Jackson Health System Capital Projects

Jackson Health System, one of the nation’s largest public health systems, recently embarked on a $1.8 billion, 10-year capital plan that includes new construction projects, the renovation of existing facilities, and infrastructure improvements. This strategic plan will transform Jackson into a modernized, patient-centered healthcare system that can better meet the future needs of Miami-Dade County residents and international patients who travel to Jackson because of its medical expertise. Jackson’s capital plan, which is partially supported by $830 million voter-approved bond, includes renovations at every Jackson hospital, the opening of multiple urgent care centers across Miami-Dade County, and a new home for the Miami Transplant Institute.

If you would like to schedule a personalized tour of the campus, please call Nancy Roberts at 305-905-1477.

Alumni Luncheon
Saturday, April 22, 2017

Sea Watch On the Ocean
6002 North Ocean Boulevard
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33308

Program Schedule
11:30 - 12:00 Registration & Meet & Greet
12:00 - 12:30 Speaker
12:30 - 1:30 Lunch
1:30 - 3:30 Raffle & Mingling

Cost $40.00 per person payable to Royce Nursing Foundation

R.S.V.P. with check
Royce Nursing Foundation
15060 Egan Lane
Miami Lakes, FL 33014
305-905-1477

Deadline: Saturday, April 1st
YES! I will be attending the JMH SON Alumni Luncheon on Saturday, April 22, 2017. (Check payable to Royce Nursing Foundation)

Please reserve _______ seats at $40/person for me (and my guest).

Cancel before April 14th OR you may let it be a donation to the RNF to support JMH SON Alumni activities.

2016 Alumni Luncheon Moments
Alumni Update

1955
Constance Di Cec (Connie Peterson)
Pembroke Pines, FL / conayeptrsn@bellsouth.net
Retired. Degree Earned: Attended UM & Barry but never completed BSN.

1955
Florine Smith (Florine Larkins)
Miami, FL / lump149@bellsouth.net
Retired. Worked in a premature infant center, the VA, and a retirement home. Have been married to the same man 60 years. We have 4 children, 5 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Have traveled to Alaska, Australia, New Zealand, Peru, England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Italy, Puerto Rico and Singapore. I enjoy 5 months each year in the Keys, fishing, snorkeling, and painting.

1956
Barbara Anne Hicks (Barbara Ludovici)
Palmetto Bay, FL / baludovici@bellsouth.net
Retired. My dear classmate, Lucretia Dukes Abbate died March 21, 2016. We attended many Alumni Luncheons together.

1959
Lucilla S. Fiore (Lolly)
Miami, FL / lolipop58@gmail.com

1960
Mary Loretta Moe (Mary Dean)
Gig Harbor, WA / mdeanassociates@hotmail.com
Presently employed: Evergreen State College Degree Earned: PhD

1960
Elizabeth (Bets) Anderson
Galveston, TX / betsander@gmail.com

1961
Suzanne Schettino
Pembroke Pines, FL / sue2927@aol.com
Retired in 2004.

1962
Nancy McIntosh (Nancy Moody)
Ormond Beach, FL / nancymoody@mac.com
Self-employed: Nutritional Product Degrees Earned: BS Professional Studies, BS Education. I have been blessed with a wonderful life and enjoyed all my nursing career as a patient care giver, educator, and a Public Health Nurse for the state of Maine. I’m now giving Health and Wellness presentations and enjoying educating families in the power of nutrition. I love my life as I have seven beautiful grandchildren that keep me busy.

1963
Patricia Craig
Louisville, KY / email diapat77@gmail.com
Retired. Education- Degree earned: BA Industrial Studies with major in Photography. Professional Accomplishments: Worked 50 years in nursing, mostly in the OR. Had the pleasure of working with Robert Utewak on the open-heart team at Mt. Sinai New York City, where we did all the original pacemaker trials. Other Hospitals and positions included Supervisor of OR and General Surgery Circulator & Scrub Nurse. Spent some time in NICU (neonatal intensive care) in California. Did a short stay in Air Force as Captain, stationed at Dover, Delaware. I enjoy traveling (visited all 50 states and 40 other countries in Europe and Asia). Currently enjoy working on Genealogy, photo albums, scrapbooks and computer games. Have an extended family of furry friends, as I do pet sitting while their owners are away.

