

  
**Mercy Hospital School of Nursing**  
**Alumni Newsletter**

Spring 2019

## **From Your President:**

**Jodi Thompson**

Winter's here... Spring is near! That's what the Groundhog predicted! Happy 2019 to all the Mercy School of Nursing Alumni!

Over the past year the Board Members and I have made many great strides in making the Alumni Association the best it can be, but there's always room for improvement! We are asking that you all help us, help you. Call the school with your ideas and suggestions! Proceeds from events throughout the year allow us to provide money for continued Advanced Nursing education for our graduates, use it, Michele would be happy to award you! Since our webpage is under construction, the upcoming events section and our Facebook page is a way to stay in the know and connect with your classmates! There's lots going on , you just need to keep in touch. Help us help you by becoming a member of the Alumni Association! Annual fee \$20 goes a long way! We look forward to seeing you and your families at all our



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### **EXECUTIVE BOARD**

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Diane Battaglia '79
Margie Thompson '84

# MHSN News

Our school continues to develop well-rounded graduates that are educated in the tradition of Mercy. We continue to change and evolve to meet the ongoing needs of today's students.

A few highlights:

- NLCEX Pass Rate 93%
- Mercy Hospital School of Nursing was named as one of the top 60 nursing programs in Pennsylvania for 2018. We were only 1 of 3 diploma programs to make the list.
- We now graduate twice a year – August and December
- We admit approximately 90 students each Fall.
- We have approximately 200 total students in the program at any given time.
- The program can now be completed in 4 – 16 week semesters, approximately 18 months.
- We have agreements with various local BSN schools which allows graduates to complete their BSN in 1 -2 years post-graduation.
- Approximately 90% are employed by UPMC after graduation; 75-80% of them choose to stay at Mercy.

If you know someone interested in the program, or would like to stop by for a visit, please give us a call at 412-232-7940.

Angela M Balistreri RN DNP  
Director, Mercy Hospital School of Nursing



## *MHSN Angels* *Our deepest condolences...*



Donna L. (Paroli) Arrligoni '43

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Ruth E. (MacDonald) Krizan '60

Alice Jean (Wertz) Harhai '64

Diane Davidson '64

Barbara (Campbell) Vavro '65

Barbara (Coghill) Michaels '68

Robert Colviller '68

Michael Davis '75

Margaret M. (Dowds) McWilliams '76

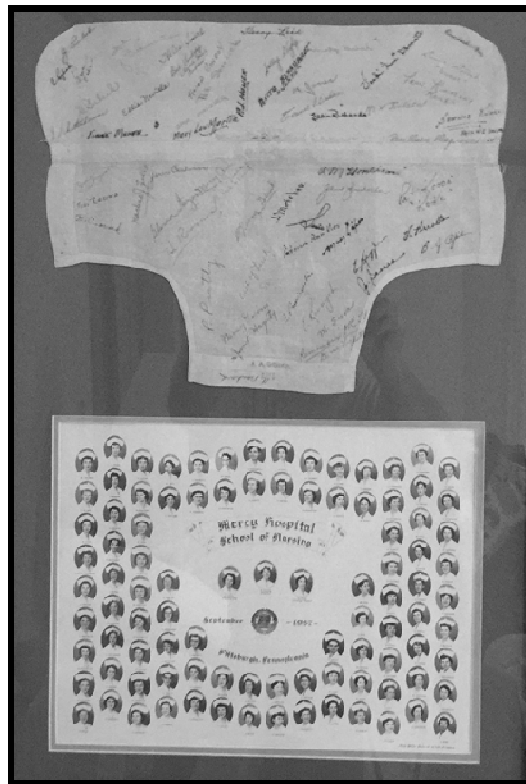
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# CLASS OF 1957

## REUNION MEMORIES

BY: JOANNE GRIFFIN LOWERY '57, ALUMNI BOARD MEMBER

On November 17, 2018 MHSO Alumni held its annual Memorial Mass for the deceased graduates and an All Class Reunion. Now to explain the above picture. This is the class of 1957. I had planned to have it framed but never got around to it. One day I was looking into my cedar chest, and on the bottom, I found two student caps. They had been washed and starched sometime in 1957. One was pristine and the other one had many signatures of classmates on it.



