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RUTH ELEANOR SMITH
May 13 1913 – November 18, 2007

Many of you are not aware that Miss. Ruth Eleanor Smith died, November 18, 2007 at Aase Haugen Home in Decorah, Iowa from ovarian cancer. Below is an excerpt of her obituary.

Ruth Eleanor Smith was born May 13, 1913 in rural Decorah to Dr. Carsten C. and Gyda (Holkesvik) Smith. She moved with her family at about the age of one to Scandinavia, Wisconsin and at the age of five to Hibbing, Minnesota. When she was 13 her family returned to Decorah and she graduated from Decorah High School with the class of 1931. After attending St Olaf College in Northfield, MN for one year and the Decorah Junior College for Girls in its first year of operation, she enrolled in the Kahler Hospitals School of Nursing in Rochester, Minnesota, graduating in 1936.

Eleanor held various nursing service positions in the Kahler Hospitals (later known as the Rochester Methodist Hospital) and nursing education positions in the Methodist-Kahler School of Nursing. Twice during her career she returned to advanced study, and in 1946 received her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Chicago and in 1957, her

Master of Education degree from the University of Minnesota.

She served as Director of the Methodist Kahler School of Nursing for 13 years. She was the first alumni of the school to hold this position. In 1970 the school was closed and she retired to make her home in Decorah.



Remembered Fondly

Violet Hanson Sternberg

Died -May 15, 2008, at Samaritan Bethany Heights Nursing Home, at the age of 95. She was a graduate of the Class of 1933. She work as an instructor from 1961 - 1963 for M-K, from 1964 to the close of M-K in 1970, as supervisor of Health Service. She was Class advisor for the Class of 1966.

Marian Hall

Died- June 25, 2008, at St. Marys' Hospital, at the age of 96. She was a graduate of the Class of 1933 and often told the story of taking care of Helen Keller this story was written up in the Post Bulletin. She was one of the first people to move into Charter House. She chose to donate her body to Mayo Medical Science there was no viewing. A Memorial Service for her, at Charter House, was held July 2, 2008. She will be most remembered by our Alumni for her singing of our Alma Maters and all the other songs she did so well providing entertainment, as well as laughter. She was a very special lady and shall be remembered with great fondness.

President's Letter

Greetings! Summer is here and with almost every State being able to tell its own weather stories. It took Summer a long time to arrive here in Rochester and now that it is here, it is indeed Summer with humidity and of course mosquitoes and other Bugs that bite!

As I write this I am looking at a book that was sent to me sometime ago by Joyce Prekker Roelofs, Class of 1950, which she put together with letters and pictures of her Classmates and their life stories. It was written after they returned to Rochester for their 55th Reunion. I will bring this book with me to our Reunion in September and will be happy to share it with anyone wishing to do the same for your Class. If anyone is interested in doing this for your Class and want to know more please contact me. Thanks, Joyce, for sharing this wonderful Book of Memories!

This has been a time of loss for many of our Alumnus who had a great impact on our lives. As you can see by our cover, we lost Eleanor Smith and what a great Lady she was!! It was her leadership that helped shape many of us in what we are today.

In May we lost Violet Hanson Sternberg, Class of 1933. Most of us remember her from Health Services at RMH, but she was also an Instructor in Med/Surg at M-K from 1961-1963 and also was Class Advisor for the Class 1966.

In June we also lost Marion Hall, Class of 1933. Marion was also one of the first Residents at Charter House. She had wonderful stories to tell about her days with the early Staff of the Mayo Clinic and she also cared for Helen Keller. I think we will most fondly remember her for her great entertainment at our Reunions, as no one could sing our Alma Mater Songs as she could. She was so good we all laughed, as her songs were great!! Three great Ladies that will be missed.

I look forward to seeing all the Classes that return for their Reunion in September and those Classes are the ones ending in 3 and 8.

If you have questions or concerns please do not hesitate to Email me or call me.

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Have a great Summer!! Harriet Grein Rudd '57 President

Reunion 2008

Classes 3 and 8

September 19 and 20, 2008

Heritage Hall

Kahler Grand Hotel

Rochester, Mn.

