

**Margie Harner Class unknown**

MEMORIES: Making the film for LCC (I represented the Nursing Dept.) for recruitment. Traveling with classmates to Roseburg, Or, VA. Wonderful friends.

MY CAREER: Obtained a BSN from University of West Florida, Geriatric Nurse Practitioner from University of Miami. I worked in the Veterans Adm. service for years prior to retirement.

**Sharon Smyth Rondeau 1963**

MY CAREER: Employed at Kaiser Permanente 38 1/2 yrs in Out pt clinic. Emanuel Hosp. intensive care unit for 1 1/2 yrs- retired from Kaiser 2 yrs ago and now do foot care in private residences and retirement homes.

**Susan Fera 1966**

MEMORIES: My mother & I both enrolled @ the same time. We were first mother-daughter team to do so. I got the 2nd highest score on the LPN test - My mother beat me by one point!

MY CAREER: LPN from LCC, RN from Clark CC, BS in nursing from University of Portland.

**Barbara Hayner 1966**

MEMORIES: I had been in RN training for 3 months (9/63-12/63) and when I started class, and we started making beds, my instructor Mrs. Goldsmith said "Mrs Hayner, since you've had experience, please demonstrate a very tight bed. & the draw sheet. I was a newlywed and embarrassed."

MY CAREER: 25 years @ SHMC in Mother/Baby, Gyn. 7 Years Family Practice Office Nurse.

**Mary Sustello 1966**

MEMORIES: It was fun going to school with my daughter.

MY CAREER: After graduating I worked @ a NH until I retired. I was at the top of age limit when I enrolled - graduated in 1966 and I'll bet I'm still one of the oldest now @ 91!

**Linda Brightwell Egbert 1969**

MEMORIES: We were practicing injection on an orange which became a syringe water fight behind our instructors back. We also put on a nurse patient

skit re: to surgery with garden tools with the removal body part, shoes gloves, doll chicken bones (deer) green jello (bile) and red jello (blood) noodles, (brown).

**Susan McCleery Benson (Sue) 1970**

MEMORIES: First class of ADN students - We started with 43 students and added 8 transfer students. The 1st graduating class was very small - Mary F. was the director -- awesome teacher and she always integrated humor and love into the curriculum..

MY CAREER: 1970-1997 Cardiac OHSU Recovery Room & Heart Transplant unit. Subspecialty - Caring for infants/children needing open heart/transplant surgery. 2000 on - Kaiser Hospice Care Manager. I added a degree in Psych from PSU graduating in 2000.

**Doris Knutson Forcia 1970**

MEMORIES: We were the first class at LCC so there was a SH nursing class still Student Practicing at the hospital while we were there.

MY CAREER: Worked at Emerald N.H. 1970 - 1975; SH Home Health 1975 - 2001 when I retired.

**Connie Johnson 1970**

MEMORIES: A favorite memory (at least one I can't forget!) is of trying to get a job after graduating from LCC. At the same time the first LCC class (my class of 1970) was graduating from Sacred Heart Hospital. Therefore there was an excess of nurses in the area. On top of that, it turned out that the hospitals were very prejudiced against the two year RN's. It seemed that the only classmates who got hired on at the hospital were the ones who had previously worked there, either as a LPN or as a CNA. I can remember making the rounds and being rejected at the hospitals. I lived in Cottage Grove so I went to apply at the hospital there for an OB position. This was my preference. I was accepted, but the hiring nurse told me that two year RN's were not qualified to start working as an RN - so they offered me a job at an LPN wage. I was appalled, as I had worked so hard getting my degree. I was very disappointed and turned the job down. Anyway, that was the attitude that prevailed at that time. I started working in a physician's office and the nurse there would tell me, in front of the patients, that I was a two-year RN and so did not know as much as I should. That sure didn't help my self esteem. Even a friend I knew socially who was a four-year RN was quick to tell everyone that two year RN's were very inadequately trained. We were often

told that we should go to a nursing home to get our training. Well, my husband was going to college so I was forced to get a job in a nursing home; I was not there too long when I found I really enjoyed the elderly. I found I could be so much more creative in that setting. My first big job was to be a DNS/ and Administrator for a 65 bed nursing home. I learned a lot that year and decided to stay in geriatrics. Received my administrator's license in 1972

