



RIVERSIDE – WHITE CROSS ALUMNI SEPTEMBER 2002 NEWSLETTER



OK, so can somebody tell me where the summer went? I'm just sure that only last week I was admiring my Spring tulips and tomorrow the children in the neighborhood are starting back to school. Something is amiss. On a good note, I am now employed full-time after 13 months of unemployment checks and job hunting. A local plasma donation center took me on and trained me, per FDA regulations, to be a "Physician Substitute" in the qualifying process of accepting potential donors. We collect at least 150 bottles of plasma every day and when we move into our new facility in a couple of months, our intake will double. My mom, **Genevieve Menkel Martin (1948)**, is stable. She enjoys the social atmosphere of the Assisted Living Facility in which she lives. Her fight against both Alzheimer's and Parkinson's Diseases continues....

~ **Pamela A. Martin (1973)**

2002 Dates to Remember

- ✓ Tuesday September 24, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.
Regular alumni meeting at RMH
- ✓ Saturday December 7, 2002 at 11:00 am
Holiday luncheon at Fawcett Center
Reservation slip will be in the next newsletter.

2003 Dates to Remember

- ✓ Tuesday March 25, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.
Regular alumni meeting at RMH
- ✓ Saturday May 3, 2003 at 11:00 am
Annual reunion luncheon at Fawcett Center
- ✓ Tuesday September 23, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.
Regular alumni meeting at RMH
- ✓ Saturday December 6, 2003 at 11:00 am
Holiday luncheon at Fawcett Center

Attention Class of 1953

Your 50th reunion is right around the corner!
Please contact:

Wilma Johnson Hagely
4100 Woodbridge Road
Columbus, Ohio 43220
(614) 451-2169

Attention Class of 1955

Your classmates are already planning for your 50th reunion in 2005. Several of you are missing. Does anyone know the whereabouts of these ladies?

- ❖ Phyllis Ann Black Ross
- ❖ Melva Smith Colgrove
- ❖ Charlotte Snider Cortes
- ❖ Helen Caldwell Swift

Please contact **Betty Thompson Richards** at:
9661 Falls Spring Road NW
Dundee, Ohio 44624
(330) 878-7197

Attention Class of 1958

You will be celebrating your 45th reunion next year! Already plans are being made for your special luncheon and several members of your class are gathering names and current addresses. Please contact:

Ann McCarley Wetherbee
4212 Arlington Place
Portsmouth, Virginia 23707-3710
E-mail: MOMMABEE1@EARTHLINK.NET
(757) 393-4639

Attention Class of 1967

Several members of the Class of 1967 are planning your 35th reunion for October 19, 2002. If anyone from the class is interested in helping to organize the event, they are invited to participate. Please contact **Diana Soergel Bussian** at:

210 S. Bellevue Blvd.
Bellevue Nebraska 68005-2443
Email: DBUSSIAN@NEONRAMP.COM
(402) 292-4138

Attention Class of 1973

Your 30th reunion is right around the corner! Please spread the word and contact either:

Vicki Whitt Pelfrey
4983 Highlands Dr.
Delaware, Ohio 43015
Phone: (740) 881-9761

Pamela Ann Martin
392 Yarmouth Lane
Columbus, Ohio 43228
RWCAumni@aol.com

New E-mail Addresses

More e-mail addresses are listed on our website!

- Patricia McCaskey Snyder – 1965
SNYDERRLSNYDER@AOL.COM
- Betsy Eal Bechdolt – 1965
BECHDOLT@AOL.COM
- Helen McCray Dixon – 1961
HDIXON902@AOL.COM
- Lou Ann Knepper Justice – 1956
TEDLAJUSTICE@AOL.COM
- Eleanor Jane Root Schmidt- 1962
GAHLIONS@AOL.COM
- Sandra Kay Matheny Keeny- 1963
JSKEENY@AOL.COM
- Dorothy M. Warman Everett- 1966
WILDOTEVT@AOL.COM
- Linda K. Saunders Ferree – 1963
GRNTFERREE@AOL.COM
- Julianne Gotshall Rausch – 1954
JRR@CGATE.NET
- Pamela S. Filbrun Francis – 1977
PFILBRUN@HOTMAIL.COM
- Mary Jane Zwigard Rohn- 1968
JWROHN@COX.NET
- Carole L. Pentecost Stevens – 1965
STEVENSTK@AOL.COM
- Julia Ann McKibben Casserly- 1959
JIMCASSERLY@JUNO.COM
- Ann Lee Kaltenbach Smith – 1965
CURLYANN333@COX.NET
- Marcia Messenger Belcher- 1972
BASKTNURSE@AOL.COM
- Charlene Vermillion Barsky- 1964
CBARSKY@TAMPABAY.RR.COM
- Carol Wisecup Rumer – 1961
RUMER2321@ADELPHIA.NET
- Cheryl Cherrie Cherrington- 1965
CHERRIE1029@AOL.COM
- Linda Wallet Harris-1972
RIVERSIDENURSE72@AOL.COM
- Holly Long Roseberry-1965
HLROSE@BELLSOUTH.NET
- Mary Beth Hughes Thomas – 1973
RLT.MBT@WORLDNET.ATT.NET
- Peggy Martin Turbeville - 1957
PEGGYTEE@MYMAILSTATION.NET
- Carol Priddy Wright - 1964
MSMANNA694@AOL.COM
- Wilma E. Steiner Hansen - 1947
WHANSEN@DMCL.NET
- Carolyn Sue Ruble Fisher – 1957
LCFISHER@GREENAPPLE.COM
- Esther Marie Himler Yake - 1962
EYAKE@WEBTV.NET

