati; 16 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; one brother, Blake Moon of Ohio and two sisters, Evan Shepherd and Ruthy Mattison, both of Ohio. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert C. Cahill MD who preceded her in death December 19, 1983; two brothers, Vain and John Moon. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 1 Marion Ave., Suite 108, Mansfield, Ohio 44903.

NEWS AND NOTES

I was in Stroke Support Group to learn to prevent a stroke. Then I had a TIA (mini stroke) right in front of their eyes. I flunked the project. My new project is to turn an F student (me) into an A student. Many years ago I volunteered to be a nurse and studied that. I did not volunteer to be a patient. I was drafted into the army of chronic disease. For this, I cannot find a teacher. And he who teaches himself has a fool for a master. Now, I want you to do two things. First, I want you to take mean pills, laugh, instead of cry, and live to be a hundred like Bob Hope. Secondly, I want you to ask questions and help in the battle against the beast called chronic illness. **Martha Young Bandy (1945)**

So sorry to read in the newsletter about Genevieve dying. She was a very nice lady. **Marilyn Rittberger**

Dear Mrs. Rita:

Attached please find a letter addressed to you (but not mailed) before the passing away of my wife Mrs. Grace Ellen Ransdell El-Zawahry. You may wish to share it with the Alumni during the forthcoming Luncheon or publishing it in the Alumni Newsletter.

Sincerely Yours,
M. Moneim El-Zawahry MD

“Ms. Rita J. Smith, RN
President of Riverside - White Cross Alumni

March 10 / 2004

Dear Ms. Smith :

Congratulations for your election as President of the Riverside-White Cross Alumni. I am the husband of Mrs. Grace Ellen (Ransdell) El-Zawahry. She has always been an active member of the Alumni and supportive contributor to the White Cross Nursing School since her graduation in 1934. She should be considered one of the few surviving elders if not the eldest graduate, as she is now 91 plus years. Unfortunately, she is now in Chillicothe Nursing and Rehabilitation Center since last Christmas as she is suffering from dementia and an attack of arterial fibrillation. Throughout the past decades she always looked forward to attending the reunion luncheon every year to enjoy the fellowship and friendship of many of her friends. We have worked and lived abroad in many countries and Gracie would always plan to have our home - leave travel to coincide with the reunion. Unfortunately, Gracie will not be able to attend this years luncheon which happens to be her 70 years class celebration.

Our son and I are proud that Gracie had an illustrious career in pediatric and public health nursing. Thanks for the excellent training she received at White Cross during the early 1930's.

Following her graduation in 1934 she attended post graduate courses in Bellview Hospital New York, Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, MD and Washington University Hospital in Seattle, Washington. She received her B.Sc. Degree in Nursing Education from OSU and her M.Sc. Degree in Pediatric and Public Health Nursing from Western Reserve University.

Gracie's career in Pediatric and Maternal and Child Health Nursing which covered the full spectrum of its service, education, and training, and research components. She served in White Cross Hospital, Columbus Children's Hospital, Los Angeles Children's

Hospital, Harbour - View Hospital, Seattle Washington, University of North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill, NC, and Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore Maryland. At the latter posting she served as the Senior Nurse in the multi centric National Cerebral Palsy and Brain Damage Research Project. For five years (1948 – 1953) she was the MCH Nursing Consultant at the Ohio Department of Health. There, her activities included planning, developing and supervising the premature program in Ohio State.

She was recruited by the International Cooperation Administration of the US Department of State as a Nursing Advisor in maternal Child Health serving with a US Team of Medical and Health experts to develop training of nurses and mid-wives in a rural training and demonstration center in Iraq and Egypt. Later she was employed by the World Health Organization (WHO) as a Professor of Pediatric and Public Health Nursing to assist in establishing the first University level B.Sc. degree Faculty of Nursing, University of Alexandria Egypt. This Faculty served as a regional center for training nurses from countries of the Middle East. Later, she was promoted by the University of Alexandria to become the Dean of the Faculty.

