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Nursing Alumni Council

The Nursing Alumni Council is a way for alumni to serve the School of Nursing and their fellow alumni. The council is responsible for the operations of the School of Nursing Alumni Association and is normally made up of 16 to 25 members. The council recruits members from each of the school's programs including the diploma program, the bachelor's program, the accelerated bachelor's program, the master's programs, and the post-masters' certificate programs. Terms are for three years.

The mission of the Nursing Alumni Association, through its volunteer structure, is to build the institution through leadership, philanthropic support, and service to the school.



The Duke Blue Devil joined the Nursing Alumni Council at a recent meeting. From left are: Martha C. Romney; Kathleen E.V. Gallagher; Gena L. Bittner, secretary; Judith Snyderman; Martha S. "Muff" Urbaniak; Lynda G. Mansfield; and Spence H. Anderson.

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1930s

Eleanor Miller Lindsay, N'34, lives in Martinsburg, W.Va., and enjoys reading, watching sports, and needlework. She has one daughter, one granddaughter, and one great-grandson.

Sue Massenburg Starr, N'35, BSN'40, retired since 1980, reports that she is developing macular degeneration and gave up driving recently. She is no longer able to do volunteer work. Some of her proudest career achievements include going on a six-month world health assignment to Singapore in 1975 and teaching occupational health at a nursing school in Puerto Rico in 1978. She lives in Towson, Md., and has one son, John R. Starr, who lives in Catonsville, Md.

1940s

Margaret Mallory Merryman, N'41, lives in Durham, N.C., and enjoys participating in church activities, playing golf and bridge, traveling, swimming, and attending sports activities. She has three children, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Katie Adams Hodge, BSN'43, is chair of the advanced gift committee for a hospice home in Spartanburg, S.C., and recently completed a \$5.3 million campaign for the construction of the home, which opened in December 2006. She reports that she is involved with a \$4 million campaign to enlarge the M. Black Nursing School at the University of South Carolina Upstate. The campaign has now reached the halfway mark. Hodge is also on the Arts Partnership Board and is the founder of the Healing Arts Program in Spartanburg. She is an emerita member of the Duke University School of Nursing Alumni

Council. She has three children. **Susan, PhD, B'83**, is the senior director of development at the University of South Carolina. **G. Byron, Jr., MD'78, HS'77-'79, '80-'83**, practices at Lakeland Cancer Clinic in Lakeland, Fla. **John, JD, T'77**, is an environmental attorney in Columbia, S.C.

Elizabeth Reinhardt Mabry, BSN'43, is a professor emerita at Emory University. She stays busy with various volunteer activities. She has a son and six grandchildren and lives in Decatur, Ga.

Jessie Wall McCoy, BSN'43, is retired from nursing but is the historian for the Georgia Quilt Council. When not busy with quilting activities, she enjoys volunteering at her church. She lives in Decatur, Ga., and has five children.

Anna Belle Compton Lane, N'47, is retired but stays busy with volunteer work. She volunteers with Crosslink International, the Arlington Historical

Society, and Meals on Wheels. She has two children and five grandchildren. She lives in Alexandria, Va.

Alice Ford Pratt, N'47, is retired in Kitty Hawk, N.C. In the 1950s she worked for W.Va. Public Health Department and then taught piano for 25 years. She still enjoys music and church activities. She says she also enjoys keeping up with what is going on with the new hospitals in the Outer Banks. She has four children. Nancy is a nurse practitioner in Memphis, Tenn., and a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserve. **Sallie, BSN'80**, teaches diabetes control in Richmond, Va. Laurie teaches tae kwon do and has her own gym in New York. James works for British Aerospace in Leesburg, Va.

Julia Anne Smoot Pryor, N'47, reports that after developing renal failure in 1988 she had to retire from her position as a post-anesthesia nurse. She has been on dialysis for several years, and since

suffering from a hip fracture, her activities have been restricted. She and her husband **William, MD'47, HS'47-'55**, a retired cardiologist, have four children and eight grandchildren.

Lessie Cooper High, N'48, reports that her husband, A. Robert High, passed away on November 29, 2005. She says he grew up in Durham and was an avid Duke fan. When he was young he sold souvenirs at Duke football games. High lives in Dacula, Ga.

Gladys McManaway Poindexter, N'48, has moved into Arbor Acres—a retirement community in Winston-Salem, N.C. She recently returned from a mission trip in Honduras—her fourth trip there and 17th mission trip overall. She has three children and four grandchildren. Her husband Edwin passed away in 1980.

Ann Franklin Pollok, N'49, who retired from nursing in 1988 “but still looks after two women in the neighborhood,” says she’s not very active because of arthritis. She is in the process of selling her home and moving into an apartment. Her husband Morris has passed away. Her son Steve lives in Tennessee and is unmarried. Her son Ken has his own auto shop in Durham and has lunch every day with her. He is married with two children. Pollok lives in Durham.

Jean Solomon Turner, BSN'49, is volunteering at a food cupboard and senior center in Wilmington, N.C., where she lives. She and her husband Cecil have been married for 55 years. They have two sons, a daughter, and seven grandchildren.

1950s

Polly Chandler Tillman, BSN'50, is retired and lives in Newport, N.C. She enjoys traveling and doing yard work. Her son Eddie is a field engineer at Dresser-Rand in Houston, Tex. Her son Glenn is a planner in the Texas Gulf. Daughter Kathy is a special education teacher in Fayetteville, N.C.

Kathryn McCullough Montgomery, N'52, has been retired for six years and lives in Jasper, Ga. She has been a widow for five years and has three children, who live in Georgia, Texas, and Florida, and three grandchildren. She enjoys taking water exercise classes, swimming, reading, rug hooking, and needlepoint. Montgomery writes that she hasn’t kept up with her classmates but would love to hear from them.

Patricia Reece Valencia, N'52, WC'53, has lived in her husband’s hometown of Merida, Mexico, since 1955. She has been retired from nursing since 1988 but spends her time teaching English to a group of women. She is also a founding member of the 20-year-old International Women’s Club, which helps support patients with cancer. The club also offers an AIDS shelter, a girls’ shelter, and a girls’ scholarship program. Valencia and her husband **Manuel, HS'51-'52**, have two daughters. Kathleen lives in Geneva, where she studied translating and interpreting at the University of Geneva. Valencia reports that daughter Caroline and her husband lost everything when Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans in 2005; however, Caroline’s husband is now employed as a chef in San Antonio, Tex.

Pam Massey Weidlich, N'52, and her husband **Bill, T'52**, are retired and in recent years moved to Portland, Oreg., to be closer

For Lintner, N'56, Small Efforts Equal Big Rewards

Audrey Graham Lintner, N'56, was often told by former Duke Professor and Chair Thelma Ingles, "The secret of patient care is caring for the patient." It may sound like a simple concept, but it is one that has guided her through 50 years of nursing practice.

Although she has always been dedicated to providing the best care for her patients, Lintner says she was still surprised to be recognized in 2005 as "Nurse of the Year" by her employer CareStaf (now NurseCore), a Florida home and facility staffing company. "Since I was 71 years old, it was rather amazing," she writes.

For a nurse who has not received a lot of prestigious awards or advanced degrees, Lintner says the award validates her belief that small, consistent efforts do pay off in the long run.

For more than two years she has been employed by NurseCore and is often assigned to work 12-hour shifts, 40 hours a week at the Hospice of the Florida Suncoast in Pinellas County, Fla. Before that, she held many other nursing positions. She spent 20 years on the child and adolescent unit and the psych/medical care unit at Hahnemann University Hospital in Philadelphia. She was also a field nurse case manager for the Visiting Nurse Association of Greater Philadelphia where she worked with Medicare medical-surgical patients in low-income areas of Philadelphia.

Lintner applies the same level of commitment to her faith. Along with three others she incorporated Skilton House Ministries, a nonprofit Christian ministry located in Philadelphia. She filled a variety of roles, including community resource coordinator, grant writer, speaker, newsletter editor, pianist, and secretary.