**MY CAREER:** Worked as a DNS/Administrator of a 65 bed nursing home in Eugene. Opened two new nursing homes in the area - organizing the nursing department as the DNS. Worked as a rehab nurse for insurance companies. Taught CNS's and Home Health Aides for LCC. I decided to go back to school working at Twilight Acres Nursing Home while also teaching at LCC at the same time. I then went to Linfield College and got my Bachelors degree with an emphasis in health education with a state certification for Secondary Health Education. Because I was interested in the elderly, I got a trainingship from the government to get my Interdisciplinary (Geriatric, Health Education, and Business Management) Master's degree from the U of O. It was at that time that I became interested in owning and operating a nursing home of my own. I wanted to make a positive impact on the lives of others -- especially the elderly. My husband and I worked together to construct an 80 bed facility in Creswell. I took the lead in obtaining the Certificate of Need from the State of Oregon, securing funding from banks and private parties, and I planned the detailed interior decorations, purchased the furniture and detailed the organization of all facets of the facility. We opened Creswell Care Center in 1983. We had been operating the facility for about ten years when my husband suddenly died of acute leukemia. I continued to operate the facility for another ten years, finally selling the business in 2002. Since leaving the nursing home I have enjoyed being retired. I still have my nursing license and would like to do some volunteer work.

### **Saralie Lewis 1970**

**MY CAREER:** RN faculty 1970 -1989, retired. Graduated 1st class 1970 1970-1989 LCC nursing Faculty 1990-1994 Women's Care - Eugene 1994-

present St Chas Med Ctr (RN volunteer) 1994-- present Volunteer in Med (RN volunteer)

### **Mary Michael 1970**

**MEMORIES:** One of the things I remember about the nursing program was sharing clinical classes with the last class of Sacred Heart nursing students, who called us the "Mickey Mouse Nurses." When we took our state board exams and the scores came back, there was a LCC "Mickey Mouse Nurse" at the top of each of the eight lists with the best score. Needless to say our instructors prepared us well for the test and nursing as a career. (See Nursing Career Notes for more.) I'm still married to the same man after nearly 44 years. Of our five children only the one that went through the last year of nursing school with me is not a nurse. Our oldest is a cardiac/ICU nurse in Phoenix, the next one is just finishing her first year of nursing at UCC, number four, our son, is a ER nurse at Mercy and also works for Favorites, our last daughter is a labor and delivery nurse at Mercy. We have 11 grandchildren, enjoy working in our flowers and camping. I spend a lot of my free time sewing and quilting. I won't be at the reunion. We have a grandson who turns 3 that day and grandma can't miss his party.

**MY CAREER:** I was one of the younger members of the Class of 1970. I was almost 25 when I graduated, married with two small children and pregnant with my third. I grew up in Minneapolis and always wanted to be a nurse. I worked in the cafeteria and the kitchen at Fairview Hospital while I was in high school. When I turned 18 I was able to work as a nurses aide and I loved every minute of it. Following graduation I married a sailor from Oregon and turned down my first chance to go to nursing school. While working at Sacred Heart in Eugene information became available about the nursing program at LCC. My co-workers encouraged me to apply for admission which I did and after a lot of hard work, sweat and tears I graduated and went to work as Dr. Royal's office nurse. My third daughter was born shortly after graduation and a couple years later a fourth child, my only son, was born. During all this time my husband, Glynn was on the Eugene Police Department and had a career change in mind. So for the next year he went to MHCC in Mortuary Science and I continued to work, take care of my home, and manage four children, with help from my mother. During the year Glynn was going to mortuary school and coming home every other weekend I became

