



The DRAWSHEET

METHODIST-KAHLER ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



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NURSING LIBRARY

The Board has recently learned that the Colonial Library/M-K Library will close December 31, 2008. This space will be turned into office space. The Library (our library) will be moved to the Plummer Library. Karen Larsen, Colonial/Methodist Kahler Librarian, was asked to put aside anything that was connected to us, so we could keep it in the Alumni Room.

Our library had humble beginnings as a nine by twelve foot room in the freshman dormitory. In the late twenties or early thirties a large table and six or eight chairs were added and it was designated as a special place to study. Books included an unabridged Webster's dictionary and a few dozen complimentary copies of nursing textbooks sent to instructors by publishers.

In 2007, the Colonial Library had over 16,000 books, over 600 journal subscriptions and several thousand audiovisuals. I'm sure it's small coziness will be missed by the many who used its many facilities.

President's Letter

Season Greetings to each of you and your Loved ones! It is December and Christmas is fast approaching and since this is Minnesota, it is cold and there is a covering of snow on the ground.

The Annual Reunion for the Classes ending in 3 and 8 was held on September 20, 2008 and from all the comments I have heard a great time was had by all who attended. Your Board of Directors are now beginning the process of planning the Reunion for 2009 and it will be on October 3, 2009 and will honor the Classes ending in 4 and 9. Your Class Reps have a note in this Drawsheet directed toward your Class. The Drawsheet with the registration form in it will be published the first week of August 2009. Remember you can always go to our Web Site to get the necessary information.

<http://mayo.edu/alumni/mksnaa.html>

In this Drawsheet you will see an article about the closing of the M-K Library, as it will become part of the Library at the Plummer Building. It is indeed sad to see

it close as so many of us have fond memories of this place, but time marches on and I have been assured our books will be well taken care of by the Staff there and the Staff at the Library will be moving to the Plummer also.

You will also see an article about the death of Ruth Erickson '34. Ruth was our Alumna who distinguished herself by obtaining a high rank in the Navy Nurse Corp. She did give her Full Dress Uniform to your Alumni Association and it is in our Alumni Rooms

Please feel free to call me 507-288-7175 or Email me at rudd7175@msn.com, if you have questions or concerns. Harriet G. Rudd '57 President

M-K Alumni Association 2008-2009

Board of Directors Meetings

Tuesday June 16, 2009 7PM RMH DR #3

Tuesday August 11, 2009 7PM RMH DR #6

(with class representatives)

Tuesday September 15, 2009 7PM RMH DR #3

Saturday October 3, 2009 10:45 AM

Heritage Hall Kahler Grand Hotel

Annual Alumni Meeting

2009 Reunion

Classes 4 and 9

October 2 and 3, 2009

Heritage Hall

Kahler Grand Hotel

Rochester, MN

2009 Reunion Class Representatives

Classes of 1924, 1929, 1934 and 1939

Board of Directors

To the classes of 1924, 1929, 1934 and 1939 we on the Alumni Board will be happy to greet you.

Class of 1944

Can you believe it! It's 65 years since we became nurses.

Hope you all can come to celebrate our 65 years! We are having our reunion on October 3rd at Heritage Hall, Kahler Hotel. An informal get together will be held Friday night-October 2nd at Rochester Methodist Hospital.

If you're unable to come please write us and tell us what you're doing or what you've done.

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Class of 1949

Hey, all you '49ers out there. Can you believe that our 60th reunion is coming up in 2009? That means we have all reached ... ahhh guess I won't go there. I know it is getting harder for all of us to travel but lets make a big effort and make it to Rochester, Mn. for the big 60th which will take place Saturday, October 3, 2009 at Heritage Hall, Kahler Grand Hotel. An informal get together will be held Friday night October 2nd at Rochester Methodist Hospital.

If you haven't been to Rochester for awhile you will be amazed at the changes. Especially the building and landscaping that has been done at Mayo Clinic Campus and downtown.

If you can't attend please send letters and /or pictures. Also remind your friends when you send Christmas cards. If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions contact me. I sure hope to see a lot of you in October 2009.

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Class of 1954

Dear fellow classmates, this will be our 55 year reunion, where has the time gone!! Minnesota in October is beautiful colors so mark your calendars, pass the word on at Christmas time (cards) and come and enjoy a good time.

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Class of 1959

Could it possibly be our 50th reunion next Oct.? We have always had a good turn out for our reunions. If you have never attended, you don't know how much fun you are missing.

Come see all the changes in Rochester. They even tore down Maxwell Hall. Now there went a ton of memories!!

Don't even lay this Drawsheet on your counter. Go directly to a calendar and save Oct. 2-3, 2009 for a wonderful time of sharing and caring.

Then watch for a letter from classmates in coming months.