- Miriam Green Peterson - 1950
MIPET@MINDSPRING.NET
- Jane Kraseman Cotsamire – 1959
JCOTSAMIRE@ALLTEL.NET
- Bonnie Brown Myers - 1963
SUNSHINE54@YAHOO.COM
- Judy Anderson Schmitt - 1960
JASCHMITT@QWEST.NET
- Ruth Byers Glenn - 1948
PGLENNJR@EE.NET

The Fine Print...

- ✓ Make sure you notify us of address changes, as the US Post Office does **NOT** forward our newsletter.
- ✓ Our new Membership/Correspondence Secretary, **Patty Persinger Reed (1977)** is now handling all membership dues. Send your dues to Patty at 1839 Ramblewood Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43235. Patty can be contacted via email at: **PRECIOUSPATTY@COLUMBUS.RR.COM**
- ✓ Items of interest for the newsletter can be sent to **Pamela A. Martin (1973)**, 392 Yarmouth Lane, Columbus, Ohio, 43228 or sent by e-mail to: **RWCALUMNI@AOL.COM** *Do NOT send dues or luncheon reservations to Pam.*
- ✓ **The next newsletter will be mailed in early November. Deadline for news items is October 15, 2002.**
- ✓ Visit your RWC Alumni Association on the Internet at: **WWW.PAMARTIN.COM**
- ✓ Your mailing label has a NEW look and is now showing the year through which your dues are paid! “LT” indicates you are a Lifetime Member!
- ✓ Any alumnus who has graduated more than 50 years ago is entitled to **Lifetime Membership** status that allows them FREE membership and newsletters. Please keep us apprised of address changes.
- ✓ Planning a reunion? Our Membership Secretary, **Patty Persinger Reed (1977)**, has a large database file of recent Alumni members and may be able to help you find that long lost classmate. 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. Contact us!

News and Notes to Share

Carolyn A. Glover Sweeney - 1963 Looking forward to next year's reunion – 40 years! Doesn't seem possible! I'm sorry I have to miss this year's luncheon, May 4th. It's our grandson's birthday – 1 year old! Our grandson in Illinois will be 1 year on May 9th! Last year was a busy year. We now have 4 grandchildren. What fun!

Sharon Lynn Fischer Osborn – 1977 We split our time between Ohio and South Carolina. I am still contingent in the OR at Riverside. I never thought I would be employed for 26 years in one place.

M. Virginia Baum Wilson- 1949 Thanks for all you Gals do to keep this association “humming”-really enjoy the newsletters.

Betsy Eal Bechdolt – 1965 Graduated from Otterbein June 2001, BSN!

Judy Kay Anderson Schmitt – 1960 A wonderful website! Thank You!

Hi, I am **Keith Hepler, class of 1965**, and I am unable to attend the reunion luncheon on Saturday. Last year, Cheryl Cherrington and I were the only two from our class. This year, I am in Tucson, Arizona working at the Tucson Medical Center. My contract is up May 19th. My next assignment is at Ohio State starting June 3 and ending December 15. Maybe next year, I will be able to come to the reunion. I hope so! Sincerely, Keith Hepler

Cheryl Cherrie Cherrington – 1965

I had endometrial cancer and had surgery not long after banquet. I am getting chemo because the cell type has a high chance of recurrence-serous papillary adenocarcinoma. It had not spread but we are doing this in case any little cells got loose. I will be done in October.

Joanne Davis Cumbow – 1946

Lost my husband of 54 years, Jim, Nov. 17, 2001 – Diabetes, Stroke. I'm a busy volunteer.

