



President's Corner...

My Fellow Alumni,

Happy 2026 to each of you. I hope that the holidays were kind to you and that you are healthy. Your Alumni Board had a busy year end and are looking forward to the New Year.

As the year ended we made donations to the NW Ohio Food Bank, Mobile Meals and to the food pantry at St. Martin de Porres. We awarded 48 scholarships for a total of \$51,674.24. this was 5.99% of our funds and thus meets our tax exempt status and continues our mission of supporting nursing education of various levels.

In October, Kathy Holmes, Dianne Buck and I attended the Founders Day celebration at St. Vincent. This included Mass in the Chapel, a luncheon and panel discussion moderated by Paul Riffon, Mission Director. Participants included Mercy Sister Dorothy Thum, Sylvania Franciscan Sister Mary Thill and by zoom Sister Marcia Wiley, SGM from Lexington, Massachusetts. Each speaker addressed the role of St. Vincent from its inception 170 years ago until now. In addition, Sister Marcia mentioned how proud she was of her service at St. Vincent and to be a graduate of St. Vincent School of Nursing in 1966. (We are so proud of her) The Founders Day celebration has become an annual event in October and I would encourage any of you who would be able to attend to do so.

This newsletter will include a registration form for the Spring Banquet, which will be held May1, 2026, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Perrysburg. Our honored guests will be the members of the class of 1976, celebrating their 50 year anniversary. Anniversary classes whose graduation year ends in a 6 or a 1 are encouraged to come celebrate with us. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate our heritage, education and pride as a graduate of St. Vincent School of Nursing. The 50 year class will receive a separate registration form. All others are encouraged to use the one in this newsletter.

This month we sent out our annual Dues Notice as a postcard, please return to our Treasurer, Jan Blaszczyk. This past year we had 366 paid members. You will also be receiving a ballot to vote for our Vice President, Treasurer, 3 trustees and one change to our Constitution. This change is for Article VII Quorum, changing the number for a quorum for our monthly meetings from 6 to 7. (This will be 1 + 50% of our board) An affirmative vote is appreciated. This ballot can be returned to Mary Bussing.

The Alumni Board continues to meet monthly at my home on the 2nd Monday of the month, except for June, July and August. We meet a bit earlier now, at 4:30pm, so that we are home before it is too late in the evening. Please call me or any of the board if you have questions or concerns to be discussed.



The Board recognized a need to update the print copy of our Constitution and Bylaws. This has been quite a labor, as we have voted and approved multiple changes over the years but never updated the print copy. This has now been done. Many thanks to Sue LaPointe who did the physical entries and updates, and to the board members who proofed and offered input to assure all is complete and correct. We will try to get these on our website once completed and the last Constitution change approved.

My thanks to our Alumni Board members, for their attendance and attention to our needed business meetings and supporting the goals and mission of our St. Vincent School of Nursing Alumni. Let's make it a wonderful year. Take care and God bless each of you.

Sincerely,  
Pat Rice Yancy '67  
Alumni President

**The Alumni Board would like to express our heartfelt sympathy on the passing of the following:**



**Alumni**

Alberta Froelich Kwiatkowski, 1952  
Patricia Pfaffenberger Arvay, 1953  
Dee Rogers Moline, 1954  
Joan Keiser Walborn, 1954  
    also daughter of Ruth Keiser, 1954  
Betty McPherson Teall, 1954  
Lucy Rulman Weaver Marckel, 1954  
Rosalie Langenderfer Sexton, 1954  
Marilyn Knapp Baldwin, 1956  
Phyllis Gephart Snyder, 1956  
Marcia Kellermeier Grossman, 1960  
Alice Kubista, 1962  
Susan Clemen Stone, 1963  
Diane Feck Callahan, 1964  
Tami Hunt Farthing, 1965  
Kathleen Reiter Eckman, 1967  
Patricia Winklea Kaspar, 1971

**Alumni (continued)**

Virginia Arcuda Venendaal, 1971  
Carole Hubbard Churchill, 1975

**Parent**

Lynn Kitchen Langel - Mother, 1974

**Spouse**

Barb Halpin Adamczak - Husband, 1958  
Pat Leonard Meyer - Husband, 1960  
    he was also the brother of Wilma Zielinski  
Julia Kosnikowski - Husband, 1964  
Terry Francis Hankenhof - Husband, 1979

**Sibling**

Jeanne Kissel McCale - Sister, 1967  
Joan Kellermeier Sielauck - Sister, 1967  
    Marcia Grossman (1960)

**Friend of St. Vincent SON**

Anthony Geraci M.D.



