



# RIVERSIDE – WHITE CROSS ALUMNI SEPTEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER



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## OUR NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, September 22 @ 7:00pm: 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. Topic: TBA

## 2009 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON & MEETING

Mark your calendars now! Your reservation slip is in this newsletter and will be available on our website. Menu will be announced in the November Newsletter. Cost \$20.

Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>  
11:30 am Social Hour  
12:00 pm Lunch served  
1:00 pm Program / Meeting

The University Plaza Hotel  
3110 Olentangy River Road  
Columbus, OH 43202  
(614) 267-7461



The next newsletter will be mailed in early November. Deadline for news items is **Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Please make sure you notify us of address changes.

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.

## 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!



## 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!

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](mailto: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](mailto:rwcalumni@aol.com)

## 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.

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**

## 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.

Hello, I wanted to notify you of the death of my mother **Phyllis E. Boyd Shubirg** December 23, 2008 in Lancaster, Ohio. She always enjoyed reading your newsletter and thinking about her training at Riverside and subsequent career. Her last part of her career was spent as supervisor of nursing and health services for the Lancaster City Schools. Thank you, Linda Shubirg

**Gayna Wagner Hulbert - 1963** Hi to all. I continue to scour the newsletter for news on my classmates. I was also wondering if any thought has been given to sending the newsletter out on the internet for those that could choose that option. With yet another hike in postage stamps I would think you could save a bundle. Not much new in my life – retirement is good. We winter in Florida in our motor home. Chillest weather in years – but still better than in Michigan. Thanks for all your work.

**Clare Lehner Callender - 1945** Husband, Paul, died 11/9/08 due to PD.

**Marlene Acord Helt - 1960** Thanks for the newsletter and to all our officers who carry our alumni association forward.

**Sandra Ash Rummel - 1962** I enjoy reading the newsletter. It always makes me sad when we loose one of our classmates, the latest being Beverly Highland Brown. She was my roommate when we moved t the new RWC!

**Sharon Hatcher Singer - 1965** Love the newsletter. Thanks to all those who work to put it together.

**Carol Ann Martin Huffman - 1964** Can't believe its 45 years.

Condolences to **Shirley Rittenhouse Kirby** (class of **1956**) whose husband died May 22 at Riverside. Shirley can be contacted at 4140 S. U.S. 42S, Delaware, Ohio, 43015. Phone: 740-369-5836.

Just to let you know, **Josephine Perry Higgins (1929)** turned **101** on August 20, 2009! She is doing fairly well but tires real easy. She uses a 4 wheel walker most of the time but a light weight wheel chair on Sunday. The 2 ramps at the church are a bit too much. The only other problem is her sight. She has Glaucoma and her sight is almost gone. Old Arthur is not as big a problem as the Lupus and now Rheumatoid Arthur. I guess those come with the territory. Respectfully, Jacci Murphy, Daughter (See the letter of her travels elsewhere in this newsletter.)

## 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](mailto:RWCAlumni@aol.com)*

Marilyn Denise Mizer Miller <a href="mailto:rmiller2007@verizon.net">rmiller2007@verizon.net</a>	1958
Anna Virginia Sellers Gerken <a href="mailto:gramg26@yahoo.com">gramg26@yahoo.com</a>	1947
Sondra Kay Leach Crow <a href="mailto:sklcrow@aol.com">sklcrow@aol.com</a>	1959
Virginia Ellen Massie Busby <a href="mailto:rbuzzy1@aol.com">rbuzzy1@aol.com</a>	1959
Paula Jane Bennett Litton <a href="mailto:rlitton@columbus.rr.com">rlitton@columbus.rr.com</a>	1969
Donna Nance Morton <a href="mailto:wmorton33@embarqmail.com">wmorton33@embarqmail.com</a>	1956
Barbara Ann Cumston Ulrich <a href="mailto:albaulrich@verizon.net">albaulrich@verizon.net</a>	1959
Barbara Temple Phillips <a href="mailto:classylady@surewest.net">classylady@surewest.net</a>	1969
Betty Williams Stewart <a href="mailto:betty-stewart@earthlink.net">betty-stewart@earthlink.net</a>	1949
Rose K. Miller Wetherill <a href="mailto:rkwethe@att.net">rkwethe@att.net</a>	1964
Jean E. Harpley Hatfield <a href="mailto:paulehat@aol.com">paulehat@aol.com</a>	1949
Donna Elaine Will Higgins <a href="mailto:dhiggins3@columbus.rr.com">dhiggins3@columbus.rr.com</a>	1959
Jane E. Kraseman Cotsamire <a href="mailto:jcotsamire@alltel.net">jcotsamire@alltel.net</a>	1959
Donna Lou Canter Horsley <a href="mailto:grammer@olp.net">grammer@olp.net</a>	1959
Janet L. Bowman Geiser <a href="mailto:rjgeiser@att.net">rjgeiser@att.net</a>	1959

