

Alumni Association of St. Luke's School of Nursing NEWSLETTER



President's Report



President's Note

Dear Alumni,

50+ years ago, when I began my nursing education at St. Luke's School of Nursing, the experience was quite different than today. I was young at only 17 years of age and had just graduated from high school... never been away from home. We were required to live in the residence where we had many rules and restrictions, overseen by "house mothers." The nursing program was 36 months long with only 3 months off (1 month a year) and not necessarily during the summer. Somehow, we managed to survive and to receive an excellent nursing education with many hours of "unpaid" clinical experience... that's probably why the tuition was much cheaper. Today, the program has been shortened to 20 months with prerequisites already completed. The average age of the student nurses has increased and they are no longer required to live on campus. Also, the 900 hours of clinical experience is still much more than many other nursing institutions. We have come a long way in the past 133 years of existence, and St. Luke's nurses are still the best! So, please plan to come to Homecoming on Saturday, October 14, 2017, to reunite with your classmates and share your stories and memories.

Sincerely, your President,
Sandra (Tirpak) Davidyock, RN Class of '69
Phone no. 610-867-8898
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Important Notice: Please notify the School of any contact changes i.e. address, phone, or email address, to keep our database up-to-date. Thank you!

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Vision

- To unite St. Luke's School of Nursing graduates in the common goal of education and dedication in the healing arts profession.
- To encourage active participation of association members.



Mission

- To uphold the traditions, standards and progress of nursing as a profession.
- To maintain a professional society which promotes mutual collegiality and communication among graduates of the School of Nursing.
- To provide financial assistance to eligible students of St. Luke's School of Nursing.



Prices for Fundraising Items

- Logo Sweatshirts \$20
- Logo Tote Bags \$15
- Silent Auction Tickets \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

December 2017: Christmas Roll Sale at St. Luke's North:
 December 18 & 19, 2017 call: Beverly Couch at (610) 865-9850
 All proceeds support the scholarship fund.

Homecoming Schedule October 14, 2017

- 10:30AM-11:30AM
Brunch for the Class of 1967 and invited guests
- 10:30AM-12:45PM
Fundraising in Room 111
- 11:30AM-12:45PM
Tours of the Hospital Museum
- 1:00PM-3:30PM
Speakers and Annual Business Meeting
- 3:30PM-5:00PM
Fundraising and Dessert

2016 Homecoming Raffle Winners

- Amy Totenbier Henasey(1985) - \$100
- Jane Hilaire Coleman(1948)- \$50
- Lois Wilson Mayers(1973) - \$25
- Winifred Kocher Beil(1965)- \$25

Congratulations to Members of the Class of 1967, celebrating 50 years as professional nurses:

SUZANNE GOSSMAN BARWICK
 SUSAN CROZIER BELING
 DIANE MORGAN BISHOP
 EILENE HOUSER (Richenderfer)
 BLUMENTHAL **
 ALYSON STOCKER BREISCH
 SUEANN ERDMAN BURKMAN *
 LINDA VOGT COULSTON
 CHERYL SPOTTS CRANFORD
 EMILY MCGRATH DEMETER **
 JUDITH NEAST EBERHARDT
 LYNDELL SANDT EDDY
 PATRICIA-ANN GAZO ELSDON
 PHYLLIS WELLER FETZER
 NANCY LUCA FRIES **
 MEGAN ROBERTS GALLUCCI*
 ELLEN SWARTLEY GLASCOCK
 FRANCES GLUC GLUC
 MARY BOYLE HEBER
 SANDRA FULP HELLER
 LINDA SKRIVANEK HERKALO

PERI SHIMER HUTCHINSON
 CLARA ANN DIGIACOMO KLAPAC *
 CONSTANCE HECKLER LA FORGIA
 LINDA SCHMEHL LIGNELLI
 SANDRA PANESE LONG
 JEAN STERNER LUFF
 ANNETTE DECOSMO MACDONALD
 BRENDA SCHMOYER MARSHALL **
 JOANNE MANN MARSHALL **
 CONNIE DUTT MCCORMICK
 LINDA CULPEPPER MCKENNA
 NANCY BEATTY MEILINGER
 CAROL SCHMIDT MERTZ
 MARCELLA REGAN METZGAR
 PATRICIA FERKO MILLER
 CLAIRE STEGURA MILLER **
 H-JEAN RAWSON MOORE
 SUSAN BOGERT MOYER
 PATRICIA DERAU MULLINS
 CHERYL RENNINGER NEAL

TRUDY KNORR NOCOLAUDIS **
 JUDY SCUDNER (Iuszczy) OCONNELL
 LEE SCHAEGLER OVERGAARD
 ANNE MARIE BIANK PANIK
 JOANNE DOBROSKY PATRICK
 JOANNE KOSALKO RISSMILLER
 SALLY WEAVER RITTER-HICKEY
 SALLY UNKLE RUBINSON
 JANET BALLEK SCOTT
 FRANCES BRINGENBERG
 SHARPLESS
 SANDRA RATA CZAK SHEMONSKY
 PATRICIA SLOUGH **
 MARIE LEONARD SPENCER **
 ROSEANN TIMER
 MARYANN RAUDENBUSH TRAPP
 SANDRA KATES TROUTMAN
 MARGARET HUDSCO WEAVER

*Deceased
 **No current address



Scholarship Donations

Thanks and appreciation to each graduate contributing to the Alumni Association fund. Although we are unable to recognize every contributor in the newsletter, please know that any amount donated is greatly appreciated.

