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MOUNT CARMEL COLLEGE OF NURSING ALUMNI, STUDENTS AND FACULTY

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WWII Nurse and Liberator Dorothy Beavers Pecora ’41

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MOUNT CARMEL
College of Nursing
The enrollment roster at MCCN is full again this fall, as an estimated 800 students begin fall semester on August 16, 2010.

With a record number of master’s degrees awarded this year, the MCCN master’s program continues to grow as the fourth track—Family Nurse Practitioner—is slated to soon join the Adult Health, Nursing Education, and Nursing Administration tracks.

MCCN’s convenient RN-BSN Completion Program becomes even more convenient early next year when it will be available online, in addition to the onsite one-day-a-week program.

MCCN’s New Nursing Center is targeted to be open this fall for tours when alumni are on campus for the Alumni Association banquet. The center will serve the healthcare needs of the community and provide clinical experience for our students.

An Ohio League for Nursing (OLN) Outstanding Service Award was recently presented to MCCN, honoring the College for hosting OLN quarterly meetings on campus, and in recognition of the volunteerism and participation in OLN activities by members of the MCCN community.

MCCN’s Camp Mount Carmel roster filled up soon after registration opened this year. We invite alumni and friends of the College who know potential campers to call 614-234-LIFE about our early interest list for summer 2011. Children and grandchildren of alumni receive a camp tuition discount.

Dates for the 2010–11 College Open Houses are set. Anyone interested in a fulfilling and exciting career in the nursing profession is invited to start searching for nursing education by visiting MCCN. Check www.mccn.edu or call 614-234-4CON for dates and times.
Dear Alumni, Students and Friends,

I am happy to announce three significant innovations that Mount Carmel College of Nursing will unveil in the near future.

The new MCCN Nursing Center will open soon, providing access to healthcare for the community surrounding the College, as well as a means for undergraduate and graduate nursing students to implement the knowledge and skills they are learning. We will offer tours of the center this fall, so you can share our enthusiasm for this opportunity to serve others. By December, our RN-BSN Completion Program will be available online, a convenient way for busy nursing professionals to enhance their knowledge and careers by earning a BSN.

Early next year, our master’s program will offer a fourth track—the Family Nurse Practitioner—in addition to three existing tracks in Adult Health, Nursing Education, and Nursing Administration.

MCCN’s growth is made possible by our devoted alumni and friends of the College. We established the Mount Carmel College of Nursing Annual Giving Societies to recognize you. Please access our College website at www.mccn.edu/making-a-gift to obtain additional information. We invite you to join, support our students, and as members, enjoy increased opportunities to attend College programs and events.

I look forward to seeing our alumni here for the banquet on October 2, 2010. Hearing your stories and your laughter, watching your faces light up at the sight of your classmates, and witnessing your interest in what is new at the College is the highlight of the fall for me.

Sincerely,

Ann E. Schiele, PhD, RN
President/Dean
PRESIDENTS LETTER

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ALUM’S WWII MILITARY SERVICE LEAVES LASTING IMPRESSION

She still exchanges letters with two of them—two women imprisoned in the Nazi concentration camp in Penig, Germany, that Dorothy Beavers Pecora ’41 helped to liberate in April 1945. They were two who were beaten but not broken, oppressed but emerged victorious; and they and Dorothy preserve the bond born of tragedy.

“They are strong, good women and they just kept going,” says Dorothy of her two friends, who now live in New York and Budapest. “We made a life-long connection. The survivor in New York lives close enough that I have been to her home twice; we write monthly; she calls me her sister.”

The survivor in Budapest lives in a nursing home and suffered some permanent damage, but able to walk, despite her ankle injuries. “The ankles of these beautiful girls in the camp rocking back and forth with pain were a bleeding, swollen, painful mess.”

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The liberators took the women from the camp to a hospital. “Their hair was gone. We bathed them and the line of lice around the tub was sickening. But what wonders those baths and fresh clean clothes and bedding did for them. When we gave them hot chocolate, they drank so quickly and wanted more. We wanted to give them everything, but we couldn’t give them too much too soon.”

As the women talked, Dorothy discovered they were from wealthy families in Budapest and spoke English and French, as well as German. The women also revealed the source of the ankle injuries. Their shoes were taken away, and the women were forced to wear crudely carved pieces of wood held on with a stiff piece of leather. The women had to walk nearly two miles every day to work on an assembly line, sitting on high stools with their legs dangling for 12 hours.

In May 1945, Dorothy helped to liberate survivors at a second concentration camp, located in a beautiful area of the Alps—Ebensee, Austria. “Again I saw something that at first reminded me of home—wagons similar to those my father used on the farm. But when I got closer, to my horror I saw that the wagons were filled with dead men stacked on top of each other.”

The men at Ebensee, called one of the most diabolical concentration camps ever built, were practically dead. Ebensee provided slave labor for the construction of huge underground tunnels to house and produce munitions.

