



THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

WRAPPING UP ANOTHER ACADEMIC YEAR



From the President

Honoring Our Past; Investing In Our Future

One of my greatest pleasures each year is presiding over CCHS graduation activities, at which hard-won degrees, diplomas, and certificates are conferred. For the past two years we have mingled the giddy excitement of commencement with a solemn tribute to the class celebrating its 50th anniversary. At each occasion I have been moved by the pioneering spirit of the women of the 50s, women now entering the golden years of retirement with time to read and reflect, time to travel, time to reap the benefits of a life of service.

Some things I have learned about our marvelous alumni:

- ◆ The very first president of the NC Student Nurse Association was a Charlotte Memorial Hospital nursing student: Carolyn Talley (Class of '52).
- ◆ One of our graduates has given comfort, support, and love to dozens of adopted and foster children: Louise Moss Ansley (Class of '51-II).
- ◆ The generous financial support of Nancy Klutts (Class of '51-I) recently allowed her church to install all new acoustic paneling.
- ◆ Perhaps our first graduate to come back and teach for the nursing program was Elinor Caddell (Class of '44) who became a long-time and much-loved member of the faculty.
- ◆ Emma Gupton (Class of '48), Director of Nursing at Presbyterian Hospital for many years, was the subject of a Charlotte Observer column last year, recognizing the power of Emma's healing touch.
- ◆ Kathleen Revel (Class of '49) was the first graduate to go on to earn an MD.
- ◆ Bertie Wadsworth (Class of '51) raised a daughter so in awe of the accomplishments of strong women that she focused her doctoral dissertation on nurses of the early fifties (see page 5).
- ◆ There are many, many more wonderful

stories. Please share yours with me.

The most moving aspect of our alumni, for me, however, is not what you, our graduates, have accomplished in the past. Rather, it is the support and dedication you still feel for CCHS, for health care education, and for one another. You demonstrate that spirit in your financial gifts to the College, in your enthusiastic support for alumni activities, and in the tiny catch in your voice as you recount a classmate's illness or personal triumph. You model each day the spirit of giving, sharing, and caring that "The Greatest Generation" is known for. And in the legacy you thus create, you make the world a better place. Thank you.

Ellen Sheppard

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President



School of Nursing

The CCHS School of Nursing continues to grow and change! Judy Gift, the Associate Dean since 1995, left on July 16 to join her husband, Jim, as he accepts a new position in Brunswick, Georgia. Her love of nursing education will not be left behind, however, as she has accepted a position as the Director of the Associate Degree Nursing Program at Coastal Georgia Community College in Brunswick. The faculty, staff, and students will miss her caring, knowledgeable presence. In parting, Judy thanked the staff and students of CCHS for seven years of wonderful friendships, professional challenges, and personal support. The College is happy to announce that Sara Masters, RN, MSN, a long-time faculty member, has accepted the position of Associate Dean (see page 3). Congratulations to both Judy and Sara on their new career challenges!

The State of North Carolina, along with the rest of the nation, has been exploring creative ways to handle the growing demand for nursing services. In October 2000, the North Carolina Center for Nursing charged the NC Nurse Future Think Tank (NCNFTT) with assuring that North Carolina has the nursing resources, both in numbers and competencies, to meet the health needs of its citizens. The Center for Nursing recognizes that nursing is evolving and should be driven by critical thinking and problem solving skills. Nursing knowledge should have a strong fundamental base, but should remain flexible to allow it to be applied across a wide variety of health care settings.

Recently, the NC Center for Nursing has proposed a competency-based model for nursing education which differentiates the contributions of nurses educated at various levels. The model is one attempt to address how nurses might be prepared differently in the long-term future to better meet the demands of the healthcare industry and healthcare needs.

As an Associate Degree Nursing Program, we would be at the first level of the proposed model, the strong foundation that allows entry into nursing practice. It is the responsibility of the School of Nursing to ensure that once our students graduate, they have the core competencies at the staff nurse level. Additionally, we make certain that our graduates have the basic preparation to move on to level two, which is attaining either certification in their specialty area of nursing and/or receiving a baccalaureate degree in nursing.

Many two-year colleges, including the entire NC Community College System (as represented by its president, Dr. Martin Lancaster) believe the proposed leveling is arbitrary, short-sighted, and economically disastrous for the state. Further, Dr. Lancaster, in a letter to the NC General Assembly, chides the NCNFTT for implying

that the two-year nurse has less critical decision-making ability and a reduced skill set without providing any substantiation or related research. Stay tuned for developments on this much-debated issue!

So how are we doing? The graduates of the School of Nursing can best answer this question. We love hearing from you!

Debbie Blackwell

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Dean, School of Nursing

School of Clinical Laboratory Sciences

According to old records, the Medical Technology Program is 60 years old this year. This is hard to believe and with that we would like to tell you about some changes that are occurring in this 60-year-old program. After reviewing our affiliations, we have decided to go to a 4+1 certificate program. Winthrop, UNCW and NCSU have already taken this route. It has become increasingly difficult for the applicants to get all their prerequisite courses in three years and 75% of our incoming class for 2003 is 4+1. We will still recruit as usual at the affiliate campuses, but the applicant will need a bachelor's degree before entering our program. In addition to this change, we will only require 12 hours of Chemistry rather than the previous 16 semester-hour requirement. All of the other prerequisites will remain the same. If you know anyone who may be interested, please direct them to us.

