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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

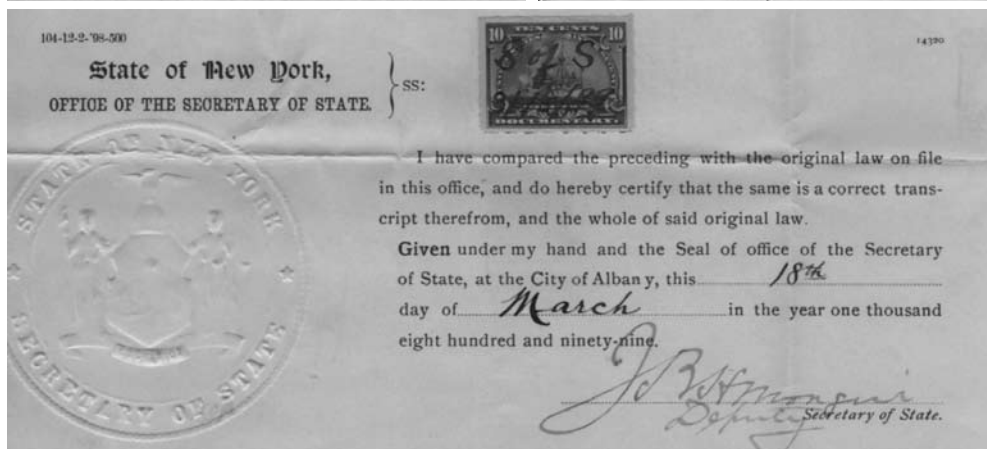
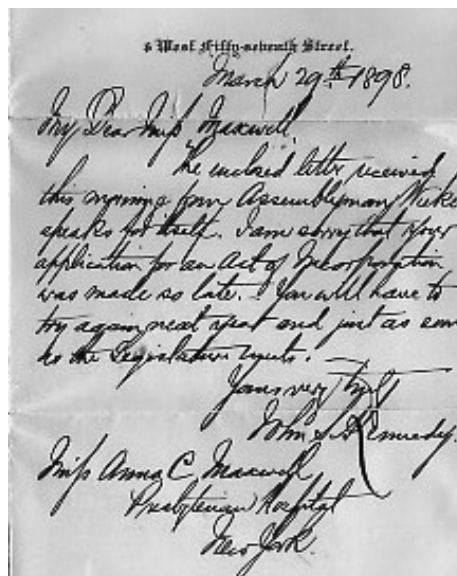
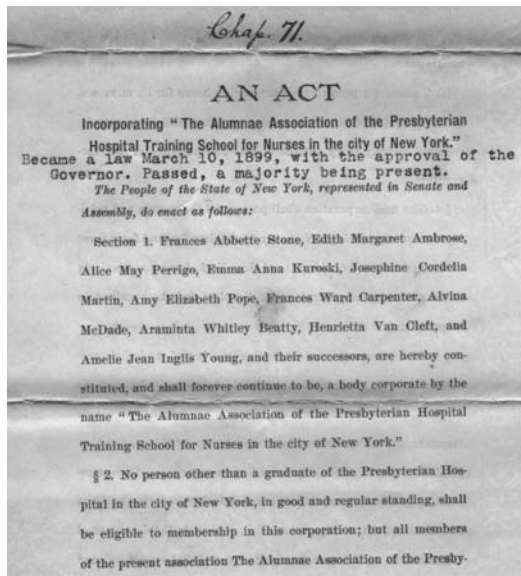
The new School of Nursing is rising! For those of you trying to place where it might be, it is across Broadway at the intersection of 168<sup>th</sup> Street and Audubon Avenue. Both the University and Medical Center have expanded across Broadway, changing the character of this area of Washington Heights. There is even a boutique hotel going up about four doors down.



Our Association is gradually digitizing archival materials and the latest find is our original letter of incorporation dated 1899! Imagine the work involved that Anna Maxwell and her colleagues did to get this passed – long before suffrage became law and women as independent as they are today.

Also included in this cache of important papers is a letter from John S. Kennedy, then President of Presbyterian Hospital, who supported the initiation of the School of Nursing who wrote to Miss Maxwell regretting that the bill did not pass in 1898 with the promise to ensure its passage in the next year.

We have an illustrious history, made up of so many outstanding alumni and events. The creation of a permanent new home for the School finally fulfills Anna Maxwell's dream.



# FOOD FOR THOUGHT

While reading through several publications recently, this subject caught my eye.

An antimicrobial agent, triclosan, found in anti-bacterial hand soap, toothpaste, beauty and personal care products, kitchenware, furniture and toys appears to have become a concern. Low doses, absorbed through the skin or by ingesting it, are known to promote drug resistance in germs that make it difficult to treat infections.

The chemical, triclosan, shows up in blood, umbilical cords, nasal discharge, urine and breast milk. People are more likely to harbor staphylococcus aureus bacteria in their nasal secretions with high concentrations of triclosan. This increases the chance of pneumonia.

In wastewater treatment plants, this antimicrobial can destroy beneficial microbes which normally break down sewage. This waste water with triclosan is then used on farmland in the form of fertilizer. Thus continues the leaching of small amounts into vegetables.

The EPA has been screening 52 pesticide chemicals, including triclosan, for Endocrine Disruption in wild life, animals and humans. To date, no final determinations have been made.

Minnesota is the first state to ban triclosan from certain products effective in 2017. Johnson and Johnson, Proctor and Gamble plan to remove triclosan from their products but this will take time.

Consumers can check product labels on over the counter “drugs”, this includes soaps and toothpaste. It will be listed as an ingredient or under the Drug Facts box .

Source: Beyond Pesticides  
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 EPA.org  
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# DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS

## Joyce K. Anastasi '05

### Distinguished Alumni Award in Nursing Research

Superlative is the only word to describe the distinguished research career of Dr. Joyce Anastasi. Her record of achievement is unparalleled, recognized as this country's leading nurse scientist in symptom management. A rare nurse scientist regarded also as an outstanding clinician and educator, Dr. Anastasi is unmatched for her contributions as a consummate researcher, clinical expert, and inspired educator. Her research focuses on developing and testing non-invasive symptom management strategies affecting quality of life. Her clinical research uses complementary and alternative medicine, particularly acupuncture, as adjunctive therapy to conventional treatment for managing symptoms. Dr. Anastasi was one of the earliest clinical investigators to develop intervention trials to test acupuncture and moxibustion as well as dietary manipulation as potential therapeutic strategies for people with HIV/AIDS experiencing nausea and diarrhea.

More recently her work has focused on peripheral neuropathy, another significant clinical problem for people with HIV/AIDS. A new area of research involves the study of patients with irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), a chronic pain-related condition that results in higher health care costs, loss of work productivity, and decreased quality of life.

Impressively, Dr. Anastasi has sustained an eighteen year federal funding record. She has been awarded numerous National Institutes of Health (NIH) investigator initiated RO1s in addition to many other NIH mechanisms. Serving as a study section reviewer and chair at NIH is a mark of external validation of her strength as a nurse researcher. She is a prolific author, having published numerous peer-reviewed articles as well as book chapters, disseminating her work in top quality interdisciplinary journals.

Dr. Anastasi holds several degrees including a PhD, DNP, and OM (Oriental Medicine) with National Certification in Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine. She has held three endowed chairs, including the Helen F. Petit Professor of Clinical Nursing. Dr. Anastasi maintains an Oriental/Integrative Medicine practice, merging allopathic and alternative therapies in addressing important symptom problems in vulnerable patient groups.

Dr. Anastasi has been the recipient of many awards including the Distinguished Researcher Award of the Foundation of the NYS Nurses Association, Research Article of the Year Award of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care, Distinguished Researcher Award of the Eastern Nursing Research Society, and the Columbia University Presidential Teaching Award. We are privileged to call Dr. Anastasi one of our most legendary alumni and in recognition of her remarkable achievements bestow upon her the Distinguished Alumni Award for Nursing Research.

## Christopher Comfort

### Honorary Distinguished Alumni Award

It is a great privilege to honor and recognize Dr. Christopher Comfort with the Honorary Distinguished Alumni Award. The School of Nursing's faculty received a grant from the Glenda Garvey Teaching Academy in 2007, enabling them to partner with the College of Physicians & Surgeons to develop the CUMC Educational Partnership in Palliative Care. This fostered the development of a relationship between Columbia Nursing and Dr. Christopher Comfort, Medical Director at Calvary Hospital, a leading institution for the provision of palliative care located in the Bronx. Over the last eight years the partnership between the School of Nursing and Dr. Comfort has grown to include regularly scheduled lectures and clinical placement opportunities for students in the Family Nurse Practitioner program and Palliative Care sub-specialty.

A former student described Dr. Comfort's generosity in stepping outside of his role in order to ensure students were optimally taught and offered a full range of experiences. The students' schedule included rounds with physicians, social work meetings, pastoral care visits, wound care consultations and collaborative meetings with medical students. Dr. Comfort ensured that an hour was set aside each day for students to meet with him to discuss their experiences, an unprecedented gesture on the part of a Medical Director for students.

Dr. Comfort recognizes the importance of nursing in providing care not only for patients with advanced and terminal illness, but also for their families. He speaks knowledgeably and compassionately to students about transitions of care across the illness continuum. He discusses ways in which nurse practitioners are best equipped to solve certain issues in the field of palliative care. One student stated, "my conversations with him always led me to more questions and eager to search for their answers, the sign of a great teacher."

Dr. Comfort, for your compassion in caring for the importance of lessening the physical and emotional burden, for all those who suffer, and for your outstanding role as a champion of the nursing profession, we honor you with the Honorary Distinguished Alumni Award.

## Chana Engel '06 '09

### Distinguished Alumni Award in Nursing Practice

Ms. Chana Engel is an extraordinary example of the caliber of nurse that graduates from Columbia University School of Nursing. She is a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner with a focus in child/adolescent psychiatry and embodies the spirit of nursing through her work in practice, education, and research.