Frances Bugbee Foulis Simmons – 1938 - I graduated from White Cross in 1938. Retired from RMH in 1977 where I worked in the operating room for 15 years. I'm sending a donation to the Memorial Fund in Memory of one of my classmates. **Evangelyn Nicol (Nickie) Volbrath**. She passed away January 7, 2002. She was in a Nursing Home the past 4 years with Alzheimer's. Her husband and daughter were with her. They lived in Kettering, Ohio. Nickie was such a jolly person and fun to be with. Everyone loved her. *(cont. next column)*

I am so thankful we have Pam Martin to take over for her Mom with this newsletter. I was sorry to hear of her (Genevieve's) health problems. I will be 89 my next birthday and my husband is 92. He is struggling with Alzheimer's. It seems so many of the older ones have that problem. I have kept fairly well. Had a Radical Mastectomy over 10 years ago with no recurrence. Best wishes to you in your job with the newsletter and to all of the others who are working to keep it going.

My aunt, **Martha Wharton Eckerman (1932)**, recently received her April Newsletter and I thought that I would pass on the information about the death of one of your graduates. You may rewrite the following information for your newsletter. I do not know her maiden name or her year of graduation, but **Mrs. Jane B. Thompson** died in 2001 in Tarpon Springs, Florida, at the age of 86. Her husband, Dr. James E. Thompson had died in 1986. They had three children and six grandchildren. I have a couple of connections with Jane. I was one of the first babies that her husband delivered and they and my parents kept in touch over the years and we had visited in their home several times. When I called Jane's home in November when we were at our Florida condo and got no answer, I contacted her son's office and learned of her death. The second connection is that after graduation when Martha was a White Cross-floor supervisor, Jane was one of her nurses.

~ Lyle Gunning, Martha's nephew

Linda Wallet Harris – 1972 Just ran on to this web site. You did a beautiful job on it! Have to admit I was disappointed that there was not one name from the class of 72! Maybe word will spread. I have been looking for Carla Cooksey (not sure of graduation year), a neighbor from Barberton who recommended Riverside to me, and Debbie Nettle Crawford ('73) who was my little sis. In 1990 a house fire destroyed all my keepsakes. Really miss not having a Cap, pin, diploma, and yearbooks. Thirty years and no pictures to look at, names and faces are fading. Know of any way of replacing some of those things? I was Yearbook editor my senior year. It would be nice to post graduating class pictures on the site if you could do it. I don't know how long "You'll Never Walk Alone" was the school song, but I still cry when I hear it. Having it play on the web site would be a nice touch. I used to know how to do it. If you want to try and don't know how, I will see if I can find my notes. I have been working the past 23 years at the Lawton Indian Health Service Hospital. Before that, I worked a few Va. Hospitals. Have enjoyed my career. We make a big deal of Nurses week at our hospital so must get busy and finish up some of the projects. Thanks again for making such a nice web site.

General Fund Donations

M. Virginia Baum Wilson- 1949
Sandra Kay Kisor Willison- 1949
Jean Griffin Andrews- 1945
Julia Ann McKibben Casserly- 1959
Betsy Eal Bechdolt- 1965
Lois Lee Wilcox South - 1952
Beverly Towe Stockwell – 1972
Wilma E. Steiner Hansen – 1947
Joanne Davis Cumbow - 1946

Memorial Fund Donations

- Ruth Ann Kinney - 1949 in memory of classmate Rita Maher Johnson
- Frances Bugbee Foulis Simmons – 1938 in memory of classmate Evangelyn Nicol (Nickie) Vollrath
- Werner W. Vollrath in memory of his wife, Evangelyn Nicol Vollrath (1938)

Scholarship Fund Donations

- Donna R. Ballmer in memory of her mother, Ruth Flowers McCullough - 1924
- Marilyn Denise Mizer Miller - 1958

Hazel Hurlburt Oncology Fund Donations

Very generous donation from the Class of 1957 collected at the banquet.

Postage Fund Donations

Sandra Kay Matheny Keeny - 1963
Judy Kay Anderson Schmitt - 1960
Betty Jane Long Moore – 1945
Esther Marie Himler Yake - 1962

Volunteers Needed

Riverside is always seeking new volunteers! The phone number to call for an application is (614) 566-5313. With our new Heart Hospital and expanded Emergency Room facilities, new areas for volunteering will need to be staffed. You will have the opportunity to name the days, hours and even where you wish to volunteer. There are a few perks like free parking, free meals and special treatment if you or a member of your family is hospitalized. The greatest perk for me is that I am useful, appreciated and with all kinds of friendly folk! I truly enjoy my Wednesday mornings as a volunteer at Riverside! Try it, you will too.

~ **Marilyn Flor Smith (1948)** Phone 614-875-4566.

News and Notes to Share

Virginia Williams Deeds – 1955

Thanks for all your work! Where have all those years gone!

Mary Beth Hughes Thomas – 1973

Great idea having the membership renewal date on the address label!

