

NOTES ABOUT/FROM ALUMNI

Mary LaPlante Nairn wrote to say she has retired after working for the VA system for 20 years most recently as a nurse practitioner.

Nancy Clark wrote to let us know that her mom, Jean Short Thompson ('51) passed away and that she still had her nursing cape- a proud lifetime nurse.

Joanne Baggerly ('66) has obtained her PhD in Nursing from the University of Rhode Island and has retired but she is active on a number of boards in the Boston area.

Gail Groth Hannah ('66) wrote to tell about the death of her husband Sam and to let us know that she still lives on the

west coast of Florida where they have lived for 38 years. She has four children and four grandchildren and keeps up with several former classmates.

The Class of '86 had a mini-reunion at AMC in September 2016 at the hospital and members of the alumni association provided tours. While we cannot plan and organize reunions other than our annual May reunion, we'll be happy to entertain special requests for contact info and tours of the facility for alumni; contact one of the officers.

Bernadette Pedlow ('67) received the prestigious Albany Medical Center Pillar award at a ceremony in 2016 in recognition of the tremendous contribution she has made to the hospital. The award is



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given to those who epitomize the spirit of Albany Medical Center and whose sustaining work and contributions reflect our mission. She was most recently Chief Operating Officer and has recently retired.

Angela Lenox ('69) wrote us from MD Anderson Cancer Center in Texas to ask if it would be possible to purchase shirts, sweatshirts,

etc. with the nursing school logo. She wanted to pay tribute to the school that started her career. At her suggestion, the board discussed and agreed to pursue it.

DO YOU HAVE NEWS TO SHARE?

Please send to Shirley Myers at ShrlyMyers@aol.com or Carol Carman at ohmacarlo@aol.com



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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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AMCSNAA President's Message 2016

Again I have had the honor and privilege of serving as your Albany Medical Center Alumni Association president. Your confidence and support is appreciated. It has been a successful year as a result of hours of team work performed by our core group of officers and ad hoc members. This past year we have seen some growth in our membership and increasing interest.

Our current officers were installed in 2012 and 2013. They have graciously agreed to continue, however, we would love to have more recent graduates involved in the oversight of our organization. We have a strong commitment to fulfilling our commitment to our constituents and welcome more involvement. If you are interested in holding office or joining our work groups please contact us for more information.

We are also looking for someone to take an active role of oversight for the Nurse's Garden

at Quackenbush Square. JoAnne King has managed this for so many years and is ready to allow someone else to accept the role.

We are always seeking opportunities to improve the newsletter and communication so please share your thoughts for next year. We would like to use this newsletter as a forum for recognizing our graduates and their accomplishments. Sending us your status, memories or photos of your experiences during your training may spark old friendships and provide interesting reading. Please mail (or email) your stories and/or successes to Carol Carman or Shirley Myers. My sincere appreciation goes out to our officers along with Carol Carman and our ad hoc members. We are looking forward to another successful year in 2017.

*Sharon Granito Habiniak
Fall '74*

Sharon Habiniak

ABOVE: Class of 1966 studying hard in anatomy class.

OBITUARIES

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

DECEASED	CLASS	DATE OF DEATH
Mildred Ash at age 100	1935	9/25/15
Nancy M. Abel	1950	4/13/16
Veronica "Vickie" Charbonneau	1951	4/9/16
Jean Short Thompson	1951	8/5/15
Audrey Palliser Gabrielson	1952	4/30/16
Ann N. Frisino	1952	4/27/16
Audrey Toolan	1953	6/12/16
Margaret Dejoy Chappell	1953	9/20/16
Marilyn DeRuyi Romano	1956	2/12/16
Claire Cote	1956	
Eleanor Eckert	1956	9/19/16
Elaine V. Monaghan	1960	6/29/15
Beverly Ann Blenis McKeone	1960	9/5/16
Dorothy Barnao	1962	9/20/16
Mary Ann Walsh	1963	11/7/15
Katherine (Kay) Y. Runge	1963	9/7/15
Mary Boehme McDonald	1963	12/10/15
Helen Mary Cinquino	1964	4/26/16
Emma Jean "Judy" Ayers	1967	3/3/11
John C. Hinkston	1971	5/1/16

Jessie E. Robinson	1982	12/11/14
Natalie Rust	1986	01/13/05

PHYSICIANS:

Anthony P. Tartaglia, MD	3/21/16
Arthur Digby Hengerer, MD	2/10/16
Eleanor Haase (wife of Dr. Haase)	11/13/15
James Cassidy, MD	10/21/15
Sam Hannah, MD	7/10/10
Robert Friedlander, MD	5/22/16

OUR SYMPATHY TO GRADUATES WHO HAVE LOST FAMILY MEMBERS:

Susan Moore Hoyt (husband Frank)	1966	4/12/16
Christine Haase Hansen (mother Eleanor)	1969	11/13/15
Audrey Woolsey (husband James)	1949	09/19/16
Sharon Habiniak (mother and stepfather)	1974	Fall 2016

We also note with sadness the passing of AMCSN instructor Angelina Rivers on August 15, 2016.

We are happy to let you know that it will now be possible to order clothing and other items; our contact is Ben Bates at jcb.specialties. Our logo has been given to the company and will be affixed to items. To choose and order an item such as t-shirts, caps, sweatshirts, do the following:

- Go to sanmar website (www.sanmar.com)
- Choose the item you want including size, color, brand. Note the item number as well
- email Ben at BenBates@jcb.specialties.com and title the email AMCSN Alumni Order
- Give Ben all the above info re: your order and note that you want the AMCSN logo affixed to the item.
- Include your name and billing address in the email

Ben will respond to you with final pricing including logo application and shipping cost. Orders under \$100 are to be paid by check, orders \$100 or more can be paid by credit card. His other contact info is: (phone) 518-459-0566, (fax) 518-459-0019. His address is 8 Sand Creek Road, Albany, N.Y. 12205.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Annual Meeting September 21st, 2016 at 4 PM at AMC, room D569.

