ISN'T IT TRUE FOR MOST OF US THAT CHANGE IS NOT EASY? There are memories that are cherished and sacred in our lives that we hold onto with deep and lasting affection. In our early and beginning years, often that would be the people, places and experiences that have had an indelible mark on our formation as nurses in our personal and professional journeys. The 48 graduating classes of our Little Company of Mary School of Nursing, beginning in 1933 and concluding in 1984, comprised many different, yet significant chapters of life on 95th Street, all of whom were a part of the decades of hospitals growth, expansion and change. Clearly those who graduated in 1947 told a much different story of their training and hospital experiences then those of the 60's, 70's or 80's. As the School of Nursing met the needs of the time with quality education and opportunity, so too did our hospital strive and succeed at providing the most modern services, all the while never losing sight of the continued care provided in a spirit of compassion and dedicated care, the hallmark of the Little Company of Mary Sisters.

On January 19, 1930, when the doors of our four story, 150 bed hospital opened, there were seven doctors and 50 employees.

The Little Company of Mary School of Nursing Alumni Luncheon will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2008 at the Hilton Oak Lawn located at 9333 S. Cicero Ave. All alumni are invited to attend and take this opportunity to renew friendships with each other. We especially look forward to seeing our Anniversary Classes:

- 1938 (70 yrs), 1943 (65 yrs), 1948 (60 yrs)
- 1953 (55 yrs), 1958 (50 yrs), 1963 (45 yrs)
- 1968 (40 yrs), 1978 (30 yrs), 1983 (25 yrs)

Gratitude is extended to the Class of 1958, who have graciously agreed to host this reunion luncheon and to the Alumni Board who work closely with them. The Mass of Remembrance is a prayerful experience and a special way to begin our day of celebration.

Celebrant of the Mass:

Musicians:
Andy Perz, Piano
Anna Belle O’Shea, Flute
Peg Schneider, Cantor

Schedule:
Mass of Remembrance 11:00 a.m.
Reception (Windsor Room) 12:00 p.m.
Luncheon and Program 1:00 p.m.
Today, 78 years later, there are more than 500 physicians and nearly 2,000 employees. As the needs grew, so did the space for services. The hospital campus today is comprised of our nine-story Tower Building, four-story North Pavilion, three-story South Pavilion and in 1992, the four-story Mary Potter Physicians Pavilion. The oldest and original building, the Tower, which can be seen from the north, south, east or west, is showing significant age, wear and complex repairs. Though this beautiful and historic building is a beacon landmark with its statue of The Blessed Mother in its tower, this cherished building is nearly 80 years old and is unfortunately nearing the end of its useful life for clinical services.

AND, SO, THE NEWS TO BE SHARED: November 6, 2007, was a very important day in the history of Little Company of Mary in Evergreen Park. The Hospital Board of Directors, led by Sr. Kathleen McIntyre, LCM, ’62, chose to bring LCM into a new era through the most ambitious construction endeavor in the hospitals nearly 80-year history. Sister Kathleen said, “The vision for a new Little Company of Mary Hospital would be set in motion,” and she affirmed that by adding, “God is calling us to move forward at this time to make this strong investment in our community.” Sister’s statement demonstrated the confirmation of the original and courageous commitment taken back in 1930 by the LCM Sisters when they bought the parcel of land for $60,000 in the middle of seemingly nowhere, to build a hospital. They trusted in God and the need and felt if they built it, the patients would come.

And, they were right!

“God is calling us to move forward at this time to make this strong investment in our community.”

Sr. Kathleen McIntyre, LCM

THE CAMPUS TRANSFORMATION:
What will it look like? The project, which is scheduled in three phases to conclude in 2013, includes many new locations for services offered currently in the two oldest buildings, the Tower Building and North Pavilion:

- Women’s Center for Life and Health
- 96 New Medical/Surgical Beds with Private Rooms and Baths
- One Day Surgery Pre- and Post-Op Care
- Outpatient Behavioral Health
- Hospital Laboratory
- Pediatrics
- Kitchen/Dining-Café 95
- A New Surface Parking

WHAT WILL BE BUILT?
A West Pavilion which will be directly adjacent to the west side of the existing Tower Building. Once the new building is complete, both the West Pavilion and the South Pavilion will house all the medical/surgical beds. At this point in time, the North Pavilion will be used for outpatient services and the Tower Building will be replaced by green open area and a new entrance to the facility. It is projected that this transformation will take nearly five years.

