

# Alumni Connections



Lancaster General College of Nursing & Health Sciences



## College President's Message

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the Lancaster General College of Nursing and Health Sciences alumni newsletter, *Alumni Connections*. This newsletter will serve as a forum in which you, the alumni, will remain informed about events and happenings at our College. In this way, you remain a vital part of our College community!

Lancaster General College has made remarkable progress in the six years since its establishment and it continues to uphold the fine tradition of excellence in education that is our history. The advent of the College brings with it a period of change and opportunity. Witness the expansion projects that have added almost 40,000 square feet of classroom, laboratory and office spaces. Consider the incredible growth in enrollment with over 750 students enrolled in nursing, allied health, emergency medical services, and general education courses. Current efforts include the addition of new associate degrees in nuclear medicine technology and respiratory care. Also, we are working with the Pennsylvania Department of Education to become a baccalaureate degree-granting institution.

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In addressing our progress we reflect back from whence we came. Our College is founded upon a deeply rooted commitment to educate qualified, dedicated healthcare professionals. We currently have over 4,000 alumni of our programs! This is something of which to be proud. As we move forward, we plan on working with this alumni base, encouraging them to become visible, active members who can play a critical role in the further development of our College. And so, I am sharing news that brings tears of joy and sadness. The Lancaster General Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association will be folded into the Lancaster General College Alumni Association. We recognize the outstanding contributions of those alumni members who worked tirelessly in their efforts to support our nursing students. We are hopeful that this group of talented individuals will share their expertise in alumni relations and fundraising activities with other alums. Together we can develop an Alumni Association that will become invaluable to our College.

To the members of the Lancaster General Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association, I thank you for all that you have done over the many years. Your dedication and commitment to your school is commendable. With your wisdom and experience to guide us, I can only imagine what a great Association we collectively can become!

**Sincerely,**

Mary Grace Simcox, EdD, RN  
President

# We Need You

Our newly formed Lancaster General College of Nursing & Health Sciences Alumni Association is taking shape. New by-laws have been drafted and can be viewed at our College website, [www.LancasterGeneralCollege.edu](http://www.LancasterGeneralCollege.edu). As a graduate of the College or its predecessors, you are automatically a member of the College Alumni Association. You are encouraged to become actively involved by contacting Roxanne Wilson, Coordinator of Alumni Services, at (717) 544-4939 or e-mail her at [rlwilson@LancasterGeneralCollege.edu](mailto:rlwilson@LancasterGeneralCollege.edu).

Leigh-Anne Young Drumm, Nursing Class 1987, and Kristen Loehr, Nursing Class 2003, have committed to serving as President and President-Elect. Krista Weir White, Nursing Class 1986, will serve as Secretary. There are additional board and committee positions available. We are hopeful that our health science graduates will take this opportunity to become involved!

## College Expansion

In order to accommodate the growing population of students, a 14,000-square-foot building expansion was completed at 410 North Lime Street in time for the fall, 2008 semester to begin. This expansion features four additional classrooms, a new 30-station computer lab, and 28 new offices for faculty and staff. The College currently offers nursing and six other health science programs, and the addition will allow for extra academic programs; a two-year program in Nuclear Medicine and Respiratory Therapy, a proposed RN-to-BSN program, and baccalaureate degrees in Healthcare Administration and Health Sciences.

Because healthcare careers in nursing and other allied-healthcare areas are in high demand, the need must be met to accommodate our growing enrollment. The College has experienced an increase in enrollment from 200 students in 2002 to over 750 today. With this growing enrollment comes a need for classroom space complete with state-of-the-art technology and wireless internet access for the optimum in effective learning opportunities.