It has been a very busy year for me as your President attending 2 promotion ceremonies and 2 graduations. Just this year alone, on behalf of the alumni association, I have presented over \$5,000 in scholarships and awards to grateful students and graduates. We would like to continue supporting our school by honoring these worthy individuals. Because the program has been shortened to 20 months, which means more frequent presentations, your donations are even more important than ever! So please continue to support St. Luke's Alumni Association. THANK YOU!

Traditionally, reunion classes donate a gift to the Alumni Association at Homecoming.

Class of 1966: \$1150 To be given as a scholarship to a student of the class of 2018 who "best exemplifies the characteristics of the class of 1966."

Some will remember the class of 1966 for its enthusiasm, its idealism, its thoughtfulness, its kindness; some for its laughter, its gaiety, its compassion; and some for its dedication to the preparation for a specialized service to mankind, and its belief in the good and the right.

Scholarship Awards

Promotion Ceremonies

2017 Scholarship Awards

On January 13, 2017 there were two recipients:

Taylor Miller and Kyle Schwartz, both received \$1000

Next promotion ceremony: September 8, 2017

Class Reunions

Every class is responsible to plan their specific reunion activities. It would be good to have your class attend Homecoming as a group.

Classes Celebrating Reunions in 2017:

1942	1967(50 years)	1992
1947	1972	1997
1952	1977	2002
1957	1982	2007
1962	1987	2012

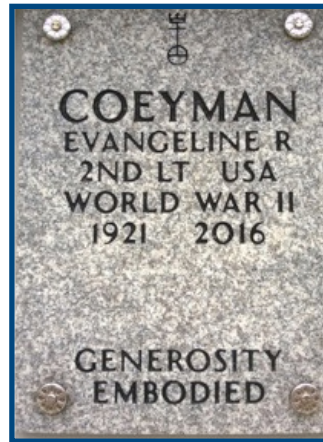
Classes Celebrating Reunions in 2018:

1943	1968(50 years)	1993
1948	1973	1998
1953	1978	2003
1958	1983	2008
1963	1988	2013



**Deceased August 2016 thru August 2017
(or entered on data base after August 2016)**

Helen Rayda Becker	1950	12/26/2016
Ranae Kudzik Behrens	1991	2/16/2017
Catherine Frances Bodock	1951	1/13/2017
Gwenda Couch	1968	11/19/2016
Far Eisenhart Danner	1958	6/29/2017
Barbara Snyder Herman	1960	2/28/2017
Karen Biliard Johnson	1977	4/26/2017
Jean Pearson Link	1956	10/24/2016
Joan DeLong Messner	1956	1/28/2017
Dawn Smith	1962	8/17/2017
Janet Dalrymple Tomb	1945	6/2017
Betty Jane Messenlehner Trbuza	1958	2/12/2017
Lucy Catalanotti Wagner	1956	10/24/2016
Mary Jane Connel Wagner	1955	4/8/2016



Evangeline S. Coeyman
Gone but not forgotten

Thank you to all who gave donations in memory of Evie which will be added to award money given in her name at graduation.

Graduation Awards

On April 12, 2017 \$100 each was presented to the following graduates:

- M. Naomi Houser Award- James Martino
- Julia S. Ritter Award- Emily Kellcher
- Mary M. Youngkin Award- Amanda Rohloff
- Eunice Smith Award- Ashley Sensinger
- Evangeline Coeyman Award- Jahnyl Jauregui

Next graduation: December 7, 2017 at 7:00PM at the Scottish Rite Cathedral.

Dr. Eleanor "Dr. Ellie" Fenstermaker, PhD, RN (pictured left) retired on May 1, 2017 after 38 years as a nurse instructor at St. Luke's. Congratulations... we wish you well in your future endeavors. Happy Retirement!





2016 - 2017 Board of Directors

Front Row

Suzanne Preisler (1969) Recording Secretary

Deborah Burrell Martin (1974) Corresponding Secretary

Sandra Tirpak Davidyock (1969) President

Mary Ann Molnar Sysak (1973) Treasurer

Barbara Rohn Frank (1971)

Second Row

Paulette Shephard Peters (1968)

Helen Kocher Snyder (1955)

Beverly Neiser Couch (1968)

Jill Hager D'Alessandro (2006)

Rosemarie Bukics Hedrick (1958)

*If anyone is interested in becoming a board member,
please contact Sandra Davidyock at:
s.davidyock@yahoo.com or 610-867-8898.*

Next board meeting is January 9, 2018 at the Priscilla Payne Hurd Education Center, Room 102.

2017 Dues Notice:

Please complete this form, attach check and mail to:

Alumni Association of St. Luke's School of Nursing, P.O. Box 1857, Bethlehem, PA 18016-1857 by October 5, 2017

Date _____ Year of Graduation _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Maiden Name _____

Is married name new? Yes ___ No ___ If applicable, any previous married name? It was _____

Address:

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code: _____

Is current address/email new within the last 3 years? Yes _____ No _____

Optional:

Telephone _____ Email _____

Dues – \$20.00 Year (up to 25 years) _____

Dues – \$10.00 (after 25 years) _____

2017 Scholarship Donation _____

2017 Fundraiser Donation _____

Check is payable to Alumni Association of St. Luke's School of Nursing:

You are not required to be present to win the fundraiser raffle.

NB: Dues and donations are tax deductible as designated by law. Your cancelled check is your receipt. Please mail dues and donations for receipt by October 5, 2017 to ensure receipt by the association before the Homecoming meeting and if applicable, entry into the raffle drawing. Send to: St. Luke's Alumni Association of St. Luke's School of Nursing, P.O. Box 1857, Bethlehem, PA 18016-1857.





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