President’s Message

Dear Fellow Alumni,

As I begin this issue of ECHO, I am ever mindful of the challenges facing our society today. With an uneven economic recovery that has left many struggling, new serious public health threats such as the Zika virus, and an uncertain political environment, both in Illinois and nationally, the events of the day can seem overwhelming. However, graduates of St. John’s can take solace in knowing that the health care industry remains one of the most steadfast, viable, and rewarding fields in which to work. St. John’s College is proud to have graduated 34 new alumni this past May. I was fortunate to have had the opportunity to share time with those graduates at the alumni sponsored Senior Luncheon in April, and Secretary Robert Morse (‘86) was present at their Baccalaureate Luncheon on Graduation Day, May 13th, when he welcomed them into this illustrious alumni community. I am proud to be part of the institution that graduated these fine students, and look forward to watching them grow as they embark upon their careers in the nursing profession.

As many of you may already be aware, Chancellor Brenda Jeffers, Ph.D., retired this past June. I had the pleasure to be on the Chancellor Search Committee in 2010 when she came to the college, and she has served us well!!! Our best wishes to her in retirement! I was again asked to serve on the Chancellor Search Committee to hire our new Chancellor, Dr. Charlene Aaron. I invite you all to welcome her to the college. I believe you will find Dr. Aaron to have the traits of a good leader and manager, and someone who will bring innovation and continued growth to the college. Dr. Aaron has also shown a respect and understanding of the Franciscan spiritual care which is the foundation of St. John’s College.

HSHS St. John’s Hospital Foundation reports that 896 of 1,000 tickets for the BIG Raffle were sold this year! This equates to $29,935 in funding for the Alumni Scholarship Fund. Thanks to all of you who helped sell tickets and those of you who purchased one. Read through this issue to find out the big winners! Thank you to the Friends staff, especially Bev Neisler and Allyson Strauch, for all their hard work in support of the college. Be on the lookout for the Class Agent Program which will replace the BIG Raffle in 2017!

Don’t forget the 97th annual alumni banquet of the St. John’s Hospital School of Nursing and St. John’s College, representing nearly 10 decades of nursing excellence, is scheduled for Saturday, October 1st at the Northfield Center in Springfield. The event recognizes the 50, 25 and 10-year class reunions as well as other graduates who come to reminisce about old times with dear friends and colleagues. I encourage you to get a group of classmates together and join us for this wonderful anniversary celebration.

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Chancellor’s Message

Dear Alumni and Friends of the College,

It is a pleasure and an honor to introduce myself to you as the new Chancellor of St. John’s College of Nursing. I began my role on July 1st after the retirement of Dr. Brenda Jeffers PhD, RN. From the moment I began, I have enjoyed meeting and interacting with students, faculty, staff, alumni members, community partners and donors to the college. I am so impressed with the respect and dedication each of these groups has to the college, and I look forward to getting to know everyone better.

I moved to Springfield from Fairbury, Illinois, my home town. I have been practicing nursing for 35 years, with a concentrated specialty in gerontological nursing. My research area involves the self-care of caregivers of persons with dementia. I came from Illinois State University, Mennonite College of Nursing as an Assistant Professor and enjoyed teaching very much. Prior to academia, I was a Director of Nursing in long-term care for several years.

It has been a busy summer at the college! We have had a press conference and open house for the blessing of the new Simulation Center. The state-of-the-art Simulation Center includes pediatric, obstetrics, medical-surgical, emergency and operating rooms to better prepare our graduates for the future of nursing. Our accelerated students have been using the new learning center with high fidelity manikins that allow them to practice critical thinking, communication, teamwork, and nursing care skills in real-life scenarios, in a safe environment. While the nursing faculty and students will continue to practice in the laboratory, the new simulation area will be called the Simulation Center, because it will also be available for other clinical partners in the community to use for continuing education.

Much preparation has occurred over the summer to prepare for the arrival of our fall 2016-2017 students. We have begun our fall semester for traditional and accelerated pre-licensure students as well as RN-BSN students. We also look forward to welcoming students in the 3/2 program from Illinois College and Blackburn College. These students are biology majors and will graduate from our nursing program with dual bachelor’s degree in biology and nursing. We are currently accepting students for our new graduate program which begins in January. The graduate program will have administrative/leadership and family nurse practitioner tracks. After students in each track complete the five core courses, students in the administrative track will continue with online courses while the students in the family nurse practitioner track will have courses at the college.