Christmas Party December 8th, 2016 at 5:30 PM at Normanside Country Club, Delmar, N.Y.

Annual Infection Control class: To be held at AMC in April 2017. Contact Betty Lou Wessell for details

2017 Reunion Saturday, May 20th at Albany Medical Center (if you can help contact 1967 grads or help with reunion plans for that class contact Sandy Smith or Carol Carman).

✓ **Remember to check our website**
<http://community.amc.edu/amcsnaa>
so you can:

- View pictures from past reunions
- Review our bylaws
- Access the database of members
- Find a fellow alumnus, and more!

FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

Search for: Albany Medical Center School of Nursing and click on "Join."

NEWS/UPDATES:

The Nurses Garden

in downtown Albany continues to be a peaceful spot. The bench that has graced that spot now has, thanks to Bernadette Pedlow ('68) a plaque indicating that it was given by the alumni association. Volunteers are needed to help maintain the garden; please contact Joanne King if you are interested.



Nursing school memorabilia display

For those of you unable to visit Albany Med we wanted to show you some of the items we have displayed on the nursing administration floor in the F Building: You'll note that we have saved displays that used to grace the ramp, added new items and saved the tea services used in MacDonald lounge. And, yes, Minerva is still with us on her pedestal! We have been fortunate to receive memorabilia from many past graduates. If you would like to donate items please contact our historian Paula Zenzen.



TO ORDER TO REQUEST A NURSING SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT, alumni should go to www.amc.edu/transcripts. There is a link that will give step-by-step instructions on how to order a transcript. The prices for the transcripts are:

- ▶ Standard (2-3 days processing time) \$8
- ▶ Rushed mailed (Processed within one business day, mailed) \$12
- ▶ Rushed Overnight (Processed within one business day, overnight mail) \$60

Do you have memories we can include in the next issue?
Send them to Carol Carman or Shirley Myers.

Remembering our History

by Shirley Beckley Myers ('70)

I (and others), recently read through an amazing collection of memorabilia and thoughts from MaryAnn Miosek Murphy ('74) that she has donated to our collection. Not only did she compile a record of her class, her personal life journey, a book with history of Albany "hangouts", but also a history of the closing of the school complete with letters sent out. She also saved an AMCSN handbook and an even rarer AMCSN catalog. We'll have it on display at our next reunion.



I also recently viewed a video made in 1987 before the closing of the school. It includes a history of the schools of nursing complete with descriptions of uniforms, education given, etc. as well as interviews with many past alumni, teachers and others. Some are no longer with us and their words bring back many memories. We resurrected this

video from our archives and hope to have it on our website soon; it is a treasure. It closes with a short tour of the school that brings back many memories as well.



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Requests like the one cited below asking for AMCSN wear, donations we receive and notes we get from alumni make it clear that Albany Medical Center School of Nursing has remained a part of you long after you left the physical building or the city of Albany. No matter how strenuous or difficult school was at times, I think it provided a foundation for many of us to

have long careers in nursing regardless of what field or direction our careers took. Even if we left nursing per se the lessons we learned at AMC served us well.

Looking at these historical items one can't help but be a little sentimental. Heavens knows, there were days I wanted desperately to leave school; I was tired, overworked, too hot in a summer without air conditioning and, at least at first, homesick. A classmate of mine once went door to door in the dorm asking for donations so she could quit and take a bus home. As I recall, since none of us had much money, she got a little spare change and several stud buttons.

Nursing has changed so much over the years since I graduated. Not too long ago, before I retired, I had the opportunity to watch heart surgery in one of Albany Medical Center's newest OR heart rooms. Being old enough to remember the OR on Main 7, I couldn't help but remember a day as a student in the old OR when Dr. Older had me stand on a box so I could

see the operative field; a beating heart was something to always remember. What changes technology has brought!

When all these memories come back to me, I realize that the one most important and long lasting thing I got from the school of nursing are the friendships I made there. Having gotten through school together builds a bond that never disappears and I see it every year at our reunion. Happy reminiscing!

DONATIONS FOR EDUCATION

Your donation can help current nursing staff further their education and career. Monies donated are used for education of nurses, for bringing speakers to Albany Medical Center and especially for an annual Care of the Complex Patient conference open to all nurses. The event was held this year on October 12 & 13 at the Glen Sanders Mansion in Scotia. If you are interested in information or future conferences contact the Center for Learning and Development at AMC

Celebrating the Class of 1966



There were many smiles and much laughter

as we gathered for registration and looked over the displays of memorabilia. This just seemed to continue for the rest of the day as we went on to the recognition ceremony and from there to lunch. The tours showed the changes and growth that have taken place since we left. All in all a great day. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our classmate Jann Downing Luniewski, S'66, for developing the 50 Year Recognition Celebration. Certainly wish you could have celebrated with us.

- Carol Taylor Carman, F'66

ROW 1: Betty Boardman Weir, Lois Farnham, LucyJewett McAllister and Paula Zenzen; **ROW 2:** Joanne Baggerly, Carolyn Balcom Wasilkowski, Naomi Bostic Scott, Millie Butler Patnode, Donna Sharp Castor and Gail Groth Hannah; **ROW 3:** Pat Harney Peta, Judy Holly Siegelman, Ann Jensen Garrett, Wilma Mack Frederick, Lynn Olsen Reese and Gail Rybaltowsky Karpainen; **ROW 4:** Sharon Shimer Zelasko, Janet Snider Gilbert, Carol Taylor Carman and Millie Williams Morris.