1968
Gayle Starke (Gayle Starke Cappola)
I would let you know that after 47 years of marriage, I lost my husband Pat Cappola after his seven and a half year battle with MDS in June of 2015.

1968
Mary “Leanne” Felix (Leanne Jewell)
Miami, FL / lafjewell@aol.com

1969
Paula Loehr (Paula Loehr Coleman)
Camarillo, CA / bqlpaulacoleman@gmail.com
Presently employed at Los Robles Regional Medical Center in Labor & Delivery. Degree earned: BSN PhN Cal State Dominguez Hills. Professional Accomplishments: IBCLC. 47 years strong as a hospital based nurse!

1970
Linda Burger (Linda Burdick)
Tampa, FL / lindaburdick28@gmail.com
Retired from psych nursing after 45 years. Would love to hear from classmates.

1972
Cindy Clark Menard
Lakeville, MA / joycedonaher@gmail.com
Retired for a year: med/surg staff nurse; telemetry and ortho. Enjoying twin grandbabies age 2.

1975
Sandra Esplin (Sandra Wehking)
Palmetto Bay, FL / sewhking@bellsouth.net
Presently employed: Nicklaus Children’s Hospital Clinical Coordinator Surgery. I married my high school sweetheart, Ike, and have two sons. One is a professor of Engineering and the other a Financial Analyst. Grandson Luke is my latest heartthrob!

1975
Rebecca Randolph
Miami Springs, FL / rebbylou35@yahoo.com
Presently employed: Bascom Palmer per diem RN Retired after 30 years at JM. Still miss it.

1976
Diana L. Shorten (Diana Tershakovec)
Miami, FL / DianaLST@aol.com
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Presently employed: South Miami Critical Care Nurse Practitioner SMH ER. Degree: ASN. AA. BSN. MSN. Post Masters ARNP. Professional Accomplishments: Adjunct Faculty University of Miami; Medical Investigator. Married for 33 years, have two daughters.

1977
Jacky Harrington (Jacky Saeger)
Seminole, FL / jacky@saegerconsulting.com
Presently employed: Professional Health Care ED ARNP. Degree earned: MSN. Held various positions at local ARNP organizations.

1977
Georgia Case (Georgia Combs)

1978
Jill Hudson (Jill Rogers)
Winter Haven, FL / jcrogers5@aol.com
Business Manager at Bright Smiles of Winter Haven.
Married to my classmate Ken. We celebrated our 38th anniversary in August. Ken changed careers and became a dentist in 1986. I retired from nursing and help Ken in his practice. We have three daughters, one of whom is changing career paths from Psychologist and is in nursing school.

1979
Lori Books
Coral Gables, FL / loriellenbrooks@gmail.com
Retired form JMH after 37 years. Was a clinical care coordinator for neurosurgery & neuro interventional for 25 years. Enjoying my 13-year-old son.

1979
Suzanne Difee (Suzanne Arve)
Homestead, FL / suzannearve@bellsouth.net

Currently employed at Homestead Hospital as Advanced Nurse Surgical Dept. and Endoscopy. Degree Earned: BSN University of Miami. CRN. Love to travel, married to Michael. We have one daughter. It’s been a great career! Worked in ICU, ER, UR/QI Met Life, ambulatory care and Endoscopy.

1979
Grace Lanza (Grace Way)
Casselberry, FL / gwayrn@gmail.com
Presently employed at Seminole State College as Professor of Nursing. Degree earned: EdD, MSN. Professional Accomplishments: Earned EdD in education and earned degrees at University of Central Florida. Married 29 years and have three children, oldest son is an RN.

1986
Linda Periscetti (Linda Schutzer)
West Palm Beach, FL / lgschutzer@bellsouth.net
Presently Employed: Critical Care Med Flight as flight nurse. Degree: BSN. MHS-Sigma Theta Tau.
Accomplishments: CCRN, TNCC. Plan to start DNP in the fall at UM. Married to Greg, a Captain for FT Lauderdale Fire Rescue Dive Team. Have one son, attending the Ft. Lauderdale Fire Academy and one daughter attending USF pre med.