During the 1980s, Skilton House cofounder and Westminster Theological Seminary professor, John H. Skilton, PhD, took a special interest in helping Southeast Asian refugees adjust to life in America. Lintner became a refugee sponsor, and her duties ranged from



Audrey G. Lintner, N'56, with her mother, Wilma Graham, in Baton Rouge, LA, 2005.

teaching Tuesday night Bible classes to driving families to their appointments. Of all her endeavors while with Skilton House, Lintner says her favorite was "promoting friendships with Vietnamese, Cambodian, Hispanic, Liberian, and African-American mothers who then began to help each other in the same neighborhood under Christian principles."

In 1979 Lintner received a Master of Arts in Religion degree from Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. A decade later, she returned to serve as associate dean of international students. During her two years at Westminster she worked closely with and issued visas to graduate students from South America, Europe, Africa, Australia, and Asia. She says she also developed relationships with the students' wives, supporting many of them during pregnancy.

Lintner, who now lives in St. Pete Beach, Fla., and often does nursing work in Philadelphia and New Jersey, says she still looks for opportunities to work with international patients in her job today. Outside of her work with NurseCore, she manages by phone the care of her "spunky and alert" 98-year-old mother in Baton Rouge, La. She has two children and three grandchildren. For relaxation she says she exercises at a health spa and plays folk songs, hymns, and carols for herself and others on a "hammered dulcimer named Jubilate, which means 'joy.'"

—BERNADETTE GILLIS

to family. They both volunteer three days a week. During her career, Weidlich worked in both pediatrics and obstetrics and gynecology at N.C. Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill. After the birth of her fourth child, she operated her own pediatric clinic out of her home. She says it wasn't until after her

sixth child that she discovered that her real love was working in the newborn nursery. She says she also found mission work to be a rewarding part of her career. Weidlich and Bill have six children and 14 grandchildren.

Margaret Pruitt Taylor, N'53, is now retired and involved

with many volunteer projects—her most recent is working as a volunteer liaison in the emergency room at the local hospital in Tarboro, N.C. She enjoys gardening, traveling, needlework, knitting, and reading. She and husband **Jim, T'51**, have four children and six grandchildren and live in Tarboro.

Mary Lou Lyon-Lewis, N'54, MD, retired in November 2005 after 34 years of nephrology practice. She was chief of staff at Charleston Area Medical Center in Charleston, W.Va., in 2004. She has also received a master's degree in clinical ethics from the University of Virginia. She is a sup-

porter of the Charleston Ballet Inc. and enjoys participating in church and community activities. She and her husband Chuck Lewis live in Charleston and have two living daughters, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Edith Ann Moore Nichols, N'55, retired in 1994 after working for 25 years as a public health nurse with the County of San Diego. She attends two knitting workshops a week and enjoys reading, gardening, and going to the beach. Her husband **Paul, PhD'58**, a retired professor emeritus, taught physics for 31 years at San Diego State University. She and Paul live in San Diego and enjoy spending time with their 10-year-old granddaughter, Jessica. Their older son, Paul III, is a doctor of ophthalmology in St. Louis, Mo. Son Clay is a DDS with a practice in Imperial, Calif.

Virginia Tate Williams, BSN'56, continues to work four to 16 hours a week on a cardiac floor at Wake Med Hospital in Raleigh. She and her husband Max celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary earlier this year. They have four children—two sons and two daughters—and seven grandchildren. They live in Raleigh.



Margaret Schreiner Parish, BSN'57, is a retired hospice nurse and occasionally gives talks about her hospice experiences. She also does various volunteer activities for the Urban Ministry Center's homeless shelter and is a deacon at Myers Park Presbyterian Church. She enjoys playing bridge, going to the theater, and dancing. Her oldest daughter, Beth, is married, lives in Tucson, Ariz., and has a 12-year-old son and a 9-year-old daughter. Parish's daughter Mary and her husband live in Plano, Texas, and have two daughters, 12 and 9. Her youngest daughter, Julie, lives in Raleigh. Parish and her husband William live in Charlotte and celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary in June.

Joan C. Brown Rhodes, BSN'57, MSN'60, is a clinical instruction coordinator at the University of Colorado School of Nursing Health Sciences Center in Denver, Colo. She works as a primary planning coordinator for the National Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Symposium held each year in Keystone, Colo. She enjoys quilting and taking biking trips to the Colorado Mountains. She and her husband Winston live in Aurora, Colo., and have three adult children. The oldest is working on a PhD in Psychology. Their middle son graduated from Fullerton Seminar and is currently working as a graphic designer. Their youngest daughter graduated from Colorado Christian College and recently gave birth to twin boys.

Marylyn Henry Luster Masia, BSN'58, says she is enjoying retirement after working 25 years as a school nurse. In 2006 she sailed around Cape Horn and the North Cape of Nor-

way. She also enjoys cooking, reading, and exercising, especially water aerobics. She is also a foundation board member of Union County College. She lives in Summit, N.J., and has five children and 12 grandchildren.

Leilani Bidle McConnell, BSN'59, retired from nursing in 1994, after spending 36 years as a critical coordinator of a surgical unit at the city hospital in Washington, D.C. She spends most of her time performing with a community chorale and her church choir, traveling, playing bridge, antiquing, cooking, writing, and teaching classes for her women's group at church. Her husband Patrick retired from the Navy in 1995. He now is a handyman for friends, tutors a youth, and works with their church. The couple lives in Silver Spring, Md.

1960s

M. Corley McDonald Gordon, BSN'60, is currently retired as a licensed clinical social worker. She spent her last years of work as a medical/hospice social worker in home health for Community Health Counseling in Bangor, Maine. She enjoys volunteering with AARP on the local and state levels. Her hobbies include gardening, stamping, and scrap booking. Her husband died unexpectedly in April 1999, and in 2002 she moved five doors away from her daughter and grandson in Buffalo, N.Y. Her other daughter has two children and lives in Hamilton, Ohio. Her son also has two children and lives in Virginia Beach, Va.



Carol Seaton Dolan, BSN'61, retired from full-time work in July 2005 and now is a self-employed nurse consultant, focused on care management, pain, and palliative care. She also offers in-kind services through health ministries at her church and through mission work. She serves as an elder for worship at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque, N.Mex. She is active in choral singing and other musical activities. Dolan practiced medical-surgical nursing and oncology for more than 40 years. Her experiences ranged from clinical nurse to director of nursing of cancer centers at the University of Kentucky and the University of Mexico. Her last position was as an oncology clinical specialist with Amgen, Inc. She and her husband Dan, who



UPCLOSE

At 57, Sanford Finds Calling in Iraq

Last October, **Christine "Chrissy" Sanford, RN, MSN, GNC'95**, did something foreign to most grandmothers: she requested a military transfer so she would be deployed to Iraq.

Her reason? Her nursing career up until then had been rewarding, but "I always felt something was missing," she says.

Sanford's active duty orders with the Army Nurse Corps of the U.S. Army Reserves arrived in February 2006, and after two months of military training at Fort Bragg, the 57-year-old wife, mother of several grown children, and grandmother to several infants eagerly shipped out.

She is now part of the Baghdad Provisional Reconstruction Team in Baghdad, which assists Iraq's government in promoting economic development, public health, education, and more.

"I was selected for this position," she says, "because of my affiliation with the Duke School of Nursing as an associate clinical instructor and my education and teaching background." She works with U.S. State Department personnel, attends meetings with Baghdad Education Director Generals, and communicates with U.S. charitable organizations to help secure school supplies for Iraqi children.

This is all done within the relative safety of the International Zone in Baghdad, where, she says, the living conditions are quite comfortable indeed, with air conditioning, a 24-hour gym, Internet access, cell phones, and "an outstanding dining facility." She says one of her proudest moments was when she was promoted to lieutenant colonel by a three-star general officer.

But what sets Sanford apart from others in similar positions is that on her one day off per week the pediatric nurse practitioner is flown to a military base where healthcare providers from the Army, Navy, and Air Force treat Iraqi families and children for a variety of health problems.

"Most of the cases I treat are what you would see in any public clinic," she says, but there also are patients with more serious ailments such as congenital heart disease, club feet, and scoliosis, to name a few, that could easily be treated in the U.S. but have limited treatment options there.

