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Letter from the SCHNAA Board

Dear Nurse Alumnae,

This year's annual SCHNAA reunion was another joyous celebration. We were happy to connect with so many friends, who have become extensions of our family. I'm sure many of you feel the same. If you weren't able to make it this year, you were missed. This reunion saw many changes, including the relocation of the luncheon to the hospital. We appreciated being able to spend so much time in the hospital that played a significant role in shaping our lives.

In addition to the laughter and reconnecting, we also had the opportunity to learn about the changes taking place at Swedish Covenant Hospital. We were able to see for ourselves how the hospital has transformed through tours. We also learned about a priority the hospital has identified—addressing the needs of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.

The community surrounding the hospital comprises one of the most culturally diverse areas in the country. Many of these residents are recent immigrants—some of the city's most vulnerable individuals. Along with the many challenges these residents face, is the difficulty in seeking help for the abuses mentioned above. As a result, the hospital has created the violence prevention program to identify and respond to victims of violence—and it's making a big difference in the community.

Kate Lawler, women's advocate, led an intriguing presentation during the luncheon about this program and highlighted some of the ways the hospital is caring for victims of violence. She brought along care packages that are given to patients who need to seek a place to stay away from home and left without any belongings. This program is funded through donations to the hospital.

While the subject is somber, raising awareness of such a prevalent issue and leading the city in a



Women's Health Advocate, Kate Lawler, visits with a patient.



Kate provides care packages, like this one pictured, to individuals who are victims of violence and unable to return home to an unsafe environment.

hospital-based approach for addressing violence reminds us that the hospital is still very focused on meeting the needs of the community. With a new president at the helm, we feel confident that the hospital will continue with the mission to serve the needs of the community and assist those who are most vulnerable.

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

The annual Swedish Covenant Hospital Nursing Alumnae Associate reunion was a huge success, bringing together the largest group of alumnae in recent history. Seventy-five alumnae from 18 states were present, representing classes from 1946–1969. The reunion celebrated the classes of 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, and 1966. During the luncheon, Kathy Donofrio, CNO provided a brief update on the exciting things happening in the nursing department at Swedish Covenant Hospital; she was followed by Kate Lawler, women’s advocate, who gave a captivating overview of the violence prevention program.

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



Class of 1946:
Doris (Granstrom) Johnson and
Ruth (Roehrs) Kemnitz



Class of 1951:
Standing (left to right): Jeanne (Woudenberg) Ehmann, Julie (Holmquist) Klint, Elaine (Johnson) Suter, Adele Richardson
Seated (left to right): Shirley (Starr) Klint, Harriet (Brauer) Rupp, Martha (Maxwell) Vandevort



Class of 1956:
Standing (left to right): Ruth (Longman) Pontier, Bette Lou (Klingler) Obinger, Yvonne (Hunter) Wolfenberger, Carol (Rozema) Knapp, Helen (Lindroth) Vaporis
Seated (left to right): Arlene Peterson, Marilyn (Leet) Simon



Class of 1961:
Standing (left to right): Lowayne (Larson) Arnquist, Elaine (Marschman) Gorton, Ruth (West) Hawkinson, Judith Johnson, Marjorie (Johnson) Johnson, Ethel (Franson) Steffey
Seated (left to right): Karen (Akerlund) Adell, Catherine (Erb) Cousins, Carol (Cromley) Olson, Sandra (Wistrom) Cole, Janet Jones



Class of 1966:
Back row (left to right): Deanna (Oberg) Turner, Judith (Gordon) Benson, Mary Ann Ahlgren, Janet McBride, Judith (Upson) Schreiber, Nancy (Elmleaf) Lewis, Linda (Hastings) Rosenbaum
Middle row (left to right): Jeanette (Austin) Myra, Mary Ellen (Johnson) Peterson, Karin (Anderson) Essen, Karen Benson, Joan Zetterlund
Front row (left to right): Martha (Johnson) Frisk, Phyllis (Dahl) Bruce, Ruth Halverstadt, Lynne (Peterson) Springer, Nancy Arsenault

In Loving Memory

Marianne (Freels) Whitehead, '51 August 10, 2015
Margaret Wright, '50 September 12, 2015
Geraldine (Reath) Flynn, '44 November 18, 2015
Rhoda (Harlow) Hess, '60 December 6, 2015
Grace Nelson, '46 December 15, 2015
Linda (Bishop) Graves, '68 December 15, 2015
Ethelyn Nelson, '40 December 17, 2015
Matilda (Wiens) Bamrud, '54 February 12, 2016
Connie (Nelson) Thorpe, '64 March 12, 2016
Muriel (Erikson) Helander, '46 April 4, 2016



Judith (Upson) Schreiber, '66 addresses the alumnae on behalf of her class during roll call.



Carol (Rosema) Knapp, '56 looks through yearbooks during the reunion.



Nancy Arsenault, displays her baking.



Alumnae sing during the worship service.

REUNION *Save the Date*

SAVE THE DATE for the **2017 SCH Nursing Alumnae Reunion** on June 10 at Swedish Covenant Hospital. The classes receiving special tribute this year are 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, and 1967. **More details to follow!**

Alumnae Spotlight

Following is an excerpt from the *Swedish Covenant Hospital New & Views eNewsletter*. To read the full story, visit <https://swedishcovenantfoundation.org/mcbridel>

Through a fulfilling career in nursing, which brought Janet McBride from Northwest Indiana, to Chicago then New York City, Swedish Covenant Hospital has been the one constant in her life. A 1958 graduate of Swedish Covenant Hospital School of Nursing, Janet's experience was, and still is, very special to her. It is because of this strong connection that Janet continues to generously support nursing education at Swedish Covenant Hospital.

"I've been to many schools and Swedish Covenant Hospital was unique," Janet said. "We had such a tight bond because we lived, studied and worshiped together."

In 1962 Janet came back to Swedish Covenant Hospital and taught for five years. During this time Janet heard the late Virginia M. Ohlson speak to the nursing students and was very much impressed. Later she became a student and colleague of Virginia at the University of Illinois. Janet was instrumental in starting the Virginia Ohlson scholarship at Swedish Covenant Hospital, which annually awards financial assistance to nurses who wish to enhance their knowledge and careers through pursuit of advanced nursing degrees.

"As I look back, I know God guided me through all of those steps in my life," Janet said.



IN THE FIELD

Do you want to share your missionary work with your fellow alumnae? Email a couple of sentences about your work and we will post it on the SCHNAA page of the Swedish Covenant Hospital website at: swedishcovenantfoundation.org/get-involved/nursing-alumnae-association.

Scholarships

The Swedish Covenant Hospital Alumnae Association board was honored to again present scholarships to deserving group of undergraduate students at North Park University. In the Spring of 2016, the board approved to award \$6,500 in scholarships to six students. The students each have experience at Swedish Covenant Hospital and came highly recommended. We are excited to announce the 2016 SCHNAA Scholarship recipients: Nica Larkin, Andrew Pecson, Katie Kuksuk, Sarah Larson, Allison Murray, and Patricia Souffrant. 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!



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