1987
Susan Lynn Thomas
Aiken, SC / Thomas6265@gmail.com
Presently Employed at Padgett Medical Center in Bamberg, SC as a Family Nurse Practitioner from Cabarrus College of Health Science; MSN from Frontier Nursing University; DNP from Frontier Nursing University. Married to Keith Thomas from Hialeah, FL for 31 years, 3 children (COTA, RN and one in public safety) 3 grandchildren. I have worked all over the SE USA in Peds, PICU and NICU, love being a FNP and using my skills in an effort to prevent illness instead of responding to sickness. I love working in the rural setting where quality healthcare is mostly lacking. I truly desire to make a difference in the health and lives of my patients, all things taught me from my days at JMh-SON. Nursing education today revolves around competition and compensation instead of the compassion and concern we were taught. I am proud to say that most Medical Professionals I have the pleasure to meet remember the Jackson Memorial Hospital School of Nursing as one of the best nursing schools in the history of this country. We have a proud heritage to uphold, let us do it well.

1988
Pura Garcia (Pura Teixeiro)
Miami, FL / pteixeiro@bellsouth.net

1990
Diane Carol Schwarz (Diane Swartz Kramer)
Miami, FL / Mkdk9190@aol.com
Presently employed: Baptist Health South Florida; Clinical Learning Educator. Degree: BSN. Masters certificate in Nursing Education. Professional Accomplishments: Preceptor certified Nurse of the Year 2006, 2008. Married with two daughters.

1993
Ana Borrego (Ana Fernandez)
Pompeo Beach, FL / abfndzrn@aol.com
Presently employed: American Sentinel University as Assistant Professor. Degree Earned: MSN, (Ed), DNP.

Memorials

Bertha Perez Brookins, Class of 1949
Janet McDonald Cooke, Class of 1954
Passed away October 6, 2014 from Squamous Cell Carcinoma that had migrated throughout her body. She was the mother of five great children and was a wonderful Marine Corps wife as she kept the home fires burning during her husband’s many lengthy deployments. She was loved dearly and is sorely missed.
Mary Maschal Schiess, Class of 1954
Joan Sargeant Melton, Class of 1955

Lucretia Dukes Abbate, Class of 1956
Passed away March 21, 2016. She was a first Lieutenant in the USAF and was stationed in the Philippines. She was also certified to pilot single engine aircraft. Lucretia and her husband were active in missionary work in China, India, Singapore, and Africa. Lucretia is survived by her husband of 49 years, three daughters, one son and several grandchildren.

Ann Connally Varni, Class of 1959
Gayle Kittila, Class of 1960
Catherine Perry Stakel, Class of 1962

Presently employed at Homestead Hospital as Advanced Nurse Surgical Dept. and Endoscopy. Degree Earned: BSN University of Miami. CRN. Love to travel, married to Michael. We have one daughter. It’s been a great career! Worked in ICU, ER, UR/QI Met Life, ambulatory care and Endoscopy.
Scholarships

One of the important purposes of the Royce Nursing Foundation is to present scholarships to beginning nurses, RNs pursuing advance degrees and those seeking certifications. We have awarded nine scholarships this past fiscal year, July 2015 - June 2016 for a total of $13,000. JMH grads and employees get first preference but all applicants are welcome. Please tell your family or friends who may fit in these categories. We encourage you to make donations in honor of, or in memory of, friends or classmates to help with these scholarships.

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For those Alumni who need a duplicate, please write us with your complete name, year of graduation, social security number and $15.00 to cover the cost of the diploma, shipping and handling.

Need a Transcript?

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NOTE: JMH SON records will remain in the Department of Education and Development in Jackson Medical Towers.

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Where are you now?
What are you doing?
Share with us what you have been doing since you graduated from JMH SON. Share how you used your nursing. Did you go on for further education? Did you marry, have children, retire? Travel the world, write books, write chapters in books, hold office in local, state, national government or professional organizations or serve on committees?
To assist you, we have included a form so you won’t forget to tell us about yourself, like what year you graduated.

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Each time we mail an Alumni Newsletter, lots of them are returned. If you move, or if you are in touch with someone who doesn’t receive their newsletter, please let us know.
We are making an effort to increase our data base of email addresses in order to communicate with more alumni. You may send your information updates via email.
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