Class of 1953

Weeks are going by rapidly and it will soon be September 19th and 20th. We are looking forward to all of you attending the class reunion. That is impossible, but we hope as many as can will come. If not able, send a short note and pictures to pass around at the table at the reunion. We have heard from a few of you, but would enjoy more response. Our e-mail is KKappauf@aol.com, phone 507-252-0484 and cell 507-202-4380 and address 317 6th Ave. SW, Rochester, Mn. 55902. If you haven't seen Rochester for a few years, we think you will enjoy seeing the changes.

Ken and Joyce Kappauf

Class of 1963

In just less than four months we will be trying to figure out who's who at our reunion. Find your '63 Link as it may help to recognize faces from 45 years ago. We are making plans for a fun time of bowling on Friday. Even if you haven't lifted a bowling ball in years, we can have a great time renewing friendships. We have several options for bowling: either Friday afternoon 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., or Friday evening from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., or 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. Please email Sandy at leinonen.sandy@ gmail.com <http://gmail.com/> to let us know if you are interested in joining us bowling and if so, which time is best for you. If you choose not to go bowling there will be a Social Time planned at the Methodist Hospital from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

You won't want to miss any of Saturday's activities either, especially a time after the Alumni activities to join our classmates in DR# 5 at the Methodist Hospital. Come prepared to discuss

a future 2010 reunion for our class at Branson, Mo. See you in September. Hope to see the largest number of our class ever. Nellie (Boumann) Hedeman, Sandy (McCready) Leinandonen, and Diane (Schlaepfi) O'Shaughnessy

Class of 1968

September reunion days will be here before we know it! When you receive this Drawsheet please make a copy and send it on to any friends that started with our class and let them know that they too may register and we welcome all to join us. Look forward to this special time to be together again.

40 years-let's celebrate!

Ann Strandemo Stensland

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M-K Alumni Board Meetings

2007- 2008

Tuesday-August 19, 2008 7:00 pm RMH DR #5
Tuesday-September 2, 2008 7:00 pm RMH DR #6
Saturday-September 20, 2008 10:45 am
Annual Meeting Heritage Hall
Kahler Grand Hotel

Methodist-Kahler Alumni Reunion Agenda 2008

Friday, September 19, 2008
7:30-9:30 pm Social
RMH employee cafeteria
Saturday, September 20, 2008
Heritage Hall, Kahler Grand Hotel
8:30 am Registration (late registrants may not be able to
sit with their class)
8:30 am Coffee
9:45 am Brunch
10:45 am Annual business meeting
12:00 noon Reunion pictures (no pictures can be taken
while photographer is working)
1:30-2:30 pm Mrs. Mayo by Diane Wroblewski
2:30- & 3:30 pm Self guided walking tour map and
information handed out at reunion.
6:30 pm Cash bar
7:00 pm Banquet

Brunch Menu

Windsor Plated Breakfast

Fresh Fruit Cup

Mini Muffins, Croissants & Danish

Farm Fresh Scrambled Eggs with Cheddar Cheese

Canadian Bacon

Orange Juice, Coffee & Tea

Banquet Menu

Grilled Pork Chop

*Grilled center cut pork chop with cracked black pepper &
pineapple chutney*

Served with whole grain blend rice & fresh vegetables

Chicken Picatta

*Grilled breast of chicken finished with fresh lemon,
white wine capers & parsley*

Served with whole grain blend rice & fresh vegetables

Eggplant Napoleon

*Grilled eggplant layered with roma tomatoes &
buffalo mozzarella & topped with tomato sauce &
fresh basil*

Served with chef's choice pasta & herb focaccia bread

Dessert

Rainbow sherbet with wafer

"Walk ins" may not be able to eat if we go over the
10% add on allowed. Tickets will be provided.

Lodging

A block of rooms are available at the Kahler Grand for \$85 a
day, for reservations call 1-800-533-1655.