**Judith Irene Wunderlich Parlett - 1961** Have never made a note for the newsletter, but will try this time. I have been retired since the fall of 2006 after having a hip replacement. I have also had both knees replaced in the past. Working at RMH for 45 years is sure to wear the bones out. I continue to have homes in both Columbus and Marietta, Ohio. I close the house in Marietta for the winter, but am there frequently the rest of the year. I make several trips to Phoenix during the year to visit my daughter, Vanessa, her husband, and son Jacob, who is 11. Grandma is usually good for being with him for school breaks. Both of my other daughters, Kelly and Paula, live in Columbus. Paula has a son, Brayden, who is 4 and just beginning to play soccer. Thanks to everyone who works hard for the alumni association.

### **DONATIONS TO FUNDS**

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Janice Patton Graham	1946	Postage
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Donna Nance Morton	1956	General
Gayna Wagner Hulbert	1963	General
Clare Lehner Callender	1945	Postage
Doris E. Nelms Ossman	1963	Postage
Marlene Acord Helt	1960	Postage
Lois Naylor Neal	1968	Scholarship
Pauline Krebs House	1944	General
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Lynn Paisie Mengel	1976	General
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Carol Ann Martin Huffman	1964	Postage
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Carol Schulze Hallett	1952	Postage
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Mary Jane West Young	1959	Postage
Mary Rebecca Sherman Earley	1947	Postage
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Joan W. Barnett Little	1954	Postage
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Isabel Lawton Brown	1949	General
Barbara Weidner Ike	1962	Postage
Barbara Lilly Cranston Rife	1965	Postage
Marilyn Ritzhaupt Andrade	1955	Postage
Janice Patton Graham	1946	Postage
Carole Lugar Mantonya	1955	Spirit of Nsg.

(In memory of Shirley Bench)

### **NEW E-MAIL ADDRESSES**

Lynne Harrigan Linn llinn@woh.rr.com	1964
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Phyllis Ann Feltz Gerace pgerace@columbus.rr.com	1975
Patricia L. Hinkle Wiseman pat30904@comcast.net	1950
Sue Miles Dunn Roth roth@dragonbbs.com	1959
Carole Holley Thivener cthiv03@yahoo.com	1964
Mona Jeanne Shroyer Myers monajeanne@windstream.net	1957
Kimberly Jo Ream Rinehart kjreno29@sbcglobal.net	1974
Marlene Acord Helt mhelt@redbird.net	1960
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Anna Roth Cook annaleecook@gmail.com	1959
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**Pam Martin (1973) Newsletter / Website Editor**

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**FROM OUR INTERNET WEBSITE GUESTBOOK**

**Name:** Linda Duncan Thompson  
**Year of Graduation:** 1968  
**E-mail:** lindat@visuallink.com  
**Current Location:** Winchester, Virginia  
**Nursing Specialty:** Cardiology

**Comments:**  
 Seeking contact with former classmates.

**Name:** Kathy Fowler Rapp  
**Year of Graduation:** 1969  
**E-mail:** nurserapp@hotmail.com  
**Current Location:** Greenwood, IN  
**Nursing Specialty:**

**Comments:**  
 Enjoyed visiting the site. Will return.

**Name:** Tena Wilson Buttress  
**Year of Graduation:** 1967  
**E-mail:** cbuttress@comcast.net  
**Current Location:** Minneapolis, Mn.  
**Nursing Specialty:** Informatics

**Comments:**  
 Just found this site and it was fun to see names from school. I have fond memories of the rotations and friends I made while in school. I fell in love with the adjacent research lab as a student and told Dr Heydinger I wanted to work there when I graduated. He told me to come back and we would discuss it. The day I received my results I called him. That was my first job. I worked on islet cell transplants and now the U of MN is doing these in humans. This remains a passion because my first grandchild was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes when he was 2.