*Mary Grace Simcox, President, and Scott Lokey, Facilities Coordinator, oversee the finishing touches to the 14,000-square-foot expansion at the Lancaster General College of Nursing & Health Sciences.*

# *Alumni & Students Participate in* **Dancing for Dreams**

Lancaster General College of Nursing & Health Sciences was proud to present our second signature fundraiser, Dancing for Dreams. This event was organized in collaboration with the local dance community and featured notable community leaders and local celebrities. Our volunteer stars partnered with area ballroom dance professionals in a format similar to that of a well-known television dance show. In the months leading up to the gala event, community leaders/celebrities and ballroom professionals rehearsed a ballroom dance. Select professional guest dancers performed as well. The evening began with a gala pre-show dinner and

concluded with a social dance party hosted by Dance Jam Productions from Washington, D.C. This fundraising event directly supports the Lancaster General College of Nursing & Health Sciences. Students, volunteers, faculty and staff served on the planning committee and acted as hosts for the gala event. We are proud to announce that Dancing for Dreams raised \$51,000, with an additional \$27,000 with in-kind donations.

Plans have already begun for our 3rd Dancing for Dreams to be held in 2010 and we hope you can attend!



## *College Faculty Recognition*



*Nursing Class of 2003*  
Beth Koser Schwartz earned her BSN from Immaculata University.



*Nursing Class of 1979*  
Jean Hershey earned her doctorate in adult education from Penn State University.

# Stay Informed and Stay Connected

## www.LancasterGeneralCollege.edu

The Lancaster General College of Nursing & Health Sciences website offers a great deal of information for alumni, students, faculty, staff and the community. The College web pages are updated weekly and give Alumni the latest news and facts about the Alumni Association, College and upcoming events.

Did you know that you can find out information about reunions and upcoming professional education? There are tabs and Quick links at the top and bottom of the opening webpage that can decrease the steps to finding what you need. Also the left menu bar gives you access to find Professional Development and under the Student Affairs link is a quick route to the Alumni page. The Alumni webpage assists in learning about the Alumni office, discounts for Alumni, newsletter issues and Homecoming events.

There is also a quick link to “**Send Us Your Update**” where you can update your name, address, and e-mail to keep your information current for the Alumni Association.

### Have You Joined Your Fellow Alumni on Facebook?

<http://www.facebook.com/login.php>

**Just sign up and then log in!**

**Facebook** is a social networking website launched on February 4, 2004. The free-access website is privately owned and operated by Facebook, Inc. Users can join networks organized by city, workplace, school, and region to connect and interact with other people. People can also add friends and send them messages, and update their personal profile to notify friends about themselves. The website’s name refers to the paper face books depicting members of a campus community that some U.S. colleges and preparatory schools give to incoming students, faculty, and staff as a way to get to know other people on campus.

### *Continuing Education*

The Continuing Education staff at Lancaster General College offers over 1,000 hours of continuing education hours for health care professionals each year. As an alumnus of the College, we offer you a 15% discount on your registration fees for any of our conferences. If you have questions about our events or would like to be added to our electronic mailing list, please contact Kurt Doan (kbdoan@LancasterGeneralCollege.edu). To see a complete listing of our conferences, please check the CONFERENCES page under Professional Development on the College website.

### *Alumni Eligible for Sports Teams*

Alumni are eligible to play on the Lancaster General College Women’s Soccer team, Coed Soccer team, or Men’s Soccer team, when those sports are in session. Alumni are also eligible to run with the Lancaster General College Distance Running team, offering free entry into many local and regional 5k, 10k, and longer runs. For more information, visit us on the web at [www.lancastergeneralcollege.edu](http://www.lancastergeneralcollege.edu); tab Alumni & Friends; quick link, the Athletics page.



# Farewell

## From the President

### of the Nurses Alumni Association

As I write my final President's letter, I will strive to answer a few questions that have been asked over the past number of months. First, although many of us have looked forward to the annual Nurses' Alumni Fall Banquet at Brethren Village, the Board has regretfully decided to cancel the meeting this year due mostly to the renovations which are in progress at Brethren Village and the changes in our organization at this time. It is our hope to continue this "time together" at some point in the future.