In this AlumniLink issue and the “Class Notes” column, Anita Puchly Tressel, ’60, Cherry Hill, New Jersey wrote, “Mike and I and our two son’s were in the area last October on the way to a Notre Dame Football game. We were astonished at the growth of LCM. It is fantastic and necessary. However, I love my memories of the way it was when we were there in ‘57-’60. We hadn’t seen the area since the ‘60’s.”

Anita’s comments could not be more timely and they surely resonate with all of us who hold our hospital in high regard and the personal place it holds in history. We cherish the past and look forward to the future. We continue to be proud of all that we have been a part of for the past 78 years.

We thank the Sisters for their continued faithfulness to the mission of health care as well as all of the graduates of our School of Nursing for their contributions and support throughout all these years. We pray that the courage shown by the early LCM Sisters in 1930 to move from serving in home care to an imperative of founding a hospital will continue as we move forward in this century.
“You can impress people at a distance. But you can impact a life only by being up close.”

That is a powerful phrase. How meaningful our lives can be by touching the heart and soul of those who need us. That is the essence of being a nurse, to reach inside the body and influence a change in the sick, the suffering, the confused, and the spirit of those in need of a caring soul. I started my career trying to be a super nurse and it didn’t always make me happy. By reaching out, not only to heal but to care, did I find my accomplishment. Nursing is not easy but with the right attitude, you will find fulfillment and success even on the hardest days.

As you know, we have awarded four impressive and dedicated women the LCM Nurse Alumni Scholarships. I spoke with them and would like to share a little of their history with you. You will be impressed.

“God never put anyone in a place too small to grow.”

Sarah Fischen is the granddaughter of alumnus Mary Lou Pierce Fischen, ‘57. She is enrolled at St. Xavier University in the nursing program. Sarah feels that her education in nursing will empower her to achieve her future goals as a pediatric nurse. Her instructors have described her as a positive, enthusiastic learner, a hard and committed worker, focusing on her own personal integrity and that of her peers. She was an honor student in every semester of high school and a member of the French Honor Society. She demonstrates traits of industriousness, trustworthiness, ambition, respect and compassion. She describes herself as having a strong work ethic, compassion for others, a sense of humor and a unique personality. (Wow, she has my vote.)

“Be willing to give up all that you are now, to be all that you can be.”

Meagan O’Hare is the grandniece of Lolita Spruit Hagio ’59 & Joan Spruit Kunst ’49. She is enrolled in the Nurse Practioner program at Marquette University. Like me, she wanted to be a nurse from her early childhood. She realized that nursing is more then thermometers and medicines. She has a passion for healing, tempered with compassion for those in need. She describes herself as assertive and intelligent and she feels these skills are necessary for leadership in the nursing field. (So do I.) Meagan is a strong person who will persevere in her pursuit of wellness. Her aunt describes her as honest and resourceful with a delightful sense of humor. All these traits fit well into the making of a nurse.

“The measure of life, after all, is not its duration, but its donation.”

Christine Flynn is a niece of alumnus Diane Ferenzi Gustella, ‘61. She is enrolled in the nursing program at the College of DuPage. Christine comes from a family of medical professionals. Her father is an ophthalmologist, her aunt is a nurse, and her husband is a pharmacist. She aspired to be a doctor but her passion and talent for art lead her into a degree in Fine Arts and Graphic Design. Four years ago, with her three children approaching college age, Christine looked forward to establishing a plan for her future. She enrolled in the Associate Degree in Nursing at the College of DuPage. She realized that the science and study of medicine were exhilarating. Interacting with patients was like being at home with this career choice. In my conversations with Christine, I recognized her as a people person, close to her family and a great cook. Christine hopes to further her education and attain a Masters Degree in Science and one day become an educator for future nurses.

“Never, never stop growing. Plateaus should be found in geography books, and not in personal experience.”

