

# ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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## Interested In An RN-BSN Program?

Graham Hospital School of Nursing recently signed an articulation agreement with Methodist College of Nursing for graduates looking to obtain a bachelor's degree. The completion program can be completed in as little as 1 1/2 years. All students beginning the RN-BSN track in 2010 will have their 2010 tuition frozen for the length of their enrollment.

Applicants must meet the following minimum requirements:

1. Completion of a diploma or associate degree in nursing program.
2. Current registered nurse licensure.
3. Completion of a minimum of 30 credit hours of general education courses in specific disciplines as noted in the curriculum transfer of credit policy for the Methodist College of Nursing RN to BSN program.
4. Cumulative GPA of 2.0 on all transfer courses.
5. Transfer credit for courses from other accredited institutions, credit-by-examination and military experience credit will be accepted accord to Methodist College of Nursing policy.

Please contact Mary Jane Dowling, Recruiter at Methodist College of Nursing, at (309)672-5513 or [mjdowling@mcon.edu](mailto:mjdowling@mcon.edu) for further information.

## Alumni Dues for 2010

Dues of \$10 are payable each year which go toward funding of the annual alumni scholarship and memorials. If you have not yet paid your 2010 dues, please mail them to:

Mary Jane Mathews  
21014 E. Shelby Road  
Lewistown, IL 61542.

Thank you.

### Next Alumni Meeting

**Thursday, April 8th**

**at 7 pm**

**A guest speaker from the  
Graham Hospital Founda-  
tion will be joining us to  
share information about  
Foundation projects.**

## *Philda McCombs Memorial Scholarship*

Graham Hospital lost a treasured member of our nursing staff this winter when Philda McCombs lost her battle with cancer. Although Philda was not an alumnus of GHSON many former students may remember her from their time on the clinical floors. Philda was a 30 year employee at Graham Hospital mainly in the PCU/ICU units and most recently in Quality Management.

In her memory and to honor her wishes, Philda's family has established the Philda McCombs memorial Scholarship. This scholarship affords the family the opportunity to keep Philda's memory alive, as well as helping to financially support nursing students so that they might have the same opportunities Philda was given.

Donations to the scholarship fund can be made to the:

### ***Philda McCombs Memorial Scholarship***

c/o Graham Hospital Foundation  
210 W. Walnut Street, Canton, IL 61520



**Philda McCombs, long time employee of Graham Hospital in the ICU and PCU.**

### *In Sympathy*

*Mary Kay Abts  
Class of 1964  
January, 2010*

## **GHSON & Hospital News...**

- Phyllis Hinderliter (Class of 1973 and Administrator of the GH Extended Care Unit) is retiring in May.
- Construction of the new Graham Medical Group building is progressing as planned and is on target for a September 2010 opening.
- The hospital has begun work on a remodeling project in the OB unit. The project is being done in 3 phases with Phase 1 nearing completion. The Gift Shop also received a facelift and expanded into the lobby area a little.
- Graduation is on Friday May 14th at 7 pm at the Wesley United Methodist Church.
- The school is hosting Barb Bancroft on May 24th. She will present "Pharmacology: Simplify, Don't Mystify" for the local West Central Illinois Healthcare Continuing Education alliance.