**Dorothy Warman Everett – 1956** writes: Just to let you know that my granddaughter, who was a recipient of your scholarship, passed her boards. She is now an RN & will be looking for a job in nursing. Thank you again as this makes two of my family who are now RN's & had scholarships to help with funding their schooling. Keep this good program going.

**Nancy Dawkins Butchers – 1974** I am sorry I can not make it to my 35<sup>th</sup>. My mother at 92 had a stroke and I am helping care for her as well as working. Plan to be at my 40<sup>th</sup>.

**Isabel Lawton Brown – 1949** Enjoy the newsletter. Don't know many. The Luncheon was very memorable – how young we were at 21 years. Kudos to Jen Snyder for choosing Geriatrics – entering that phase of life myself, it takes such a dedicated, caring, sympathetic, young person to interact with these patients and their problems. Thanks for the newsletter.

**NEW E-MAIL ADDRESSES**

Shirley Dunlap Fisher-Katz 1964  
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Mary Sherman Earley 1947  
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Rozella Keller Farber 1955  
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Diane Gussett Lehner 1969  
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Marilyn Jean Crouse Dickerson 1961  
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Kathy Hatcher Smiley 1972  
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Barbara Dunlevy Burrus 1950  
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Jean Marstiller Walker 1969  
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Linda Pelfrey Beadle 1968  
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Judith Marie Popovich 1972  
 jpopovic@peds.bsd.uchicago.edu

**Kristin K. Bailey Baker – 1973** I apologize for my long silence. I think the last time I wrote was when my daughter was born in 1988 and now Stephanie is entering junior year at Cedarville University in August. I have kept in contact with my long-time friend **Pat Sweet Zonn** since graduation and have reacquainted with **Vicki Whitt Pelfrey**, where at our health club, we faithfully do aerobics together.

On the same day that the Newsletter was scheduled to go to press, I received this e-mail note:

**Anna Rebecca “Becky” Rockey Katz (1967)** passed away on August 30, 2009 after more than a year struggle with cancer and stroke... Robert Katz, spouse

This is all the information I have at this time. When a full obituary is published, I will add it to the website and the November newsletter. Thank you / Pam (editor)

Robert can be contacted by e-mail at:  
 rkatz@columbus.rr.com

I'm writing this letter (below) for my mother, **Josephine Perry Higgins (1929)**. She is still living and she turned 100 in August 2008. She knew she wouldn't be able to attend the reunion this year so she asked me to compose a letter for the news letter in May or to share at the reunion. I, her daughter Jacci, attended the one you had in 2004. Mother and I got to sit at the head table. The attachment (below) will fill you in on all that has happened since we were there in 2004. The information in the attachment has met with her approval and that wasn't too hard to do as we did all these things together and I kept a diary of all the dated trips. Hope all have a great time at the reunion.

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Greetings from California!!!! April 6, 2009

**April 28th thru May 20th, 2004:** It's hard to believe it's been 5 years since I attended the 75th year graduating from Nurses Training. It was a wonderful experience to be able to celebrate with all the other alumni. I'm sorry I won't be able to attend this year but am sending this message to be shared with all those present. I guess I am the only member of my class still living. (My daughter is composing this letter with my approval.) To bring you up to date on all that has happened since the banquet, we spent some time visiting with family and friends in Ohio, visited with my newest Great, Great Grandson (that makes 6 Great, Greats), went to Longaberger in Dresden, to Orville to visit Schantz Organ builders, where they are getting ready to build a new pipe organ for the new church we are getting ready to build. (My daughter is on the building committee for that new project.) We also visited the town where she was born and the High School I graduated from. Our next part of that trip was a visit with my grandson and his wife, who lived in Strasburg, PA at that time. At this time, Steve is back in Seminary furthering his education, with the possibility of going for his Doctorate. Steve and his wife Jennie are ordained ministers of the word and sacrament. They are between churches and she is working with hospice as a chaplain while here in Pasadena, CA. We also made a trip to Ocean City, MD, to visit with my nephew and his family. While there, both my sons and their wives were able to come from VA for a visit.

