

VIGILANDO

News from the Johns Hopkins Nurses' Alumni Association

ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 8, 2005

The 113th Annual Business Meeting of The Johns Hopkins Nurses' Alumni Association (JHNAA) was called to order on October 8, 2005 at 10:15 a.m. in the Tremont Grand by Deborah Baker '92, President.

Minutes: MOTION was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 2004 Annual Business Meeting as published in *Vigilando* in Winter 2005. **Action:** MOTION was approved unanimously. **Roll Call:** A total of 123 alumni were present.

The Class of 1955, celebrating their 50th, had 24 classmates attend.

The names of the deceased alumnae from the past year were read by Tina Cafeo MSN'97.

Helen Scott O'Brien '19
Charlotte M. Fischer '28
Esther V. King '32
Dorothy E. Willson '32
Helen V. Brinson '34
Ella Weir Queen '36
Hannah Ainsley Reppert '36
Jean Fairhurst Roberts '37
Louisa Hooker Bourne '38
Lois David Smee '38
Lucille Graefe Embree '39
Charlotte Overly Tice '39
Mary Deubler Belmont '40
Bertha Johnson Bogart '40
Helen Brugh Chestnut '40
Evelyn Ann Eckberg '40

A. Elizabeth Peery Gustafson '40
Elise Riggs Peters '40
Margaret Trumbull Reed '40
Elsie Young Tipping '41
Ruth May Harnar '42
Clara Anthony Hetrick '42
Margaret E. Hughes '42
Sally Jane Shepherd Thomas '42
Nancy Riddleberger Bunch '43
Claire Howe Rizzo '43
Anna Kline Slegel '43
Margaretha Milliken Swoope '43
Elizabeth Hulings Booker '44
Nancy Gilley Byrne '44
Doris Dodds Day '45
Florence Thompson Erickson '45

Estella Mitchell '45
Mary Donnan Wells '45
Frances Payne Bouton '46
Lucille Replogle Byers '46
Eugenia Dabney Hofammann '46
Ruth Carter Horton '46
Sara Hamilton Meigs '47
Miriam B. Stockbridge Deming '48
Marion King Kelly '48
Charlene Howl Sanders '48
Marguerite Nichols Goon '49
Joy Ashley Richmond '51
Nell Adair White '51
Jane Haggart Kaiser '52
Margaret (Peggy) Jackson Brown '54
Martha Bardenhagen Bray '55

Julianne Dilley Moon '56
Katherine Parr Reams '56
Kathryn Pitzer Trites '56
Stella Stamas Webber '56
Mary Jane Scott Frost '58
Joyce Tucker O'Shea '58
Patricia Balog Schillaci '60
Veronica Thomson Swain '60
Rose Marie Ardison Gahs '60
Bonnie Tilley Taranto '66
Virginia Smyth Emerson '66
Annette Y. Coady '94
Eleanor Gwynn-Knight, MSN/
MPH

President's Report: Deb Baker



Deb Baker, '92
President, JHNAA

The days leading up to Homecoming are much like those leading up to the holidays or a wedding. Thousands of last minute details to attend to and worry over coupled with the excitement of seeing everyone who is coming "home." During the days of celebration, moods are high and the days that seem endless are packed with activity. And the very next day the disbelief that another big event (which seemed to have lasted seconds) had come and gone after months of preparation. Homecoming 2005 passed by quickly but a

good time was had by all. Beginning with the Friday evening cocktail party, a diverse group of Hopkins alumni came together in a festive and casual atmosphere to mingle with old friends, other alumni, and students. The rain that seems to accompany us every year did not stop the party, and it continued into Saturday. The luncheon featured a light and humorous slide presentation by the class of 1955, wonderful speeches and outstanding food. Sally Sample '54 received the Distinguished Alumna award from Dr. William Brody for a life of nursing service and leadership. Thanks to Lois Hoffer, the homecoming committee and the development office for another memorable homecoming weekend.

Homecoming, like all end-of-the-year celebrations, calls for a time of reflection and analysis of the past year's events and

accomplishments. My personal perspective was shared at the annual meeting along with those of the committee chairs. These reports can be found on the ensuing pages of the *Vigilando*.

It has been a productive year with some new projects and maintenance of the big projects started over the past few years. As stated at the meeting last year, our goal for the board this year was to find ways to incorporate the most recent classes into the association. To that end we have encouraged board members to attend current student events and to reach out to them. This is a big task for a few people, but we made strides and connections.