"One response I have found to be universal is that parents want their children to be happy and healthy and are devastated when their children have conditions that they either cannot afford to have repaired or the facilities are not available to help them," she says.

When she's outside of the International Zone, Sanford says she must remain vigilant about safety—in full military garb she resembles any other U.S. soldier in Iraq with her Army combat uniform, helmet, body armor, and weapons at the ready.

The safety issue, though, is a small inconvenience, she says, to the rewards of doing what she felt deeply called to do.

"I knew that I wanted to take care of children and adolescents for the rest of my nursing career, and I am fortunate to be able to do it in this unique environment," she says.

Sanford and her husband Jerry live in Wilmington, N.C.

—JIM ROGALSKI

works in environmental law, have lived in Albuquerque for 17 years. She and Dan enjoy traveling and have three children who live in Alabama, Arizona, and Washington. They have nine grandchildren.

Betty Shore

Shackleford, BSN'61, has been selected as one of the 100 Great RNs in North Carolina. She retired this year from her position as a school nurse in Stokes County, N.C., but continues to teach nursing assistants at Forsyth Technical College. She also helps out occasionally at Stokes Reynolds Hospital. She enjoys tennis, her grandchildren, and Duke men's and women's basketball. Her daughter Amy lives in Virginia Beach and has four children. Her son Richard lives nearby in King, N.C., and has twins.

Peggy Campbell

Wilbor, BSN'61, retired in 2001 as director of an adult day services facility but is now an active board member for the facility. She enjoys gardening. She and her

husband Garry, T'62, met while at Duke and have three daughters, three sons-in-law, and seven grandchildren. She and Garry live in Flemington, N.J.



Boydie Casto

Girumont, BSN'62, recently won second place in the Quilting in the Pines Quilt Show in Pinehurst, N.C. Her quilt, which took a year to complete, is hand appliquéd and hand quilted. After the show she donated the quilt to the School of Nursing, and it now hangs in the school's admissions suite. She writes, "I am extremely honored to have a quilt of mine hanging in the new building, especially since it is located in the suite named for my mother." Girumont has been quilting since 1971 and lives in Southern Pines.



On a Mission to Fight AIDS in Africa

As a child growing up in culture-filled Evanston, Ill.—the home of Northwestern University just north of Chicago—**Caryl Weinberg, BSN'80**, wasn't exactly the outdoors type. More interested in cooking and photography than hiking and exploring, she and her family had never even gone camping.

Time has a way changing people, and one day at age 37 she found herself riding for 13 hours in an old four-wheel-drive truck with no air conditioning along a dry dirt road to Gatcheb Village, Ethiopia, where she was headed on a missions trip with Presbyterian Church USA to do community health work.

She stepped off the bus with her life's belongings crammed into three trunks and two suitcases. Looking around, she knew some previous camping experience would have come in handy.

Marianna Sherman Jaeger, BSN'62, has been retired since March 2002, but often helps homebound church members with IV medications and dressings. She enjoys playing golf and bridge, reading, and traveling. In the past two years she has traveled to Alaska and Hawaii. She has three sons—David, Robert, and John—and seven grandchildren. She lives in Durham.

Barbara Dimmick Yowell, BSN '62, retired from the Private Diagnostic Clinic at Duke three years ago, but she continues to fill in six to 10 days a month. She enjoys gardening, traveling, and being the planning chair of Duke's 45th class reunion and an annual fund caller. However, she says being a grandmother is her greatest joy. She and her husband **Bob, MD'61, HS'64-'69**, who retired in

The house – made of mud with a tin roof, had no running water and no electricity. Fresh drinking water was in the spring, a half-mile away, downhill. Her bed was made of hard-packed mud. At night, the soft pitter-patter of rats scurrying about and chewing on Tupperware and books was a strange and alien background noise.

“The thing is, you learn how to live in those situations,” she says.

So much so that she stayed in Ethiopia for three years. From 2002 to 2005 she lived in Cameroon and Congo as the regional AIDS consultant for Central and West Africa, and in late 2005 moved to Ghana as the church’s regional liaison for West Africa.

“I just fell in love with Africa and the people,” she says. “I was amazed at their generous spirit given the conditions they live in. I saw the church having an impact on people’s lives through health care, and I sensed it was a calling for me and was pushing me to get out of my comfortable life. I wanted to be a part of this in a significant way.”

Having an impact is a daunting challenge in Africa, where AIDS runs through the fabric of society and is part of everyday life.

In 2005 there were 25.8 million people living with HIV in sub-Saharan Africa (the part below the Sahara desert). AIDS is the leading cause of death there, killing an estimated 2.4 million people last year alone. Another 3.2 million became infected with HIV last year. There are 13 million children orphaned by AIDS Worldwide, 10 million of them in sub-Saharan Africa.

Weinberg’s work with churches in Cameroon and Congo included holding focus groups to discuss the realities of HIV/AIDS, its causes, consequences, and strategies to prevent infection; helping women find income-generating projects so they don’t have to resort to

prostitution; and starting AIDS testing and mother-to-child transmission prevention in health centers.

“When you can provide income for people and show them how to feed their families, they get a sense of self respect, and that is a huge issue,” she says.

She had to return to the U.S. from Ghana in late 2005 because of a mysterious illness that temporarily sidelined her.

She had to be rushed out by helicopter. “[The illness] shut down my immune system and they don’t know what it was. They think it was some sort of virus I picked up, and I had no immune response to it.”

She was treated at Rush-Presbyterian/St. Luke’s Medical Center in Chicago and recovered in Louisville, Ky.—the home base of Presbyterian Church USA. She’s doing well, she says, but her doctor doesn’t want her living in Africa for extended periods, so she’s taken a new position with the church as director of missions and will be based in Evanston. From there she’ll still be able to continue some of her work for women in Africa.

She’s coordinating conferences in Nairobi and Ethiopia for African Presbyterian women and has been cleared by her doctors to travel to Africa in November to help plan them.

When she boards the plane this time she’ll be carrying significantly less luggage, but no less of a passion for the African culture and its people.

“The best part is having the windows open at night to hear the forest sounds and the drums and singing in the local villages,” she says. “I always loved that.”

—JIM ROGALSKI

December after more than 40 years practicing OB-GYN, have three children and five grandchildren. Son **Charles, T’92, MD’00, HS’00-’06**, practices urology in Stuart, Fla. Son **Rob, T’88**, is a vice president of sports marketing in Phoenix, Ariz. Daughter **Sally Barbour, T’90, PharmD**, is a clinical pharmacist at Duke and recently gave birth to twins, Kelly Elizabeth and Ryan Wesley.

Nina Parker Sebastian, BSN’63, is conducting two studies on melanoma (familial) and Waldenström’s macroglobulinemia for the National Cancer Institute. When not working, she enjoys biking, hiking, gardening, traveling, and church congregational care. Both her daughters are married with two children each. Sebastian lives in Arlington, Va.

Maryann Baskin Towers, BSN’63, and her husband David recently celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary. The couple has two daughters and one grandchild. They live in Ormond Beach, Fla.

Judy Oelschlegel Richards, BSN’64, and a few other members of the class of 1964 met at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., in September for a “mini reunion”



(pictured to the left). Richards moved to Maryland over two years ago and has a part-time position as an immunization coordinator/HIV prevention coordinator at the Talbot County Health Department in

Easton, Md. She writes that she loves learning about the community “through the eyes of public health and am grateful to have a ‘doable’ job!” Outside of work she enjoys working on her genealogy and finding lost relatives. She and her husband, **Captain Bruce Richards, T’62**, live in Easton.

Karen Grimm O'Hern, BSN'66, a pediatric nurse practitioner, is in private practice at Pediatrics in Brevard located in Cocoa Beach, Fla. She is also a member of the Brevard Child Safety Council. Outside of work she likes watercolor painting, kayaking, reading, traveling, and being a grandmother. She and husband Richard live in Merritt Island, Fla., and have four children. Sean, **Corey, T'94**, and Shannon each have two children, and Matthew works as a sports reporter.



Patricia Whitenight Underwood, BSN'66, PhD, was elected vice president of the American Nurses Foundation Board of Trustees for 2006-2008. She is currently associate dean for academic programs at the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing at Case Western

Reserve University. She and her family live in Cleveland, Ohio.