The prisoners worked in the tunnels for 12 hours; soon the shifts increased to 24 hours a day. They were given no protection from the cold Austrian winter. Near starvation rations consisted of half a liter of ersatz coffee (inferior, imitation coffee made mostly of chicory) in the morning; three-quarters of a liter of hot water containing potato peelings at noon; and 150 grams of bread in the evening. The Ebensee death toll was high.

“We could do very little for those patients and most of them did not make it. We were there about six weeks and we could only work half days—it just got to us,” says Dorothy. “Things like that you don’t forget.”

Bronze Star

During WWII, Dorothy was one of the first women in the military to be awarded the Bronze Star. She began her service stateside at a veterans’ hospital in Indiana in 1943. As a second lieutenant, Dorothy was the night supervisor in the large, busy hospital.

“They assigned me a bicycle and a young sergeant who pedaled the bike while I rode the handlebars all over the hospital,” says Dorothy. “We were so busy with GIs and their brides giving birth to babies, emergency operations, a psychiatric section, and treatment of captured German and Italian soldiers.”

Just before Dorothy was assigned overseas to a hospital in Northern Ireland, she met a surgeon who became her husband—Dr. David Pecora, who was also headed to Ireland. “We had to get special permission from General Eisenhower to marry. My mother sent me a dress, a veil, and a bouquet of flowers.”

After a wedding in London and a very brief honeymoon, Dorothy was assigned to accompany General George Patton as one of the chief nurses during the Third Army’s march across France and into Germany. Both Dr. Pecora and Dorothy served at the Battle of Bulge.

“A field hospital was a tent in the middle of field stubble, so this was nursing under very adverse and primitive conditions. The only injuries treated were amputations and chest and abdominal wounds. The dust blew in; there was no heat in the operating room; and we washed linens outside in all kinds of weather.”
Dorothy was among those featured in the “Angels on the Battlefield” episode of the Fox News Channel series, “War Stories with Oliver North.” Colonel North hailed Dorothy's accomplishments, noting that her strength and courage belied her petite stature.

Dorothy was acknowledged as a significant contributor to the Pennsylvania Veteran’s Museum’s educational documentary, “Women in the Military: Willing … Able … Essential.” The film unveils the contributions of women in supporting the nation’s armed forces, through re-enactments, archival footage, and interviews with military women and historians. The premiere was held at the Women’s Memorial in Arlington Cemetery in 2009. A preview can be viewed at www.paveteransmuseum.org.

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Liberators Honored at U. S. Capitol

Sixty-five years after American troops liberated the concentration camp survivors, Dorothy was among approximately 125 veterans/liberators and concentration camp survivors honored at the Holocaust Day of Remembrance Ceremony in the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, DC, on April 15, 2010. The ceremony, held in part by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, commemorated the 65th anniversary of the liberation.

This most recent honor followed several others throughout the post-war years of Dorothy’s life. She witnessed the dedication of the Women’s War Memorial. She and a fellow army nurse were honored to be the first women to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington Cemetery.

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Editor’s Note: More information about Dorothy’s experiences in combat, military nursing, and the Holocaust can be found in her husband’s book, “Between the Raindrops” by David V. Pecora, MD.
The 50-day Dinner Tradition Supported by Mount Carmel Alumni Association

Initiated last year by the class of 2009 and the Student Government Association (SGA), the 50-day dinner celebrates the graduating class’ accomplishments and anticipation of May Commencement. Nearly 40 seniors attended this year’s 50-day dinner held at the College 50 days prior to May Commencement. The Mount Carmel Alumni Association supported the event by underwriting a portion of the cost and providing association vice president, Stephanie Rae Adams Piquero'97, RN, MSN, CPNP, as the speaker.

Piquero, who is also an instructor at the College, spoke about the Alumni Association, described the graduation process, and shared tips about starting out as a new nurse. Another representative of the alumni, Jill Trego Rill '77, who serves as scholarship chair for the association, also attended the event and interacted with students.

Eight SGA underclassmen volunteered at the event, setting up and serving the food. The main course was Florentines’ spaghetti.

“The 50-day dinner was a simple event for the senior students to relax and celebrate the 50 days they have left, as well as their accomplishments thus far,” said Sarah Eichhorn ’10, SGA president. The class of 2010 appreciates the support of the Mount Carmel Alumni Association and hopes that the dinner will remain a tradition for future senior classes.

ALUMNI KEEPING IN TOUCH ON Facebook

Keep in touch with fellow alums! Visit us on Facebook by visiting the Mount Carmel Health Sciences Library site at www.mccn.edu/library and click on the Facebook link. While on the Library site, remember to register for an alumni library account so you will have 24/7 access to news and information. Being a Mount Carmel alum has its privileges!
GRADS CELEBRATE COMMENCEMENT 2010

Congratulations to our 132 BSN graduates, 14 RN-BSN completion graduates and 11 master’s graduates who celebrated Commencement weekend on May 7-8 with family and friends!