**June 10th thru June 14th, 2004:** After this we came home for about 2 ½ weeks and then went back to Strasburg for my Great Granddaughter's graduations from High School and celebrate Mother's Day with Steve and his family.

**July 23rd thru August 6th, 2005:** This was to be a laid back, have fun and relax trip in Ocean City, MD. Unfortunately, when we arrived we had news from my daughter-in-law that my son, Bill, had passed away. His twin, Ned, had also called. Ned and his wife, Loraine, came down for a couple days, as well as my Grandson Steve and his family came from PA. We still managed to get a little sun and rest while there. (continued on next column)

I hope you're not getting too bored but I have loved to travel all my life and until I can't see anymore, due to the glaucoma, we will take these trips or at least do the local get-a-ways. I also have to wear hearing aids.

**June 6th thru June 14th, and October 18th thru October 25th, 2006:** This trip was for my daughter's 56th year of graduating from Clarksburg High School, in Clarksburg Ohio. Her first time to attend a reunion. We also visited family and friends while there. Also went to check on the progress of the pipe organ. The second part of this trip was to return for my son Ned's birthday. Went to Ocean City for a few days and then back to VA to celebrate the big 70.

**June 6th thru June 21st, 2007:** Our final long distance trip (for now) was another graduation. The first time was for Ashley's graduation from High School and this time her brother, Christopher, also from High School. These are Steve and Jennies' 2 children. Since this time, Ashley has graduated from college and is going to graduate school, and Christopher is a junior in college. They grow up so fast. Last August, we celebrated my 100th Birthday on the 20th. Unfortunately our celebration was rather short, as the day before, my granddaughter Barbara's husband passed away. (She also lives here in Escondido) Some family members came from Ohio to help us celebrate and my grandson and his wife came from PA. The church had a celebration between services on the Sunday following my birthday. I'm now the oldest living member here at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Escondido. We've made other big and little trips since I moved here June, 1996. Did a 7 day cruise to Alaska and back, couple days on Catalina Island, Grand Canyon trip, once by ourselves and once with a group from the church, a trip up old 101 as far as Monterey and back down to San Diego on Coastal Highway 1, Disneyland, Knotts Berry Farm, Hollywood Wax Museum, Sea World, San Diego Zoo and Wild Animal Park, Medieval Times, Wild Bills, to name a few. I'm still able to get around pretty good with my 4 wheel walker that has a seat and brakes. There are 2 long ramps up to the entrance of the church and I get short of breath by the time I get to the top so we use the light weight wheel chair. As far as my meds are concerned, I some times feel like a walking drug store but I guess I shouldn't complain as my health could be worse. I mentioned about my eye sight and the hearing aids but I have developed Lupus and Rheumatoid Arthritis, on top of the regular Arthritis and Osteoporosis. I guess that about covers every thing that has happened before and after our trip for the 75th reunion. Here's wishing everyone a "Happy Anniversary". May the peace of Christ be with you.



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**Shirley A. Bench**, 75, of Barton, died Thursday, June 11, 2009, at her home. She was born May 31, 1934, in Barton, the daughter of the late Frank and Louise (Marx) Bench. Shirley graduated from Bridgeport High School. She then completed nurses training at the former White Cross Hospital (Class of **1955**), now known as Riverside Hospital in Columbus. Shirley returned home to the Ohio Valley to work as a Registered Nurse for 32 years with Ohio Valley Medical Center in Wheeling. She was Methodist by faith; an officer at the local chapter of AARP; a member of OPALS at Ohio Valley Medical Center and was a devoted member of TOPS in St. Clairsville. Shirley is survived by her loving brother Frank "Jerry" Bench and his wife Nettie of Bridgeport; a nephew Kevin Bench and his wife Rebecca of Bridgeport and very special great niece and nephew Emily and Matthew Bench. Memorial contributions may be made to Valley Hospice, 10686 State Route 150, Rayland, OH 43943. View Shirley's online video tribute and leave condolence to her family at [www.wilsonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhomes.com)