Other exciting news is the possibility of a histology program coming to CCHS. This would be an associate degree program with specific prerequisites plus one year of histology training at the pathology laboratory at Carolinas Medical Center Mercy. CCHS and Carolinas Laboratory Network are currently investigating the requirements involved in offering a histology program.

The School of Medical Technology graduated nine students on July 31, 2002. Tiffany Cornelius was valedictorian of the class. The Phlebotomy program, which is offered three times a year, graduated ten students in July.

Lab personnel update: Many of you will remember or have worked for Jane Bradley who was supervisor of Chemistry at CMC for many years. Jane died on May 10, 2002, after a courageous battle with leukemia. She has given many faithful years to CMC and will be remembered by many of the employees and students for her feisty personality, her big smile, and her hardworking attitude. Donations in her honor can be made to Leukemia Research Fund, New England Medical Center, 750 Washington Street, Box 245, Boston, MA 02110.

Betty Anderson

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Director, School of Clinical Laboratory Sciences

School of Radiologic Technology

Our four May graduates passed the ARRT credentialing examination and are now including the official RT(R) on their professional correspondence! This marks the eighteenth year of 100% pass rate for our Rad Tech graduates. Congratulations!

Other exciting things that have happened this summer include:

- Twenty students are scheduled to begin the program this fall following successful completion of the "Introduction to health care" prerequisite course and participation in a four-hour "Reality Check" orientation to the profession.
- Cathey Miller has joined the program as a new Clinical Faculty
- Following architectural design and preparation, the room designated for our energized lab is complete, but the very best news of all is (drum roll)...
- New X-ray equipment has arrived and is being installed as we go to press! The system brand is Gendex and includes an overhead tube crane and three-phase power. See also related article on page 5.

The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Radiologic Technology Program Energized Lab will be held on Tuesday August 27, 2002. Thank you so much for your continued support!

Susan Stricker

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Director, School of Radiologic Technology

School of Surgical Technology

The School of Surgical Technology graduated nine students on May 3rd and twelve new students began the program on May 13th. The faculty have been extremely busy this summer teaching all the basic principles of surgery, the role of the Surgical Technologist, and introducing the students to the exciting career they have chosen. The new students have been introduced to the clinical setting, and as always, our new students commented on the skills and knowledge the Surgical Technologist preceptors possess. I am always proud to point out that many of these individuals are graduates of our program.

Becky Cuthbertson

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Director, School of Surgical Technology

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give. -Winston Churchill

News Briefs

An Era Ends

Dr. Harry Nurkin, longtime CEO and President of Carolinas Healthcare System, has resigned effective October 2002. While the news came as a surprise to everyone, his rationale (“time to slow down and enjoy life”) was a sentiment easily understood.

Dr. Nurkin has been a staunch supporter of health care education in general, and of CCHS specifically. Not only did he authorize the 1987 feasibility study (see also article on Sara Masters below) that culminated in the creation of the College in 1990, he tirelessly supported our efforts to provide the highest caliber of education possible. He was a frequent and favorite graduation speaker and often sent a personal note of appreciation when the College was in the news.

Blythe Boulevard offers a silent tribute to Dr. Nurkin. Where once stood a somewhat dingy, dated hospital now soars a gleaming white tower, topped with state-of-the-art medical choppers. The healthcare system “Harry Grew” is now the fourth largest non-profit health care system in the US. Consistently recognized in publications such as the US News and World Reports, CHS is recognized not only for its size but by its accomplishments in research and patient care.

The legacy Dr. Nurkin leaves extends beyond buildings and even beyond medical care. He has assembled a team of some of the best minds in health care administration today. Though Dr. Nurkin will be sorely missed, the System is in excellent hands. Michael Tarwater, who followed Dr. Nurkin to Charlotte over twenty years ago, has been named acting CEO while a nationwide search is conducted.



New Associate Dean for School of Nursing Announced

Sara Masters is no stranger to the students and alumni of CCHS. She came to the CMHA School of Nursing in 1992 after heading up a multi-year feasibility study commissioned by Dr. Nurkin to determine the viability of re-opening the School of Nursing which had been closed for over two decades. Sara received her BSN from Clemson University, SC, and her MSN in Community Health Nursing from UNCC. Sara’s husband, Tom, has been with CHS for thirty years and is currently the Director of Heineman Research. Sara jokingly says, “We’re long timers!”

Sara is excited about her new position. She says, “This is a challenging time in nurse education but the rewards are immense. To watch a student grow, to see the ‘light bulb’ come on, to observe our graduates become successful in their professions and develop into colleagues—these are wonderful gifts to the educator.”



Alumni Picnic is a “Hot Time for All!”

Who would have thought that the 2002 alumni picnic, scheduled for a lovely spring day in May, would happen to fall on one of the hottest May afternoons ever recorded in Charlotte? Some children of alumni cooled off with squirt guns and the rest of us envied them!

The picnic featured mouth-watering North Carolina barbeque, cooked on site, all the trimmings, and a groovin’ DJ with tunes that appealed to all generations. The classes of 1951, 1952, and 1953 were particularly well represented, and we were thrilled to welcome some alumni to their first alumni event! Door prizes abounded, compliments of the Alumni Association and CHS Human Resources, and were won by both alumni and their family members.