Carrying the symbolic mace and leading the procession was this year’s Faculty Marshal chosen by the faculty, staff and students: Assistant Professor Ann Waterman, PhD, RN. The keynote address was delivered by WBNS-10TV anchor, Jerry Revish.

Graduate Awards

Clinical Excellence Award
Presented to Angela Snider, voted by the faculty, as most consistent in outstanding achievement of clinical objectives throughout the program.

Leadership Awards
Presented to Kerry Dawley (master’s), Cora Lapp (RN-BSN), and Angela Snider (undergraduate), these awards are bestowed on the students, voted by the faculty, who demonstrate high scholastic achievement, leadership, creative contributions beyond degree requirements, commitment to diversity, and outstanding service to the community.

Lamp Award
Presented to Kara Reynolds, this award is bestowed on the student, voted by peers, who has demonstrated behavior most reflective of caring in the nursing profession as described in the overall philosophy of Mount Carmel College of Nursing.

Humanitarian Award
Presented to Sarah Eichhorn, this award is bestowed on the student, voted by peers, who has demonstrated outstanding participation and leadership in promoting community service and a commitment to equity and diversity within the College and the community.
Congratulations to the class of 2010!

Inspiration Award
Presented to Crystal Goods, this award is bestowed on the student, voted by peers, who served as a consistent role model for motivation, positive influence, and encouragement and who inspired others to achieve at their highest potential.

Record Number of Master’s Grads
Includes Five Alumni

Five alumni were among the 11 master’s graduates participating in the 2010 Commencement: Jimmy Joe Beck ’05, Tracy Michelle Hatfield Dzugan ’92, Alyson M. Camfield Evans ’07, Frieda Misner Gill ’90 and ’97, and Dorina Davis Harper ’89. Four of the new master’s grads, including three Mount Carmel alumni — Beck, Gill, and Harper—plus new master’s grad Kerry S. Dawley ’10, are also MCCN faculty members.

The class of 2010 response at the Pinning and Recognition ceremony summed up the events of this special weekend: "Although this journey has come to an end, today is really the beginning of a new one for all of us."
FIRST TO COMPLETE
MCCN’s NEW HONORS PROGRAM

When Rebecca Headley ’10 came forward to receive her diploma, she wore a maroon and gray honor cord—the only member of the class of 2010 to do so. This special honor cord symbolized her unique status as the first Honors Program graduate from MCCN.

The Mount Carmel College of Nursing Honors Program provides exceptional students with opportunities for challenging study. The program is designed to motivate students in the pursuit of graduate studies and lifelong learning. The Honors Program consists of two nursing seminars at an advanced level with an option in the senior year to take a MCCN graduate level course.

“It was exciting to attend a master’s class, Quality, Safety, and Effectiveness with Dr. Spurlock, which put my experiences working as a PCA at MCE in perspective,” said Headley.

FIRST ARIZONA ALUMNI LUNCH HELD IN MARCH

Certain that the Mount Carmel alumni Arizona snowbirds and year-round residents wanted to have fun just as much as those in Florida, Arizona snowbird Ruth Mathews Strickler ’52 also has her master’s. “But she was so full of amusing stories about the OR and ER that I have no more information than that!” laughed Gates. Strickler now lives in Fountain Hills (North Scottsdale) and sings in the community chorus. “Pat Gates hosted a lovely party for the western Mount Carmel Alumni,” said Strickler. “And before the get-together, not a one of us knew the other.”

Janet Henery Martin ’59 and Barbara Steckler Berle ’61 discovered they both grew up in Mount Vernon, Ohio, and were at Mount Carmel School of Nursing at the same time, but in different classes, of course. Martin attended public school and Berle the parochial high school in Mount Vernon, so they just never met, even though Mount Vernon was a small town and Mount Carmel a small school.

Kathy Kevern Stecher ’67 is still working in the OR, five days a week on the 3-11 shift, in Mesa, Arizona. “She said she was a little tired. No wonder!” commented Gates.

And Gates is not done with her reunion efforts. “There are six alums in Tucson. I’ve spoken to a couple of them who would like me to go there and meet for a reunion with them,” said Gates, who hoped to do just that.
A TRUE FRIEND TO MCCN

Bonnie Moses, RN, MS, has a long history with Mount Carmel nursing education. She taught at Mount Carmel School of Nursing for 14 years and loved it. Moses then worked 15 years at Mount Carmel East in Patient Care Administration as Coordinator of Clinical Education/ staff nurse SICU, retiring in 2006.

“When Dr. Schiele asked me if I would teach clinical in the BSN program, I accepted immediately. The sophomore students are wonderful to work with in clinical. They are excited and eager to learn about patient care,” says Moses, who has been back teaching at the College for three years. “It’s like coming home after being away for awhile.”

Moses not only contributes to nursing education as an instructor, but also with her donations. She and her husband recently made a sizeable contribution to the 2010 Phone-a-thon, which Moses also supported as a volunteer caller.