I am sure that many, if not most of you, are now aware of the fact that the Nurses' Alumni Association is being absorbed into a College alumni association that encompasses all the disciplines of the College, not just nursing. Directors and Administrators of the College felt that this was a necessary step as we continue to transition from "school" to "college." The inevitability and process of this started me thinking...

The other day I overheard someone saying that they "hated to see the coming of fall." Curious, I asked them why. They responded that fall meant the end of summer - a season that this person really liked.

And that got me thinking about how *I* felt about fall - actually, I love fall! The crisp weather, the falling leaves, football games - a definite change after the summer. And that started me thinking about the Nurses' Alumni Association. We have all enjoyed the time we have spent in this organization - making plans, hosting functions, supporting new graduate nurses, seeing friends and colleagues at our meetings. But fall is upon us in the Nurses' Alumni Association. A change - a look forward, if you will, to possibly something that we as nurses may want to embrace and nurture just as much as we have our original Nurses' Alumni Association in the past - is here. Now winter - winter is a season that I really don't like very much. Growing up in upstate New York, I have seen enough snow to probably last me the rest of my life. But I've given

thought to that as well and here is what I have learned; *Winter is the hand that holds both fall and spring.*

And no matter where you live, whether you have two inches of rain or two feet of snow, it is inevitable. Winter must come if we are to have spring - it is *necessary*, whether we prefer it or not. The change from fall, the ending, to spring the new beginning needs winter to guide it through. We, the members of the Nurses' Alumni Association, are like winter. We stand in a position, because of our experience of being members of the old association, to guide and hold the hand of this *new* alumni association. We need not - nor should we ever - let go of our past, our rich heritage as nurses. But we are in a transition from old to new that needs experience to guide. Can you serve as a Board member of this new all-college alumni association or in another capacity? Are you willing to be part of the blossoming of the new? This fledgling organization needs us all, in ways big and small. If asked to help, please think about taking their hand and helping them to grow.

Thank you for the privilege of serving you on the Nurses' Alumni Board these past years, and may all of your future endeavors with the College be fruitful.

**Sincerely,**

Cynthia (Cyndy) Reber Wright '98



# Alumni Updates

*Alumni Connections is published by the Alumni Office of Lancaster General College of Nursing & Health Sciences.*

*To submit an announcement contact Roxanne Wilson at (717) 544-4939 or [rlwilson@LancasterGeneralCollege.edu](mailto:rlwilson@LancasterGeneralCollege.edu)*