Our unofficial 2016 NLCEX-RN pass rate is currently at 92%, which is phenomenal as the 2015 national and state average pass rates were 85 and 86% respectively! Planning is underway for the December graduation for the accelerated students. I have enjoyed meeting many alumni who are faculty at the College of Nursing, St. John’s Hospital nurses and the Alumni Board members. I look forward to meeting many of you at the Alumni banquet in October. I especially want to meet Dr. Marjorie Beyers (Class of 1957) as the 2016 Distinguished Alumna of St. John’s School of Nursing and the honored 50, 25 and 10 year classes.

It is with a humble and grateful heart that I have the privilege of serving as Chancellor of St. John’s College of Nursing. I will do my utmost best to carry on the mission of the sisters by leading this fine institution of nursing education.

Respectfully,

Charlene S. Aaron PhD, RN
Chancellor

We continually strive to strengthen our ties to the alumni with whom we’ve remained close and reconnect to those with whom we’ve lost touch. We invite you to participate in our first ever Alumni Outreach event October 13th from 4:30 - 7:30 at Boccardi’s Italian Imports to raise funds for alumni scholarships! Look for details in this issue. We encourage you to become active in your alumni association and consider serving on the Board. Please feel free to contact Kris Maurer (‘88), Nomination Chair, through the college, should you have a desire to pursue this invitation. As always, we remain faithful to the mission and goals of the college. I hope this newsletter finds all of you healthy and well.

With warm regards,

Jean M. Becker, RN, BSN, MPH, ‘96
Dr. Marjorie Beyers graduated from St. John’s Hospital School of Nursing in 1957 and she received the baccalaureate and master’s degrees from Indiana University and a PhD from Northwestern University. She has served nursing and healthcare professions throughout her career. Dr. Beyers served as Interim Chancellor of St. John’s College in 2009-2010. Her scholarship includes over 10 books, numerous articles and publications, over 300 speeches, presentations, workshops and memberships on numerous committees.

Before her retirement in 2000, she was the Executive Director of the National Commission on Nursing, Director of Evanston Hospital School of Nursing, Vice President of Nursing and Allied Health at Mercy Health Services, a tenured professor at University of Texas at Austin, and the Executive Director for the National Commission of Nursing. Since her retirement, she has served as a consultant for nursing and patient care in hospitals and health care systems.

Dr. Beyers has served as a member of numerous editorial boards. She is an emeritus Board member of Catholic Health Initiatives, was a member of the Catholic Health Initiatives Board Quality and Safety Committee, the Christus’s Health Board Quality Committee, and the Nursing Spectrum Advisory Board member. She was also a member of the Advisory Board for St. Xavier’s College School of Nursing and is an advisory member of Loyola University of Chicago School of Nursing.

Dr. Beyers has received many awards and honors including the Pana, Illinois Hall of Fame, the Distinguished Alumni Award from Indiana University School of Nursing, and the Distinguished Service Award from Mercy College in Detroit, Michigan. She received the Top 100 Legacy Leaders award from Indiana University in 2014.

The St. John’s Nursing Alumni Association is pleased to recognize and congratulate Dr. Marjorie Beyers as the 2016 Distinguished Alumna.
Class of 1966

Here are plans for our upcoming class reunion weekend Friday, September 30th and Saturday October 1st, 2016.

For those arriving Friday, September 30th and would like to have dinner as a group, contact Vicki Wilder at 217-971-5500 by September 26th so that reservations can be made. We will meet at 6 p.m. in the lobby of the Northfield Center and leave from there.

Saturday, October 1st there will be a tour of HSHS St. John’s Hospital at 11:00 am. We will meet at 10:45 am in the main lobby of the hospital located on Carpenter Street. A lot of changes have occurred at St. John’s in the last several years. Lunch is available in the cafeteria, located on the 1st floor until 2 p.m.

