



GHSN Alumni Newsletter

FALL 2022

UPDATES from the Graham Health System

Graham has added several satellite facilities this past year. The Elmwood, Farmington, and Lewistown clinic have been open for some time, but recently, Graham has added clinics in Galesburg, Macomb, and Williamsfield. For those of you who are living in another state, Cottage Hospital in Galesburg changed ownership and apparently there were issues with Medicare and some other things, so they were forced to close.

Graham is doing well. The Convenient Care located in the GMG has outgrown its space and is in the middle of the project to move Convenient Care into the old Family Video Store (Chestnut & N. Fifth Street). Plan is to open in spring of 2023.

News from the School

Yea! The color printer has arrived!

Several changes have occurred since the last newsletter in the faculty and staff due to retirement or job changes.

- Cristy Lafary (Class of 2012) is the new Director.
- Shelby Ireland is the new Coordinator of Admissions, Recruitment, and Financial Aid.
- Jessica Moring (Class of 2010) has replaced Michelle Quinones, who retired last spring, as Director of Library Services. Jessica also serves as a tutor for students as well as helping faculty on occasion. Gail Boose (taught OB for 25 yrs.) retired this fall.
- Sue Livingston (formerly retired) is currently teaching the course until the end of the fall semester. The hospital has posted the position of OB instructor for next year.

Hope that I have not left anybody out.

The school year started out with 52 students as the total enrollment this fall. We have a larger senior class, but the freshman class is almost half of what we normally have. We are not sure of the reason, but St. John's BSN in Springfield, Carl Sandburg in Galesburg, and Spoon River College have all experienced declines in admissions.

Hopefully, applicant concerns about Covid will continue to decline. It is bad timing for our profession as the need for more nurses is rapidly growing.

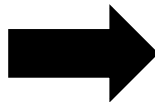
Congratulations again to the Class of 2022. We were able to list them in the last newsletter since we were late in sending it out. However, we noticed that Caitlin Thrasher from Lewistown got partially cut off in the printing process. Our apologies and congratulations!



Caitlin Thrasher



**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**



Upcoming Dates to Note for 2023

- April 6 – Alumni Meeting – 6 pm**
- June 1 – Alumni Meeting – 6 pm**
- September 7 – Alumni Meeting – 6 pm**

Meetings are being held in the SON 3rd floor living room. Call (309) 647-4086 for more information.

Transcript Requests....

We get many calls asking “What do I have to do to request a transcript?”. There are a few ways to go about requesting a transcript:

1. Print the transcript request form found on the school’s website. The form can be found under the Quick Links tab on the top bar menu or the Alumni tab at the bottom of the home page. Fill out the form and mail to us with the \$5.00 fee.
2. Email Shelby Ireland (sireland@grahamhospital.org) with your request. Be sure to include the year you graduated and where you need the transcript sent. You may mail your \$5.00 or pay by phone with the hospital cashier (309-647-5240 ext. 2221).
3. Stop by the school office to fill out the request form and pay the fee. Transcripts typically are mailed out within 1 or 2 days of the request.

Alumni News

We now have access to a large color printer for the newsletter.

If you would like to receive an email version of the newsletter rather than receive one in the mail, please let one of the officers know.

You can also send us mail now to the Alumni Office:

Alumni Office
Graham Hospital School of Nursing
210 W. Walnut Street
Canton, Illinois 61520

Officers for 2022:

President – Sue Livingston
Vice President – Regina Cox
Secretary – Brenda Gregory
Treasurer – Cindy Brown

We continue to provide our Memorial table, when possible, for visitations and celebrations of life. We completed a project to give families a memorial poem called “She (He) Was There” with a white artificial rose as a keepsake. I have given out 2 this fall and the families were very appreciative.



IN SYMPATHY

7/2/22
Karen McLain Geysbeck
Class of 1961

9/24/22
Ethel Morse Miller
Class of 1961

10/17/22
Louise Cluts Byrum
Class of 1947

*Please let Sue Livingston or
Sember DeRenzy (School
Office) know of any of our
graduates that have passed
away.*

News and Happenings!

We want to hear from you! Please send news, celebrations, continuing education, class reunions, etc. to alumni@grahamhospital.org or sderenzy@grahamhospital.org

Alumni Sweatshirts:

It has been several years since we have sold sweatshirts. Of course, the price has increased as well as postage. The shirts are navy blue with white lettering. We have included a picture.

Sizes currently run medium through 3X. Our company has been having difficulty getting smalls in all types of shirts so we are not listing small as an option at this time. Shirt price is \$25 for sizes medium through XL, XXL is \$26 and XXXL is \$27.



Difficult to determine exact shipping prices as done by zip code.

Shipping for most states would be \$10. Exceptions are coastal states like California, Florida, and Alaska.

If you live close to Canton, you are welcome to come in and try on our sample sizes.

Also, if you have changed your address in the last year or two, please let Sue Livingston know at alumni@grahamhospital.org or sderenzy@grahamhospital.org

ALUMNI DUES

Dues for the Alumni Association are \$15 per year paid annually in February. The dues go toward scholarships, memorials and other projects for the school if funds are available. Please send your dues made payable to GHSON Alumni to:

**GHSON Alumni
Attn: Cindy Brown
210 W. Walnut
Canton, IL 61520**

Refer a student to GHSON

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. Prospective students can request information by phone (309) 647-4086 or through our website www.grahamschoolofnursing.org

People we no longer have a current address for are:

- Rosalee Smith – Class of 1954
- Eleanor (Keeler) Taylor – Class of 1954
- Carol Vollmar – Class of 1954
- Elaine (Bulmer) Brown – Class of 1957
- Mardel Phillips – Class of 1957
- Rosalie (Burnham) Stubenvoll – Class of 1958
- Margaret (Beasley) Marshall – Class of 1960
- Roberta (Mantonya) Maurer – Class of 1961
- Judith (McLain) Mayer – Class of 1961
- Corrine (Brown) Nelson – Class of 1961

- Dr. Carolynsue (Jones) Wolf – Class of 1961
- Linda Robinson – Class of 1963
- Judy Creek – Class of 1964
- Barbara (Balbinot) Reitz – Class of 1964
- Judy Smart – Class of 1964
- Janet (Dildine) Ray – Class of 1965
- Mary (Combs) Erwin – Class of 1966
- Vickie (Gash) Himstedt – Class of 1966
- Nancy Phelps – Class of 1966

If anyone knows the home address or email address for these listed above, please send that info to Sue Livingston at alumni@grahamhospital.org or sderenzy@grahamhospital.org. Or if any of these alumni listed above have passed away, please let us know.