A Remembrance of a Life Well Lived

On Friday, October 24, 2003, a beautiful Fall day, those who loved and admired Sr. Michael gathered for a tree planting ceremony in the sister's convent garden, commemorating and thanking her for 65 years of dedicated service to nursing and nursing education. This gathering was planned because Sr. Michael's frail health did not afford her the opportunity to attend and be honored at the alumni annual luncheon which was held the prior week at the Hilton Inn of Oak Lawn. Sr. Michael expressed humble gratitude and delight for the many sisters, alumni, colleagues, former students and faculty who gathered to honor her.

Nancy Means Kaz, '62, welcomed and thanked everyone for coming to be with Sr. Michael. Roseann McCarthy Keller, '68 read the Scripture from Proverb's - A Valiant & Faithful Women. The poem by Joyce Kilmer, a favorite of Sister's was sung, and Prayers of Gratitude were led by Liz Podkowsk Kupczek, '71 and especially poignant was a time for sharing areas of cherished memories. The Mass of Remembrance is a prayerful experience and a special way to begin our day of celebration.

Celebrant of Mass
Fr. Mark Walter, Associate Pastor
Most Holy Redeemer, Evergreen Park

Musicians
Dr. Joe Gallagher, Oboe
Anna Belle O'Shea, Flute
Andy Perz, Organ
Peg Schneider, Cantor

Schedule
Tour of the Hospital - 9:45 a.m.
Mass of Remembrance - 11:00 a.m.
Reception - Hilton Inn - 12:00 Noon
Luncheon and Program - 1:00 p.m.

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memories and Trish Moore Hahn, daughter of Fran Keating Moore, ’38 talked about the great companionship that Sr. Michael and her mother, Fran, enjoyed as classmates at Aquinas High School in South Shore. It was a friendship that would continue as classmates throughout their years in nurse’s training and then working side by side at the hospital. Sr. Joseph Casey, ’52 offered the blessing and dedication of the Aristocratic Pear Tree planted in her honor. At the base of the tree a marker simply reads:

"Dedicated Service:
Sr. M. Michael Murray, LCM - presented by the LCMH Nurses Alumni, October 2003"

This touching gathering was not only fitting, but timely. Over these past years Sr. Michael has endured many serious health problems and did so with extreme bravery. She had become no stranger to pain and the continual reappearance of cancer, yet she always kept a joyful and accepting spirit. The LCM Sisters admired and cherished her and all of the convent caregivers became very attached to her loving ways. Over the last weeks of her life it was noticed that she seemed to be growing weaker and her energies dwindling and she requested to become a patient in our LCM Hospice Care. The day she died she was most alert and conversing with the sisters with whom she lived and to Sr. Virginia O’Brien (Augustine), ’55, she said, "I'll be going tonight." When Sr. Virginia asked her how she knew that, she gently replied, "God, He just told me."

Sr. Deb Conley, ’57 was able to have a wonderful parting visit with Sr. Michael and to her and the sisters and her family that gathered at her bedside, she expressed her gratitude for all they had given and meant to her. On May 27th at 9:55 p.m., Sr. Michael peacefully went to Heaven.

In an interview conducted last year, the 175th Anniversary of the founding of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary, Sr. Michael remarked, "My life at Little Company has been a journey through both rocky roads and well paved highways, but always with love. I have been blessed."

She left us with many memories of her kindness, acceptance and her undying belief in the profession of nursing. When the tides of nursing education were changing and the financial viability was threatened, she was disheartened to see the school close in 1972. Her passion and belief in our LCM Nurses gave her the impetus and courage to seek approval from the Department of Registration and Education and the Hospital Board of Directors to reopen the school. In 1974, she was thrilled to have the LCM Associate Nursing Degree Program open, which she directed until turning over the reins to Sr. Kathleen McIntyre, LCM, ’62 in 1982.

The final blessing at the Tree Planting Ceremony was offered by everyone present and as we raised our right hand in blessing over Sr. Michael, we prayed together this blessing.

May God rain on you His blessing.
May God shine on you His tenderness.
May God blow on you His wind of life.
May God protect you with His Presence and
May God reward you with His Peace for all you have done in His Name. Amen.

