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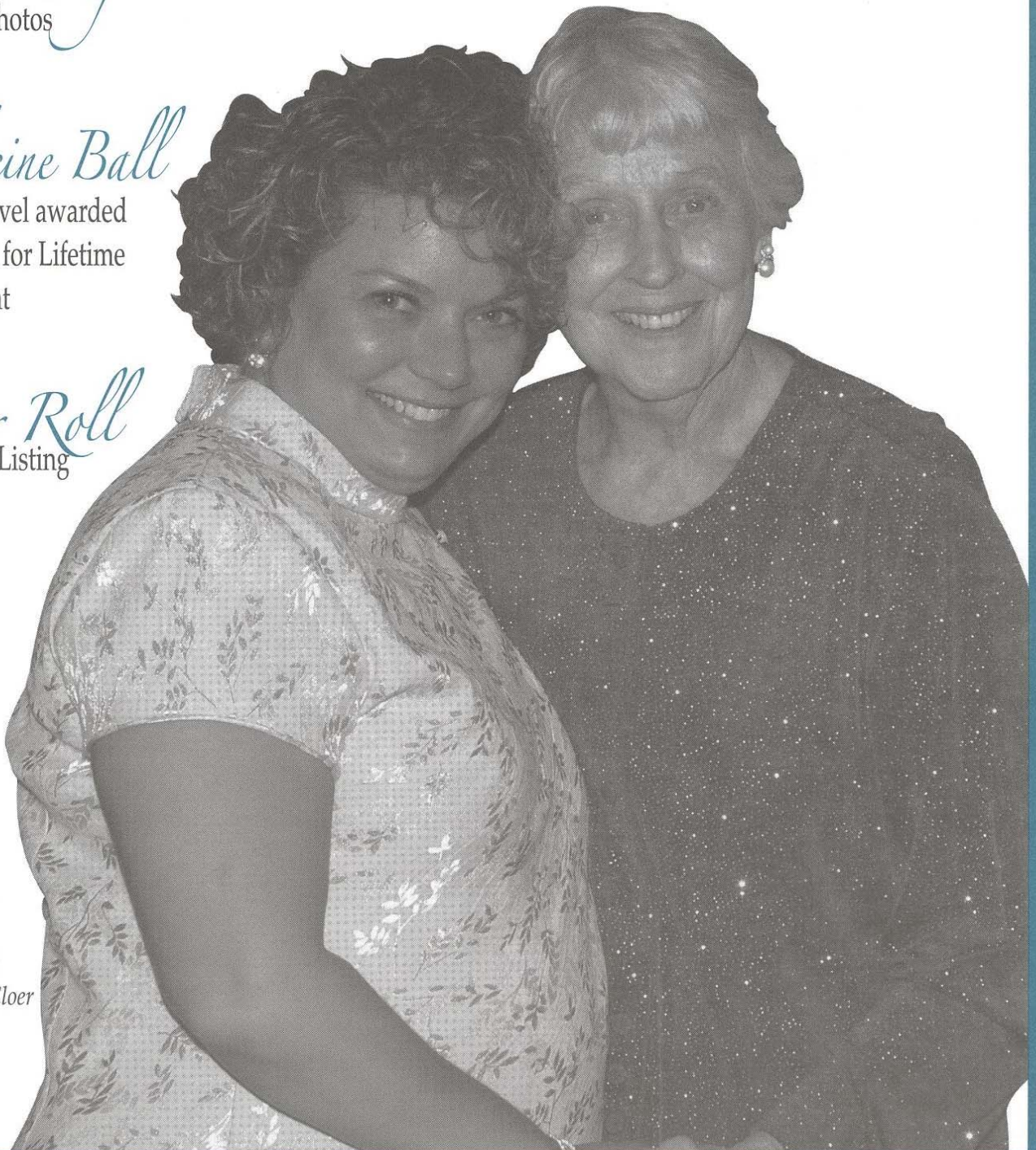
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From the
President

Like Our New Look?

This December 2005 newsletter marks a turning point in our look; we've added something old to create something new!

Since the 1996 inaugural issue our newsletter has had several looks. The first issue was one page, photocopied front and back onto a piece of colored copier paper. The mailing list included 450 names, mostly nursing students who had graduated from the "new" school since 1990. By 2000 we'd grown to a 6-page publication with lots of clip art and a few postage-stamp size photos. The mailing list had doubled with the addition of allied health graduates and through the efforts of a core of alumni representatives who helped us connect with former classmates. In spring 2005 we adopted a magazine format by adding a cover photo and touch of color. Through it all we clung to the unimaginative title, "Alumni Newsletter."

With this issue we unveil our new name "Connections" to communicate exactly what we're all about: making and preserving relationships. The newsletter now goes to 2,300 alumni. Our new masthead visually demonstrates one of those connections by incorporating old and new school emblems. The CCHS emblem symbolizes the college's vital relationship with Carolinas HealthCare System by using its tree of life - symbolic of rebirth and healing - as a central element. We surround it with laurel leaves, representing learning. A final connection forms an integral component of the design: the logo of the nursing school which operated 1941 through 1967. As our only historical program that had an emblem separate from the hospital's, it represents an important part of our heritage, a part worthy of being woven into our new look.

I hope you like the new name and look. We are committed to living up to our "Connections" theme by linking you with former friends and classmates, and by connecting you with the excitement, trends, and challenges facing your alma mater today. I'd love to hear your reaction to our new look!

Ellen Sheppard

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President

Program News



School of
Nursing

So What Exactly is Critical Thinking?