Sincerest thanks to everyone who helped in myriad ways. Special recognition to Tina Arthur and Christy Leland for their leadership and perseverance in making this event happen. The good news is, thanks to their excellent management, we broke even!

Spring Graduation 2002

Spring graduation was held on May 2 at the beautiful new Renaissance Suites Hotel in Charlotte. There were just under one thousand in attendance. The keynote speaker, The Honorable Jim Martin, NC Governor from 1985 to 1993, exhorted new graduates not to lose sight of the most important focus in health care: the patient. Addresses to the class were also given by Julie Klaffer, SGA President, and Jonathan Helms, SNA President. Phi Theta Kappa thanked their family and friends via a touching slide show.

The highlight of the evening for many was the tribute to the Class of 1952. This 50th anniversary of their graduation provided a perfect opportunity for new graduates to learn a bit about what nursing was like 50 years ago! The Class of ‘52 graduates heard their poem read as each was presented with roses.

Did You Know.....

Carolinas HealthCare System has a New Graduate Center within Human Resources specifically for the new graduate Nursing and Allied Health professional! Dedicated Recruitment Specialists are available to assist new graduates as they begin their transition from student to healthcare professional. The New Graduate Center can match education, skills, and interests of new graduates to the many opportunities available throughout CHS. Specific web pages, located within the CHS web site, contain information on how to apply via the on-line application, career opportunities, facility practice sites, relocation and transition program information, as well as a very informative FAQ section.

Please visit the New Grad web site at www.carolinashealthcare.org, click on Find a Job, then select the New Graduate Center link. It’s that easy!

Experience is a good teacher, but she sends in terrific bills. -Minna Antrim



Grads on the Go



Joe Kreeb (Joseph-Kreeb@Lifenet.org), SOST 1994, is a native Charlottean born at Charlotte Memorial Hospital. He earned a BA in biology from the University of North Carolina-Wilmington. His interest in a career in healthcare motivated him to become a surgical technologist. His success today might well be attributed to the challenges he met as the only male in his class. Following graduation, he joined the Miller Clinic as a first assistant in surgery and worked there for four and a half years. During this time, he also worked part time at Life Share of the Carolinas doing tissue recovery. In 1997, he took a full-time position with Life Share as Technical Supervisor where he coordinated all aspects of tissue recovery at hospitals throughout western North Carolina. Last year, he joined LifeNet as a Professional Service Representative. LifeNet is a national company that is the largest full-service recovery agency for bone, tissue, and heart valves.



Joe Kreeb

Joe lives in Charlotte with his wife Laurie and two sons, Jack (almost 4) and Ben (16 months) and has maintained his enthusiasm about his choice to become a healthcare professional. Every year, Joe presents a program for the surgical technology students at CCHS.



Ginger Walker, (ginger.walker@philips.com), SORT 1976, has had quite a diverse career in healthcare, one she says that has always remained grounded in radiology. In 1975, as a senior student, Ginger was given the opportunity to learn the new and emerging CT technology. CMC was one of the first hospitals in the US to install the new diagnostic tool, which at the time was a head scanner only. Following graduation, Ginger moved to Los Angeles, CA, and became the manager of CT at Century City Radiology. There she gained experience on the next generation full body CT scanner. A little over a year later, Ginger returned to Charlotte and joined the CT department at Presbyterian Hospital as Section Chief. After a number of years, Ginger joined Picker International and held a number of positions during her fourteen-year tenure including CT and MRI Sales Specialist. Recruited by Elscint, manufacturer of the first multi-slice CT scanner, Ginger accepted a position as their Southeast Regional Sales Manager, where she was also involved in the sale of nuclear medicine equipment. Following Elscint, Ginger worked as Vice President of Sales and Marketing for a medical informatics company, and later as Director of Healthcare for Alcatel. While at Alcatel, Ginger authored several white papers, was selected as a Health Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) speaker, and spoke at over fifty HIPAA seminars.

Recently, Ginger returned to imaging, and in particular, to the technology she has loved since 1975 and was initially exposed to at CMC, Computed Tomography. Recruited by Philips Medical Systems, Ginger is currently their Senior Business Development Manager-CT.

In the April 2002 newsletter, we wrote about **Kit Sluder** (kits2000@aol.com), SON 1993, and her experiences volunteering in New York City at Ground Zero. But that is just the tip of the iceberg for this petite nurse who started her career at CMC on 5B, Progressive Care, and is currently working MICU.

In 1998, Kit went to a very rural area of Malawi (30 miles from the nearest paved road, no electricity) and worked on Mobile Clinics at Embangweni Hospital (which runs on solar power) for three months. She was involved in Primary Health Care projects assisting in pre- and post-natal care and giving immunizations.

