

Class Notes



Mary (Knudson) Blunt, '54, retired after 20 years at Salem Hospital as a med/surge charge nurse. Since retiring she has been fortunate enough to enjoy singing and traveling with Festival Chorale Oregon. Mary has three children and five grandchildren.

Alice (Welk) McDonald, '54, and her husband both retired and have been enjoying traveling, both in America and overseas. They also enjoy seven grandchildren, which keep them young. Their four sons and families live in Vermont, Kansas, Oregon and Borneo. Alice and her husband have lived in Dallas, Texas for almost 34 years.

Susan Imbrie, '58, graduated with a master's in community health nursing from the University of Portland. She retired from Multnomah County Health Division after starting school-based clinics. She enjoys her four grandchildren, summers at her Black Butte Ranch home, birding, bicycling, wildflower walks and wild mushroom hunting.

Nancy Pullen Alley, '55, has the life she always wanted. She retired and moved into a townhouse above the Pearl in Northwest Portland. She enjoys active volunteering with the Oregon Food Bank and belongs to two book clubs, the Symphony, Chamber Music, ART and Coho Productions. Nancy enjoys taking cooking classes and especially eating! She also has two children who live in the San Francisco area.

Edna (Staveland) Folkerts, '55, last June, marked 50 years since graduation and 50 years of marriage. Edna and her husband, Alfred, enjoy their three sons and their families. They are retired, but keep busy, as they are still part-time farmers.

Sharron (Bollinger) Cox, '60, is doing volunteer work with the SMART program in schools, is a member of PEO, is involved in mentoring classes and Bible studies in her church.

She also meets with other retired nurses in her area once a month for lunch! Life is good! In addition, she enjoys babysitting her grandkids and get-togethers with her children.

Ann Packard Duelstgen, '60, is retired, but busy as ever. She is a master-gardener. Ann's favorite activities are spending time with her grandchildren, trips to the beach and gardening. She sends her best to all her classmates!

Merrilee (Thom) Brockley, '65, has been living in the Portland area since 1990. All four of her grandchildren live nearby. Her husband and daughter work together at their FISH window cleaning franchise.

Shirley (Hopkins) Kaminsky, '65, is retired and traveling. She has seven grandkids and is loving life. Shirley does volunteer work with The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. She participated last July in the second National "Out of the Darkness" overnight walk in Chicago to raise awareness and fund suicide prevention, mental health/illness awareness, survivor support and education.

Sandra Brandt Clausen, '70, is starting to slow down at work to have more fun. Her first adventure was traveling to Uganda. She has two sons – Matt started at OHSU School of Medicine in August; Adam is a doctoral student in Physics at the University of Oregon.

Susan (Smith) Stanley, '70, continues to work full-time at Central Oregon Pediatric Associates and teach daily fitness classes for the Body Shop. Her son, Scott, is an electrical engineer who was recently married. Her daughter, Christine, is a student at the University of California, San Francisco Medical School.

Catherine (Kohlruss) Harman, '75, has worked on a medical/surgical floor and at a blood bank, but has found her



niche as she has completed 25 years in the O.R. at Stanford. She has two children – Patrick, 17, is finishing his senior year in high school; Allison, 14, a freshman this year. Catherine has been married 23 years to Rick, a police officer.

Tracey A. Sanford, '75, is the manager for medical education at ACMI Corp, a medical device manufacturing company. Her focus is education of end-users – OR nurses, office nurses and surgeons in the areas of urology and gynecology. Tracey lives just outside of Baltimore, Md., in a beautiful agricultural countryside.

Melodee (Fennimore) Corgan, '80, works for Kaiser Permanente in Salem as Coordinator of Utilization Resources. A varied job doing UR at Salem Hospital, hospice coordination and work with palliative care, home care and SNF placement. Melodee has been married for more than 25 years, and has four kids, only one left at home.

Carla Syverson, '80, has worked for the Centers for Disease Control for 15 years on Maternal Mortality Surveillance and Safe Motherhood. She lives with her two teen daughters in Sumner, Wa., and spends most of her time with their horses and various school activities.

Vicky (Rice) Cumpston, '85, has been a lead charge nurse at Emanuel for 20 years. She's been married 11 years and has two kids – Anthony, seven, and Allison, four. She is the co-owner of Rose Garden Antiques with her mother and sister. They specialize in vintage glass, china and pottery.

Karisa Thede, '85, is working part-time at Lebanon Community Hospital as a trauma coordinator and as an ED nurse. She has been employed there since graduation. She and her husband have three children. The oldest has just finished his freshman year of college. Their daughter is a sophomore in high school and their youngest is a seventh grader.

Message from the President

The OHSU School of Nursing Alumni Association exists to facilitate a continued relationship between each of you and the school throughout your career and beyond. As your 2005-2006 Alumni Association President, on behalf of the board, I would like to take this opportunity to share highlights of this year's activities.

I am pleased to report that alumni annual giving reached an all-time high during this year's phonathon, raising over \$102,000. In addition, due to your on-going support, the Alumni Association Scholarship Endowment has continued to thrive. This year the alumni board decided to award alumni scholarships to returning students and graduate student applicants. This spring \$12,000 in scholarships was awarded to deserving students that represent each campus.

As you may have noticed there have been some minor changes in the scheduling of traditional alumni events. The School of Nursing Alumni Homecoming will now be held during September (September 15-16, 2006) in conjunction with the "Welcome Back" conference for the school. In addition to traditional homecoming activities, this year a family barbeque will be held in an effort to encourage broader alumni participation. Also, the second Annual Henrietta Doltz Puhaty Lecture and Dinner will be held on Friday evening (September 15) at the Oregon Zoo. In addition to student representation on the board, the Alumni Association continues to sponsor student activities such as the annual career fair, student portraits and mentoring activities.

I would like to specifically acknowledge Carolyn Kimpton, director of alumni relations and annual giving, for her unflagging support and daily effort that keeps the Alumni Association organized and moving forward. I am also grateful to my fellow board members throughout the state who commit time to represent each of you.

Warmest regards,

Janice Tendler, MS '00, BS' 97
President, OHSU School of Nursing Alumni Association