**June Marsh Holtry**, 82, of Springfield passed away Tuesday afternoon, June 16, 2009 at Forest Glen Health Campus. She was born September 12, 1926 in Springfield, Ohio, the daughter of Clifford B. and Cora V. (Miller) Marsh. June graduated from Springfield High School and White Cross School of Nursing (Class of **1947**), Columbus, Ohio. She was a Registered Nurse retiring from Mercy Medical Center in 1989 with over thirty-four years service. June was known for her professionalism and hard work, but also for her quick wit and sense of humor. She is survived by her two daughters and sons-in-law, Adrienne and James Bonsell of South Charleston, Lisa and Keith Garvin of Springfield; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Jamie (Pam) Bonsell, Aaron (Bety) Bonsell, Emily (Frank) Ross, Abigale (Eli) Glaser, Adam (Ashley) Garvin, Andrew, Tony, and Daniel Garvin; eleven great-grandchildren, Michael, Jacob, Megan, and Joe Cooke, Oscar Bonsell, Annika Ross, Ariana, Isaiah, Aliyah and Aidan Glaser, and Jonah Garvin; and one great-great-grandchild, Karleigh Cooke; sister, C. Virginia Pitstick of Xenia; sister-in-law, Dortha Marsh of Springfield; several nieces and nephews; and special friend, Mary McOwen. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Clifford Marsh; and brother-in-law, William Pitstick. The family would like to extend their deepest thanks and appreciation to Dr. Richard Darr, Community Mercy Hospice and the loving staff of Forest Glen Assisted Living for the wonderful care June received. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Emmanuel Christian Academy, 2177 Emmanuel Way, Springfield, Ohio 45502 or Community Mercy Hospice Fund, 1343 North Fountain Boulevard, Springfield, Ohio 45504.

**Alta Jean Morris Coffman – 1973** Continue to work for The Area Agency on Aging, Region 8.

**Janice Patton Graham – 1946** I enjoy the newsletter. Will not be able to get to the alumni reunion this year. Hope to make it to my 65<sup>th</sup> (2011). Thanks again for all your hard work with the newsletter.

Got the last two newsletters and thanks. I've been in touch with Diane Shuster LaWarre for many years. We were roommates during the best of times and the worst of times. She can be reached at 681 Birchwood Court, Lowell, MI., 49331. Her e-mail address is: [rlawarre@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rlawarre@sbcglobal.net) Unfortunately, I'll be unable to get to Columbus for reunion. I've got daughter and new grandson (first meeting) coming in from California about the 12th of May and then I'm headed to Georgia May 27th for grandson's graduation on the 30th in the motor home. Jonathan will be heading to Central Florida this summer and had already earned his Captain's license and holds numerous swimming titles and records for both his High School and State of Georgia Freestyle. With 13 grandkids, I'm kept hopping all over the place. I wish everyone well and have a great get together. Forty-Five years is certainly nothing to snivel about. I'm proud to be an RMC Alumni then, now and on into the future. Love to all... **Charlene Vermillion Barsky (1964)**

I received word from **Carole Borkosky Gillett**, class of **1963**, that her husband, Stu, passed away on July 30 after a 6 month battle with cancer. Carole and Stu were married during our senior year of training, and then moved to Oregon shortly after we graduated. Carole was able to care for him at home during his illness. They have a daughter close by and a son in California who will be a source of comfort for Carole. We had such a great visit when she came to stay with me to attend our 45th Class Reunion. She had not been back in the area for many years, but it was just like she had never left-and we never were at a loss for conversation! It was such a shock to receive her e-mail about Stu, and I know my classmates will join me in sending thoughts of love and caring to Carole. **Janet (Hess) Armstrong**, Class of **1963**