What do the terms clinical judgment, clinical reasoning, decision making, diagnostic reasoning, and problem solving have in common? These are all words that have been linked to an essential attribute of nurses: the concept of critical thinking. It is our hope at CCHS that our nursing students will possess

Knowledge is the foundation of critical thinking. However, there is often difficulty in translating knowledge and theory from nursing education to nursing practice. Nursing graduates are expected to make precise decisions about clinical situations with appropriate interventions and rationale. They are expected to shift their emphasis from simple recall and basic understanding of content to a focus on the application of knowledge. Nurses must use critical thinking in addition to their knowledge given certain clinical parameters in trying to determine the best decision for a specific patient situation.

The good news is that critical thinking can be nurtured and developed. One approach is to use individual or group participation in ques-

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the ability to critically think when they graduate. However, there is much debate about how to develop that skill in nursing students and how to transition this skill into nursing practice.

So what exactly is critical thinking? Turner (2005) defines critical thinking as "purposeful, self-regulatory judgment which results in interpretation, analysis, evaluation, inference, as well as the explanation of the evidential, conceptual, methodological, criteriological, or contextual considerations upon which that judgment was based." (p.274) In other words, it is based on clinical assessment and analysis of this assessment, followed by inferential reasoning based on prior knowledge, and finally an evaluation of this diagnostic reasoning through insight, reflection, or testing of assumptions.

tioning activities that expect participants to apply, analyze, and synthesize knowledge for specific clinical scenarios (Del Bueno, 2005). As you mentor new nurses into the nursing profession, remember to approach clinical practice learning by asking questions first, rather than just providing the answers and demonstrating care.

Debbie Blackwell

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Dean, School of Nursing

Our Cover: Our December cover photo is quite appropriate for our new title, *Connections*. Pictured are Tina Arthur and Virginia Cloer. They represent an intergenerational "Connection" made possible by the CCHS Alumni Association. Tina Arthur is a graduate of the Nursing class of 2001 and was alumni association president 2002-2003. Virginia (aka Ginny and Ginger) graduated in 1951 and has been a very active member and supporter of the CCHS alumni association. Tina and Ginny have worked hand in hand on alumni barbecues, receptions, and parties.



*School of Clinical
Laboratory Sciences*

Program Successes

Our homecoming reunion this fall was exciting and rewarding; if you were not able to attend, we hope to see you at another alumni function soon.

We are pleased to announce that we have received our official seven-year accreditation notification from NAACLS. Other recent events include the August 3rd graduation, at which Miranda Osmolski received the Mauney Award for the highest grade in microbiology, Summa Cum Laude. We are also proud that she scored in the top 7% of the nation on the BOR, as we are of Emmie Patterson, who received the Cum Laude Award. Miranda, Emmie, Adrian Peng, April Glover, and Melinda Tanczos are employed at CMC. Mili Shrestha is in Seattle working for Lab Corp., and Michelle Fritz is at Duke Medical Center Transfusion Services in Durham, NC. Congratulations to all!

The three January 2005-2006 students are beginning to study for their boards, and their anxiety level is building. Remember those days!

In January 2006 we will officially start four students and will be accepting eight students in August. If you know anyone who has an interest in applying to the program, please send him or her our way. And continue to update us on your news so we can post it. Have a great 2006!

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Gift from Nursing Class of 1954 Graces CCHS Entrance

The Class of 1954 remembers “We Like Ike,” “Jailhouse Rock,” and the first McDonalds. They also remember their nursing school days fondly, and have chosen to commemorate their 3 years on campus with the gift of a beautiful weathered-copper spherical sundial mounted on a matching pedestal. The gift adds a huge touch of class to the college entrance way. A touch of The Class of 1954, that is! Thank you, Ladies!



*School of Radiologic
Technology*

It’s “Wow!” Time Again

Some awesome tidbits about the latest of our graduates to become RTRs:

- Nineteen out of 20 students (95%) entering the program in 2003 graduated in May!
- Sixteen out of 19 (84%) are new employees of the Carolinas HealthCare System!
- Thirteen out of 19 (68%) were members of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society!
- Twelve out of 19 (63%) graduated with honors!
- Two out of 19 (10%) are already enrolled in advanced educational programs!
- And, 19 out of 19 (100%) passed the ARRT credentialing examination on the first sitting with an overall average of 90.0%!

Welcome to our profession!

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*School of Surgical
Technology*

Challenges and Opportunities

The college recently celebrated fifteen years with a weekend of homecoming activities. It was a pleasure to see some of the Surgical Technology alumni at the event. If you weren't able to attend, we certainly missed you and hope to see you in 2010.

Judging from the astonishing rate of technological advances in surgery, we can expect amazing changes in its practice by our next homecoming! Every year the faculty must research the newest trends in every surgical specialty to ensure our students are receiving current information. If you review the textbook you used while you were a student, you will immediately see how many surgical procedures have been replaced, refined, or altered in some way using new technology. Even though this constant barrage can be overwhelming, it's also exciting to be part of a program that makes a difference in surgical care.

Our current group of nine students is nearing completion of its second semester; they are demonstrating considerable aptitude for their current level. Our sincere thanks to alumni involved in mentoring these students. You play a vital role in their education and are essential to their development and the future of the profession. If you are currently employed with Mercy or University, you are likely to encounter these students as they rotate to your facilities beginning in January. These rotations provide them with additional opportunities to learn from some of the best in the region.

Have a joyful holiday,

Becky Cuthbertson

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Director, School of Surgical Technology



Emergency Medical Sciences

The School of Emergency Medical Science welcomes Robert Atripaldi to our faculty. Rob is a nationally registered paramedic with over 20 years of field and education experience; he comes to us from the state of Maine where he owned and operated an EMS Education Institution. Rob brings a wealth of knowledge to our program and has taken the lead educator role in the MEDIC Paramedic program. Please join me in welcoming Rob.