Carole Knutson Romp, BSN'67, has returned to work part time as an admission and triage nurse at Stein Hospice, the same hospice that helped her late husband **Gary, T'66**, through the last years of his life. She says she has wonderful memories of singing in the Duke Chapel choir and has recently returned to her love of singing. She sings in her church choir and with the Sandusky Choral Society. She has attended several choral workshops and is coordinating the first "Lake Erie Choral Festival," planned for August 2007. She lives in Sandusky, Ohio, and has five granddaughters. She is the owner of two miniature dachshunds.

Margaret "Peggy" Valin Sollek, BSN'67, is an adult registered nurse practitioner at Highline Medical Group in Des Moines, Wash. She spends half her time taking care of well elderly in outpatient retirement community clinics, and the

other half of her time is spent in nursing homes. She says she finds it "extremely rewarding" to make a difference in the lives of older adults. Sollek describes herself as a huge Mariner's baseball fan and has been to spring training three times. She also enjoys traveling; she went to Mallorca, Spain, in 2006 and plans to go on a photo safari in Kenya in March. Her older daughter, Kirsten, a mezzo soprano, works in New York and plans to get married in September. Her younger daughter, Alex, is getting a master's degree in acupuncture and original medicine at Bastyr University in Seattle, Wash. Sollek lives in Seattle.



Jacquelyn Bowman Campbell, BSN'68, MSN, PhD, was named the 2006 Pathfinder Distinguished

Researcher by the Friends of the National Institute for Nursing Research in recognition of her work on health disparities for survivors of intimate partner violence. She lives in Baltimore, Md.

Susan Anderson Mason, BSN'68, is an assistant treasurer at St. John's Episcopal Church in Charlotte, N.C. She enjoys the theater, traveling, and spending time with family. She has been married for five years and has 11 grandchildren.



Margarete Lieb Zalon, BSN'69, PhD, was elected president of the American Nurses Foundation Board of Trustees for 2006-2008. She previously served as treasurer. In June 2006 she was elected to a four-year term as director-at-large of the American Nurses Association

Board of Directors. She currently is a professor of nursing at the University of Scranton School of Nursing. She lives in Waymart, Pa.

1970s

Susan M. Glover, BSN'70, is involved with cancer prevention activities at Anne Arundel Medical Center in Annapolis, Md., including smoking cessation and colonoscopy procedures. In her free time she enjoys sailing, golf, ballroom dancing, and opera. She and her two cats live in Annapolis.

Suzanne Wilhoit McKee, BSN'70, serves on the Latex Allergy Committee of the Spina Bifida Association's Nursing and Healthcare Professional Council, and for the past two years has presented on this topic at the association's national annual conference. She enjoys gardening, raising flowers and butterflies, and taking photographs of them to share with others. She recently took a cruise to Alaska and has become involved in the healing ministry. She

has three grown children. Her sons Merrill and Eric live near her in Orlando. Her daughter Emily is married to the son of **Lindsay Keane Goins, BSN'70**, who was McKee's roommate while attending Duke School of Nursing.

Jane Stallard Barnett, BSN'72, works as a school nurse consultant for the Poudre School District in Fort Collins, Colo. She is also a pediatric nurse practitioner and preceptor for students. She enjoys being a mom, hiking, skiing, traveling, painting, acting, and the book *A Course in Miracles*. She has three sons. John is 16, and twins Thomas and Steven are 14.

Connie Bossons Bishop, BSN'75, has been appointed to the 2006 Board of Examiners for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. The award, created by public law in 1987, is the highest level of national recognition for performance excellence that a U.S. organization can receive. This is the ninth year she has



Staffords, ABSN '07 Find Love for Each Other, Nursing

While dissecting lobsters, earthworms, and other spineless creatures during an invertebrate zoology class at Northern Arizona University in the winter of 2002, master's student Benjamin Lucas "Luke" Stafford and his lab partner Sara became best friends.

In May of 2004 they got married.

Sara graduated that spring with a degree in Biology/Zoology and took a job with an Arizona wildlife agency. Luke continued working on his biology thesis while deciding what career path he would pursue afterwards.

By the end of 2005, though, the honeymoon was over. Career-wise, that is.

"I didn't like working for the wildlife agency and Luke didn't want to do animal behavior research anymore," Sara says.

Sara liked the idea of working with many different people, to live wherever she chose, and to be challenged in a continuously evolving career. Luke wanted job security and to work in a high-technology setting.

Nursing was something that intrigued Luke because of its abundance of job opportunities. After looking into it further the couple decided nursing was a good fit for him.

Then, while researching programs across the country, Luke jokingly said, "Hey, maybe we should both be nurses."

So here they are—recent graduates (December) of Duke's Accelerated Bachelor's of Science in Nursing program, and happily working at Duke—Luke in the cardiothoracic ICU and Sara in the Emergency Department.

"Going to Duke was the best decision we could have made," Sara says. Duke won out over Johns Hopkins University, the only other school they had considered.

"Applying for schools was interesting," she says, "as we had to tell our interviewers that we were a package."

Being classmates was actually easier than they thought it would be. They both have their own offices in their Durham home as well as their own separate medical interests. "We understand when the other is busy," Sara says.

"We plan on staying in the area for a few years and then possibly looking at grad schools," Sara says. "Having Duke on our resumé will be a huge benefit to us in our future careers."

—JIM ROGALSKI

served as an examiner. Examiners are required to review at least one application a year and typically invest 100 hours of time, including training and site visits. Bishop is also a senior examiner for the N.C. Award for Excellence, which recognizes outstanding organizational performance in the state. She enjoys gardening, reading, and football and basketball games. She and her husband, the **Reverend Benjamin Bishop, D'77, A'97**, live in Gibsonville, N.C.



Virginia Reeve Guilfoile, BSN'77, B'85, recently received the WCHL Village Pride Award in recognition of her service to the Chapel Hill, N.C., community. She currently is spearheading a fundraising campaign to provide computers and Internet connection for low income highly

motivated students at East Chapel Hill High School, where her daughter is a student. So far, 42 students have received Internet connections. Before this, they had to stay late at school or go to the public library to complete homework assignments, write lab reports, or do research. This is one way the PTA can assure that "No Child is Left Behind," says Guilfoile. She also recently began working at Duke University as a program coordinator with the Duke Financial Aid Initiative.

Susan Peck O'Dell, BSN'77, currently works as a pediatric nurse practitioner for Kaiser Permanente in Aurora, Colo. She is also a board-certified lactation consultant and has a home-based practice in perinatal home care. Outside of work O'Dell likes traveling, reading, walking, scrap booking, and doing "Curves" workouts. Her husband **Chris, T'77**, is a lawyer. They live in Golden, Colo., and have two

daughters. Erin attends Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, and will graduate in May with a double major in business and religious studies. Kelley is a sophomore at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Wash., where she is a varsity swimmer and an exercise science major.

Patricia Rieser, BSN'77, is a part-time freelance writer and editor for a small Raleigh-based company that provides online continuing education for RNs and nurse practitioners. She is officially an inactive family nurse practitioner and retired clinical specialist. "I've realized that I'm not likely to do clinical advanced practice nursing again," she says, though she'll maintain her RN license. In her free time she enjoys aerobics, biking, weights, and yoga, as well as meditating, reading, and knitting. She also volunteers for Duke Hospice and guides classes to retreats on nature-based spirituality and inner work. Her husband,

Dr. Joseph L. Woolley, Jr., T'72, retired last year at age 54 after working for 32 years as a scientist at Burroughs Wellcome. They live in Durham.

Beth Broadwin Belkin, BSN'78, MD'87, PhD, has been elected to the N.Y. Council on Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. She was nominated for distinguished fellowship in the American Psychiatric Association and recently moderated a panel on same-sex parenting for a community organization. She teaches at Cornell University Medical School and was invited to lecture at Colgate University's first Gay Pride Weekend. Belkin lives in Scarsdale, N.Y., and has three children. Daniel, 22, is a 2006 graduate of Amherst; Sam, 20, is a student at Tisch School of the Arts at NYU; and Molly is 17.



