

Hurley School of Nursing

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President's Message: A Decade of Change

Dear Fellow Alumni,

It is hard to believe another year has gone by. Although there are many changes occurring within Hurley Medical Center; a new phone system, a new electronic medical record system, and a new narcotic dispensing system (requiring access by fingerprints). The most visual change is the current expansion of the Emergency Department (see related article p.13). I'm fortunate to have a close up and personal view of this project from my office window. The construction began in April and the building is beginning to come alive. It is obvious to see that you need a strong and sturdy structure to support what will be happening inside the walls. The ED has been struggling for years to try and accommodate the volume of patients in which it serves, and it has taken many years to get to this stage! This project originated from a purpose, which led to ideas, and then to goals. Completion is planned for January 2012.

As I look at the goals of the alumni, I look at how far we have come, and ponder at where are in 2010. Most important, we need to try and define where are we going? I don't think anyone can dispute the fact that the Hurley School of Nursing program has provided us with the training and education that will be with us forever. Unfortunately, the alumni cannot grow or sustain without new graduates. We have to be realistic, knowing that the last graduate was 15 years ago. Thus, the reality is, that the alumni association is fading due to lack of new graduates, attrition of board members, and loss of resources. Our structure is no longer able to support the operations within, such as fundraising, banquet planning, scholarship funding and communication.

The purpose of the alumni is evolving. As time goes by, the vision of the alumni changes. We no longer have the resources/structure available to continue. I think the vision for the life of the alumni association is more from the past than the future. I'm sure many do not realize the time that is spent on the newsletter, fundraising, scholarships, and the annual banquet. I do know that the alumni members appreciate all of these benefits, however the amount of time and energy spent on these far exceeds an individual's ability to do the things required. The time I personally spend on all of these, far exceed what I can continue doing due to needs of personal priority. The board is currently working to develop a succession plan. Our goal for this year is to make decisions on how existing alumni assets can best be transitioned into a coordinated arrangement that will continue to provide area nursing students an opportunity for scholarships. Decisions will also be made regarding the continuation of annual banquets and newsletters.

I realize you all have many friends, and memories through your training at Hurley School of Nursing, so keeping in touch will continue to keep the memories alive. I have initiated steps to try and establish a mechanism to keep everyone connected (see web page development pg 14)

As time passes, things change. Sometimes when we are not looking for it, or even aware of it, sometimes we plan it, and sometimes we are a part of it. I apologize for the discouragement of this message, however, I would not be a Hurley nurse if I just walked away, so it is important that we preserve the alumni as we all know it and begin the transition plan so it will be handled with thought and care— just as we would want for ourselves.

Diane Welker RN, BSN, ANP-BC
President, Hurley School of Nursing Alumni

FIVE NURSES IN ONE FAMILY ATTEND 2009 BANQUET



Pictured from left to right are:

Nancy Jones Johnson, RN, 1968- Hurley School of Nursing
Sally Jones Grantner, RN, 1978, North Central Michigan College
Betty Robinson Jones, RN, 1946- Hurley School of Nursing
Kathy Jones Pettit, RN, 1995, Lansing Community College
Linda Jones Jueckstock RN, 1972 Hurley School of Nursing

Nancy Jones Johnson, Hurley Class of 1968, shares with the alumni that her mother graduated from HSON in 1946. She was a Cadet Nurse of WWII. She and her father (a navy pilot) went on to have 5 children. All 4 daughters became RN's with 3 graduating from Hurley. Nancy's mother is retired, but between the 5 daughters they have 175 years of nursing experience (so far). This may be a record for the alumni. They were all very happy to be with their mother at the 2009 alumni dinner, 63 years after her "training" days at their beloved Hurley.

Address Change:

Please notify us if you move so we can update our database and keep you on the mailing list. Call the Department of Nursing Education at (810) 262-9410 or e-mail:

hurleySONalumni@hurleymc.com

Hurley Distinguished Alumni Award Winner 2009: Gloria Sveller

Gloria (Drewry) Sveller a 1965 graduate of the HSON was presented the Distinguished Alumni Award for 2009. Following her BSN, she completed her MA at Eastern Michigan University in Educational Leadership. Her 44 year nursing career has led to being Director of Staff Development, contributor to Nursing Care Technician textbooks, an RN nursing instructor, chairperson of various nursing committees and supervisor of all levels of nursing staff. She continues to maintain a CPR instructor certification and educates nurses for a CNA program. Attending C.E. programs helps facilitate one of her goals of being a student of life long learning.

She has worked in 4 different hospitals and taught in 6 different nursing school programs. Gloria's former students, colleagues and friends speaking highly of her people skills and dedication to the nursing profession.