Carolinas College of Health Sciences and The Center for Prehospital Medicine are pleased to announce the offering of a new paramedic educational program starting in January 2006. The primary focus of this program is to offer credentialed EMTs an opportunity to progress in their education and career with minimal disruption of work and family commitments. Please call John Tartt at (704) 355-1721 or visit our web site <http://www.carolinashealthcare.org/education/cchs/academic/EMS.cfm> for more details.

John Tartt

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Director, School of Emergency Medical Science



In the interest of accuracy...

Lauretta Ritter Rich, SON 1954, wrote in to correct us concerning the authorship of our CCHS alma mater. She comments: "The alma mater was written in 1953 by Lauretta Ritter Rich...and **Earline Ormsby O'Heron (SON 1954)**. Miss Hinson, nursing supervisor, officiated over the contest, and the winner was presented a \$25 dollar savings bond."

We apologize to the rightful authors of our alma mater, and we thank Ms. Rich for clarifying the origin of this important part of CCHS history.

From the Alumni Association President



Greetings from your CCHS Alumni Association! My name is Nanda Rhodes, and I am a graduate of the School of Nursing, Class of 2000. What a whirlwind three months this has been since I took office in August! September was busy with Nursing Convocation, the Scholarship Awards and Reception, and, of course, our 2005 Homecoming festivities the last weekend of the month. What a wonderful time we had reconnecting with old friends and making new ones, too!

It's hard to believe the holiday season is nearly upon us, highlighted by the excitement of December graduation! Our staff and seniors are busily preparing for finals, ordering their invitations, and getting fitted for those caps and gowns. One of the great pleasures of my office is the opportunity to address new graduates at the awards breakfast on December 15, welcoming them into the CCHS Alumni Association. I encourage and welcome all graduates, current and past, to get involved with our Alumni Association. We meet once a quarter; meeting times are posted on the CCHS website.

I would be remiss if I did not extend a note of thanks to my predecessor, mentor, and friend, June Booth, who served as Alumni Association President for 2004-2005. June, I thank you for your hard work and dedication to the Alumni Association the past year – and thanks for giving me some REALLY big shoes to fill! I also want to thank each and every member of the Alumni Association who so diligently serves their fellow classmates, Ellen Sheppard for her tireless dedication to the Association, and Pat Lewis for always managing to find time to help us and to get me out of a jam when I'm in a time crunch! I look forward to working with you all in the coming year.

Best wishes to all for a safe and happy holiday season! Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of service to you. I may be reached by e-mail or at 704-455-9396.

Sincerely,

Nanda Rhodes, RN

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SON Class of 2000

Travel Corner



Are 'de lochs o' Scotland callin' to ye, bonnie lad & lass?

Last chance to join in on the adventure and fun of the 2006 alumni trip to Scotland. A few spaces remain. Don't you deserve it? March 16 – 26. Call Pat Lewis for details, 704.355.2029.

Your turn to select the 2007 alumni trip! Vote for the trip you'd like to take. All are approximately \$2000 per person, all-inclusive (air fare, 4-star hotels, some meals, all bus tours, private guides, etc.)

#1 National Park Tour (Zion, Monument Valley, Bryce, Grand Canyon, Jackson Hole, Yellowstone, Tetons, Mesa Verde, Santa Fe)

#2 Canadian Rockies (Calgary, Vancouver, Kanloops, Jasper, Lake Louise, Kootenay, Yoho, Cave & Basin)

#3 Alaska Cruise: Glacier Bay

#4 London, Paris, Rome (3 days in each)

#5 Western Caribbean Cruise The no-fuss way to travel.

Vote by calling Ellen Sheppard at 704.355.5316 or e-mailing her at

Ellen.Sheppard@carolinashealthcare.org

2006 Alumni Association Meetings

- February 21
- May 16
- August 15
- November 14

All meetings are at the College, 1200 Blythe Boulevard, 6:30 – 8. On-campus parking will be available in 2006.

Party – ALL Alumni invited!

Friday, January 20

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Great Food, Great Friends, No Clean Up – the perfect recipe for post-holiday fun! This no-work, just-for-fun, Dutch-treat dinner party, will be held at Red Rocks Restaurant in South Charlotte. Just bring a "white elephant" or a "re-gift" for a humorous gift exchange... something you didn't need for Christmas (string of flounder-shaped string of lights, anyone?). RSVP to Pat Lewis (704-355-2029) and we'll send directions.

The restaurant is just 12 minutes from CMC, convenient to nearly everyone. Bring a friend!

Grads on the Go

Please recommend a Grad on the Go by contacting your program director.

Jo Edwards, SON 1993, came into nursing from a previous career in accounting. Since graduation, Jo has been busy climbing up the ladder of success! She began her career at CMC working in the renal and transplant departments until 1995. She then moved to Mecklenburg Dialysis Center. Jo rapidly grew in her skills and was well respected by her colleagues, making her an excellent candidate for the position she currently holds as Regional Director for Gambro. She has been in this position for the past five years. Her role requires her to manage six different dialysis units, two of which she helped open. These units are located in Charlotte, Pageland, Monroe and Lancaster. Jo hires and manages registered nurses, nursing assistants, patient care technicians and phlebotomists. Jo is an outstanding graduate from the CCHS nursing program; we are hoping she will be able to share her experience and insights with us as a guest speaker in the near future.