Making a Difference in Global Health through Education

Lori Beuerman, MSN'06, could barely hold a conversation in Spanish when she entered the School of Nursing's Family Nurse Practitioner Program in 2003. Now, not only is she fluent, but the recent graduate is living out her dream of treating Spanish-speaking patients locally and abroad.

Last winter Beuerman spent two months completing an international rotation in Quito, Ecuador, with Child Family Health International. The organization offers service-learning programs in international health for pre-medical, medical, and nursing students. Beuerman stayed with a host family and worked in several medical clinics. She also attended language school to help perfect her Spanish.

The experience was one she says she will never forget and helped solidify her desire to help improve health care for Spanish-speaking patients all over the world. "I had this idea that in certain countries overseas, people are most affected by illnesses like tuberculosis and malaria," she says. "While it is true that those illnesses take lives in developing countries, chronic disease also takes lives."

She remembers seeing a diabetic patient in Ecuador with a blood sugar count over 400. She says the patient had stopped taking his medication because he didn't understand his condition, the importance of his medicine, and that his diet choices were influencing his health. "It is this kind of situation that could have been prevented

by something as simple as education," she says. "And education is something that we can provide in countries where resources are extremely limited."

Beuerman has returned to Ecuador three times since finishing her rotation last February. She volunteers with Pan de Vida, a humanitarian organization that provides clothing, food, and literacy classes for poor children in Quito. The organization is in need of a health program, and Beuerman is working with a missionary hospital to help lay the groundwork and recruit volunteers.

Beuerman went on her first medical mission in 1999, a few years after receiving a bachelor of arts degree in nursing from Augustana College in Sioux Falls, S.D. She traveled to El Salvador with Mercy Ships, a nonprofit organization that provides free surgeries, immunizations, and other health care services on a ship fully equipped with operating rooms, a clinic, and a laboratory. In 2001 she volunteered again with a land-based team in Honduras. Shortly thereafter she applied and was accepted into the School of Nursing. She also signed up for private Spanish lessons. "I had a sense of urgency that I needed to be fluent in Spanish by the time I finished," she says.

Once enrolled as an MSN student, and with the help of her advisor, Susan Denman, PhD, RN, FNP-C, Beuerman was able to tailor her program to her interests. She says faculty and staff encouraged her to take an untraditional approach to her studies—like taking a month off to go to language school in Guatemala and doing her nurse practitioner residency in Ecuador.

While a matriculation plan such as hers is pretty rare in the School of Nursing, Beuerman says she hopes Duke's new focus on global health issues will help change that. "Now that there's a Global Health Institute, great things can happen," she says.

Beuerman works full-time as a family nurse practitioner at Piedmont Health Services, a community health center in Siler City, N.C. The majority of her patients are Spanish-speaking immigrants. She says eventually she would like to end up practicing health care internationally, but for now she finds joy in working with immigrants because she can relate to their experiences.

—BERNADETTE GILLIS

Jacqueline Fowler Byers, BSN' 78, PhD, professor of nursing at the University of Central Florida, was named a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing during the academy's 2006 annual meeting in Miami. The academy is made up of

a group of 1,500 nurse leaders who work to advance health policy and nursing practice. A 15-member Fellow Selection Committee chose Byers and 54 other fellows from nominations submitted by current academy fellows. Byers has

written more than 45 peer-reviewed articles and 16 book chapters on patient care, patient safety, and nursing practice. Her 2004 book, *Patient Safety: Principles and Practice*, is considered a seminal contribution to the field.

Catherine Koplinka Nunn, BSN'78, recently was co-leader of a People to People medical delegation, which visited hospitals in Moscow and St. Petersburg to learn about the Russian health care system. Last year she was a part

of a delegation that traveled to China and Tibet to learn more about Chinese health care and traditional Chinese medicine. She enjoys rug hooking, running, reading, hand bell choir, and playing with her dog Boo. Her husband **Chalmers**,

T'76, MD'80, HS'80-'85, is CEO and partner of Gastroenterology Associates of Central Virginia. The couple lives in Lynchburg, Va., and have two daughters—Chelsea, 24, and Meg, 22. Their son John, 19, is a student at the University of Georgia.

Barbara Wickenhaver Snyder, BSN'78, completed the school nurse licensure program at Ohio State University in June 2005. She works part time as a nurse in the Upper Arlington School district. When not working she loves to garden and play tennis. Her son Rob is a junior in the honors program at Ohio State University, and her daughter Pam is a senior at Upper Arlington High School. Snyder and her family live in Columbus, Ohio.

Lee Clay, BSN'79, is a certified nurse midwife. She works part time at a private practice and per diem in a hospital clinic. She is also president of the board of education in her home Fair Haven, N.J. She and her husband Gary

have two daughters, ages 16 and 14, and a son, 11. They are in the process of adopting their three-year-old foster daughter.

1980s

Elizabeth Adams Robison, BSN'80, was named an assistant professor in nursing for Okaloosa Walton College in Niceville, Fla. She began teaching fall 2006. Outside of work, she likes to garden and spend time with her loved ones. She and husband Rodney recently celebrated their 18th wedding anniversary. They have two daughters and live in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

Tina Alster, BSN'81, MD'86, lives in Washington, D.C., where she is the director of the Washington Institute of Dermatologic Laser Surgery, which she founded in 1990. She also is a clinical professor of dermatology at Georgetown University. She has published more than 300 manuscripts in peer reviewed medical journals and has authored six textbooks on dermatologic laser

surgery. She actively serves on several medical editorial and advisory boards, including the Sturge-Weber Foundation; Skin Cancer Foundation; and Dermatological Foundation. She was elected to the board of directors of the American Society of Dermatologic Surgery, and the American Society for Laser Medicine and Surgery. She is the recipient of the Leon Goldman Lectureship award from the American Society for Laser Medicine and Surgery. She sits on the board of visitors for Duke University Medical Center and is the sole consulting dermatologist to Lancome.

Cathy Parsons Emmett, BSN'81, works as a clinical nurse specialist for Life Path Hospice and Palliative Care and recently published an article, "Nurses Advance Care Planning Communication: An Investigation." She also began the PhD in Aging Studies program at the University of South Florida. She lives in Sarasota, Fla.

Tina Malcolm D'Alessandro, BSN'83, is taking time off work to pursue her PhD full time at the University of Florida. She is also completing clinical hours to become board certified as a psychiatric nurse practitioner. Before taking time off to attend school, she spent the previous four years working as family nurse practitioner. D'Alessandro enjoys running with her husband Paul, surfing and kayaking with her children, reading, and traveling. She and Paul have been married for 21 years and have four sons, one daughter, one dog, and four zebra finches. Their oldest son is a freshman at Vanderbilt University. The family lives in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

Allana Harper Minnick, BSN'83, recently increased her hours to part time in the intensive care nursery at WakeMed, where she has worked for 21 years. She and her husband, the Reverend **Jonathan A. Minnick, D'89**, have four children—Jonathan, 12; Micah, 9; Harper, 6;

and Molly, 2. The family lives in Raleigh, N.C.

Michelle Putter

Barnea, BSN'84, was recently awarded the New Jersey Child Care Training Program grant and will be responsible for staff development for child care workers throughout New Jersey. She was also selected as a participant in the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Leadership Program. Outside of her work as an early childhood educational consultant, Barnea likes to do genealogy research. She and her husband Mark have two daughters, Jessie, 13, and Alyssa, 12. The family lives in Millburn, N.J.

Rebecca Gillette

Ward, BSN'84, is a nurse paralegal at the law firm of Armstrong, Donohue, Ceppos & Vaughan, a medical malpractice defense firm in Rockville, Md. In December 2004 she graduated summa cum laude from Villa Julie College with a bachelor of science degree in

nursing paralegal studies. She enjoys hiking, photography, and genealogical research. Her husband **David, E'82**, is a software engineer with JDSU in Germantown, Md. Her son Brooks is a student at Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson, New York. She and David live in Monrovia, Md.

Deborah Buren Wilson, BSN'84

works at the Lackey Free Family Medicine Clinic, a faith-based clinic near Yorktown, Va. She says the clinic is expanding its chronic care services to better care for the ongoing chronic health care needs of indigent and uninsured populations. Wilson likes gardening, attending small group at church, and doing home improvement projects with her husband of 22 years, Don. Her son Lane is a freshman at Virginia Tech, and she says she and Don are “enjoying the transition to an empty nest.” The family lives in Williamsburg.



