

DID YOU KNOW ... ??!?

**Laurie Nagelsmith, 1987
AMCSN graduate**

has had a long career in nursing and education. She received her Bachelor's in Nursing, a Master's in Nursing from Sage Colleges and a PhD from the University at Albany. She has worked in many varied nursing positions over the years. Today she is a nurse educator at Excelsior College in New York. In an interview she said, "I began my education and career at Albany Medical Center School of Nursing's diploma program in 1984 – the same program my mother graduated from about 25 years before!" She also noted "To be successful in nursing, you need to begin with solid clinical knowledge and skills, and you need to be comfortable being in very intimate relationships with people in difficult times."

**Bernadette Pedlow, a 1968
AMCSN graduate**

was recently recognized for her 40 years experience as a nurse and her 30 year membership and fellowship in the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE). She has held positions at the Daughters of Charity Health Systems, Seton and is now senior vice president for hospital business services and hospital chief operating officer at Albany Medical Center.

**Elizabeth Rutter DiMeo
UUSN Fall '51**

As a nursing student, staff nurse and nursing instructor at AMC, I'm happy to announce the publication of my new mystery novel: *The Preacher's Dead*. Of course the heroine is a nursing instructor – not in New York – but in North Carolina, where I've lived for the last 40 years. If you're interested, it's available as an e-book (NOOK) at Barnes and Noble and in paperback and e-book for Kindle at amazon.com.

A Collection of Nursing Memorabilia Honors Customs and Traditions

Details Tell the Story of Our Venerable Past

A remarkable collection donated to the AMCSN Alumni Association by the family of Anita Markham Sieber is on display in the Pillars lobby of the Medical Center. Anita graduated in 1959 and subsequently received a Bachelor's degree from the State University of New York. She worked for 21 years at the Lewis County General Hospital and then for St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center. She retired in 1996 but continued to work part time at Claxton Hepburn Medical Center. She passed away on March 22, 2013.

Anita saved a remarkable collection of nursing memorabilia. On display are her white uniform (with studs of course), her AMC cape and nursing cap. Her cap came with directions for cleaning: use brush and soapy water and an admonishment to never wring it out! Along



with her black band are directions that the band must be ¼ inch wide and be placed 1¼ inches from the fold to the bottom of the ribbon. Finally she saved white bobby pins that were so essential to securing one's cap.

Looking at this collection takes one back to our days of studding our uniforms, carefully caring for our cap and the thrill the first time you could attach a black band to your cap. Many thanks to the Sieber family for donating these items that bring a smile and reminder of our past.

ALUMNI OUT AND ABOUT

At the Alumni Christmas Party

A Christmas party is held annually in the Albany area. In addition to the pleasure of seeing each other there is much laughter as we sing some old "unofficial" AMC songs and choose grab bag gifts. If you are interested in coming contact one of the officers.

ABOVE: Christmas party attendees sing together. RIGHT: At the 25 year club.



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OBITUARIES

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the families of the following Graduates:

DECEASED	CLASS	DATE OF DEATH
Patricia Birmingham Childs		5/31/14
Naomi R. Beadleston Cole	'49	7/19/14
Joyce E. Krutz Dillenback	'66	12/01/12
Janet Lee Montayne Johnson		1/16/13
Lucy C. Fragomeni		1/19/13
Mary Jean Ringlehan Garbe	'53	1/25/13
Gloria Margiotta Miller	'52	1/21/14
Shirley J. Kronsbein Overbeek	'53	2/23/13
Joan M. (Provancher) Phelps	'53	2/23/14
Mary C. Haley Skinkle		3/15/13
Anita Markham Sieber	'59	3/22/13
Betsy Collier Stinner	'66	3/24/13
Vivian Agana Harrell	'51	4/09/13
Jean Greenough Priess	'55	4/14/13
Susan Fulton Van Vranken		1/23/14
Carolyn Sweet	'55	8/8/14
Mary Louise Lennon	'61	7/21/14
Dorothy Bowes	'51	12/19/13