The College of Nursing, located on Carpenter Street across from the main entrance to St. John’s Hospital, will be available for a tour following the hospital tour. A tour of the new Simulation Center, located on the 2nd floor of the Central Illinois Division building at 850 E. Madison Street, will be open for a tour as well.

Mass will be available at St. Cabrini Church, located at 1020 N. Milton Avenue, on Saturday at 4 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m. for those wanting to attend.

The banquet starts at 5:30 p.m. with a cash bar and dinner at 7 p.m.

Cheryl Gilkerson is preparing a class memory book. If interested, please provide information regarding family, career, professional accomplishments, and other points of interest you want to include by emailing Cheryl at Cheryl.gilkerson@gmail.com by September 20th.

We are looking forward to seeing each of you at the banquet!!!

We can be reached at:

Cheryl (Schniers) Gilkerson
Cheryl.gilkerson@gmail.com / 630-567-4252

Rita (O’Hara) Meyers
bbus01@consolidated.net / 217-827-5307

Vicki (Flaminio) Wilder
vwilder45@comcast.net / 217-971-5500

ALUMNI MIXER

Thursday, October 13, 2016
4:30 - 7:30 pm
Boccardi’s Italian Imports: Taste of the Hill
3132 Cockrell Lane | Springfield

$10 a person ($5 of which goes to the Alumni Scholarship)
Open to the public.

Wine Tasting | Food | Door Prizes | Vendors*

Music by Jim Ackerman

To register: Call 217-814-9017
email Lydia.Holdman@stjohnscollegespringfield.edu
or visit https://www.st-johns.org/Events-Classes.aspx

* Vendors include Touchstone Crystal by Swarovski,
KEEP Collective Jewelry, Two Jacks and a Queen,
Blue Door and Itty Bitty Fashion Truck.
97th Annual Alumni Banquet

Date: Saturday, October 1, 2016
Place: Northfield Inn Suites & Conference Center II
       3280 Northfield Drive
       Springfield, Illinois 62707
Agenda: 5:30 p.m. Cash Bar
        7:00 p.m. Dinner and Annual Meeting
        Music by: Ed Clark
Menu: Chicken En-Croute, Red-skinned Mashed Potatoes, California Mixed Vegetables, German Chocolate Cake, Tossed Salad, Rolls and Butter, Coffee and Iced Tea

Hotel reservations: A block of rooms has been reserved at the Northfield Inn at a discount rate of $88 per night (Friday, September 30 - Saturday, October 1). Reservations must be made no later than September 15, 2016. Be sure to mention that you are with St. John’s Alumni Association when making a reservation. Call the Northfield Inn at (217) 523-7900.

Registration deadline: September 15, 2016
Make checks payable to: St. John’s Nursing Alumni Association

Anniversary Years – Contact Persons

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Our newest members, Classes of 2016 and December 2015, are especially welcome!
Call Lydia Holdman at 217-814-9017 to register and discuss payment.

MAIL-IN RESERVATION SLIP

Please make a reservation for me to attend the St. John’s Nursing Alumni Banquet on October 1, 2016. The reservation deadline is September 15, 2016. Enclosed is my $35.00 per person reservation. Mail check and reservation slip to: St. John’s College, Dept. of Nursing, 729 E. Carpenter St., Springfield, IL 62702.

Name: ____________________________________________________________
Address: _________________________________________________________
Phone: ___________________ Email: ________________________________ Class of: ________

Reminder: The 50-year alumni class members and Hospital Sisters Alumni are honored guests of the Alumni Association and are requested to make their reservation, without payment.
Detach and mail reservation to:

St. John’s College Dept. of Nursing
729 E. Carpenter Street
Springfield, IL 62702
The 2016 Foundations in Faith Community Nursing (Parish Nursing) course was held June, 8th, 9th, 10th, 15th, 16th and 17th at St. John’s College. This six day course prepares nurses of all faiths to serve those in need within their faith communities to promote physical and spiritual healing. This year Carol Smith, MS, RN who serves as the Faith Community Nurse for the First Christian Church in Decatur, Illinois, and Faith Community Nurse Coordinator for Decatur and surrounding areas as well as Lead Faculty for the Faith Community Nursing Course previously provided at Decatur Memorial Hospital, co-facilitated with Mary Jo Brown for this 2016 course. Carol shared many examples of best practices and life experiences as a Faith Community Nurse which was of great value to those beginning their practice. There were six nurses attending the course this year; four from Springfield and two from the Mt. Vernon area, all of which were excited to begin this new specialty in nursing practice. Libby Gildner from Christ the King parish will be assisting in the revitalization of the Faith Community Nursing (FCN) program within her parish. Christina Gutierrez and Jesseca Titone from Little Flower Parish, Jill Leonard from Niantic, IL., Pat Yates and Darlene Franscavitch from St. Mary’s in Mt. Vernon will all be initiating the FCN program within their respective parishes.

