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## Save the Date

#### Post-Holiday Dinner Meeting Thursday, January 15

All alumni are invited and encouraged to attend the post-holiday Alumni Association Dinner and Meeting at the Rhythm Kitchen on Water Street in Peoria. Dinner (at your expense) begins at 5:30 p.m. with dessert and door prizes provided. The Alumni Association meeting will follow dinner. RSVP to helene.c.batzek@osfhealthcare.org by January 13.

#### • Evening at the Vineyard Friday, June 12

Dr. Patricia Stockert, President of the College, will once again host "Alumni Evening at the Vineyard." The event will be at Kickapoo Creek Winery, in Edwards, Illinois. Grab fellow alum and join us at 5:00 p.m. for conversation, reconnecting with friends and classmates, hors d'oeuvres, locally-made wine, and music. Hope to see you in June!

#### Homecoming 2015 Saturday, September 19

The School/College of Nursing will celebrate 110 years of "A Tradition of Excellence in Nursing Education" at the Jump Trading Simulation and Education Center on the OSF Saint Francis Medical Center campus beginning at 6:00 p.m. Watch your mailbox for more information!

See back cover for Winter/Spring 2015 Calendar of Events for more happenings.



## **Class of 1964**

Celebrated their 50th Reunion





Marianne Cassidv

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Kathy Eppel

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Betty Sprung



## **Message from the President**

Patricia A. Stockert, RN, PhD

Dear Alumni and Friends,

I hope that this issue finds you well and adjusting to the change in seasons. As I write for this issue of Notes from Greenleaf, the temperatures have cooled off, the days seem shorter, and the leaves have changed color and are dropping from the trees. This issue highlights the 2014 Homecoming events. I was happy to see so many alumni return to the College for the Alumni Brunch and Dinner celebration. I enjoyed meeting and talking with alumni from the different classes. A number of classes were celebrating milestone anniversaries!

I encourage you to consider nominating someone you know for an award next year!

Next year, 2015, marks the 110th anniversary of nursing education at Saint Francis, first as the School of Nursing, then as the College of Nursing. Remember, this is the year to consider outstanding alum for the Hall of Fame Award.

The 2014-2015 academic year was off to a busy but great start. I will provide you some highlights below. Here is a brief summary:

- We experienced another great enrollment of 681 students for fall 2014 in all programs. There were 405 students in the BSN program (including 52 RN to BSN students) and 276 students in the MSN and DNP programs.
- We received over 200 applications for the BSN program for fall 2015.
- The Curriculum Committee implemented the revised BSN curriculum. The College moved toward a concept-based curriculum to continue to prepare our graduates to face the challenges in the changing healthcare system. The curriculum will be phased in over a two-year period with the current curriculum being phased out.
- Thanks to all of our alumni and friends, we awarded approximately \$151,000 in scholarships to 134 students for the 2014-2015 year. It is through your generosity that this is possible and I send a heartfelt thank you to you.

As economic times continue to be challenging, we remain focused on increasing endowments and scholarships for our students. The continued decrease in federal and state funding for student financial aid presents challenges to the students. The annual appeal letter will again focus on monies for scholarships. A donation of \$1,000 or more will provide a named scholarship for a student. I hope that you will consider making a gift this year when your Annual Appeal letter arrives.

You are a very important part of the College family and it is our goal to stay connected with you.

Patricia a. Stocket, RN, PhD

## **Proud of our Own** College President, Patricia A. Stockert, PhD, RN

On September 23, 2014, Illinois Wesleyan University's School of Nursing honored alumna Patricia A. Stockert, Ph.D., RN, with the annual School of Nursing Distinguished Alumna Award during Illinois Wesleyan University Homecoming festivities.

Following her graduation from Illinois Wesleyan, Dr. Stockert began work as

a surgical nurse with OSF Saint Francis Medical Center. She later served as an instructor at Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing-then called Saint Francis Hospital School of Nursing-while pursuing a master's degree. Dr. Stockert has also served as an assistant professor and dean of the undergraduate program at the college.

Dr. Stockert, who earned a doctorate in nursing from Saint Louis University, has co-authored two nursing textbooks: Fundamentals of Nursing and Basic Nursing.

> - Submitted by Janice F. Boundy, PhD, RN '61



## **Alumni Update**

Mary Donnelly, <sup>7</sup>79, President of Alumni Association

Greetings everyone!

