



RIVERSIDE – WHITE CROSS ALUMNI

November 2003 Newsletter

www.rwcalumni.com



Honoring the **Spirit of Nursing** at Riverside Methodist Hospital

2003 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON



Saturday December 6, 2003
Social Hour at 11:00 am
Lunch served at 11:30 am

Fawcett Center for Tomorrow
2400 Olentangy River Road
Columbus, Ohio 43210

Reservation slip is elsewhere in this newsletter and must be received by **Monday, December 1, 2003**.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings to all!

I want to update you on the "Spirit" Sculpture Campaign - \$43,000.00 has been gifted to date, with about \$22,500.00 being given by Alumni Nurses. How wonderful – and a "special Thank you" to all.

I presented an overview of our campaign to the Riverside Medical Staff at a recent Medical Grand Rounds meeting, and I do believe that the presentation was successful as we have received some very positive feedback. Also, individual letters to both current physicians and retired Medical Staff Members will be mailed to their homes this week. Our committee Medical Leadership members have been very supportive of this campaign.

So again I share that we are well on our way, and for those of you who have not yet committed to this campaign, we **AGAIN** are asking for your support. The campaign date will be extended and we would like to end it by the end of January. Please feel free to call with any questions.

Thank you and Happy Holidays to each of you.

Sincerely,
Rita J. Smith, RN
President, Riverside White Cross Alumni Association
(614) 566-4316

WE'VE MOVED

⇒ Visit us on the Internet at our **NEW** address:
www.rwcalumni.com

Purchasing our own 'domain' address (at minimal expense) allows us to use the Internet space any way we wish. What would you like to see on YOUR site?

⇒ Our e-mail address remains the same:
rwcalumni@aol.com

UPCOMING REUNIONS

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.

The following classes will be celebrating special reunions at our **May 2004 Luncheon**. Representatives from these classes may contact the Alumni Association for assistance in organizing your special celebrations!

- 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



Graduates of the **Class of 1944** are asked to contact **Jane Stevenson Jones**, 1217 Gresham Road, Columbus, Ohio, 43204.

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

- ❖ The Riverside-White Cross School of Nursing Alumni Association provides Nursing scholarships for deserving active members of the Association and their family members.
- ❖ Riverside-White Cross Alumni Association 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.
- ❖ The “**Tuition Reimbursement Application**” is available elsewhere in this newsletter, and for download on our website at www.rwcalumni.com
- ❖ The application on our website is viewable with Adobe Reader, which is available for free download on the Internet at www.adobe.com
- ❖ The application must be printed out, completed, and mailed, with appropriate receipts and grade transcripts, to Doris Rarick Greene Weate (1948), RWC Treasurer, 4266 Maize Road, Columbus, Ohio 43224.
- ❖ Questions/concerns may be directed to Doris Rarick Greene Weate at (614) 267-2888.

NEWS AND NOTES

Members of the **Class of 1959** planned a get-together for October 7th in Tiffin, Ohio, hosted by **Anne Risley Jones** and **Katie Krichbaum Paynter**. Here are some comments from those unable to attend:

- Anne & Katie, I would love to see the whole gang of **WCH Alumni of 1959**, but I will be tied up with a Revival and meetings at my church. I retired in June of this year, but I took a very small, part-time church, Union U.M.C. Still quite busy! I love preaching, conducting funerals, weddings, and comforting my people. Hope you have a big crowd show up and have fun catching up on all the news. E-mail when you can. I'd love to hear from both of you. I was in Ohio in May and in July. My daughter had a baby boy on Aug. 28 and I flew to Ft. Lauderdale for the occasion. My husband had back surgery on Sept. 4th and is doing well. **Ruth Ann Blum Davidson (1959)**