Susan Singleton McClure graduated from the LCM in 1977. Past history sometimes sets the platform for failure, but not for this amazing nurse. After being rejected by several nursing schools, Sue sought counseling from Sr. Michael Murray, LCM, and took two classes at a community college. The next time she applied, she was accepted at Little Company of Mary School of Nursing. Her life was changed from that day forward. She began her career at St. Francis Hospital on a surgical unit. Her experiences took her to ICU, CCU, ER, MICU, CTCU, and SICU.
In 1984 she entered the Air Force and is still active in flight nursing after 24 years. She is commissioned as a Lieutenant Colonel, Air Force Nurse Corps. She became a flight instructor early on. She is a veteran of Operation Desert Shield/Storm. She also worked at the bedside in ICU in Landstuhl, Germany caring for critically injured troops. (This was a life changing experience for her.) She thanks God for blessing her with critical skills. She feels blessed by her life experiences. She describes herself as passionate about nursing and advanced learning.

She calls herself a cheerleader for life and a leader that ‘does not sweat the small stuff.’ She is a proud wife, mother, daughter, sister, soldier, student and a nurse. Currently, she is enrolled in the MSN Healthcare Systems Management program at Loyola University in New Orleans.

I am quite impressed with each of these ladies. It touches my heart to learn of their expectations of nursing and the skills they have. I see a passion for caring in all of them. This is why a scholarship was awarded to each of these applicants.

“If we did all the things we are capable of doing, we would literally astound ourselves.”

A great THANK YOU to all our alumni who have paid their dues and sent in a donation for the scholarship fund. We can’t do this job alone.

The objective of the scholarship program is to provide monetary assistance for alumni and relatives of alumni beginning or continuing their nursing careers through approved educational courses at accredited institutions.

Applications for the coming year of 2008 are now being accepted until December 2008.

To obtain an application and the criteria papers, please contact:

Mary Cronin,
Secretary of LCM Nurse Alumni Association
2800 W. 95th Street
Evergreen Park, IL 60805
708-229-5066
The 2007 Nurse Alumni Reunion was a huge success! Thank you to the Class of '72 who hosted and worked together to provide an extraordinary afternoon and wonderful reunion delight for more than 188 Alumni who were able to attend. With more than a dozen exceptional prizes gathered, the process of purchasing tickets for the prize you wanted to win made for much enthusiasm and excitement in hopes to have your number called.

Every Anniversary Class had representation - a grand applause for Eileen McMullan Grady, '42, representing her Class of ‘42:

- Class of 47 - 7;
- Class of 52 - 15;
- Class of 57 - 19;
- Class of 62 - 20;
- Class of 67 - 11;
- Class of 72 - 18,
- Class of 77 - 5;
- Class of 82 - 12.

Thanks to the many other Alumni who come each year, whether it is an anniversary year or not, and add to the fun and festivities.

The Mass of Remembrance was celebrated by Fr. Jim Heneghan, Pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary, Chicago, Illinois. Fr. Jim's, a part of a large Irish family, and was raised on the Southside. His mother, Peg, is a receptionist at St. Cajetan rectory. Fr. Jim is widely known national speaker on loss and grief. His liturgical celebration of Eucharist was a prayerful experience for the more than 100 Alumni who attended. His warmth, humor and generous affirmation of how valuable and needed nurses are today was so appreciated.

Nancy Rita Means Kaz, '62, Chair of our LCM Board of Representatives, welcomed everyone, shared the LCM Alumni Association Boards' yearly accomplishments, and had the opportunity to introduce both our scholarship recipients, Emily Fisher and Christine McKiever.

The pictures shown below and on the next few pages will give you a glimpse into the memorable day shared by all who attended the LCM Nurse Alumni Luncheon 2007.
MASS OF REMEMBERANCE

Anne Gartner Sims, '55
1st Reading

Kathy Warren, '62
2nd Reading

Joan Siorek DesLaurier '72
Gift of LCM Nurses Cap

Marilyn Ryan Dorgan, '57-
Gift of Wheat Remembering
Deceased LCM Alumni

Sr. Sharon Ann Walsh, '62
Gift of Yearbook

Before Mass
Gathering:
Lt to Rt: Pat
Demos Kelly, '77, Pat
Grobmeier
Hudec, '77
Sr. Marianne
Herres, '63, Sr. Joseph
Casey, '52