In addition to raising two children; son, Dan and daughter, Michelle, Gloria and husband Dan, raised a leader dog for the blind. The dog was sent to be a companion to a woman in Germany. Fantastic!!! If you ask Gloria what it is like to raise a leader dog, she will say "Have you ever tried to take a full sized dog into a public lady's room toilet stall?" PICTURE THAT! Gloria is the glue that keeps friends together, she keeps in touch with almost everyone she ever met. If any of us from the 1965 graduating class wants to know what happened to a classmate, we ask Gloria. One of her favorite pass times is garage saling where she buys things for everyone on her life list. The Sveller's are currently indulging there two year old granddaughter, Katelyn with lots of love.

Gloria, we are proud of you! CONGRATULATIONS



Nursing....An Elusive Passion By Ruth Ann Obregon, RNC, MBA

I sat in the reception area of Miss McLennan's office feeling very small and stressed, wondering if it was such a good idea to be there. I bowed my head as I begged God for strength, seeing two white legs inside a pair of spotless clinic nursing shoes standing directly in front of me.

"Miss Baba, come with me," the owner of the legs said. I followed her into the office. It occurred to me that her dress could, at the end of her day, stand on its own strength.

"How may I help you, Miss Baba?" said Miss McLennan.

"I wanted to speak with you about my rejection letter," I said.

After several rounds of "we're committed....we've evaluated... and we concluded."

Miss McLennan finally said, "You aren't, in our opinion, nursing material."

I cleared my throat and asked, "may I speak to the admittance committee?"

Silence. I am not sure how long I held my breath, but when she said yes, and I finally exhaled, I felt faint.

One week later the same receptionist led me through closed doors into a room filled with identically dressed nurses, each with their own hat, uniform and amazingly spotless, white clinic nursing shoes.

The inquiry began. One person, sitting to my right, Miss Nelson, seemed to ask the most questions. She was the only one not smiling. At the end of their interview. They asked, "Miss Baba, do you have any questions for us?"

I did have a question, and in that split second I decided to risk all by asking it. "Recently, the National League for Nursing questioned you regarding the 50 percent of the freshman class who flunk out of nursing school each year," I said.

I stopped for a moment but I had gone too far to quit, so I moved onto my question.

"If the 50 percent of those who fail were accepted by you as students who were capable of graduating, yet did not, then what about those students who you reject?" I asked. "Is it possible that some of them might be able to make it through nursing school, yet never have the chance to demonstrate that they can?"

Silence. From far away, I heard them dismiss me. Slowly I rose and crept out of the room, out to my car, and back to my job at Franklin Market. I jumped as the phone interrupted my gloomy thoughts.

"Miss Baba," a curt voice said. "Miss McLennan would like to speak to you, please hold for a moment."

I froze. Butterflies stormed my stomach and a familiar tasting bitterness seeped upward to my throat.

"Miss Baba," you left so fast we could not tell you our decision," the hollow nasal-toned voice said. "We will admit you. You will be on probation and, if you pass the first semester, you will remain."

I covered the phone as I squelched a scream. "Miss McLennan, you won't be sorry," I told her. "I will do my best. I will be a success, you will see."

I hung up, stood and began to dance around the empty store, crying and laughing, saying, "thank you God!"

Thirty years later, in a hotel room, putting the finishing touches on my talk, I stopped in mid sentence. The California Board of Registered Nurses had asked me to speak at their state convention for nursing faculty and directors of nursing. The implications of what I was about to do began to take form.

I thought about my graduation on June 29, 1964 in Flint, Michigan. What would happen if I could take the faculty I was to speak to back with me to that auditorium? What if I could stand in front of myself and say, "Ruth Ann, do you know who I am and who's behind me?" What if I could go onto the stage and stand in front of Miss McLennan, and ask her the same question?

I smiled to myself because I'd come full circle—desire, flamed passion and focus.

Is there any reason not to try when one knows they can?

Ruth Ann Obregon, RNC, MBA (Hurley Grad '64)
Education Consultant, San Diego

From the book **Caring: "Making a Difference One Story at a Time"** Publisher Kaiser Permanente.
The book can be purchased at Amazon.com

You are right Ruth, you have succeeded! We are proud of you as a Hurley Alumnus!

KEEPING TRACK OF CLASSMATES!!!!

40's

Bernice Lonsberry Larve '47
Enjoying retirement at present— Very thankful of my training at Hurley Hospital, in different departments it was a true joy as an occupation.

Alice Aurand DeLand '49B
The 49B section graduated 18. We have lost 10 members. The remaining 8 still stay in touch with each other!

50's

Veronica Borowiak Pierson '51
Retired— Enjoying Crafts and reading

B. "Jean" Rutherford Maples '51B
I am retired. We have moved to a condo and love it. Our family is scattered from Toronto to California.

Frances Price '51B
Worked at McLaren General Hospital— retired in November 1985 from McLaren at that time I was head nurse (now known as nurse manager) in Ambulatory surgery dept. Took early retirement after I received an offer that was too good to pass up.