Later that same year, she spent half a month in Honduras (through Christmas and New Year's Day) after Hurricane Mitch helping run clinics in remote areas and providing medicines and First Aid. She was struck by the resilience of people who had lost almost everything yet still found reason and heart to celebrate at Christmas. In the Fall of 1999, Kit went to Rocky Mount, NC, to assist the victims after Hurricane Floyd, providing a listening ear, making assessments, and helping individuals in their homes with whatever needed to be done. In December 1999, she returned to Embangweni for four months adding work on the wards to Mobile Clinic work. Of her experiences, Kit says, "The people I have met and the places I have gone would not have been possible were it not for a set of skills I had that matched a need somewhere. Because I am a nurse I have been able not only to SEE but to DO, and to work with others in the same profession in a world and culture half a million miles away and yet just right around the corner. For that I will always be grateful."



Kit Sluder with
"Chungo" in Honduras

What is next for this virago of energy? Kit has been chair and is still a member of the CCHS Advisory Board. She has also been recently named a co-Chair of the Charlotte American Red Cross Disaster Health Services. She is considering returning to Malawi which is currently experiencing an unprecedented famine, expected to claim some 30 million lives through southern Africa.



Shelley Saperstein (704-708-6610 x1254), SOMT 1991, started her medical technologist career in the Blood Bank at CMC. She then went on to earn her Masters degree in Healthcare Administration from UNC-Chapel Hill and **Shelley Saperstein** rejoined the CMC Blood Bank from 1995 to 1997. For the last five years, Shelli has worked at MedCath, Inc, a fast-growing Charlotte-based company whose focus is building and supporting cardiac facilities. Shelli started with MedCath as an Implementation Specialist in the Information Systems Department and is now a Team Leader, supervising nine employees and leading new hospital implementation. They currently have eight hospitals scattered throughout the US and travel takes her all over the US, from the east coast to the west coast, from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to Phoenix, Arizona.

Four years ago, Shelli met and married a wonderful man named Jim. Together, they have and continue to back pack through the mountains of North Carolina, as well as travel to places such as Yosemite and the RiverWalk in San Antonio, Texas.

There is nothing busier than an idle rumor. -Herbert V. Prochnow

News Briefs (continued)

Energized Lab Nears Completion

It was a remarkable and memorable moment in January 2000. By overwhelming vote, staff and faculty from all programs moved the needs of one of the smallest programs at the College, Radiologic Technology, to the top of the Wish List. Rad Tech, the only program without an on-campus lab, was on its way to having a fully energized lab. There were, of course, obstacles to overcome. How could we possibly afford it? Where would it go? What sort of building codes would be involved? HOW COULD WE POSSIBLY AFFORD IT? Initial cost estimates were in the range of \$70,000. We took a deep breath. Eventually that cost soared to nearly double that amount, \$125,000, not including supplies, maintenance costs, and additional faculty needed to support the lab.

The next two and a half years were filled with fundraising activities. Garage sales, staff campaigns, alumni campaigns, direct mail campaigns, phone-a-thons. You name it, we tried it. A Development Committee, formed mostly of individuals with no fundraising experience whatsoever, turned semipro. Staff who had never attended an auction found themselves organizing one. But most important of all.....alumni responded. The generous CCHS alumni, young and old alike, showed their support of the College's goals with their gifts.

Walls were lead lined. Floor tiles were installed. A bathroom morphed, practically overnight, into a darkroom. The ceiling was ripped out and replaced, adding steel support beams. A double size, lead-lined door went in. Sinks, eyewash stations, film cabinets and rheostats were installed. Slowly it came together, but we still lacked money for the equipment. In a last minute "Hail Mary" play, CMC came to the rescue and offered to fund the \$48,000 X-ray unit. All that remained was a processor, which emptied out the CCHS Development Fund, but **we are there!** As this article goes to press, installation of final equipment is under way and chemicals are on order, all in time for the class beginning Fall 2002. August 27, 2002, the Ribbon Cutting Day, will be a time for celebration for many and the beginning of a new era of excellence for the Radiologic Technology program. **Thanks, alumni, you helped make it happen!**

Carolinas College of Health Sciences
Extends an invitation to a
Ribbon Cutting
for our new
Energized Radiologic Technology Lab

August 27, 2002
Open House: 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony: 4:00 p.m.
at
Carolinas College of Health Sciences
1200 Blythe Boulevard
Please join us in celebrating this
wonderful accomplishment

RSVP by August 20, 2002
to Janice Churchill
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Lost and Found

In the interest of space, we have eschewed the listing of lost alumni with names beginning in T-Z in this issue. However, if you have any information on alumni who are not currently on our mailing list, this is your last chance to get into the drawing to win a CCHS sweatshirt, T-shirt or mug. Winners will be notified by mail and also printed in the December newsletter.

Calling the Class of 1953!

You are invited to a very special occasion....Graduation 2003. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of your own graduation, we will dedicate a portion of the ceremony to you and will recognize your unique contributions to health care. Please mark your calendar for Friday May 2, 2003. We will send a formal invitation closer to the event. Listed below are those members of the class for whom we have a current address. Please share information you may have on address updates or "lost" alumni. Andrea Feldman (704-355-2029) has the complete mailing addresses.