And Sr. Michael, - that reward is now. We thank you for all you have given to us and now may you rest Christ's peace.

(Sisters, family, friends, colleagues, former students, faculty, doctors, auxiliaries, employee's came to the hospital chapel to pay their final respect to Sr. Michael and recall their many stories of her devotion and kindness. The Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated on Wednesday, June 3rd at 5:00 p.m. at St. Bernadette's Parish Church. The beautiful liturgy, homily, music and significant attendance was again a testimony of a LIFE OF SERVICE THAT TRULY MATTERED.)
In the Company of Friends  
by Janet Tuohy Terra, '65

"This life is a test. It is only a test. Had it been an actual life, wouldn't we have received further instructions on where to go and what to do?"

I found this quote on a college bulletin board. How true these words can be for someone who has been given the diagnosis of cancer. "Where do I go?" "Who will take the best care of me?" "What about my family?" It's a scary feeling and something no one is prepared to deal with.

I spent some time at the Little Company of Mary Cancer Center recently, and spoke with Mary Alice Cullina, RN, '72 and the Clinical Nurse Specialist in the Center. She told me that the Center was opened in 2001 and has a partnership with the University of Chicago Hospital and because of this connection and also our affiliation with the National Cancer Institute, we have access to the latest and most effective protocols in cancer management. We can provide difficult procedures to patients in this area which makes it easier for cancer patients to get treatments locally.

We also can function on an outpatient basis because we have the expert services of three doctors, cancer specialists from the University of Chicago, who are directly involved with patient care on a daily basis. The Center provides medical and radiation treatment for patients as well as therapies such as transfusions, thoracentesis and paracentesis, and bone marrow testing.

Mary Alice is a real "hands on" nurse whose first love has always been Oncology nursing. She is a member of the Oncology Nurses Society. You can often find her in patient areas, doing procedures or educating patients and families about their cancer therapies. She has developed programs to educate patients about their medications, the cancer protocols they may need, and how to manage their care during treatment along with problem solving ideas. She is dedicated to educating patients and their families and is very family oriented in the care she provides.

However, there is more to the Cancer Center than providing cancer treatment. Mary Alice directed me to talk to Linda Courts, RN, Coordinator the Integrative Therapy Department. This department focuses on programs to provide supportive and healing modalities that support cancer patients to improve and maintain their quality of life.

Linda introduced me to the many quality programs that were being offered to our cancer patients. For the physical needs of a cancer patient there are sessions offering massage, acupuncture, yoga and light exercise. I loved the session called "Look Good-Feel Better," for women who are undergoing treatment and suffering some side effects. This program teaches them how to enhance their appearance with scarves, wigs and makeup. It's so positive!

I found a beautiful Resource Library in the center. Our Patient Advocate, Ellyn Cronin, helps patients, their families and members of the community find invaluable and current information about specific cancers, as well as material about nutrition, herbs, chemo and radiation therapy, survival, issues of loss and inspiration. There is also internet access to cancer sites for patient and family use.

Under Ellyn's direction, the Resource Library has become a haven for our cancer patients, their families and our community. Ellyn has created a warm and inviting environment that includes rocking chairs, candy, plants, cozy lap...
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throws that reflects her personal warmth.

She is a cancer survivor who can offer support, first hand, about what a cancer patient is experiencing. She spends time with our hospitalized cancer patients as well as with the outpatients who are here in medical and radiation oncology. With her 'never wavering positive attitude,' she is a hero to many of our patients. On June 24th, the Resource Center was named "The Ellyn Rose Cronin Community Resource Library" in honor of work in founding & sustaining this valuable gift of hope and healing.

The Spiritual side of this devastating disease is important to me. Treating the body is meaningless without addressing the needs of the soul. The Center has established several programs to meet these needs. Y-me, a breast cancer support group, Cancer Support Group, for any who have experienced any type of cancer. C.H.E.E.R. is a support group that brings together people with life-threatening diseases and uses humor and peer support to enhance healing. These groups meet monthly. Kids Support, is a ten week support program for children who have a family member with Cancer. Healing Touch is a therapy used to restore and balance the energy systems within the body. (Healing Touch was a wonderful experience for me during a recent illness.)