pregnant with our last daughter. When mortuary school was over we moved to Ontario where our last child was born. It was there at Holy Rosary Hospital that I started my career as an OB nurse. After two weeks of orientation I was on my own, I found I was a natural with good instinct for OB. I loved every minute of it! A couple of years later we moved to Coos Bay-North Bend. I went to work at Bay Area Hospital in the OB department. I worked there 17 years as a labor and delivery nurse, and department manager. Then we moved again, to Roseburg where I worked for several years in the Family Birth Place at Mercy Medical Center. In 1990 I took the NCC inpatient obstetric exam and became the first nurse at Mercy to be an RNC. I have been NRP instructor and am certified in fetal monitoring. I have been a certified childbirth educator. I also started a return visit program at Mercy for the delivered moms. This included a mother/baby assessment for feeding problems, postpartum depression and any other problems relating to the birth or delivery. Five years ago I made a career change from hospital to doctor's office, hoping it would be less stressful. I was wrong, but I enjoy my work there. I am doing stress testing, lactation consultation, ante & postpartum visits, and just about anything else that comes my way. Over the last 34 years working in obstetrics I have been with nearly 10,000 women helping them in one way or another including deliver, postpartum, lactation, mother well exercise, childbirth classes, nursery, transporting sick moms and babies from level II hospital, tertiary hospital. I've laughed with moms and cried with them, each mom & baby being unique. I thank God every day for this special talent he gave me.

### **Carole Roby 1970**

MEMORIES: We had a birth of a baby in our lab. Arlene Underhill was our instructor at the time and we did eventually meet our baby, Lane. Taking a bed bath during lab with cold water. Slipping through mud going to classes and doing a snow dance in order to avoid a final in class and it worked, we had a few feet of snow so school was canceled.

MY CAREER: Worked at Sacred Heart General Hospital, Eugene, in acute physical rehabilitation for 27 years. Retired in October 1998.

### **Carroll Ingram Baker 1971**

MY CAREER: 2 sons, 4 daughters, 12 grandchildren, 1 great grand child. Enjoy golfing, biking, gardening, travel and of course grandchildren.

### **Cornelia Hanhardt 1971**

MEMORIES: Social activity at LCC was rather limited as I was and still am, married and had two young children. Also, English is my second language and I am sure I entertained my classmates with my many language errors.

MY CAREER: Graduated 1971. Work: three months summer relief @ Corvallis Clinic; three months Garbers Nursing Home; thirty-one years McKenzie Willamette Hospital in the OR. Currently in a casual position @ Cascade Health Solution.

### **Marcella Skelton Lyon (Suzanne) 1971**

MEMORIES: I was 18 when I started nursing school. I remember my older classmates believing so passionately that nursing was the greatest profession on earth. I think that witnessing my classmates' dreams come true has always made me feel blessed that I get to be a nurse too.

MY CAREER: I have worked full-time since graduation in June 1971. I spent 26 years in hospital nursing, mostly ER, ICU, Interventional Radiology (SPR), 4 different hospitals. I spent 4 years as a medical Reviewer, Dispute Resolution for Workers' Compensation in Salem then returned to Eugene for private office nursing. I manage implant pain pumps with a patient population of 400.

### **Claudia Boyd 1972**

MEMORIES: One favorite pastime was delighting in making Joyce Young blush! (I don't remember over what....but we had fun trying.) But I think everyone's favorite in my class was a bonfire to burn our uniforms after graduation.

MY CAREER: Worked in both Northern and Southern California 15 years and returned to Oregon in 1988. OB/GYN, Med/Surg, Recovery Room, Nursing Education, Utilization, Nurse Recruiter, Business Manager for Nursing Program, Home Health Team

Manager, Intake/UR HH. Now Nurse Case Manager for Insurance Co.

**Kathryn Harrison 1972**

MEMORIES: I really enjoyed going to school at LCC.

MY CAREER: LPN worked in hospital, until disabled and then quit.

**Julie Ferry Postel 1972**

MEMORIES: Hung out with Sue Stanfill and Carleen Harris. Put first urinary catheter in left handed - I'm right handed! I passed but obviously was nervous!

MY CAREER: Started on 48 bed Surgery floor 1972 Providence Portland. Moved to Iowa late 1973. Worked in Iowa, Minnesota. Moved back to Oregon May 1982 - Worked Providence Portland since, in float pool, ICU, CCU, Medical floor. Been on short Stay Surgery Unit since 1990/ AHN on Short Stay Surgery since 1998. Magnet Representative for hospital.

**Patricia Burrows (Patty) 1973**

MEMORIES: I don't know about favorite, but what I remember the most is the commute to and from the Veterans facility in Redmond, OR. for the Psychiatric unit. As a newly wed I didn't want to stay in the Dorm so I drove back and forth. I would be so tired on the way home. It is a wonder I made it some days. I appreciated LCC and was glad I had an opportunity to finish up the nursing program. I had started up in Portland, then got married and lived in Cottage Grove. I felt accepted and welcomed as I entered the program for my final term.