After we enjoyed the lunch, Jodi asked us to talk about our class and reunions. Some classes had planned a few reunions, some hardly none. My class, 1957, has had a reunion every five years, since graduation, mostly in Pittsburgh. For our 45<sup>th</sup>, we had it in California as many classmates had moved there after graduation. It was a great success! After that, we moved the reunions back to Pittsburgh. Every reunion we would somehow lose a classmate, then by the next, they were found again. This seems to be the norm. At our 60th, we decided this would be the last, keeping in mind there is always the fall Mass and All Class Reunion for anyone to attend.

One thing I said was, "If you are planning a reunion or event in Pittsburgh for the fall, you definitely need the Steelers home schedule. Prices for hotels go up for any home game!!

**ATTENTION**  
**CLASS OF**  
**1959!**

**Rosalie Zalar Chuberro has volunteered to plan your 60th class reunion!**

**The reunion will be held late summer/ early fall of 2019 so please forward your contact information (name, phone number, and mailing address) to her as soon as possible.**

**Rosalie Zalar Chuberro  
2171 Grandview Ave  
Monroeville, PA 15146  
412-372-6625**

**If you'd like to join the planning committee please call ASAP!**

# UPCOMING EVENTS



The 40<sup>TH</sup> year Class reunion of the class of 1979 is here!

Please contact

Diane Becker Battaglia

for info at  
412-232-8055

or

BATTAGLIAD@UPMC.EDU

Saturday April 6, 2019

Bunny Brunch

10am-2pm

412-232-7205 for tickets /info

Friday June 21, 2019 @ 7pm

Pirates Game w/ Zambelli Fireworks

\$39/ticket (includes \$10 food credit)

412-390-8385 for tickets/info

August & December 2019

Graduation Ceremonies

Sunday October 6, 2019

Purse Bash

12pm-5pm

\$30/ticket

SATG Hall-Baldwin

Saturday November 16, 2019

All-Class Reunion

\$10/person

## Scholarship Corner

The Mercy Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association awards annual scholarships to any alumni member who is pursuing an advanced degree in nursing. Applicant must be a member of the alumni association, be enrolled in a BSN, MSN, DNP, or PhD program, and submit a letter of need and a copy of enrolled courses as well as the cost of said courses.

To apply, please submit letter of need and course info to:

**Michele Buraczewski, RN, MSN**

**MHSN Alumni Association**

**PO Box 53123**

**Pittsburgh, PA 15219**

or buraczewskim@upmc.edu





# 38 from '68 Meet in Pittsburgh!

Once alphabetical friends... Now forever friends! This group of 38 women from the class of 1968 embodies the spirit and exudes the fragrance of the quality of Mercy that unites them.

They came from all over the United States to gather on October 6, 2018 at the Greentree Doubletree Hotel to celebrate 50 years of being Mercy nurses. Their joy of coming together exceeded all expectation.

*Yes! They have climbed every mountain...  
forged every stream... followed every rainbow...  
Yes! They have found their dream!*

Thank you gals for making the trip! It was worth it for sure! Let's do it again soon!



## ***Congratulations!***

Congratulations to our former board member Mark Lengvasky who has resigned from UPMC Mercy and the board, to take a position in LeHigh Valley. We wish him the very best. Thanks for all your hard work!

Brian & Alex Shipper on  
*"Shepherd Louis Shipper"*  
&  
Corie & Adam Schultheis on  
*"Carson Richard Schultheis"*



### **ACES Nursing Awards**

Shannon Squires '15  
Allison Cortinovis '15  
& Other Alumni Recipients



*Sisters of Mercy*

A tour of Carlow University the Mother House of the Sisters will be planned for September 2019, if interested please email Deb Evers



## This Year:

Recognize your uniqueness

Offer your support to someone who needs it

Keep going

Focus on love, forgiveness, and peace

Keep growing

Steer clear of people and things that wound you

See the love around you

Strive to be happy

Speak and be heard

Support what is right in the face of what is wrong

Look forward and live today

***“ Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another”***

***Hebrews 10:24–25***



**We would love to hear from you!**

If you have news to share or suggestions, please let us know!

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**Alumni Association Dues Renewal 2019**

Please detach and return this notice with your dues/donation

First                      Maiden                      Last                      Class

Address

Email address:

Phone number:

\$20 membership \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Donation to: MHSN Alumni \_\_\_\_\_ MHSN \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to MHSN Alumni Association and mail to:  
MHSN Alumni, PO Box 53123, Pittsburgh, PA 15219