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In Sympathy

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Class of 1945

December 27, 2007

Nancy Matejewski

Class of 1994

December 22, 2007

Barbara Doty Berardi

Class of 1976

February 9, 2008

School of Nursing Historical Project Update



We are wrapping up the retrospective portion of our oral history project this summer. We have tried to interview at least ten Graham graduates from each decade of the School's existence. It has been a rewarding and informative experience! While we will continue to interview one future graduate per year for

our collection, we intend to finish interviewing the last dozen earlier graduates in plenty of time for our 100th anniversary.

Besides the oral history interviews, another part of our project has focused on organizing and scanning the photographs, documents, items and publications in our historical collection. This has been a very time consuming endeavor. What started out with a drawer or two of resources, turned into an avalanche of items as additional materials have been donated once people became aware of our project. We are looking for volunteers to help with scanning, transcription, data entry, preservation or photography to keep the project moving forward. Training is available. **If you have an interest in Graham or nursing history in general, please consider donating your time.** To volunteer, call Michelle at 647-5240, ext. 3388.

School News...

We continue to make improvements in the school that will benefit our students. The computer lab was expanded to almost double the size and a new air conditioning unit was installed specifically for the computer lab.

We continue to develop our simulation lab. Quite an effort has gone into making the room as similar to a hospital room as possible. We are hoping to add a simulator baby and child in the future. These simulators are much more technical than the Mrs. Chases or Annies that many of us remember. Our "Sim Man" speaks, and makes a variety of sounds. He has a pulse, lung and heart sounds. Like any new technology, patient simulators are expensive and we continue to look for grants or other funding to help us with the expense.

GHSON 100th Anniversary Celebration....

Next year will be the 100th anniversary of Graham Hospital and the School of Nursing. Many of you may remember the 85th anniversary dinner and tea that was held. I think everyone had a great time and many people have expressed their appreciation of the memory books and commemorative key chains. At the June 5th alumni meeting, we will begin work on our celebration plans. We will need help!

Planning for our celebration will include:

- Location and menu for dinner
- Decorations
- Memory books or alumni directory,
- Commemorative gift
- Other ideas are welcome!

Not many schools of nursing in the United States are 100 years old; please help us make this a memorable occasion. If you are unable to join us at the June 5th meeting and would like to volunteer, please call Lynne at (309)647-4086.

Any help or ideas will be deeply appreciated.

Hospital News...

Renovation of the Med/Surg unit (formerly 1st South), is complete and will be opened after approval by the Illinois Department of Public Health. There will be cable TV and newspaper ads highlighting the new space. The next construction project at the hospital will be to remodel the OB, ICU, and PCU units. A minor remodel to the Surgery Department will add new urology equipment and enhance patient flow and confidentiality.

The hospital also has a new program called "Healthy Living". The program is for anyone 55 or older interested in attending education sessions, traveling together, and having fun. Registration forms are available in the marketing department, online at www.grahamhospital.org, or by calling Cissie at (309) 647-5240, ext. 2203.

Other new services include a Sleep Disorders Clinic (call (309)647-5240, ext. 2510) and scheduling mammograms on Saturdays to meet the needs of working women.

Alumni Addresses Needed...

Our list of Graham Hospital School of Nursing graduates is complete but we now have even more names on our list without addresses. Please contact us if you have a current address for any of the names listed. Thanks.

Class of 2006

Jamie Baker

Class of 2004

Kristen Foose

Class of 2003

Joan Howe

Holly White

Class of 2002

Heily Windsor

Class of 2000

Jackie Caravella

Jamie Cole

Class of 1997

Katherine Long

Class of 1996

Carrie Helle Connour

Kara Kuchan

Carol Prichard

Class of 1995

Tana Long Azbell

Vicki Edwards

Barbara Ruble

Class of 1994

Diana Hardesty

Class of 1993

Lynn Black

Rick Rining

Class of 1992

Christina Heaton

Lisa Kaufman

Crystal Kruzan

Class of 1991

Teresa Stephens

Class of 1990

Kelcy Kaler

Janice Silva

Alumni Addresses Needed...

Class of 1989

Sherri Bell
Jeannie Doubet
Helen Stephens

Class of 1988

Cynthia Bailey
Janet Stivers

Class of 1987

Luz Chandler
Zoie Degitz
Lynne Kidd
Peggy Davis Naff

Catherine Post

Tammy Skiles

Connie Walker

Class of 1986

Tanya Brown
Dian Cook
Betty Cooper
Linda Coulter
Carolyn Davis
Patti Dixon
Marilou Gaw
Melinda Hohemir
Jodi Hunt Morgan
Rhonda Phelps
Kathy Rose
Sherri Sorrells
Tim Wages

Class of 1985

Phyllis Brown
Patty Cook
Lisa Beck Downs
Elizabeth Goldhamm
Kendra Lofton
Tammy Hendee Nelson
Beverly Stanton
Deborah Thompson

Class of 1984

Iris Alseshire Currier
Teresa Chenoweth Davis
Margaret Gavlinski
Craig Johnson

Class of 1984 Cont.