Elizabeth Campbell Lingenfelter '54
I live in Florida mid Oct. through mid May at 907 IVE Third St. Hallandale Bch, Fl. 33009

Maxine Elliot Bloomfield '56
27 years as hospice volunteer

Deanna Piechan Spencer '59

Retired 14 years ago from Alpena Regional Medical Center as PACU charge nurse. Have 5 grandchildren and celebrated 50th wedding anniversary on 9-5-09. Enjoy traveling and following 2 granddaughters softball careers in college.

Janice Keyes Wilson '59
"Retired for good in 2002"— have an antiques shop. Travel frequently abroad- wherever. Just enjoy life 8 grandchildren ages 5– 19!

Barbara Anderson Browne '59
Retired from A.R.C

Elaine Moore Kelsey '59
Retired since 96. I spend time at church, oil painting, knitting, crocheting, and sewing. Have 5 grandchildren and 1 great grandson

Tressa Johnson Jones '59
I work in cardiac step down. I worked Hurley ED, and L&D. After graduation, I was accepted into a CRNA program in Connecticut, but chose to marry instead. At present, I am divorced. I have 3 children, 8 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren.

Joann Klemm Frank '59
Still working as a travel escort for superior travel of Flint and Frankenmuth travel. Have spent much of this summer at our place on Burt Lake with 5 of our 8 grandchildren. Continue to serve in Parish Health Ministry at St. Lorenz Lutheran in Frankenmuth.

Phyllis Eaton Donovan '59

Retired from Hurley 1990 (31 years), 3 associative Degrees from Mott post retirement. Taught math at the Sylvan learning center 2001-2007

Pauline Jordan Barr '59
Retired

Yvonne Rouse Braymer '59
Retired

60's

Mary James Gofit '61
Retired 10 yrs. 2 girls 5 granddaughters. Spend winters in Florida.

Janet Flynn Franks '62
Retired from public health Nursing in 1998. Volunteer as a Parish Nurse and respite volunteer. Married 45 yrs to Ed, 2 children and 4 grandchildren

Bonnie VanNatta Appleby '62
Retired RN worked in OB, ER and home health/ hospice

Lenore Metcalf Calvert '63
Retired from Hurley Medical Center after 43 yrs.

Agnes Bendis Taylor '63
Retired— 3 grandchildren. Volunteer for hospice, Genesee County Free Medical Clinic, and teach RCIC at St. Roberts Catholic Church.

Mary Jane Monroe Veit '64
Graduated from HMC in 1964. Retired from HMC in 1994. Graduated from U of M Flint with degree in Health Care Education. Works Part time teaching Health Care and CPR Classes.

KEEPING TRACK OF CLASSMATES!!!!

*Catherine McCormick
Whitehead '64*

Happily retired - Enjoy 3 children, 3 grandchildren and traveling with husband in 5th wheel!

Susan Jones Hegarty '65

Retired from Nursing Education in 2006. Now living the good life in God's country.

*Veronica Szymanski Gammons
'66*

BSN in 96-Belmont University (TN). Married to John for 45 yrs.. Working at Southern Hills Medical Center in Nashville, 2 sons and grandchildren. Interests; family, gardening, sewing and quilting.

Esma Rathbun Walkers '66

Married 40 yrs to Joe. Beginning 44th year at McLaren! Working casual status at McLaren RMC in OB and special care nursery. Enjoy grandchildren, and remain active in church, choir, and church activities.

Ludmila Ponomarenko Hogg '67
Retired in 2008, worked in McLaren OR on the Heart team.

Joan Flewwelling La Porte '67
Summer Address 11575 Gerber Rd. Atlanta, Mich 48709

Nancy Jones Johnson '68

Retired in 2005- I'm thrilled!! Enjoying my 1st grandchild (Esme) and my Gardens!

70's

Mary Lou Schnitzhofer Terry '72
Working full time in long term care as MDS coordinator

Sharyl Gurden Hilliard '74

CRNA graduate from Hurley Anesthesia school in 1985, Now solo anesthesia provider at Harrison Community Hospital in OH. Also work at Ohio Valley Medical Center in Wheeling WV.

Chris Callahan Chesny '76

Vice President of long term care and home care for Mid Michigan Health. BSN -U of M, MHSA U of M

Marie VanEmmerik Kane '77

Married 22yrs; 3 children 19, 17, and 16. Out of practice for 18 yrs. Plan on re-entering Critical care in fall 2009 Aloha to all my classmates and friends!

Bruce LaBrecque '78

Physical Therapist working with pelvic pain, incontinence and dysfunction. Deliver seminars to other P.T.s/ Nurses on these topics.

Margo Corrado Cowper '78

Married -21 yrs. 2 girls in college and H.S. I have worked in critical care, ED, education, and management in nursing. It's all been good, a great career!

Beth Prior Diehl-Svrjcek '79

Enrolled in Doctor of Nursing Practice program at JohnsHopkins University School of Nursing.

80's

Sonya Harris Moreau '82

Retired from Hurley as administrator for critical care. Also teach part time for Uof M-Flint. BSN from Ferris State in 1999 and MSN from Saginaw Valley in 2006.