During Ms. Engel's time at Columbia, her advanced practice clinical experiences included assessing and treating children and parents in a residential, drug-free therapeutic community. She co-led a group for children with hyperactivity disorder and provided medication assessment and therapy for a select group of children and adolescents. Her positive and calming demeanor allows Ms. Engel to connect with her patients.

Upon completion of the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program in 2009, Ms. Engel became a part-time clinical instructor at Columbia Nursing, providing supervision and education to students in the accelerated nursing program. Ms. Engel is creative and professional by nature and understands the importance of nurturing students, especially those who might be apprehensive about acute psychiatry settings. In this role she also co-instructed clinical groups at the Allen Hospital's MICA (Mentally Ill Clinically Addicted) unit.

In 2010, Ms. Engel became the first psychiatric nurse practitioner in the Section on Bipolar Spectrum Disorders in the Intramural Research program of the National Institute of Mental Health. In this position, Ms. Engel provides clinical care for children, adolescents and families by offering information, support, and hope. When one thinks of the experience of a family entering the nation's premier research institution with a child whose presentation of symptoms have not been fully assessed or treated, one can only imagine how overwhelmed and desperate that family and child may feel. Ms. Engel possesses and communicates confidence in her clinical skill, employing a calm and reassuring manner, and has a profound sensitivity towards her patients. Her quality of work would be remarkable in a practitioner with considerably more years of experience and indicates an extraordinary clinical wisdom and talent.

It is with great pleasure that we award the Distinguished Alumni Award in Nursing Practice to Ms. Chana Engel.

## Judy Honig '05

### Distinguished Alumni Award in Nursing Education

Dr. Judy Honig is the quintessential 21st century Columbia nurse: a superbly competent and compassionate clinician, an expert and inspiring teacher, and a focused and relevant researcher. It is a great privilege to honor her for excellence with the Distinguished Alumni Award in Nursing Education.

Dr. Honig has consistently been at the forefront of expanding the boundaries and definitions of advanced nursing practice. She has continuously maintained a practice as a pediatric nurse practitioner in an urban setting. Dr. Honig has a special interest in underserved populations, especially children with emotional and behavioral disorders. Her research interests have explored the issues surrounding the identification and provision of care for such children.

As the Dorothy M. Rogers Professor of Nursing and the Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs, she is well positioned to apply her clinical and research acumen to developing and maintaining the educational excellence of Columbia University School of Nursing. Active in national and international nursing organizations, Dr. Honig has used her knowledge and experience to identify and develop expanded roles for advanced practice nurses. She has made seminal contributions to the certification process for pediatric nurse practitioners. She was one of the creators and developers of the doctor of nursing practice degree and the first in the nation to recognize cross-site comprehensive care of patients with multiple co-morbid conditions. Dr. Honig also acted as the national and international 'voice' in support of the DNP degree, now celebrating its tenth anniversary. She has developed international sites for student clinical experience, notably La Clínica in the Dominican Republic. She has led a major initiative in streamlining curriculum for advanced practice nurses which incorporates Columbia's 'fast track' entry-to-practice basic nursing preparation with seamless transition to masters and doctoral level programs.

Dr. Honig has been recognized and received many awards for her work including the O'Neil Distinguished Faculty Award for Community Service, the Sigma Theta Tau (Alpha Zeta Chapter) award for distinguished research, and National Institutes of Mental Health recognition for emotional and behavioral disorder screening in children.

Vivacious, outgoing and nearly always smiling, Dr. Honig is a well-loved and an exceptional model for what advanced nursing practice can and should be. As such, she is most deserving of the Distinguished Alumni Award in Nursing Education.

## Janna Lesser '81

### Distinguished Alumni Award in Nursing Education

Dr. Janna Lesser is a tenured Associate Professor of Nursing at the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio School Of Nursing. After graduating with a BS in nursing from Columbia in 1981, Dr. Lesser initially practiced psychiatric nursing, ultimately earning her PhD at the University of California, Los Angeles. She is an outstanding nursing educator who exhibits excellence as a teacher and researcher with undergraduate and graduate students, her faculty peers and underserved communities.

Dr. Lesser's colleagues describe her as a master teacher with a glowing list of teaching attributes and an unwavering commitment to her students and peers. In fact, Dr. Lesser has sustained extremely high evaluations of teaching performance by all of her students. She has consistently received exceptional reviews from her peers and collaborators. She has demonstrated an outstanding ability to integrate scholarly work into every aspect of her role as a faculty member. Her mentoring of students and vulnerable community members has enhanced the connection between academia and the community. Dr. Lesser makes continuous improvements and innovations in the preparation of course work and the educational experiences of her students. She has presented and presided over numerous educational conferences on both local and national levels and has received numerous teaching awards and honors; her education-related leadership and service have been recognized with appointments to local and state advisory committees in Texas.

Dr. Lesser's guiding philosophy in all of her work and achievements is one of her many outstanding attributes, along with core values of humanistic, patient-centered care, health equity, and social justice that permeate her teaching, mentoring, and scholarship. She is also a recognized national leader in teaching participatory action research.

Her undergraduate and graduate students of psychiatric nursing benefit from an educational experience that incorporates not only the dispensing of theoretical knowledge, but also a unique research focus when analyzing community groups. A traditional approach involves researchers proposing hypotheses about a group of people and then testing them against their own observations. Her students conducted research in underserved communities by engaging the local women and gaining their trust. With time and continued contact, the women shared their concerns with her students. The guidance of Dr. Lesser helped the women identify important issues and needs for their community and how to analyze and advocate for them. These grass-roots women became capable advocates and agents for change in ways that endured beyond the research study of the students and their remarkable teacher. The students gained valuable insight into the humanistic conducting of research. Dr. Lesser's leadership brought wisdom into the community and knowledge into the educational arena.

Dr. Lesser, for your selfless devotion to your students, your colleagues and the underserved, for your scholarly excellence and for your "can do" approach that advances those privileged to learn and work with you, we honor you today with the Distinguished Alumni Award for Education.

## Annie Rohan '91 '13

### Distinguished Alumni Award in Nursing Practice

Dr. Annie Rohan is a leader amongst her nursing peers and maintains the highest levels of integrity and professionalism in her work. Dr. Rohan's professional credentials are impeccable. She earned a BS from SUNY Binghamton, a master's degree in Neonatal Nursing from Cornell University Medical College, a second master's degree from Columbia Nursing's Pediatric Nurse Practitioner program, a pediatric nurse practitioner certificate from SUNY Stony Brook, and lastly a PhD from Columbia Nursing.

Dr. Rohan pays meticulous attention to the adherence to medical center policies and procedures while her technical skills in the neonatal intensive care unit are second-to-none. She takes the utmost care to carry out her tasks and responsibilities in such a way as to deliver the highest standard of care. She is both kind and compassionate, particularly toward those patient family members who are struggling with the grief and pain of coping with an infant who is sick or dying.

Dr. Rohan has served as a long-time nursing preceptor to students, she mentors doctoral students from Columbia Nursing and is currently Assistant Professor at Stony Brook School of Nursing and Director of Research. She is a leader amongst her nursing peers and members of the medical management team. Her clinical skill and vast experience make her an outstanding preceptor to nurse practitioner students, pediatric residents, and neonatology fellows. Additionally, she is an ever-willing mentor to the bedside nursing staff, encouraging them to continually broaden and develop their nursing knowledge and skill. Her impressive list of professional accomplishments and academic achievements has inspired numerous others to strive toward new and higher educational and professional goals.

In addition to her role as clinical practitioner and educator, and in recognition of her potential as an academic leader, she is an experienced researcher who has received funding from the Jonas Center for Nursing Excellence and from the March of Dimes. She has authored numerous publications and recently mentored eight novice authors as a guest editor for a special issue of MCN: The American Journal of Maternal-Child Nursing.

Dr. Rohan's nursing knowledge, integrity, commitment to quality, and passion for teaching make her worthy of this award and we are honored to present her with a Distinguished Alumni Award for Nursing Practice.

### Distinguished Alumni Awards

Our ranks are filled with remarkable nurses though they are often unsung heroes. Honor a fellow graduate with a nomination for a Distinguished Alumni Award so she/he can get some of the credit so rightly deserved. Award categories include: Nursing Practice, Nursing Research, Health Policy, Nursing Education, Nursing Administration, Distinguished Career in Nursing, In Memoriam for Lifetime Achievement, Neighbors Humanitarian Award, Honorary Award. More information about the award criteria and the nomination process can be found at <http://nursing.columbia.edu/alumni/distinguished-alumni-awards>. The call for nominations closes on January 31st.

# MY NURSING CAREER

**Margaret (Peggy) Ridsdale Pomeroy**

**Columbia University, School of Nursing, Presbyterian Hospital, Class of 1952**

**THREE YEARS IN MAXWELL HALL**



I came to the big city of New York as a scared nineteen year old from California. I had attended Whitworth College in

Spokane, Washington for two years in a pre-nursing course. My program at Columbia was three years, and I received a B.S. degree upon graduation. I took my State Boards in Seattle, Washington for my R.N. certification.

On August 30, 1949, I entered the School of Nursing and Maxwell Hall, the nursing students' residence, and my life changed forever! Maxwell Hall was a tall brick building with a formal foyer, a beautiful dining room, an inside swimming pool and private dorm rooms! This was a far cry from my small, shared college dorm room in a small college in Spokane, WA. Since I lived so far away and had not been able to take any of the entrance examinations, I was instructed to come a couple of days early and "have money to return home if I didn't pass the tests". Fortunately I passed, although I sweated out the manual dexterity and mechanical comprehension test of reassembling a wooden clothes pin. Then I was measured for a grey "probie"

uniform. We wore white aprons, a white collar and black shoes and stockings with an unflattering grey dress.



I had always wanted to be a nurse, and I remember the thrill at giving my first

bed bath and thinking, "This is it! This is what I have been waiting for." We went onto the "wards" about three weeks after we started. We had a Nursing Arts class with Miss Pettit and practiced on the manikin, "Mrs. Chase". We learned how to make beds with square corners and learned how to make the bed with a patient in it, give bed baths and give bedpans.