Two of the attendees were St. John’s graduates, Jill (Milbrandt)Leonard from the class of 1980 and Darlene (Bakel) Franscavitch from the class of 1957. In returning to the college for this course both expressed that even though the building is new, they could still sense the spirit of caring and passion for nursing that St. John’s had instilled in them many years ago. Each of the attendees shared their story of where they have been and or continued to be in their nursing profession, and what brought them to consider being a Faith Community Nurse. Darlene shared her life history of nursing through her photo album of the years as a St. John’s nursing student in the late ‘50s and stories of her journey through her nursing profession. Her passion for nursing and teaching others about basic nursing care she attributes to her learning experience at St. John’s College. Darlene’s story began with working right after graduation in the urology department at St. John’s Hospital for 4 years then returning to Mt. Vernon to work in the local physician’s office. Darlene expressed that she has always had a passion for teaching others the basic nursing skills needed to care for the sick. She was able to carry out this passion through developing and teaching Health Occupation classes at the local high school and Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) classes at Rend Lake College until retiring in 1991. She continued to teach on an “as needed” basis until 2008 when her husband became ill. It was in 2013 that Darlene saw the Faith Community Nursing Course offered through St. John’s College. She stated that this seemed to be a calling to continue her passion for nursing and teaching for those in her congregation as a Faith Community Nurse. Darlene’s story was such an inspiration to all involved in the course and seemed to resonate with all attendees on why they continue to do what they do in their nursing profession, which is the passion they have to care for others.

Upcoming Events:

**Understanding and Treating Self Injury (Oct. 20, 2016)**
The Department of Continuing Education is jointly provided this activity with Human Services Education Council (HSEC) with speaker Wendy Lader , Ph.D. M. Ed. This program provides a better understanding of what is behind self-injury and best practices in treatment and management of this increasingly occurring difficult behavioral problem. This program is open to all nursing, counselors, social workers, therapists, case managers and psychologists. More details and registration on www.hseconline.org.

**Franciscan Inspired Leadership (FIL) (Oct. 11-14, 2016)** This four day program is provided for frontline leaders within HSHS . For more information visit St. John’s College website.

**Celebrate the Heart of You and Your Patients 2017 (Feb 24-25, 2016)**
The Department of Continuing Education is jointly providing this two day activity with Prairie Cardiovascular Education and Research Consultants (PERC) open to all nurses and physicians. This event will be held at the Wyndham Springfield City Centre covering topics of self-care, diagnostic testing, polypharmacy and the elderly and patient education. Each afternoon will feature break out session on wound care, emergency care essentials, palliative care, stroke and more. Information and registration can be found on St. John’s College website.
Names and Hometowns of the Graduates - May 2016

Brooke Bartel --------------- Springfield, IL
Tyler Beard ----------------- Rochester, IL
Katie Brockhouse---------- Jacksonville, IL
Stephanie Brown ----------- Taylorville, IL
Stevie Cleer ------------- Athens, IL
Teagan Cutright ----------- Petersburg, IL
Bethany Green -------------- Rochester, IL
Claire Helmerichs----------- Virden, IL
Marissa Hollis ----------- Rochester, IL
Olga Jackson------------- Litchfield, IL
Ashley Johnson----------- Springfield, IL
Rebekah Jones------------- Virden, IL
Carrie Kallal --------------- Jerseyville, IL
Emma Lavin --------------- Springfield, IL
Kelsey Lebshier----------- Edinburg, IL
Amy Lilly--------------------
Rachel Lusk ----------------- Springfield, IL
Kelsey Marcum----------- Greenview, IL
Katelyn Maxwell------------ Raymond, IL
Jana Melton -------------- Fillmore, IL
Lindsey Miller----------- Springfield, IL
Nicole Murphy--------- Springfield, IL
Stacia Reed------------ Macon, MO
Sarah Ricca-------------- Springfield, IL
Meredith Slusser--------- Springfield, IL
Joshua Snodgrass-------- Petersburg, IL
Sheena Stegmann-------- Chatham, IL
Morgan Stephens--------- Edinburg, IL
Hannah Sturm------------- Chatham, IL
Meri-Lynn Tedrick------- Springfield, IL
Shelby Thompson-------- Springfield, IL
Jessica Vonachen------- Springfield, IL
Katherine Welch-------- Jacksonville, IL
Derrick Wolf------------ Lake Villa, IL
Longtime St. John’s College of Nursing supporter Wins BIG!

