



# Graham Hospital School of Nursing GHSON ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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## *SIMULATION LAB UPDATE...*

We recently purchased additional equipment for our simulation labs from funds left to the school by Edith Beaver, Class of 1937. We were able to purchase an infant warmer, 2 headwalls (O2 and suction wall units), a mannequin for the skills lab, and four IV practice sets. We are also in the process of ordering some hand held data devices for our community class.

Money from Edith's memorial has enabled us to finish the purchase of the major equipment for the Noelle birthing room in one year. Although we don't have as large and numerous simulation labs as Methodist and St. Francis our simulators are just as state of art as theirs. We are not eligible for most grants because we do not offer a degree as a diploma program. Equipment is very expensive so it has taken us almost 5 years to complete the larger simulation lab.

The OB students are using the Noelle birthing simulator and Baby Hal this semester in our simulated birthing room and they really enjoyed the experience. We will be demonstrating equipment in our birthing simulation room at the April 5<sup>th</sup> alumni meeting

Funds from Edith's memorial were divided between the school and the Graham Foundation to use for scholarships. We were excited to be able to finish the equipment purchases for our two simulation rooms.



Birthing Simulator—Noelle and baby with Baby Hal in the warmer.

## *ALUMNI DUES....*

It is that time of year again!

Dues for the Alumni Association are \$10 per year paid each spring.

Please send your dues made payable to GHSON Alumni to:

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

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## ALUMNI UPDATES...

**Class of 1938... Retired Lieutenant Commander Kathryn Barclay celebrated her 100th birthday on February 9th.** The celebration was held at the Lydia Roper Home in Norfolk, VA, with 100 retired and current navy personnel as guests. Kathryn is the oldest living retiree from the Navy Nurse Core. She served during both WW II and the Korean War running operating rooms. She was interviewed for our oral history project in 2006. The story she told us of joining the navy and her career was not only interesting, but a glimpse into a unique life uncommon for women of her time.



You can read a transcript of her interview at the Illinois Digital Archive: <http://www.idaillinois.org/cdm/compoundobject/collection/grahamnu002/id/4784/rec/4>. There are three parts to the interview. Click on the second file to read her transcript. Also, there is a newscast video segment of her birthday celebration at [www.wtkr.com](http://www.wtkr.com) (search WWII nurse turns 100). She states that she plans to be around for another ten years!

**Class of 1986....Becky Coay McLeod** has recently taken a new position as Director of Surgical Services for Critman Medical Center in Moscow, Idaho. Becky resides in Colfax, WA.

We want to hear about what is happening with all of you—new jobs, educational pursuits, marriages, babies, etc. If you have info you would like to share in the newsletter, please contact:  
Lynne Waldrop, GHSON, 210 W. Walnut, Canton, IL 61520  
or by email [lwaldrop@grahamhospital.org](mailto:lwaldrop@grahamhospital.org).

## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER....

**April 5 Alumni Meeting** at 7 pm on the 3rd floor of Graham Hospital. We will have a demonstration of the new birthing simulator.



**April 16 Advance U...Advanced Degree Opportunities for RNs.** GHSON is sponsoring an education fair for RNs who are looking to continue their education toward an advanced degree. We already have 10 schools confirmed to come and answer your questions about their RN-BSN or MSN programs. The event will be held in the Graham Hospital Lobby Conference Room from 11:00 am—1:00 pm. If you have questions, please call 647-4086.

**May 18 Class of 2012 Graduation** at 7 pm at the Wesley United Methodist Church

**June 8 Barb Bancroft will be here presenting “The ABC’s of Diet & Disease” plus “Unstress for Success”.** This is a full day seminar which provides CEUs that you can use for your license renewal. The event will be held at Kemper Banquet Hall in Canton, IL from 8:30 am—3:30 pm. For more information or to register, please call 647-4086.

### FROM THE DIRECTOR...

- Over the years, the school has accumulated quite a collection of memorabilia from alumni. We would like to set up a permanent display of these items within the school. What we need is display cases. New display cases cost anywhere from \$450—\$900. The type of cases we are looking for are tall trophy style cases or display towers and table height jewelry cases. If anyone knows of any used display cases for sale or would like to donate toward the purchase of display cases, please contact us at (309) 647-4086 or mail to Sue Livingston, GHSON, 210 W. Walnut, Canton, Illinois.
- We still have caps that we could sell if anyone is interested. The style of the caps has changed over the years. The caps that we have are from the 1970s and only differ slightly from the 50s and 60s. Cost for a cap is \$10 if you can pick it up or \$20 if we must ship it to you. If you are interested in a cap, please contact the school office at (309)647-4086 or email [lwaldrop@grahamhospital.org](mailto:lwaldrop@grahamhospital.org).

### IN SYMPATHY

*Jean Carver  
Class of 1951  
April 9, 2011*

*Mary Rose Russell  
Class of 1946  
February 11, 2012*

*Carol Logan  
Class of 1943  
May 17, 2011*



### CHECK OUT THE SCHOOL OF NURSING WEBSITE...

Did you know there is a section just for alumni on the School of Nursing website?

The alumni section gives you access to past newsletters, tells you how to request transcripts, and information on the GHSON historical project including links to photos and alumni oral histories from each decade.

There is also a message board for alumni where you can post a message or read messages posted by other alumni. This is a great way to reconnect with classmates! When you click on the message board, the form to post your own message will appear first. If you want to read messages from others, just scroll down and you will see them. Messages are listed by most current to the oldest. All postings are approved by a website administrator before they can appear on the message board. So do not think that it didn't post if your message does not appear right away.

To access the message board, go to [www.grahamschoolofnursing.org](http://www.grahamschoolofnursing.org) and click on the alumni button on the right side of the school's homepage.