Gracie joined me during my assignments with the World Health Organization in Burma, India, Indonesia, Switzerland, and the USA. In these countries she volunteered to support nursing education and services as well as further developing nursing leadership.

Our son Sabry and I are proud that Gracie carried the banner of White Cross - Riverside high not only in the State of Ohio but also in several States and other Countries in the Middle East, South East Asia, Far East, and Europe. For her contributions she has been honored by several institutions and universities including the International Cooperation Administration of the US Department of State, the World Health Organization, the University of Alexandria, Egypt, and others.

How we wished that she could have been able to attend the forthcoming reunion.

Gracie has always been the epitome of dedication and devotion that inspired others for the promotion of nursing. She has carried the torch of White Cross mission high across the Globe in the same spirit of Florence Nightingale!

With warm wishes ,
Sincerely Yours ,
M. Moneim El-Zawahry MD

PS: This letter was written but not mailed before her death on March 15, 2004 in Chillicothe, Ohio.”

NEWS AND NOTES

Happy Holidays to one and all. Another year has quickly rolled around and we find ourselves busily getting ready for the holidays. Our greatest joy has been watching the changes our grandchildren are going through. Lauren is now 2 ½ (going on 20) and is quite active, learning her alphabet and numbers and interested in everything going on. She also is quite the big sister to brother Gabe, who just turned 1 in November. He is walking and into everything and Lauren shows him everything she knows. Those who remember Lance when he was little would find the resemblance to Gabe very similar. Mike and I are still doing the same old jobs. Mike has been off work twice this year for carpal tunnel surgeries of both hands. Boy, have those surgeries changed since I had mine about twenty years ago. They don't even put you to sleep anymore, so you are in and out in about an hour and a half! Our daughter-in-law, Diana, had a carpal tunnel done the same day as Mike last month. Lance and Diana are starting to house hunt, as Lance will be done with his residency at the end of June and will be starting his practice in Pandora, at least as it looks right now. We are looking forward to them living closer to us. Megan is currently living back here at home with us, trying to decide what she wants to do. She is working as a home health aide and a substitute teacher. I celebrated my five-year anniversary of being cancer free last month! What JOY! Wishing everyone a blessed Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year! **Wanda Cramer Criblez (1973)**

Pam, I thought this should be sent to the Alumni Office. (Obituary for Grace Ellen Ransdell El-Zawahry). White Cross has lost a "trooper."
Beverly Elaine Southward Imboden (1958)

UPCOMING REUNIONS

The following classes will be celebrating special reunions at our May 2004 Reunion Luncheon.

1929 – 75 years
1934 – 70 years
1939 – 65 years
1944 – 60 years
1949 – 55 years
1954 – 50 years
1959 – 45 years
1964 – 40 years
1969 – 35 years
1974 – 30 years
1979 – 25 years
1984 – 20 years
1989 – 15 years
1994 – 10 years



THANK YOU

This past year has been very difficult for me. Losing my mom, **Genevieve Menkel Martin (1948)** just one year ago, has been both heartbreaking and life altering. I still miss her terribly and long to see her every day. I talk to her frequently.

Countless numbers of you have offered up prayers of comfort and cards of support as well as personal visits, phone calls and numerous memorial donations in her name to the Alumni Association "Spirit of Nursing" Sculpture. Mom would be so honored if we were able to inscribe her name on the sculpture base.

My family and I will always appreciate your kindness and generosity. Thank you so much for all you have done. I can't begin to tell you how grateful we are!

My older brother, Chuck, and his family are now in Reno, Nevada. C.Ray is 16 and loves all sports. Paulie is 12 and tries to keep up with his big brother.

My younger brother, Doug, and his family are still in Elmira, New York. Ian is 16 and crazy about hockey. Graham is 14 and is the family's free spirit.

My younger sister, Julie, and her daughter Jacquelyn are only 2 blocks away, here in Columbus, and I see them often. Jacquelyn is 17 and a Junior in High School. She loves the marching band and her history classes. Eventually she will attend Medical School.

My youngest sister, Lori, is continuing her missionary work in London, England. She is attending the Seminary and eventually would like to open a church in Ukraine.