We hold the graduates who have lost family members in our thoughts and prayers:

Elsie Linglebach Whiting	'55	(Husband)	07/07/14
Elizabeth Sinicropi	'74	(Mother)	03/12/14
Marcia Woodward Gaffney	'59	(Husband)	06/02/13
Frances Lazicki Maurel		(Son)	04/14/13

Physicians Who Have Passed:

Michael G. Melas	01/22/13
Jesse T. Henderson, Jr.	04/02/13
Kevin Delgado Barron	10/28/13
Peter M. Horvath	11/14/13
Louis P. Gagliardi	12/01/13

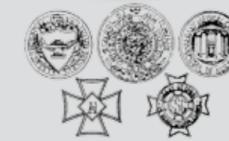
A person and friend known to many of us:

Rose M. Nunziato	01/21/13
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We would like to share a special thank you to Carolyn Sweet (who we recently lost very suddenly) for hosting our annual holiday party at the Mohawk Country Club. We appreciate her devotion to the Alumni Association and her positive attributes. The venue will remain at the Mohawk Country Club again this year. We look forward to seeing you all there to share kick off the holiday season.

Our Deepest Sympathy is extended to the families and friends of the Deceased



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Class lists are available to graduates of a school- contact one of the alumni officers.

Caps are available from:
Albany Medical College Bookstore
New Scotland Avenue, Albany, N.Y. 12208
Telephone: 262-5444

Union University caps are \$4.50 + 4% tax
AMC caps are \$6.75 +4% tax.
Shipping and handling for all caps is \$2.00

All pins are available from Herff-Jones at
1-800-837-3489 ext. 3273.

White Pillars

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The Albany Med campus continues to grow!

In the past few years we have added:

- 1994** 60 New Scotland Avenue parking garage for 1,400 cars
- 2006** Physician's Pavilion (A Building), 43 New Scotland Avenue for outpatient visits
- 2007** Hilton Garden Inn at Albany Medical Center, Recovery Room Grill, KeyBank and Starbucks across the street from the hospital
- 2008** Albany Medical Center office building, 22 New Scotland Avenue
- 2009** Albany Med Physician offices, CVS Pharmacy and State Employees Federal Credit Union at 16 New Scotland Avenue.



pavilion addition. It sits on the site of the former intern's residence (U building) and currently has four floors with the ability to add more floors above it if needed.

The next project is a cooperative effort with the city to revitalize the community surrounding the main campus and will bring new streetscapes, retail outlets, and housing options to the area along with a professional building and parking garage, promising to make the area more attractive for businesses and residents. Buildings along Morris St. and Myrtle Avenue will be demolished to allow room for this project.

For those who are not in Albany to see the expansion of the medical center, this is a photograph of the recently opened B Building patient

The pavilion is connected to the main hospital and houses new operating rooms, preop testing and check-in, postoperative care unit as well as a new surgical ICU, neonatal ICU, surgical trauma unit and orthopedic unit.

In front of the building is a lovely seating area for staff, patients and families to use in nice weather. The area is built on a base of brick pavers. Pavers were sold prior to the opening of the building and purchased by many employees and others. The alumni association purchased a paver (see picture) to assure that our legacy lives on in the newest part of the center.

Message from the AMCSNAA President

Greetings and salutations AMCSN Assoc. Membership!! We are well on our way to yet another year. It's true, you know, the older one gets the faster the time flies. 2013 was another busy year for our Alumni. Let me share a FEW of the hi-lights.

So much planning goes into our annual reunion each May. Attendees arrive looking for "big sisters," "little sisters," roommates, best friends ... Miss Treutler and Sandy Scudder are always "big hits." The program held in Huyck Auditorium is a walk down memory lane and quite inspirational and memorable. Each member of the 50 year Class is "pinned," receives a candle and a single red rose. Individual and class pictures are taken by a professional photographer. Everyone entering the auditorium is given a printed program. A sit down lunch is served in Choice's Café where tables are arranged by class. The Choice's staff serves the meal with all of the attention and detail of a fine restaurant. They outdo themselves every year. If you haven't been you should really come. Year after year we watch as people arrive not sure how things are going to go and in no time the sound of laughter and squeals of friends who haven't seen each other in years is deafening. For those who work so hard to pull all of this together it makes it all worth it. Come early and plan to stay and be sure to see how the "old AMCH" is morphing into a world class facility.