Also in attendance at our Luncheon were two of our LCM
Nurse Alumni Scholarship winners. Emily Fisher, daughter
of Michaelleen Cahill Fisher, '70 and Christine McKiever,
Grand-daughter of Mary Gartner Dean '46, and niece of
Anne Gartner Sims, '55.
2008 LCM Nurse Alumni Reunion

Prize Winners

Maureen Garrity Bradley, ’59
Nativity Set

Jackie Vinlove King, ’53
Seasonal Basket

Stella Miziniak Wilmot, ’61
Wine Basket

Pat Grobmeir Hudec, ’77
Perfume Basket

Leslie Demos Kelly, ’77
Ralph Lauren Perfume

Diedre Anderson, ’82
Lladro China Nurse

Maureen Kelly-Furjancic, ’83
Computer Basket

Rosella Nibauer Walters, ’57
Pose with Mary Alice Cullina, ’72 and Joan Siorek DesLaurier, ’72, as they present her with the Pot of Gold

Rosemary Cahill Butterfield, ’67
Ralph Lauren Perfume Basket

Mary Cronin, LCM Nurse Alumni, Secretary, $100.00

Hedie Kaub Alt, ’55 - $100.00

Elizabeth Berg Spannraft, ’70
Special Candle Presentation

Barb Gavin Murphy, ’58, Christmas Ornament Basket

Monica Rokicki Lacny, ’72
Golf Basket

Barbara Hughes McCullough, ’82
LCM Nurse Pin Charm

Jackie Vinlove King, ’53, Seasonal Basket

Stella Miziniak Wilmot, ’61
Wine Basket
2008 LCM NURSE ALUMNI REUNION

Class of 1952

L to R: Seated: Beatrice Hoffman Lyons, Dolores Thomas Lauer, Mary Lou Shea Langdon, Sr. Joseph Casey, LCM, Jean Mitchell Kruse;
L to R: Standing: Shirley Rodemeyer Glinke, Patricia O’Hara Conroy, Lorraine Tetrev Turich, Shirley Corbett Pfeiffer, Beverly Turich Zaleski, Marion Stapleton Lundy, Marguerite Struebing Quinn, Aileen Hare Lundy

Class of 1962

L to R: Seated: Gloria Skvarce Askew, Betsy Donnellan Yao, Sr. Sharon Ann Walsh, LCM, Kathy Warren, Christine Dubiel Lovero, Elaine Dabisch Engel, Peg Schneider;
L to R: Middle: Diane Prisby Devaney, Sr. Kathleen McIntyre, LCM, Sandy Kohl Olson, Sandy Younghusband Reeves, Barb Sepzik Mulchrone, Peggy Towers May, Karen Durben Koretchko;
L to R: Back: Nancy Means Kaz, Diane DalPozzo Surowiec, Nancy Pinta Argo, Pat Sheehan Foster, Jan Mohr Cooledge

Class of 1960

L to R: Rita Regan Gutrich, Janet Skierkowski Edwards, Judy Norka Jagodzinski, Sara Nestlehut Flaherty, Ruth Fleming

“In this fragile frontier-place, your kindness becomes a light that consoles the brokenhearted.”
Class of 1961

Lt to Rt: Seated: Carol Juraska, Stella Miziniak, Wilmot, Pat Maloney Browne, Ginny Clancy, Kavanaugh, Sharon Sheridan Hann;
Lt to Rt: Standing: Sharon Hurley Laughran, Eleanor DeLuria, Annette Decarlo, Hughes Diana Ferenzi Guastella, Rosemary Casey Valente

“May you embrace the beauty in what you do and how you stand as a secret angel, that with the light of SPIRIT that can turn the darkest destiny towards dawn.”