“Bonnie Moses is a Mount Carmel employee and College faculty member, who is a true advocate for Mount Carmel College of Nursing,” says Director of Development Jan Burkey. “She has been a very generous donor for more than two decades. She has helped with the golf tournament for many years and this year she kicked-off the phone-a-thon with a generous pledge and made phone calls.”

Moses says, “I donate because I know what it means not to have money to support your dreams. It was a challenge for me to pay for my first education in a diploma program.” Moses began giving back by donating to the Eleanor Wilson Nursing Education scholarship fund, established in 1989 to honor the director of Mount Carmel School of Nursing who served from 1964 to 1990.

“I worked with Mrs. Wilson, and I saw that she believed so strongly in the students and the educational process for them,” says Moses. “I knew the scholarship fund was going to make a difference in the lives of many students.”

Moses believes that one of the strengths of MCCN is the diversity of students enrolled. “I believe in the values and mission of Mount Carmel College of Nursing. As I was given assistance in paying for my education, I want to pay back to help finance the nurses of the future.”

Bonnie Moses, RN, MS
“Mount Carmel has been in the forefront of my life’s journey, and I have never left since 1970. The school and college have given me wonderful educational opportunities, allowing me to advance in my profession. To Dr. Schiele and all the professors and colleagues I have met along the way, I am very grateful.”

– Jane Finch Dickson ’73 and ’08

Champion for Emergency Nursing
Nearing Third Mount Carmel Graduation

Already working at age 15 in a family practice office after school, Jane Finch Dickson ’73 and ’08 loved helping people and knew in her teenage years she wanted to be a nurse. “In the fall after high school, I moved into the dorm at Mount Carmel School of Nursing, and we started clinical the same week,” remembers Dickson.

During her nursing education, Dickson worked in many areas of Mount Carmel hospital (now Mount Carmel West/MCW), as a unit coordinator, patient care assistant, and in the emergency department (ED) as a tech.

“Imagine this: one nurse, one transporter and me. It was a six-bed ED located on the first floor near the Souder entrance. We registered all our own patients and we used a scroll typewriter to do all our charting,” Dickson recalls.

“New grads were never permitted to work in the ED, but because I had been working as a tech the unit director made an exception. So there I was in 1973, in my white uniform (about four inches above the knee) and my white cap—ready to face the world.”

“In 2006, 33 years later, my good friend, Iris Beery Freisner ’66 and ’07, talked me into going back to school,” says Dickson who graduated with honors and her BSN in 2008.

In 2009 Dickson applied for and received the director position in the emergency department, after serving as trauma nurse clinician, clinical manager, and unit director. She also decided to return to MCCN for a master’s in Health Administration.

“I’ve loved every minute. The professors are wonderful and I learn something new all the time. I plan to graduate in 2011, my third graduation from Mount Carmel School/College of Nursing. I am blessed!”

Dickson has “two wonderful children” and welcomes two new granddaughters this summer. “My life is very fulfilled and my journey as a nurse has been endlessly rewarding.”

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ANNUAL ALUMNI BANQUET
Saturday, October 2, 2010
Mount Carmel College of Nursing
127 South Davis Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43222
614-234-5800

9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.  Registration and Cash Bar
10:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  Banquet Program, Presentation of Distinguished Alumnus and Brunch in the College gym (plated fresh fruit salad, vegetarian quiche, bacon and maple sausage, crème brûlée French toast)
12:00 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.  Announcement of Raffle Winners
12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  Honor Classes Pictures, College Tours, Alumni Boutique

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES
A donated quilt handmade by Dorothy Gorenflo Cluff ’42 will be raffled.

Questions: Call Banquet Chair, Susie Loik Parsons ’76, at 614-272-8202

(Please cut off and mail in)

RESERVATION AND MEMBERSHIP DUES FORM
Complete this reservation form and mail to: Susie Parsons, 3051 Palmetto Street, Columbus, OH 43204
Reservation Deadline: Reservations must be postmarked by September 18, 2010. For reduced banquet cost, reservation must be postmarked by September 14, 2010.

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I am enclosing (please check all that apply):

- Annual dues $25 (for calendar year 2011)
- Lifetime member dues $250
- Luncheon cost $35 (postmarked by 9-14-10)
  - $50 (postmarked between 9-15 and 9-18-10)
- Raffle tickets for cash 12/$10
- Raffle tickets for quilt 12/$10
- Donation for loans/scholarships ______

Total Amount Enclosed ______

(Check made payable to Mount Carmel Alumni Association)

Please include the following information on a separate sheet of paper and send it in along with your reservation:

- Biographical Sketch
- Special story of nursing practice and/or memory from Mount Carmel (Please see page 16.)
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At each Annual Alumni Banquet, Mount Carmel College of Nursing honors an alumnus for professional and personal excellence, in keeping with the Mount Carmel tradition. There are many graduates of Mount Carmel College of Nursing, School of Nursing, Master’s Program, Second Degree Accelerated Program, or the RN-BSN Completion Program, who accomplish great things. Please tell us about the special alumnus you know.