The New Year promises to be full of continued fun and good works!

Homecoming this past year was another success! Our brunch saw the largest attendance ever and our President, Dr. Patricia Stockert, provided an update on the college's growth. Our evening activities were held on the OSF Saint Francis Medical Center campus at the new Jump Trading Simulation and Education Center. Parking was ample and our large room extended to an outdoor patio where attendees enjoyed the beautiful Fall evening. The Hot Cats jazz band returned per popular request! Each year more classes return to celebrate special anniversaries. In a sense, every year is an anniversary, so don't wait for a specific number. Please gather your classmates and join us every year! In 2015, the college will be celebrating 110 years of educational excellence. That is certainly something to celebrate!

A meeting was held at Weaver Ridge Country Club on October 16. Members from the new Cultural Immersion course who went to Kenya over the summer presented their experience as a thank you for the money the Alumni Association gave to offset costs for the trip. They brought jewelry made by women in the village which gave us the opportunity to do some early holiday shopping. Money from the sales went back to these individuals to help care for their families. Students once again enjoyed Halloween treats set up in the lobby. The Alumni Association also provides treats during finals week. It does not take long for the candy dish to empty!

The College Thanksgiving Dinner was November 20 at the Spalding Pastoral Center. The Alumni Association offered assistance and enjoyed meeting students and families. We sold alumni car decals, our pendants, and for the first time, our new Christmas ornament. Remember to let us know if you are at a distance and would like to purchase any of these items. We are more than happy to send them to you!

We are working on an educational offering for 2015. We are looking into a half day activity that will bring us together for education as well as fun. Stay tuned for more information as plans develop.

Our January meeting is Thursday, January 15, at 5:30 pm at Rhythm Kitchen on Water Street in Peoria. It's a lovely restaurant on the riverfront offering homemade food and entertainment. Start the New Year off by joining us!

As we roll into the holiday season, and reflect upon the many blessings we have been given, let us remember our alma mater and how our education has benefited not only our own lives, but those we have touched throughout the years!

May God bless and keep you in His care throughout the winter months.

#### **Alumni Spotlight** Paulette Archer, EdD, RN Earns State Award

On October 22, 2014, Dr. Paulette Archer, Class of 1970, was honored by the Illinois Department on Aging. Dr. Archer was the recipient of the Governor's Unique Achievement Award. This award recognizes groups, individuals and programs that positively impact the lives of seniors in Illinois. Dr. Archer was nominated for the prestigious award by the Central Illinois Agency on Aging. She is being recognized for her work with nursing students in teaching them the challenges and evidence-based practices needed for care of the older adult. She has been instrumental in helping Sain Francis Medical Center College of Nursing revise the BSN curriculum for the geriatric population and to include student involvement in daily activities of older adults in



community nursing homes. Dr. Archer is a Professor at Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing. She teaches Pathophysiology and is the Learning Specialist in the College's Academic Development Center. In this role, Dr. Archer helps students develop study habits and skills to make them successful in nursing school. Dr. Archer is a compassionate nurse, teacher and advocate for seniors.

#### Congratulations, Dr. Archer, on a well-deserved honor!

### In Memoriam

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Barbara Tanner Handley '40 Christine Johnson Baudino '41 Julia Zentko Foster '41 Gertrude Templin Otterstrom '44 Theresa Sims Gruben '45 Rita Sheridan Korstick '46 Marry Laffey Clarey '47 Kathleen Cody Ford '48 Susie Johnson Fitzpatrick '54 Mary Lou Kerkes Kilponen '54 Shirley Fisher Berg '56 Fred Clarence '57 Charlene Elliott Lundeen '59 Nancy Green Abrams '60 Lorna Hardman Ingrassia '60 Rachel Minger O'Malley '60 Carol Piskur Kaufman '64 Mary Cotton Stone '65 Jana Corey Krones '88

## **Keep In Touch**

#### 1957

#### Marilyn Harler Wilken

I am so sorry I could not make Homecoming 2014. I am proud to announce that one of our sons has decided to join the nursing profession. He graduated and has passed his boards for his BSN-RN in Oregon at Linfield College in McMinnville, OR. I understand you also have a student in some part of the Saint Francis program from Oregon that I do not know, but she had a relative in our son's class that graduated from this class. Life is interesting isn't it?