Two additional programs really touched my soul. The first was Art Therapy in which an art therapist spends time with patients currently undergoing cancer treatment. She demonstrates watercolor techniques and encourages patients to create on paper, what they may feel in their heart. The wall in the Center showing some of these pictures is truly inspiring. The second program is called Picnic in the Park. It is educational and fun. I was able to participate at one last month and felt welcomed, nourished and enriched. I joined about 20 cancer survivors in the large meeting room and we were provided a box lunch, some social time, and a nifty enjoyable craft.

After this, we participated in a drumming circle. I felt my spirit lift and went back to work invigorated. At other times, topics at this "Picnic" covered presentations about positive attitude, symptom management, importance of nutrition, reiki, the power of music in healing, the immune system and demonstrating the use of magnets in therapy. Speakers were from the medical, nursing and dietary staff and from the community. This room was filled with smiles and enthusiasm. It was an experience that showed me how life can go on happily, after a cancer diagnosis.

I spoke with a few patients in the process of getting their treatments.

Mary, an elderly lady whose cancer was diagnosed in 1996 told me that she felt like she had friends here. "The staff is so compassionate to me." Mike and his wife, Joan, told me that he had been treated at another cancer center and it was nothing like ours. Joan said that her husband always had to be in a room alone during treatment. They were thrilled that this center provided space for families. While all the bays were furnished with recliners, Joan told me that she was so glad that her husband was provided a bed.

All those I had talked to praised the staff for their concern and skill. Mike sat staring out the window as his chemo was progressing. He liked the windows affording him of life going on outside. He pointed out a sign he liked in a cafe across the street. It said Lite. "I want it," he told me. I had to squint to see that it also had Miller above Lite. Humor lives.

The people at "Picnic in the Park" were awesome. Carol told me that she likes this program because she has learned so much, like the Medicare drug program and nutrition during treatments. She has even invited her friend to join her. Shirley tells me that she gets inspired during the drumming sessions (so do I) and from yoga. "It's like a natural high". Kathy loves the wonderful humor from everyone. Rosemarie loves the crafts. Eileen really reached into my heart with her comments. 

"I am changed, I have learned so much coming here. You never walk out without learning. I am

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Sister Kathleen McIntyre, L.C.M., '62
Accepts Brigid Award from Concern Worldwide

Concern Worldwide, a charitable organization founded in Ireland in 1968, has thirty-five years experience working with the poorest of the poor in Africa, Asia, Haiti and around the world. Their mission is to ascertain their needs, aspirations and develop programs to relieve the impoverishment of their desperate lives. It responds to famine and chronic food insecurity and through it's leadership, and it's focus for long term development, bring life and hope to the poor in the poorest countries of the world. Working side by side in partnership with the United Nations and other world and local organizations, people are helped to build their own capacity for an improved and sustaining future.

The BRIGID AWARD, which is given annually by CONCERN WORLDWIDE, recognizes women whose compassionate and personal dedication and service exemplifies Brigid's spirit in responding to contemporary changes. In her day Brigid shone as a luminary - a woman who was a source of intellectual life and moral inspiration. In the 5th century, she established a seat of learning at Kildare in Ireland which became world renown. However, it was not because of her scholarly wisdom that Brigid is best remembered, but for her compassion and caring as she acted as a teacher, guide and companion, as ANAM CARA - SOUL FRIEND, to those who needed her.

This year, February 21, 2004 at the Chicago Hyatt Regency Hotel, Sister Kathleen McIntyre, LCM, '62, was one of the three women to receive the Brigid Award. The others were Meg Heron-Blake, an exceptionally devoted professional advocate for the learning disabled and Honorable Sheila M. Murphy, now retired, who has had illustrious teaching and law careers and significant recognition for her caring as a defender and judge and an advocate for the needs of women and children. In each of their sphere's of influence, our 2004 Honorees have exhibited qualities of compassion and caring & each of them an Anam Cara for many.

The AWARD that was given to each of them was fashioned as an oak tree, the symbol of life. Our lives. It is a symbol of hope for the future - hope that as we move forward, we will all grow in this new century to find a kinder and more fairly divided world. These words were spoken when Sr. Kathleen was presented with her award, "In her long nursing career, Sister Kathleen McIntyre, L.C.M., has clasped hands with the young, the old, the sick and the dying. She has provided loving care and guidance both in hands-on patient care and in management positions and has done so with skill, integrity and compassion."