We were on the wards for a few hours each day and had classes the rest of the day. Our classes were in anatomy & physiology where we worked on cadavers. We also studied the nervous system, nutrition, genetics, medicines, clinical pathology, pharmacology, bandaging & dressings, psychiatry, professional adjustments, dermatology and communicable disease. We also had a cooking class and in the first class, we learned to make poached eggs, cocoa and Junket. The mandate was "serve hot things hot and cold things cold". I have used this principle throughout my entire cooking life!

We were each assigned a "Big Sister", a senior, who would be a friend and mentor. Evenings spent in a "Big Sister's" room with her classmates were eye opening. They talked about cutting sutures in particular lengths for surgeons, and you had to know which ones for which operations or get yelled at. They talked about surgeons having temper tantrums and throwing scalpels at the wall.

We began to spend more hours on the wards and learned how to use "cradles" to keep the bed covers off of the feet to prevent foot drop, how to give SSE (soap suds enemas), do colon lavages, make flax seed poultices for abdominal distension, prepare hot water bottles (getting all the air out), prepare ice collars and steam inhalers, put on abdominal binders, do bladder catheterizations, colostomy irrigations, handle tidal drainage and

prepare patients for surgery by shaving the operative site. We learned how to give backrubs with rubbing alcohol, followed by bath powder. We learned how to treat patients for head lice. We watched Miss Gill, one of our supervisors, treating a patient, all gowned up in the treatment room with cap and mask. We learned how to do TPRs (shake down that thermometer), BPs, pass oral medications, and help the patients with "A.M. Care" and "P.M. Care". This consisted of handing out tooth brushing equipment and wash basins in the morning and backrubs at night. We learned how to write nurses' notes on patient charts.

We learned to give injections. One patient would not let a nurse who was wearing black shoes & stockings come near him to give an injection. The graduates, of course, who wore white shoes and stockings were OK. Penicillin had just come into use and first came in an aqueous form that had to be given q4h around the clock. This was miserable for patients and nurses. Then procaine penicillin was developed and would last for a longer period of time. However, it would often crystallize in the needle and clog before delivering the whole dose. So, the needle had to be changed and the patient stuck again. This was not pleasant either. But it was the "miracle drug".

Then in 4 months it was time to be measured for our blue and white striped uniforms and get our caps! We were so thrilled. The "capping ceremony" was an outstanding event, and we had to learn where the cap was on our heads to avoid poking people in the eye on the elevator and other tight spaces. Our uniforms were laundered for us in the hospital laundry and returned in long heavy cardboard boxes. The aprons and collars were starched stiff as a board. We rubbed soap along the edge of the collar so that it would slide on our neck. We developed

calluses anyway. We had to wash, starch and iron our own caps. This was a huge chore for some but a work of art for others. Some students were so skilled, that they made money by doing caps for their classmates. We were not allowed to wear jewelry except for a watch with a second hand. I wore my engagement ring on a chain around my neck, pinned to my bra for extra safety. We were not allowed to wear nail polish, and our hair was to be kept in a net, off of our collar.



We started to work full 8 hour shifts, usually 8 am - 4:30 pm. However this could be 7-9 & 1-7, if you were assigned to the Diet Kitchen. This completely ruined your day! As we gained responsibility, we worked what was called "Relief". This was a shift from 4 pm - 12 mn. We were often alone or with one other student after 7 pm. On the medical and surgical floors there would be a 12 bed ward, a 4 bed ward and a few private rooms. You felt like you were on roller skates all evening, running from one patient to another. The surgical patients would go to recovery room from the operating room, but there was no such thing as Intensive Care. So we often had fresh post-op patients along with the other surgical patients on the ward. Often these patients needed to have their BP taken every hour and careful monitoring.

On the medical wards, patients with congestive heart failure would often be admitted with treatment orders of "rotating tourniquets" every 15 minutes. Tourniquets were placed on 3 extremities, leaving one extremity free, and then rotating every 15 minutes so that there was always a resting extremity where the blood could circulate.

There are a few patients that I will always remember. Mr. Morgan had pemphigus, a terrible skin disease that left him with sores all over his body. He was given gentian violet baths every day, which were very painful for him. Then it was

decided to try ACTH, costing \$110/bottle. This was given by injection, and it was hard to find a place to put the needle. But he started to improve. His skin started to clear up, and less than a year later I saw him in Vanderbilt Clinic, dressed in a suit and tie and looking wonderful! Another new drug was called Bacitracin. I helped a surgeon change the dressings on a woman who had a terrible sinus infection that had invaded her brain. So Bacitracin was used for the first time and she seemed to be improving.

There were "rounds" on the wards every day with the attending physician, resident physician, intern and medical students all parading along. One person presented the "case" at the foot of the bed, and then the group continued to discuss the patient right in front of them, without including them. There was a lovely little old German woman who spoke no English. She had a huge surgical wound that was not healing, and I was so glad that she didn't understand their conversation about her and their dire predictions. I learned the only German word that I know, *schmerzen* (pain).

We began our "special services" and usually spent 3 months on each service. Our clinical experience and rotations were managed by Miss Ada Mutch, who was kind and soft spoken and made sure that we got in all of the experiences that we needed. First, I was assigned to the operating room and had to buy conductive shoes. I learned the duties of the "circulating nurse" and the "scrubbed nurse". One evening there was an emergency operation on a patient from Harkness Pavillion. His name was Eddie Foy, Jr., and I was there to scrub. He was a famous Broadway comedian, but of course, he was under anesthesia. So I didn't get to meet him. The next day I was working at Harkness Pavillion, and he apparently was told that I had scrubbed on his surgery. So he summoned me to his room to tell him what he looked like on the inside! I was thrilled then to meet him and tell him what I saw. We observed and assisted with mastectomies, cholecystectomies, appendectomies and

many more surgeries. I was impressed with the skill and confidence of the surgeons. They were calm enough that they would even send out for the ball game scores during the World Series when they were scrubbed and couldn't leave the operating table!



*Laurie Lowe, Carol Wagner, Phyllis Bingham, Peggy Ridsdale & Nancy Carlson*

In the evenings we would gather in someone's room to share experiences of the day and of course, to have a snack.

There was a great sense of camaraderie among the students in our class, and some would become lifelong friends. Living in Maxwell Hall together for three years and learning to become nurses together forged a strong bond. I grew up in those years and registered to vote for the first time. We had to take a literacy test! Other events that I remember, King George VI died, and we attended a neighborhood church service for him complete with Scottish bagpipes. I saw General Douglas McArthur at the circus with his wife and son. New York City was an exciting place to live.

Next I went to the Eye Institute. Patients there, after surgery for detached retina, had to keep their heads perfectly still. We put sand bags on either side of their heads to be sure they didn't move for several days.

I had a rotation to the Out Patient Nursing Service, where we traveled around the



city on the subway and buses to visit patients in their own homes. We were suppose to wear a whistle around our necks so that if there was an incident, we could blow it to call the police. We wore our old

“probie” uniforms with black shoes and stockings and a little grey “pork pie” hats. This was another eye opening experience for me. We had many orthodox Jewish patients living in the Fort Washington area. When visiting them in their homes, I had to learn where to wash hands, not in the kitchen! We used the tub in the bathroom. The kitchen was divided into one area for meats and one for dairy products, not for hand washing. When they were patients in the hospital on the Sabbath, they were not allowed to use any electrical appliances. So families had to walk up 12 or 14 flights of stairs to visit their family member. There was no 13th floor because of superstition. The patients were not allowed to use the electric call button for the nurse. So a hand held bell was given to them to ring for help when needed.

In Harlem I visited a patient by the name of George Washington, a very nice quiet black man who had moved up from the south. He was in room 12 & ½, which was a large converted storage room. It was large enough to get a bed in, and he had a hot plate in the closet for a kitchen. I was there to irrigate his bladder catheter. We were taught to sit in straight back wooden chairs, rather than upholstered ones or to sit on newspapers to keep clean. There wasn't even a chair in this unit.

Many people had moved to NYC from Puerto Rico at this time, and another patient is unforgettable. Maria was a 19 year old girl, who was admitted with rheumatic heart disease and mitral valve stenosis. She was very ill and died within a week, despite all medical efforts. Her family was hysterical at her death and needed sedation. I can only imagine now how terrible it must have been for the family to come to a strange country, not speaking the language and to have the sudden death of a child. I sat with the family and then helped in the post mortem care of Maria.

This was the second death I had experienced. The first was when I had been working evenings. Mrs. Gommie was terminally ill with metastatic breast cancer. She had a great deal of pain, and

her psychiatrist had made a soothing tape of his voice, accompanied by soothing music. But this only helped her for short periods of time. The evening supervisor was making her rounds one evening and came to me and said, “Mrs. Gommie has left us”. I was shocked, but the supervisor was very calm and professional. She must have notified the physician on call and notified the family. Again I helped with post mortem care.

Another experience with death was on the ENT unit where a patient had throat cancer and a tracheotomy. The resident physician said that the patient would die of a hemorrhage. The next day when I came into his unit, he was gone, and there was a great deal of blood on the curtain. The prediction came to pass.

We spent some time in Vanderbilt Clinic learning how to draw blood and remove sutures and helped in some of the clinics. Patients lined up on benches and waited hours for their appointments. It looked like a train station. In the Emergency Room there were patients with stab wounds, bullet wounds, fractures, lacerations, attempted suicides and attempted abortions. In the Admitting Department, patients were turned away to another hospital if we had our quota of their diagnosis, for teaching purposes.

I was appointed to the student Judiciary Board. We were allotted a certain number of overnight and late passes each month. We kept track of these in a little book, and students were reprimanded if they exceeded their allotment!