Class of 1953: Blanche Gilbert Anderson, Montez Holder Ashford, Mozelle (Dottie) Long Crawford, Patricia Pittman Doss, Ruth Emily Eifort, Betty Goodyear Ford, Martha Ann Capps Ford, Norma Blue Futch, Edith Ritter Hamilton, Edith Craver Harris, Ruby Steele Hedden, Jean Jackson, Patricia Hayes Jones, Nola Kyles Jones Sarvis, Peggy Woods Kearney, Medreth Kiker (address unknown), Peggy Davis Kimmons, Bobbie Webb Lwallen, Billie Soles Lewis, Geraldine Snider McCall (address unknown), Carolyn Atwell Moore (address unknown), Mary Frances Carroll Morton, Nora Hardin Odom (address unknown) Joanna Pate (address unknown), Muriel Estelle Pifer, Joyce Morrison Rassmussen, Gloria Jeanette Riggins (address unknown), Valdorena Byrd Rowell, Mary Spires Rynd, Catherine Hines Sloan, Wanda Reid Thompson, Louise Lee Warren, Sue McRee Watson, Lexine White, Pauline Wike Williams, Ellen Beam Wilson (address unknown), Kathleen Yount.

Research Request: The Rest of the Story

In August 2001, we featured a request from Angela Wadsworth, daughter of Bertie Oliver Wadsworth, Class of '52, for nursing graduates from the classes of 1945 through 1960 to participate in a research survey. We are pleased to announce that Angela Wadsworth graduated with her Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Kentucky in May 2002 and has taken a position at Pamlico in New Bern, NC. In the acknowledgements section of her dissertation, titled *Out On Our Own: Women Who Trained As Nurses in North Carolina from 1945-1960*, Angela wrote, "I am deeply grateful to the thirty women who allowed me entry into their homes, their memories, and their lives. Their willingness to discuss openly and honestly their life courses, nursing school, and work experiences made this dissertation a pleasure to write. One of my goals was to give voice to a group of women about whom much was assumed and little known, it is my hope that I have achieved this goal. I would especially like to thank Virginia Stuart Cloer, Jerre Roper Garnett, and Bertie Oliver Wadsworth, the three nurses who were instrumental in the performance of this research. Through them I was able to make the necessary connections to other nurses, all of whom so generously shared their time and memories."

CCHS Introduces New Program

CCHS has created a new Pre-Nursing Certificate Program designed for students who are considering a nursing career and are planning to enter a two- or four-year nursing program. Graduates of this two-semester program will have completed a substantial portion of the required general education component of an associate degree nursing program. The fall 2002 schedule of classes is available on the College's web site: www.carolinacollege.edu.

An Interview With Lena Johnston, A Very Special Lady

Lena Johnston, graduate of the Class of 1934, is a special lady in many ways. Let me count a few:

1. **She is incredibly generous.**

Since CCHS began fundraising efforts in 2000, Lena is our largest lifetime contributor, having given \$3000 to the College over three years.

Since alumni contributions are matched by the Carolinas HealthCare Foundation, that represents \$6000! She challenges other alumni to "use your resources to do something that will make a difference."



Lena Johnston with Ellen Sheppard

Said Ellen Sheppard after an afternoon at

Lena's, "She is generous not only with financial gifts, but with everything! I left her home loaded down with two peach cobbles, a full can of macadamia nuts, and a handful of peanuts!"

2. **She is the oldest alumnus with whom we are in touch.**

It is not nice to tell a lady's age, but Lena pre-dates Charlotte Memorial Hospital! She graduated from St. Peter's School of Nursing in 1934, the last class to complete that program. She remembers the very day (October 7, 1940) when St. Peter's closed. In closing, St. Peter's gave the county \$100,000 they had raised to help start a new hospital: Charlotte Memorial. She has outlived her six siblings and her husband (they were married immediately after nursing school) but she still looks for and finds the daily magic in life.

3. **Lena has some great secrets to share.**

At "eighty-something" Lena is hale, hearty, and sharp as a tack. She still navigates Charlotte traffic on a daily basis, lives alone in a lovely south Charlotte home that she moved into when Sardis Road was farmland. She eats lots of spinach, she says, but her primary secret to a long happy life is this: "Do what makes you happy. If you don't like what you are doing, for gosh sake, do something else." Lena is a voracious reader and credits her mental agility to "not much TV."

4. **Lena has seen America change before her eyes.**

Lena remembers when nursing jobs were so scarce you could not work as a nurse if you were married! They thought: "A married woman has someone to take care of her. It is the single woman who needs work!" Of course nursing students could not be married back then or they would be dismissed from school. And faculty could not be married either! Their complete focus had to be working and teaching.

5. **Lena knows some things never change**

Elinor Caddell, who went on to be a long time, much-loved member of the nursing faculty at Charlotte Memorial, and a highly respected professional nurse, was a student of Lena's. "I knew Elinor was something special the moment she walked into my unit as a student nurse. You can just see quality, sometimes!"

Yes, Lena sometimes you can. And you are a perfect model of those words. Thank you, Lena; indeed you are a special lady!



Announcing the CCHS 2003 Alumni Trip: "More Than Paris!"

The proper name for the 2003 alumni trip is "Paris and the Normandy Coast" and it will appeal to those who have never visited Paris as well as repeat visitors to the "City of Light".

Details:

Dates: May 29–June 8, 2003 (11 days)

Cost: \$1885, includes portage and taxes

What's included in the cost: Airfare from Charlotte (other departing cities may be more—or less), three- to four-star accommodations each evening, four dinners, breakfast every day, our own bus and bilingual tour guide, and baggage portage throughout.

