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Letter from the SCHNAA Board

Dear Nurse Alumnae,

As alumnae of Swedish Covenant Hospital's nursing school, we share an incredible bond to each other and a commitment to caring for those in need. The education and experiences we received set a foundation for each of our lives, providing the tools necessary to answer our callings.

It was my honor to represent the SCH Nursing Alumnae as we awarded three scholarships during the Nurses Week celebration this past May. The two annual SCHNAA scholarships were awarded to Angela Carey and Lauren Morrill, both nursing students in their final year of undergraduate studies at North Park University. Angela's post-graduation goal is to complete her certification so she can work as an operating room nurse. Lauren would like to work in Labor and Delivery or on a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

We also awarded the first Virginia M. Ohlson Scholarship this year to a Swedish Covenant Hospital nurse who is pursuing her advanced degree. Elizabeth Bonilla works on the medical/surgical unit on the 5th floor of the Anderson Pavilion. She is currently completing the Swedish Covenant Hospital/ North Park University Leadership Certificate and plans to complete her graduate studies in nursing.

We could not offer these scholarship opportunities without the support of the SCHNAA sisterhood. Your annual dues and donations to the scholarship fund help ensure our ability to bless hopeful nurses with financial assistance so they can continue their studies. Thank you for your support of the alumnae over the years, and for encouraging nursing students to join us in this noble profession.

Carol Olson
Class of '61



Carol Olson with the 2013 SCHNAA Scholarship recipients.

“By awarding me this scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden, which gives me the opportunity to focus more on the most important aspect of school, learning. I promise you I will work very hard and eventually give back to others, both as a teacher or possibly a scholarship for future students like myself.”

— Angela Carey

“I really appreciate all that SCHNAA has done in helping me achieve my dream of being a nurse.”

— Lauren Morrill

Reunion Spotlight

This past summer, more than 75 nursing alumnae and their guests gathered together for a weekend of fellowship and friendship at the annual SCHNAA reunion. The gathering celebrated the classes of 1938, 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963 and 1968. Nursing alumnae from classes 1940 to 1969 traveled from 19 states to reconnect with their SCHNAA family. We hope you enjoy the following photos from the luncheon!

1948
 Jeanne (Oliver)
 Anderson and June
 (Hansen) Van Natta



1953
 Standing (left to right): Elizabeth
 Merington, Carol (Seal) Hilty
 Seated: June (Carlson) Barker,
 Beth (Tate) Winter, Betty Jane
 (Johnson) Brasseur, Thelma
 (Ziegler) Carlson



1958
 Standing: Norma (Rogers)
 McElheny, Janet McBride,
 Martha (Carlborg) Farina,
 Marion (Lindblom) Swanson,
 Joan (Leonard) Rohrbacher,
 Ruth (Peterson) MacMiller, Lura
 (Alexander) Lawrenz
 Seated: Margaret (Rudin) Maret,
 Lillian (Bengtson) Carlson, Caroline
 (Brassington) Shoberg, Esther
 (Bartel) Rupp

1963
 Standing: Marie (Lindwall)
 Rohde, Edith (Larson) Bengtson,
 Louise (Finzel) Nordengren, Jean
 (Anderson) Johnson, Elena (Eckert)
 Pilditch, Martha (Sandin) Johnson,
 Patricia (Jennings) Koontz,
 Kathleen (Cheney) Pearson,
 Rosalie (Anderson) Carlson, Betty
 (Plankis) Hamilton
 Seated: Ruth (VanderArk) Colby,
 Louise (Westberg) Hedstrom,
 Judith (Anderson) Johnson, Darlene
 (Vogel) Van Meir, Margaret (Glasser)
 Davis, Charlene (Dial) Curtis,
 Sharon (Lindblom) Eager





1968

Standing: Anna (Shold) Boemig, Sharilyn (Bartsch) Nydam, Diane (Hornback) Willging, Jean (Meland) Menconi, Kathleen (Friberg) Anderson, Janell (Lindman) Almquist, Rachel (Hamilton) Doyle, Jo-Ann (Norder) Lakemacher, Donna (Mielke) Clark, Susan (Johnson) Tanner, Paulette (Jorgensen) D'Auria

Seated: Faith (Wunsch) Hamilton, Marilyn (Franklin) Johnson, Carolyn Potts, Winona (Lundgren) Wakeman, Judy (Behl) Cruz, Mary (Dekker) Hollebeek



Joan (Johnson) Bickner and Helen (Ford) Rausch



Marie (Lindwall) Rohde, Patricia (Jennings) Koontz, and Rosalie (Anderson) Carlson



Esther (Bartel) Rupp, Martha (Carlborg) Farina, and Norma (Rogers) McElhenny



Louise (Westberg) Hedstrom and Ruth (VanderArk) Colby



Verna (Isaacson) Fogel



Darlene (Vogel) Van Meir

SAVE THE DATE

for the **2014 SCH Nursing Alumnae Reunion** on June 7 at the Doubletree Hilton in Skokie. The classes receiving special tribute this year are 1939, 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, and 1969. **More details to follow!**

Visit the SCHNAA section of www.swedishcovenantfoundation.org to view more photos from the reunion.

In Loving Memory

Mary (Hall) Bronstein '43
September 6, 2009

Betty (Crowell) Wilson '43
November 13, 2011

Lucille (Anderson) Ahlberg '48
March 14, 2013

Edith (Nelson) Larson '49
October 4, 2012

Verda (Landon) Baridon '52
July 23, 2013

Ethel Dyksterhouse '53
March 14, 2012

Karen (Van Steenwyk) Hearl '61
September 2, 2013

Phyllis (Palmberg) Friesen '61
August 3, 2013

A Glamorous Gala for Women's Health

Swedish Covenant Hospital hosted its 58th Annual Benefit, *A Glamorous Gala*, October 19th at the Field Museum. Nearly 950 guests, including major donors, hospital physicians and community leaders, gathered for an evening of dining, glamor and entertainment. The event was a great success, raising more than \$800,000 to benefit the Women's Health Initiative.

Swedish Covenant Hospital is embarking on this important initiative to expand our women's health services and enhance health literacy for our community. The initiative includes three key pieces: a new comprehensive Women's Health Center, a Health Resource Center and an Access and Education Program. The hospital's goal is to enhance our women's health services, educate our community with high quality health information, and serve as a trusted healthcare source and advocate for those who are underserved.

We want to hear from you! Please share updates or information by emailing the Swedish Covenant Hospital Foundation at schfoundation@schosp.org.



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