



GHSON Alumni Newsletter

SUMMER / FALL 2014

Class of 2014 Graduation



1st Row: Jennifer Shissler, Kaitlyn Hamor, Kelsey Green, and Dana Morse

2nd Row: Erin Quinones, Jennifer Greer, Anupam Sethi, Antonina Skiles,
Debra Archdale, Jandy Hensley, Danielle Smith

3rd Row: Scott Miller, Mary Hanlin, Jennifer Bentzinger, Alex Sherbeyn,
Hannah Cage, Katherine Smith, and Scott Brewer

**Graham Hospital School of Nursing receives
continuing accreditation until 2021 from the
Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing**

IN SYMPATHY

Class of 1937

Ethel Bowton

July 5, 2014

Class of 1945

Mary Hipple

January 27, 2014

Class of 1964

Dee Haram

December 29, 2013

Class of 1978

Becky Bradshaw

October 20, 2013

Former Director

Betty Stockov

July 28, 2014

Canton Physician

Dr. Dennis Reter

April 26, 2014

SON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS

The Graham Hospital School of Nursing Alumni have voted for new officers:

Debbie McCarthy, President

Sue Livingston, Vice President

Linda Haynes, Secretary

Mary Jane Mathews, Treasurer

We would like to invite graduates from Graham School of Nursing and associated registered nurses to meet with us Thursday, September 4, at 7:00 pm on the 3rd floor of the School of Nursing. Our speaker is alumni member Elizabeth Champlin,, RN and Illinois Extension Master Gardner. Her topic is: Foods B.C.

Our alumni meetings are enjoyable gathering for nurses to share their experiences as well as promoting education for nurses. Come learn more about the things we do. For more information about the Alumni between newsletters, go to the Graham School of Nursing website grahamschoolofnursing.org. Select->Alumni->message board.

The Alumni meet four times per year on the first Thursday of September, November, April and June.

Alumni Dues!

It is that time of year again! Actually it is past time. Dues are normally paid in the spring but since we did not mail out a newsletter in the spring; many of you have forgotten.

Dues for the Alumni Association are \$10 per year with new graduates receiving their first year membership free.

Please send your dues made payable to GHSON Alumni to:

**Mary Jane Mathews
21014 E. Shelby Road
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CDC Research Study Conducted by GHSON



On Sunday, November 17, 2013, an F-4 tornado devastated multiple counties in Central Illinois, including Tazewell, Woodford, Vermillion and Champaign. Graham Hospital School of Nursing, in partnership with Illinois Wesleyan University School of Nursing, was approved for a study created and funded by the Division of Reproductive Health, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention & Health Promotion and the

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This Reproductive Health Assessment after Disaster (RHAD) study was created to assess the reproductive health needs of women aged 18-44 affected by natural and man-made disasters. Dr. Mary Ellen Simpson, current Community instructor at Graham, was approached by the CDC (Center for Disease Control) for help from our School specifically for this project. Graham Hospital School of Nursing students, faculty, staff and alumni implemented this survey by interviewing women affected by the tornado on location and through phone and Facebook referrals in both Tazewell and Woodford counties. Surveyors collected data from 135 residents who suffered varying degrees of loss and difficulty as a result of the disaster. This study was an exceptional opportunity for Graham students to be involved in a significant research study and to also be of service in developing the emergency preparedness of our communities, particularly as nursing professionals. The data gathered will promote and enhance evidence-based programs and services to improve the reproductive health of women and their families affected by disaster. The final report can be found at the Graham School of Nursing webpage: www.grahamschoolofnursing.org A Powerpoint presentation focusing on the implementation of the survey is currently being developed for a CDC webinar and will also be posted on the School website.

Graham Hospital Continues to Grow

In the past year, Graham Hospital has continued to look for ways to serve the medical needs of Fulton County and the surrounding areas.

In 2014, a larger Graham Medical Group Clinic opened in Lewistown and a new building for the dialysis provider was built across from the hospital. An Endoscopy Suite was another large project for Graham Hospital in 2014. The new 3000 square foot suite houses 5 pre-op and post-op rooms and 2 procedure rooms.

A Wound Care Clinic with dual hyperbaric chambers is in the works for the fall and plans are to have it ready for patients by the end of the year. Currently, local residents have to travel to Peoria to receive this service.

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Transcript request forms can be found on our website. Each transcript costs \$5.00 and requests should be directed to Mary Kepple.

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CONGRATULATIONS JUDY!

Judy Walloch, Ed.D, RN, CNE, a current GHSON instructor, was recently awarded the Premiere Nurse of the Year for the State of Illinois by the Forty & Eight organization. Judy has been an instructor at GHSON since the fall of 1996. She currently teaches med-surg at the junior level in the fall and critical care nursing to the students in their final semester.

Historical Display

The School of Nursing purchased a small locked curio cabinet last year to display some of our historical items. We want to add another curio cabinet due to our growing historical collection. We are soliciting donations or reasonably priced cabinets that could be easily transported to the school.