Highlights:

On Paris bus tour, see the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral and more. Free time allows for a visit to Versailles, the Louvre, or time to enjoy a bowl of onion soup at a street side Parisian café! Dinner on a Seine river cruise is an option! On to Giverny to Monet's home and the impressionist museum. In medieval Rouen, wander the streets where Joan of Arc lived and was executed. Free time allows for a visit to a cheese factory or to a charming Normandy seaport village. In Caen, walk in William the Conqueror's footsteps, then visit the museum commemorating the D-Day soldiers who liberated France and changed the course of WWII. After a stop in Chartres to see the famous stained glass windows (painstakingly dismantled during WWII for their protection), we will return to Paris for a final evening.


Want to go?

Contact Andrea Feldman (704-355-2029 or andrea.feldman@carolinashhealthcare.org) to request the "Paris Packet" containing detailed agenda, reservation booklet, insurance information, and more. Through the fall and early spring, our group will meet periodically to get acquainted and learn a little French!

Fine print:

Thirty-five spaces are reserved for our group and will be filled first-come, first-served. \$300 deposit holds your space and is 100% refundable for 30 days. Cost is based on double occupancy. CCHS will try to match any singles desiring to share. Trip insurance available for additional charge.


A history of Carolinas Medical Center



written by Jerry Shinn, notable author and former Charlotte Observer editor

Read how Charlotte Memorial Hospital evolved into Carolinas Medical Center, the flagship of one of the largest public healthcare systems in the nation.

Copies available at The Gift Shop at Carolinas Medical Center, 704-355-2932.



Carolina HealthCare Foundation

*Proceeds from sales will benefit children's programs at Carolinas Medical Center

Available to CCHS/Charlotte Memorial alumni for a 33% discount, bringing your cost down to \$19.95! Copies available at the College bookstore. Or call Lynn Harrison, CHS Director of Retail Sales, and she will mail you a copy (704-355-2931). Enjoy!



2002) Phone-a-thon a Great Success

The phone lines were lit, the fingers were dialing, and the graduates were giving! Phone-a-thon 2002 resulted in gifts and pledges totaling \$3500, with contributions still coming in. With the Carolinas Healthcare Foundation match, that comes to \$7000! Thank you for opening your wallets to help CCHS reach its goals. If we did not reach you during the phone-a-thon and you would like to make a contribution, please use the enclosed envelope to give. Funds raised benefit CCHS academic programs.

CCHS Wins \$2500 Grant

Thanks to a generous grant from the Children's Miracle Network, and the insight of our Child Health nursing instructor, Lynn Jordan, the CCHS Skills Lab recently acquired a state-of-the-art pediatric assessment mannequin from Medical Plastics Laboratory of Gatesville, TX. The



Student nurses with the new pediatric mannequin

mannequin (which cost \$2500) is equipped with computer chips that will allow peds students to assess 32 variations in heart, breath, and bowel sounds. Lynn is still looking for a name for this little guy who appears to be about 6 years old. Send your suggestions to lynn.jordan@carolinashealthcare.org.



Donors Hall of Fame

Pledges and gifts given since April 2002:

Legacy of Excellence (\$1000+)

Lena Johnston, SON 1934

Benefactor (\$250 – \$499)

Jim Martin

Sponsor (\$100 – \$249)

Cathy Battle, SON 1996

Marjorie Burris, SOMT

Ginny Cloer, SON 1951, in memory of six nurses from 1951-II:

“Rainie”, Katrina, Kate, “Babe”, “Nicki”, and “Jo”-anna

Emily Cracknell, SON 1951

Wilma Crawford, SON 1951

Cerese Feagans, SON 2001

Cheryl Hoover, SORT 1993

Sara Masters

Tina McBride, SON 2001

Carolyn Perry, SORT 1976

Evelyn Reiner, SON 1951

Kathleen Ross, SON 1993

Kelly Shirley

Clara Smith, honorary alumnus

Other Donors

Louise Moss Ansley, SON 1951

Melissa Bartus

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June Booth, SON 1957

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Kim Bradshaw

Cortney Bumgarner, SORT 2001

April Bunn, SOMT 2000

Beth Caber, SON 1994

Trish Campbell

Nancy Cathcart, SON 1959

Elizabeth Church, SON 1996

Jean Connor, SON 1957

Ammie Debnam, SON 2001

Kristin Decker, SORT 1993

Janey Disher, SON 1957

Corrine Ellison, SON 1997

Virginia Fesperman, SON 1948

Celeste Ramona Gause, SON 2001

Barbara Gray, SON 1951

Kelia Gray, SOMT 1995

Linda Griffin, SON 2002

Emma Gupton, SON 1948

Dru Hall, SON 1993

Claudia Hartley, SORT 1992

Helen Hester, SON 1952

Eunice Hoffman, SON 1951

Colleen Howell, SON 1951

Tia Howell, SON 2001

Brian Johnson, SOMT 2001

Janice Johnston, SON 1957

Amy Koulovatos, SON 2001

Kelly Leonard, SOMT 1989

Heather Marshbanks, SON 2001

Joyce Merritt, SON 1954

Joy Thompson Moore, SORT 1992

Phyllis Mork, SON 1961

Betty Sinclair McCartin, SON 1951

Nancy Murray, SON 1954

Mary Nash, SON 1966

Marjan Nickpur, SOMT 1992

Margaret Painter, SON 1957

Dana Payne, SORT 1992

Betty Pinkston, SON 1954

Laura Pring, SORT 1981 & 2002

Jamie Ray, SON 1996

Ben Robertson

Myra Rounds, SORT 1967

Lois Russell, SON 1961

Alberta Scroggins, SON 1959

Garland Smith, SON 1959

Janice Smith, SON 1958

Marsha Smith, SON 1998

Heather Starnes, Son 1999

Susan Todd, SON 1998

Brenda Vasquez

Stacey Wilson, SOMT 1995

Debbie Woodard

Nicole Young

Often the best thing about not saying anything is that it can't be repeated. -Susan L. Wiener

