



Royce Nursing Foundation

Jackson Memorial Hospital School of Nursing

Alumni Newsletter Spring 2016

News of Jackson Health System

Jackson West's expansion plans are continuing to grow. In March 2015, the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners supported the initiative to purchase a 27-acre parcel of land in Doral just west of the Palmetto Expressway and north of Northwest 25th Street as the site for a 100-bed hospital, a leading-edge outpatient medical campus with an emergency center, doctors' offices, and pediatric specialists. The facility will serve Doral, Westchester, Sweetwater, Hialeah, and Miami Lakes. In addition to greater convenience for patients, Jackson West will give our physician partners in West Miami-Dade County the option to practice closer to home. The City of Doral recognized our new plan as one that will provide essential access to important services and amenities, which is vital for a growing community. Jackson West is set to open in 2018.

Dedication of the Sandy A. Sears Surgical Center at Jackson North

Jackson North Medical Center celebrated the dedication of its surgical center in honor of its former chief administrative officer, Sandy A. Sears, who had a distinguished career for 39 years at Jackson Health System and retired in 2014 after leading Jackson North for more than seven years. Sears has long been considered a role model for community service, making it an easy choice for the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners to approve Resolution R-646-14 and ultimately rename a signature portion of the hospital in her honor.

Alumni Luncheon

Saturday, May 14, 2016

Boatyard Bar & Grill
1555 SE 17th Street
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316
954-525-7400

11:30 AM

Cost \$35.00 per person payable to
Royce Nursing Foundation

R.S.V.P. with check
Royce Nursing Foundation
Jackson Medical Towers
1500 NW 12th Avenue, 7th Floor East
Miami, Florida 33136

Deadline: Friday, May 6th



This casual, waterfront restaurant is a few blocks east of Federal Highway near the intercoastal waterway. It will be the perfect place to enjoy a good meal and catch up with old friends. There are plenty of hotels nearby if you are coming from out of town.

JMH SON 2016 Alumni Luncheon

Name at Graduation _____ Class of _____ Year of Graduation _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

YES! I will be attending the JMH SON Alumni Luncheon on Saturday, May 14, 2016. (Check payable to **Royce Nursing Foundation**)
Please reserve _____ seats at \$35/person for me (and my guest).

Cancel before May 6th OR you may let it be a donation to the RNF to support JMH SON Alumni activities.

2015 Alumni Luncheon Moments



Alumni Update

1951

Louise Sperr

Long Beach, CA

louiselbs@yahoo.com

Retired Nursing OB/GYN. Earned B.A, Masters in Deaf Education. Taught deaf education for 33 years. Play duplicate bridge. Travel the world. Converted to Judaism in 1977. Active with National Council of Jewish Women.

1960

Laramie Adams

Laramie Gilder

Retired after 50 wonderful years of nursing.

Certified chemotherapy/oncology nurse at free clinic in Deland, FL in quality assurance role.

I encourage women to enter the nursing field. I've never regretted it.

1962

Lila Emmer

St George, UT

ivoeyspirit@earthlink.net

Retired. Earned BA, MS. Built kidney transplant center at Mt. Sinai, NYC.

Created Alcohol Detox Center, Pittsfield, MA. Director of Nursing, Boulder Med. Center, CO.

1962

Judith Pavone

Southwest Ranches, FL

Retired.

1962

Catherine Elizabeth Perry

C.E. Stakel

Portland, ME

cstakel@myfairpoint.net

Retired. Earned BA, EFM, CPE

Bowdoin College ME.

Taught in two nursing schools, and one strange school in Washington, DC.

Drawing, charcoal, watercolor, sculpting. It's been a great life!

1964

Linda Ruddick

Linda Revere

Oklahoma City, OK

lmrevere@hotmail.com

Retired 2010 after active duty military and civilian anesthesiologist CRNA MS.

Military active duty /Reserves 1966-1996. Married 27 years. Raised quarter horses in Oklahoma. Health problems made me quit and move to the city. Sure miss the quiet and open spaces.

1965

Dorothy Carol Cash

Doroty Yost

Arcadia, FL

dyost@embargmail.com

Retired. Earned BA, MA.

1966

Nancy Alexander

Nancy Alexander Zucker

Garland, TX

ronancyzuce@verison.net

Worked in ICU at Doctors for 1½ years then moved to Texas; worked part-time in Med-Surg. and ED while raising 3 children and began a career in school nursing after the birth of my fourth child. I have 2 daughters and a son, and married my childhood sweetheart in 1967. We have nine grandchildren. We have been in Garland, a suburb of Dallas, for 45 years.

Lead nurse for Garland ISD my final two years of employment, member of state nursing organizations and co-leader of breast cancer support group in Garland following a bout with breast cancer in 1998. I am a Cancer Reach to Recovery volunteer as well.