The gesture that was the most responsive to the students and initiated a tradition that we hope will have longevity was the purchasing of the university pin for new grads. We hope to combine this pinning

with our graduation party to begin and kindle our relationship with our newest (and most energetic) members. Our membership committee, led by Beth Cooper '97, has been fabulous with planning activities that include both our new and older alumni. Please stay tuned and join us in meeting the members of our bright future.

Another great initiative was formally welcoming the CHH alumnae to join our family as consortium alumnae. They have increased our numbers and brought a diverse richness to our archives and events. We look forward to a long relationship with them.

The ongoing projects that include the book and the archives continue to thrive and do well. Because of the leadership and participation in these committees, our legacy is well restored.

By the end of the year, I realized that if there is one clear message I needed to get across to the larger association it is to "get involved." We need our alumni to attend events with students, participate on our committees, and volunteer for our community—side by side with our students and fellow alumni in the East Baltimore community. Our board and committees are populated with the same dedicated people year after year. Each homecoming, as I speak with many of you from years past, I come away thinking how terrific it would be to see you more frequently and to have you involved with our new alumni. Our students yearn for the connection to our past and the wisdom of our experience to help shape their future. There is no substitute for mentoring, and its dividends are endless for both parties. Consider this a formal invitation to join us throughout the year. The board and I look forward to hearing from you!

Treasurer's Report: Phyllis Naumann

The Johns Hopkins Nurses' Alumni Association 2005 budget, actual expenses and income as of October 5, 2005, were presented to the members. Income and investment net income transfers totaled \$164,125.00. Inflow (withdrawals) from investments was \$138,000.00. Income from membership dues was \$18,260.00.

Expenses totaled \$164,359.44 as of October 5, 2005. Budget expenses for 2005 were \$190,400.00. Expenses remain within the budget. Major expenses from 2005 include the following: archives, \$9,728.79; History of Hopkins Nursing book, \$61,071.11; magazine, \$20,000; homecoming, \$12,328.21; membership, \$38,441.41; and scholarships, \$20,203.90.

Income from our investment holdings continues to finance the above projects. At the end of September, 2005, the balance of the portfolio was \$1,052,948. The portfolio was invested as follows: cash 13 percent,

income securities 29 percent, and stocks 58 percent. The total return on the portfolio was 7.5 percent for the year 2005 through September 30, 2005. By comparison, the stock market was up 1.4 percent for the same period. Our energy and utility stocks had very strong performances for the period. We are still in a strong financial position and will continue to have the resources to support our priority projects. The budget was approved by the members as presented.

Thank you for the opportunity to have served as the treasurer of the organization.

Debbie Baker presented Phyllis with a gift for her more than eight years on Alumni Association committees and Board of Directors.

Committee Reports

Archives – Phoebe Evans Letocha

(Alan Mason Chesney Medical Archivist)

On behalf of the Alan Mason Chesney Medical Archives, I want to thank you for your continued support of the Archives' ongoing work to process and catalogue the Johns Hopkins Nursing Historical Collection. We are happy to report that our efforts to preserve and promote the rich legacy of nursing at Hopkins are showing signs of success. The *Johns Hopkins Nursing* magazine in its milestones issue and other historical articles relied heavily upon the resources of the Archives. We are looking forward to next year's publication of *Our Shared Legacy: Nursing Education at Johns Hopkins, 1889-2006*. Researchers from Johns Hopkins and around the world have used the Nursing Historical Collection this year, including students, faculty, and staff at the School of Nursing, members of the Alumni Association, historians of medicine, and nurse historians from as far away as Japan.

New material has been added to the Nursing Historical Collection at the Archives this year. The Church Home and Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae Association donated their collection of institutional records, personal papers, photographs, fine arts and artifacts to the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing to be preserved at the Medical Archives. The Archives' Coordinator of Fine Arts, Andrew Harrison, oversaw the restoration of the portraits of Jane Nash, Margaret Elliott, and Freda Creutzburg. I would like to welcome the Church Home nursing alumnae to visit the Archives and use their collection. We look forward to making the history of nursing at Church Home available to its alumnae, families, historians, biographers, and the faculty, staff and students of the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing and other schools of nursing.

This year we continued to work with Mame Warren to ensure that she and the other authors of *Our Shared Legacy* had access

to all the available source material related to the history. Mame selected over 250 images from the holdings of the Archives. The Archives is using these 250 images as the beginning of a photo digitization project. As the book nears publication, we will continue to assist Mame as she finalizes citations, fact checking, and photo captions. We hope that the book project, which drew so heavily upon the archival holdings, will increase interest in and use of the Johns Hopkins Nursing Historical Collection.