## Marriages

1997 Ann Dearolf married John Parson III June 3, 2006

## Births

1997 Holly Austin Cummings and Robert Cummings Jr. (1998) welcomed daughter, Addison Alexandra April 14, 2007

2001 Amy Good Burr and Matthew Burr welcomed daughter Kaitlyn Nicole Burr June 20, 2007

2003 Beth Koser Schwartz and Scott Schwartz welcomed son Ethan July 25, 2006

2003 Augusta Bohlander Kniesly and Mark Kniesly welcomed son, William David May 6, 2007

## Deaths

1927 Elsie Harvey December 26, 2007

1931 Alma Reifsnnyder December 3, 2007

1933 Sadie Paup Brooks March 4, 2008

1934 Lt. Col. Betty L. Colyer, US Army (retired) April 3, 2007

1938 Mary Isabelle Steele Frey January 16, 2008

1938 Anna Elizabeth Houck Lichty January 28, 2008

1941 Sylvia Longenecker October 31, 2008

1943 Hilda Plank Ament August 21, 2008

1944 Mildred "Millie" Martin Blanks March 8, 2008

1944 M. Pauline Stoltzfus November 25, 2008

1945 Miriam "Mim" Brubaker Groff March 28, 2008

1946 Hilda Stauffer January 28, 2008

1946 Mamie Irene Fletter Arola February 2, 2007

1947 Pauline Hoffsmith Snavely January 13, 2007

1947 Minnie Rager Danz January 27, 2007

1953 Doris Rote Perrine January 18, 2008

1953 Johanne Eshlemen Wertz February 22, 2008

1953 Shirley Shofield Hilton September 1, 2007

1955 Lucille Shenk Schaak February 8, 2007

1956 Mary Rissler Blacksmith February 27, 2007

1957 Patsy Ann Herbst Stehman April 25, 2007

1958 Alma Bare Landis June 8, 2008

1958 Anna Jean Gagliano November 30, 2006

1976 Karen Wisniewski October 31, 2006

## Condolences To

1949 Elaine Longenecker on the death of her husband, Bob February 4, 2006

1973 Crystal Johnson Hershey on the death of her mother December 28, 2006

## Congratulations To Our 2007 Life Members

*(Members who have paid dues for 35 years)*

Mary Blough 1935

Barbara Erb Holran 1956

Dorothy Dick Groff 1956

Phyllis Loosemore Blumenstock 1956

Martha McQuate Lundquist 1957

Barbara Sharp Ruof 1958

Jean Hawk Baker 1958

Carole Ann Knight Zimmerman 1964

Susan Donharl Lowry 1965

Geraldine Shipp Cook 1967

Jacqueline Arndt Hagy 1967

Martha Gingrich 1970

Kathryn Jenkins Craig 1970

Dorothy Beachy Hathaway 1971

Rebecca Martin Nolt 1971

Eileen Fritz Gagliardi 1972

## Oral History of the School of Nursing

*This is open to nurses who graduated from the Lancaster General Hospital School of Nursing before 1975.*

Enjoy talking about your old nursing school days? We'd like to hear about them for an oral history of the School of Nursing. To share your memories of what was funny, sad, talk about learning experiences, etc., please contact Roxanne Wilson. She will give your name to the group writing the oral history and someone will contact you.

## Reunions

Please advise the alumni office of any reunion your class may be planning. We will assist in any way we can including providing class lists and posting information for you on the College website.

*The Nursing Class of 1953* celebrated 55 years since graduating. 27 classmates attended a luncheon at the Revere Tavern on September 20, 2008. A great time was had by all. *(See photo on page 7, top)*

*—submitted by Carroll Moore, '53*

## Reunions continued

*The Nursing Class of 1958* held their 50th reunion on September 27, 2008. We toured the Clinical Simulation Laboratory at Lancaster General College followed by a lunch in the LGH cafeteria. In the evening, 31 classmates and a total of 54 people including spouses attended dinner at “A Taste of Styles” in Columbia. Quite a few of the nurses traveled long distances to attend the reunion including Verna Swiegart Hertzler and Judith Allison Morrison from Florida; Joan Kautz Havill and Doris Bruckhart Cooper from North Carolina; Maryann Timozek Newlin from Georgia and Betty Novak Root from Michigan. Thanks to all for making it a great success and see everyone in two years for a luncheon.

(See photo at right, middle)

—submitted by *Audrey Harmon, '58*

*The Nursing Class of 1962* celebrated their 45th reunion on September 29, 2007, with dinner at the Stockyard Inn. Sixteen members including those from Arkansas, Florida, Arizona and Oregon enjoyed the evening reminiscing, updating, and sharing messages from those unable to attend.

—submitted by *Hagar Scott, '62*

*The Nursing Class of 1972* held its 35+ reunion on April 5, 2008. The group toured the College and Lancaster General Hospital.

## Oldest Living Alumnus

We are searching for the oldest living alumnus. If you are 90+ years old or you know of a classmate who is that age, please contact the Alumni Office.