Lisa Kozumplik Allen '82

BSN @ University of Texas at Arlington. Faith community nurse program-Calvin College. Employed at BCBS Clinical Programs Development

Traci Eisenbeis Sperry '88

Worked at Hurley in Oncology from 6/88 to 5/98. Pre-admission testing 5/98 to 2/09 and as a Quality Coordinator from 2/09 to present. Graduated '92 from Uof M with BSN. Married with 3 Children ages 11, 13, and 15.

90's

Debra Dohrman Snider '90

BSN 1993

Working as care manager for McLaren health plan for the past 2 years

Nora Lewis Taylor Bieszak '92

Married on May 2nd 09 wow!

LaShawn Brazwell Richard '95

Currently working weekends in the NICU pursuing BSN to go on to become a Family Nurse Practitioner





2009 Scholarship Donations

Donor	Honor/ Memory	Honoree
Linda Philips Goodale '59 Shirley McEachern Voorhees '52B	Memory	Geraldine Masuch Walker '52B
B Jean Rutherford Maples '51B Karen Bogard Aikin '69 Carol Hammond Parker '64 Sheron Rozanski Tembreull '68	Memory	Barbara (Crimmins) Reuther
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Anna Marie (Bragger) Vineyard '42 Beth Prior Diehl-Svrjcek '79	Memory Honor	Anna Marie (Bragger) Vineyard Dr & Mrs Richard Prior
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Irene Olson Heywood '55 Veronica Borowiak Pierson '51 LaShawn Brazwell Richard '95 Susan Heidenreich Roth '64 Traci Eisenbeis Sperry '88 Judy Parks Mikhail '78	Memory	Janet Johnson Hinkle
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Joann Klemm Frank '59 Tressa Johnson Jones '59 Elaine Moore Kelsey '59 Deanna Piechan Spencer '59	Memory Memory	Vera Klemm Burke RN Carole (Wentz) Trout
Agnes Bendis Taylor '63 Julianna Budek Gulish '66 Esma Rathbun Walker '66	Memory Memory Memory	Carol Barthel Joseph Budek Orpha Brooks
Barbara Landon Coon '71 Janet Seifferlein '75 Marie VanEmmerik Kane '77 Margo Corrado Cowper '78		
Amy McCarty Fasullo '78 Kellie Miller Kahveci '82 Cynthia Hoover Sexton '83	Honor Memory	Lois Vedrody Stadnyk C. Hoover (father)
Diane Welker '83 Ruth Obregon '64 Mark Wilcher '72	Memory	Dorothy Nelson

THANK YOU FOR DONATING!

Save the date

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Hurley School of Nursing Annual Alumni Banquet

Date: Friday October 15, 2010

Time: Social Hour 6pm Dinner At 7pm

Cost: \$25 (before September 30th)

(\$30 after September 30th)

Cash bar

Location: IMA Brookwood Golf Club and Banquet Center

6045 Davison Rd.

Burton MI 48509

(On the corner of Belsay and Davison Rd.)

BANQUET RESERVATIONS DUE BY SEPT 30th (pg15)

Calling All Hurley School of Nursing Memories

We are still collecting memories of your days at Hurley School of Nursing. Those submitted are published in the newsletter (see page 11-12) however there are many more out there so send in yours. (or bring to the banquet)

Submit your memory

Class of _____

☐ Yes publish my name (optional)

☐ No do not publish my name

Name _____

Phone _____

Send to :

Diane Welker

2866 Hasler Lake Rd

Lapeer, MI 48446 or

Email welker.mom@gmail.com

In Memory of Those We Have Lost

Grad year	NAME
1936	Helen (Barton)Tookey
1948	Thelma (Powers) Worthy
1953	Lillian (Pelc) Maxon
1956	Charlotte Ann (Eary) Conrad
1958	Dorothy Hull Grisby
1944	Kathaline (Hammond) Anderson
1938	June (Spence) Brushaber
1962	Kay (Wetters) Buelholz
1986	David Vergison



Please contact Kathy Linker if you know of any class-mate who has passed on so Hurley alumni can properly acknowledge them. Contact info KathyL@mottchc.org or 810-659-9019 or the alumni office at 810-262-9410



THANKS FROM MARY (BARIL) ALTMAN– NOW 103 YRS OLD!

Mary (class of 1931) says, “Thank you for the lovely bouquet of flowers sent to her October 2009 from the Hurley School of Nursing Alumni Association. She thanks us for the kindness and consideration on featuring her in the 2009 newsletter as the oldest living alumni of the Hurley School of Nursing. “that brought me so much joy!”

Best Wishes Now and Always, Mary

Mail cards to: Mary Altman

c/o Suzanne Knott

844 8th Street,

Lake Linden, MI 49945

OOPs! Sorry Mary we printed Mary’s maiden name in the 2009 newsletter as Mary Blyth instead of Mary Baril Altman– our apologies to both Mary’s!