I went to Babies Hospital and started out in the Premature Nursery. The babies were so little, many of them in Isolettes with Oxygen. We used one of the first antibacterial soaps, Dial, to wash our hands. That fragrance still reminds me of those days with the “premies”. When I would see babies in strollers in the neighborhood, they looked like huge monsters to me, compared to the little “premies”! Then I went to the regular pediatric floors and saw children with rare diagnoses, like Tay-Sachs Disease, Hirschsprung's disease, and craniosynostosis. I didn't realize how

rare these were until I became a pediatric nurse later in my career and never saw these syndromes again. People came from all over the country to Babies Hospital to have their children treated, but they had limited visiting hours. I remember being bothered when parents would tell their child that they would be right back, when they knew they wouldn't be back for days. They didn't want the child to cry, but I learned later that it is so much kinder to be honest with children. Many children came in for “routine” T&As and were promised the treat of ice cream after surgery. I remember how they held their throats on that first taste of ice cream when it hurt so much. When I worked the night shift at Babies, 12 mn – 8 am, I remember the smell of doughnuts wafting up from the main kitchen. Lots of my memories seem to center around food.

One of our excursions for fun was to have a picnic under the George Washington Bridge, and some classmates regularly walked across the bridge for exercise. Of course we had trips to The Cloisters and trips to Jones Beach. Tickets were posted on the bulletin board for various stage plays and musical performances, and we often went to the Radio City Music Hall, which always had a movie and of course, the Rockettes. Being so far from home, I was invited to go home with some of my classmates. And I had relatives to visit in Baltimore, Philadelphia and New Jersey. My cousin, Ruby Emery, in Ridgewood, New Jersey was a “P.H.” graduate from the class of 1912, and we loved to exchange stories.

I had a rotation to the New York Psychiatric Institute, which was right next door to Maxwell Hall. On my first night in Maxwell Hall, I heard screams coming from that building, “Help! Let me go!” Now I was about to find out what went on in there. Patients had many different psychiatric diagnoses. There was a children's unit and adult units. Some patients were more disturbed than others and were there for pre-frontal lobotomies, to make them more manageable but actually turned them into zombies. Electric shock therapy was used, and we

as students, helped to restrain the patients' extremities when they went into grand mal seizures. They were sedated but not anesthetized. Insulin coma therapy was also used, putting a patient into an insulin coma and then bringing them out with the use of I.V. glucose. This seems barbaric compared to today's treatment with medications, although ECT is still used effectively. There were light moments when we played Ping-Pong, Canasta and worked on puzzles with the patients. This was a voluntary hospital. So some of the patients could come and go. One young man, who had a diagnosis of psychopathic personality, got hold of an intern's jacket and went to a nurses' dance at Bard Hall, posing as a medical student. He was quite convincing and ready to date one of the nurses, when someone recognized him!

In the Spring of my last year, I went to Willard Parker Communicable Disease Hospital, on E. 16th St. with three of my classmates. It was situated on the East River and was built in 1885. So the buildings were old but well kept. There was a building for polio, one for measles, one for whooping cough etc. We learned to care for polio patients in iron lungs. There were patients with TB, typhoid fever and meningitis as well as all the other communicable diseases. There were adult patients in the same ward with children. The adults were immigrants who had come from countries where these diseases did not exist, and they became infected along with the children. Many families were very poor, and one family even gave the address of an empty lot so that when the child was ready to be discharged, the family could not be found. Sadly, I guess that was one less mouth to feed. There was a 15 year old girl who was 3 months pregnant and had German measles. This can be devastating to the fetus. I contracted German measles while I was there and was admitted as a patient! Knowing how disastrous German measles can be in pregnancy, my classmates came to my room; and we shared a lollipop so that we would all have the disease before marriage and children. However, no one got it from me! While we were at Willard Parker, we took walks along the East

River and even got to ride on a tugboat.

June 3, 1952 was graduation day!



*Phyllis Bingham, Peggy Ridsdale,  
Laurie Lowe*

My parents came from California, my aunt came from Baltimore, and my grandmother came from Philadelphia. There was a grand ceremony on the lawn in front of Maxwell Hall. Our PH pin was pinned on by Miss Elliot, we wore a corsage at our waist, and we were allowed to wear white shoes and stockings! That night there were festivities at the Hotel Pierre. But we were not finished yet! Finishing Day was a couple of months away.

I started in obstetrics at the Sloane Kettering Hospital the next day. We learned to do "perineal care", which consisted of cleansing the perineum and then placing a heat lamp to help in healing from the episiotomy. We learned to listen to fetal heartbeats. It was 96 degrees on the wards, but the labor rooms and delivery rooms were air-conditioned. We scrubbed or assisted there. There was a Caesarian delivery, where the uterus had ruptured. The baby was not responding, and the obstetrician said to the pediatrician, "Don't try too hard. We don't want a vegetable". I stood at the mother's head and tried to reassure her, while all of this was going on. I will never forget that.

I spent some time in the newborn nursery and was impressed by how different each baby was, and they hadn't even met their parents yet! "Rooming In" was just being tried out and was a novel experience.

Then a PH graduate nurse, who had just had a baby, came and talked to us about "Childbirth Without Fear". This was a book and concept developed by Dr. Grantly Dick Read in England. Mothers were educated about labor and taught techniques to use during contractions and delivery. I sat with mothers in labor who were having a great deal of pain and were very tense and fearful. So this made such sense to me and influenced me in a later phase of my nursing career.

August 22, 1952, was my Finishing Day! I spent the morning working in clinic (we were suppose to say I was "on duty", not working). Then I had cocktails in the Rainbow Room, dinner at a darling little French restaurant, called "Champlain's" and then headed to the airport to fly home to California, escorted by my aunt and my good friend, Phyllis Bingham. This was the end of one phase and the beginning of another phase of my life.

## AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

CUPHSONAA Scholarships are available to graduates of the School of Nursing who are or will be pursuing an additional nursing degree full-time at any accredited nursing program. Doctoral awards are \$10,000 and Master's level awards are \$5,000. Applications are available at [www.cuphsonaa.org](http://www.cuphsonaa.org) and are due February 1st.

The Ada Mutch Memorial Scholarship is awarded through the Nurses' Educational Fund to Columbia graduates. The N-E-F scholarship is available to both part-time as well as full-time nursing students. Applications can be found at [www.N-E-F.org](http://www.N-E-F.org) and are due February 1st.

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



**SUZANNE BLACK** graduated with a BA in anthropology from the University of California at Santa Barbara. After graduation she worked as a field archaeologist for four years. While volunteering in a local skilled nursing facility, she decided to pursue a second career in healthcare. Susanne is now interested in working with the adolescent population in prevention and treatment of chronic health care conditions especially HIV /AIDS. She plans to become a family nurse practitioner.

**DONALD BOYD** earned a BS at the University of Pittsburgh and has already successfully completed the certified registered nurse anesthetist program at Columbia University School of Nursing. He is currently pursuing a PhD in nursing with the goal of developing nursing anesthesia research to support the CNR advocacy efforts to prove their critical importance in the healthcare system. He has worked on these issues at the state and national level. Researching the organizational climate of the job satisfaction of CRNAs is important to the practitioners, the organizations they work for, and the patients they treat.

**ALICE CHANG** received her BS in psychobiology from the University of California at Los Angeles. Before applying to nursing school, she worked as a research assistant and technician. Alice currently volunteers at St Anthony's Free Clinic in the Bronx and CoSMO (Columbia Student Medical Outreach) clinic. She plans to become a family nurse practitioner with an emphasis on oncology, palliative care, and end-of-life issues.

**EMILY OWEN** earned a BS in Biology from Brandeis University. Working at the clinical research coordinator for Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston inspired her to get more involved on a clinical level. While there, she shadowed nurses of all levels in various pediatrics settings. This experience resulted in committing to becoming a pediatric nurse practitioner.

**ASTLEY ROBINSON** earned a BS in biology and society with a concentration in health from Cornell University. Before applying to nursing school, she worked as clinical research assistant for the total joint replacement registry at the Hospital for Special Surgery and volunteered with Heart to Heart campaign to promote cardiac health. Her experience shadowing a nurse practitioner during that volunteer opportunity solidified nursing as her chosen profession. With a background in research and a passion for primary care and global health, she plans to become a family nurse practitioner with hopes of eventually working abroad.

**LINDSAY WRIGHT** earned a BS in movement science from the University of Michigan. She's currently enrolled in the narrative medicine Master's program at Columbia while pursuing her BS at Columbia's School of Nursing. Lindsey felt called to the power of patients' stories and the craft of nursing while working as a scribe in the emergency department of a large Detroit hospital. She has since started the student organization, Narrative Medicine in Nursing at Columbia. Lindsey plans to become a family nurse practitioner specializing in palliative and end-of-life care.

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We are pleased to announce that the 2016 Reunion, the fifth to be held jointly with the School of Nursing and their Alumni Association has been scheduled for Friday May 20th, 2016 at Bard Hall. There will also be a day of Continuing Education programming on Saturday the 21st. The Class of 1966 will be celebrating their 50th Reunion as guests of the School of Nursing, and all graduates from the Classes of 2015 and will have a reduced Young Alumni rate.

# CLASS NEWS

## 1944

**Vivian BROOCK Looms** married Richard T. Looms in 1943 and raised three daughters. They traveled throughout the country during his career in the Air Force. She received the Girl Scout's highest honor at the age of 17 and dedicated thousands of hours during her lifetime to volunteer work - Girl Scouts, Red Cross, VA Hospitals. Vivian created hundreds of quilt tops for hospitalized children, for children in Afghanistan and the Blackfeet Reservation in Wyoming. She died in Charleston SC, where she was affectionately known as "the puzzle lady" for her love of jigsaw puzzles at her retirement home. She is survived by three daughters, two granddaughters and one great-grandson.