Completion of a very large quilt representing the Nursing Organization at AMC is underway and should soon be on display at a location yet to be announced. Each of the Patient Care Units as well as areas that support Patient Care designed, created and completed a square showcasing their area of expertise. A total of 56 squares (46 designed by the units) form this labor of love and work of art. A dedicated group worked for many hours measuring, trimming, sewing, ironing, bordering and pull-

ing it all together. The group included volunteers from the AMC Auxiliary, AMCSN Alumni Assoc. and AMC employees from Patient Care Units (RN and ASA staff) the Volunteer Depart. and the Healing Arts Service. Be sure to find time to view this, you will be pleasantly surprised.

Late summer and early fall saw the historical opening of the new six story Patient Pavilion with a second bridge over New Scotland Ave. connecting to the newest covered parking garage and the Surgeon's Pavilion. Featuring primarily private rooms, adult ICU areas and a new NICU, OR, PACU as well as a modern large M/S unit everything is state of the art and the latest equipment. It is quite a hike from the West entrance of the Physician's Pavilion (A Bldg. formerly K Bldg.) through the Main Bldg. corridor, past the C,D, and E Bldgs. to the exits of the Patient Pavilion (B Bldg.). Roller skates or skateboards anyone???? So many changes in such a short time AND there is much more to come in the neighborhood. Several members of the AMCSN Alumni were recruited to function as escorts and guides as the units opened.

The year ended with the annual Christmas party in early December. Well attended and very lively, it has become a welcome bright spot preceding the hectic holidays.

What I have hi-lighted here is not a complete list of activities your Alumni participates in but just a sampling of things the organization chooses to do each year as well as some of the events we are asked to assist with through our close liasons with the Volunteer Office, the AMC Auxiliary and the office of Mary Ellen Plass, RN Senior Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer.

I would be remiss if I did not take the time to recognize those who have made all of this and so much more happen. Each and every elected official and Board Member has con-

sistently worked as a dedicated member of the Alumni team. These efforts go a long way in keeping our association alive and vibrant. This is a rich heritage that has been passed from officers and board members of years prior who have proven to be invaluable mentors and we thank them for their shining example. Sharon Habiniak has gone the extra mile doing the work of the President in addition to the V.P. duties. Shirley Myers has taken on the combined duties of Secretary and Corresponding Secretary as well as supporting Sharon and always willing to tackle what needs to be done. Carol Carman has worked consistently with Mary Ann Walsh to keep the Reunion a special event and has agreed to assist with the Newsletter. (Thank you Jess King for single-handedly keeping the newsletter going all these years) Mary Carey has taken over the Treasurer duties from Mary Ann Walsh. Last but not least, Leslie Mathews, who is always available and willing to support Sharon when needed. Several of these individuals work full time in addition to their Alumni duties. This recognition in no way is meant to minimize the efforts or support of any one person, but rather express my gratitude to those who have kept things going in my absences, as 2013 was not the best of years for me personally, but the support of these people helped me get through it in relation to Alumni business. We are very fortunate to have such a great team.

Thank you one and all. I hope everyone has a happy, healthy 2014 and beyond.

Jann K. Luniewski, RN MS
Immediate Past President
AMCSN Alumni Assoc.