Thank you from Beth Ferreyra

(Hurley School of Nursing– Clinical Excellence Award Winner)

I am writing to express my deepest thanks for bestowing upon me this year’s Clinical Excellence Award. I am truly honored to have been chosen from the many other fine candidates that were up for consideration because I have the utmost respect for my fellow classmates and their abilities.

It is true that I am a dedicated and hard worker who is quick to learn new skills. My abilities to use exceptional critical thinking skills and to determine appropriate interventions is through a combination of excellent professors and clinical faculty at the University of Michigan– Flint, and my own personal standards to become the best nurse I can be.

Please know that receiving this award, along with the success I have achieved in the program, provides confirmation of my dedication to the nursing profession and will allow me to make a positive impact on the future of nursing.

Beth Ferreyra , BA, MSA, BSN



May 2010- Agnes Taylor (past president) of HSON alumni receives the award for the bronze category for the donation to the Genesee County Free Medical Clinic from the Hurley School of Nursing Alumni. The 5K healing hands walk/run fundraiser raised close to \$100,000 for the Genesee County Free Medical Clinic.

2009 Treasure's Report: Submitted by Marcie Welker

Balance 1/1/09 8,022.71

Income

Membership dues (annual & lifetime)	2100.00
Alumni Dinner	3960.00
Alumni Dinner fund raisers	231.00
Student Nurse Scholarship fund	1546.00
Graduate Nurse Scholarship fund	250.00
Transcript fees	320.00
Fundraising items	2556.98
Interest/misc	13.67
CD (cashed in)	10,055.94
TOTAL	21,033.59

Expenses Paid Out

Alumni Dinner	3994.20
Addit. Banquet expenses	293.07
Meeting Expenses	50.00
Donations	
Genesee Free Clinic/Hurley millage	2250.00
Fundraising expenses	3375.92
Misc refunds	153.00
Awards	698.00
Newsletter & mailing	3073.55
Office supplies	79.19
Non-profit tax fee	20.00
TOTAL	13,986.93

12/31/09

Balance 15, 069.37

Hurley School of Nursing Alumni Distinguished Alumni Award 2010

Call for Nominations

Hurley School of Nursing is pleased to continue honoring outstanding Hurley Graduates that have demonstrated dedication and leadership to the nursing profession. Nominations may be made by former alumni, others, or him/herself.

Award Criteria

- Graduate of Hurley School of Nursing
- Demonstrated dedication and leadership to the nursing profession
- Excelled in making a difference in nursing practice, service to the community or in improving the lives and or health of others.

Nomination Process

1. Submit information below
2. Attach letter

(Describe how individual has demonstrated an active pursuit of excellence or why this person is nominated for the Distinguished alumni award as described in the award criteria above).

3. Send curriculum or resume of person who is being nominated (optional).



Distinguished Alumni Award will be given at the Annual Alumni Banquet on October 15, 2010

2010 Distinguished Alumni Nomination Form

Name of Nominee _____

Phone Number of Nominee _____

Nominee's Degree(s) _____ RN _____ BSN _____ MSN _____ PhD _____ ND _____ other _____

Year of Hurley SON Graduation _____

Nominator's Name: _____

Nominator's Phone Number _____

Send to:

Agnes Taylor

3164 Pinehill Place

Flushing, MI 48433

dollyron@prodigy.net

Phone: 810-732-9667 or cell 810-240-6681

NOMINATIONS DUE BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2010

Update: University of Michigan-Flint 2010

The University of Michigan-Flint Department of Nursing currently has three undergraduate BSN programs: The Basic BSN program, for those earning a four-year college degree as they work toward licensure as a Registered Nurse; the RN/BSN program, for licensed RNs who want to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree; and the Accelerated Second Degree program, for students who have a previous Bachelor's degree and want to complete Nursing Program requirements in a fast-track program. There are currently over 500 students taking courses in these three degree programs. Additionally, Nursing is a very popular major and there are currently over 600 pre-nursing students at UM-Flint.

We are currently phasing out our Master of Science in Nursing program. The last class will graduate from this program in May 2011. This past fall, we began our Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program with a cohort group of 33 students. This is also an online program. Three tracks are available: Family Nurse Practitioner, Adult Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, and Adult Nurse Practitioner. This program is four years, part-time. It is available to students with a BSN as well as students with a Bachelor's degree in a non-nursing field. There is also an option for MSN Nurse Practitioners to move to the DNP level.

Did you know that we have three nationally-renowned Transcultural Nursing specialists at UM-Flint? The Director, Dr. Margaret Andrews, is the Project Director for a \$989,000 HRSA grant, *Developing Cultural Competencies for Nurses: Evidence-Based Best Practices*, and UM-Flint faculty members Dr. Marilyn McFarland and Dr. Hiba Wehbe-Alamah are key participants. This is an educational project in partnership with Madonna University. The grant addresses health disparities in the United States for people of various cultural backgrounds. The focus of the project is to prepare nurses to address the culture care needs of individuals, families, groups and communities by offering a series of intensive continuing professional development programs using a train-the-trainer model.