Class of 1972

Lt to Rt: Seated: Betty Smith VanDeKerckhove, Josie Farina Reidy, Karen Garbowsk, Petruincoastn, Maureen Grant, Mulryan, Mary Kay McLaughlin DeBenedetti, Cathy Nykaza Primavera, Pam Simpson Giles-Sharp;
Lt to Rt: Middle: Monica Rokicki Lacny, Patti Lavelle Lee, Kathy Nemeth Hollich, Jan Welsch Nieckula, Marie Novasel, Barb Janik Ledebuhr, Mary Ann Dowling Tribbia, Joan Siorek DesLaurier;
Lt to Rt: Back: Mary Alice Cullina, Nancy Barr Dowd

Class of 1977

Lt to Rt: Cindy O’Neil Higgins, Leslie Demos Kelly, Pat Grobmeier Hudec, Joan Dwyer Rojek

Class of 1982

L to R: Seated: Judy Hickey Bindon, Kim Kotrowski, Opalacz, Nancy Condon, Cathy Reilly Madura, Roberta Sreniawski Arends, Barbara Hughes McCullough;
L to R: Standing: Diedre Anderson, Deb Kowalczyk Rosinski, Barbara Morrell Neuzil, Pat Rooney, Laura Badal Freeland

Class of 1950

L to R: Seated: Mary White Mahoney, Marge Hennelly Reimann, Mary Mullen McCartin, Pat Lenci McLaughlin, Mary Kay Mahoney Daley
Class of 1955

L to R: Seated: Maureen Cahill McAuliffe, Patricia Hennelly Mullaney, Nancy Thomas Rusnak, Lois Jaszkowski Raine, Mary Huppenthal Mazzocco, Joan Jankawski Barowsky, Barb Hopkins Higgins;
L. to R: Standing: Anne Clinton Matte, Jane Helsdingen Kunka, Mary Ann Sipka Nicola, Hedie Kaub Alt, Anne Gartner Sims, Suzanne Whalen McGrath, Florence Smejkal Lundy, Helen Byrne Brett

“May you be blessed; and may you find a wonderful love in your self for your self.”

Class of 1957

L to R: Seated: Rosella Nibauer Walters, Margaret O’Brien Durkin, Rita Graczyk Kowalski, Lorrie Berg Alexander, Roseann Gutrich O'Reilly, Lucille Rzonca Burns, Nancy Booth Low;
L to R: Standing: Middle: Marilyn Ryan Dorigan, Mary Lou Price Fitschen, Mary Hannigan Marzano, Marilyn Brennan Ransford, Sheila McMahon Stark, Ruth Farrell Brady, Mary Regan Herlihy;
L to R: Standing: Last Row: Joan Kress, Sheila Marten Crew, Mary Ann Roche Pasquinelli, Joan McCaffery Halaburt

Class of 1953

Lt to Rt: Seated: Loretta Brennan Driscoll, Mary Jane O’Sullivan
Lt to Rt: Standing: Lorraine O'Brien Driscoll, Therese Carroll

L to R: Seated: Jackie Vinlove King, Genevieve Hanley O'Connell, Dolores Schmidt Lomasney;
L to R: Standing: Deloris Wortel Hagemaster, Gerri Rodeo Urycki, '49, Donna Hanley Moss Joan Wortel Begeske
“May all that is unlived in you, blossom into a future GRACED with love.”

“Always have the courage to change, welcoming all that calls you beyond yourself.”

Quotes from TO BLESS THE SPACE BETWEEN US, John Donohue Doubleday - 2008
The Little Company of Mary Nurse Alumni Association and the Class of 1947 said their farewell to MARY JANE O’SULLIVAN, ‘47, who died at our hospital and was welcomed into Eternity on Thursday, May 28, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. Mary Jane was surrounded by her family and friends who kept prayerful vigil throughout this recent illness and those who took immediate care of her, found her peaceful, resigned and ready for her next home.

For this faithful and faith-filled person who always honored her family and friends with devotion and presence with phone calls and notes. The above quote of Stephen R. Covey describes her perfectly: She always took the time, whether it was a phone call invitation or a note of encouragement or one of remembrance, it was a priority in her day. The theme of many conversations of family and friends at her wake at Beverly Ridge Funeral Home was how they could always depend on Mary Jane to consistently keep them informed and sincerely included in LCM retirement luncheons and classmate updates.

Fr. Mike O’Connell, the celebrant at her funeral liturgy at St. John Fisher, and her nephew, Bill O’Sullivan, each shared how important Little Company of Mary was in all the chapters of her life. In the recent years she became an Associate Member of the Little Company of Mary Sisters.