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Class of 1945

Nell Sessoms Pillsbury, SON, worked at the old EENT Hospital on 7th Street in Charlotte from 1948 to 1955 with **Grace Watkins Cannon, SON 1948**. Nell married the administrator, Mr. Pillsbury.

Class of 1950

Carrol deCastrique Bigham, SON, had a quadruple bypass in 1999. She is feeling well now.

Gay Nell Hoffman Menscer, SON, is now retired and looking for private duty nursing work.

Shirley White Powell, SON, died in November 2001.

Frances Bass White, SON, retired in 1999. She has three grandsons in college.

Class of 1951

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Wilma Crawford 704-523-0860

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❖ The class is looking forward to re-uniting October 12th and 13th, 2002! ❖

Louise Moss Ansley, SON, has had her daughter, Shannon, who lives in Idaho, with her and Bob to assist in the home recuperation from her hysterectomy. Son David's colostomy has been reversed—so less stress there!

"Sissy" McCrary Austin, SON, and husband, George, have just returned from two weeks in Upstate New York, Maine, Canada, and Prince Edward Island. Daughter Lori's husband is receiving radiation in New York.

Audrey Greer Bridges, SON, decided against aortic aneurysm surgery and has not experienced further chest pain. She just rests between exertions.

Eunice Spires Hoffman, SON, is going on a Caribbean Mercy Ship to Puerto Cortez, Honduras, from August 4 to September 7, 2002. (The Mercy Ship to Belize was cancelled). She will be helping with reconstructive orthopedic and eye surgeries.

Anne Britt Meiers, SON, had right knee replacement on April 23 which kept her in Nashville, TN, for three months. She has returned to a change in homes at Sea Island, GA (same P.O. Box number).

Lorraine Smith Pelletier, SON, and Jere Rufus found out "how old we are" after babysitting daughter Marie's six-month-old boy for a week while she attended a meeting in Miami. The Pelletiers had all the children home for July 4th.

Evelyn Howie Reiner, SON. Evelyn's husband, Peter, is to have his 4th stomach biopsy for questionable cells. If all continues well, she will still join her nursing classmates in October.

Katherine Stewart Townsend, SON, and husband, Bill, have had a full house in Aiea, Hawaii, with their daughters' families' "home-coming."

Note: The complete list of class representatives is available by contacting Ellen Sheppard at 704-355-5316 or Ellen.Sheppard@carolinashhealthcare.org

Janice Gibson Wright, SON, thoroughly enjoyed her China trip and returned from that to begin a five-week trip to Kentucky, Toronto, Montreal, Quebec, and back to Maine for a week on a schooner. A traveling summer!

Class of 1952

Carolyn Morgan Talley 704-365-6053

The class of 1952 was honored at the 2002 CCHS graduation. In attendance were: **Patty Belk Carriker, Helen Crawford Deal, Peggy Cherry Sigmon, Dot Morrison Summers, Helen McMichael Hester**, and **Carolyn Morgan Talley**. Helen Hester, Ann Nash, Bertie, Lolita, and Hattie Sue had a get-together at Ann Nash's home on Emerald Isle in June, where reportedly there was a lot of giggling—the Rosetta Clique is alive and well! Efforts will continue to contact classmates. If you know someone's married name and location, please let Carolyn know. We hope to have another reunion in the future. Carolyn will be in touch with everyone over the next couple of months. She would appreciate any and all help and suggestions.

Class of 1953

Kathleen Yount 704-334-6256

Edith Ritter Hamilton, SON, has seven grandchildren with one set of triplets born recently.

Peggy Kearney, SON, had a stroke and was in the hospital for eight days. She is recovering nicely now but having to learn to read again (she used to be a book-a-day reader).

Peggy Magee Royal, SON, died of cancer.

Joyce Smith, SON, died in April 2002.

Class of 1957

Janey Waggoner Disher 704-364-7803

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Patsy Shaffer, SON, fell and broke both arms at work. The doctors expect a ten- to twelve-month recovery period!

Class of 1958

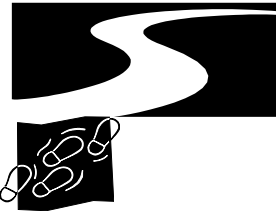
Fifteen members of the class of 1958 met in Laurinburg on April 9, 2002, at the home of Chris Gibson Nance for lively conversation and lunch. One classmate, **Alva Goodman Sells**, is quite a

community activist. She builds houses for Habitat for Humanity and works with the Red Cross for disasters.. She most recently went to New York following the September 11 terrorist attack. Our outstanding nurse's training does not go to waste, for without exception, each of us makes significant contributions in our communities.