Another HRSA grant, the University of Michigan-Flint Initiatives for Nursing Diversity (UMFIND) grant, is designed to increase the level of diversity and cultural competence in Flint's nursing workforce. Selected participants for UMFIND programming receive an array of personal, professional, and academic enrichment services to facilitate their admission, progression, and enrollment to the BSN program. Activities at the middle school and high school levels motivate disadvantaged/minority students to pursue a career in nursing, and equip them for successful application and enrollment in nursing programs. Linda Knecht is the Project Director for this grant, and Rose Luster and Maureen Tippen are key faculty working with students and mentors.

It's an exciting time to be involved in Nursing education, and we are a very busy department!



University of Michigan-Flint, Nursing students, on a recent mission trip to Cambodia.
(My how field trips have changed!)

Hurley Grads Favorite Memories

1948- in the 1940s none of the patients had ID bracelets. We were totally dependent on the MED cards being accurate. The head nurse and med nurse checked them against the cardex every morning. One morning I walked into a seven bed ward with old men and said "Mr. Smith" I heard "yup" from at least one of the beds. My card said bed #1 so he got the med. -*Elvira E. Scriptor*

1948 A classmate was caring for an elderly gentleman one morning, who had lost his dentures. In the process of bath and bed change, she found that he had the bedpan under the sheets. Lo and behold, there were his teeth in the bedpan. Before she could act, he grabbed them and popped them back in his mouth— *Elvira Scriptor*

1948- Miss Mcneil and Miss George held assemblies where they passed out "Motherly Advice" to their young charges.

Never sit on a boys lap without putting a handkerchief down first.

Don't wear black patoned leather shoes. The reflection in the shoes will show what is under your skirt.— *Elvira E. Scriptor*

1948-during my surgery rotation, one morning I was scheduled to scrub with a Dr. noted for temper tantrums, throwing instruments etc. he came into the scrub room while I was still there. I introduced myself, told him that I was to assist this am. Admitted that I knew nothing about the scheduled procedure. When he came into the OR, he helped set up the Mayo. During the procedure he exclaimed what he was doing. Everything went well. Miss Blakely circled the case and was totally confused. She didn't understand what had happened. I was young and naïve enough that I probably didn't understand either. -*Elvira E. Scriptor*

1951- The wonderful memories made with my classmates are the best especially the memories that 5 of us have had and we still get together once a year, 60 years later. One lives in Florida one in Okemos and 3 of us in the Flint area. - *Frances Price*

1954 After working 3-11, stopping by the kitchen and "borrowing" ice cream to share back at the dorm. Dances we hosted in dorm basement. Lots of guys from GMI. Also remember going to dances at GMI. I have a great picture of me and my date with Flint's own Band Leader, Braham Ward.— *Barbara Mumby Ayers*

1955- The 1953 tornado! Flint area freshman come back from break to volunteer where needed faculty worked in ER and OR. I think they helped with triage. Everyone volunteered extra hours whenever needed. Proud? You bet your life!-

1958- walking through the tunnel from the hospital to the nurses residence alone at night-*Jan Sarhatt (Francisco)*

1959- The good variety of experiences in our training, and also the memories of friendships made while at school. The good hospital food. -*Virginia Hobson Smith*

1962- sneaking in the old residence ducking under the level of the desk being careful not to wake up Mrs. Smith at the desk -after curfew- *Nancy MacKay Colladay*

1962-sitting around the piano in the lounge at Christmas time singing "the 12 days of Christmas" led by our classmate Roger Slee-*Brenda Rathburn Hare*

1963-I will always remember the infamous "buzz" to our rooms for a phone call -of having to race from the fifth floor, down the stairs, stopping on each floor in the phone room in hopes of finding a phone. Yes, a phone not in use. Who would have ever envisioned cell phones? -*Lenore Metcalf Calvert*

1963- The fun we had In the old nurses residence- shooting squirt guns, short sheeting beds, playing endless Pinochle games during Pontiac State hospital affiliation. Sitting in the glee club chorus parties for under privileged children and much more!

1963-November 22, President John Kennedy was shot and subsequently died. It was a news report that was such a shock to all of us at Hurley. We rode the bus home from the junior college, and it was so quiet, sniffles heard. Many of us went to a large nearby church and prayed. We were all deeply moved. –*Chris Rahman, Harmon, Horton, Class of 1961*

1964- In our Sr. year, being allowed by a reluctant Mrs. MacLennan to “work for pay” one shift a week. Earning \$17.50 for one day of work. We were rich! - *Mary Jane Monroe Veit*

1964-Having Mrs. MacLennan measuring our uniforms to see that they were 6” from the floor

1964- all the food we could eat for free!

1964- Capping ceremony and knowing I’d probably not make it.