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reading more to help myself and my husband. It has broadened my horizon about how to keep healthy and helped me open my view points on other alternatives to treatments. The meetings are uplifting and there is so much empathy for each person here."

I guess life is really a test.
We take different paths in our journey to Heaven. Sometimes the roads are smooth and scenic. Sometimes the roads go uphill and we run low on gas. Sometimes we happen upon a train wreck. We don't always have the directions but we do have places like the Cancer Center at Little Company of Mary Hospital where the very latest and most effective cancer therapies are coupled with quality and compassionate care. The Cancer Center has touched my heart. We are in the COMPANY OF FRIENDS.

A difficult crisis can be more readily endured if we have the conviction that our existence holds a purpose . . . a cause to pursue, a person to love goal to achieve.

The Beverly Breast Cancer Walk raised $35,000 for the Cancer Center this past Mother's Day.

The organizers are shown above: Back row - Mary Freyer, Little Company's Chief Operating Officer and Linda Courts Middle row - Mary Jo May, Executive Director for the Little Company Foundation; Sister Kathleen McIntyre, L.C.M., Chairperson of the Board of Directors for Little Company and Kathie Daly, Special Events Coordinator for Little Company's Foundation Front Row - Nancy Mulcahy, Walk Co-Chair; Carol Moriarty, Walk Co-Chair and Ellyn Cronin.
Marie McFadden Ruff, R.N., '56

After 30 years of dedicated service . . . Marie McFadden Ruff, '56 - one of Little Company's most beloved retirees from her position as Vice-President of Patient Care Services. Yet, she continues to shape the Hospital's future and the Mission of the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary by the significant contributions of her vast experience, talent and generosity of time.

She is presently heading the newly established Nursing Scholarship Committee & launching the Ozinga Nursing Scholarship (Martin Ozinga, Jr. and the First Evergreen Foundation has provided a $1 million dollar donation to the Hospital. Half of this contribution, along with another $500,000 anonymous donation, is being used to establish this nursing scholarship.)

This scholarship is designed to help the Hospital address the nursing shortage which allows us to continue giving excellent quality and compassionate care to our patients, which is the hallmark of Little Company's reputation. It also assists students with the resources to finish nursing school in return for services at Little Company of Mary. In the Fall of 2003, eight students received scholarships. Who better than Marie, who has passionately served the profession of nursing to head up this important endeavor?

Across her professional years, Marie has been recognized with many awards, but perhaps one of the most significant & meaningful for her was to be chosen at the 14th ANNUAL CRYSTAL HEART BALL held at the Chicago Field Museum, as the Recipient of the 2004 SISTER NANCY BOYLE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE. In the presence of 900 people and attended by her family, friends, colleagues and supporters of the hospital mission, she was honored and recognized for her great contribution to the hospital's mission and her leadership to the profession of nursing.

Sister Nancy Boyle, LCM, '55, who died in February 1998 of liver cancer, was always held in the greatest respect and affection because of her beautiful humanity and illustrious and dedicated career in nursing and hospital administration. That an award would be established in her name was so appropriate and that Marie McFadden Ruff, '56 would be this year's recipient is right and so well deserved after she has given more than three decades of outstanding service to LCMH.

That said, retirement means many things to many people. To Marie it means continuing to work for Catholic Charities; helping the parish community of St. Barnabas & also working with the Provincial Administration of the Sisters to continue their LCM heritage. The AlumniLink expresses pride in Marie's dedicated services and wishes her health, happiness and a most renewing time for herself.

A LCMH Mission Endeavor . . . Alumni Support

The Mary Potter Employee Crisis Fund, a committee of the hospital mission program, was established in the early 90's as a way to counsel, guide and support employee's experiencing financial and often devastating crisis.

Mary Potter, Foundress of the Little Company of Mary Sisters, always reached out to the poor and those in need, and so it seemed very appropriate that a part of our mission would be to assist our own employee's in serious financial circumstances due to illness, sudden loss of income, or extenuating family problems.

