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President's Corner...

My Fellow Alumni,

I was so happy to hear that the ground hog at Wildwood Park had predicted an early Spring and then the snows of the past few weeks came, Drat! I was so looking forward to an early Spring.

You will have received your postcard to renew your membership in our Alumni. Thank you to the 100 or so who immediately returned these to Jan Blaszczyk. More are sure to come and we thank you. You will also receive the ballot to complete and return to Karen Miller. My thanks to those who have agreed to serve. You will notice that I have agreed to serve once again as your President. I have had some health issues this past year or so and strongly considered retiring but since I have been feeling better will give in another two years.

This year's Spring Banquet will be May 2, 2025 at the Hilton Garden Inn at Levis Commons in Perrysburg. The class of 1975, the golden anniversary class, will be our guests but we will honor those from the classes that end 0 or 5. Of course all are welcome to honor their years at our School of Nursing. You will find a registration form in this newsletter. The banquet also serves as our Annual Meeting according to our By-laws and Constitution.

Sue LaPointe and I have re-typed and updated the Constitution and By-laws to show the changes voted on in the years past. These have been reviewed with the current board. Jan Blaszczyk and I met via zoom with Tad Sobieszczanski of TFO, formerly known as TDC. We continue to be in solid financial standing. Investing and spending cautiously. When we first moved our money to the Delp Company our goal was to extend our funds so that there was scholarship money available until our last class was 50 years graduated. This is a reachable goal.

We continue to meet monthly, on the second Monday of the month, at my home and have moved the time to meet at 4:30pm, so that we are home before it is too dark. Each month we have scholarships to review and award. These go to students at all levels from initial nursing degree to various graduate and post graduate programs. Each year we also give Christmas donations to charities. This year we awarded money to the Marguerite d'Youville Fund at St. Vincent's, the Mildred Bayer Clinic and to Christ United Methodist Church, on the East Side of Toledo for its various ministries.





My thanks to the ladies on the board for their dedication. Sue LaPointe, graciously records and provides to us within 24 hours the minutes of these meetings. Mary Bussing has taken on the duties of the Spring Banquet. Tami Oberhaus will greet the 50-year class, Karen Miller is counting ballots and will report to you at the banquet. Jan Blaszczyk continues to keep our finances in order. Tina has a great system for the intake of scholarship application. We that support and work with them say thanks. Please come to the Banquet and meet us and share any concerns with us.

We so appreciate all of you who keep us current on the happenings of our graduated. Sadly, most recently these have been in the form of obituaries and death notices. Please keep these coming but feel free to share happy news as well. I was notified that Mary Helen (O'Connell) Laney '67, aka MHOC had died in Colorado, where she had moved to be closer to her daughter. She and I had gone to grade school and St. V's together. RIP, my friend. Another classmate, Betty Hilson Petrey has moved from Fort Wayne to Paulding, Ohio and is recuperating from a hip replacement in her "granny pod". Judy Hanus Bennett has gone to Fort Myers for the worst of winter and my 'roomie Marsha Refermat Musil hope to visit next winter.

That is all the news that is the news from my desk.

Regards and best wishes to all,

Pat Rice Yancy'67 Alumni President

Save THE Date 2025 Alumni Banquet/Annual Meeting Friday, May 2, 2025 Hilton Garden Inn at Levis Commons Cost: \$35 **Registration Deadline: April 19, 2025** Registration form included in this newsletter.

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The 2025 Alumni Banquet/Annual Meeting is fast approaching. Mark your calendars for May 2, 2025 and join us at the Hilton Garden Inn at Levis Commons. It is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with classmates and dorm mates and hear what is happening at St. Vincent. Specific details, including reservation information, can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. The class of 1975 will be the honored/anniversary class. A special thank you to Joyce Miller who worked tirelessly to locate members of the class and make sure the evening will be special for the class. Another big shout out to Tami Oberhaus who took over the anniversary class duties when a family emergency caused Joyce to bow out. It might be interesting to have a competition with the various classes to see who can have the greatest representation.

Our Alumni Association continues to encourage education through our scholarship program. Listed below are the scholarships available along with a link for the criteria and application process. Many of us have family members who are following in our footsteps and pursuing a career in nursing. Please read the criteria and encourage them to apply.

Cliff Note Version of the Scholarships:

The John and Nellie Baillet Scholarship

Virginia (Pat) Baillet Altschuller established this scholarship in honor of her parents. It contains both an endowed component and an interest component. We can spend only from the interest fund. This scholarship was created to provide a financial resource for undergraduate nursing students, who are relatives of St. Vincent School of Nursing Alumni.

The Consolidated Fund

Merges scholarships were founded by the Alumni to honor their mentors and role models, specifically Sister DeCary, Sister Hartman, Sister Cousineau, and Miss Eleanor Walsh. These funds support nursing education for undergraduate, graduate, and special education that leads to certification and continuing education allowing for the awarding of discretionary funds for special situations, and support the Alumni Association. The Human Resource Fund allows nurses, not our alumni to have access to short-term educational funds.

Chase away the Winter	blues with	this fun	Word Search.
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For criteria and applications visit: www.toledostvincentalumni.org

Our Treasurer, Jan Blaszczyk, has received several inquiries regarding the dues notices about who qualifies as a perpetual member. A perpetual member is anyone who graduated 50 + years ago. The increased of living is recognized but it is also recognized that since the School closed in 1999 and our alumni continue to age any monetary contributions by perpetual members toward postage or the general fund is appreciated.

Toward the end of the newsletter is the form for the Nursing Honor Guard. In case you have not had a chance to view one of these ceremonies it is very moving and makes a lasting impression. Please consider filling out the form and passing it on to the family member who will be making your final arrangements or send to the funeral home directly.

Last but not least, I encourage you to mail back your ballot for officers for the upcoming term.



Alumni News

Marilyn Knapp Baldwin from the class of 1956 is living at 1518 Dustin Cade Dr. New Braunfels Texas 78130-1122. She has been a widow for several years. She has four children and 20 great grandchildren. Now that she is retired, she enjoys knitting, watching television and attending senior exercise classes. Her email address is: Marilyn_596@hotmail.com

Susan Carr Terry from the class of 1968 is living at 801 Dahlia Lane Rochester Hills Michigan 48307. Susan tells us she has been married to Butch Terry for 32 years and they have a blended family of nine children, 19 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Her mother was also an alumni from St. Vincent graduating in 1933. Her email address is: mimi10747@aol.com.



The Alumni Board would like to express our sincerest sympathy on the passing of the following.

<u>Alumni</u>

Jennie Andryc Gargotto 1947 Nancy Miller Semetko 1951 Suzanne Malloy Conrad 1954 Margaret Claire Lowe 1955 Barbara Lawniczak Biela 1957 Loretta Gaynier Cory 1961 Jane Behringer Brindle 1962 Sallye Longeway Condon 1962 Rita Gross Schindler 1963 Annette Quigley Martin 1965 Candace Williston Shumaker 1966 Mary Helen O'Connell Laney 1967 Patricia Thompson Hyde 1968 Kathleen Pfiefer Schmidt 1970 Sue Ellen Early Badas 1975 Lynn Tillman Huepenbecker 1978 Anna Verhesen formerly Sr. Ann Verhesen







Brother Deb Chandler Thompson 1978

Granddaughter Angie Green

<u>Husband</u> Marcia Jurek McDaniel 1961 Susie Mossing Szaroleta 1983

Non-Alumni but 43 year St. Vincent Employee Sandra Czubachowski