1964- long night talks = friends –laughter and tears – making memories forever

1966- experiences my first year in old dorm and moving through the tunnel to the new dorm; enjoying 3 years with roommate Janet Redfield and with suite mates. Being thrilled in first capping ceremony-*Esma Walker Rathbun*

1967- Having house keepers so we could study. Christmas party for the kids from Whaley house. Being on our own. Wearing student uniform with cap –*Linda Dean Stechow*

1967-The most favorite Hurley School of Nursing memory of mine, in retrospect, is a sin of omission. I thought I was carefully managing my time by going to the hospital's medical library immediately after supper, not realizing it would take me past curfew. When I returned to the old (original) dorm and realized why there was a line-up of girls waiting outside, I was horrified! What was I to do? A new freshman and already in trouble! I walked casually past Mrs. Smith, heart thumping wildly, thankful she was very busy, wishing the mirror showing people coming around corners wasn't there, knowing at any moment I could hear "STOP!" Finally arriving at the stair well, I bounded up the stairs all the way up to the top floor almost without breathing. I never stopped running until I crashed through my door at the end of the hall and flung myself on my bunk bed. My lesson was well learned. I never forgot to sign out for the rest of my training!—*Sally Nickel Abbott, class of 1967.*

Laughing at all the pranks we pulled on classmates such as; saran wrap on the toilet to be enjoyed by the next victim in the middle of the night, tying nylons to the door knobs across the hall, or Vaseline coated door knobs.

Sleeping on the bus to “JC” after pulling an all nighter studying

Dating a GMI guy!

Attending teas in the reception room and singing in the Hurley Glee club

Being very proud to wear a Hurley cap, even though it did get in the way a few times.

1978- The first week of school a teacher (I believe Mrs Crumer) gave us all a tiny blue book on “change”... “be a change agent” I have heard that echo many time over the years.

It was a good time– a good education; wonderful teachers, delightful classmates. To quote a friend “nurses are great people; some of my best friends are nurses!”

1979- Water extinguisher fights on 5th and 6th floors. Sneaking in after curfew because the ladies at the desk liked us. Having tea parties in the “funeral parlor.” Making the new incoming girls drink warm lemonade from urinals and eat mushy chocolate from bed pans –*Laurie list O’Conner*

“Hurley Girlies” class of May 1988 – remember Wednesday nights at K.A? One day during lab R.Richardson burst in saying “Okay who wants to practice putting in a NG tube on me?” He had just come back from eating a Whopper at Burger King, so you know what came up via the NG. – *Tracy Eisenbeis Sperry*

1995 – I got into big trouble with Mrs. Eaton for writing with blue pen during my pediatric rotation...to say the least I have never written in blue ink since!! – *LaShawn Richard*

Wanted: Alumni History Book

We have exhausted our supply of alumni history books. However, if you no longer have use for yours,

LaVone Suski '57, is willing to purchase.

You may contact her at 989-729-1054.

What's New at Hurley Medical Center?

Hurley breaks ground on new Emergency Department

The ED and Trauma Center will be named the Paul F. Reinhart Emergency Trauma Center, after the late Paul F. Reinhart, who was so dedicated to ensuring adequate and fair distribution of Medicaid and Medicare funding for hospitals throughout the entire state of Michigan.

The Hurley Foundation received a one-year grant totaling \$232,000 from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation for a Neighborhood Redevelopment and Greenbelt Project in September, 2006. "The Mott Foundation grant enabled Hurley to produce innovative plans for our campus construction and renovation as part of a five-year strategic planning process. This ED expansion project will benefit our patients, staff, physicians, visitors and the entire Flint community, and none of it would have been possible without the initial support from the Mott Foundation," says Wardell, Hurley's President and CEO.

The expansion has been in the works for years, with an ED currently accommodating 80,000 patients a year, including some of the most seriously injured accident victims. Hurley Medical Center is home to the region's only Level I Trauma Center, treating thousands of patients 24/7, 365 days a year with the highest clinical care available.

Hurley's new project will offer a greatly expanded and improved upon Lobby and ED facility starting with a drop off lane in front of the new main, adult ED and pediatric ED entrance. Upon entering the building employees and patients will find themselves in a roomy 9,000 square foot lobby with increased seating and views of Dort Park. The new rooms and department will boast significant improvements including up to a 50% increase in size over existing rooms, all private rooms supporting adult and pediatric patients, improved adjacencies and operability, decreased noise levels, and integration of new technologies.

The new ED would take over the entire main floor of the east wing, which is the long corridor off the parking garage, then extend out another 25,000 square feet toward Fifth Avenue for a total of 50,000 square feet. The main lobby would also be relocated to face Fifth Avenue. "What is now the front of the building essentially becomes the back of the building where we focus all the ambulance traffic," said Wardell. "Besides improved traffic flow, it embraces the revitalized downtown by connecting us more to Fifth Avenue and downtown."

This expansion project will represent one of the largest construction undertakings Genesee County has seen in quite some time, which will benefit the entire community.

"This ED expansion will enable Hurley to continue providing the highest quality of patient and family centered care available, enhancing its status as a community teaching hospital and research center of excellence," adds Wardell.



