



# GHSON Alumni Newsletter

WINTER / SPRING 2016

## ALUMNI UPDATES...

**Class of 1956... Alma Botkin Kline** sent us an update last fall. Alma shared that both she and her classmate, **Lorraine Courtney Rosenberg**, turned 80 in August, 2015. They have been friends since nursing school. When they graduated, both went to Chicago to work at the University of Illinois Hospital. Alma resides in Chaska, Minnesota and had surgery last June in Minneapolis. She told us that the first RN to take care of her during her stay was GHSON alum **Linda Honts (Class of 1972)**. Small World...GHSON grads are everywhere!

**Class of 1956... Jeanine Netzer Greene** sent us a Christmas card and update. She also celebrated her 80th birthday last year and celebrated with her 2 children, 15 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren with #23 on the way! Jeanine worked as an RN for 45 years and worked in almost every department. Her favorites included Air Ambulance and Recovery Room Nurse. Jeanine and ten other nurses from various hospitals worked together to form the Recovery Room Association of Arizona with Jeanine serving as president for 2 years. Her work experience included ER, intensive care, floor care, critical care, doctor's office, rodeo nurse and 17 years as a school nurse. Jeanine stated in her note that "GHSON gave me a great background and start for a very busy life and career".

**Class of 1973...Donna Blakey Jagers** retired January 2015 from Perry Memorial Hospital in Princeton, Illinois. Donna worked at PMH her entire career. She worked the med/surg floor, followed by anesthesiologists assistant for 2 1/2 years, then operating room nurse for 32 1/2 years with the last 14 years in management as OR Coordinator. She continues to work PRN as a physician assistant.

**Class of 1986...Becky Coay McLeod** recently accepted a position at Graham Hospital as the Director of Surgical Services. This meant moving back to her hometown after being in Washington state for 16 years. While in Washington, Becky worked as a private RN first assist in the OR and held management/director roles since 2004.

**Class of 2005...Sarah Strode** has had an exciting February, 2016. Sarah finished her MSN at Walden University with a concentration in Leadership & Management and accepted a new position at Graham Hospital as the Quality Analyst.

**Thanks for sending us your updates.—keep them coming!**

**Please send us information about what is happening in your life—new jobs, educational pursuits, awards, marriages, babies, etc.**

**Send your alumni update information to: Lynne Waldrop, GHSON, 210 W. Walnut, Canton, IL 61520 or by email [lwaldrop@grahamhospital.org](mailto:lwaldrop@grahamhospital.org)**

## SON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS

The Graham Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association is active and looking for interested members to join us at our meetings. Meetings are held in February, April, June, September and November on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Graham Hospital.

April 7 Program: "WRAP With Michelle". Michelle Lock will tell us about the new COPD education program at Graham Hospital.

June 2 "Meet & Greet" encouraging recent grads to come and find out about the Alumni

### **2016 Alumni Dues!**

*Dues for the Alumni Association are \$10 per year paid annually in February. Please send your dues made payable to GHSON Alumni to:*

**Mary Jane Mathews**

**21014 E. Shelby Road, Lewistown, IL 61542**

## Graham Hospital & School News...

The hospital continues to grow and change to meet the needs of the local community. Several projects are underway including a remodel to the skilled nursing unit and a 35,000 square foot addition to the Graham Medical Group building. Services to be offered in the new addition include all outpatient PT and OT, cardiac rehab, and oncology. The physical therapy area will offer a warm water therapy pool. Once these two projects are completed in the Fall of 2016, the hospital will undertake a complete remodel and addition to the surgery area. Projected completed date for the surgery project is late in 2017 or early 2018.

The school's Rec Room is getting a little update thanks to an alumni who chooses to remain anonymous. A foosball table has been added to the room and we are in the process of purchasing a large screen TV and accessories. The donation was given in memory of the Class of 1966.

**Do you know someone who is interested in becoming a nurse or an LPN looking to advance their degree?**

Alumni who refer a prospective student that is then admitted to GHSON will receive a **\$25 gift card**. Tell them to mention you when they request information about the school so we know who referred them. LPNs would complete 2 years to receive their RN. Prospective students can request information by phone, email or through our website.

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Or

www.grahamschoolofnursing.org

# REUNIONS

## Does your class ever get together?

This would be an anniversary year for a lot of you! We would love to hear about your reunions and would especially like to have pictures to share in the newsletter. The school can also help you with addresses for classmates, post announcements on the Facebook page, share your pictures on Facebook, etc.

**Let us know what you are up to!**

### IN SYMPATHY

*Class of 1947  
Narka Schoonover  
August 27, 2015*

*Class of 1952  
Rose Schleich Gianessi  
February 13, 2016*

*Class of 1962  
Elizabeth Talley Johnson  
December 15, 2015*

*Class of 1973  
Shirley Mulligan  
October 9, 2015*

*Class of 1987  
Janet Kingsley  
October 2, 2011*

*Class of 1994  
Sally Pickel-Sutton  
February 21, 2016*

### 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARIES

**Class of 2006  
Class of 1996  
Class of 1986  
Class of 1976  
Class of 1966  
Class of 1956**



## Check Out Our School of Nursing Facebook Page



Search for Graham School of Nursing on Facebook and like our page to see what is going on. The page includes announcements of what is currently happening at GHSON and we also have begun posting pictures from our historical collection. **Let's get 500 likes before graduation!**

### Join the new **GHSON** alumni group on Facebook too...

Search for Graham School of Nursing Alumni and request to join the group to receive messages about alumni meetings or class reunions.

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