Berneice LeMaster
Karen Schleich
Joseph Vitale
Judith Woodcock

Class of 1983

Faith Brozenac
Janie Derry
Elizabeth Dunne
Darlene Fitzjarrald
Karen Fredrickson

Stella Record

Debbie Smith

Sherry Snyder

Sherilyn Kerr

Diana Walters

Class of 1982

Gwen Ghrist
Joellyn Moore
Lois Ives
Lynette McMahon Slater

Class of 1981

Janet Allspach
Robert Gaither
Linda Law
Anne Dietz McCall
Deidre Pollard
Cathy Atherton Seeders
Susan Baughman Wright
Sandra Lindahl Zeswitz

Class of 1980

James Lee
Julie Carlton Pickel
Jackie Cheatham Smith
Cynthia Martin Thomas
Mary Timmons
Cynthia Walters

Class of 1979

Jane Jackson Chaignot
Deborah Beck
Susan Ayers
Patricia Curtis
Brenda Hisey Derry

Class of 1979 Cont.

Cindy Ertmoed
Michael Findley
Nanette Hall
Margaret Mize
Deborah Renner
Elaine Seipel

Class of 1978

Tana McCullough Harms
Mary Maquire
Ruth Peyton
Linda Rensberry
Cathy Watson

Class of 1977

Debbie Vauter Bainter
Connie Dye Cornelius
Luanne Potter Linn
Janice Spenny
Lynn Weiss

Class of 1976

Carol Klein
Kim Erschen Stewart
Betty Willock

Class of 1975

JoAnn Bogner
Cynthia Glover
Pam Pursell
Druscilla Schenck
Sandra Knowles Starkey

Class of 1974

Janice Dare
Melinda Jenkins
Kim Thum Lewis
Ellen Lewis
Susan Lipe
Rebecca Mosher
Jane Nimmo Myers
Marsha Pickett
Robert Rand
Vicki Reedy
Susan Sullivan
Nancy Sheperd Wirsching

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Class of 1973

Linda Drach
Lois Hall
Brenda Jones
Linda Tompkins Robinson

Class of 1972

Josephine Magill Dolengows
Gayle Wickwire Dowdle
Sue Harbur
Linda Honts

Barbara Newell
Michael Simmons
Omega Smith
Martha Trone

Class of 1971

Mary Ellen Brooks
Linda Jones Hasten
Susan Rudolph Shipp

Class of 1970

Donna Bergland
Juanita Burkhardt
Prudence Triest Johnson
Bruce Johnson
Cheryl Holmes Martindale

Linda Miller
Emelia Minghetti
Sharon Orr

Tede Lee Spahn

Class of 1969

Sally Brubeck Heier

Class of 1968

Nanette Samp
Faye Lopeman White
Carol Smith Wright

Class of 1967

Audrey Baker
Linda Keller
Falefau Ma'o
Siufofoga Mauga
Rebecca Marks Parker
Anita Snyder

Shirley Stephens
Sharon Wyatt

Class of 1966

Mary Combs Erwin
Kendall Haines
Vickie Gash Himstedt
Anna Myers

Nancy Phelps

Class of 1965

Kay Danner
Janet Dildine Ray
Susan O'Brien Simpson

Class of 1964

Barbara Brons
Judy Creek
Barbara Hofeditz
Vallerie Nielson Mance
Barbara Balbinot Reitz

Class of 1963

Nancy Lawver Bohler
Sandra Egbert Stower

Class of 1962

Anna Bell Hoffman

Class of 1961

Charlotte Grove
Robertta Mantonya Maurer
Joyce Rumler Nellos

Class of 1960

Carole Tuthill
Rosalie Burnham Stubenvoll

Class of 1959

Dixie Liescke Calvert
Ada Malott Cluts
Barbara Mendenhall

Mardel Phillips
Sharlee Weber

Class of 1958

June Brieher
Patricia Hodgkins
Thelma Pollitt Smith
Ruth Williams

Class of 1957

Lila Shaw Atwater
Marlene Toncray Long
Barbara Simmons Metzger

Class of 1956

Claralee Shaw Pollitt
Rosalee Smith
Mary Bowman Taraboletti
Carol Vollmar

Class of 1955

Joy Foster
Barbara Harland Norris
Wanda Waughtel Whiteman

Class of 1952

Phyrne Zeine Howard
Patricia Westerby Noland
Margaret Kline Strong

Class of 1951

Betty Ulmer Beasley
Wilma Jean Carver
Maude Breeden Cieloha
Ruth Lloyd

Class of 1950

Norma Lakin Bryant
Betty Bucher Early (1949?)
Shirley Landis Goodnoh
Alberta Johnson
Edith Stinson Krulac

Class of 1949

Myrlene Widger Swinger

Class of 1948

Frances Nolte

Class of 1947

Veronica Ramshaw Clark
Eleanor Trimpe Prather

Class of 1946

Medora Goetz
Joann Williams

Class of 1944

Wilma Shirck McFall

Class of 1942

Nellie Hales
Mary Nelson
Ruth Remley

Class of 1941

Irma Suydam
Helen Tacoma Hinkle
Helen Wilson Atkins
Mable Bartholomew

Class of 1940

Frances Hazzard

Thanks for your help!

Alumni Dues...

Dues of \$10 are payable each year. If you haven't paid your 2008 dues, please send them to: Mary Jane Mathews, 21014 E. Shelby Road, Lewistown, IL 61542 . Thank you