ROW 1: Mary Crosier (Allen), Carolyn Gries (Austin), Janet Klopp (Berger) Sharon Witman (Bilonos), Mary McDonald (Boehme) Dorothy Johannsen (Carroll) **ROW 2:** Barbara White (Carter), Connie Kudlak (Congdon), Carolyn Wildstein (Darwak), JoAnn Morawiec (Fraval), Christine Galka (Fontecchio), Gail Williams (Hammond) **ROW 3:** Mary Ann Walsh (Jameson), Jerrilyn Yeates (Jukes), Mary Agnes Balsam (Kennedy), Margaret Alonzo (Lawatsch), Mary Beth Reville (Martin), Beverly Trombley (Navin) **ROW 4:** Bonnie Racine (Nordin), Katherine Y. Runge, Charla Cook (Savage) **ROW 5:** Karen Arndt (Seufert), Martha Judson (Woodward), Norma "Wally" Kelleman (Yamamoto)

AMCSNAA Honors The Class of 1963

At the 2013 reunion

From mere observation the Class of '63 seemed to start reconnecting as soon as they hit Albany on Friday evening until their final good byes that Sunday. Everyone seemed to enjoy their day Saturday at the reunion and it just continued on until Sunday's finale. Those attending hailed from as near as Albany and as far away as Arizona, Florida and Georgia. Of course "Team Leading" just seems to carry over into our lives no matter what the occasion or situation. So no surprise that it presented itself now for their reunion. Recognition and kudos for a job well done to the Co-Chairman MaryAnn (Jameson) Walsh (bottom, left) and Midge (Lawatsch) Alonzo (bottom, center).



ROW 1: Joan Locatelli (Cochrane), Ann L Luffred (Costello), John P Danner, Diane Breivis (DeRose) **ROW 2:** Kathie Chase(De Witt), Carole Harris (DiPasquale), Carrie Lyons (Edmunds), Paulette Pertgen (Kaczmarek), Rita Michalek (Kyme), Denise Earl (Manning) **ROW 3:** Dawn Y. Montavon (Momrow), Betty Becker (Moore), Jackie Brown (Russell), Eileen Seery (Rybak), Lynne Hart (Sanford), Carla Stolzenhaller (Schmitz) **ROW 4:** Barbara A. Leafer (Simpson), Linda Baldwin (Weidemann), Linda Newman (Zuschlag)



CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE LEFT: Carla Stolzenhaller, Rita Michalek, Singing our alma mater, John Danner.

A note from the class of '74 who also celebrated their 40th reunion

Miss Treutler greeted us, "Welcome Home" and so the reunion began. The hospital we knew 40 years ago has certainly changed with the advance of technology and new construction. Registration, a light breakfast, and hospital tours began on F-2. Our guides lead us through new patient towers, outdoor gardens and two enclosed bridges that pass over New Scotland Avenue connecting the Albany Medical Center Hospital with the Hilton Hotel, doctors' offices and clinics. Alumni were finally back on familiar ground when the group head-

ed to Huyck Auditorium for the Class of 1964 Pin Ceremony, reciting the Florence Nightingale Pledge and singing our Alma Mster. Then off to lunch at Choices Café where stories and laughs were shared. Sharon Granito Habiniak and Mary Ann Miosek Murphy attended this portion of the program.

Later that evening, Don and Barbara "BJ" Cronin Potter, Sue Dittmer McClintock, Sharon Granito Habiniak, Bryan and Mary Ann Miosek Murphy continued the reunion celebration at Athos Restaurant on Western Avenue, Albany, New York.

Thank you! Hope that you had a nice weekend. – Mary Ann Miosek Murphy '74

AMCSNAA Honors The Class of 1964

At the 2014 reunion

As in previous years, many alumni returned from near and far. There were smiles, tears and much laughter as they registered and met former classmates, went on tours of the facility to see all the changes that 50 years have brought, received their pins and roses and enjoyed a wonderful lunch prepared by the hospital cafeteria staff.

John Danner expressed his thanks after the reunion:

"I really do not know who to thank for the very enjoyable reunion on the 17 of May 2014. I know the hard work and planning that goes into these gatherings. I want you all to know how much it is appreciated. We had a great visit back to the Albany area and we had a reunion with my family and Pat's family. We are back in Colorado safe and sound. Thank you all again." – John Danner S'64