Because the Archives has outgrown its space on the East Baltimore campus, it is moving to the Johns Hopkins Mt. Washington campus. The office space needed to sort, process, and catalogue the holdings will more than double in size. The Archives staff is dedicated to continuing to serve the Hopkins community on the East Baltimore campus through improvements to remote access and our onsite reading room.

For the past two years, Anthony Dellureficio has been working as the Nursing Records Processor while he completed his Master's in Library Sciences at the University of Maryland. He has recently taken a position as an Archivist/Cataloger in New York. We will begin searching for another Processor soon. Anthony concentrated on the personal paper collections of Hopkins. He completed an initial inventory of the Church Home Nursing Collection. Anthony was curator of an exhibit on display at the School of Nursing on the nursing pins and mottos of Johns Hopkins and Church Home. Our priority for the Nursing Historical Collection this next year is to continue work on the personal paper collections and the photo digitization project and to make these collections more accessible for researchers through inclusion on the Archives' web site.

As former editor of *Vigilando*, Betty Scher '50 is working on an index to the *Alumni Magazine*. Once completed, we hope to then make the index available on the Archives' web site. We would welcome any other volunteers at the Archives who would like to work with the Nursing Historical Collection.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the members of the Alumni Association Archives Advisory Committee for their work this year, Melinda Rose, Sue Culp, Sue Appling, Betsy McGeady, Lois Hoffer, Betty Scher, and Deb Kennedy. I encourage other alumni to get involved with the Nursing Archives Project either through volunteering at the Archives, serving on the Archives Advisory Committee, or by sending us material that documents the lives and accomplishments of Hopkins and Church Home Nurses.

Nominating: Sue Appling

This year's slate was presented as follows:

Vice President - JoAnn Coleman

Education:

Nurse Paralegal 2004
Villa Julie College
Nurse Practitioner 1995
Johns Hopkins University
School of Nursing
Adulthood & Aging MA, 1993
College of Notre Dame of Maryland
Clinical Nurse Specialist, MS, 1984
University of Maryland, School of Nursing
Bachelor's Degree in Nursing 1982
College of Notre Dame of Maryland
Education, BS 1972
Towson University

Nursing Position:

Acute Care Nurse Practitioner GI Surgery
and Surgical Oncology
Johns Hopkins Hospital
Alumni Activities:
Current acting Vice President
Director, 2001-2004
Homecoming Committee – 3 years
Membership Committee – 3 years
Nominating Committee

Treasurer - Sue Culp

Education:

Master's of Nursing 1997
Johns Hopkins University
School of Nursing
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Union Memorial

Nursing Position:

Nurse Manager, NICU
Johns Hopkins Hospital
Alumni Activities:
Homecoming Committee
Education Committee
Archives Committee

Elected Director - Marguerite Baty

Education:

Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Johns Hopkins University
School of Nursing
Current MSN to PhD student
Alumni Activities:
Membership Committee

Nominating Committee:

Sally Hess '91
Sue Klein Wright '62
Phyllis Naumann, MSN'94

Membership: Beth Cooper

The Membership Committee had a very successful year and sponsored many well-attended events. There were three "Happy Hours"—at Slainte in Fells Point, the Dubliner in Washington, DC and at Nick's Seafood House in Locust Point. Tickets were offered at a discounted price to alumni for *Cirque du Soleil* in Fells Point and the *Lion King* at the newly renovated Hippodrome.

Dinners with the Dean at the Carriage House at Evergreen were tremendous events,

as usual. The Board unanimously decided to continue the long tradition of student pins when we learned that the School of Nursing would no longer be purchasing them. Pins were presented to students at the dinners. The JHNAA will not offer the Dinner with the Dean event next year, but will proceed with a pinning event.

Approximately 25 percent of all alumni are dues-paying members. The Membership Committee will focus on increasing that number in the coming year.

Homecoming: Lois Hoffer

For the second year, we started the Homecoming festivities with a cocktail party. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, in spite of the rain. We almost doubled the numbers from last year with 175 alumni attending. Today, we will have 190 alumni attend the luncheon, including 35 from Church Home & Hospital, our newest members. The dates for next year are September 29 and 30. We want you to know that we are always trying to improve, and welcome your input. One thing we are considering is joining with the University at their homecoming in the spring.