- Anne & Katie Have a great time, but I'm so “young” I'm back to work! I really do love my job and really, thank God I'm still able. Never wanted to be “an ole grad.” When I first went back, “they” really put me thru the grinds, but I apparently have proved myself. The new “IV” “stuff” they use, had to practice my finger “feels” again, but I was so proud I could hit a vein right on. I hadn't “lost it”. Fortunate enough to really get a good position, work M-F, weekends off, no rotation, and really my own boss. (Old enough to be most coworkers parents, plus with 45 years of many varied experiences) well I can hold my own. As most of you know, this has been one of the most difficult years I've had, in plain words, with the unexpected death of my daughter, and then 2 days later, my husband's mother, (my ice cream just melted. Damn!), I was just getting into memories, oh well forget that, I'm just me, I'll be there and do my best to be on top, for what I believe in, whether it be my family, friends or a patient, they will have my support, no matter what! So I will carry on for Hazel, Ms. Zimmerman and what was the other one's name that had the little “friends in the trees in Goodale park, oh yes, Ms. Shoemaker I wear my pin every day, and I do not wear pj's and dirty tennis shoes to work. And I do not try to dress to look like a social worker. I had a social worker as a supervisor, he could not believe nurses were “given” so many different jobs, other than direct patient care, my reply, because we are trained to do anything you can do, but you can not administer medication, physically evaluate, or administer treatment, we were trained in all. What they forgot, was secretarial skills, my desk is a mess! Enjoy! I will miss being there Just like our last reunion, I was in ER with a K of 1.5, not fun, but I can remember all, and was giving instructions, “I need this or that”, knew I was in trouble, but you all know how new grads and young doc's are, “they know the new stuff, what could this ole girl know”? Have a great time, if any come to Pumpkin Show, Oct.15 to 18, Tom and I are on the parade committee, uptown every day 9:30 to at least 11pm, ask anyone in orange where “Defenbaugh's Funeral Home” is (East Main St., south side), We are in their garage, communication center, of parade committee, we are there or we can be reached by radio, we have a hospitality room, and a restroom, please feel free to stop in, I would be absolutely thrilled to see any of you, please, you will be most welcomed. I could go on and on, just wish I could be there, again enjoy. Hope to see you soon. God bless all of you and your families. Love, **Sandra Dent Wells (1959)**



DEATH NOTICES

Susan Callahan Iten Kessler, deeply loved wife and best friend of Dr. Michael Kessler, died in her new family home in Red Beach, Maine on Friday, August 15, 2003 at the age of 54. She was born in Columbus, Ohio on January 21, 1949 to Mr. and Mrs. Arden Callahan. A graduate of the **Riverside-White Cross School of Nursing (1970)** in Columbus, she served as Head Nurse at the Orthopedic Clinic at Children's Hospital. Also, she was the Head Nurse of the Children's Hospital Outpatient Surgery program in Columbus and helped launch this important program. For 16 years she was the very successful and appreciated office manager/nurse for the Ohio Orthopedic and Fracture Surgeons. She was a committed Christian and is a member of the Eastside Grace Brethren Church. Since 1996, she has been a fulltime Mother and Wife and has raised seven excellent children. She has been a very good friend and part time Mother to dozens of her kids' friends. When her daughters and their friends needed a Girl Scout Troop in Bexley and there was none, she started one up for them and helped raise them through it. She has been president elect of the Bexley PTO, treasurer of the Bexley Music Parents, president of the Stanwood Investment Group, and president of the Courtright Road Neighbors' Assn. Most importantly she has been a hard working and selfless Mother, Wife, neighbor, and friend to all that she has met. She is survived by her husband, Mike; daughters, Jennifer (Dan) Petry, Anne Marie Kessler and Amanda Kessler; her sons, Brad Iten, Ben (Jaime) Iten, Sam Kessler and Ben (Julie) Kessler; grandchildren, Moira, Inga and Evie; her parents, Arden and Jennette Callahan; brothers, John (Angie) Callahan and James (Lisa) Callahan; nieces and nephews; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Dr. Robert and Mickey Kessler and other family members. Contributions may be made to the Susan Kessler Music Education Fund, 1312 River Road Calais, ME 04619 in her memory. Susan was an avid gardener, hugely capable Mother and compassionate nurse. She was at ease with everyone. The anchor and bedrock of her family, she is painfully missed. Her family's love for her will be strong and eternal.

Condolences to **Charlotte Ann Pletcher Nelson (1954)** on the death of her husband Donald Carl Nelson, on September 17, 2003 at Riverside Hospital. Memorial contributions may be made to North Community Lutheran Church Trust Fund, 114 Morse Rd., Columbus, Oh. 43214.

Marie DelCol Brandt 1967 has advised us of the death of classmate, **Kitty Bell Johnstone 1967**.

REPLACEMENT CAPS, PINS AND GRADES

You can obtain a replacement Riverside-White Cross **nursing cap** from a New York company called Kay's Caps at (516) 791-8500. The cap is # 4545 and we have been quoted a price of \$15.00 each.

We have not been able to locate any companies making **replacement pins**. The last person we tried to help locate a Nursing pin finally found a White Cross Hospital pin on eBay (www.ebay.com) for about \$40. It has been suggested that *RN Magazine* may be a reference source for new pins.

