



# GRAHAM HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING ALUMNI NEWSLETTER



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## CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

### It's Not to Soon to Plan....

How time flies! It does not seem that long ago that we were planning the school's 85th anniversary celebration. One hundred years is quite a milestone for schools of nursing. Most schools that are one hundred years old are in the eastern area of the United States.

The Alumni Association has changed since our 85th anniversary. We only meet four times a year now so we need to get started planning for 2009. It took many people working together to plan and coordinate the celebration. Our active membership has declined over the past few years. We need ideas and volunteers to ensure that our 100 year celebration is a great success.

Our June 7th alumni meeting will be devoted to our historical project and initial planning for our 100 year celebration. Please feel free to email us your ideas. We would appreciate your help very much.

### Alumni Dues....

**It is time to pay dues again. Alumni dues are used to fund memorial gifts and scholarships. Please send your \$10 to:**

**Mary Jane Mathews  
21014 E. Shelby Road  
Lewistown, IL 61542**

### *In Sympathy*

Geraldine Fotheringall  
Class of 1942

Ethel Mae Stephens  
Class of 1946  
December 23, 2006

Alice Murphy  
Class of 1948  
December 9, 2006

Evelyn Beeney Geier  
Class of 1952  
September 6, 2006

Jeanne Miller Robertson  
Class of 1963  
February, 2007

Nancy Nelson  
Class of 1970  
January 22, 2006

### *Dates to Remember*

*May 18, 2007  
Graduation  
7:00 pm  
Wesley UMC*

*June 7, 2007  
Alumni Meeting  
7:00 pm  
GHSON 3rd Flr*

*September 6, 2007  
Alumni Meeting  
7:00 pm  
GHSON 3rd Flr*

## Alumni Updates....

### Class of 2003

**Jennifer Stockman** received the first DAISY Award presented at OSF Saint Francis in Peoria last summer. The DAISY Foundation is a national organization which recognizes outstanding nurses. Nurses selected for the DAISY Award are nominated by patients or the patient's families. Jennifer's award was featured in the regional news section of the August 7, 2006 edition of *Advance for Nurses*.

**We want to hear about what is happening with all of you—new jobs, marriages, babies, etc. If you have information you would like to share in the newsletter,**

**please contact:**

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## Historical Project Update....

The library staff continues to work on interviewing alumni and preserving historical documents and photos. Alumni interviews have been completed through the 1960s. Many historical documents have been scanned and can be viewed online at [www.digitalpast.org](http://www.digitalpast.org). Once you have accessed the website, choose your institution "Graham Hospital School of Nursing". A brief introduction will come up with a link to click on to access the historical photos and documents that have been scanned and cataloged by the library staff. Check it out—you may find a picture of someone you know!

### *HAVE YOU MISSED US?*

You may have noticed that it has been some time since you received a newsletter from us. We have experienced some difficulties with our computer and had to recreate our mailing list. In this process we may have lost some of our alumni addresses. We apologize for the delay and hope to have mailings of our newsletter three times each year: spring, summer and fall/winter.

## Alumni Meetings....

The alumni met on March 1 and toured the remodeling project on 1st South. The first phase of the remodeling project is almost complete and is scheduled to open in the summer.

Alumni meetings are held 4 times a year on the first Thursday of March, June, September and November. The next meeting will be held on June 7, 2007. Call one of your classmates, invite them to the alumni meeting and maybe go out to dinner first. The meetings start at 7:00 pm and are held at the hospital in the 3rd floor living room. Program for the June meeting will be a discussion of the historical project and 100 year celebration plans.