Thank you to everyone who purchased one or several raffle tickets for St. John’s College of Nursing’s 12th annual BIG Raffle. $29,935 was raised from this year’s raffle. All of the proceeds are used for student nursing scholarships, continuing education for faculty, and teaching materials.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2016 BIG RAFFLE WINNERS:

Grand Prize Winner: Kenneth Crabtree
2nd Place Winner: Ronnell McMechan
3rd Place Winner: Eric Huddleston
Early Bird Winner: George Koch

Thank you again to everyone who supported the BIG Raffle. If you have any questions on the BIG Raffle or other ways to support St. John’s College of Nursing, please call St. John’s Foundation at (217) 757-6555 or email SJSFoundation@hshs.org.

Graduation Ceremonies – December 2016

Baccalaureate Mass & Commencement Exercises will be held at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, Springfield, Illinois. The Honors Luncheon and Pinning Ceremony will be held at the Chiara Center on Bonaventure Hall. Graduation time is at 6:30 pm. Expected graduates are as follows:

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Alice Shea Beynon Scholarship

Alice Shea Beynon graduated from St. John’s School of Nursing in 1946 and completed her postgraduate work at the Margaret Hagge Maternity Hospital in Jersey City, NJ. She began her career as a Registered Nurse in the Labor and Delivery unit at St. John’s Hospital shortly after graduation. She became the supervisor of that unit and held that position until her retirement in October of 1980. Mrs. Beynon established this scholarship in 1982 to recognize those students who held the desire to establish their nursing careers in the Maternal Child Nursing field. Since her death in 1989, the scholarship is awarded in her memory.

2016 Recipients:

Brooke Bartel
Carrie Kallal
DJ Wolf
Lindsey Miller
Nicole Murphy
Stephanie Brown
Tyler Beard

Gertie Egan Community Service Award

The Gertie Egan award was created to honor an exceptional woman, Gertie Eagan, who exemplified the spirit of service. Gertie (Anhalt) Egan worked more than 40 years as an RN, several at St. John’s Hospice. She was active in her church, community and alma mater, St. John’s School of Nursing, from which she graduated in 1947. Mrs. Egan died in 1994. Each year The Gertie Egan Community Service Award is presented to a student who demonstrates the highest merit of community service while supporting the St. John’s College mission and philosophy.

This year’s recipient for the class of May 2016:

Teagan Cutright
~ Student News ~

NEW Sim Lab

On July 21, 2016 members from the Senior Class performed a simulation for a Sunrise at St. John’s Meeting. To date over 92 simulations have been performed in the new Simulation Center. Pictured here from left to right are Sydney Spaulding, Lyndsey Stoutameyer, Krista Duncan and Austin Carey.

Senior Day

Our May 2016 graduates enjoyed Senior Day at Center Park on May 5, 2016. The students planned the event which included games such as kickball and bean bags. Students and faculty enjoyed sandwiches and snow cones. Students proudly wore their Nursing Graduate shirts which had each students’ last name on the back. Pictured here are Katelynn Maxwell and Carrie Kallal, members of the graduating class of May 2016.
**Alumni Presentation**

In April, our seniors enjoyed lunch given by the Alumni Board. Members of the Alumni Board gave a fun and inspiring presentation to students about what it means to be a St. John’s College Alum. *Pictured here are Kris Mauer, Class of 1988 and Bev Deaton, Class of 1963 from the Alumni Board.*