**Criteria**

- Demonstration of exemplary excellence in nursing practice
- Ongoing contributions to the nursing profession
- Acknowledgment by peers as an advocate
- Contributions to the quality of community life
- Demonstration of accountability for personal growth
- Other outstanding attributes/accomplishments

**Procedure**

Anyone may nominate by submitting a letter of not more than two pages listing the nominee’s educational, professional, and personal accomplishments, explaining why the alumnus deserves to be recognized. Age and year of graduation are not as important as the person’s accomplishments. All nominees are notified of nomination and by whom they were nominated.

**Deadline**

Nominations may be submitted and accepted at any time. For consideration for the current year, the nomination must be received by August 1, 2010. Please send or e-mail nominations to:
Mount Carmel College of Nursing
Attn: Phylis Crook
127 S. Davis Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43222-1504
pcrook@mchs.com

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Past Distinguished Alumnus Recipients

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Your Mount Carmel Alumni Association
Mission and Vision

The vision of the Mount Carmel Alumni Association is to make Mount Carmel College of Nursing the best it can be through the philanthropic, networking, and enrichment initiatives provided by the Alumni Association.

Our mission is to foster and strengthen lifelong relationships among alumni and students and to support and promote the future of nursing.

We encourage you to become an active part of the Mount Carmel Alumni Association. Our board meetings are open to all graduates. Please visit our web site for more information: www.mccn.edu/alumni/officers or call the alumni voicemail at 614-234-5925.

We’re Looking for Your Stories

Do you have an inspiring story about the practice of nursing you would like to share? Or maybe you have a fun or poignant anecdote about your time as a nursing student.

The Alumni Association invites all Mount Carmel alumni to submit heartwarming, inspirational or funny stories from their years as nursing students or in the nursing profession. The stories will be compiled into a book (similar to the recipe book) to raise funds for future Mount Carmel nursing students’ scholarships. Help us support nursing’s future!

How to Submit Your Stories

Stories (no limit on length or number) can be sent via U.S. mail or email to:
Stephanie Rae Adams Piquero ’97
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spiquero@mchs.com

Whether you graduated this year or several decades ago, everyone has a story. We look forward to hearing yours.

More Fun in Florida – Mark Your Calendar!

Next year there will be two Florida Alumni Luncheons.

Eighth Annual Tampa, Florida, Alumni Luncheon
Tuesday, February 15, 2011
Brandon, Florida

First Annual Fort Myers/Naples, Florida, Alumni Luncheon
Tuesday, February 22, 2011

Please make sure that we know where to send your Florida luncheon invitation. Contact Theresa Williams at the College (see page 1) with your name and the address where you will be in early January when invitations are mailed.

Second Arizona Alumni Gathering

The first Mount Carmel alumni luncheon in Arizona was so much fun, alumni are hoping to plan another reunion in Arizona next year. Contact Theresa Williams at the College (see page 1) with your name and the address where you will be in early January when invitations are mailed.

Attention Alumni in Any State

Alumni living anywhere are encouraged to get together to renew their Mount Carmel connection. Alumni are invited to contact Theresa Williams at MCCN (see pg 1) and ask about alumni living in or near their zipcode. Theresa can supply a list and even mailing labels.

Students Say Thanks to Alumni for Free Finals Breakfasts

Once again, the Alumni Association treated grateful students to a free continental breakfast on two mornings during finals week. Our thanks to Jill Trego Rill ’77, who organizes the breakfasts on behalf of Mount Carmel alumni, and to our alumni volunteers who helped serve the breakfasts to the students: Sondra Young Abernathy ’64, Anne Stoffel Schaumleffel ’70, Anne Moore Ritchie ’77, and Ramona Chance ’85.
Alumni Boutique

We invite everyone to browse and buy in the “Alumni Boutique.” Sales of these items benefit the Alumni Association scholarship and loan program.

The Alumni Association Cookbook contains nearly 150 recipes of great variety, everything from “Desperate Cobb Salad” to “Homemade Dog Treat No Flea Dog Biscuits,” including longtime, fondly remembered favorites from Mount Carmel Dietetic Services, such as broccoli soup, brownies, and “Flapper Pudding.”

The Alumni Association Cookbook and the beautiful Mount Carmel commemorative ornaments are available at all three Mount Carmel hospitals’ gift shops, as well as directly through Jill Young Wallace ’73 (614-296-1471 or jwallac8@columbus.rr.com).

Ornaments cost $15 ($18 if shipped)
Cookbooks $10 ($13 if shipped)

MCCN Spirit Shop

Alumni can shop for a wide variety of Mount Carmel merchandise via our online MCCN campus web store. Just go to www.spiritshop.mccn.edu and start shopping for gifts, and for your own Mount Carmel logo-wear. You’ll find a multitude of styles and colors, plus a choice of logos ranging from “Mount Carmel Alumni” to our “Mighty Night” logo.

The MCCN Online Campus Store can also be accessed through the www.mccn.edu home page. For those who want to do on-site shopping, you are welcome to stop by the Campus Store located on the 4th floor in Marian Hall across from the Student Life office.