Jo Edwards, SON 1993



DeeDee Meadows, SOMT 2001, graduated from Appalachian State University with a BS in Medical Technology before attending CCHS. DeeDee has been married for one year; she and her husband live in Stanley, NC. She enjoys cooking, reading and traveling. DeeDee has been with Carolinas Healthcare System for five years, and is ASCP certified. Two of those years, she worked in the Microbiology Laboratory as a clinical lab

assistant and later as a technologist. She is currently working in the Molecular Pathology Lab, where she is the lead technologist. She also coordinates rotations for medical



DeeDee Meadows, SOMT 2001

technology students. She has worked in this lab for three years and is certified in Molecular Pathology through ASCP. The Molecular Pathology Lab performs a variety of tests including cystic fibrosis, factor V leiden, HIV viral loads, CMV, HSV, and enterovirus. They work with DNA and RNA, both genomic and viral. They also perform genetic testing, infectious disease testing, and some oncology tests. DeeDee reports that the laboratory is quite diversified and continues to grow. We here at CCHS are proud of the growth in DeeDee's career!



Pat House, Sparky Kincaid Allen, Donna Lynn Stanley Frazier and Lisa Simpson Hood, SORT 1985 (l to r) Page 5

Pat House, Sparky Kincaid Allen, Donna Lynn Stanley Frazier and Lisa Simpson Hood, SORT, 1985 are celebrating the 20th anniversary of their graduation. Who can believe it's been 20 years since Lucy Davison, BSRTR, taught her first full two-year class? What have they been doing since graduation, and where are they now?

Pat House, RTR, went to work at CMC in the CT Department after graduation working every shift, including an extended stint on 3rd shift, over the next sixteen years. In December of 2002, Pat entered the inaugural class of Medical Imaging Equipment Technology at ECPI. Earlier this year she took a position with Sierra Health Services in Las Vegas, NV as their PACS Administrator. Pat is finishing up her degree on line, and in No-

ember will take on the responsibilities of Cardiology and OB/GYN PACS for the same company. She recently won a Texas Hold'em card tournament and has taken up painting in her spare time, which is something she says she really doesn't have a lot of.

Following graduation, **Sparky (Kincaid) Allen, RTR (retired)**, went to work for Duke Power's McGuire Nuclear Power station as a radiation protection specialist. She met her husband, Doug, a Certified Health Physicist, while employed there. Sparky was with Duke Power for ten years. She and her husband left Duke and North Carolina to work in radiation safety in the Hazards Control Department of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore, CA. They retired in 2004 and moved to Sparks, NV, which is just east of

Grads on the Go

Reno. Sparky enjoys hiking and says her golf game has improved immensely since retirement. She is taking a ceramics class at a local community college and finds the potter's wheel "very challenging."

Donna Lynn (Stanley) Frazier, RN, went to work in the CT Department at CMC following graduation. While there she decided to continue her education and entered the Nursing program at CPCC. Feeling that her CT experience would benefit her, Donna Lynn's first nursing job was in the Neurosurgical ICU at CMC. She worked in the Pre-Operative Care Center, where she held the Nurse Manager position, for three years, then stepped into a staff nurse position in PACU and is now working as the Assistance Nurse Manager of PACU. Donna Lynn has a son, Zach, 10 years old. She says her start into health care came when she was a volunteer in the Radiation Therapy Department at CMC before starting radiology school.

Lisa (Simpson) Hood, RTR, RCIS (Registered Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist), was one of the first Radiologic Technology program graduates to be hired directly (from school) into the Cardiac Cath Lab at CMC as a staff cardiovascular technologist. Shortly after starting with the Cath Lab, Lisa sat for and passed the RCIS exam. Always interested in pediatrics and loving to work with children, Lisa took on the position of Team Leader of the Pediatric Cath Lab in 1990, a position she still holds today. In 1989 Lisa married Mark, her high school sweetheart; they have two sons, Jack (7) and Brad (4). Lisa says she enjoys her career in the cath lab and finds pediatric work rewarding and exciting. What an incredible group of women! All dedicated health care professionals who found their own individual niches: Congratulations to all of them on a job well done.



CCHS nursing graduates **Schaley Brigrman and Bonnie Phillips ('05)** graced the cover of the August 29 (Vol. 7, No. 19) issue of *Advance for Nurses*. The story featured the Carolinas HealthCare System's success at meeting RN workforce needs through their New Grad Center – a division which deals exclusively with students completing nursing and allied health education programs. Both Schaley and Bonnie worked closely with the CHS New Grad Center in landing their first nursing positions at Carolinas Medical Center.



Advance for Nurses, September 26, (Vol. 7, No. 21) featured 6 CCHS male, second-career nursing graduates (p. 36-37). *Advance for Nurses* is a widely circulated trade publication for RNs. Students featured in the September issue included **Scott Brown ('05)**, **Danny Graves ('05)**, **Alan Tobias ('05)**, **Michael Malher ('98)**, **Wayne Jones ('04)** and **Scott Winslow ('96)**. Each of these gentlemen tells a fascinating story about his journey into nursing by way of an unrelated first career: computers, airlines, symphony, and carpentry. The nursing profession is desperately striving for greater workforce diversity; perhaps these six men's stories will advance that effort. CCHS Grads – Making a Difference!

CCHS Grad Recognized for Service Excellence

We are proud of **Katherine Dorminey, SON, '05**, who has received the Carolinas Medical Center Service Excellence Award for outstanding patient satisfaction as a result of the following letter:

On Monday April 25, 2005 my mother...passed away at Carolinas Medical Center...She was on Floor 5B progressive.

I specifically want to recognize Katherine Dorminey RN who was our night nurse for two important days of my mother's life. Ms Dorminey is to be commended for the professional manner in which she interacted with me during mother's journey. She gave me privacy, support and understanding.

Ms Dorminey made the difference for my mother and for me. She demonstrated competence and caring professionalism. She offered

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me an understanding of the events as they unfolded. Her personal demeanor coupled with her skill and her sense of confidence is truly extraordinary.