1969

Lois Leventhal Mill

Lois Greene

Travelers Rest, SC

loweentn@yahoo.com

Retired JMH Child Psych Assistant Head Nurse; Mederi Home Health/HMC. Director of Clinical Services Dade Correctional Institute 33 years. Earned ANCC Board certification as Nurse-Generalist.

Alumni Update

Retired to the mountains 1½ years ago with my husband. I have one daughter and a son who passed away many years ago.

1973

Candis Burger

Candis Donkin

Loxahatchee, FL

candis3621@yahoo.com

Presently employed at "Playing with Fire" lampworking.

Earned BS form FAU

Professional accomplishments;

Navy Nurse.

1973

Arnez Burgh

Arnez Wotring

Odessa, FL

arnezw@verizon.net

Presently employed at USF Health Endoscopy and Surgery Center in Tampa.

Education: BSN Wright University 1986, MSN Nursing Administration University of Tampa 1996.

1975

Sandra Esplin

Sandra E. Wehking

Palmetto Bay, FL

sewhking@bellsouth.net

Presently employed at Miami Children's Hospital (40years) as Clinical Coordinator Same Day Surgery.

Married 40 years to Ike, my childhood sweetheart. Have two sons, one an electrical engineer and the other a financial analyst; one grandson.

1975

Debra Gielo

Dee Parsons

Brandon, FL

Dee.Parsons@verizon.net

Clinical nurse Pedi ICU Tampa General Hospital.

Four years as a Navy Nurse-the best of my professional life.

1977

Debra Boone

Debra Decker

Pembroke Pines, FL

decker698@yahoo.com

Retired 2012. Spent 31 years as staff nurse in newborn special care unit Plan to volunteer in my unit.

Love traveling, & fishing.

1986

Robin Lee Harbach

Palm City, FL

Presently employed at St Lucie

Medical Center, Quality Coordinator.

Earned BA & MPA

Life is great!

1991

Donna Williams

Miramar, FL

dn2will@yahoo.com

Presently employed: Jackson Health System Associate Nurse Manager /Transport Nurse NICU

Education: BSN, MSN

Accomplishments: Work in Newborn ICU since 1995.

1995

Virginia Clay

Cutler Bay, FL

vclay114@bellsouth.net

Presently employed: Baptist Hospital staff nurse ICU

Education: BSN

Accomplishments: CCRN, Expert nurse.



Donations

Thank you to the following generous donors

Linda Revere

Class of '64

Barbara Hicks Ludovici

Class of '56

In memory of
Dotsy Barry & Joan Sheppard

Memorials

Linda Revere, Class of 1964

Anne Connally Varni, Class of 1959

Anne had a very fulfilling career as an RN primarily at Mercy Hospital in Washington, MO (formerly St. John's Mercy Hospital) until her retirement in January 2004.

While raising a family, Anne worked as a part-time RN at St. Francis Hospital (now Mercy). Her 44-year nursing career spanned three states and various hospitals. She worked as both an ER and medical/surgical nurse in Florida, Colorado and Missouri.

Her former colleagues shared how Anne was often the go-to nurse on staff for advice and care. She also was known for encouraging aspiring and new nurses to complete their training and degrees. Former patients praised Anne's patience, diligence, positive attitude and friendliness toward themselves and their families.

One of her proudest achievements as both a mother and nurse was when her youngest daughter, Janet, followed in her footsteps. Janet currently serves as a clinical nurse coordinator at Washington University, St. Louis.

Lost Diploma?

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?

Transcripts will continue to be available, on request, for \$10.00 per copy. Check payable to Education and Development.

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

JMH SON Alumni Ordering Form

Name at Graduation _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Year of Graduation _____

SS# _____

Date of Birth _____

Please send to
Jackson Medical Tower • 1500 NW 12th Avenue, 7th Floor East • Miami, FL 33136
Attention: Sandra Benitez

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(\$15.00)

MONEY ORDER payable to
Royce Nursing Foundation

TRANSCRIPT
(\$10.00 each)

Check payable to
Education and Development





JMH SON Alumni Association

15060 Egan Lane
Miami Lakes, FL 33014

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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.

Lost Alumni

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.

New board members are always welcome. For information on becoming a board member, feel free to contact us. Visit our website and contact us with your inquiries or updates.

www.roycenursingfoundation.org



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Dear Alumni:

We are updating our Alumni Directory. Please complete the section below and return it to us. Your news will provide us with an up-date for The Alumni Directory and items for future newsletters.

Name when Graduated _____

Present Name _____ Year Graduated _____

Home Address _____

(City/State/Zip) _____

Email _____

Presently Employed at _____

Position _____

EDUCATION SINCE GRADUATION

Degree Earned _____

Professional Accomplishments _____

Other information you would like to share with your fellow graduates _____

Feel free to add any other items of interest you would like us to include in our next newsletter. Please return this questionnaire to:

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