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*Letter from the SCHNAA Board*

## Dear Nurse Alumnae,

50 YEARS? How did that happen? I remember as new graduates we would look at the alumni celebrating 30, 40, and 50 year anniversaries and think to ourselves, “They look so old!” And now this past June my classmates and I reached the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary mark—and we don’t look old at all! How our perspectives changes over time.

Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, was another opportunity to gather and celebrate our time as student nurses at Swedish Covenant Hospital. While we were a small group, there was plenty of laughter, renewing of friendships and exclamations about the changes in the hospital. We heard about the exciting renovations in the ED, and the program to offer support to the homeless through housing and prescription assistance.

I was struck by what each anniversary class spokesperson shared during the roll call. Each woman related how our time at SCH not only gave us a career, but was instrumental in forming us as individuals and providing us with life-long friendships. It is remarkable that we have continued to hold these reunions each June, even though our school closed 49 years ago.

We hope you will consider joining us this year as the class of 1969 reaches their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It will be our last planned reunion and a time to celebrate and reflect upon our school’s history. We encourage you to share your memories or pictures to help make our last reunion and special celebration.

Our thanks to the Swedish Covenant Hospital Foundation for keeping our database and assisting us with awarding scholarships and organizing our reunions. Looking forward to seeing you on June 8, 2019.

Sincerely,

Susan Tanner  
Class of ‘68



The living room was a place to meet and chat (1968)



Double the fun! Dorm room memories



Members of Student Council (1968)



Members of the Nurse Chorus, 1968

## Reunion Spotlight

The annual Swedish Covenant Hospital Nursing Alumnae Associate reunion was a huge success, bringing together 44 alumnae for fellowship, hospital tours, lunch and presentations. Alumnae from 15 states were present, representing classes from 1947 to 1969. The reunion celebrated the classes of 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, and 1968. During the luncheon, Kathy Donofrio, CNO provided a brief update on the exciting things happening in the nursing department at Swedish Covenant Hospital. She was followed by Kate Lawler, director of the Violence Prevention Program who talked about Trauma Informed Care and Kimberly Leslie, clinical director of the Swedish Covenant Hospital Emergency Department who presented on the emergency department renovation, as well as community programs offered through the emergency department.

Visit the SCHNAA section of [www.swedishcovenantfoundation.org](http://www.swedishcovenantfoundation.org) to view more photos from the reunion.



**Class of 1958:**

Front row (left to right): Marion (Lindblom) Swanson, Anita (Gaertner) Lewis-Schmoll, Lura (Alexander) Lawrenz, Janet McBride  
Back row (left to right): Lillian (Bengtson) Carlson, Esther (Bartel) Rupp, Charlotte (Daisy) McGhee, Caroline (Brassington) Shoberg, Norma (Rogers) McElheny



**Class of 1963:**

(Left to right): Louise (Westberg) Hedstrom, Kathleen (Cheney) Pearson, Beverly (Green) Henkel, Margaret (Glasser) Davis, Sharon (Lindblom) Eager



**Class of 1968:**

Front row (left to right): Judy (Behl) Cruz, Faith (Wunsch) Hamilton, Anna (Shold) Boeming, Rachel (Hamilton) Doyle, Winona (Lundgren) Wakeman,  
Back row (left to right): Sharilyn (Bartsch) Nydam, Mary (Dekker) Hollebeek, Carolyn Potts, Paulette (Jorgensen) D'Auria, Pamela (Erickson) Nystrom, Jean Menconi, Donna (Mielke) Clark, Kathleen (Friberg) Anderson, Patricia (McEvoy) Worden, Jo-Ann (Norder) Lakemacher, Janelle (Lindman) Almquist, Susan (Johnson) Tanner



Margaret (Glasser) Davis, '63 and Beverly (Green) Henkel, '63 sing during the morning worship service.

Alumnae tour the hospital campus during the reunion. Pictured (left to right) are Patricia (McEvoy) Worden, '68, Margaret (Glasser) Davis, '63, Kathleen (Cheney) Pearson, '63, Beverly (Green) Henkel, '63 and Louise (Westberg) Hedstrom, '63.





Alumnae from the class of 1958 tour the tunnels during the reunion.

Alumnae look at nursing school photos are that displayed in the hospital. Pictured (left to right) are Charlotte (Daisy) McGhee, '58, Lillian (Bengtson) Carlson, '58, Janet McBride, '58, Norma (Rogers) McElheny, '58, and Caroline (Brassington) Shoberg, '58.