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Jail Job is Perfect Fit for Williams

Stacey Williams, ABSN'06, may have a different idea of the perfect job than most women her age, but she says her new job—health services administrator for the medical unit at the Durham County Detention Facility—is extremely satisfying.

Williams works for Correct Care Solutions, a correctional health care management organization under contract with the Durham County Health Department. She manages a staff of approximately 40 employees including nurses (RNs & LPNs), medical technologists, a physician, physician assistant, dentist, dental hygienist, and clerical staff. She is also responsible for budgeting, inventory management, recruitment, staffing, scheduling, providing in-service training, monitoring inmates with serious health problems, and maintaining accreditation through the National Commission on Correctional Health Care.

Williams estimates that she spends 80 percent of her time running the unit and 20 percent interacting with inmates. The unit provides primary and urgent care to the jail's population of approximately 550 male and female inmates, many of whom suffer from chronic diseases like diabetes, asthma, STDs, HIV, and tuberculosis.

Involvement with the local community is one facet of the job she also enjoys. She recently participated in a statewide task force on planning for pandemic flu. She also works with the Durham County Health Department's Communicable Diseases Program, which has a sexually transmitted disease (STD) screening program that tests inmates for HIV and syphilis.

In addition to her Duke nursing degree, Williams holds an MBA from UNC-Chapel Hill. Prior to developing an interest in nursing she worked as a marketing manager and senior business analyst at Nortel Networks. She worked as a staff registered nurse (RN) at Duke Hospital in the cardio-thoracic ICU and on the renal-pulmonology step-down unit, before she found her current job at Durham County Detention Facility from a posting online.

“I had found that floor nursing wasn't what I excelled in,” she says. “This job meshes my love of business and my love of medicine. When you are in school, you don't think of prison health care as a career option, but it's definitely perfect for me.”

—MARTY FISHER

Carol Howard Eatman, MSN'87, recently implemented a school wellness policy and a staff wellness program for the Nash-Rocky Mount Public Schools, where she works as a nursing coordinator. When not working, she enjoys traveling, reading, and relaxing at home with her family. She reports that her daughter Jessica, 16, is attending Saint Mary's School and plays varsity tennis, basketball, and soccer. Her son Mark, 14, enjoys playing tennis, golf, and violin. The family lives in Rocky Mount, N.C.

1990s

Jill Beckman Berry, MSN'96, works part time as a pediatric nurse practitioner at a primary care pediatrics office in Chico, Calif. She also teaches a course, "Biology of Childhood," at a nearby university. Outside of work she enjoys reading, doing outdoor activities, and spending time with her husband and two children, Kailyn, 7, and Kevin, 4.

Christine M. Basile McDonnell, MSN'96, and her husband Steve now have two sons. They welcomed Luke McDonnell to their family on May 5. The family resides in Andover, Minn.

Lisa Ring, MSN'97, is currently participating on the Pediatric Nursing Certification Board (PNCB) Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Self-Assessment Exercise committee. When not working as a burn nurse practitioner at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C., she enjoys jogging, reading, and volunteering at her children's schools. Ring and her husband Roddy have two children, Ian, 8, and Lyle, 5. The family lives in Alexandria, Va.

Cynthia Feaster Barton, MSN'98, a nurse practitioner at the University of California-San Francisco Memory and Aging Center and San Francisco VA Memory Clinic, recently wrote a chapter on dementia in the

Geriatrics Syllabus Review. She also presented a talk at AAN in April titled "Contraindicated Medications among Patients Referred to a Memory Disorder Clinic." Her husband Chris is an emergency room doctor at San Francisco General Hospital. They have a son Cole, 13, and daughter Hannah, 10, and live in Novato, CA.

Leigh McGraw, MSN'98, and her husband Jake welcomed Sydney Elizabeth to their family on February 27, 2006. Sydney joins sister Katie, 3, and brother Tommy, 2. The family lives in Seaside, Calif.

Laurie Szoka, RN, MSN, GNC'98, is a nursing instructor at Fayetteville State University in Fayetteville, N.C., where she also lives. She teaches health assessment in the BSN program. She continues to work as a family nurse practitioner. In her free time she enjoys quilting and has her own craft business, designing and making

coats from cotton afghan throws. Her son Hunter graduated Western Carolina in May with a business degree. Her daughter Morgan graduated high school this spring and is working as a receptionist/loan processor at her father's mortgage business.

2000s

Kathy Paul Dalton, MSN'00, recently relocated to Spartanburg, S.C., to become the associate director of nursing for Mary Black Health System. She also recently became board certified in Nursing Administration, Advanced (CNAA, BC). In her free time she enjoys spending time with family, doing yard work, and reading. She and her husband W.D. have three children: Michael, 18, Andrew, 15, and Emily, 12.

Tashjian in Lebanon—A Story of Survival

Hera Tashjian, MSN'02 anticipated a relaxing family vacation in July when she, her husband, and their two-year-old son left their home in Doha, Lebanon, to enjoy a much-needed vacation on the island of Cyprus. When war erupted between Israel and Hezbollah the one-week vacation turned into seven weeks of uncertainty and fear.

Through TV reports and phone calls to family members Tashjian and her husband, **Hassan Kassem-Moussa, MD, HS'97-'00, '00-'02**, learned of the violence—the Beirut airport had been bombed. Bridges, ports, factories, and homes had also been hit. Thousands had fled their homes to find refuge in the mountains or other regions. While they were relieved that their families were safe, Tashjian and her husband were frustrated that they could not return to Lebanon.

For weeks they bounced from hotel to hotel. The lowest point for Tashjian was when she heard on the news that a shelter in the village of Qana had been bombed, and several small children had been killed. "You think about the cruelty of mankind, the unfairness of life, and for a moment you feel guilty you have survived," she says. "I sobbed for the whole day uncontrollably. I thought, 'This is it; we will not be able to get over this.'"

She found solace in the company of two-year-old Adam, who knew nothing of the war but was ecstatic to be able to spend so much time with his otherwise very busy parents. "We tried to make the best of this time," she says. "Adam was the happiest kid ever being with mom and dad."

The family was finally able to return home a few weeks after a cease-fire went into effect on Aug. 14. Because the Beirut airport was still closed, they flew to Syria, where they met her father-in-law and then safely drove across the border into Lebanon. "We were so happy to be home," she says.

Tashjian was relieved to find only a few broken windows in her house, but some of her friends and relatives in southern towns and villages had not fared as well. The home of one of Hassan's uncles was burned during the violence.



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Tashjian returned right away to her job as a critical care clinical nurse specialist at the American University of Beirut Medical Center. The hospital received very few casualties, and, thanks to the determination of staff and faculty, Tashjian says things ran fairly smoothly during the turmoil. Yet, even though things were running well at the hospital, she admits that her first few weeks back were emotionally difficult. She found it painful to listen to stories about the bombings from friends and coworkers who had been in Lebanon during the war.

She says her boss, Gladys Mouro, the chief nursing executive, was a source of strength. "She has a way of moving everyone forward," Tashjian says. "She helped me a lot."

While life is fairly normal at her job, Tashjian says the recovery is moving a little more slowly everywhere else, but progress is being made. People are repairing their homes and businesses. Bridges are being rebuilt, and in October schools reopened.

Although she fears war will return, Tashjian says she still loves Beirut and thinks it is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. She also has great hope for the future of Lebanon and for her family.

"I think my story is most trivial compared to the people who were here during the war," she says. "I was lucky to be away from all this. Our people are so brave and full of life. I'm happy to tell their story."

—BERNADETTE GILLIS



Jenifer Meno Constantian, MSN'01, is a family nurse practitioner assigned to Womack Army Medical Center, Fort Bragg, N.C. She is attached to the 21st Combat Support Hospital and is serving in Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom IV. Her

husband is serving in the U.S. Navy on the USS Kitty Hawk, stationed in Japan. Their three-year-old daughter Grace is living with Constantian's sister during the deployment.