Mary Jane will be missed, along with her phone calls, her notes, and her acts of kindness. She has left an indelible mark on us all and stands as an example to us of how to live a life of care, concern and devotion.

“Notes are expressions of gratitude and praise that people treasure for years.”
By Stephen R. Covey .... Everyday Greatness

Extra Extra! Read All About it!
AlumniLink Needs Reporters

ALUMNILINK would be grateful to hear from any of our graduates who would enjoy being a part of the writing and publishing of our annual newsletter. For the last 15 years, the ALUMNILINK has become an important vehicle for our nursing classmates to stay in touch with one another.

If any of our Alumni would like to join our efforts, please contact, Peg Schneider, ‘62, at 708.229.5484 or e-mail her at Pschneider@LCMH.org.
She awaits your welcomed calls. No prior experience at the Chicago Tribune or Southtown Economist is necessary, just an eagerness to continue the mission of connectedness to our LCM School of Nursing.
Class Notes
Alumni We’ve Heard From . . .

Mary F. Cannon, '41, Southern Pines, N.C. I love AlumniLink.

Irene Fecenko Erdmann, '45, Chicago, Ill. I always look forward to getting the AlumniLink. Thank you!

Sally Gruszka Fuller, '47, Mesquite, Nev. On August 25, 2005, my brother Stanley M. Gruszka, died at age 91. On December 30, 2005, God took my husband to his mansion in heaven. I have six wonderful children for which I thank God!

Germaine M. Provencher Purcell, '47, Nokomis, Fla. My sister, Joyce Provencher Jagmon, '47, died this past year just before Christmas 2006, leaving a grieving family. She and I entered nursing school at LCM in the Cadet Nurse Corp. during World War II, graduating in 1947. We lived in a neighborhood home until the School of Nursing was finished and we roomed together across the hall from our director Sister Dorothea, LCM. We got $15 a month, which bought us a hamburger now and then, or some personal supplies. Joyce married after graduation and contacted TB after spending some duty time on an Indian Reservation. She was hospitalized for a year in a sanitarium, however, when she recovered; she bore 10 children, nine of whom reside in our home in Michigan. She was an angel and always helped others. In her last years she suffered with Alzheimer and was in a nursing home where she died. Her husband was devastated during her illness and spent every day at her side. He took her out every Friday night for fish and chips until she could no longer walk. She is loved and missed by all who were recipients of her many loving ways and nature.

Shirley Czosek Borhauer, '48, Bella Vista, Ark. I survived my first year as an Alderman of our new city, Bella Vista. I was also elected to my parish Pastoral Council and to the Hospital Board of the new Mercy Hospital (formerly St. Mary's, run by Dominican Sisters who were at St. Christina's.) I am also serving on the Board of Ozark Guidance. I'll be 81 in October and I hope to retire soon.

Cathleen Keilty Heffernan, '48, Rolling Prairie, Ind. Are you ready for our Class of 1948's 50th Anniversary? Cathleen also shared with AlumniLink that Shirley Burns Schmitz, '49 died on February 1, 2008 at a New Carlisle, Indiana, Retirement Home.

Marilyn (Knoth) Javorski Borowy, '49, Hometown, Ill. I enjoy reading the AlumniLink. Our big reunion is in 2009. Let's make it a special celebration. Hopefully, all will be able to attend. We will miss our classmates who passed away in 2006, Joan (McGuire) Cahill, '49 and Peggy McCabe, '49.

Dolores M. Uneus Witt, '50, Austin, Tex. I would like to let you know that Lillian Coffey Case, '50, went to her heavenly home on June 9, 2007.

Gladys Dubrick Linsenbaidt, '51, Las Vegas, Nev. Hi, I've been here in Vegas for 48 years and always looking for news of my classmates in the AlumniLink. I am so glad I finally connected with Dolores Uneus Witt,’50, who I haven't seen or heard from since the day we graduated. What a great surprise! I feel like I'm 21 again - well almost. Who am I kidding? For many years I volunteered to give tours to school kids to acquaint them and hopefully allay their fears of hospitals. I also worked in any department that needed an extra hand for the day. Nowadays, I get cross-eyed doing needlepoint but love every minute of it. Please keep the AlumniLink coming. One more classmate and I'll be caught up.