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## Alumni News

Mark Huston '74 writes to say he and his wife recently took a 9-day trip to Egypt with a cruise on the Nile. He also had bilateral cataract surgery. When he is not traveling the world, Mark volunteers for the local Meals on Wheels. Mark will be returning to Toledo in June for his Whitmer High School Reunion.

Ann Smith Dunnett '81 5602 Woodridge Dr. Toledo 419-410-7486 (ann.dunnett@aol.com), retired in June of 2025 after 44 years as an Oncology Nurse. After starting her nursing career on the oncology unit at St. Vincent, Ann transitioned to the Hickman Cancer Center at ProMedica Flower Hospital. Over her career she has witnessed many wonderful changes in oncology care. Her plans now include spending more time with her three grandchildren including the one who lives in Texas. She is very proud of graduating from St. Vincent School of Nursing.

While the next two alumnae are no longer with us, information provided by the family is included in this newsletter since the hospital celebrated its 170th anniversary last year. It speaks to the success of our graduates.

Joan Keiser Walborn '54 was part of the second class of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists. She obtained her certification in 1970.

Susan Clemen Stone '63 began her nursing career as a hospital nurse. She realized that patient care does not stop upon discharge from the hospital, so she returned to college obtaining an undergraduate degree from Michigan State University and a graduate degree in Public Health from the University of Michigan. She spent the remainder of her career at the U of M teaching, performing outreach and research. She also was a co-author of the first textbook "Comprehensive Community Health Nursing". Her family reported Sue maintained a friendship with fellow classmates Joyce Morrie, Lucretia Rosingarten, Marilyn Miller and Ann (last name unknown). Her eulogy included: N – Never giving up U – Understanding the needs of others R – Rest only after others you love are safe S – Share your expertise and love E – Everyone is important

Keep up with your classmates at the ANNUAL ST. VINCENT ALUMNI REUNION BANQUET – Friday, May 1, 2026 at the Hilton Garden Inn. See the registration form within this newsletter. NOTE: Checks are not cashed until AFTER the banquet. If you would like a confirmation that your check was received, please include your email address on the registration form. Payment must be made in advance – No money accepted at the door.

As stated in the President's Letter, you'll receive a separate mailing regarding a proposed change to the Constitution as well as a brief bio and ballot for officers. Please be sure to vote. Future issues of the newsletter will include information regarding the history of St. Vincent Hospital and the School of Nursing specifically.



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### **Available Scholarships**

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.

**For criteria and applications visit: [www.toledostvincentalumni.org](http://www.toledostvincentalumni.org)**



## ST. VINCENT ALUMNI REUNION BANQUET

**◆◆ Deadline for Registration: NO LATER THAN April 15, 2026 ◆◆**

**WHEN: FRIDAY, May 1, 2026**

**WHO: ALL ALUMNI REGARDLESS OF CLASS YEAR**

**WHERE: Hilton Garden Inn**

**6165 Levis Commons Blvd, Perrysburg, Oh,43551**

**TIME: 5:15 PM Cocktails (Cash Bar) and Hors d'oeuvres**

**6:00 PM Class pictures, bring your own camera/phone**

**6:15 PM Dinner**

**COST: \$35.00 (Must be paid in advance, no money accepted at door)**

**Hotel Room:** Rooms are being held under St Vincent Alumni (ask for group rate) \*\*  
Friday April 17, 2026: room rate: two queen \$139

Banquet Chairman: Mary Bussing ([mary.bussing@utoledo.edu](mailto:mary.bussing@utoledo.edu)) and Tammie Oberhaus ([Ober00@charter.net](mailto:Ober00@charter.net)) will chair the honored **50 Year Anniversary Class of 1976 who will be our guests.** A separate mailing will be sent to the 50 year class.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **MAIDEN:** \_\_\_\_\_

**YEAR OF GRADUATION:** 19 \_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_ **I will e-mail confirmation.**

**PLEASE SELECT:** \_\_\_\_\_ Pan Seared Salmon  
\_\_\_\_\_ Hazelnut Chicken  
\_\_\_\_\_ Special request/dietary needs

**Enclose the fee of \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_ (make check payable to St. Vincent Alumni Association)**  
**(checks will be deposited May 2026)**

**Please return this portion to: Mary Bussing**  
**5229 Burgess Drive**  
**Sylvania, Ohio 43560**  
**419-779-6957**

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