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**Poster Presentations**

In March, students presented their annual poster and research presentations at St. John’s and Memorial Hospitals. *Pictured here are Teagan Cutright and Amy Lilly presenting on the topic of Shared Governance.*

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**18th Annual Student Nurse Political Action Day**

On April 12th, students met with elected officials at the State Capitol for the 18th Annual Student Nurse Political Action Day. St. John’s College Students joined hundreds of other nursing students from across the State of Illinois to learn about the “impact of political action” on the nursing profession.
Flight Team Presentation

The Student Government Association and the National Student Nurses Association planned a speaker’s lunch with the Flight Team. The Flight Team gave a great presentation on what they do on a daily basis. After the presentation, students were able to tour the helicopter up close.

May 2016 Graduation

On May 13, 2016, St. John’s College graduated 34 students. Fr. Frederick Mbiere presided over the Graduation Mass at the St. John’s Hospital Chapel. The Honors Luncheon and Commencement were held at Christ the King Church, Springfield, IL. Mary Starmann-Harrison, President and CEO of HSHS, was the honored guest and commencement speaker.
Sister M. Magdalene Wiedlocher Diversity Scholarship

HSHS St. John’s Foundation and St. John’s College of Nursing established two scholarships for students from diverse backgrounds who are pursuing their Bachelor’s Degrees in Nursing at St. John’s College. The purpose of this scholarship is to prepare the student body to professionally and compassionately engage in the increasingly diverse healthcare marketplace by fostering a diverse student body on campus.

Teresa Mueller Memorial Scholarship

The Teresa Mueller Memorial Scholarship is given by The Honorable Matthew and Kristina (McCarthy, Class of 1988) Maurer. Teresa and Kris were friends and classmates while enrolled at St. John’s School of Nursing. Teresa was an accomplished nurse who lived life to its fullest. She was dedicated to her family and friends. Teresa is an inspiration and exemplifies the best in nursing and humanity.

Jacob and Helen Borntreger Scholarship Endowment

Cheryl Huffman, the daughter of Jacob and Helen Borntreger, wishes to honor her parents and support the mission and future of St. John’s College of Nursing with the establishment of this scholarship. To honor her parents, preference will be given to a student from Amish or Mennonite heritage or to a first generation college student.

Med-Sense Guaranteed

Med-Sense Guaranteed Association established five current use nursing scholarships to be awarded to senior students in good academic standing who demonstrate financial need. The scholarships are to cover tuition and fees.

Jenna Martin Seelbach Memorial Scholarship Endowment

Family and friends of Jenna Martin Seelbach have established this endowment to be awarded to a nursing student who embodies Jenna’s qualities of intelligence, kindness, compassion and humility. Jenna was a graduate of St. John’s College of Nursing where she was the President of her class and a member of Sigma Theta Tau.

Rita Termine Scholarship

Family and friends of Rita Termine have established this scholarship for a nursing student who exemplifies the qualities possessed by her throughout her successful nursing career. Qualities such as a positive attitude, leader, teacher, enthusiastic, kind, empathetic, someone who lives life to the fullest and who possesses a good sense of humor are all traits that describe who Rita was as a person. Rita was a graduate of St. John’s College of Nursing.

St. John’s College Scholarships

If you would like to help students obtain a nursing education by setting up an annual or endowed scholarship, please contact the HSHS St. John’s Foundation at (217) 757-6555.
~ Alumni News ~

1946

Elizabeth (Wuellner) Sutter ('46): Remembering back 70 years when we graduated. Nursing sure has changed, always for the better.

1967

Barb (Stead) Marley ('67): Class of 1967, our 50th anniversary will be in 2017! We are planning another class reunion in conjunction with the annual Alumni Banquet, which is held every year in October. Judy (Krupps) Frasco and I will have more information for you as to date, time, and location as it becomes available. Keep an early October 2017 weekend open in your long range plans! Hope to see many of you next year.

1976

Elizabeth Bernstorf ('76): We are excited to be moving back to the little town in the country where my husband and I met 31 years ago. My husband Allen will be retiring after 37 years of teaching high school history and coaching basketball. Our son Christopher, now 26, is a Christian Spoken Word Poet who uses his poetry as a ministry across the U.S., Canada, and this summer, Europe. I have been legally blind for 22 years now and have not practiced clinical nursing in that time. My nursing education at St. John’s prepared me so well for my 18 year career in critical care and as a resource person throughout my life.