Jennifer Hebert Hanley, MSN'01, is a full-time student in the doctoral of nursing practice program at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. She also works part time as a family nurse practitioner at the Vanderbilt-McKendree Health Clinic. When

not studying and working, Hanley enjoys spending time with family, swimming, and horseback riding. She and her husband Tim have a three-year-old son named Jake. Tim is currently serving overseas as a Special Forces officer.

Melinda Ann Huitt O'Connor, MSN'01, is on the associate degree nursing faculty at Mineral Area College in Park Hills, Md., and works part time as a family nurse practitioner at Farmington Dialysis Center. She is teaching her 15-year-old son Raymond to drive. Raymond is also looking for colleges to attend after high school. O'Connor enjoys riding her motorcycle around the country, hunting, fishing, and dirt-bike riding and whitewater rafting with her son. She and Raymond live in Farmington, Md.

Stacey Merritt-Baker, MSN'02, and her husband Michael, who is in the Navy, are planning to move from Alexandria, Va., to Monterey, Calif., and then to Naples, Italy. She formerly worked as a cardiovascular surgery pediatric nurse practitioner at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. Outside of work, Merritt-Baker enjoys white water kayaking.

Melissa Ann Taylor, MSN'02, and her family relocated from Fayetteville, N.C., to Dothan, Ala., earlier this year after her husband returned home from four consecutive years of military deployments. She is returning to the work force as an assistant nurse practitioner in the VA Outpatient Clinic, which is managed by the Southeast Alabama Medical Center, in Dothan. She and her husband have two children, Noah, 6, and Daniel, 3.

Dana Theisen, MSN'02, is working at the NTC Urgent Care Center in Clement, Fla., as a program manager working on developing a new medical spa that will offer laser surgery, botox, mesotherapy, and more. She is married with two small children and lives in Clermont, Fla.

April Taylor, MSN'04, is co-owner and clinical director of A Brighter Future Healthcare Services, a home health care agency in Fayetteville, N.C. Outside of work she likes to travel. She and her husband Tim have a son named D'Angelo and live in Fayetteville.

Julie P. Dowless, PMC'05, is a family nurse practitioner in Lumberton, N.C. She enjoys reading and doing yard work. She has an 18-year-old son, Zachary, who is a senior in high school.

Wendy Sue Fulford, MSN'05, works for PCS Phosphate in Aurora, N.C., where she treats adult and geriatric populations. Her job duties include acute/urgent care, pre-employment and annual physicals, drug testing, wellness programs, and worker's compensation. She has two Boston terriers—Flossie Mae and Buddy—and enjoys gardening and volunteering at Hope Clinic, an indigent care clinic in Pamlico County. She lives in New Bern.

Tiffany Giaccone Revels, MSN'06, was married recently and lives in Angier, N.C. She works at a migrant health clinic on Thursdays during farming season. She writes: "The farm workers are so appreciative of our help. We really have an opportunity to impact their lives and health. It's a great feeling." She enjoys running, being with friends and family, and participating in outdoor activities such as waterskiing and wakeboarding. She has two sisters and one brother.



Robertson Keeps Duke Connection Strong After Graduation

For Jennifer Robertson, ABSN'04, the "best laid plans" didn't actually work out as planned—they were even better than expected, and she says Duke is a huge reason for that.

A native of East Sandwich, Mass., Robertson earned her bachelor's degree in exercise physiology from the University of Massachusetts in Lowell, with the intention of becoming a physical therapist.

"I had always been interested in health care from the beginning. Exercise physiology is pretty much the undergrad degree for physical therapy, which I intended on doing. But after four years of school, I wasn't really sure if I wanted to immediately continue for a graduate degree," she explains.

Instead, she planned to take a year off under the assumption that after a year of doing other things, she'd be energized and ready to go full-time into physical therapy. She began working in a cardiology office close to home performing stress tests for a while, then moved to Boston to work on a National Institutes of Health study at Massachusetts General Hospital. While there, she was exposed to a wide variety of healthcare providers, including a lot of nurses.

"I was in an extremely dynamic environment and surrounded by very bright people," she says. One such person was Jane Sherwood, a nurse who inspired her to take a completely different career path.

"(Sherwood) was well-spoken, very bright, knew what she was talking about, and when I started hearing about her career and all the different paths she had taken I was amazed. She just had her stuff together," Robertson says.

Robertson enrolled in the ABSN program at the Duke University School of Nursing, and 16 intense months later, in December 2003, she graduated as a member of Duke's first class of Accelerated Bachelor of Science Nursing students.

"Three months before graduation I decided to stay here in the area. I like the Triangle and the tuition repayment that Duke offers over the first three years of working as a bedside nurse is pretty competitive," she says. Duke pays \$11,000 in tuition reimbursement in each of the first three years of Duke nursing graduates who stay to work at a Duke-affiliated hospital.

Her first year working at Duke was in Duke University Hospital's Cardiology Step-Down (7100) unit, followed by two years in her current position in the orthopedic operating room.

"It's very challenging but I like the fact that I'm specialized in orthopedics," she says. "I get to know the orthopedic surgery team pretty well."

Eventually, she says, she'd like to return to doing clinical research and likes the area so much—especially the weather—that she hopes to have a long career at Duke.

She also believes in staying connected to the Duke School of Nursing and is a member of the Nursing Alumni Council. "I definitely want to keep a tight connection to the school. It really seems like the school is trying to develop a stronger bond with the nursing staff at the hospital."

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Esther Lavinier Ace, BSNEd'57, of Durham, N.C., died Nov. 7, 2006. She was 73. Ace was born Dec. 14, 1932, in Wagram and was the daughter of the late Lonnie E. and Minnie Ray Lavinier. She was a graduate of Highsmith Nursing School in Fayetteville and Duke University School of Nursing. She also attended Flora McDonald College. She was a registered nurse at the Veterans Administration Hospital for 34 years. She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. She was predeceased by her husband of 32 years, Jacob Ace. Surviving are two daughters, Rebecca Davin of Herndon, Va., and Rachel Ace of Durham; one son, Daniel Ace of Durham; two grandchildren; two sisters, Doris Moser of Wingate and Geraldine Rhue of Laurinburg; two brothers, Benford Lavinier of Wagram and Gene Lavinier of Lillington.

Judith H. Ruch Beebe, BSN'75, of North Reddington Beach, Fla., died March 10, 2006. She was 52.

Maud Hollowell Black, N'35, BSN'39, of Crowley, La., died Oct. 31, 2006, at the age of 93. Black was born and raised near Princeton, N.C. She graduated from Guildford College in Greensboro in 1934 and was an honors graduate of the Duke University School of Nursing. She spent 39 months serving overseas during World War II as a nurse with the Duke-affiliated Army 65th General Hospital Unit near Malvern Wells, England. She was honorably discharged in 1946, having achieved the rank of first lieutenant. Following the war, she moved to Crowley with her husband, Major David Black, who worked with the LSU Agricultural Center, Rice Research Station, USDA Cooperating. Over a near 50 year career, Black held a variety of positions, her last being an instructor of nursing with the Southwest Louisiana Vocational School in Crowley for 25 years. She received several honors including the Meritorious Award in 1969 by the Louisiana Vocational

Association, Outstanding Practical Nursing Instructor awarded by the Louisiana Health Occupations Instructors organization in 1984, and the Crowley Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Citizen of 1990 Award. In 1993 she was given the Champions for Children Award by the Louisiana Council on Child Abuse (now Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana). She was a past president of Delta Kappa Gamma, The Pink Ladies Auxiliary, and Acadia Council on Child Abuse. She had been a member of the American Legion Post of the VFW and various nursing associations. Black was preceded in death by her husband David of 55 years. She is survived by three daughters, a son, six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, a brother, two sisters, and a sister-in-law.