Editorial: Leslie Kemp

The first two years of the combination of the Alumni magazine *Vigilando* and the School of Nursing magazine have come to a close. Despite changes in staffing, including the loss of Kate Pipkin in fall 2003, the resignation of Ming Tai in the spring of 2005, and the mixed feelings of our own *Vigilando* staff, the combining of the magazines has been a success. JoAnn Coleman, Leslie Kemp, and Melinda Rose remain active on the Editorial Board of the magazine, offering comments, constructive criticism, and feedback, as well as suggestions for possible articles, authors, and editorials for future issues. As alumni, and despite all of the trepidation, we do have a voice! We welcome suggestions and comments from all alumni and ask that you come forward and tell us your thoughts on ways to improve what is rapidly evolving into an award-winning magazine. We would also like to know of any alumni who should be profiled. We want to thank everyone for their contribution to their class news, encourage you to continue sending in your class news thus keeping everyone up to date on what is going on with their Johns Hopkins alumni. We open our email addresses and phone lines to any and all suggestions and comments and thank you for your continued support.

Education: Amy Hardin

The Johns Hopkins Nurses' Alumni Association was able to grant scholarships to nine alumni this year. We also funded

several undergraduate class projects that provided direct services to the east Baltimore community.

Each year the Alumni Association allocates a set amount for education. This year, \$20,000 was budgeted for scholarships and \$20,203 was spent. There is no income for these scholarships, but we do accept donations.

History Book: Susan E. Appling '73

Generally, longing for something implies a desire lasting a long time. In the case of the book, the second volume of the history of the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, this definition indeed applies.

As a long-time member of the "Book" committee and an even longer member of the JHNAA, I am pleased, this year, to be able to report wonderful news after a long period of effort to achieve the completion and publishing of this second volume.

Beginning in the 1980s with Betty Brizendine and her book committee, the process went through several iterations, false starts and dashed hopes. But over the past several years, we have been very fortunate to have the combined talents of our authors and editor.

The authors Fran Keen '70 and Linda Sabin '67 have researched and written many new chapters covering the years since the Johns and Pfefferkorn book was published (1954) and have also synthesized the early history of the school for inclusion in the second volume.

We have also been excited to have the editorial assistance and direction of Mame Warren. Her other areas of expertise have also enriched the quality of the book. Her background in obtaining oral histories and then incorporating these varied voices throughout the book adds depth and intimacy to the text. Additionally, Mame's keen eye for photographic images, honed over years of working with her father, a renowned photographer, and editing the Hopkins University history *Knowledge for the World* will add a visually rich dimension to the book.

I will let Mame tell you more about the soon-to-be reality of the Book—and yes, it does have a title—*Our Shared Legacy: Nursing Education at Johns Hopkins, 1889-2006*.

Mame Warren's report to the annual meeting about the book project:

It has been my honor and my pleasure to work with the book committee and with coauthors Linda Sabin and Fran Keen on this project. We have worked hard to make sure this book is inclusive of all the classes who have received their nursing education at Johns Hopkins, no matter from which school they graduated. The title of the book, *Our Shared Legacy: Nursing Education at Johns Hopkins, 1889-2006* reflects that concern.

We now have a preliminary design for the

book, which was very well received at the cocktail party last night. Members of many classes were certain that the photograph of a candlelight service that will appear on the cover of the book is of their class, which lets me know that we have selected an image that is symbolic of the experiences of many alumni.

There are seven chapters in the book, including two about the creation and success of the current university school. These chapters are drawn from the many oral history interviews I have conducted for the book. There is also an extensive chronology of events relating to nursing education at Johns Hopkins, which chronicles the entire story in a very succinct way. So with more than 300 illustrations, well-researched text by Linda Sabin and Fran Keen, and selections from the voices of dozens of alumni and friends through the years, the book can be approached in many ways.

Members of the staff at Johns Hopkins University Press were so impressed when they reviewed the preliminary layouts that they are now reconsidering the possibility of publishing the book. We should have that decision soon, but regardless of whether the book is published by the press or by the alumni association, we will definitely have books in hand by spring of 2006. Watch for announcements in the magazine and in the mail about its release.

Church Home Report: Deb Kennedy '73

Thanks were extended to Dr. Hill and Deb Baker on behalf of all CHH alumni for graciously and warmly welcoming CHH alums into the Hopkins family. Dr. Hill had indeed over the past year been enormously helpful in assisting CHH to "Secure a Future for Our Past." Deb was proud to see that 35 CHH alumnae would be attending this first joint Homecoming, including the oldest living graduate, Hester DeHaven '31.

The 35 alumnae attending represented classes from 1931-1976, which included two mother-daughter graduate sets.