2008 Methodist-Kahler Alumni Reunion

Rochester Methodist Hospital Cafeteria - Friday, September 19

Kahler Grand Hotel - Saturday, September 20

NAME _____ CLASS _____
MAIDEN NAME _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
E-mail address _____ Phone _____

Friday Evening - September 19

Social: number attending _____

Reunion Day - September 20

Brunch: \$16.00 per person attending _____

Banquet: indicate menu choice

Grilled Pork Chop \$ 35.00 per person/number attending _____

Chicken Picatta \$ 35.00 per person/number attending _____

Eggplant Napoleon \$ 35.00 per person/number attending _____

Class Picture: 5x7 at \$11.50 per picture/number wanted _____

Registration - return by September 12, 2008 to:

Ruby Flaaten - M-K Alumni

3964 Lark Avenue

Kensett, IA. 50448

ph) 641-845-2332

After September 12, 2008 - phone 507-289-2913.

Brunch \$ _____

Banquet \$ _____

Picture \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Gifts

Marlene Manthey Bjelde
Lila Brekke Kravetz '42
Lois Green Bower '47

Rosemary Frana Shaber '47
Gloria Lane Wiebusch '52
Janice Jensen Steeves '62

Deaths

Cecile Beaulieu Monson '28
Mary McConnell Clause '32
Bessie Bergum Paine '32
Angeline Rolfshus Siegel '33
Violet Hanson Sternberg '33
Marion Hall '33
Jane Zippel Sipes '36
Eleanor Smith '36
Ardyce Steenberg Whittle '37
Martha Cochran Caddy '39
Eldora McCown Karvel '39
Marjorie Furcht Robbers '39
Harriette Korte Halicki '40
Berniece Moon Culbertson '41
Selma Bunge Keithley '41
Thora Rose '41
Donnamarie Sperry Hamm '42
Viena Wahlroos Sullivan '42
Anita Scanlan Veith '42
Juanne Dimmel Lindquist '43
Alice Eder Havier '45
Glorene Miller Phillips '45
Virginia Beck Riley '45
Margaret Thomas Benson '46
Wilma Mundfrom Peters '46

Sarah Booth Woodhouse '46
Lillian Wise Brandenburg '47
Donna Tandberg Campbell '47
Chloe Beebe Dobson '47
Edith Riley Gray '47
Marian Walsh Halvorson '47
Marjorie Hodorff Pehrson '48
Ardis Ronne '50
La Vonne Shipe Drugan '52
Alice Greenlee Madden '52
Donna Tennefos Shores '52
Carol Strom Pesch '53
Barbara Ludwig Strugala '53
Dwayne Orde '54
Carolyn Swenson '54
Elizabeth Van Eaton Poyner '58
Patsy Jo Reed Juhl '59
Carolyn Starkson Iverson '61
Norma Hancock Matthes '61
Ruth Lietz Seiler Close '62
Joanne Hartman Summitt '62
Sandra Bass Gross '66
Phenelope Plevke Royle '67
Mary Bush Fay '68

MEMORIALS

Emily Haggerty
Mabel McLean Kelly '20

Nina Pladson '27
Thelma Teske '28
Martha Kentta '29
Lucille Finney Hicks '44
Angeline Grevich Kjer '44
Myrtle Pederson McGrillies '44
Ruth Kentta Nelson '44

Marjorie Bertalot Block '45

Glorene Miller Phillips '45
Virginia Beck Riley '45

Doris Kelsey Whitney '45
Wilma Mundform Peters '46
Sarah Booth Woodhouse '46

Norma Hancock Matthes '61
Joanne Hartman Summitt '62

Gayle Schuler Koehler '67

from Donna Green Prescher '47
from Carole Kelly Headtke
from Kathy Headtke
from Donna Green Prescher '47
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from Mildred Dukich Haverkost '44
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from Lorraine Werdin Miller '44
from Constance Anderson Benson '45
from Marjorie Olsen Harned '45
from Virginia Beck Riley '45
from Dorothy Bertalot Jahns
from Kathleen Jahns Popp '61
from Lenora Mahoney Anderegg '45
from Constance Anderson Benson '45
from Marjorie Olsen Harned '45
from Dorothy Bertalot Jahns
from Audrey Whitney Laabs '59
from Delores Verbick Kepp '46
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from Elizabeth Bolstad Talmo '46
from Audrey Stippich Welte '46
from Arlette Jungemann Siekmeier '61
from Kathryn Hausman Bremner '62
from Marlys Hallcock Moore '62
from Sandra Sasse Nowak '62
from LaMae Boesch Prigge '62
from Judith Wayne Thorson '62
from Linda Kruse McClelland '67

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