## 1945

**Ruth "Roo" HIRSCH Silverman** recently moved from Brookline to Canton and comments: "This new place is very nice, lovely people and services and I hope to stay put until I leave in a pine box!!!! I am only a short drive away from my daughter and only two hours from my son on Cape Cod. I still think fondly and with great memories of my student days in Maxwell Hall and the friends I made there, most of them now gone. My best friend in those days was Marie ("Tweet") GILLIAMS Shumaker whose daughter and I have become friends and stay in touch via Email. You may be interested in why I am known as Roo to my friends. I have been collecting kangaroos for the last 30 years or so and now have about 100 in all sizes and shapes and materials---fabric--crystal--ceramic--leather- plastic- glass. My late husband, William Silverman, directed the Neonatal Intensive Care unit at P.H. Babies Hospital between 1945 and 1968 and was a professor of pediatrics at P&S."

**Lillian Erna TURNER**, 96, of Rawlins, passed away on December 3, 2014. She received a Bachelor of Science from Colorado State University and taught all eight grades for two years in a one-room country school before attending Bryn Mawr summer school of Nursing in 1942 and earned her nursing degree at Columbia University Presbyterian Hospital in 1945.

Lillian joined the Army Nurse Corp in 1945 and was stationed in the Pacific Basin spending time in the Philippines during her Army service. After discharge she worked as a campus nurse and housemother in the women's dorm for three years at the University of Alaska. Lillian was the advisor to the head nurse in the hospital in America Samoa, Pago Pago, a head nurse in the Memorial Hospital and then traveling to Aruba working as a nurse. She and was stationed in Vietnam. While employed by the Public Health Service She spent 1964 to 1969 in DaNang commissioned by the Navy as a Lieutenant Commander working with the youth aid program. She then worked for the State Department in 1970 to 1972 stationed in Saigon working in an ER hospital and a communicable diseases hospital. She was a

nurse advisor in a hospital on the Island of Truk in the Micronesia Islands and she returned to Saigon as a member of the Children's Medical Relief International working in a rehabilitation and plastic surgery hospital.

Lillian received her physician assistant training at the University of Utah and worked at the Wagon Circle Medical Clinic in Rawlins and then ran the Energy Basin Medical Clinic in Hanna. In 1992, she was awarded the Wyoming Association of Physician Assistant of the Year Award and in 1993, received the National Humanitarian Physician Assistant of the Year award from the American Academy of Physician Assistants for her outstanding service. Lillian was selected and had the great honor to be on the last Honor Flight of WWII veterans in Wyoming to Washington D.C. in 2010. She was the only female in the group and the second oldest at the age of 92! She said that the experience far exceeded her expectations."

Lillian is survived by two sisters, many nieces and nephews. Lillian was a wonderful person who spent her life caring for others. When asked why she never married she would simply reply, "I don't have time."

**Rita SULLIVAN Montgomery** died March 13, 2014 at her home. After graduating from Columbia University-Presbyterian Hospital Nursing School in NYC. She stayed at the hospital after graduation and became the head nurse of the Urology Department. Rita worked as a nurse at Glens Falls Hospital and was a private duty nurse for many of the local people in the early 1970s. She and her husband owned and operated Montgomery Real Estate and Insurance Company and later worked for the Upstate Insurance Agency in Chestertown until her retirement. She was a lifelong Yankee fan and rarely missed a game on TV. She enjoyed traveling on local trips around the Adirondacks or trips across the country with her husband, Bob.

**Jean CALDERWOOD Wood** "Just celebrated 66 years of marriage! Downsized twice, from New York to Georgia, and now happily living in two-bedroom apartment near our son in Maine."

## 1946

**Ann JOHNSTON Knechtle** of New Canaan, CT died peacefully at home on October 19, 2015. She was 92 and lived in her home on Smith Ridge Rd. since 1953. Ann was born March 5, 1923 in Brooklyn, NY as the fourth daughter of F. Cliffe and Grace Palmer Johnston. She attended Packer Academy in Brooklyn and then Miss Hall's School in Pittsfield, MA before attending Sarah Lawrence College for one year at age 16, Wheaton College, IL for two years, and then obtained her BSN from Columbia University in New York in 1946. She worked for Dr. Frank B. Berry, thoracic surgeon at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital and designer of the Berry Plan for funding medical student education for G.I.s returning from WWII. In 1950 she married Emilio B.

Knechtle, and after two years in the Dominican Republic the couple purchased an onion farm on Smith Ridge Road. There they converted the historic barn into a house and raised their six children. Ann regularly enjoyed gardening, tennis and golf, and taught classes at First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan where Emilio was a founding elder. In 1963 Ann and Emilio bought St. Luke's School with Harriet and David Findlay and operated it as a private boys school in the 1960's and 70's. In 1967, Ann and Emilio purchased a farm on Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia where Ann loved to take her family for the summer months to paint, learn the Celtic Arts, sail, and engage her passion for the outdoors. She taught her children horseback riding, tennis, and encouraged them in any and all sports. She is predeceased by her husband Emilio to whom she was married for 56 years. She will be remembered by her family and friends for her cheerful, generous, and indomitable spirit, her deep faith, her artistic and athletic skills, and her abiding love for family and friends near and far. Her family is grateful for the compassionate team of caregivers who lovingly supported her at her home.

### 1947

**Ellen McDermott Haase** lived in Watford ME and Fanwood NJ. She graduated from Douglass College in 1947 and worked as a nurse for 40 years at Overlook Medical Center and the VNS in Elizabeth NJ. She was also a school nurse in Plainfield NJ. She is survived by a daughter, granddaughter and nephew.

### 1948

**Doros SPILLER Hansen** passed away at age 89 of Marlton NJ. She attended Cedar Crest College in Allentown PA, and subsequently from nursing school where she was the valedictorian of her class. She worked caring for newborn babies, first at Hackensack Hospital and then at Pascack Valley Hospital in Westwood NJ, retiring after 30 years. Doris was the wife of the late George E. Hansen, mother of two daughters and grandmother of four wonderful grandchildren. An avid crossword puzzle solver, she had an incomparable love of animals and volunteered at multiple animal welfare organizations.

### 1951

**Zelpha CARD Hoyer** wrote to say that she enjoyed her visits with classmates Ruth FRARY Perraud and Aileen LEARY Swann in Palm Bay, Florida where they all spent the winter of 2015. "Our health remains stable – at Al's 90 and my 85 years young!!"

### 1953

**Janet MILLS Nankervis** writes, "My husband George Nankervis passed away in April of 2014. My daughter Patty VenLengen lives in Evanston IL and my son Craig Nankervis is an MD in Neonatology and lives in Columbus OH with his children Christopher Nankervis and Elizabeth Nankervis."

### 1954

**Evelyn HAMRICK Rathe** was born on July 27, 1932, attending West Virginia University from 1949 to 1951, and then Columbia University in New York City, graduating with a B. S. in Nursing Education in 1954.



Evelyn married Dr. James William Rathe in Clendenin, West Virginia and made their home in New York City until 1956 where Evelyn was employed by the Visiting Nurse Service of New York. At that time James entered the Army Medical Corps and they were stationed in Heidelberg, Germany. While in Heidelberg, Evelyn was employed at the 130th Station Hospital and taught classes for the Red Cross. Following Jim's honorable discharge in 1958, the two moved to Iowa City. In 1960, they moved to Waverly, where James began his career as a physician at Rohlf Memorial clinic.

Evelyn was the first woman to be elected to the Waverly City Council. She also served as the city's first woman mayor from 1984 to 1989 and was instrumental in the establishment of the community's first daycare center, the city recreation department, Project Lead and the Waverly Economic Development Company. Evelyn and James co-chaired a Cedar Valley initiative raising more than \$1 million for the Wartburg-Waverly Sports and Wellness Center. Together they received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Waverly Chamber of Commerce in 2006 and were recognized in the Waverly Heritage Days Hall of Fame. They were also awarded the Wartburg Medal for service to the college. She is survived by her husband, three children, four grandchildren, one great-grandson.

### 1955

**Joline TURNELL Bender**, 83, died on March 2, 2015. Her career as a registered nurse spanned many years working at several local hospitals and she later retired from CDPHP. Joline was an active member of Mill Hill Missionaries, Christ the King and St. Madeline Sophie parishes in Guilderland and dedicated her life to helping those around her. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt who was committed to her family and faith. She enjoyed gardening, crafting and sewing as well as spending her summers on Cape Cod. However, spending time with her grandchildren was her true passion

### 1956

**Anne Jeane ABRAHAMS Fair** was a multiple myeloma survivor of 17 years. After graduating in 1956, she later received a MA in Nursing Education. She met her husband at a ski dance and they were married in July of 1961. They built their own house in Chappaqua NY where they lived for over 30 years. Anne worked part-time in the Armonk NY schools raising three children. She was an EMT and active volunteer in the

Chappaqua Volunteer Ambulance Corps. When the children were older her work took a different turn into the field of Alcoholism, Counseling and Substance Abuse Therapy at the Bronx VA and Four Winds Hospitals. Through the years the family skied in the Hanover area and camped at Storrs Pond in the summers. Harlan and Anne loved the Hanover area, purchasing first a townhouse in Norwich, VT, then in 1995 a beautiful house on Grant Road on 5 wooded acres with a trout pond. Upon retirement, Anne became very active in her volunteer work. For close to 20 years she was a devoted volunteer at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, working with the Lifeline Program and a member of the Auxiliary Board. In 2009, she was recognized with the Volunteer of the Year Award. After retirement, Anne and Harlan had a passion for traveling and experiencing other cultures. Anne especially enjoyed two voyages of the Semester at Sea enrichment program traveling to many Central and South American countries. Other memorable trips included backpacking through the in-land passage in Alaska, a month in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico and the many family trips with the grandchildren to Rivera Maya Mexico. She enjoyed hosting many visits from her 8 grandchildren, as well as visiting them in Stamford, CT and Denver, CO. Nothing gave Anne more enjoyment than kayaking on the Connecticut River or the many local ponds. She also enjoyed many of the cultural and educational activities at Dartmouth especially with her close friends from the class of '53. In 2011, they moved to Kendal in Hanover, where she enjoyed the friendship and support of the Kendal community. She is survived by her husband of 53 years, her three children, and eight grandchildren.