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. Call the hospital at (614) 566-5000 to speak with Medical Records personnel.

DID YOU KNOW

- ✓ The next newsletter will be mailed in mid February 2004. Deadline for news items is **January 25, 2004**.
- ✓ Make sure you notify us of address changes, as the US Post Office does **NOT** forward our newsletter.
- ✓ Our Membership Secretary, **Patty Persinger Reed (1977)**, handles 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**

NEWS AND NOTES

Hello: I married on June 14th to J. David Schroeder; a retired FBI agent for 32 years; currently Asst. Fire Marshal in charge of Pyrotechnics and Explosives Division of State of Ohio Fire Marshal Office. I graduated in 1961 from RWC. New address is 122 Nob Hill Drive N, Gahanna, Ohio 43230-2123. I have not been receiving the newsletter and missed the reunion. I probably owe dues; please check and I will remit my money. Thank you. **Barbara Braddock McKee Schroeder (1961)**



NEW E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Ruth Ann Blum Davidson 1959

ann@pure.net

Sandra Dent Wells 1959

tmwsdw1@aol.com

Nancy Fair Francisco 1963

jfrancis@bright.net

Barbara Braddock McKee Schroeder 1961

bamckee@columbus.rr.com

Charlotte Ann Pletcher Nelson 1954

dne9329@cs.com

Roberta Elliott Saunders 1970

bsaunders@holzerclinic.com

GENERAL FUND DONATIONS

- ❖ Sharon Ann O'Dell Taylor 1967
- ❖ Jean A. Fraser 1951 in memory of Genevieve Menkel Martin 1948

SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATIONS

- ❖ Anonymous donation to in memory of Lenna Haudenschild Campbell 1943

POSTAGE FUND DONATIONS

- ❖ Barbara Weidner Ike 1962
- ❖ Joan Deeds Mortimer 1960
- ❖ Jean A. Fraser 1951

SPECIAL 90TH BIRTHDAY

Mary Alberta Kiess Green Barth was honored with an Open House 90th birthday celebration on September 7, 2003, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in New Washington, Ohio. Mary is the mother of 3 children and 3 stepchildren, 6 grandchildren, 10 step-grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and 18 step-great-grandchildren. Mary was a graduate of the White Cross School of Nursing and worked as an RN at Bucyrus Community Hospital and with the local Red Cross Blood Bank. She is a member of the New Washington United Methodist Church and a member of the Tiro Community Club. Mary was inducted into the Crawford County Hall of Fame. She enjoys her family and great grandchildren, and growing and giving away many beautiful roses. Cards of congratulations can be sent to 6848 Rt. 602 S., New Washington, Ohio 44854.

Minford, Ohio Hub-Gazette



NEWS AND NOTES

Where did the summer go? Or did we have a summer this year? Actually we did have some good days and good family gatherings here in Galion and the little ones enjoyed the pool. John and I are really enjoying our first year of retirement, and getting a lot done around the house that we have had to put off for years. We were able to take our 7 year-old granddaughter Jessica down to Southport, NC this past June. She had such a good time and kept Grandma and Grandpa jumping the whole time. She makes sure that we make the most of every minute of the day. We are planning on spending the winter in Southport, NC But first we have some loose ends to tie up here. We had to put John's mother, who is 94 in the Westerville Edgewood Manor Nursing Home. It had gotten to the point that she was getting so forgetful and it was no longer safe for her to stay alone and with us being out of town for the winter there was no one close to look in on her. She has another son and grandchildren close by so we felt this would work out best for all concerned. I think that once she adjusts she will do fine. I was glad I was able to attend the May luncheon and see my classmates for our 40th class reunion. Sally Spangler opened her home to all of us for more chat after the main gathering. Thanks again, Sally, for your hospitality. I would love to hear from any of my classmates or anyone else for that matter. **Nancy Fair Francisco (1963)**

KUDOS to the **Class of 1948** for organizing and raising a group donation of \$1,000 for the "Spirit of Nursing" sculpture. Their class will be honored on the pedestal base of the sculpture. A very special personal **THANK YOU** to the **Class of 1948** for their kindness and generosity in contributing extra donations to the "Spirit of Nursing" Memorial Fund in the name of my mother, **Genevieve C. Menkel Martin (1948)**. My family and I can't begin to express how grateful we are. Mom would be "tickled pink" if we were able to inscribe her name on the sculpture base. The hospital and the Alumni Association meant SO much to her for so many years! You ladies are AWESOME and we love you all!