I am in Nursing Administration at Madison County Hospital in London, Ohio, working as a House Supervisor. In my spare time I create web pages and write newsletters...

Thank you again, from all of us, for your love and support of Mom and Grandma Gen over the many years she served the Alumni Association.

Pamela Martin (1973)
Newsletter/Website Editor



ARE YOUR DUES DUE Our Membership Secretary reports that many of you are overdue on your dues. Check your mailing label. It is now showing the year through which your dues are paid. **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. A membership renewal application is available below.



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 Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43235**
 Do **NOT** send Luncheon Reservations with Membership Dues.

HONORING THE SPIRIT OF NURSING AT RIVERSIDE I'm sure all of you have now received the brochure from the Foundation describing the beautiful carved crystal sculpture named "Spirit" that will be placed in the lobby of the new Emergency Department / Heart Hospital. Thank you in advance for considering this request and for giving to honor the Riverside-White Cross spirit of nursing... past, present and future. For additional information about this effort or if you have any questions, please feel free to call **Pam Glasgow, Director of Development at the Grant / Riverside Methodist Hospital Foundation at (614) 566-4390**. A gift form is available below.

Yes! I / We want to honor the Spirit of Nursing at Riverside with a gift of:
 \$1,000* \$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 Other _____

*A gift of \$1,000 or more provides the opportunity for your name (or the name you designate) to be placed on the pedestal of the sculpture.

Please make your gift payable to the Grant / Riverside Methodist Hospitals Foundation and mail to:
 Pam Glasgow, Director of Development, Grant / Riverside Methodist Hospitals Foundation
 3535 Olentangy River Road, Columbus, Ohio, 43214-3998

Charge my: Visa Mastercard Discover American Express

Card # _____	My / our gift is in memory / honor of: (circle one) _____ Please notify: Name _____ Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____
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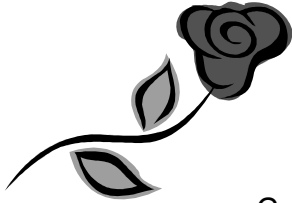
2004 RWC ALUMNI REUNION LUNCHEON

Saturday, May 1st @ 11:00am

Riverside Methodist Hospital

2nd Floor Café

\$15.75 per person



BUFFET MENU

Carved Prime Rib with Au Jus & Horseradish

Chicken Cordon Blue with Herb Cream

Escalloped Potatoes

Fresh Vegetable Medley

Broccoli, Squash, Zucchini, Carrots with Basil Butter

Rolls and Butter

Preset Tossed Salad with Dressings

Preset Dessert alternating Chocolate Cake and Cheesecake

Iced Tea, Water, Coffee, and Punch Fountain



May 2004 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 April 26

Make checks payable to RWC Alumni Association

Mail your reservation slip with **\$15.75** check to:

Janet Dombek Wertz, 4411 Lunar Drive, Stow, Ohio 44224

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2004 DATES TO REMEMBER

(Subject to change)

Monday, April 26

Saturday, May 1 at 11:00 am

Wednesday, August 25

Tuesday, September 28 at 7:00 pm

Monday, October 25

Monday, November 29

Saturday, December 4 at 11:00 am

Deadline for reservations for Reunion luncheon.

Annual reunion luncheon at Riverside Hospital, 3535 Olentangy River Rd, Columbus, Ohio 43214, (614) 566-5000, 2nd floor Cafe'.

Deadline for news articles for September newsletter.

Regular alumni meeting at Riverside Health Center, 500 Thomas Lane, Columbus, Ohio 43224, (614) 566-5077, Atrium Level Classrooms.

Deadline for news articles for November newsletter.

Deadline for reservations for Holiday luncheon.

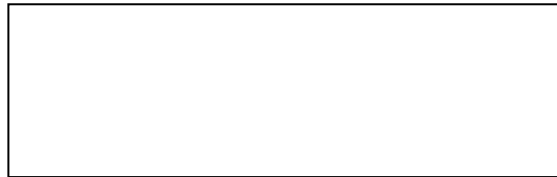
Holiday luncheon (Location to be determined).

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