My mother died totally unafraid, without pain and in a surrounding that was warm and loving. That is a gift I cherish and I want to thank both Carolinas Medical Center and specifically Ms Dorminey.

Congratulations, Katherine! We encourage all alumni to take time to recognize the efforts of those who go "above and beyond."

Nursing Convocation, 2005

The 4th annual CCHS Nursing Convocation was held at the College on Thursday evening, September 22. The ceremony celebrated the first year accomplishments of students currently on the Intermediate Level and formally welcomed them into the profession of nursing. This year students were invited to bring a guest nurse who had significantly influenced them in choosing nursing as a career; these guests symbolically lit the candle of their student. Alumni are welcome to attend and participate in Convocation annually.



Dean of Nursing, Dr. Deborah Blackwell assists CHS Chaplain (and RN!) Margaret Nunez in the closing ceremony. Intermediate student, Diana Clarke, receives the Blessing of the Hands.



Jamillah Hassan-Jones, Class of 1998, gave the keynote address, charging students to care for each other as well as their patients.



Ginny Stuart Cloer, Class of 1951, presided as the senior alumnus present, lighting the first candle from which all others were lit.

A New Alumni Benefit

It's great to be a CCHS/CMH alum. And it just got better!

Effective January, 2005, an applicant to CCHS who was referred by an alumnus is able to waive the \$50 application fee! The college's best source of great applicants is "word of mouth" – and many of those good words are spread by our satisfied graduates. To say "thank you" for referring your colleagues and friends to CCHS, their applications will be processed without the standard fee. The applicant must list your name on the application as the referral source and we will periodically contact alumni to verify the referral. The only limitation is that your name must appear on the initial application. No application fees can be refunded after they are processed.

Other alumni benefits include reduced tuition for classes you take at CCHS and an invitation to the annual "Lifelong Learning Fair" (Charlotte-area alums only).

Capture a Piece of History!

Nancy Murray, CMHA School of Nursing class of 1954, has contracted with a local Charlotte area jeweler to create a charm in the shape of the CMHA SON nursing cap. This charm can be worn with a bracelet or necklace. Cost is \$30.00 for silver, \$175.00 for gold. Please add \$5.00 for shipping and handling. Send check or money order to Nancy Murray, 925 Sedgefield Dr., Charlotte, NC 28209. If you have questions, feel free to contact Nancy at 704.334.1997.



Who Are the Lumbee Indians?

The Lumbee Nation is a native American ethnic group of southeastern North Carolina. Numbering over 56,000, they are located in Robeson, Hoke, and Scotland counties. Pembroke is the tribe's economic and political center. They form the largest tribe in North Carolina and the ninth largest in the nation. Many believe the tribe's descendants include survivors of the Lost Colony who intermarried with the local Native American Tuscarora, Cheraw, or Sioux.

Lumbee Indians are recognized by North Carolina and the US federal government as American Indians, but they have never been granted the full benefits of a federally recognized Indian tribe. Full federal recognition is currently being sought.

Revel (Nursing, 1948) Inducted into Order of the Medicine Wheel

At the 2004 Millennium Memorial and Warriors banquet, Kathleen Revel, MD, was inducted into the Lumbee Nation's prestigious Order of the Medicine Wheel. Dr. Revel is a 1948 graduate of Charlotte Memorial Hospital (CMH) School of Nursing. Kathleen Revel's life has been lauded by the Lumbee Nation, and serves as an inspiration to all.

Revel was the first female Lumbee to become a medical doctor, but her story is even bigger than that. Revel was born September 1927, the second of ten children. Visiting her hospitalized mother at Duke University illuminated her career vision: Little Kathleen wanted to be a doctor. Little Kathleen - the female, the Lumbee Indian, the child of less than fortunate means. How dare she dream such a dream?

Realizing she needed a skill to support herself through college and med school, Revel applied to CMH School of Nursing and vividly remembers the telegram: "You are to report to the Nursing School Office in the Nurse's Home September 7, 1945, before 4 o'clock." Number one on the list of items to bring: "ration book." So began the journey.

Revel enrolled in the U. S. Cadet Nurse Corps at CMH even though WWII was effectively over. She formed lifetime bonds with the women of the Class of 1948, but upon graduation set off for Baltimore and Johns Hopkins, earning 95 cents per hour. She moved to D.C. for a job at Walter Reed, eventually joining a branch of the service known then as "United States Army Air Force." In late 1949 she reported for duty in San Antonio and was selected to attend the Air Force's very first Flight Nurse School. During the Korean Conflict she was one of only 12 nurses trained in front-line helicopter evacuation for wounded soldiers.

She left the service to resume her journey. After simultaneously attending Los Angeles State College and Immaculate Heart College, she earned a BS in pre-med and nursing and shortly thereafter, a BA in chemistry.

Medical schools were hostile to females then, but in 1960 she nevertheless enrolled at University of California, Irvine's, med school, winning a full scholarship the final two years. Despite intense gender discrimination, Revel graduated and completed an internal medicine residency at Long Beach Veterans' Hospital. She was on staff at Memorial Hospital of Glendale until medical disability forced her retirement in 1989.

Even in retirement, Revel is active. She's established support groups for victims of breast cancer and diabetes, having suffered from both. Avascular necrosis has required multiple joint replacements and has restricted her mobility, but she remains strong at heart. In 2002 Kathleen moved to Hendersonville, NC, where she attends classes at the community college center and conducts independent study in medicine, far exceeding the required credits for annual MD licensure in California.

Just as Lumbee Indians are proud to honor Dr. Revel as one of theirs, so too is CCHS proud to hold up Dr. Kathleen Revel as part of our rich heritage of outstanding healthcare providers.