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**Catherine Henrietta Lorence Fiorini** was born in Canton, Ohio, August 1, 1926 and passed away 1 1/2 hours before her 83rd birthday on July 31, 2009. Her passing was caused by a sudden health problem. She was a devoted wife, mother and Registered Nurse (WCH Class of **1947**) who leaves behind two daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren who will miss her deeply. She is preceded in death by her parents Clifford and Alta Lorence, Marietta, Ohio, husband Micheal D. Fiorini, BATT CHF CFD and son Marc A. Fiorini. Survivors include daughters, Michaelynn Fiorini, Cynthia (Andrew) Stefanik; grandchildren, Cathy Allen and Kevin (Suzanne) Igo; great grandchildren, Michael, Kyle and Carolyn Allen and Charlie, Annabel and Owen Igo. In lieu of flowers and Mass Cards, friends who wish may contribute in memory of Catherine to your favorite charity. Condolences may be sent via [www.johnquint.com](http://www.johnquint.com)

**Margaret Ann Jolliff Eckel – 1961** Retired – UNC Hospitals.

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No new news, but again a GIANT THANK YOU for all the efforts you and others put into this.

**Sandie Moffatt Robertson (1961)**

**Charlette Booth Thompson (1947)** has a new address:

Sun Valley Lodge  
12415 N. 103rd Ave. # F58  
Sun City, AZ 85351  
Her new phone # is 623-826-2899

Congratulations to all who did the heart walk. I participated in the Relay for Life here in June and it was a great experience! My knee hasn't been the same since, but I am looking forward to next years walk, and while I may not be able to walk, I'll find some other way to help. I'm probably going to have my knee replaced in the next year, as it swells and everything below the knee as well. Several doctors have told me there isn't much else they can do. I had SynVisc injections for the second time to no avail. Hope all is well with you. Thanks for keeping me in the loop. **Wanda Cramer Criblez (1973)**

Dear Doris: I wanted to thank you and the Alumni for the Scholarship Award that I received. It is greatly appreciated and will help me to pay for tuition and books. I am really enjoying nursing school and talking with my mom about our experiences. I am not quite sure what area of nursing I want to do but expect that will come in time. Thank you again for this award and I look forward to learning more everyday. Jennifer Martin (daughter of **Kathy Hartman Martin – 1971**) In nursing school at Central Ohio Technical College, Newark Ohio.

Dear Mrs. Weate & R-WC Alumni Association: Thank you very much for the scholarship award. It is much needed and appreciated as I continue my education. Dustin Arnold (son of **Beth Berger Arnold – 1973**) In nursing school at Mount Carmel Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio.

Trouble arose with my e-mail address and it was so complicated to try to fix that it turned out to be much easier just to use [cburrus@insight.rr.com](mailto:cburrus@insight.rr.com) instead. Since it really came to this site anyway, it doesn't hurt anything much. Mail now gets to me promptly that way, so please use it for me. Thanks. **Barbara Dunlevy Burrus (1950)**



**Phyllis E. Boyd Shubirg**, 89, of Lancaster, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2008. She was retired from Lancaster City Schools as its supervisor of school nurses. She was a member of Lancaster Church of Christ, graduate of Riverside White Cross School of Nursing (1940), past president of the American Cancer Society and a charter member of the Business and Professional Women's Club. She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Charles C. Shubirg; daughters, Carol (Don) Simons of Loveland and Linda Shubirg Burson of Athens; three grandchildren, Michael Simons of Loveland, Christopher (Stacy) Simons of Cincinnati and Julie (Mike) Taylor of Beaver Creek; four great-grandchildren; a nephew; and several nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents, James L. and Lena Boyd; brother, Robert (Iona) Boyd; and son-in-law, Robert Burson. A memorial service will take place at a later date at the convenience of the family. Memorial gifts may be given to the charity of the donor's choice.