The committee is comprised of hospital employees, but led by a hospital social worker, who alone knows the identity of the employee in crisis and who presents the circumstances of need to the committee, with the identity of the employee remaining anonymous. The fund is supported by the generosity of our employee's, our sisters, the medical staff and hospital foundation.

This year our LCM Nurse's Alumni generously contributed $5000.00 to continue this compassionate outreach. Considering there is a limitation to our resources and often the needs presented are significant, guidelines have been established for the recipients so that there is good stewardship of the committee funds & financial counseling and guidance provided to assist the employee resolve their burdening circumstances.
ALICE NESTLEHUT KAHOUN, '47
Sue Kahoun (407- 847-0051) wrote to say that Alice's husband, Richard died on March 15, 2003 and Alice died on April 30, 2003 and she concluded her note by saying, YES, HEAVEN.

ROSEMARY WELDON SPADAFORE, '47 - Chula Vista, California
The LCM Nurses's Alumni were notified by the sister of Rosemary, Joan Muldoon, that she died in California. A Memorial Mass was offered in the hospital chapel on Friday, February 6th at 3:30 p.m. and attended by members of Rosemary's family and her three of her classmates and their husbands, Betty Ahler's DeTamble, Therese Carroll Kloak, Lorraine O'Brien Driscoll. Her sister Joan offered a beautiful eulogy about Rosemary and her life and gave a real sense of her authenticity - she said, "Rose was her own person, long before it was fashionable - you always knew where she stood on any subject. She loved nursing and I remember how proud she was to come back in 1997 for her 50th reunion and also to see all her family. She loved life. The quote that best describes our Rose - "Don't let the world around you squeeze you into it's own mold.""She never did, she was always Rose and that was good enough for all of us who loved her."

SHIRLEY CZOSEK BORHAUER, '48 - Bella Vista, Arkansas
Reelected to the Arkansas House of Representatives and is working on healthcare bills and also bills supporting children and the elderly - she will run again for her 3rd and last term. She also became a member of Sigma Theta Tau.

JEAN WALSH WALSH, '49 - Oaklawn, Illinois
Her husband notified us that Jean died in May 03.

GLADYS DUBRICK LINSENBARDT, '50 - Las Vegas, Nevada
"Thank you for the article explaining the history behind our caps. I have always liked it and while I still was working and caps were still being used I found that others were attracted to it also. Agraduate from UNLV School of Nursing approached me and told me that they tried copying our cap. I'm happy to say it does not look anything like ours. Should I gloat and say ... good? I, for one, would like to see nurses dressed like nurses again and still wearing their caps. When you see pictures in the newspaper of nurses in Japan at the scene of an accident, there is no doubt in your mind as to who the nurses are. I hope that some day scrubs will be a thing of the past and everyone will look like professionals again."

JEAN SCHOBER McCONACHIE, '50 - Naples, Florida
Her husband writes, "Dear Nurses Association, I'm sorry to report the passing of my dearest wife, Jean from the Little Company of Mary Class of 1950. She died on October 25, 2002 at Naples Community Hospital in Naples Florida. She had entered the hospital in July with an inflamed gallbladder with stones. Due to many complications she spent 13 weeks in the hospital and a great many of those weeks in intensive care. She came home on the 18th but had heart complications and died on the 25th in the emergency room. I'm sorry to be sending you this sad information. Yours truly - Don McConachie (228 Fox Glen Dr. Naples, Fl. 34104)."

JEAN BRASHEAR BROWN, '51 - Tinley Park, Illinois
"What a delight to receive the latest AlumniLink with so much news of my classmates of 51. Sadly, a stroke caused me to miss our 50th anniversary dinner. The good part is that recovery was great even though it caused me to retire. June 9th, just twelve days short of our 52nd wedding anniversary I lost my husband, Bob. Yes, I was married before I finished training. The Korean war was on and Sr. Dorothea gave me permission to wed. The reason she relented was, "if you get pregnant you'll be through school before you show."

But it is the story of the LCM cap in the newsletter that brought back many humorous memories.