Elizabeth Juszczuk Mientus, ’51, Chicago, Ill. Thank you for the AlumniLink - it really is a great source to reminisce . . . best wishes to all.

Joan A. Snyder King, '51, King of Prussia, Pa. Thank you so much for the AlumniLink. I have been living in Pennsylvania now for 48 years, but Chicago and LCM are dear to my heart. I am retired now, but volunteer one day a week at a State Mental Hospital. My oldest daughter is a Director of Nurses at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia. I was saddened to hear of the death of Marjorie Meyer Donners, ’51, we grew up together. Joan Harper Dubrick, Jean Brashear Brown & Mary Lou McArthur - all are my classmates. Hopefully, one of these years, I'll be in for the luncheon.

Virginia Schomig Krass, ’51, Arbdale, Wis. Always good to receive the AlumniLink and spend a few minutes with some great
memories of a very special time in my life. I send my greetings to the Class of '51.

**Beverly Turcich Zaleski, '52, Chicago, Ill.** I wanted to share that our classmate, Florence Shubat, '52 died August 21, 2007. To many she was remembered as the remarkable head nurse of the 6th Floor working with Sister Mary Perpetua (Mary Rose Solano), LCM, '33.

Lauretta Lauritsen, '51 (Formerly, Sr. Mary Anthony, LCM), San Mateo, Calif. Cheryl Terwilliger, niece of Lauretta, wrote to say that she had died peacefully on August 1, 2007, three days before her 84th birthday at the Red Woods in Mill Valley, California.

**Jacquelyn Vinlove King, '53, Lockport, Ill.** I recently moved from Chicago Heights to Lockport’s Lago Vista.

**Dee Huddleston O’Malley, '53, Sacramento, Calif.** Life is splendid! I'm paying 2007-2008 dues which is full of hope ... we are well, but don't buy green bananas!

**Joan E. McKendry Hegg, '53, (RIP), Kankakee, Ill.** AlumniLink was notified by David L. Hegg, M.D., that Joan died November 1, 2006. He sent a generous check to the LCM Alumni Association in her honor.

**Jane Stapleton Callahan, '54, Portage, Mich.** It's fun to read the news about everyone. I enjoy it.

**Mary Marchessault Van Liedekerke, '55, West End, N.C.** I lost my husband, Leo, July 1. He fought a good battle, but Parkinson's Disease won the war. At least we are both at peace now.

**Mary E. Huppenthal Mazzocco, '55, Mesa, Ariz.** I received my AlumniLink and thoroughly enjoy all the letters, articles and photos - thank you!

**Mary Lou Price Fitschen, '57, Chicago, Ill.** On behalf of my grand-daughter, Sarah Fitischen, I wish to thank you for choosing Sarah for the scholarship program. She is very honored to have been given this award and is working hard to achieve her goal in nursing. We will forever be grateful for this special honor and we appreciate your generosity. You are in our prayers. Very sincerely.

**Mary Hannigan, Marzano, '57, Lemont, Ill.** We will soon locate to Watervliet, Michigan, where we have vacationed all our married life.

**Ruth Farrell Brady, '57, Midlothian, Ill.** I am still working - 18 years of late, as a hospice nurse, the most fulfilling of all my other nursing jobs. I won't shop until I drop. I'll work until I drop! St. James Inpatient Hospice Unit, come and visit.

**Mary Ann Roche Pasquinelli, '57, Hinsdale, Ill.** Planning to attend our Luncheon at the Oak Lawn Hilton - I would be so happy to see our complete graduation class. After all, it was only yesterday!

**Mary Hladik Houchins, '58, Princeton, Ind.** Looking forward to 2008 and our Class’ 50th Anniversary.

**Audrey McGuire Munin, '58, Austin, Tex.** After January 1, my address will be - 7952 Comfort Cove, Austin, TX 78731, and my cell phone number is: 214.437.7676.