Front row: Edith Post Larsen, April Hager Phillippi, Grace Phillips Futch, Linda Patton Nance. Back row: Naomi File Carrick, Coleen Cottingham Plummer, Chris Gibson Nance, Janice Blount Smith, Jeanetter Blount Williams, Alva Goodman Sells, Lucy Long Miller, Louise Long Cashion, Kathy May Bench, Lou Williams, Rita Clark Tussey.

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Sally Prevatte Jones, SON. Sally's husband, James, died in early May of an aneurysm. They got married right after nursing school.

Class of 1959

Garland "Smitty" Smith 704-365-3684

Janet Simpson Tyson, SON, recently retired after forty years in the workforce.

Class of 1965

Julie Nattress Brenizer 704-376-4942 jbegum@aol.com

Susan Fulk, SON, lives in Pilot Mountain, NC, and has been working for the past ten years as an adolescent and child counselor at Sunny/Stokes Friends of Youth. Clients are referred primarily through Juvenile Court and the school system for emotional and behavioral problems.

Class of 1988

Kathy Small, SOMT, has moved to Nashville, Tennessee, and works at Indian Path Medical Facility.

Class of 1992

Valerie Brown 704-227-1500

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Claudia Hodge Hartley, SORT, got married in February 2002. Sherry Barnette Lominick, SOMT, and her husband, Chip, have a new addition to their family. Their daughter, Alana, was born on Sherry's birthday, January 27, 2001. She is eighteen months old now. Kalli is four years old and is enjoying the role of being the "big sis."

Class of 1993

Kit Sluder 704-523-2311 kits2000@aol.com

Lynda Disher Adair

Debbie Martin, SON, has a three-and-a-half year-old granddaughter, Tabitha Smith, who was diagnosed with Acute Myelocytic Leukemia. She has completed two rounds of chemotherapy and is currently at Brenners with a serious bacterial infection. Debbie asks for your thoughts and prayers.

Class of 1995

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Eric Hiatt 336-286-0439 erushhiatt@aol.com

Eric Hiatt, SON, re-located to Greensboro in March for a new position with UnitedHealth Group. He is doing inpatient utilization review covering hospitals in the Maryland, Virginia, and the Washington, DC, region. He would love to hear from classmates.

Class of 1997

Jeff Reece 704-875-6277 jreece@hq.chs.net

Tonya George Cornwell, SON, graduated from Gardner-Webb University with a BSN on May 11, 2002.

Paige Moore Fain, SOMT, gave birth to a second son, Wyatt Parks, on April 17, 2002. He weighed 7 lbs 1 oz and was 19.75 inches long. Two-year-old Bryson is the proud big brother.

Micah Johnson Quam, SON, graduated from Queens College in May with her BSN. She is currently working in the cath lab at CMC.

Class of 1998

Jamillah Hasan 704-697-9039/704-905-1259

Correction: Carrie Knight, SORT, married Timothy Belk of Charlotte, NC, on April 6, 2002.

Our apologies to Carrie for the errors.

Patti Wiseman Montgomery, SON (& Clinical Specialty Institute), is now working at Charlotte Plastic Surgery Center as a first assistant to Dr. Watterson and loves it.

Mary Beth Troy Pace, SON, and her husband, Matthew, had a baby girl on April 2, 2002, at 2:08 a.m. Her name is Emily Reagan Pace. She weighed 7 lbs 12 oz and was 20 inches long.

Class of 1999

Billy Buckingham 704-395-0150

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Rodney Currin 704-567-2372 rpcurrin@aol.com

Christine Evans, SON, and her husband, Joe, have a new baby boy, Joseph William Evans V "Quinn," born March 15, 2002. He weighed 8 lbs 2 oz and was 20.25 inches long. They are currently living in Greensboro.

Jill Parsons, SON, and her husband, Greg, are the proud new parents of a daughter, Kendall Elizabeth, born June 23, 2002.

Class of 2000

Nanda Rhodes 704-455-1221 rhodesrn@hotmail.com

Tera Mullis 704-624-5118

Sarah Gallant, SOMT, has been accepted into graduate school at the Medical University of South Carolina this fall to pursue a Ph.D. in Pathology and Laboratory Medicine. Sarah also appeared on page 57 of the April 8 issue of Advance for MLP as a model for Georgetown University Hospital!

Susan Shaw, SOMT, married Chris Griffin in April, 2002. Susan is employed in the Chemistry lab at CMC.

Class of 2001

Steven Leonard, SOST, recently joined the Transplant Team at CMC. He assisted with his first liver transplant on June 17, 2002.

Brooke McGill, SOMT, is now working in a lab in Hilton Head, SC.

Valerie Simmons McCain, SOMT, married Mark McCain on April 20, 2002. They honeymooned in Hawaii and are living in Randleman, NC. Valerie currently works as a generalist with Spectrum Laboratories at Wesley Long Hospital in Greensboro.

Alumni Association meeting on Tuesday August 27, 2002, 6:30 p.m. in CMC Dining Room. All alumni welcome!



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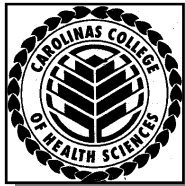
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