MY CAREER: My first job was right after graduation as Pediatric Night Nurse at Good Samaritan Hospital in Corvallis OR. I worked there while my husband returned to OSU to finish getting a degree in accounting. I enjoyed the job in their small ward. There were a few hectic nights and very ill children but most nights were quiet and I enjoyed being a nurse there. This was the hospital I had worked in as a Candy Striper while I was in high school. In August of 1974 we moved to Seattle, WA. I interviewed at Children's Hospital and Medical Center and was immediately hired full-

time in the Intensive Care Unit. I worked full-time until my children were born and then wanting to spend more time with them I started working part-time and then per-diem. I was moved to the Infant Intensive Care Center. Children's Hospital was undergoing their major renovation at the time and I watched many improvements and updates while I was there. It was a wonderful place to work, but I found the Intensive Care units stressful when I no longer worked full time hours. Technology changed overnight! The computers, new IV equipment almost weekly, infants smaller and smaller. It was an exciting time to work, but I had to make a decision. Either I spend less time at home and more at work so I could keep up with all the changes or I quit for now. I asked to work in less intensive areas, but they were usually short staffed in the intensive care units so I was floated there. My sister helped make the decision. Their family had a crisis so we became overnight guardians to their three children. I quickly found I could not work even one night a week and be the mother of five children. So after a little over 10 years at Children's I applied for a leave. After six months my sister's children were able to return home. It took a while to re-settle our home. I enjoyed being a stay-at-home Mom. Our son and daughter were in elementary school and I enjoyed helping out. I had Holidays at home. My leave got longer and longer. I started volunteering in the office at our church and learning my way around a typewriter and other office equipment of the late-80's. No stress! When I was offered the secretarial job at my church I took it. Not as much money as I could make as a nurse, but the hours were great. I could take off when ever the kids or my husband needed me. That was January of 1989. I have been working in the church office ever since. That technology that I so feared has now become second nature. I have found the work rewarding. It is like working for my family. I miss nursing at times. I read and keep up with some of the changes. Nursing has undergone quite a transformation since my nursing days. I don't know if I could ever return now or not. I find that parts of Nursing are still needed where ever I may be. People all around need T.L.C. Compassion and caring was what nursing was about for me. I can still nurse the soul and often that helps the body. I decided at age "5" to be a nurse and I am glad I had the opportunity and I find that after some days I still feel like I am a nurse. I guess I will always be!

### **Carol Houde 1973**

MEMORIES: I am 5'10" and it was difficult working on orthopedics because I kept getting de"cap"itated with the overhead frames. The instructors criticized the nurses before graduation - Mine was "my hair" was always fly-a-way. But they didn't comment on my nursing!

MY CAREER: Neuro Providence, Portland - charge; Charge - Neuro - Sacred Heart ( 3 years); family practice, Dr Moffits office ( 13 years); DNSS Creswell Care Center ( 4 years).

### **Carol John 1973**

MEMORIES: Mary ? telling me to do something great when she handed me my diploma.

MY CAREER: LCC Student Health services - Community Health Nurse, U of O BS in Social Work, Diploma as Adult Nurse Practitioner - Family Practice, Johnson Unit/Psychiatric Nursing, Out PT Mental Health Care, MA in Marriage & Family Therapy, Private Counseling Practice, Planned Parenthood, University of Oregon Student Health, PeaceHealth Med Cen., Internal Medicine director

### **Patricia McClure Kauffman 1973**

MEMORIES: I don't know if this is a favorite, but something I definitely remember. I got married during my last term of nursing school and Arlene Underhill really tried to discourage me as she was very concerned that I would not finish school. At our graduation, they joked about each student at the ceremony and the joke about me was "Well Pat, you've been out of school for ten years now, don't you think you better try practicing nursing before you have to take a re-entry course?". The reality is that until now, I have always been employed as a nurse or administrator. I also think fondly about our class as we represented so many different demographics, but we always came together and supported one another.