1977

Nancy (Clark) Campbell ('77): I work for a home health agency that specializes in joint replacement. That experience came in handy when I had my knees replaced in 2015! I have three grandchildren with number four due in August 2016.

Lori D'Auben ('77): I have been married to Dan for 42 years – two grandsons, one great granddaughter-in-law. I lost both my parents during the last three years. Living in Naperville for 24 years. Nursing career has been varied experiences; now the Director of Nursing at a retirement community. I love seniors and am passionate about dementia care.

1978

John (Jack) Bux ('78): After working 2 ½ years at St. John’s on the neuro-surgical wing while in nursing school, 1 ½ years on the general surgical floor, and 38 plus years in surgery at St. Elizabeth’s in Belleville, I am retiring from nursing. I want to thank St. John’s School of Nursing for teaching me the skills to provide excellent care to my patients during my career. My wife Barb and I are looking forward to traveling. We have two sons, one lives in Alabama and the other lives in Utah. Soon we will be seeing Rick Born ('78).

CONDOLENCES to the Families of:

Lois Shaughnessy Jirgal, whose husband, George Jirgal passed away on August 28, 2015.

Judy Linick (Minks '67) who passed away on December 9, 2015.

Mary Rose Parks (Fremgen'46) who passed away on January 1, 2016.

Rita Nortrup ('67) whose mother, Henrietta Hayes passed away on February 1, 2016.


Elsie Hinds (Wilhelm '45) who passed away on March 10, 2016.

Rita Termine (Hopman '46) who passed away on April 10, 2016.

Mariella Greenan ('59) who passed away on June 10, 2016.

Lorcye “Faye” Hanrock (Davidson '55) who passed away on June 12, 2016.

Ann Toohill Dixon ('65) who passed away on June 18th, 2016.

To the Hospital Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis on the deaths of:

Sister Michaeline Hoffmann, OSF who passed away on February 27, 2016.

Sister Marie Clare Scheible, OSF who passed away on June 12, 2016.
**Board Member Spotlight**

Beaverly (Bev) Kirby Deaton (1963)

Bev is serving her second term on the Alumni Board. She lives on a small farm near Litchfield, IL and has been retired for the past five years. Bev previously worked at St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield with 30 years in maternity and the last eight years in quality management. After retirement, she returned to work for the Illinois Hospital Association, Quality Review Division for three more years. Bev continued her nursing education, completing both her Bachelor and Master degrees from Southern IL University. During her time in Maternity, Bev was a member of the Association of Women’s Health, Obstetrics and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN) and served on the Board of Directors for eight years and as National President in 2005. Her nursing career also gave her the opportunity to be part of a nursing educational exchange for two weeks in China in 1996 and two weeks in Vietnam and Cambodia in 2006. Her daughters were able to travel with her to Vietnam and Cambodia.

Today, Bev is enjoying retirement with her husband John and her family. They are the proud parents of two daughters, five granddaughters and two great-grandchildren. Two of her grandchildren have also become nurses. Bev continues her love for traveling and has been able to visit all 50 states as well as several other foreign countries.

Bev says her education at St. John's gave her the best foundation for her whole nursing career. She loved being part of the compassionate culture that embraced the nursing program. She enjoys the continued contacts she has with her classmates and other alumni.

She has always been proud of being a NURSE!

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**Celebration in June for five Jubilarians**

The Jubilee of five Hospital Sisters of St. Francis was celebrated June 2016, in St. Francis of Assisi Church. The Jubilee marks the anniversary of when a Sister professes First Vows in a religious community.

**75 Years Professed - Jeweled Crown Jubilee**
Sister Marciana Lynch

**70 Years Professed - Grace Jubilee**
Sister Francis Kuo
Sister Hugh Holtmann
Sister Marianna Kosior
Sister Therese Fang

**60 Years Professed - Diamond Jubilee**
Sister JoAn Schullian
Sister Mary Immaculate Creedon
Sister Owen Marie McArdle

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