



Swedish
Covenant
Hospital

FALL 2015

THE *Caring* TIMES

A SWEDISH COVENANT HOSPITAL PUBLICATION FOR ALUMNAE OF THE SCHOOL OF NURSING

Letter from the SCHNAA Board

Dear Nurse Alumnae,

It is hard to believe that it has been 46 years since the last students graduated from the Swedish Covenant Hospital School of Nursing! We, as a board, are excited to see how Swedish Covenant Hospital continues to honor the profession of nursing, by supporting education, professional development and striving to deliver the best care to patients. We like to think that we were part of the foundation on which the current nursing tradition was built.

This year has brought many exciting opportunities for Swedish Covenant Hospital's nursing department. At this year's reunion, we bid farewell to Mary Shehan, Chief Nursing Officer for more than 20 years. Mary has been instrumental in making the nursing department what it is today, and is a true champion for the profession and her nursing staff.

Mary's greatest achievements at Swedish Covenant Hospital include two Magnet Recognitions®! Magnet Recognition® is the highest international distinction health care organizations and hospitals can receive for nursing excellence and outstanding patient care. Swedish Covenant Hospital was first designated in May 2010 by the American Nurses Credentialing Center and recently received a re-designation at the beginning of 2015. Currently, there are only 410 Magnet recognized hospitals in the world, and just 38 in Illinois.

Replacing Mary is Kathy Donofrio. Kathy has worked at Swedish Covenant Hospital since 1993, starting as a coordinator for cardiac rehab and stress testing and grew to become the Director of Cardiovascular Services and Associate Vice President of Nursing. Most recently, Kathy was integral in establishing the Mayora Rosenberg Women's Health Center.

Kathy hopes to expand opportunities for nurses by continuing to provide scholarships, while also supporting research projects and presentations by

Sue Tanner, '68 (left) and the alumni board presented Mary Shehan (right) with a gift at the reunion to thank her for her years of service at Swedish Covenant Hospital.



Swedish Covenant Hospital nurses and employees celebrate Magnet re-designation.

nurses at national conferences. Her vision is to provide the means necessary for nurses to pursue projects that will not only fulfill their personal interests, but also to advance the field of nursing at Swedish Covenant Hospital and beyond. We look forward to having Kathy join us for future reunions to hear about the great work she is doing to support nurses at Swedish Covenant Hospital.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Anderson
Class of '65

Joan A. Bickner
Class of '65

Sharon Eager
Class of '63

Carol Olson
Class of '61

Susan Tanner
Class of '68

Reunion Spotlight

Swedish Covenant Hospital Nursing Alumnae Association welcomed 60 alumnae for the annual reunion, held in June 2015 at the DoubleTree in Skokie, IL. The reunion celebrated the classes of 1955, 1960, and 1965. Alumnae from 15 states gathered for a weekend of fellowship.

Visit the SCHNAA section of www.swedishcovenantfoundation.org to view more photos from the reunion.



**Beverly (Johnson) Sparks, '55
Shirley (Starr) Klint, '51**



Class of 1955:

Standing (left to right): Patricia (Moxon) Martin, Beverly (Johnson) Sparks
Seated (left to right): Ruth Ann Jacobson, Susan (Rudeen) Macpherson, Terri (Rafos) Njaa, Betty Merington



Class of 1960:

Standing (left to right): Barbara (Larson) Diedrich, Marge (Tripp) Taylor, Marian (Holmgren) Ecklund
Seated (left to right): Mary E. (Palmquist) Haubold, Marcia (Goodrich) Whaley, Carole M. (Johanson) Johnson



**Phyllis (Smith) Roeder, '65
Susan E. (Pfleeger) Bolks, '65
Phyllis (Edfeldt) Johnson, '65
June F. (Wilmington) Smith, '65**

Class of 1965:

Standing (left to right): Phyllis (Edfeldt) Johnson, Margaret Olsen, Jean (Gustafson) Mark, Barbara (De Jonge) Bergst, Phyllis Anderson, Joyce K. (Coryell) Weinbrenner, Pat (Olson) Buckner, Cheryl J. (Johnson) Bengtson, Margaret L. (Nelson) Krehbiel, Mary (Holmertz) Johnson, Jill Jarrett, Carole (Carlson) Zull, Joan Dougherty, Joy Pankonin, Susan E. (Pfleeger) Bolks, Margaret (Lambert) Markey
Seated (left to right): Norma Singer, Jan D. (Sorensen) Berry, Carol (Fellows) Josefson, Joan A. (Johnson) Bickner, Helen (Ford) Rausch, Phyllis (Smith) Roeder, Jan (Thompson) Schmidt, Lynn (Nystrom) Stromberg, June F. (Wilmington) Smith, Wanda (Peterson) Mango Willmington, Judy (Kiser) Pyne