Christine VOSS Vandekerck, age 100, passed away peacefully on January 8, 2013. She is survived by her husband, and his children, a sister, sister-in-law, and many, many loving nieces, nephews and other family members. Chris was an officer in the US Army Nurse Corps and proudly served during World War II. After the war she travelled the world, primarily in the Middle East, where she served as a missionary nurse for the Reformed Church.

## 1958

**Eileen MCLAUGHLIN Stiles** has been visiting with several alumni over the past few months. She and **Sue CHADWELL Thorner** '60, both retired to The Highlands Retirement Community, Topsham, Maine. They meet often to hike with the outdoor group. With Eileen in the photo below is



**Peggy BOGGS Peterson** '58 who joined Doc and her husband Howard for breakfast in mid-coast Maine during her trip from Oregon. Peggy and her husband, Arlan, were in Maine visiting their son and family in Brunswick, across the Androscoggin River.



**Margaret WALLACE Sullivan** died on August 7, 2014 peacefully at her home in Cotuit MA. She leaves her husband, five children, and nine grandchildren. Marge worked at Cape Cod Hospital, NY Presbyterian Hospital, San Francisco City Hospital, and NY Jacobi Medical Center. While living on Cape Cod, Marge was an active member of the Bayberry Quilters and participated in their annual Quilt Show. She generously gave her quilts to family and friends.

## 1959

**Janet BAIRD Weisiger** attended Hope College and the School of Nursing. She has held positions in public health, psychiatric and geriatric nursing. She has also been Vice President for Development and Public Relations at the Christian Health Care Center in Wyckoff NJ. An accomplished vocal soloist, she has toured the US, Canada and Japan presenting over 1000 solo evangelistic concerts with Jane Douglass White and they are known as "Joy and Praise with Janet and Jane." She was also a soloist for Norman Vincent Peale's reunions. In addition she has three LP recordings and had a radio program on Christian radio station in New York City. From 1965-1971 she appeared as mezzo-soprano soloist in oratorio, opera, musical comedy and recitals. In 1977 she received the Distinguished Alumna Award from Hope College for her Christian witness in song. Her publishing credits appear in the Church Herald, Mature Living, Regular Baptist Press and others. Her current blog – [jweisiger.blogspot.com](http://jweisiger.blogspot.com) tells her story of surviving brain cancer. She is married, has four children and 12 grandchildren. They spend the summers in Ontario and live in Holland MI the rest of the year.

## 1960

Class news compiled by **Pam SCOTT Heydon** as preparation for the 55th Reunion of the Class of 1960.

Unfortunately, Pam will not see class news in print. We were privileged to know and work with Pam as a loyal member of our Association, the compiler of her class memory book as well as a Board member. Whenever Pam elected or asked to do something she did it in spades and promptly.

**Pamela SCOTT Heydon** died of pancreatic cancer on August 29, 2015. She had recently turned 80. Although she claimed to be shy, she exuded warmth and put people at ease. She will be remembered for her easy smile, infectious laugh, curiosity, incredible organizational skills, generosity, strong will, unconditional love for others, and adventurous and joyous spirit. She is survived by a brother, two sons her sons and three grandchildren, She was educated at Dana Hall School and Colby Jr. College. After graduating, she worked for several years as a medical secretary at Memorial Sloan Kettering in New York City.



In what she called “the best decision I ever made”, she enrolled in the Columbia University-Presbyterian Hospital (CUPH) School of Nursing, where she made many lifelong friends and earned her nursing degree. Although her nursing career was brief, what she learned at CUPH served her well in the years ahead.

In 1961, she married Clark Heydon, DDS, became a fulltime Mom and loved every minute of it. She and her husband divorced in 1982, and she went to work in the clothing advertising department and finely targeted direct mail advertising, and helped with the design of one of the first computerized customer relationship management systems. She purchased a small house and visited every summer for the last 30+ years to her beloved Block Island, where she purchased a small house.

***Her last class report:***

**Pam SCOTT Heydon** moved to San Francisco and a retirement community (The Sequoias) in December of 2014. (There are 25 nurses here – one from the class of '64 – we have a very special club and dine together occasionally.) My youngest son and his family live on Mercer Island just outside of Seattle and my oldest son, lives just down the street here in the city. It's a short ride on the bus with a walk of ½ block. Sure beats flying back and forth across the country! I still travel with my friends from Wilton CT and look forward to seeing them on Block Island RI where I have a vacation home in the summer. I emailed our class before the reunion with hopes that we'd have a big attendance at our 55th reunion. Many classmates were unable to come but sent news of what has transpired in their lives since our 50th. Those responses follow. Enjoy! Wish you all could have been with us on May 1st. Peg McEvoy hosted a party after the event.

**Juliet SANSON Bongfeldt:** I won't be able to attend the reunion. I'm now retired from the ministry (was a pastor in Kingston RI for twelve years) and am living on the Cape with my husband. I still do some supply preaching as opportunities arise, have taken up a pottery class, and am learning to enjoy gardening—when weather permits, of course. Greetings to old classmates and best wishes for a joyful reunion in May.

**Carolyn ANDERSON Bountress:** I might have considered attending, but we will be traveling at that time - a big trip for us so no flexibility. I hope that you will get more positive responses and that you all have a great time.

**Sue CHADWELL Thorner:** Would like to do the 55th but am packing for a Nat'l Geo excursion to the British and Irish Isles a couple of days later. I hope there will be a note taker, a picture taker and a commentator! We are now living in a retirement community also up in Topsham ME - Mid-coast Maine to those from “away.” It's right on the coast, has many cultural opportunities nearby (Portland and Bowdoin College), lots of activities and groups here and I've never met so many intelligent people before! All good. Cheers.

**Cindi Grant Chandler:** Been busy these days doing the “revolving door” thing at our University Hospital- two cataracts each and just a week ago Jim had a hernia repair. Both recovering nicely, but somewhat slowly! Still have plans to get to Jim's 60th Stanford Medical School reunion upcoming next week and then on to Monterey for SW Surgical meeting! We won't get to NYC for our 55th-just missing by a week for the John Jones meeting at Bard Hall on 5/8. We will be having dinner on 5/7 with John Schullinger - always a wonderful “catch-up” event once a year! We wish all of you attending our reunion a happy and meaningful time- a very, very special occasion indeed. Will certainly miss being with all of you. Hello and hugs to everyone from Cindi and Jim.

**Sandra CROTHERS Sullivan:** Had to make a very hard decision...high school (60) or nursing school. High school won so maybe next year. All is well with me, not gainfully employed since April and that is ok. Volunteering with Special Olympics NY and local ambulance keeps me out of trouble, and of course grandchildren.

**Mathy DOVAL Mezey:** Unfortunately I am not going to make it this year. All is well with Andy and myself. We both retired last year and have moved permanently to an apartment one block away from Lincoln Center here in NY and loving it. Family is well. We just had a great-grandchild born yesterday. So life is good. Please give my regards to everyone at the reunion. All best.

**Jo Ann DRAY Axton Rippon:** Sorry I will not be able to make it this year to our reunion. My youngest son is in heart failure and is receiving Dobutamine Hydrochloride via a pump and I need to be with him at all times. As of December 31, 2014 I am a married woman and my name has changed to Rippon. My husband is a talented architect, and is doing renovations on our home in New York. He has a busy practice, and is renovating a train station and developing a surrounding shopping center. Life is never dull...for our wedding we had all our family and many friends from across the country. We had two receptions, one in La Jolla and one in Hollywood where he lives. My e-mail is CustomBox@aol.com.

**Pat GLEASON Daugharty:** My husband and I are enjoying our retirement in San Francisco with volunteer activities: me at the FAMSF and my husband at the Academy of Science. It keeps us alert and helps to keep the memory intact---we hope. Our three daughters and four grandchildren are always the spice in our life as we watch all of them take on the many challenges that life gives to us. Sometime soon we hope to venture out again to other parts on the planet; maybe this time to all those wonderful museums in Holland. The tulip festival in May would be the bonus. We continue to enjoy our lives and feel so fortunate to have each other.

**Sallie GROFF Campbell:** I send my love and admiration to all of you plus my regrets that I will be unable to join you. Jim and I are healthy, happy and extremely busy organizing our new condo. We recently downsized to an over 55 community located in Lawrenceville and, fortunately for us, only three miles from our home of 44 years. Our friends, activities, etc have not changed but we are happily engaged in a few association activities and in meeting some new friends. I continue to enjoy volunteering at our local hospital twice a week and am, once again, an elder in our local Presbyterian Church. Life is good and we will be vacationing in Paris during the reunion. Our four children, their spouses and our 10 grandchildren keep us fully engaged in their activities. We can hardly believe it but two of our grandkids are now in college. The group runs in age from 9 to 19. Have a wonderful day! I will be thinking of you and hoping many pictures will be posted.

**Paula Grossman Mosher:** As soon as we emerged from the IRT #1 uptown train stop on to 168th, I was home. What a feeling of closeness I have for that place and my dear classmates. To me it will always be "P.H.," Maxwell Hall and "Neighbors." I feel honored to be part of that and very proud to connect with the new generation of Columbia Nurses. I am still working in my psychotherapy practice, travelling a lot (especially London) and going to the Metropolitan. Fortunately, I've managed to engage the interest of my 15 year old granddaughter for the lighter ones ("Merry Widow") so it's especially good. My husband, Paul, is practicing very part time and writing books. I am thankful.