Your Support of Phone-a-thon 2010 is Greatly Appreciated

Whether you pledged or were a volunteer caller (or both), your support means so much to our students, who truly need the assistance. A heartfelt thank you from Mount Carmel College of Nursing for your generosity and dedication to the nursing profession and today’s nursing students. You are making countless dreams come true.

Mount Carmel Throw

A Warm Memento

Custom-designed throw depicts scenes and symbols of Mount Carmel. 100% pre-washed, full-color cotton, 50x65 inches. Order yours today!

$50 + $10 s/h - Send $60 check or money order (made payable to Mount Carmel Alumni Association) and shipping address to: Mount Carmel Alumni Association Mount Carmel College of Nursing 127 South Davis Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43222-1504 c/o Jill Wallace 614-296-1471 or jwallac8@columbus.rr.com

There are a limited number of commemorative throws still available (pictured on the cookbook below), and they will not be re-ordered.

ALUMNI UPDATE CONTINUED
and in the community to a simulated active shooter scenario.

What is an Active Shooter?

An active shooter is a person or persons actively engaged and intent upon shooting people. An active shooter is not interested in theft, robbery, or hostages, but in killing people. In law enforcement language, the term active shooter also indicates that the event is actively happening, with the perpetrator still in the area, still armed, and still a threat.

A Great Success

“Thanks to everyone—faculty, staff, students, Columbus police, safety and security staff, and hospital staff who participated in this successful event. The drill was an opportunity to test policy, procedure, and reaction to an active shooter situation,” said Robin Hutchinson Bell, Director of College Relations.

“The drill was a great success, and the students responded just as they were trained,” said Wally Burris, Operations Manager, Safety and Security, Mount Carmel West Campus. “Physically training in this environment is the first step to creating the proper response to crisis.”

Empowering with Preparation and Practice

The active shooter response training and drill empower participants with tools to give them the edge should such an event occur. This specific pre-planning provides the best chance for surviving and helping others to survive—by knowing escape routes, knowing how to respond, and being prepared.

For future nurses, the active shooter drill can be another opportunity in a safe and controlled environment to learn and practice emergency and life-saving skills.
THE FRONT DESK LADIES: MCCN’S OWN STEEL MAGNOLIAS

They love the students, and that’s the reason why there are nearly 100 total years of service among the four of them. They are the unsung heroines of Mount Carmel nursing education, keeping an eye on everything and everyone, and making sure that things run smoothly.

There is literally no end to the tasks they perform, many of them behind the scenes: answering the phones; sorting mail for students, faculty, and staff; locking and unlocking doors; operating the lost and found; greeting and assessing visitors; providing the first line of security; taking deliveries; answering questions; and handling countless unique requests and situations. Once upon a time, when there were students in residence in the building, the job was even more challenging as they matched wits with students attempting to “bend” the rules.

With 34 years at the front desk, Lois Stevens has enjoyed the longest run, working full time for 24 years, and at age 70 still working part time. “I love the work! My favorite part is interacting with the students and the many phone callers. I’m a preacher’s kid and I just love working with people.”

Stevens answered an ad in the paper, beginning her job when Eleanor Wilson was Director of Mount Carmel School of Nursing. “My youngest daughter was in kindergarten when I started. I planned to stay about four years, and now here I still am. I consider working here a privilege,” says Stevens.

“Working the front desk, we have to be on all the time and make sure the wrong people don’t come through those doors.” Stevens remembers when students lived in the building and her responsibilities included checking that the stoves and water were turned off, windows closed, lights out and doors locked.

Frances Shearer has worked the front desk since 1980 and now splits the daytime shift with Stevens, although she began her career on the evening shift. For approximately 15 years prior to 1980, Shearer worked as a nursing assistant at Mount Carmel West. Shearer loved that job, but was forced to leave it by a back problem.

“I love the students. They keep me young. They can be ornery, but that’s alright. I enjoy them. Besides, you’ve got to be good to them; they might be your nurse someday,” laughs Shearer. She misses the days when students lived in the building and has many amusing memories of their antics. “I could get to know the students better then. They were here all the time and would stop and talk.”

Sue Edwards works the Wednesday day shift and has worked at the College for ten years after ten years of volunteering.
THE FRONT DESK LADIES: CONTINUED

with Sharon Schimmoller and Carol Graham. Edwards still volunteers at Mount Carmel West, along with her husband, every Thursday. “I enjoy coming in to work, especially to greet and talk with the students,” says Edwards.

Anita Smith is currently the only full-time front desk lady and works the evening shift. Smith heard about the position from Lois Stevens. Smith and Stevens are mothers-in-law together. She has worked 20 years at Mount Carmel, with 13 at the desk. Prior to working the desk, Smith assisted former student life director, Sharon Schimmoller.

“The students are my favorite part of the job. They are so young, alive and full of energy,” says Smith. “I love it here, where whenever anything happens to someone at the College, everyone stands together and helps each other. The College is a caring community, just like a family.”