**Lolita Spruit Hagio, '59, St. George, Utah.** Just to let you know how much I appreciate LCM Alumnae providing the nursing scholarship for my grandniece, Meagan O’Hara. She is so grateful and her Dad, Jeff, is as well. I believe Meagan will be a wonderful nurse.

**Kathleen O'Connor Davis, '59, Centennial, Colo.** Graduating class of '59 - that is 48 years - eek!

**Maureen Barry Larsen, '59, Brookfield, Ill.** Chuck and I have been married 40 years. We have a married son with a new baby and living in Lake of the Hills, Illinois. Our married daughter lives in Rio Rancho, New Mexico and has two daughters, eight and five years old, and a two year old son.

**Anita Puchly Tressel, '60, Cherry Hill, N.J.** Mike and I and two of our sons were in the area last October on the way to a Notre Dame Football game. We were astonished at the growth of LCMH. It is quite fantastic and necessary. However, I love my (our) memories of the way it was when were there ('57-'60). We hadn't seen the area since the 1960's. The chapel is
magnificent and we stopped in to
offer our prayers for our daughter,
Kathy, who died October 26, 2005.
She was also born there as well as
her five siblings. Good wishes to all
and God bless you. Love, Anita.

Susanne Doman Ledbetter, '61,
Oklahoma City, Okla. I wish I
could make the luncheon this year! I
haven't seen my classmates for quite
some time. I retired three years ago
from teaching RNs - BSN and MSN.
I am still teaching occasional
Saturdays and have two Internet
courses. I have always loved nursing
and can't seem to give it up! The
RN students that come to our Career
Mobility program at Oklahoma
University are motivating and
inspiring. When they graduate they
are empowered as leaders in our
profession. I couldn't ask for a more
rewarding career. And to think it all
started at Little Company of Mary
School of Nursing in 1958. My best
to all.

Marilyn Panoch Darcangelo, '61,
Green Valley, Ariz. I am still
enjoying life in our active
adult community. Where
does all the time go? I'd also like to
let you know that Marge Bollweg
Futch, '61, died this past August.

Janet McNally, '63, Brighton,
Colo. Since I can seldom attend the
Alumni Reunion luncheons, I
appreciate all the updates from
AlumniLink.

Mary Cizek Bourne Collo, '65,
Phoenix, Ariz. Walking the
footsteps of John Paul II, in Warsaw,
Krakow, Czestochowa, Zakopane -
was spiritual, cultural, educational,
physical and fun!

Cheryl Ludwig Kluza, '66, West
DesMoines, Iowa. I keep in personal
touch with a few classmates (Sorry
to all that I am such a terrible
correspondent). I've had great fun
seeing so many at our class
gatherings. I am running towards the
light of retirement in December
2007. Thank you to AlumniLink staff
and all who contribute. You do a
great job!

Arleen Dusa Stahl, '68,
Shorewood, Ill. Arleen Dusa Stahl,
RN, Ph.D. has retired (July) from the
University of St. Francis, the College
of Nursing and Allied Health. Dr.
Stahl was a tenured professor of
nursing who taught over 30 years
and was named professor emeritus
by the university's Board of Trustees
in April 2007. (This update was
submitted by her husband, Robert
Stahl.)

Beverly Aspel O'Brien, '71,
Denver, N.C. I never really stopped
working. I spent three years in the
Army Nurse Corps. Married a career
officer and traveled until early
1990's. I have two grown sons 28
and 31 now. Most of my experience
is in the OR. I became a CRNFA
and then completed MSN in 2002 -
Nurse Practitioner. I still visit my
folks (84 and 85) in Lockport, at
least once a year and I would love to
hear from any of my classmates.
(3537 Governors Island Dr., Denver,
NC, 28037)

Margaret (Peg) Nahirney Bauer,
'79, Chicago, Ill. I would love to
hear from my classmates - please
write (10433 S. Troy, Chicago, IL
60655)

Evelyn Perez, '81, Berwyn, Ill. I
greatly enjoy the AlumniLink and
I'm looking forward to the annual
Alumni Luncheon.

Vicki Zeilner Dreger, '81, Worth,
Ill. I am starting a final semester at
Elmhurst College - Clinical Nurse
Leader, MSN program and
considering Ph.D studies in nursing.
Thanks so much for the newsletters.

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