Betty Jane Long Moore – 1945

Enjoy reading of news of friends, hospital, and other graduates. We are all getting older.

Dear Pam, I am writing this note for **Ruth Byers Glenn (1948)**. I am a better typist. There is a small copy of Ruth's graduation photo that your Mother may recognize. This is a thumbnail sketch for Ruth. On March 20th, I took her to Riverside with severe pain in the left arm and chest. Next day, they did open heart surgery. There were 5 bypasses put in. The aorta was 90% blocked. Four others blocked from 50% to 80%. She took the procedure well and after a week, she was discharged to the subacute wing of the Village of Westerville. After a month of rehab there she came home. She is doing well. The only trouble is a loss of short-term memory. Long term memory is OK. It makes it awkward for her, but that is what I am for. We have been married 52 years and still take care of each other and will continue to do so. We are still in our home and will stay as long as possible. Thank you for doing all the work of the newsletter. Ruth appreciates it and so do I, since over the years, I got to know the girls in the Class of 1948. Classmate Helen Brooks Alford phones Ruth a couple days ago. Helen, her husband, and all her children are doing well. Our email address is **pglennjr@ee.net** There is a webpage with our 50th wedding anniversary party photos on it at **<http://members.ee.net/pglennjr/ppg.htm>** Our very best regards to your Mother. She is a great lady.

~ Pascal (Bud) Glenn

Elizabeth Lowe Ward – 1965 writes “We have 3 grown kids, 2 boys, and 1 girl, and have been married 36 years. Husband Allen retired from teaching. I work in a busy ER – nights 7pm – 7am. We see 45,000 per year. We have Kidsville 500 per month. Quick Care area, then the ER. Got my CEN a few years back. Enjoy the weather in Florida- no snow – flowers all year round. Where did all the years go? “

Grace Spray Walters – 1940 has sold her home and is now living with her daughter. She is still helping to care for her great-grandson. She says computers and all the new telephone changes have left her a bit confused as to communications.

News and Notes to Share

I just want to update you about my status. I had double bypass surgery December of 2000. Had a difficult recovery and now I am told I have a closed carotid artery. Getting old could be better than this.

~ Eileen Daniels Clark – 1945

For our annual get-together this year we spent 5 days in Columbus. Jean Cochran Rudy, Dorothy McMaster Golden, Maxine Lyon Walton, Margie Jones Bishop, Kathryn Kemnitzer, Renshaw. Through the efforts of Jean Rudy and Rosie Jeffers Osborne, Sarah Moore Throckmorton, Audrey Jenkins Jones, Jeanne Fawcett Fletcher, and Martha Young Bandy joined us at lunch. We had a wonderful “mini” class reunion.

~ Alice Jones Brown (1945)

Death Notices

Monna Lee Hanley Burson – 1947 April 14, 2002

Evangelyn Nicol Vollrath – 1938 January 7, 2000

Condolences to classmate **Vicki Whitt Pelfrey – 1973** on the death of her husband, Rick, June 10, 2002.

Our sympathies to **Louise Foster Wilhelm – 1940** on the death of her husband, Harold, May 22, 2002.

Condolences to **Marjorie Hood Williamson – 1943** on the death of her husband, Leslie, May 25, 2002.

From our Internet Website Guestbook

Visitor's Name: Jane Kraseman Cotsamire

You are from: Granville, Ohio

Year of Graduation 1959

Active Alumni Member: No

Comments: Thanks to Pam for setting this up. I would love to hear from classmates. I retired 3 years ago, and must say, this is a lot more fun than working.

Sign Time: May 17 2002 at 13:35:24

Visitor's Name: Bonnie Brown Myers

You are from: Ashville, Ohio

Year of Graduation 1963

Active Alumni Member: R_MMBR

Comments: I was a member but think my membership has expired.... I do still get the newsletter and enjoy seeing all the news. Would like to hear from other 1963 grads.

Sign Time: May 02 2002 at 19:24:33

Visitor's Name: Judy Anderson Schmitt

You are from: Fountain Hills, Arizona

Year of Graduation 1960

Active Alumni Member: Yes

Comments: I still keep active in nursing by volunteering with the American Red Cross in disaster services here in the Valley. (I'm on-call as I type this). And, I just e-mailed one of my classmates after viewing her e-mail address at this web-site. This site is great-- Thank You.

Sign Time: April 28 2002 at 15:05:04

R-WC 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 R-WC 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.

Mark your calendars! Don't miss it!

**Our next Alumni Association meeting is
Tuesday September 24, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Riverside Health Center
500 Thomas Lane
Classrooms A-B**

Mailed By:
Riverside Methodist Hospitals
3535 Olentangy River Road
Columbus, Ohio 43214

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