HAVE YOU NAMED MOUNT CARMEL COLLEGE OF NURSING IN YOUR WILL?

If you have named Mount Carmel College of Nursing in your will, please let us know so we can thank you appropriately during your lifetime. If not, we hope you’ll consider including a gift to Mount Carmel College of Nursing in your will or living trust. Called a charitable bequest, this type of gift offers several benefits:

- **Simplicity.** Just a few sentences in your will or trust are all that is needed. The official bequest language for Mount Carmel College of Nursing is: “I, [name], of [city, state, ZIP], give, devise and bequeath to Mount Carmel College of Nursing [written amount or percentage of the estate or description of property] for its unrestricted use and purpose.”

- **Flexibility.** Because you are not actually making a gift until after your lifetime, you can change your mind at any time.

- **Versatility.** You can structure the bequest to leave a specific item or amount of money, make the gift contingent on certain events, or leave a percentage of your estate to us.

- **Tax Relief.** Your estate is entitled to an estate tax charitable deduction for the gift’s full value.

Your Family First

When planning a future gift, it’s sometimes difficult to determine what size donation will make sense. Emergencies happen, and you need to make sure your family is financially taken care of first. Including a bequest of a percentage of your estate ensures that your gift will remain proportionate no matter how your estate’s value fluctuates over the years.

We Can Help

To request verbiage that updates your estate plans, including specific language for your last will and testament, contact Mount Carmel College of Nursing Director of Development, Jan Burkey, at 614-234-3837. Also visit our website for additional information at http://www.mccn.edu/making-a-gift/making-a-gift.html and click on the Planned Giving button.

*Currently federal estate taxes are repealed for any deaths that occur in the calendar year 2010. In 2011 and beyond, estate taxes are reinstated in full. Congress, however, may reinstate federal estate taxes sometime in 2010. What the final legislation will look like is unknown at this point. Check back for future updates.*
Dear Alumni,

On behalf of the Mount Carmel Alumni Association, I extend a warm welcome to the class of 2010! We are honored to have you as fellow “Mount Carmel nurses.” We promise to keep your needs in mind and to inform and mentor you through this publication, through our presence on the MCCN website, through the activities we plan, and in person should our professional paths cross.

My new position as clinical nursing liaison for implementation of the Genesis program has afforded me more time out and about than my previous OR position. It seems that I am meeting Mount Carmel alumni everywhere, and believe me, I am taking names!

We all have our Mount Carmel memories. The Alumni Association provides a continuation of those bonds and opportunities for all alumni, from our newly graduated to our honorary members, to recapture those feelings by staying connected.

Please attend our Alumni Association meetings or volunteer for one of our committees. Although summer time means no “official” board meetings, the association is still hard at work: determining scholarship winners, planning student outreach and enrichment activities, and working hard on the alumni banquet. Your input and assistance are most welcome. Contact me at kadrn85@yahoo.com.

We look forward to seeing all of you at the annual banquet, on October 2 at the College (see page 12). It is sure to be a memorable time for all.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Dillon ’04
President
Mount Carmel Alumni Association
ALUMNI ENJOY BASEBALL GAME

Hosted by Kim Dillon ’04, Alumni Association President, and Jan Burkey, Director of Development for the College, a group of alumni attended a Columbus Clippers game at Huntington Park, in the Mount Carmel suite. Each alumni brought a guest, and all enjoyed a fun evening watching baseball and catching up.

*(not pictured: Rita Devlin O’Brien ’57, Mary Ann Pietrangelo Gill ’64, Kathleen Gels Bowers ’77, Diane Andras Maute ’78)

MOUNT CARMEL CLASS NOTES

Sr. Clare Anne Rumschlag, CSC (’40) will celebrate a milestone jubilee in July at Church of Our Lady of Loretto on Saint Mary’s campus, Notre Dame, Indiana. Sister made her first profession in 1938, 75 years ago! She began her nursing career as a night supervisor at St. Joseph’s Hospital in South Bend, Indiana. She had a varied career and in 1969 she returned to Mount Carmel, teaching med-surg nursing at the junior level. In 1980 she became the student health nurse and held that position until her retirement.

Diane Spachner Cordial (’61) lives in Powell, Ohio. She is a staff nurse at The Ohio State University Harding Hospital in Worthington, Ohio. Last fall she received a Cameos of Caring award given by The Ohio State University College of Nursing. The award honors excellence in nursing in central Ohio. In support of her award, a co-worker wrote the following, “She provides a supportive learning environment that enables students to build their knowledge of evidence-based practice and refine their nursing skills in a safe manner.”

Mary Catalano Waterfield (’66) is currently volunteering her time at the Dominican Learning Center. She is teaching a 70-year-old man how to read. She marvels at the productive life this man has led without being able to read. She uses the Laubach method that she learned when she formerly volunteered through the Columbus Literacy Council. She writes, “To be truthful, it takes me more time than I bargained for, but it also makes me aware of those less fortunate.”