Phyllis' family can be reached at:

318 E. Fair Avenue  
Lancaster, Ohio 43130  
740-653-1857

I found a lost member of the class of 1965 - **Gloria Brown Riddle**. She doesn't have a computer, so can you send her the next newsletter? Her address is:

Gloria D. Riddle  
504 Laura Lane

Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948-9335

Thank you, **Jan Zeisler Schwamberger - 1965**

### THANK YOU

A very special **THANK YOU** goes out to my classmates **Beth Berger Arnold** and **Colleen Russell Modlich** who, with only very minor twisting of their arms, volunteered to accept the reservations for our recent May reunion luncheon. They did an AWESOME job accepting more than 150 snail mails and e-mails as we put together the luncheon. I could not have done it without them! Thanks again ladies! **Pam Martin (1973)**

I attended the Class of 1964 forty-fifth reunion & had a great time visiting with my classmates. I noticed that you do not have any of my current demographics. Will you please make the following changes including the spelling of my last name?

**Dianne Hurst Osborne**

PO Box 356, 1704 Clairmont Ave.  
Wheelersburg, OH 45694  
740-574-6781

Thanks so much. I'm looking forward to the 50th!

## NEW ADDRESSES

### **Mary Jane Wilcox Crothers (1948)**

20 Scott Circle  
Marysville, Ohio 43040  
Phone: 937-642-6721

### **Gladys M. Early Hesson (1958)**

138 2nd Street  
Marysville, Ohio 43040  
Phone: 937-642-6485

### **Ruth Ann Smith Kinney (1949)**

581 Stone Bridge Boulevard  
Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311  
Phone: 937-599-2516

### **LaVerta Abel Heinzman (1949)**

2427 Sportsman Drive  
Grove City, Ohio 43123  
Phone: 614-801-1819

### **Lorna Boggs Krausher (1949)**

47510 Little Ridge Road  
Amherst, Ohio 44001  
Phone: 614-202-8920

### **Judith Marie Popovich (1972)**

1221 West Farwell  
Chicago, Illinois 60626  
Phone: 773-274-7101

### **Janet Jones Allison (1940)**

4590 Knightsbridge Blvd Apt 303  
Columbus, Ohio 43214  
Phone: 614-273-0322

### **Juanita England Corfman (1955)**

226 Elizabeth Street  
Findlay, Ohio 45840  
Phone: 419-420-1885

### **Donna Varner Stackhouse (1947)**

704 Choo-Choo Lane  
Valrico, Florida 33594

To the R-WC Alumni Association: During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us... Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered. The family of **Shirley Bench**.

Dear R-WC Alumni Association: Hospice had been such a blessing to our family during Beverly's illness, we were thankful we could give back to them through contributions to the OhioHealth Foundation. We thank you so much for your contribution! In His Healing, The Family of **Beverly K. Highland Brown**

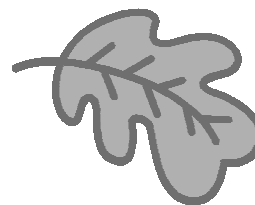


## 2009 ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

### **PAMELA PATTERSON DICKERSON, RN, PHD**

Originally from Coshocton, Ohio, graduated from R-WC School of Nursing, Class of **1969** where she was accompanist for the Riverside Choir. Received her B.S. in 1974 from Old Dominion, Norfolk, Virginia; MA in Nursing from OSU in 1978; and PHD in 1998 From Columbia Southern University in Alabama. She is President & Co-owner of PRN Continuing Education, Inc., lecturing in Columbus, Coshocton, Millersburg, Ashland, Waverly, Lancaster, and Dover, Ohio. She has extensive background in nursing practice, education, and leadership and is a frequent presenter in topics related to nursing leadership, ethics, communications, law/rules, and practice. She's an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Ohio Nurses Association and an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. She's a member of Ohio Health Ethics Advisory Committee for Community Based Services and the Bioethics Network of Ohio. Also, the Ohio Health Joint Ethics Advisory Committee. She's active in several professional nursing organizations, has authored numerous articles in peer-reviewed nursing journals, and is a national speaker on health-care topics. She's past president of the Board of Directors of Oncology Education Services, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She and husband, Tim, now live in Westerville; have a son and daughter, 3 grandsons and 1 granddaughter. When Tim was in service, they traveled "a lot." She was presented with the Riverside-White Cross Alumni of the Year Award on June 16, 2009! We're proud of you, Pam!!