Pamela A. Martin (1973)
RWC Newsletter & Website Editor

Julianne Gotshall Rausch 1954

Things are going well with me. Our class WCH 1954 has started the project of getting enough money for the "Spirit" Crystal Sculpture to enable us to be recognized on the pedestal base. This September Newsletter was an especially interesting one.

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 # _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

My / our gift is in memory / honor of: (circle one)

Please notify:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

NEWS AND NOTES

Congratulations to our very own **W. Rae Lynch Arnold 1963** who was recently named President-elect of the Central Ohio Diabetic Association (CODA). In May of 2004, she will start a two-year term as President of that group. In Dayton, at the Ohio Nurse Association Convention recently, Rae was voted in as Treasurer of the ONA, a two-year term which also makes her the treasurer of the Board of Directors of the ONA. Rae is still working at RMH and still has a loving husband. ☺ She can be contacted via email at wra119@cs.com Way to go Rae! (Story submitted by Marilyn Flor Smith 1948)

Darlene M. Millslagle Matthews 1962

Thanks to all of you who live in the Columbus area for all you do to keep the alumni alive!

Marilyn Dixie Middaugh Lyon 1965

Had brain tumor. Successfully removed May 21, 2003.

NEWS AND NOTES

Joann Murphy Albery 1958

Hi Y'all (That's Texan) It is great to get the newsletter! You do a great job. Living this far away I don't get to the alumni meetings so the newsletter is a way to keep up with things. Well, I retired in '93 from St. Mary Hospital. I worked O.R. and R.R. Retired as R.R. head Bay. I sure don't miss all the hassle but I do miss the people. Jim had retired, so I decided to follow his example. We have 3 grown kids and one grandson. He'll be 6 in December and of course he's not spoiled (Ha). Thanks again for the great work on the newsletter.

Kathleen Kelley 1967

With Ohio Health times 25 years. Presently at Home Reach as staff RN.



2003 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Saturday December 6, 2003
Social Hour at 11:00 am
Lunch served at 11:30 am

Fawcett Center for Tomorrow
2400 Olentangy River Road
Columbus, Ohio 43210



MENU: Deli Buffet (\$16.50)

Rare Roast Beef, Slivered Turkey, Ham and Salami, American, Swiss and Provolone Cheese with Breads and Condiments to make sandwiches. Soup Du Jour, Redskin Potato Salad, Vegetable and Relish Tray and Freshly-Baked Cookies

Reservation form and check must be received by Monday, December 1, 2003.

Mail check and form to: Marilyn Flor Smith, 2630 Queensway Drive, Grove City, Ohio 43123



RWC ALUMNI 2003 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

(Please PRINT all information)



First / Middle _____ Maiden _____ Last _____

Address _____ Year of Graduation _____

City / State / Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail Address _____

Make check payable to RWC Alumni Association. Holiday Luncheon cost is **\$16.50** per person.

Mail check and form to: Marilyn Flor Smith, 2630 Queensway Drive, Grove City, Ohio 43123

Reservation deadline is Monday December 1, 2003.

Do **NOT** send Membership Dues with Luncheon Payment / Reservations.



2004 DATES TO REMEMBER

(Subject to change)

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Sunday, January 25, 2004 | Deadline for news articles for February 2004 newsletter |
| Tuesday, March 23, 2004 | Regular alumni meeting at Riverside Health Center, 500 Thomas Lane, Atrium Level Classrooms at 7:00 p.m. |
| Thursday, March 25, 2004 | Deadline for news articles for April 2004 newsletter |
| Monday, April 26, 2004 | Deadline for reservations for 2004 Annual reunion luncheon |
| Saturday, May 1, 2004 | Annual reunion luncheon at Riverside Hospital, 3535 Olentangy River Road, 2 nd floor Cafe at 11:00 am. <i>(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. Check our website at www.rwcalumni.com for details.)</i> |
| Wednesday, August 25, 2004 | Deadline for news articles for September 2004 newsletter |
| Tuesday, September 28, 2004 | Regular alumni meeting at Riverside Health Center, 500 Thomas Lane, Atrium Level Classrooms at 7:00 p.m. |
| Monday, October 25, 2004 | Deadline for news articles for November 2004 newsletter |
| Monday, November 29, 2004 | Deadline for reservations for 2004 Holiday luncheon |
| Saturday, December 4, 2004 | Holiday luncheon at 11:00 am (Location to be determined) |

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

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. Postage Paid
Columbus, Ohio
Permit Number 303



Internet: www.rwcalumni.com

E-mail: rwcalumni@aol.com