By the time we were junior students the original cap could be purchased most any place and we thought it should be more distinctive. So a committee from my class approached Sr. Dorothea with the idea of adding a Little Company of Mary blue strip to the plain cap. She definitely turned us down. By the time the new cap was approved and being worn I was working in Rhode Island. My mother sent me the unstarched-
cap, the studs and the gold pin. There was a paper attached explaining the significance of each part of the cap. How-ever, THERE WERE NO INSTRUCTIONS TO ASSEMBLE IT. I tried and tried to put it together and got nowhere. I took it to work with me. There were nurses from all over the USA working at that hospital but no one could solve the puzzle.

Finally, we came back to Chicago on leave and one of my classmates showed me how to put the cap together. Although, I have not worn a nurses cap in many years, I still have mine. It is carefully wrapped in tissue paper and stored in a plastic box made for a nurse's cap."

FLORENCE PAOLELLA STAPLETON, '51 - Colorado Springs, Colorado
"I was able to attend the last reunion, but not our 50th because of illness of my oldest son, but I enjoy seeing former classmates - my roommates, Ginny Schomig Krass & Irma Trevisan Roller.

I receive news of LCM events through my sister-in-law Marion Stapleton Lundy and I thoroughly enjoy receiving the AlumniLink with photo's. THANKS."

ELIZABETH JUSZCZYK MIENTUS, '51 - Chicago, Illinois
"Thank you for the AlumniLink - it brings back so many happy memories and my pride in the class of 51. God Bless All!"

RITA GOGOLA LINERT, '52 - LaPorte, Indiana
"I enjoy reading the AlumniLink. Thank you for sending it to me."

DOLORES RAETH VANCO, '53 - Sun City, Arizona
"I met my husband on Maxwell Street in Chicago while working for the Visiting Nurses Association. We have been married 48 years and have 5 children and 14 grandchildren. We live in Arizona but spend the summers in Oakbrook and I so looked forward to attending our LCM Nurses Luncheon and it was wonderful."

ALICE GERRITY KELLY, '54 - Tulsa, Oklahoma
"Here in Tulsa I belong to a group of RN Community Volunteers. Although retired, we keep our registration and skills by helping with immunizations especially flu shots, working as staff RN's at the Day Center for the Homeless Clinic & other agencies."

CLAIRE MINELLI FOX, '54 - Park Ridge, Illinois
"I enjoy the news in the AlumniLink, but am so sorry to miss the luncheon as I am in Naples, Florida at that time."

EILEEN LUNDY COLLINS, '54 - Crestwood, Illinois
"Your AlumniLink is great, keep up the good work and looking forward to the luncheon."

BARBARA MURPHY ROONEY, '54 - Grand Beach, Michigan
"Looking forward to celebrating our 50th this year."

ANNE MARIE JANECKE BUDEK, '54
AlumniLink was contacted that she died November 1, 2002.

MARIE MARCHESSAULT VAN LIEDERKERKE, '55 - West Bend, NC
"We are no longer able to travel. I do enjoy hearing news of LCM. Thank You!"

DARCY KUSCHEL AVENATTI - '55 - Naples, Florida
"I'm so glad to finally receive the "LINK". I've wondered about so many of my classmates and hope to hear from them. (8268 Allendale Ct.-Naples, Florida, 34120)."

MARY KAY MULCAHY O'MALLEY, '56 - Decatur, Georgia
"Thanks for adding me to the mailing list. I really enjoyed the newsletter I received. It's very interesting to see where so many alumni live and what they have accomplished."

Marilyn Ryan Dorgan, '57 - Chicago, Illinois
"Great LINK addition. Thanks to all involved. Our reunion was wonderful & now resting up for 2007."

MARY ROCHE PASQUINELLI, '57 - Hinsdale, Illinois
"Like most of my classmates - married 45 years, 7 children & ages 44 to 35 - 15 grandchildren and ages 22 to 4 years."

AUDREY McGuire Munin, '58 - Dallas, Texas
"Since I live so far away I especially enjoy the "ALUMNILINK". It helps me remember the great days at LCMH - keep up the good work."

MARtha Caravello Barich, '59 - Newport Beach, California
"Moved to California 25 years ago due to my husband's job change. After raising my family, I went for a BS degree, night school - worked 14 years with troubled teens, case
manager - recently retired. I will always remember my LCMH classmates. Each was a unique person and though the distance separates us - I miss you."