#### Margie Guilfoyle Morales

I live in Mexico City, and have lost touch with my classmates from the 1957 class. I would love to hear from anyone in my class and get the news about our great group. I think about those happy years often. Contact Margie Guilfoyle Morales at mannguilfoyle@yahoo.com.mx

#### 1966

#### Lois Walgrave Goudreau

I am currently working as an RN in a surgery unit at Presence St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee, Illinois. I would like to resume contact with classmates from 1966. Contact Lois Walgrave Goudreau at lgoudreau6363@gmail.com

#### 1977

#### Gail O'Bryan Mills

I graduated from Saint Francis Hospital School of Nursing in 1977 and then received my BS in Business Administration at Belhaven College in 1991. I have spent the majority of my nursing career in Women's Health. I worked Labor and Delivery, Hi Risk Perinatal Nursing, and spent a short time (2.5 years) at Ciba Vision in their Medical Affairs Department, but mostly have been working as an IVF nurse in a fertility practice from as early as 1985. I have been certified in reproductive endocrinology and infertility for many years. Am continually grateful for the excellent education I received at Saint Francis.

#### **1987**

PEORIA

#### Liz Conrow Merkel

I am currently working as an RN in New York.





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# Please Help Us Find These Alumni

In an attempt to keep the alumni records up to date, please contact Helene Batzek, Alumni Relations Representative, *helene.c.batzek@osfhealthcare.org or 309-624-4993* 

if you have any information about the following alumni with whom we've lost touch, or ask them to contact us. We appreciate your assistance updating our records.

#### 1961

#### 1**967**

Johann Donovon Schroeder Therese Anne Geremskis Joyce Jaraczewski Szott Sylvia MacCormick

#### 1**962**

Sue Ann Howard Bishoff Diane McMahon Dougherty

#### 1964

Janet Edwards Pellouchoud

#### 1**966**

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## **New Members**

## The College is pleased to recognize the latest Alumni Association Members:

Emilie DePasquale Deady	1964
Julie Alms Dubois	1979
Carole Cox Gibson	1959
Judith Killian Jurgelas	1964
Maureen Mathews	2014
Patricia Steko Pescetto	1964

#### LIFETIME MEMBERS

Barbara Haugens Adams	1975
Leigh Ann Bonney	2007
Sandra Huett Cummings	1964
Diane Martin Gould	1975
Rita Brenan Keefe	1963
Michael Mandrell	2009
Bonnie Dye Seelye	1952
Janet Riley Whittington	1963

## **College Merchandise**



#### Ornament

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#### Decal

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# Proud of our Own

## Woith chosen as American Academy of Nursing Fellow

#### A Helping Hand: Global Research Leads to Big Honor for College of Nursing Alumna



Wendy with children at the Mitumba slum in Nairobi, Kenya

Wendy Mann Woith's career has taken her across the globe to places like Russia, Thailand, Brazil, Kenya, and Germany. Her travel coupled with extensive research has helped improve health care practices, specifically the diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis in high-risk areas.

"Nursing has been so good to me. It was the best decision I ever made in my life," said Wendy.

In October, the Saint Francis Hospital School of Nursing (which later became the Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing) alumna is being inducted into the American Academy of Nursing in Washington, DC. The achievement recognizes the industry's most accomplished leaders in education management, practice, and research.

"Being named a fellow is such an honor," smiles Wendy.

"Choosing a career in nursing has provided me with many wonderful opportunities I would not have had otherwise. And I have been blessed with so many amazing mentors; I attribute all my accomplishments to what I learned from them."

#### Serving with the Greatest Care and Love:

Wendy began her journey as a Saint Francis Hospital School of Nursing student in 1973.

"My mother was a nurse and I thought, 'Well, I can be a nurse too!' Mom graduated from the old OSF St. Joseph School of Nursing in Bloomington, in 1947. She always remarked how much she enjoyed it. She loved the Sisters' values and their knowledge of medicine and patient care. My passion for helping others comes from her example."

In 1976, Wendy graduated from Saint Francis Hospital School of Nursing, where she developed close ties with its educators.

"We had excellent practical experience and excellent classroom experience," said Wendy. "I had great teachers, including Jan Boundy. She has an amazing way of talking with patients on their level, making sure they understand the care they'll be receiving. It was in Peoria, at Saint Francis School of Nursing that I really learned the value of compassion."