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Class of 1964

Greetings , Class of 1964!!! It is time to get orientated.....

How many times did we hear that during our time at Methodist Kahler??

Well, this time it is a much more pleasant affair I wish to orient you to. Our 45th Reunion.!!! As this is the year most of us have reached that official age of retirement, there in no reason for you to miss this exciting event. The Reunion will be in October of 2009. The trees on Plummer Hill will be just turning and the weather will be great. The Reunion committee has begun its planning and it will be a wonderful time of renewing friendships and retelling all the old stories.

I have been asked to represent the 1964 class. All the information as to times, lodging and schedule of events will be available in the Official invitation. If you know any classmate who might have moved or changed status or name in the past few years, please contact them or the Reunion committee so no one will be left out. You can call me in Stewartville as well, if you have questions. I am looking forward to seeing all of you in October. Please don't disappoint the rest of us. We want to see you!!

Waiting in Great Anticipation,
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Class of 1969

Warm wishes to the M-K Class of 1969, as we approach 2009 we realize that nearly 40 years ago we so proudly wore that sparkling white uniform, shoes, gold pin and starched cap as we began an exciting new chapter in our lives!!!!

I believe we give credit to the saying that WE and fine wine improve with age. You have the opportunity to gather once again with your classmates to remember and enjoy the journeys we have all taken.

The Methodist Kahler reunion date has been set and I really hope that as many of you as possible will put it on your calendar and come prepared to have a relaxing and fun time. If you are unable to attend, it would be our pleasure to have a letter and perhaps pictures to share your stories.

The reunion weekend begins on Friday evening, October 2nd, at Rochester Methodist Hospital. The formal reunion will be on Saturday, October 3rd, at the Kahler Grand Hotel, Heritage Hall. Details to follow in the Drawsheet.

Please send any correspondence, questions, new addresses, email address, etc to me. If you have ideas of activities that you would like to do in addition to the planned agenda please let me know and I will attempt to make it happen.

Looking forward to October 2009 and a deluge of long time friends coming to town !!!

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DEATHS

Sadie Niemi Catani '33
Ruth Erickson '34
Marjorie Elliott Namock '34
Carol Thompson Holstad '40
Dorothy Tuel Collins '41
Elizabeth Van Pelt Roczniaak '42
Beryl Hamann Dubois '43
Ellen Wartinbee Giroux '44
Mildred Dukich Haverkost '44
Bernadine Behl Peterson '46
Anna Backman Hansen '47
Elizabeth Nixon Hellenberg '47
Onieta Brock Schemmel '48
Delores Bauman Stickney '52
Betty Jean Wyman Russ '53
Ruth Van Schaick Larson '55
Prudence Johnson Odland '56
Janice Steinberg Guse '57
Lois Mock Tervo '58

Delores Duncan Connors '63
Nancy Martin Karlstad '66
Mary Isaacson Hermann '67
Andra Casebolt Dreiling '68

MEMORIALS

Eleanor Smith '36
from Dorothy Monson Refling '45
from Shirley Krafft '62
from Alice Jungemann '65

Mildred Dukich Haverkost '44
from Lorraine Werdin Miller '44

Marjorie Bertalot Block '45
from Kathleen Dolny Miller '63

Helen Sander Garwin '45
from Lenora Mahoney Anderegg '45

Glorene Miller Phillips '45
from Dorothy Monson Refling '45

Virginia Beck Riley '45
from Dorothy Monson Refling '45

La Vonne Shipe Drugan '52
from Gloria Lane Wiebusch '52

Dwayne Orde '54
from Donna Hauth Lee '54

Ruth Lietz Seiler Close '62
from La Mae Boesch Prigge '62

Mary Bush Fay '68
from Patricia Rider Jordan

Ruth Alice Erickson

Ruth Erickson was born in Virginia, MN in 1913 and died November 2008.

She graduated from Kahler School of Nursing in 1934. In 1936 she joined the Navy Nurse Corps; served on the hospital ship Relief, witnessed the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, and served on hospital ship Haven while bringing home prisoners of war from Japan in 1945. If you would like to read an account of her Pearl Harbor experience you can go to <http://www.history.navy.mil/faq66-3b.htm> . She served in the Navy from 1936-1966, from 1962-1966 she was Director of the United States Navy Nurse Corps.

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MALE NURSES AT KAHLER AND METHODIST-KAHLER SCHOOL OF NURSING

36 male nurses graduated from the Kahler and Methodist-Kahler School of Nursing between 1949 and 1959, when the final male student nurse graduated.

Many of these graduates elected to become nurse anesthetists and continued in this field until their retirement. Several were employed at Mayo Clinic.

A number of these male students had served in the armed forces previous to their nurses training experience and several chose the military service following their training at our school.

Carol Ann Wallace '55
Historic Preservation Chair

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