Dear Ms. Weate: Please accept our appreciation for your generous gifts to Riverside Methodist Hospital made through the OhioHealth Foundation in 2008. Your kindness and generosity have provided you with membership in the 2008 Riverside Circle of Friends Leadership Society. The philanthropic support of our Circle of Friends members is vital to sustaining the highest quality of healthcare programs and services. We are grateful that you have chosen to partner with us in adding strength to Riverside Methodist. In recognition of your generosity your group's name, **Riverside White Cross Alumni Association**, has been placed on the roster of 2008 Circle of Friends members that will be displayed in the main hospital lobby from April 17, 2009 through March 2010. We hope the next time you visit the hospital you will take a moment to stop by and view this recognition. Thank you for allowing us to celebrate your generosity. Cordially, Donna Bowers, Donor Relations and Stewardship Officer, OhioHealth Foundation.



**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.

**RWC ALUMNI OFFICERS**

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>E-MAIL LINK</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
President	Rita Jane Smith	1966	smithr@ohiohealth.com	614-566-4316
Vice-President	Doris Nelms Ossman	1963	patriot@columbus.rr.com	740-687-0507
Membership Secretary	Patty Persinger Reed	1977	preciouspatty@columbus.rr.com	614-566-4692
Recording Secretary	Cherrie A. Cherrington	1965	cherric@ohiohealth.com	614-566-5143
Newsletter & Website	Pamela Ann Martin	1973	rwcalumni@aol.com	614-870-0275
Treasurer	Doris Rarick Greene Weate	1948	~~~No E-mail~~~	614-267-2888
Past President	Doris Nelms Ossman	1963	patriot@columbus.rr.com	740-687-0507
Board of Directors	Sandi Hart Tincher	1967	tinchs1@ohiohealth.com	614-566-4162
Board of Directors	W. Rae Lynch Arnold	1963	wra119@insight.rr.com	614-523-0260
Board of Directors	Marie DelCol Brandt	1967	jbrandt9@columbus.rr.com	614-882-7844

**2009 ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON RESERVATION SLIP**

(Please PRINT all information)

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

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

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

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

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



*Stay tuned... menu to be announced in the November Newsletter!*

Deadline for Reservations is Saturday December 5th  
Make checks payable to **RWC Alumni Association**

Mail your reservation slip with **\$20** check to:  
Pamela Ann Martin, 392 Yarmouth Lane, Columbus, Ohio 43228

Please do NOT send Membership Dues with Luncheon Reservations



**IMPORTANT 2009 DATES TO REMEMBER**

(Subject to change without notice)

- Wednesday September 16 12:00 pm Nursing Grand Rounds in the Susan H. Edwards Auditorium at Riverside Methodist Hospital, sponsored by your RWC Alumni Association. Topic: TBA
- Tuesday September 22 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 October 21 12:00 pm Nursing Grand Rounds in the Susan H. Edwards Auditorium at Riverside Methodist Hospital, sponsored by your RWC Alumni Association. Topic: TBA
- Friday October 23 5:00 pm Deadline for news / notes for November Newsletter
- Wednesday November 18 12:00 pm Nursing Grand Rounds in the Susan H. Edwards Auditorium at Riverside Methodist Hospital, sponsored by your RWC Alumni Association. Topic: TBA
- Saturday December 5 5:00 pm Deadline for reservations for Annual December Holiday Luncheon
- Saturday December 12 11:30 am Annual Holiday Luncheon, 11:30 am Social Hour, 12:00 pm Lunch served. The University Plaza Hotel, 3110 Olentangy River Rd, Columbus, OH 43202, (614) 267-7461. Free parking. [www.universityplazaosu.com](http://www.universityplazaosu.com)
- Wednesday December 16 12:00 pm Nursing Grand Rounds in the Susan H. Edwards Auditorium at Riverside Methodist Hospital, sponsored by your RWC Alumni Association. Topic: TBA

Riverside Methodist Hospital  
c/o Nursing Administration  
3535 Olentangy River Road  
Columbus, Ohio 43214

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