#### Moving Forward:

Wendy has since earned her bachelor's degree, master's degree in adult health nursing, and PhD in nursing science.

"In the late 90's I was working in the skills lab at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, when the Sister Cities organization brought a group of Russian nurses in for a visit. I showed them around, and as luck would have it, I ended up traveling to Russia in May of 1999! The experience was so amazing, I decided to obtain a PhD so I would have more influence in an international arena."

At that time, cases of tuberculosis and HIV/Aids had been increasing overseas. Wendy's research about these diseases prompted her to study them internationally.

"Russia was a magnificent place. My dissertation work focused on the patient experience with tuberculosis--how a person identifies they have the disease, and what they choose to do about it. We need to get people thinking TB faster instead of assuming they have bronchitis or the flu."

According to Wendy's studies, once patients identify their symptoms and get help immediately, the spread of infection is minimized.

"I've been to Russia 14 times. We're seeing a difference. Nursing students are teaching patients and families' prevention. They're treating TB faster. Area health departments are raising awareness about the disease...the gears are shifting."

Wendy is currently an associate professor in the Mennonite College of Nursing at Illinois State University, and has established an exchange program between nursing students and faculty at ISU and Vladimir Medical College in Russia.

"For as long as I can remember, I have believed we are placed on this earth to help others," said Wendy. "I learned that from my mother. I am so thankful to her and the Saint Francis Medical Center School of Nursing for laying the groundwork that got me here today."

Written by Kimberly Kaufman of the OSF Foundation Team

#### About the American Academy of Nursing:

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Worldwide, the academy is comprised of approximately 2,200 nurse leaders in education, management, practice, policy and research. Academy fellows include hospital and government administrators, college deans, and renowned scientific researchers.

As a special note Wendy Mann Woith received the Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing Outstanding Alumni in Education Award in 2008.

## HOMECOMING 2014 Alumni Awards

#### **EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP**

#### presented to Rosemary Besserman Maresca '63

The "Outstanding Alumni – Excellence in Leadership" award recognizes and honors a nurse alumnus who has exhibited excellence in nursing education and professional development.

The recipient of the 2014 Outstanding Alumni – Excellence in Leadership award is Rosemary Besserman Maresca, a diploma graduate from Saint Francis Hospital School of Nursing, class of 1963.

Rosemary has spent most of her career at Palo Alto Medical Center, an affiliate of Stanford University. She practiced as a clinical nurse specialist in the care of patients with breast cancer diagnosis and treatment. While working with this patient population, she identified areas where more could be done to help the patients. In her quest to help the patients, she transitioned to Chief Oncology Nurse and Breast Cancer Educator.

With support of the physicians and staff, she developed education programs to assist patients in dealing with breast cancer diagnosis. The program provides one-on-one discussions related to surgery, treatment, prosthesis, and available resources. The program gave patients support and comfort. The program began in 1990 and continues today at no charge.

During her career, she positively impacted the

lives of numerous breast cancer patients and Rosemary has received multiple awards for her leadership, presentations, publications and contributions to breast cancer education and research. She retired in 2006 after thirty years of leadership and practice.



#### **EXCELLENCE IN PRACTICE**

presented to Elizabeth Wineland '06, '08

The "Outstanding Alumni – Excellence in Practice" award recognizes and honors a nurse alumnus who has exhibited excellence in nursing practice, is an alumnus viewed as an excellent nurse by peers and the public, and by demonstrating the skills, attitudes, knowledge, qualities, and values of a professional nurse.

The recipient of the 2014 Outstanding Alumni – Excellence in Practice award is Elizabeth Wineland, a 2006 BSN and a 2008 MSN alumnus from Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing.

Elizabeth has been a clinical practice mentor and a Magnet Champion at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center. In 2008, she was manager of oncology at St. John's Hospital.

Two years ago, she joined Unity Point Health Clinics as coordinator of clinical excellence and is working with ambulatory patient care of diabetes. She has done groundbreaking work in the care of patients with diabetes. She also develops process improvement projects to implement throughout 50 clinics and to over 200 patient care providers. She collaborates with the Care Integration Team to disseminate education to these clinics. In addition, when more education is needed she provides one on one education to improve outcomes, promote success and satisfaction. She is certified as a Professional in Healthcare Quality.