Alumnae gather for the reunion luncheon.



Alumnae pose outside of the nursing school dorms with Swedish Covenant Hospital providers. Pictured (left to right) are: Sharilyn (Bartsch) Nydam, '58, Ruth (Smith) Johnson, '69, Susan (Johnson) Tanner, '68, Margaret (Glasser) Davis, '63, Louise (Westberg) Hedstrom, '63, Kathleen (Cheney) Pearson, '63, Beverly (Green) Henkel, '63, Patricia (McEvoy) Worden, '68, Doris (Granstrom) Johnson, '74, Christina Wagener, Wound Care Manager, and Dr. Daniel Roseman, Nephrology.

## In Loving Memory

Agnes (Hendrickson) Anderson, '40 November 3, 2018  
 Alice (Blomquist) Alexander, '41 May 11, 2016  
 Eleanore (Anderson) Costa, '42 May 20, 2018  
 Janice (Hultman) Swanson, '47 May 11, 2018  
 June (Hansen) Van Natta, '48 February 3, 2016  
 Fern (Norman) Booth, '49 May 22, 2017  
 Carol (Russell) Jones, '52 September 15, 2017  
 Louise (Palmquist) Hart, '53 March 2, 2018  
 Dorothy M. (Vanderveer) Monsma, '54 March 5, 2018  
 Arlene Peterson, '56 February 8, 2017  
 Gunvor (Holmquist) Sparrman, '56 August 30, 2018  
 Matilda (Banker) Kuch, '57 January 10, 2018  
 Shareen Winnie, '59 September 8, 2017  
 Rhoda (Drotts) Fritsch, '62 December 6, 2017  
 Norma Singer, '65 December 9, 2018  
 Elaine (Miller) DeJesus, '66 August 9, 2018

## REUNION *Save the Date*

**SAVE THE DATE** for the **2019 SCH Nursing Alumnae Reunion** on Saturday, June 8 at Swedish Covenant Hospital. The classes receiving special tribute this year will be 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, and 1969. We are planning a special reunion for this final SCHNAA reunion, when our youngest class reaches their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we invite all alumnae to join us to celebrate.

We look forward to updating you on this exciting event.

## Share your memories

Do you have a special memory from your time at Swedish Covenant Hospital Nursing School? Share your story for a special book of memories that we are creating for our final SCHNAA reunion. Submissions can be sent to the Foundation at [khanna@swedishcovenant.org](mailto:khanna@swedishcovenant.org) or via mail to:  
 Swedish Covenant Hospital Foundation, Attn: SCHNAA  
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# Scholarships

The Swedish Covenant Hospital Alumnae Association board was honored to present scholarships to a deserving group of students from North Park University. The students each have experience at Swedish Covenant Hospital and came highly recommended. We are excited to announce the 2018 SCHNAA Scholarship recipients. Thank you to all who have contributed nursing dues and donations that have allowed us to make a difference in the lives of these students!

**Erika Dwight, North Park University BSN Student**

**Graduation Date: May 2018**

"After graduation, I plan on staying in Chicago and working in a city hospital for a few years before transitioning into a new stage of life. I participated in a medical mission trip to Mexico and I found a new interest in community health. I hope to solidify my nursing skills in the hospital and transition into more community-based work in the future. I would also like to eventually go back to school to further my education as a nurse practitioner."



**Susan (Johnson) Tanner, '68 with students (left to right) Olivia Fine, Erica Dwight and Philmar Mendoza.**

**Olivia Fine, North Park University MSN Student, Family Nurse Practitioner**

**Graduation Date: May 2020**

"My future goals as a nurse practitioner in the next five years will be to provide care to all members of a family whether it be welcoming new infant or to improving the health of aging family members. I look forward to the bonds I will make with my patients, and most importantly the rewarding experience of being with those family's watching them grow together and being the one that provides for their health."

**Philmar Mendoza, North Park University BSN**

**Graduation Date: May 2018**

"Swedish Covenant Hospital, in comparison to other healthcare facilities has been the best hospital and working environment I worked in. My experiences in AP5 during my medial surgical II rotation and my synthesis clinical experience at 4 East has furthered my passion to serve all kinds of patients with Christ-like compassion, love, care and advocacy. SCH has helped me understand the depth and purpose of nursing in standard of practice, the importance of quality care and the spirit of compassionate care. SCH has also contributed towards my love and sincere appreciation towards the nursing field and education."



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