Mary Ezzell Glenn, BSN'44, of Troy, N.C., died April 24, 2006, at her home. She was 84. Glenn was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, and a registered nurse. She was

preceded in death by a son, Robert J. Glenn. Survivors include her husband, John C. Glenn, Jr., MD'44, HS'44-'46; daughters Mary Rebecca G. Springer, Nancy G. Collins, and Susan G. Yates; two brothers; eight grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

Aline McCranie Harris, N'41, BSN'44, of Savoy, Ill., died Aug. 8, 2006. She was 86. Harris was born Jan. 31, 1920 in Sparks, Ga. In 1942 she married **Frank Harris, MD, T'38,'42, HS'44-'46**, in Durham, N.C., who preceded her in death in 1995. She was a nurse and a homemaker and a founding member of the Georgia Alliance for the Mentally Ill, and the Wieuca Road Baptist Church of Atlanta. She was a life-master in duplicate bridge. Harris is survived by a son, Joe Harris of Urbana, Ill.; a daughter, Marilyn Best of Urbana; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a brother; a sister; a sister-in-law, and several nieces and nephews.

Marybelle Wright Jester, BSN'43, died on Nov. 23, 2006, at the age of 85. She was born in Jacksonville, Fla., on January 17, 1921, to Ralph Elmer Wright and Cornelia Coleman Wright. She attended Florida State University and graduated from the Duke School of Nursing. She is a veteran of WWII and was a nursing instructor at Portsmouth VA Naval Hospital. She was a member of Raleigh Women's Club and the Wake County Medical Auxiliary, a nursing instructor at Rex Hospital School of Nursing, and a Red Cross volunteer. She was also a founding member of White Memorial Presbyterian Church and was involved in both the Stephen's Ministry and church choir. Jester is survived by two sons, John P. Simpson of Jacksonville, N.C., and Paul E. Simpson and wife Beverly of Raleigh, N.C.; four grandchildren, Lila H. Simpson of Morehead City, N.C., J. Hunter Simpson of Beaufort, N.C., Jason P. Simpson

of Sanford, N.C., and Lindsay M. Simpson of Cary, N.C. Jester was preceded in death by two husbands, **Paul E. Simpson, T'36, MD'40**, and Harvey Jester; and a brother, Donald E. Wright.

Gladys L. Krebs, N'42, passed away on Jan. 19, 2007. She was 86. After graduating from the Duke School of Nursing in 1942, she immediately joined the 65th General Hospital, an Army Reserve unit composed of faculty members and nurses from Duke University Medical Center. The 65th General Hospital was called to active duty in July 1942 and served through September 1945. In the fall of 1943, the 65th was ordered overseas to its first hospital site near Malvern, Worchester-shire, England. Krebs was an Army veteran of World War II, and was the past chaplain and flag bearer for the American Legion VFW in Coral Gables, Fla. She also was a registered nurse and an operating room

supervisor for Victoria Hospital in Florida for many years. She is survived by a niece, Peggy Miller, and a great-nephew, Christopher Miller.

Lois McCartney Suter, N'48, BSN'50, died from renal cancer on Oct. 23, 2006, at her home in Hollywood, Calif. She was 78. Born on Nov. 18, 1927, in St. Paul, Minn., she grew up in Detroit and East Lansing, Mich. A graduate of the Duke School of Nursing, she was a wife and mother, community volunteer, and school nurse for the L.A. Unified School District. Suter, an avid reader of nonfiction, had read at least 1,863 books since 1972. She and her husband of 54 years, Don Suter, traveled extensively and shared a love of the opera and the visual arts. She enjoyed tennis, quilting, and treasured the times she spent celebrating the birthdays of friends and family. Preceded in death by a daughter Coral Suter in 1994, survivors

include her husband, Don E. Suter, MD; three children and their spouses, Sherman Suter and Mary Parrish, Laura and Dan Hammang, and Ellen Suter and Neil Fleishon; five grandchildren, Mozelle and Rosalyn Foreman, and Annie, Genevieve, and Jack Hammang; and four siblings, Fyvie Jackson, William Allen McCartney, James Harold Heilig McCartney, and Kathryn Boucher.

Mary Jane Allred McSwain, BSN'42, passed away on Jan. 17, 2007, in Bradenton, Fla. Born in Tampa on May 5, 1919, she was raised in central Florida and graduated from Fort Meade High School. After completing two years at Florida State College for Women in Tallahassee, she transferred to Duke and received her bachelor's and graduate degrees in nursing. She joined the Navy in World War II and served for three years, being promoted to full lieutenant.

In May 1945 she married, **George H. McSwain, MD, HS'41-'42, '46-'51**, a surgical resident at Duke who had been a paratrooper during the war. They were married for 40 years before his death in 1985. In 1951 she and George moved to Daytona Beach, where George opened a private surgical practice and she raised their three children. She had many interests, but her first love was gardening. She became a master gardener and was the garden editor of the Daytona Beach News Journal for 20 years, from age 57 to 77. When she was 78, her book, *Florida Gardening by the Sea*, was published by the University of Florida Press, and is now in its second printing. McSwain was a charter member of the Ormond Beach Methodist Church and a member of several organizations including the Junior League of Daytona Beach, the American Association of

University Women, and the Halifax County Historical Society. She is survived by her children, Randy McSwain, John McSwain, and Mary Alice Ahlgren. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Gil McSwain, Matt McSwain, and Billy McSwain; and a great-granddaughter, Abigail Joy McSwain.

Johnsie Patterson McFadden, BSN'48, of Chapel Hill, N.C., died Oct. 22, 2006.

Barbara Denny Rottkamp, BSN'68, of Wappingers Falls, N.Y., died May 18, 2006, at the age of 59 after a long battle with cancer. She had been employed as a nurse at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Dutchess County Department of Health, and Dutchess County Court Appointed Special Advocates. Rottkamp was born July 3, 1946 in Long Island, N.Y. She married Cyril "Skip" Rottkamp in 1968. Survivors include her husband; mother Edith Denny; children Christopher Rottkamp

and wife Melanie, Kate Paino and husband Matt, Clare Curtis and husband Jay; five grandchildren; sisters Dorothy Denny and husband Gully, June Denny; and several nieces and nephews.

Marolyn Howard Rutherford, N'50, of Cherry Hill, N.J., died May 1, 2006. She was 83. Prior to earning her nursing degree at Duke she served in the U.S. Army during World War II. In 1952 she married Robert O. Rutherford and continued her career as a registered nurse and was employed by Cooper River Convalescent Center in Pennsauken, N.J. until she retired. She was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Moorestown where she served on the Alter Guild and was active in various church committees, the Outreach Program, and the Episcopalian Diocesan Hunger Task Force. Rutherford also was a member of American Legion Post 374 in Oaklyn, and a member of the Legion of Honor of the Chapel of The Four Chaplains for her

community service. She received the Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts Gulf Stream Council of Florida. She and her husband have four children: Robert C. Rutherford, David E. Rutherford, Rosemary O'Donnell, and Bruce C. Rutherford; and three grandchildren.

Mary Alexander Tate, BSN'49, of Charlotte, N.C., died Aug. 9, 2006.

Elizabeth Hines Reynolds Thompson, N'46, of Anderson, S.C., died July 28, 2006, at the age of 83. She was born in Rockingham, N.C., on Jan. 7, 1923. Thompson was active in many organizations including Head Start and was a member of Grace Episcopal Church where she was a Christian educator, having taught Sunday school for more than 40 years. Survivors include her husband **Robert G. Thompson, T'44, '46, HS '49-'50, MD**; sons Charles B. Thompson and his wife Beverly, and Robert G. Thompson II, MD, and his wife Bridgett; daughter Mary L. Thompson; and three grandchildren.

Dorothy Harp (Dot) Watlington, BSN'44, of Roanoke, Va., died Aug. 14, 2006. She was 84. Watlington was born Aug. 1, 1922 in Roanoke. She was preceded in death by her husband Will Watlington. She was a graduate of Madison College and Duke University School of Nursing and was a veteran of the World War II Army Nurse Corps. Watlington taught with the Roanoke City Public School System in the Licensed Practical Nursing Program. She continued to practice nursing part-time in her later years with the Lewis-Gale Clinic, Occupational Medicine Department. She was a lifetime member of Virginia Heights Baptist Church. Watlington is survived by her daughters Bonnie Bradshaw and husband John, Kathie Floyd and husband Steve, Jo Hargrove and husband Dave, and Janet Keener; nine grandchildren; five great grandchildren; and a brother William R. Harp Jr., and wife Jean.



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