**Lee GROSSMAN Kimmell:** Unfortunately I will not be attending. Retired now, of course, I am heavily involved in a quilting guild, a diverse group of about 80 ladies who all share the love of quilting. A small group is involved with the women's Bedford prison where they teach young mothers who have their babies with them, to make quilts. Some of us go to Montrose VA to make quilts for veterans in the NYS veterans' home, and many make outreach quilts for a school for developmentally disabled children. Also on the list of recipients is the White Plains Hospital NICU which gives a quilt to each 'preemie' to take home. Other recipients were Hope's Door that is a group home for former mental patients. One of our members helped the clients make their own quilt that was then raffled for the benefit of the house. Hope House a safe haven for abused women was given 13 quilts to remain on their beds. We have also sent children's quilts to Japan. Left over pieces of fabric will now be sent to Haiti as per a request and these will be used by people to make quilts there and earn a living. It is a wonderful experience to work at a craft you love, socialize and contribute all at the same time! Also can't forget the quilt shows like the Lancaster PA quilt week which is spent purchasing fabulous fabrics and being inspired by gifted artists and enjoying the company of friends.

**Joyce HAIK Pate:** Have a great time in NYC and hi to all. I sadly retired for the second time and decided to let my license expire 4/30/15. It breaks my heart after working all these years to let it go. Now I am looking to do some volunteer work with or without a nursing background. I wonder if it's too late to become an actress???

**Carol HAMMELL Grosse:** I'd love to be there but we'll be just getting home from a Holland/Belgium trip and getting ready to go to our condo in Maui. I really enjoyed our 55th so am sorry to miss this one.

**Barbara HUGHES Brundage:** I am sorry to say that I will be unable to attend the reunion. I wish everyone a wonderful, joyful time.

**Carolyn KAHN Zackin:** Gerry and I just celebrated our 43rd wedding anniversary. We live in Florida in Palm Beach Gardens, and love the weather, especially this past winter. Unfortunately, I cannot be at the reunion, but am looking forward to seeing pictures of what I missed, and reading of everyone's lives.

**Bobbi KYLLO Ardizone:** There is no way I can attend. B&B, a late spring and just too much to deal with on a daily basis. I am certain you will all have a good time, hello to all from me.

**Sue MAINES Saydah:** I have retired from nursing. My husband and I continue to live in Santa Rosa CA, 55 miles north of San Francisco, 25 miles from the Pacific Ocean and over the coastal hills from the Napa Valley. We have lived here for 42 years and this, too, is "Wine Country." In 2010, our son and his wife were married in a beautiful outdoor ceremony along the Hudson River in Garrison NY, both are practicing attorneys in New York City. They became parents of a daughter in 2012, and we happily became grandparents. Because arthritis makes it difficult for me to travel, I am very thankful for the electronic devices which make it possible to communicate "face to face" with our loved ones over the many miles that separate us. It is hard to believe that it has been 55 years since we graduated from "Columbia-Presbyterian." So much has changed but the friendships we made there endure. I send my best regards to my CUPH '60 classmates and to the students I taught in the years between 1961 and 1973.

**Jane McDONALD Malarkey:** I am sorry that I will not be able to attend- no trip to the US planned and I am much too busy in the garden! With best wishes.

**Lois Mueller Glazier:** I enjoyed seeing our classmates at the reunion as well as members of the class of 1965 and 1970. I taught both of those classes when I was a faculty member back in the sixties. Bill and I still enjoy living in Mystic. I continue to serve on the board of our Original Alumni Association as the secretary. I urge all of our classmates to pay their dues and support this historic group so that we can continue our mission of

helping alumni in need and also to give money for scholarships for graduate study at Columbia as well as other universities.

**Carolyn MORGAN Southall:** It is tempting to come to NYC but probably not going to happen. My one real contact with our class is Betsy WHITIN Tyler who lives in Pasadena. Priscilla WHITE and Mary BLEEKER Simmons both died and they were my closest friends. I really miss them. I am very lucky as I am still pretty active. I have a HUGE one year old golden doodle who keeps me going--to say the least. My community work consists of working with teenagers who have been involved in a non-violent crime and need mentoring along with community service. I also work in the local high school with 9th grade girls and their 12th grade mentors. I co-facilitate the group. That along with six grandchildren keeps me out of trouble. I am still living in our original family house--too big and too much stuff. That takes work. It's so hard to know when to make the BIG move. My daughters would like it to happen soon!!! "Don't die and leave us with all this stuff to deal with!!" I loved my years at Columbia and talk about them all the time. So many memorable moments and funny situations! I don't know how they put up with all of our mistakes!! We sure did staff the hospital. I wish I wasn't so far away. Have fun and lots of laughs about the old days.

**Eunice Phillips:** Last fall I went to Patagonia on a 148-passenger ship travelling from Buenos Aires to Chile and around the Horn. This past January my sister and I went to Dubai for four days. Dubai is amazing and we even went dune bashing. Then on to the Seychelle Islands, which were beautiful and Saturday on to Alaska sailing on an 84 passenger boat from Seattle to Juneau. So much for travel! Three days a week I take Cricket to a hospital, nursing homes for pet therapy; actually I have been doing that since 2001! Master Pip not ready for his test yet but we are doing agility and he is getting so well the trainer thinks we should do competitions. Was president of the Hancock Historical Society, now vice president and that keeps me occupied. Work out three days a week at the 'Y' to keep in shape. Summer time is a busy time as family from away visit. Treasurer of the Santa Fund until last year but will still participate in planning to see that kids in need in Hancock have Christmas. Nominated as Citizen of the Year this month, lost by one vote. (I am demanding a recount!... No I'm not, just joking.)

**Connie RISING Gleichmann:** Sorry I won't be able to join you and the others this weekend - too many conflicts. I'd love to be able to tell you that I have accomplished great things but I've led a rather ordinary life. I was a school nurse for many years and even though I'm retired I sometimes substitute in the school district where I worked. Also I have been teaching CPR with one of the nurses in that school district. Primarily because of Janet's Law we have taught about 150 faculty members this year! I keep busy with many organizations and our six grandchildren's sports and special school events. I recently visited

Libby (Straver Estin-Klein) and I'm sure she's sorry she can't be with you too. I know she has been at many more reunions than I have. So please pass on greetings from her and me to all who remember us! She and I did have the opportunity to visit Burwell HILLSMAN Thomas before she died. So often we don't have the opportunity for at least one last visit. Hope you all have a wonderful time. My best to all.

**Vi RUELKE Gommer:** "If wishing made it so" -- I would be on the list of attendees for our 55th reunion. But I am recovering from a life threatening staph infection. It would not be wise for me to try to attend. I have taken a trip down memory lane by looking at pictures from our 50th reunion. That was a wonderful time. I am sad to know I won't celebrate our 55th with you. So many of you shared so much with me while we were together at CUPH. What a great education we all received. What great friends we made. Chuck and I have been enjoying our family as it seems to grow larger. Our daughter and husband Greg live in upstate NY. Our son, and his wife are in PA, only about 40 minutes away. We now have eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. They are the light of our lives. Our days are filled with community service and church activities. Though Chuck is retired he still does some filling of a pulpit now and then. I keep busy with my writing, editing and photography. We have done some traveling to London, Stockholm and Berlin. There are so many places we still would like to go. Know you will all be in my thoughts on May 1st. Have a wonderful day!

**Ginny SCHULTZ Humphrey:** Sorry I won't make the reunion, but I wish you all the luck with your move.

**Carolyn SWIFT Fleming:** Unfortunately I will not be coming this year, as my family will be coming to Omaha that weekend. Please give my best to everyone.

**Bootie Tarbell Elbert:** We are all doing well. Our grandchildren are the joy of our lives. Our Wilton grandchildren have adjusted very well to their new mother and new brother and sister. Our son-in-law re-married three years after our daughter, Sally Anne, passed away after bravely fighting breast cancer for nine years. He married a young widow his age with two college age children. Ed and I are able to attend their after-school activities and see the family often. The new family of six enjoy winter travels for skiing and summer travels for golf and to the beaches of the Carolinas.

I have adjusted to my latest diagnosis called "Common Variable Immune Deficiency" and give myself globulin sub cut injections of Hizentra weekly. (Yale nurses are always on call if I have a problem.) My husband Ed retired from IBM and now has retired again after 20 years in tax work. We have enjoyed many travels in the US and abroad and now spend much time driving south to Winston-Salem NC to visit our daughter, her husband and their seven year old son. We like the Winston-Salem area very much and know we could be very happy living there during the winter

months. It also has been very important for us to remain near our CT grandchildren. They certainly seem to be well-adjusted, happy, fun-loving children who are growing up so fast.

We must all keep in touch. It is so important at this stage in our lives. I hope to see many of our members of the Class of 1960 in the near future. We can be very proud of our outstanding education and our years together at Maxwell Hall.

**Gloria THUROW Hauser:** I would love to see all of you again, but you probably remember I was the “grandmother” of our class age-wise! I’m still gardening but at a much slower pace. I did speak to Peggy on the phone - she hasn’t changed a bit. I’ll be thinking of all of you. You are now living in what I called my most favorite city (San Francisco). I received my B.A. degree at Berkeley in 1954 - back in those days it was not a liberal enclave! Please give my best wishes to everyone at our reunion, cause I will not be attending. Since Bill died, I am super busy taking care of house, gardens and dogs!!! Hugs.

**Jane TRAVER Silverman:** I will not be able to attend this reunion. Had thought I might but it is not going to be possible. My news is that I am going to Spain to walk the Camino de Santiago. Am aiming to get a blog started and will send the information when that is ready so you can let others know how to follow if they wish to. I am sure you are going to have a good time at the reunion!

**Patty TUCKER Dubin:** I will not be attending. My life is once again pretty much upside down dealing with the ultimate insult of being in the process of losing my daughter. You may or may not remember that my husband died in October of 2011 at the same time my daughter had just had a stem cell transplant. It failed after six months and she had a second transplant in May of 2013. This one was successful (for a very rare bone marrow cancer called mylifibrosis). Long story short, cancer is going to “have its way with her” by hitting her in October of 2014 with a brain tumor ---glioblastoma stage 4. I have been in Texas on and off for 2-3 week stayws since mid-October. I truly can’t believe that it is now April! Because Kathy is a study of one and immunosuppressed she is not eligible for any of the studies going on at Duke and San Antonio and is now on the “last ditch drug Avastin which is helping her somewhat. It is all happening so very fast and I can’t even go to the place of thinking of “life after Kathy.” She has three teens --- 15, 17, and 19. This is the ultimate of “... Life is not fair!” I know some of our classmates have dealt with losing a child and my heart especially goes out to them. I would not wish this upon anyone!!! I hope you all have a wonderful gathering in spite of low numbers. Sending peace, serenity and love to all. E-mail is: pattydubi@aol.com. A wonderful update...at least for today. New drugs have kicked in, she is home and rational with no more spinning or paranoia

(both symptoms of glioblastoma stage IV) will take every day as it comes and we will find moments of joy for each day!