Pre construction site



Ground Breaking April 27, 2010



Follow Hurley's website hurleymc.com for up to date information on the construction of the ED expansion. Completion is expected by January 2012. A presentation regarding this project will be given at the Alumni banquet on October 15, 2011, by former Hurley Graduate, John Stewart, Director of Emergency Services.



Hurley Alumni Info Center

Transcripts:

Send your request in writing to
Hurley Medical Center
Dept of Nursing Education,
One Hurley Plaza, Flint, MI 48503.
Cost is \$3.00 each.

Please include your name, name at graduation, date of graduation, name and address of the institution where transcript is being sent and your current address. Make checks payable to Hurley School of Nursing Alumni Association

Diploma:

Send your request in writing to Hurley, Department of Nursing Education as stated above. Ask that a Replacement Diploma Request Form be sent to you. Please fill out the form completely and legibly. Cost of replacement diploma is \$40.00. This process may take 3-4 weeks.

School Pin:

Send your request in writing to Hurley Department of Nursing Education. Ask that a form be sent to you regarding pin replacement. You will then be dealing directly with Herff Jones, Co. They must have request form when you place the order.

\$100 Clinical

Excellence Awards

Hurley School of Nursing graduates were known for their exceptional clinical skills. To help carry on that legacy, the SON alumni recognizes graduates from each of the 3 area nursing programs who have demonstrated exceptional clinical skills throughout their training. The student(s) are selected by their instructors.

University of Michigan- Flint
Dec 2009 Beth Ferreyra
Apr 2010 Jami Haught

Mott Community College
Jan 2010 Susan Bryan*
Jan 2010 Joan Miner*
April 2010 Cynthia Dixon
*gift split due to tie

Baker College
Apr 2010 Stacie Boggs
Jun 2010 Dan McEnrue

2010 Nursing Hurley School of Nursing Scholarship Award Winners

\$5000 Joanna Hark
Geriatric Scholarship
Michael Burgess

\$500 Mary Kozumplik
(4)
**Abolanle Ahmed
Tamarah Baker
Danielle Dobrot
Megan Kuhl**

\$500 Lina Bickel Milner
Amy Worges

\$500 Ethel P
MacLennan
Victoria Patrick

Hurley Alumni Website: In the Works...

Technology continues to advance, and more things are transitioning to an electronic world. Wouldn't it would be wonderful to see all the Hurley School of Nursing history be visible and accessible on the web? This includes, old photos, stories, classmates, faculty, events and all information related to the School of Nursing. However, this is a very large task and with limited resources, it will take some time. I have been working with Hurley's marketing department, and we do have some information on the website, which hopefully will be active by October. I have placed some of the previous newsletters on the site as well. I would like to include members contact information however I cannot do this without each individuals permission. We have established a facebook page, so join as a friend and hopefully others will do the same!

Visit the website www.hurleymc.com Select research & education
Visit us on facebook
Email hurleySONalumni@hurleymc.com

Hurley Nursing Caps

Unfortunately, caps are no longer available. We cannot find a company who makes them. So if anyone of you know of someone who does, please notify Diane Wager at 262-9410, or drop an email to hurleySONalumni@hurleymc.com

facebook

Dues/Banquet Payment Form

Due by Sept 30, 2010

Name _____ Graduating Class _____
 First Maiden Last

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address _____

- ☐ You may publish my email address on the alumni web page for others to contact me
- ☐ Yes, update my profile in keeping track of classmates (work, education, accomplishments)

ANNUAL DUES

- | | <u>Amount</u> |
|--|---------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Member (\$0) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Dues Sept 2010-Sept 2011 (\$15.00) | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Dues (\$150.00) | _____ |
| Total dues | _____ |

BANQUET RESERVATION

Reservations received *Before Sept 30* \$25.00

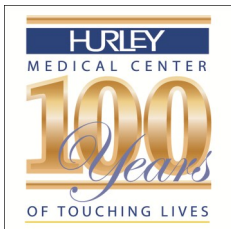
Reservations received *After Sept 30*, \$30.00

- ☐ Yes, I will be attending the banquet on Oct 15, 2010 _____ @ \$25= _____
- ☐ No, I will not be attending the banquet, however I will
 Support a student to attend (\$25) _____
- ☐ Scholarship donation (honor/memory below)
- Name _____
- Total Enclosed \$ _____

Make Check payable to **Hurley School of Nursing Alumni Association**

Marcie Welker
 P.O. Box 78
 Flushing, MI 48433

Send Entire Form by Sept 30, 2010



The Florence Nightingale Pledge

I solemnly pledge myself before God and presence of this assembly;

To pass my life in purity and to practice my profession faithfully.

*I will abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous
and will not take or knowingly administer any harmful drug.*

*I will do all in my power to maintain and elevate the standard of my profession
and will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping
and family affairs coming to my knowledge in the practice of my calling.*

*With loyalty will I endeavor to aid the physician in his work,
and devote myself to the welfare of those committed to my care.*

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