2005 Scholarship Reception

Thirty-four scholarship winners were recognized on September 10th at a reception in their honor.

Evangelyn Wilson (far right), recipient of the Marilyn Gaffney Scholarship, poses with the family and friends of Marilyn Gaffney in whose memory the scholarship was established.



Sarah Newman accepts a certificate from Scott Kerr, Vice-President, Carolinas HealthCare Foundation. Sarah is the 2005-2006 recipient of the Martha Brackett Rollins Scholarship, created with gifts honoring Ms. Brackett's life. Brackett was a CMH RN alumnus, Class of 1963.



Allison Combs presents David Johnson a certificate. Ms. Combs, a local real estate manager, created and donated generously to a scholarship fund for a nursing student. David was selected as the recipient.



Betty Anderson, Director of the Medical Technology Program with Will Borders, recipient of the Mauney Scholarship. The scholarship was established to honor Dr. Charles Mauney, longtime CMC microbiologist.

Homecoming, 2005



Brandon Landrum, SOMT 2003



Anne Graham Smith, SON 1951



Lisa Kowalski, SOMT 2003

The two most frequently heard comments about Homecoming, 2005: "It was fabulous; let's do it more often," (heard from alumni), and "That was exhausting! Let's wait ten years before the next one," (heard exclusively from college staff). Regardless of one's perspective, all agreed it was a great success.

Both attendees and those who couldn't make it can purchase the two-CD set containing photos from the events as well as the historical photos presented during the banquet. Send \$10 payable to CCHS to Pat Lewis, CCHS, PO Box 32861, Charlotte NC 28232.

A few superlatives from the weekend:

Best Attendance: The Class of 1959 narrowly edged out the Class of 1967. Remarkably, neither class has met for regular reunions, so this was the first time many of these classmates had seen one another since graduation! Kudos to Garland Smith (1959) and Linda Perkins (1967) who invested many hours searching for lost classmates. Honorable mention goes to the Class of 1948 that had THREE present, SEVERAL from out of state.

Came the Farthest: Yvonne Farrar (1975) joined us from Utah.

Partied Hardest: Med Techs, Class of 1978 (Eunice Hoffman, 2nd runner up!)

Most Surprising Invitation: The folks who run the helipad atop CMC invited touring alumni to come back for a helicopter ride anytime!

Most Attentive Listener: Elinor Caddell, who demonstrated that she not only understood every complex concept presented by the keynote speaker – she found clever ways to work them into her speech.

Most Surprising to See: We were honored that these former staff joined us: Clara Smith, Renee Hyde, Denise Howard, Andrea Feldman, Hazel Solomon.

Best Memorabilia: Brass doorknob and brick from the old Nurses' Home

If you weren't able to join in the fun and fellowship of Homecoming 2005, mark your perpetual calendar for 2010 and keep the scrapbooks dusted off. We hope to see you then.



Alene Reep Blair and Martha Young, SON 1959



Laurie Crookenden, Ceres Feagans and Tina Arthur, SON 2001



Mary Faye Proctor, Patsy Martin and Nell Lloyd, SON 1957

Treasure the Memories!



Marjorie Womack, SON 1948, and Ellen Sheppard



Cyndie Hobson, Elizabeth Fowler, and Terry Bailey, SOMT 1978



Ann Mosteller and Jackie Kearns, SON 1959

Seen and heard at Homecoming, 2005:



Mary Rabon Moore, SON 1967

“Thank you for a Magical Evening...” Libby Hunter Greene, 1960

“I loved being there and taking part in everything.” Sarah Marjorie Sparks Womack, Class of 1948

“Oh, yeah. We’ll close the place down. Our class – we were the party girls!” Anonymous Med Tech Grad, Class of 1978

“It is touching to hear so many women say they remember me so well, and that I had a part in making them into the nurses they became.” Hazel Solomon, CMH Faculty

“Who wants to dance?” Eunice (Sooky) Hoffman, Class of 1951

“Everything was perfectly planned and organized. I wouldn’t change a thing.” June Lashmit Booth, Class of 1957

“Can you believe June can still fit in her uniform?” Nearly Everyone

“I’m honored. I’m humbled.” Elinor Caddell, Class of 1944

“You are the heart and soul of health care yesterday, today, and tomorrow.” Michael Tarwater, Carolinas HealthCare System CEO, speaking of alumni.



June Booth, SON 1959, in her original nurse’s uniform with Marjorie Womack, SON 1948



Susan, SOMT 1976, and Michael Thomasson



Vera Smith, SON 1960



Garland Smith, '59, Tina Arthur, '01, Nancy Murray, '54, Ginny Cloer, '51, and June Booth, '59 (All SON)



Wilma Austin and Sooky Hoffman, SON 1951

Donors Hall of Fame

Please accept our apologies if we have neglected to include your contribution. We would appreciate your letting us know of any oversights.