**Liz WILSON Hissing:** Sorry I will not be able to fly up from Miami for the reunion. I will really miss seeing everyone and going to Peggy’s. I am well and my family is doing well. Hi to everyone for me. Happy Reunion.

**Nancy WOOLF Robbins:** Sorry I won’t be coming to our 55th reunion. Last Oct. I finally retired after working for a doctor for 14 yrs. so am traveling more now. I sure do miss her and our patients but it was time.

## 1962

**Nancy SAMUEL Stoer:** We moved to New York City from Hastings-on-Hudson NY. We have three sons and six grandchildren in New York City, Atlanta and Seattle. Still involved in a garden club and on the board of the Salisbury (CT) Visiting Nurses Association (where we also have a home.)

## 1965

**Lois PRICE writes:** “Fifty years ago I arrived in Ecuador. After working in a mission hospital in Shell for 13 years (doing a little bit of everything), I moved further south to coordinate a Health Promoter program, teaching primary health care and prevention to representatives of small Shuar Indian villages. Now I am retired here in Ecuador, living in the provincial capital of Macas, rejoicing in working with a local church and enjoying the green beauty of the rain forest and its people.”

## 1968

**Helene DeMontreux Houston MS, RN, CS** writes of the wonderful news of the publication of the book she coauthored with Patricia Peters Martin, Ph.D, *The Other Couch: Discovering Women’s Wisdom in Therapy*. “On October 8th, Dr. Martin and I had a beautifully attended Launch Celebration in



Springfield, MA of our first book. Sally Thomson Popoli ‘68 my classmates from Westfield MA surprised me by attending and buying books for our friends. I graduated from the SON in 1968 and was inducted in Sigma Beta Tau. The webpage for my book is <http://theothercouch.com/media>. I would like alumni know that I am available for book discussions or participation in educational events. [houston502@gmail.com](mailto:houston502@gmail.com)

**1970**

**Anne ALBEIZ Clocher** wrote: "So enjoyed our 45th Reunion with 12 others from our Class of 1970. Surprised to find I was not the only one to travel to Australia / New Zealand. I'm working as a Psych NP at Crossroads Rescue Mission in Atlantic City. With one set of grandchildren moving to Park City UT and I will be adding travel to National State Parks in 2015."

**Judy SLATER Smith** wrote: "In 2011 I retired from Pediatrics/NICU at the University of Rochester after working there for 38 years. I am loving my retirement of four years, spending my time with our grandchildren and family, traveling with my husband, singing in our church choir, gardening and the list goes on!!

**1973**

**Mary Catherine DOODY Byrne**, 82, of Bourne, (Mashnee Island) died on June 27, 2014. She was a graduate of Columbia University where she pursued a career in nursing at New York Presbyterian Hospital for 10 years. Her skill in nursing led her to become a nursing instructor. After retirement she was a visiting nurse at Falmouth Hospital and in Westchester County in New York. She was summer resident of Mashnee Island on Cape Cod for 25 years and spent her winters back in Bronx, NY. She loved gardening, old movies and 1940's musicals. She is survived by a son, daughter, two brothers as well as nieces and nephews.

**1974**

**Margo PAYNE Leithead** of Parsippany, NJ passed away on Sunday, June 22, 2014. She was raised in New York City, attended Miss Hewitt's School, and made wonderful memories with her beloved governess, the late "Miss Maguire." Margo attended Vassar College in Poughkeepsie NY, where she



earned her undergraduate degree, then graduated from Columbia University and her Master's of Science in Nursing from The University of Pennsylvania. She enjoyed a very successful career as an instructor for the Geisinger Medical Center School of Nursing, the Pennsylvania State University School of Nursing as well as the Jefferson University School of

Nursing. In addition to her nursing career Margo was a very active volunteer for the United States Pony Clubs, a youth organization founded in Europe and devoted to young people under the age of 25 years and the care of their horses and ponies. She served

as the President of the Pony Club from 2003-2007. The Pony Club has approximately 100,000 members in the United States. In addition, she was a very active parishioner at Christ Episcopal Church in Berwick. She was also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. In addition to many close and valued friends Margo is survived by her husband of Albany, NY and their five children and two great grandchildren.

**Deborah DEVINE Mitchell** - 30 years ago I left NYC and hospital nursing to move to MA and raise our family. For the past 17 years I have worked in a Springfield MA high school of 1500 students as a nurse, fulfilling a life long dream. School nursing has great rewards and many challenges, and I love it! I received my NCSN five years ago. I have been championing the certification among our district's 45 RN's as a part of my role as Nurse Specialist. It is my hope, with retiring in a couple of years, to spend more time with my two, soon to be three, grandchildren and to travel here and abroad.

**1988**

**Penny PALMER '88 and '95** writes, I graduated from CUSON with a BSN in 1988, worked as a staff nurse at Cornell-Weill/ New York Hospital. I continued my education part-time and graduated in 1995 with my MSN geriatric nurse practitioner. I currently work at Optum Health Solutions, a division of United Health Care. I work in the long term healthcare arena and manage a panel of nursing home residents. Our focus is helping people live healthier lives, to set goals of care, and to begin the end of life discussion. I am married to a wonderful man and we are raising two lovely teenage girls. I am proud to say I am a Columbia nurse graduate.

**1995**

**Laura PESCE** is currently working as a nurse practitioner at Morristown Medical Center in New Jersey.

## Pamela Scott Heydon Memorial Scholarship Fund

An endowed Alumni Association scholarship has just been established by Alan and Scott Heydon in the name of their mother, Pamela Scott Heydon, Class of '60 who passed away this past August. To contribute in Pam's honor please email your checks to CUPHSONAA, Inc. 480 Mamaroneck Ave., Harrison NY 10528. and include her name on the memo line of your check.

# Membership Committee Update

Our membership committee focus is to work towards increasing the number of active members in our Columbia University Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association. When compared to well-known charities nationwide, we are a small and unique organization with a specific focus. We do meaningful work to help our School of Nursing and also have a positive impact on fellow nursing alumni who are in need of assistance. As you know, we focus our efforts on scholarships for nursing education, stipend benefits and sick benefits for those elderly alumni with serious financial needs and research awards for nursing projects. Our organization will support scholarships to members who pursue further nursing education closer to home.

The current membership drive has two purposes: to increase the numbers of active members and to increase dues collection to help fund our Association goals. We are formally classified as a not-for-profit organization by both national and New York State regulators. The measures of member participation and active status are that there are a sufficient monies derived from dues and other monetary contributions.

We have our own Association focus in addition to the formal ones. We like to be in contact with our fellow alumni as our friends and supporters. There is a strong sense of pride when we are able to help others who are our classmates and colleagues. Since we are all working volunteers, no money is wasted on hiring expensive fundraisers or paying for advertising campaigns.

The membership committee has been activated to help nurture increases in membership. You may know some of the participant volunteers. They are: Janice Cobb Ziemba '74, Patricia Jones '60, Laurie Verdisco '58, Jennifer Ramsey '03, Sally Thomson Popoli '68, Barbara Whalen Decker '60, Margaret Craig '64, Denise Linton '99, and myself, Louise Malarkey '62.

Initially we selected a class and identified non dues payers. A gracious letter was sent to all non-members, informing them that a fellow alumni member would call them by phone with the purpose of re-establishment of contact and to encourage them to activate their membership by paying dues. The calling phase is now underway. As fellow alumni, we are not experienced or slick in asking people to pay for anything. Nevertheless, by remembering how important it is to help others in need, the conversations are friendly and charitable. The dues amount is small so that most people can afford to participate. Some classmates have been known to pay extra to support those that need assistance.

We are very appreciative of the support of fellow alumni. In our country, these are times that appear to be very focused on "self". It is so rewarding to know that you are part of the silent majority and are willing to reach out and help others. I am also very appreciative of the members of this committee and their willingness to try something new. Surely they are examples of those who want to help in a positive way.

## *In Memoriam*

1940	Elizabeth Kuhntz Lane	September 22, 2015
1942	Josephine HALLINAN Finan	February, 2015
1943	Esther VANTILBURG Berliner	February 4, 2014
1944	Vivian BROOCK Looms	March 26, 2015
1945	Rita SULLIVAN Montgomery	March 13, 2014
1946	Ann JOHNSTON Knechtle	October 19, 2015
1947	Ellen McDermott Haase	August 26, 2015
1947	Lois STEARNS	February 28, 2015
1948	Doros SPILLER Hansen	June 1, 2015
1952	Marilyn WAGNER George	November 24, 2014
1952	Dorothy JOHNSON	June 30, 2011
1954	Evelyn HAMRICK Rathe	November 2014
1955	Rodameir DUNCAN Hatala	September 9, 2014
1955	Joline TURNELL Bender	March 2, 2015
1956	Anne ABRAHAMS Fair	October 3, 2014
1956	Christine VOSS Vandekerck	January 8, 2013
1958	Cynthia STOCKBRIDGE	June 29, 2013
1958	Margaret WALLACE Sullivan	August 7, 2014
1960	Pamela SCOTT Heydon	August 29, 2015
1964	Sue MESSNER Sheehan	July 19, 2015
1968	Virginia MEYERS Russell	April 9, 2015
1973	Mary DOODY Byrne	June 27, 2014
1974	Margo PAYNE Leithead	June 2014
1986	Milton AUSMAN	November 30, 2011



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