



School of Nursing Alumni

Spring 2015 Alumni Letter

Dear Alumni:

Live life when you have it. Life is a splendid gift - there is nothing small about it. "

— *Florence Nightingale*

It is a pleasure for me to reach out to you as President of the Geisinger School of Nursing Alumni Association with my spring letter. This is an exciting year for our association as we embark on the Centennial Celebration of Geisinger. My experience in working within the Division of Quality and Safety brings to mind my Division's Credo which resonates with my memories of my nursing education at Geisinger. In the Credo it states "Consistent with Abigail Geisinger's admonition to Harold Foss, MD, we are tasked with ensuring the best care for our patients and being the best at getting better. Our goal is not to be better than others, but to be the Best!" This is our year to be our very best as we celebrate 100 years of Excellence.

The Health System has named a new President and Chief Executive Officer, David T. Feinberg, MD. If you visit the Health System's website (www.geisinger.org) you will see the announcement of his appointment as well as other notable Centennial events.

All Alumni are invited to participate in a Geisinger Medical Center School of Nursing Centennial photo to be held on Tuesday, June 16th at 3:45 PM, on the front steps of the School of Nursing Building. Please come in your working attire for the photograph. Rain date is Tuesday, June 23rd at 3:45 PM, the photo will be held inside if there is inclement weather.

In keeping with the Alumni Association's goal to provide scholarships to our alumni, especially the nurse at the bedside, we have donated over \$50,000.00 to the campaign since its inception, earmarked for the **Geisinger Nursing Alumni Endowment Fund**. This generous donation would not have been possible without your contributions. During Nurse's Week three scholarships were awarded to Geisinger alumni for educational opportunities. Please note that dues and other monetary donations assist in contributing to the **Endowment Fund**, which is part of the Centennial Campaign. If anyone is interested in contributing to this fund, please contact Denise Stone, Director, Service Line Advancement for Nursing, at dastone@geisinger.edu or 570-214-8846.

The President's letter is sent out twice a year to every graduate of the Geisinger School of Nursing to inform you of current and future activities of the Alumni Association and keep everyone engaged with our Association. Additionally, those members who submit their annual **\$5.00** dues also receive, twice a year, a Nurses' Alumni Bulletin that offers additional information on our Alumni activities and updates from Alumni members and friends. Dues are accepted from **August to October** for the upcoming year. You will receive the form in the **President's Summer Letter** for your submission. We encourage you to send your dues during this time frame so you don't miss our Alumni Bulletin!!

If you are currently holding a Pennsylvania Nursing License and are due for license renewal, please remember there is a mandatory course related to Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse in order to renew your license. This course is offered free of charge through The University of Pittsburgh at www.reportabusepa.pitt.edu.

Our **Annual Luncheon will be held on Saturday September 12th, 2015**. This year's September function will be held in the Henry Hood Center for Health Research which is located directly across Center Street from the School of Nursing. Parking will be available in the physician parking lot directly behind the School of Nursing entering from Center Street. Registration will begin at 10:30 am and lunch at 12:00 pm followed by our guest speaker's presentation. The School of Nursing will be open for those who wish to tour the building before and after the luncheon. This year we will be honoring our 50th anniversary graduation class, the Class of 1965!

If your class is having a **reunion year** (years ending in 0 and 5) and would like a list of your classmate's current names and addresses please contact Nancy Doran. Nancy can order only one copy per graduating class. Please request your list early when making your plans so Nancy has enough time to order it and forward it to you. Please remember that if you have news of any reunion activity that you would like included in the newsletter, contact Em Styer, Secretary.

Our **Alumni homepage** can be viewed by going to: <http://www.geisinger.org/professionals/nursing/pages/nursing-alumni.html>. You may print attendance forms, dues and change of information forms from this website. We welcome your ideas, suggestions and comments about this web site. Please send comments to Tamara Persing at e-mail address: tfpersing@geisinger.edu.

We would appreciate your help in locating any **"lost" alumni members**. Please send information about births, marriages, deaths and other alumni news to Nancy Doran. We like to acknowledge these events with a note or card if we have the information. Please include your name, middle initial, graduation name, address and year of graduation with all correspondence. This allows us keep accurate records. Additionally, you will find a list of graduates with unknown addresses. If you keep in touch with any of your classmates, please ask them if they would like to be placed on the mailing list.

Our historian, Nancy Doran enjoys your stories and likes to share them in the “**History Corner**” of our newsletter. Her e-mail address is egdoran@verizon.net. Your stories can also be mailed to Nancy at 210 Welsh Road, Danville, PA 17821. Remember – if you are not a dues paying member or an honorary member, you will not receive the newsletters from our Secretary Em Styer with this special history section and the alumni member updates.

Transcript requests can be obtained by contacting LaVera Young through Geisinger Medical Center. LaVera’s office is located in the School of Nursing Room 135. Her address is Department of Nursing Education, 100 North Academy Avenue Danville PA 17822. Please note her office location on the address. You may also call Lavera at 570-271-5815 or contact her via email at lyoung@geisinger.edu. She will send you the necessary forms. Please allow sufficient time for processing. There is a \$5.00 fee for all transcripts.

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Sincerely,

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