The Archives project is the most important item to be concerned about at present.

A. The three portraits were restored to museum quality at a cost of \$6,000, and this was generously donated by an anonymous CHH alumna.

B. The CHH archives, which is made up of photos, papers, yearbooks, class pictures, etc. have filled approximately 13-15 boxes. The cost to archive this for a lifetime is approximately \$10,000. The money left from the Freda Creutzburg Scholarship was only \$3,700. Thus, we are in a position to raise more money. A raffle is being conducted today, and a letter will be sent to all CHH alums before the end of the year asking for support.

C. There are missing yearbooks and class photos. A listing of what is needed will be

included in the next School of Nursing magazine in order to complete the collection.

D. There is still a need for CHH volunteers to work with the Archives department to assist in identifying photos, etc. Please contact Deb Kennedy or Phoebe Letocha if interested.

CHH transcripts can now be obtained from Chart 1. Specific details will be put in the next School of Nursing magazine on how to obtain a transcript for those continuing their education.

The first recipient of the Freda Creutzburg Scholarship will be named in November. Specifics on the first recipient will be published in Church Notes as soon as they are known.

Deaths

A moment of silence was asked for CHH alumnae, who passed away this year. They are

Irma Hemle '31
 Frances Dize Green '38
 Mary Bankert Taylor '39
 Mary Mitchell Graham '45
 Bland Mahone McCommans '47
 Shirley Veditz Watson '48
 Geraldine Vance Kent '49
 Jean Everhart Bigio '52
 Mary Carol Vasil Martelle '55
 Carol Staton Olenik '66
 and Frederick T. Wehr, retired CHH Director of Development.

Old Business – none

New Business – none

Announcement of class gifts:

Class	Participation	Reunion
	Rate	Gift 2005
1940	55%	\$6,675
1945	25%	\$4,670
1950	45%	\$1,475
1955	60%	\$32,650
1960	38%	\$12,550
1965	29%	\$153,125
1970	15%	\$9,800
1990	13%	\$700
1995	23%	\$1,265
2000	11%	\$370

State of the School: Dean Martha Hill Celebrating Success

The Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing has had much success to celebrate in the 2004-2005 academic year. In the second year of our strategic plan, we have made great strides toward reaching our goals of excellence in teaching, research, and practice; the promotion of the school's values; the establishment of our school as a global leader in nursing; and achievement of planned growth for the school and its programs.

Excellence

The school's faculty, staff, and students continue to prove their excellence in teaching, research, and practice. We are eighth among nursing schools receiving NIH funding, 70 percent of our doctoral students receive NIH funding, and 97 percent of our undergraduate students pass the NCLEX exam the first time they take it. This year, students Anna Lagrotteria and Sara Angelino were recognized by the National Student Nurses Association for student leadership. Four faculty members were named Health Care Heroes by *The Daily Record*. We are particularly proud of faculty members Dr. Miyong Kim, who has been named a Robert Wood Johnson Nurse Executive Fellow, and Dr. Jackie Campbell, a new IOM/AAN/ANF Scholar-in-Residence.

Values

We remain dedicated to our five values of accountability, integrity, excellence, respect, and diversity. This year, we instituted a new academic code of ethics, held workshops on civility and responsibility, celebrated Diversity Week, and held a town hall on Health Care Disparities. Staff member John Shearin received the JHU Martin Luther King Jr. Award for his community service, and faculty member Fannie Gaston-Johansson won the JHU Diversity Award.

Global Leadership

The school continues to emerge as a global leader in the field of nursing. A new Office of Global Nursing, headed by Jane Shivnan, has been established within the Institute for Johns Hopkins Nursing to coordinate the school's international initiatives. Our PAHO/WHO Collaborating Center, established to explore the use of technology in sharing and managing information among nurses worldwide, has received a four-year redesignation. And we have furthered our academic collaborations with institutions in China, Lebanon, South Africa, Switzerland, and Thailand.

Planned Growth

The school continues growing in myriad ways. We have more students than ever before, with a current total of 694. Dr. Jeri Allen, Associate Dean for Research, was just awarded the largest grant in the history of the school: \$2.5 million to study interdisciplinary care in minority cardiovascular health. Other notable grants this year were given to Dr. Marie Nolan (\$.1M), Dr. Fannie Gaston-Johansson (\$.9M), and Dr. Vicki Mock (\$1.6M). Even our alumni association is growing with the addition of the Church Home & Hospital nursing alumnae, who contributed \$100,000 to the school. This growth in our academic and research programs speaks to a need for