Thank you for these generous gifts and pledges given from 11/05/04 to 11/15/05

Victoria Al-Hussaini, SON '62
**Betty Anderson, CCHS Faculty
Louise "Mossy" Ansley, SON '51
*Catherine T. Ashley, SON '61
Cynthia Avant, SON '98
Laura W. Bailey, SON '97
Genevieve A. Baker, Friend of CCHS
Meredith B. Baker, SON '67
Julia Barela, SOEMS '04
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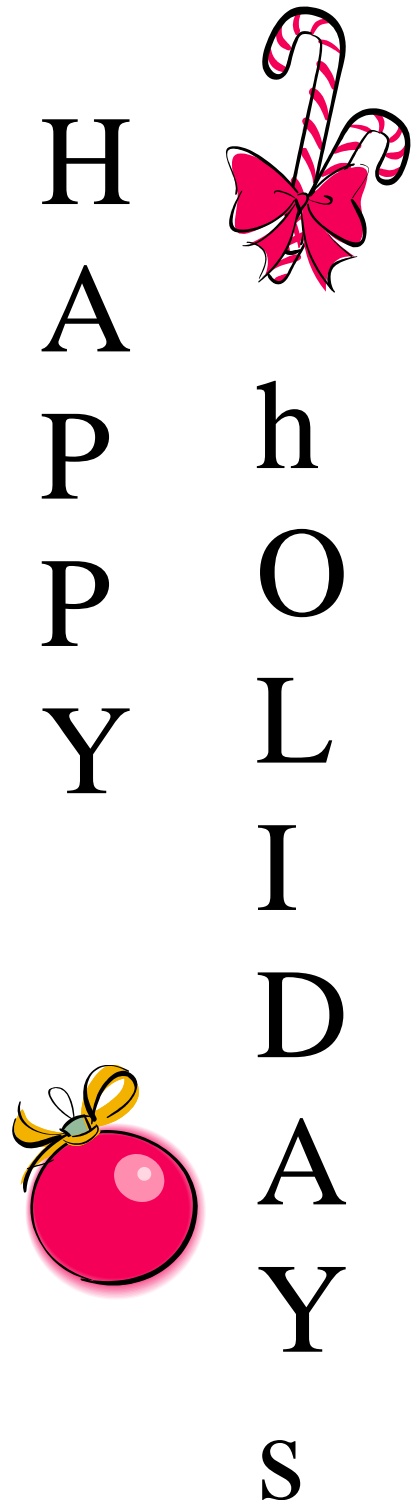
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Unfortunately, some Pathways submissions sent via Homecoming RSVP cards were lost. Our apologies. Please submit news to Ellen.Sheppard@carolinashealthcare.org or call Pat Lewis at 704.355.2029.

Alumni Pathways

SOEMS School of Emergency Medical Sciences
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SOST School of Surgical Technology

Class of 1948, SON

Vonetta Abraham went with the Red Cross in September to help with the hurricane victims in Mississippi. **Sara Doby Brockmann** and husband Martin are planning to build a home in Albemarle and eventually move from Atlanta. Maybe we will see them more often! **Ruby Nance** is now the representative for the class of 1948. **Wanda McDonald Pospahala** who lives in Dallas, Texas was in North Carolina visiting her sister in Chapel Hill last month. Due to other obligations, she was unable to see any of her classmates.

Class of 1951, SON

Homecoming 2005 . . . With unexpected events, prior commitments and medical needs, only eight of us made it! **Nancy Miller Bartlett** and George faced George's triple bypass on June 30th and final cardiac rehab on November 4th. He is free to 'chip and putt' but no full golf yet. **Barbara Gardner Gray** and Lawrence send love to all, and like **Connie Edwards Anderson**, hope to see everyone next year. Connie and Joe have a new computer and are looking for 'beginner's classes' and then e-mail. She is considering knee surgery this winter. **Katherine Stewart Townsend** and Bill didn't reach the mainland until October 5th and stayed through the 26th. Following a death in the family, they spent time with relations, including **Mary Ann Dillard Stewart**. Then on to Laurinburg and to Bill's South Carolina family and son Howard's grave, and to daughter, Debora's in Houston, where they saw granddaughter Sidney play volleyball and were "so excited that they nearly fell off the stands!" **"Corky" Cooper Howell** and daughter Angie left for Houston on November 7th for Corky's eldest daughter's angioplasty to repair the hole in Patty's heart. Corky says, "Prayers please!" **"B.J." Sinclair McCartin's** July 14th Georgia auto wreck left her with one thoracic and two cervical fractures, a neck brace, but no paralysis. Paul's an excellent nurse/chauffeur, and she sends deep appreciation for the calls, cards and letters. On November 15th she hears surgeon's decisions. Son Chip marries Lucinda December 30th. **Evelyn Howie Reiner** and Peter are well and delighted with son Bob's safe return from Iraq. Everyone comes home at Christmas. **"Sissy" McCrary Austin** and George left the mountain home on November 7th for Apopka, Florida with their daughter's families to spend Thanksgiving. All return for Christmas in the mountains. T'was a full October for **Rayma Lou Kirby Robbins** and Curtis starting with a Matthews, NC wedding of grandson Andy; then a funeral for Curtis's brother and

ending with **Rayma Lou's** walking fall, splintering her right wrist on October 31st. It appears daughter Anne's husband's second spinal surgery will take, as his own bone was used for the graft. The reunion was also missed by **Cathy Cook Bennington** and Bob for a prior commitment, and by **Babs Campbell Johnston** who helped with the transfer of Mitch's family from Ohio back to Davidson, bringing the three small boys closer to their grandparents. **Hazel Tuttle Borders** and Bob Roach are well and in close proximity to Hazel's only three remaining siblings. She too remembers **Elinor Caddell's** tutoring and testing of that 'materica medica', for **"Sooky" Spires Hoffman** who did some "early teaching" there also. After homecoming **"Sooky"** and children went to Flagstaff, AZ for the memorial services for her former husband, Charlie, where his students and the children should remember archeology trips with Dad. **Billie White Mitchell** improves after being diagnosed by the neurosurgeon. She's now on to the orthopedist on November 10th for screws to pin that hip fracture, missed by x-ray but picked up on MRI. **Lorraine Smith Pelletier** and Jere Rufus kept that promised camping trip with Gail's youngest, Alex, on his school break. "But he's hanging in there for a cross country trip like his elders took in the 80's." Smitty's very encouraged with the reports of her August 1st lymphoma diagnosis—small B cell type—very early, very slow growing, and may or may not ever go into leukemia. **Louise Moss Ansley** and Bob share with everyone her own favorite cancer doctor's advice: "It's your choice; it's your life. Now get on with it." (And Mossy has!) Through their church, **Mary Ruth Hunsucker Fulbright** and Joe have been helping the hurricane-damaged Biloxi, MS area. One of Ruth's grandsons has earned an engineering degree; two others are attending NC universities. All is well with **Peggy Harris Swinson, Lazelle Lombard Vielle** and **Doris Everleigh Taylor. Janet Hunt Clapp** and Jim took a family trip to Williamsburg. Janet says "hurry up with the next reunion! I'm not getting any younger!" On that note, a warm cozy winter to all . . .