*The Nursing Class of 1953 celebrating at the Revere Tavern.*



*The Nursing Class of 1958 celebrating at A Taste of Styles.*



*Barbara Conforti, Nursing Faculty, and Roxanne Wilson, Alumni Coordinator visited Jennie Baker, Class of 1930 on her 99th birthday, September 23, 2008 at Luther Acres. Jennie's daughter-in-law, Twila Baker, class of 1959, was visiting from Florida.*

# From the Development Office



At the end of September, we had the exciting opportunity to host an open house for alumni, prospective students, neighbors, and friends of our school. A torrential rainstorm didn't dampen the spirits of those who attended. How thrilled we were to have the Class of 1958 join us as they celebrated their milestone 50th reunion. This year's scholarship recipients were also honored at our Pillars of Excellence ceremony. It was a day to remember.

We eagerly hope our esteemed alumni will visit this premier facility. You will be awed by the new classrooms, Simulation Laboratory, Sonography Laboratory, as well as the hallway that showcases the timeline of the school's history. Have I enticed you enough yet? We welcome the opportunity to give you a tour and to also hear your stories when you were a student. You, as alumni, are vital to our past, present and future and we have the strong desire to engage

you in the life of this community. How fortunate we are to have faculty that are alumni here as well.

My time here at Lancaster General College of Nursing & Health Sciences has been short, just 1 year, but what an incredibly welcoming experience it has been. Prior to coming to the College, I served as Alumnae/Annual Giving Director at Linden Hall School in Lititz.

Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns. My office is adjacent to the main College entrance and along with Roxanne Wilson, your Alumni Coordinator, I will be pleased to show you this superior facility and to meet you in person!

## Warm regards,

Missy Cooper Anderson  
Senior Development Officer  
Lancaster General College of Nursing &  
Health Sciences



*College students in front of the administration building.*



*Faculty member Anne Cousar at our Admissions Open House.*



*Student Ambassador Bao Kha greets visitors at our Community Open House.*

# Lancaster General Legacy Society

The Lancaster General Legacy Society is a group of special friends who have remembered Lancaster General in their estate plans through a will or other deferred gift arrangement. The Society has several objectives:

- To provide a forum for Lancaster General to express on-going appreciation to Society members for the deferred gift plans they have made
- To involve members more closely in the life of Lancaster General. Share plans and goals for the future of Lancaster General and its entities including Lancaster General College of Nursing & Health Sciences
- To encourage friends who have already made estate plans that include Lancaster General College of Nursing & Health Sciences to discuss details of their gift plans and how those gifts might be used to maximize donors' personal interest and intent
- To offer a discrete array of events, mailings and seminars that provide social and philanthropic benefits to members – to add value to Society members estate planning process by monitoring ever-changing tax laws
- To increase efforts to identify new planned giving donors to Lancaster General and its entities and to celebrate existing donors so that others may choose to follow their lead

## How to become a member of the Lancaster General Legacy Society

Donors have selected any of a number of ways to make these deferred gifts. The following list suggests the most common ways to become a member of the Lancaster General Legacy Society. All are explained in detail in Lancaster General's *Planned Giving Reference Guide*.

- Bequests
- Gift Annuities
- Charitable Remainder Trust
- Charitable Lead Trust
- Retirement Accounts and Pension Plans
- Life Insurance
- Real Estate (in a Charitable Remainder Trust)

## The benefits of membership

People who provide for Lancaster General in their estate plans and complete a Society sign-up form will be considered for membership of the Lancaster General Legacy Society. Members will receive several benefits:

- **A membership gift** – All members will receive an attractive gold charm bearing the Lancaster General Legacy Society logo.
- **Invitation to an annual Society event** – Lancaster General will host an annual “thank you” dinner for new and existing members.
- **Personal visits and event invitations** – Members and key financial advisors/tax attorneys will be offered the opportunity to meet each year with a Development Office representative to review/update their gift plans for Lancaster General or simply to learn more about Lancaster General programs, plans, and progress.

## Become a member!

If you have questions about the Society, your membership, Society benefits, or if you would like information about how to make provisions for planned gifts to Lancaster General, please don't hesitate to call the Development Office at (717) 544-5236. There is no obligation, no pressure, and conversations are kept strictly confidential.



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