June Sinton Scheffler (’74) lives in Mendenhall, Pennsylvania. She has two sons. She is presently enrolled at Immaculata University in Pennsylvania in the RN to BSN program. She writes, “My career as a nurse supervisor within the assisted living community led me to furthering my education, so I may participate as a nurse-leader in this growing field.”

Cynthia Carpenter Ritter (’78) lives in Thornville, Ohio. She has been a visiting nurse for 16 years.

Sharon Willis Boll (’79) and her sister Karen Willis Monnig (’79) both work at MedFlight of Ohio as flight nurses. Both are married. Sharon lives in Grove City, Ohio, and Karen in Lebanon, Ohio.

Kimberly McCarthy Landrum (’82) lives in Houston, Texas. She received her BSN from Capital University in 1994. She is a veteran of the U.S. Army Nurse Corps and served during Operation Desert Storm. She is studying for her master’s degree in nursing education at Texas Women’s University in Houston.

Lee Wilson Sulkin (’97) is married and lives in Dallas, Texas. She is an Adult Nurse Practitioner and manager at The Heart Hospital, Baylor Plano.

Wanda Catalina Mullins (’99) lives in Columbus. She works for the Ohio Industrial Commission, Director of Medical Services, and is a RN case manager at Grant Medical Center. In 2006 she received her master’s in Administration from Central Michigan University with a concentration in Information Resource Management.

Andrea Waldo (’10) lives in Columbus and works in MICU at Mount Carmel West.
MOUNT CARMEL GOLF INVITATIONAL BENEFITS

STUDENTS

The 16th Mount Carmel Golf Invitational was held on July 12 at The Lakes Golf and Country Club in Westerville. The planning committee works hard every year to raise funds to assist Mount Carmel College of Nursing students, men and women, in pursuing their dreams of becoming professional registered nurses – nurses who in turn will help enhance the lives of so many in the central Ohio community and beyond.

ANNUAL PHONE-A-THON RAISES OVER $25,000 TO DATE

Thank you to all who donated to the 2010 annual phone-a-thon. Your donations help today’s nursing students achieve the dream of a professional career in nursing. Volunteer callers contacted Mount Carmel alumni from the class of 1932 to the class of 2009, to raise funds for student scholarships. The majority of the volunteers were students, nearly 40 of them and many of them scholarship recipients themselves. Ten faculty and staff, including President/Dean Dr. Ann Schiele, also volunteered.

Seven alumni who contacted members of their classes were Kay Droke Martin ’51, Rita Devlin O’Brien ’57, Mary Ann Smith Cunningham ’63, Phylis Motz Crook ’63 (also a staff member), Cheryl Creamer Mace ’75 (also a faculty member), Terri Haney Rapp ’82, and Cassi Long Baker ’95.

“We would like to extend a huge and heartfelt thank you to all of our volunteers and donors,” said Phylis Motz Crook ’63, Coordinator, Alumni Relations.

ANOTHER EXQUISITE QUILT TO BE RAFFLED AT THE BANQUET

“This is the most elaborate quilt I’ve ever made for the Mount Carmel Alumni Association raffle,” says Dorothy Gorenflo Cluff ’42, who creates and donates a quilt each year for raffle at the annual banquet.

This year’s queen-size quilt features an appliqué of tulip-shaped flowers in a rich purple with a vibrant green fabric used for the stems and leaves.

Don’t miss out! Raffle tickets are just 12/$10. You need not be present to win. If you are the lucky winner and not able to attend the banquet, the quilt will be shipped to you.

Our sincere appreciation to Dorothy for her hard work and generosity in making the quilt raffle possible.

ANOTHER AWARD FOR THE LAMP

Mount Carmel College of Nursing was one of 26 organizations recognized recently by the Public Relations Society of America, Central Ohio Chapter. The Lamp was honored to receive one of the Society’s PRism awards at a recognition luncheon in April.
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Mount Carmel College of Nursing and its alumni honor the following graduates who have passed away and extend our sympathy to their family and friends.

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Geraldine Parrett Kauer — Class of 1950
Beatrice Ann Garrison Howell — Class of 1951
Joan Geller Knapp — Class of 1952
Betty Driscoll Strapp — Class of 1952
Carrie Louise Eckstein — Class of 2005

We also acknowledge the loss and honor the memory of those whose lives have touched the Mount Carmel family.

Husband of Mary Dorrian Pulsinelli ('49)
Mother of Mary Lou Ogle Rauch ('63 and '99)

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Pictured on front cover: Dorothy Beavers Pecora ’41

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

COLLEGE CALENDAR
| Aug 13 | New Student Orientation |
| Aug 16 | MCCN Fall Semester begins |
| Aug 23 | Convocation Alumni Association scholarships awarded |

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HAPPENINGS
| Oct 2 | Annual Alumni Association Banquet (See page 12 for more information) |
| Feb 15 2011 | Tampa, Florida Alumni Luncheon |
| Feb 22 2011 | Fort Myers/Naples, Florida Alumni Luncheon |