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*Letter from the SCHNAA Board*

## Dear Nurse Alumnae,

Each year when we visit Swedish Covenant Hospital for the annual reunion, we learn about new programs and improvements at the hospital. This year's feature was the emergency department. It has certainly changed since the time we cared for patients.

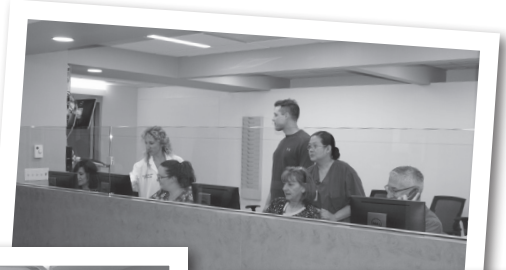
In November 2016, Swedish Covenant Hospital embarked on its most recent emergency department renovation – one that aims to help them serve the increasing number of patients, while reducing waiting times. And, nurses played a pivotal role in the design of this renovation!

Nursing staff dedicated countless hours to the emergency department design process. With the first phase of the renovation open, the hard work is starting to pay off.

Several of the design features of the renovation were made with the input of nursing, including:

- Nursing stations are configured to increase visibility of patient rooms, while maximizing privacy. Nursing stations face patient rooms, and include a short glass partition at the top. The glass allows nurses to have private conversations with each other, without hindering conversation with anyone on the other side of the partition.
- All rooms will be uniform throughout the emergency department. Previously, the ED was designed over many years, with each addition having a different design.
- Rather than specialized rooms for different populations, like geriatrics, pediatrics, and OB-GYN, carts will be available to make any room ready for these patients. This will allow for more flexibility to treat multiple patients simultaneously, rather than having to wait until a specific room is available.
- A room is being designated for victims of sexual assault. This room will have comfortable furnishings, and will be equipped with evidence collection materials, as well as a shower.

The new emergency department nursing stations are complete with a glass partition.



Renovated patient rooms have theater-style seating for visitors.



Mounted workstations in each patient room provide more space for patients and staff.



Nursing stations are equipped with ample workstations, and also face patient rooms.

- Two stadium chairs are being permanently installed in each room so that nursing staff will no longer need to scramble to find chairs for visitors.

These are only a few of the ways that nursing contributed to the new emergency department design. We are excited to see that nursing had a seat at the table in this important modernization project. As nurses, we are at the front line in patient care, and so much of the patients' experience relies on us. It is great to see that Swedish Covenant Hospital continues to grow to meet the needs of patients, and that nursing is critical to this.

Sincerely,

Joan A. Bickner  
*Class of '65*

Carol Olson  
*Class of '61*

Sharon Eager  
*Class of '63*

Susan Tanner  
*Class of '68*

# Reunion Spotlight

The annual Swedish Covenant Hospital Nursing Alumnae Associate reunion was a huge success, bringing together 45 alumnae for fellowship, hospital tours, lunch and presentations. Alumnae from 18 states were present, representing classes from 1947 to 1969. The reunion celebrated the classes of 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, and 1967. 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 Kimberly Leslie, clinical director of the Swedish Covenant Hospital Emergency Department who presented on the emergency department renovation, as well as community programs offered through the emergency department.

Visit the SCHNAA section of [www.swedishcovenantfoundation.org](http://www.swedishcovenantfoundation.org) to view more photos from the reunion.



**Class of 1947:**  
(Left to Right) Ruth M. (Roehrs) Kennnitz and Doris V. (Granstrom) Johnson



**Class of 1957:**  
Back row (left to right): Marcia (Ott) Becker and Evelyn (Johnson) Whelan  
Front row (left to right): Laurel (Freedell) Nelson and Ruth (Smith) Banker



**Class of 1962:**  
Back row (left to right): Katherine J. (Amsler) Sliemers, Nancy (Johnson) Elaine, Lois Ann (Conradt) Gaydos, Marilyn (Myhre) Doebler  
Front row (left to right): Annette S. (Moller) Biggar, Sylvia S. (Shepard) Helser, Barbara (Lindell) Martin



**Class of 1967:**  
Back row (left to right): Joan (Kroh) Cave, Anne (Tornholm) Berquam, Judy (Brown) Johnson, Ruth (Mattson) Prentice, Joan Smith, Jean (Wendells) Grahn, Suzanne (Nystrom) Anderson, Karen (Peterson) Smirl

Middle row (left to right): Linda (Sikkenga) Carlson, Margaret (Anderson) Arnson, Mya (Larson) Anderson, Marilynn (Moore) Helms, Julie (Anderson) Vonderlack, Katherine (Essen) Ramick, Kay (Bostrom) Bettenhausen  
Front row (left to right): Grayce (Thomas) Motsay, Charlotte (Tuttle) Bush, Patricia (Haarstad) Webster, Glady (Thon) Sander, Karen (Dahl) Kraaz





SCHNAA alumnae appreciate patient artwork made through the Healing Arts program during the hospital tour.



The class of '57 poses with their class photos during the hospital tour. Pictured left to right are: Evelyn (Johnson) Whelan, Marcia (Ott) Becker, Ruth (Smith) Banker, Laurel (Freedell) Nelson.



Margaret (Anderson) Arnson, '67, Linda (Sikkenga) Carlson, '67, and Ruth (Mattson) Prentice, '67 pose during the luncheon.



Janet L. McBride, '58 speaks during the luncheon.



Kathleen (Friberg) Anderson, '68, Faith (Wunsch) Hamilton, '68 and Susan (Johnson) Tanner, '68 pose during the luncheon.



Caroline (Brassington) Shoberg, '58 chats with Sylvia S. (Shepard) Helser, '62 during the breakfast reception.

Alumnae listen to the luncheon presentations.



## In Loving Memory

- Jeannette (Mitchell) Ackley, '39 June 30, 2017
- Carolyn L. Coleman, '54 July 10, 2016
- Bonnie (Calm) Ericksson, '64 December 30, 2016
- Dorothy (Larson) Erskine, '42 April 29, 2017
- Vera (Ivey) Franklin, '60 August 22, 2017
- Dorothy Hedin, '45 August 13, 2016
- Mary W. (Wiseman) Holmes Barlow, '59 February 3, 2017
- Carol (Johnson) Lewis, '62 May 2, 2017
- Patricia (Moxon) Martin, '55 January 4, 2017
- Mary Ellen (Johnson) Peterson, '66 September 24, 2016
- Mae Simonson, '48 November 3, 2016
- Martha (Maxwell) Vandevort, '51 November 12, 2016
- Shareen Winnie, '59 September 8, 2017

## REUNION Save the Date

**SAVE THE DATE** for the **2018 SCH Nursing Alumnae Reunion** on Saturday, June 16 at Swedish Covenant Hospital. The classes receiving special tribute this year will be 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, and 1968.

We are planning a special reunion for 2019, when our youngest class reaches their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we invite all alumnae to join us to celebrate. We look forward to updating you on this exciting event.

# Scholarships

The Swedish Covenant Hospital Alumnae Association board was honored to present scholarships to a deserving group of undergraduate students from North Park University. 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!

Jessica Craigie,  
Susan (Johnson) Tanner, '68,  
and Celina Gilman



Kaitlynn Goff and Robyn Jackson,  
director of nursing critical care services/  
ED at Swedish Covenant Hospital



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