Margaret Olsen, '65
Cheryl J. (Johnson)
Bengtson, '65

Class of 1965



It's a small world after all (SCH version)

*It was a time of hope and a time of fear
The unknown was looming very near
But we met and we clicked
Clinical groups they were picked
And our lasting friendship sticks*

Chorus:

*We are Cov grads after all
We are Cov grads after all
We are Cov grads after all
We are Swedish Cov grads*

*It's a world of Fletcher, a world of McBride
Be sure to keep Baker on your side
Hiding in the sink was a real plus
'Cuz Franzen always kept her eyes on us*

*County tunnels gave us a scare
Not to mention Mrs. Wooster's stare
We heard whooping cough and saw chicken pox, too
County contage was a real zoo*

*What a great 3 years, we fulfilled our goal
To be nurses trained with our hearts of gold
And the friendships we have with our classmates so dear
We'll be sisters to the end.*

*Now a world of high tech, a world of apps
Everything's computed in an instant tap
But it cannot compare with our love and our care
'Cuz Cov grads are who we are!*

In Loving Memory

- M. Louise (Anderson) Hartley, '38 March 8, 2015
Genevieve (Wedein) Sinnott, '40 May 15, 2015
R. Marilyn Cedarleaf, '43 February 8, 2015
Mary (Lindberg) Sandhagen, '43 April 25, 2015
Elna (Johanson) Lungren, '44 July 26, 2015
Janet M. (Hansen) Tebo, '45 April 8, 2015
Phyllis Muriel (Spear) Stoltey, '46 August 13, 2015
Ruth E. (Lundberg) Noren, '47 June 10, 2015
Maxine R. (Gustafson) Nordahl, '51 December 2014
Jean Pulkin, '52 February 6, 2015
Miriam Freeman, '55 May 11, 2015
Carol Johnson, '54 June 10, 2015
Lois McRaven Jones, '59 October 11, 2014
Margaret J. (Johnson) Jansson, '60 September 7, 2014

In Memoriam Notes

Both M. Louise Hartley '38 and Phyllis Muriel Stoltey '46 felt that their experiences at Swedish Covenant Hospital tremendously influenced their paths in life.

The training that Louise received at Swedish Covenant Hospital had a major impact on her life, according to her daughter, Linda Hartley. Louise valued the education she received and had a special place in her heart for Swedish Covenant Hospital.

Likewise, Muriel felt the time that she spent at Swedish Covenant Hospital prepared her to tackle anything life might bring her. Her daughter, Lynne McKay, said that Muriel often wove together a compelling narrative of the good times and difficult times during her time as a nursing student.

Because of this, Louise's family, and Muriel chose to ask loved ones to make memorial gifts to Swedish Covenant Hospital in lieu of flowers. These generous donations will further nursing at Swedish Covenant Hospital and allow the hospital to continue to provide excellent patient care to the community.

This fall, two new brass leaves will be added to the Swedish Covenant Hospital Tree of Life to memorialize Louise and Phyllis Muriel. Located on the third floor of the hospital's main building, across from the Swedish Covenant Hospital Nursing School class photos, The Tree of Life grows through the generosity of Swedish Covenant Hospital's friends and family who wish to recognize someone while supporting high-quality healthcare for all patients.

REUNION Save the Date

SAVE THE DATE for the 2016 **SCH Nursing Alumnae Reunion** on June 11 at Swedish Covenant Hospital. The classes receiving special tribute this year are 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, and 1966. **More details to follow!**

Scholarships

Each year, the Swedish Covenant Hospital Nursing Alumnae Association Board is honored to present scholarships to undergraduate students at North Park University. This year, the board increased the number of awards, and provided four scholarships to very deserving students. The students each have experience at Swedish Covenant Hospital and came highly recommended. We are excited to announce the 2015 SCHNAA Scholarship recipients: Megan Arroyo, Sara Krawiec, Allison Murray, and Eduardo Salgado. Thank you to all who have contributed nursing dues and donations that have allowed us to make a difference in the lives of these students!



**2015 SCHNAA
Scholarship Recipients:
Megan Arroyo
Sara Krawiec
Allison Murray
Eduardo Salgado**



THE *Caring* TIMES

is a publication of Swedish Covenant Hospital's Nursing School Alumnae Association and produced by the SCH Foundation Office.

To learn more about the Hospital's current programs, upcoming events or to make a gift in support of Swedish Covenant Hospital, please call (773) 293-5121.

Please send any class notes or address updates to
Swedish Covenant Hospital
ATTN: Foundation Office
5145 N. California Ave.
Chicago, Illinois 60625

More information can be found on the
SCH Foundation website at
SwedishCovenantFoundation.org

RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED

5145 North California Avenue | Chicago, Illinois | 60625
773.878.8200 | SwedishCovenant.org

Swedish Covenant Hospital



NON PROFIT ORG.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Chicago, IL
Permit No. 2869