LOLITA SPRUIT (Sr. Gregory)
HAGIO, ’59 - St. George, Utah
"I enjoy reading about my classmates - Carn Forlenza, Helene Rosinke & Maureen Barry in the last AlumniLink. Also reading the spot on Gerry Rodeo Urychi, who graduated with my sister, Joan Spruit Kunst in 1949 & was such a terrific ER nurse. I hope I can make it to my classes 45 reunion in 2004."

JOYCE HOTHERSALL
MARCISZEWSKI, ’60 - LaGrange, Illinois
Her husband notified us that Joyce died in January of 2001.

JUDY KOHOUT SCHREINER, ’60 - Berwyn, Illinois
"Just retired after working 43 years in nursing and working at Hines VA Hospital in substance abuse/psych for twenty years. My husband and I will be moving to Apple Canyon Lake in a few months to enjoy retirement. I hope to do some part time nursing as I can't seem to want to give it up completely. P.S. I have four daughters and all became nurses. Since my mother was a nurse, I always say, "it's in our blood." God Bless All."

DEANNA DENTON McHOSE, ’60
Escondido, California
"I have moved to California from Connecticut in June of 2001. I'm still nursing at this ripe old age of 65 & doing postpartum/mother baby care. We average 375 births a month, we are always busy.

Escondido is 20 miles north of San Diego. We're having our first wedding July 26, my daughter Michelle is marrying a fine navy man. - Best wishes to all my class of 1960. Please call me if you are ever in San Diego."

NANCY THOEL ALDRIDGE, ’60 - Williamsburg, Virginia
"Enjoyed the article on Carol Cassidy (Cass)."

LOLA OLIVER DIXON, ’63 - Chicago Ridge, Illinois
"Graduated from St. Xavier in 1997 and presently working at Hines VA Hospital - working with the spinal cord injured."

LANAH WRIGHT
LARSON, ’64 - Green Cove Springs, Florida
"I loved the history of the cap - I had forgotten! The class of 64 has a reunion every 5 years, hosted by the gracious Sue Palmgren Lamb ’64, at their beautiful summer home in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. We celebrate again this year 2004 - my email address is LWLINFL@AOL.COM."

Oh What Memories... 2003 LCM Nurse Alumni Reunion
Sincere and great gratitude to the Class of 1958, under the leadership of Barb Luzak Connors & her classmates, who worked so hard (and no doubt had great fun) in preparing, planning and attending to all the many, many details that made our 2003 Alumni Reunion at the Hilton of Oak Lawn so enjoyable. Over the year and then months and weeks prior, they met and coordinated one of the finest luncheons parties we have had & not a detail was missed. It was a delight to see that 22 members of the Class of 58, who came from as far away as Arizona, Texas, California, North Carolina & Florida, to name just a few of the many miles traveled to gather for their 45th Anniversary. As the pictures will show - the reunion committee was able to gather and provide for our raffle many wonderful and beautiful prizes. The Hilton staff served a very delicious meal, but nothing was more meaningful then the joy and comradrie that filled the room throughout the afternoon.

Donna Hanley Moss, ’53, worked tirelessly to find and encourage her classmates to come and celebrate their 50th Anniversary. And successful she was - 35 strong attended & so many had not seen each other in so many years. Donna and her classmate helped plan the Mass of Remembrance, which is always a special gathering and especially wonderful to have Fr. Tom Purte, Pastor Emeritus of St. John Fisher, a long time friend of Donna’s, as celebrant, as well as Fr. Joe Kinane, brother, of Joan Philippi Evans, ’53 (RIP), as con-celebrant. At each of the yearly Mass of Remembrance, our deceased alumni are especially remembered.