Class of 1953, SON

Mary Frances Carroll Morton, her husband "Morton" and one of their daughter's were in an accident near Hendersonville on October 26th where he was airlifted to an Ashville hospital with a T-3 fracture. Sadly, Walter Morton passed away on October 29th.

Class of 1962, SOMT

Susan Betenbaugh retired from the Blood Bank at CMC in November, 2005.

Class of 1963, SOMT

Vivian Mitchell attended the reunion and resides in Charlotte with her husband.

Class of 1964, SON

Following months of forced medical leave as a result of knee problems, **Katherine Bruce** will give herself a Christmas gift on December 21: total replacement of both knees. We hope you'll be up and around early in the New Year, Kathy!

Class of 1975, SOMT

Others who attended the reunion included **Elizabeth Keever** who resides in Charlotte and **Yvonne Farrar** who traveled the farthest—she came from Salt Lake City, Utah.

Class of 1978, SOMT

The Class of 1978 was the class with the most reunion attendance—**Cyndie Hobson, Waverly Sedgwick, Terri Thompson Bailey** and **Elizabeth Parks Fowler** plus spouses.

Class of 1997, SON

Beverly Vasoll Lauer had worked for the Vein Clinic of Charlotte, and is now working for the Goslen Center as a Sclerotherapy nurse. She gave birth to Ben on June 7, 2005.

Class of 1997, SORT

Anne Cannon Whitener and husband Josh are the proud parents of a new baby boy, Grant Evan Whitener, who was born on April 27, 2005.

Class of 2003, SOMT

Brandon Landrum is employed by SLED in South Carolina and **Lisa Wroblecki** is working in Hematology at CMC.

Class of 2004, SOMT

Charles Goodwin and **Amy Hampton** are working in the CMC microbiology department.

Class of 2005, SON

Lauren Worst began her new job as an RN on November 7th. She will be working full time nights at St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, New Jersey on the Cardiac Unit.



Elinor Caddell

Elinor Caddell Scholarship Fund Campaign Launched

A highlight of Homecoming 2005 was the formal launch of fundraising for the Elinor Caddell Scholarship, and Ms. Caddell's participation in that event. The goal is \$10,000, the minimum needed for an endowed (perpetual) scholarship. In recognition of Caddell's passion for education, recipient criteria will be merit, need, and interest in pursuing nursing education beyond the associate degree.

Elinor Caddell accepted the honor with her typical blend of grace, poise, and intelligence, laced with a liberal dose of humor and accentuated by a clear sparkle in her eyes. She emphasized the role advanced education will play in elevating the nursing profession, and she encouraged attendees to contribute to nursing by contributing to the fund. Later, she thoughtfully wrote, "The CMH School of Nursing absorbed my energy for approximately fourteen years. Those years were challenging... My reward, however, was a daily and enduring one. Teaching and watching the students progress through the learning experience was most gratifying. It is that memory and love for the nursing profession that has led me to foster "life long learning."Please accept my deep appreciate for this honor. I feel special and honored."

We are pleased to announce that just a month into the campaign, the Elinor Caddell fund had received twelve contributions. Contributions to the fund may be mailed to Carolinas Health-care Foundation, c/o CCHS, PO Box 32861, Charlotte, NC 28203.

Faculty Notes

*Occasionally, when there is news of current for former faculty or staff that may interest our readers, we will include a "Faculty Notes" section in **Connections**.*

Clara Smith, former President of CCHS, lost her mother recently. Our condolences to Ms. Smith.

Lynne Shrum, English instructor, has published a book of poetry entitled *The Last Good Kiss*.

Renee Hyde, former nursing instructor and IT coordinator, has returned to Charlotte from Kansas City.

Kelly Shirley, Med Tech faculty, and John Tartt, Director, School of Emergency Medical Science, recently completed masters degrees.



Lynn Jordan Makes the Great 100 List

CCHS faculty have proven again that they are the best of the best. Lynn Jordan, nursing faculty member specializing in pediatrics, was selected to North Carolina's "Great 100." A formal banquet in Greensboro in September honored all 100 recipients.

The Great 100, Inc., is a grassroots peer recognition organization that honors nursing professionals in North Carolina by recognizing 100 North Carolina nurses annually who demonstrate excellence in practice and commitment to their profession. Lynn's nomination focused on the caring and compassion she shows to students, patients, and families alike, and the unwavering high expectations to which she holds students. The selection committee recognized her zeal for education and passion for nursing excellence. That passion has touched those around her; both her mother and her daughter are RNs as a result of Lynn's obvious love of her profession.

Lynn has been with CCHS since 1995 and prior to that taught at Presbyterian School of Nursing. She earned her ADN at Central Piedmont Community College, a BSN at University of North Carolina, Charlotte, an MSN at University of South Carolina.



Lynn Jordan



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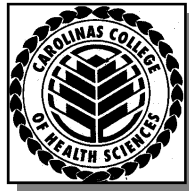
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