Rosemary Besserman Maresca '63

#### **RUBY CEALEY AWARD**

#### presented to Janet Johnson Shipley '65

The Ruby Cealey Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes and honors a nurse alumnus who has represented her alma mater well by displaying caring, professionalism, leadership, community service, and contributions to the profession in many ways.

The recipient of the 2014 Ruby Cealey Distinguished Alumni Award is Janet Johnson Shipley, a graduate of the class of 1965 Diploma Program at Saint Francis Hospital School of Nursing. She has consistently demonstrated outstanding professional nursing standards.

She began her registered nurse practice in Internal Medicine at OSF Saint Francis and worked on a respiratory unit, taught practical nursing students, and practiced in renal dialysis all the while continuing her own education. She went on to earn a Bachelor degree in Psychology and a Masters in Public Health. She practiced for decades while volunteering and being employed as a psychiatric nurse at the Peoria Mental Health Center, now known as the Human Service Center. She continues to practice part time at the Center. Janet has always been viewed as an excellent nurse and role model by her peers, patients and families. In addition, she is considered a mentor to nursing students.

Janet continues to be very active in the Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing Alumni Association. As an example of caring,

#### **EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION**

presented to Carolyn J. (CJ) Wright Boon '08

The "Outstanding Alumni - Excellence in Education" award recognizes and honors a nurse alumnus who has exhibited excellence in nursing education and professional development, functions as a mentor in facilitating the growth and future development of nurses, and serves as a role model to other professional nurses

CJ received her baccalaureate degree in 1996 and her Masters in Nursing from Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing in 2008. She was the recipient of the Sister Ludgera Memorial Award for Outstanding Masters in Nursing and graduated with distinction.

CJ has a history of excellence in nursing education which began in 2008. She is consistent with expectations of her nursing students and her students consistently indicate that she is one of the "best educators at the College." She wrote the nursing curriculum for the College related to the use of EPIC and continues as an advocate for the College regarding EPIC at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center.

CJ has been instrumental and innovative in the use of simulation for our baccalaureate students. For example, she was among the first to set up simulation and scenarios and provide training to others related to patient scenarios. She was also first at the College to implement interdisciplinary experiences to foster student learning. Her focus on innovation, creativity, and passion for education drives

her commitment to the

education that benefits

the Saint Francis Medical

Center College of Nursing,

its learners, faculty, and the

profession of nursing.

College and its mission for

quality and change in nursing

she promotes the Alumni Association, encourages membership, and consistently volunteers at the annual Thanksgiving Dinner and Homecoming Brunch. She is always ready to volunteer her support and help whenever needed.



# HOMECOMING 2014

The total amount raised from the silent auction and donations during Homecoming 2014 was \$505.00. These funds help support student scholarships sponsored by the Alumni Association.

Many thanks to the following businesses and individuals who donated cash, gift(s) for the silent auction, or door prizes: Avanti's Ristorante, Barbara Adams, Burklund Distributors, Inc., the Marriott Pere Marquette, One World Cafe, PHD Services, Prospect Florist, Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing, Sydney Frank Importing Co., The Cookie Shack, The Red Barn Tree Shop, and Weaver Ridge Golf Club.

We appreciate your support of Homecoming and Alumni Association student scholarships!













### **Keep Sending Us Your Thoughts and Ideas**

The College continues to read your communications and it is our goal to serve you as best we can. If you have any input to what you would like to see the College and Alumni Association do, please contact **Helene Batzek** at **309-624-9933** or **helene.c.batzek@osfhealthcare.org.** 

## We'd like to hear from you!

Is there any professional or personal news you'd like to share with your colleagues? New job? Promotion? Advanced certification? Honors/awards? Professional activities? Marriage? New baby? Move? What would you like to see included in *Notes from Greenleaf*? Send us the details.

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## **2015 Calendar of Events**

January 15	5:30 p.m.	Alumni Association Dinner Meeting	The Rhythm Kitchen Music Café Peoria
March 19	5:30 p.m.	Alumni Association Dinner Meeting	Sky Harbor Steak House Peoria
May 16	9 a.m.	Commencement	Civic Center Peoria
May 21	5:30 p.m.	Alumni Association Dinner Meeting	Sazani's Steak & Pasta House Peoria
June 12	5 p.m.	Evening at the Vineyard	Kickapoo Creek Winery Edwards