All the pictures shown in the next few pages (pages 10 and 11) give only a small glimpse of the enjoyment of renewing and the sharings of alumni each year.
In The Genes
Mary Gartner Dean, '46 & her sister, Anne Gartner Sims, '55
Dolores Schmidt Lomasney, '53
- Won 2 Tickets for the 2004 LCMH Crystal Heart Ball

Lucky Ladies
Committee member Felicia Pietrowicz Lachat, '58 and Joanne Mortimer Gardner, '53 - Both win a gift of $100.00

Class of 1955
Sitting Lt/Rt - Carol Susic Foyer, Anne Clinton Mate, Anne Gartner Sims, Joan Rea McCann
Standing Lt/Rt - Lois Jaszkowski Raine, Barbara Hopkins Higgins, Pat Hennelly Mullaney

Class of 1956 & 1957
Sitting Lt/Rt - Marie McFadden Ruff, '56, Laverne Strelecky Koch, '56, Grace O'Donnell Scanlan, '57, Marilyn Morris Lipuma, '56
Standing Lt/Rt - Marguerite Shannon Gormley, '57, Mary Lou Price Fitschen, '57, Rosella Nibaur Walters, '57

Class of 1960

Class of 1962
Sitting Lt/Rt - Rita Regan Gutrich, Ruth Fleming, Judy Norka Jagodzinski
Standing Lt/Rt - Sara Nestlehunt Flaherty, Janet Skierkowski Edwards

Class of 1962
Sitting Lt/Rt - Jeanette McMahon, Gloria Skarve Askew, Elaine Dabish Engel
Standing Lt/Rt - Nancy Means Kaz, Peg Schneider, Betsy Donnellan Yao

Brief enjoyment of the Pot of Gold Funds-Barb Luczak Connors & Betty Fehrenbacher Tuscher - Class of 58

Class of 62 renews with one of their favorite clinical instructors, Dorothy Sopcak Simala '53
Lt. to Rt. - Gloria Skvarce Askew, Jeanette McMahon, Peg Schneider, Betsy Donnellan Yao, Dorothy Sopcak Simala, Nancy Means Kaz and Elaine Dabish Engel

Not 1 but 2 Prizes! Colette Duggan Hoffman, '53, wins a Gift of $100.00 and a large wine basket
Class of 1953

1st Row - Lt/Rt (Sitting)
Nancy McCarthy Young, Dolores Huddleston O'Malley, Albina Jurgaitis, Beverly Altman Vyhanek, Dorothy Mullins Cochran, Alice Gerrity Kelly, Joan McGovern Redmond, Joan McKendry Hegg

2nd Row - Lt/Rt
Patricia Donoghue Chasen, Joanne Mortimer Gardner, Nancy Hunt Buechele, Barbara Grzeic Deady, Rosemary Becker Siekierski, Betty Lipine Spinazzola, Lynn Tabola, RoseWieczorek DiSisto, Claire Murphy Walsh

3rd Row - Lt/Rt
Jackie Vinlove King, Genevieve Majerus O'Connell, Marilyn Gilmore Noble, Colette Duggan Hoffman, Betty Doby McDermott, Donna Hanley Moss, Delores Raeth Vanco, Olga Kulovitz, Joan Wortel Begeske, Florence Warchal, Dorothy Sopeck Simala, Dolores Schmidt Lomasney, Deloris Meinhardt Hagemaster

Class of 1970

Sitting Lt/Rt
Elizabeth Berg Spannraut, Susan Olevich Sylvester
Standing Lt/Rt - Peg Rogers Ryan and Carole Maciejewski Chuffo

Class of 1958

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Felicia Pietrowicz, Lachic, Gail Madsen Ahrens, Rita Corcoran Hopkins, Mary Hladik Houchins, Claudia Konieczenia Elliott, Doris Kollman Christie, Violet Nibaur Huey

2nd Row - Lt/Rt
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3rd Row - Lt/Rt
Kay Griffin Swift, Marilyn Peck Voitek, Barb Gavin Murphy, Diana Mazurski Krawczyk, Priscilla McGrath Borgstrom, Barb Luczak Connors

Class of 1952

Sitting - Lt/Rt - Leona Kosina Gollick, Pat O'Hara Conroy, Mary Lou Shea Langdon, Marion Stapleton Lundy, Bea Lyonis Hoffman
Standing - Lt/Rt - Beverly Turcich Zalewski, Mary Aileen Hare Lundy, Mary Strubbing Quinn, Lorraine Tetev Turcich, Pat Lenz, Joan Harper Dubrick, '51, Florence Paolella Stapleton, '51

Class of 1983

Sitting - Lt/Rt - Leslie Zozinski Skrzydlewski, Mary Ellen Jacher Lyons, Chris Bukko McKeeve
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