MY CAREER: I worked for physicians right after graduation and then moved to the coast where I worked in ICU and ER for 2 years. We then moved to Central Oregon and I continued working in ICU and ER and worked in Home Health when I had my children for 3 years. I was so dismayed at what I saw in the Long Term Care Facilities that I decided to work in management in a nursing home and

ultimately got my Administrators license after 2 years. For the last 20 years, I have worked for a 503c not-for-profit corporation called Pacific Retirement Services as the Executive Vice President of Health and Associated Services. It was a great job and allowed me to do nursing as well as administration and teaching. I traveled a great deal to all of our facilities in Oregon, Washington, California and Texas and just before my retirement, I was involved as apart of the team that successfully negotiated a contract with Oregon Health Sciences University to build the first research retirement community in Oregon using state of the art technology to keep seniors independent for longer. negotiated with Oregon Health Sciences University just I retired this past year and am planning to totally enjoy my grandchildren and practice some of my hobbies. After 20 years of being so busy, I was concerned that I wouldn't tolerate retirement well but boy was I wrong!!!!

### **Lorraine Rawlings Simons 1973**

MEMORIES: I was on the OB rotation and we were greatly overloaded with births in a big batch when all of a sudden I got "the groove" for the first time. The instructor who was from Scotland said in her accent "By Got, you got it, you were a real asset tonight" I knew I could handle anything then.

MY CAREER: I worked for 12 years as an LPN. Because of illness I studied computers and business management. Was unable to work for around 10 years then I worked for Peacehealth eventually working my way up into a Regional Analyst. However I had a setback with my health and have not worked for 3 1/2 years. Slowly getting better.

### **Judith Smith 1973**

MEMORIES: Highlight for me was receiving "Nurses (student) of the Year" award. It was a real surprise, but such an honor..

MY CAREER: Love working with the elderly. Eugene-Cascade Manor Retirement Center. - RN on floor and private RN for some. Portland - Twilliger Plaza Retirement Center (Care Center). Seattle - Area Agency on Aging ( assess status of people living in home). Horizon House Retirement - Rn in care center, also Social Services there helping family members and supervising my assistant in her job. Founded Alz. facility in Seattle and lead and Alz. Support Group for spouses and friends of persons with Alz. Speaker at

many meetings - churches, city groups, lodges, etc. Worked in placement service, assessing family and helping family with appropriate placement. (On the road alot.) In AZ working at Interfaith Services as RN in daycare facility and doing home visits, Still "on call" at 72! During my years in OR earning my Bachelors and later my Masters at U. of O. to add to my RN degree. That's about it. What a ride. Thank you all for how you contributed to my life and learning. You were all great!

### **Linda Yamanaka (Lin) 1973**

MY CAREER: Since graduation in '73 I've worked the night shift in ICU at Sacred Heart (except for five yrs. that I worked ICU in Wisconsin). I've been in career transition for the past 3 years. I work during the week as a financial planner and then still work some Friday nights in the ICU.

### **Sue Ellen Young 1973**

MEMORIES: Starting IV's on each other and inserting n/g tubes.

MY CAREER: I've been working all my nursing career at Sacred Heart. Neurology for 4 yrs./orthopedics for 27 yrs., housefloat nurse for 2 yrs and am currently in the float pool.

### **Ronald Young (Ron) 1973**

MEMORIES: There are three incidents that I vividly remember. One was when one of our fellow nursing students asked if we could practice inserting NG tubes on each other.... not a pleasant experience. Another was an announcement over the intercom during class. We were told that due to funding cuts, half of the students would have to leave the nursing program. It turned out this wasn't true, but just a demonstration of how stress could elevate our blood pressure. I really liked the Coronary Care Unit rotation in nursing school. One of my instructors told me that graduates from an ADN program can't get a job working CCU. I viewed this as a challenge. I took a three week critical care nursing course and applied for CCU positions. I had job offers in San Francisco and in Grants Pass. As a new graduate I started my hospital employment working in the CCU. I worked exclusively in the CCU, ICU and the ER for the 8 years that I was employed in hospitals.

MY CAREER: I married Marlene Gaynor in 1978. We chose not to have kids which freed up a lot of

time and money. I like to travel and have been to Haiti six times, Guatemala twice and cruised around South America, the Mediterranean, the Black Sea, Sea of Cortez and Alaska. I have also been to London, Paris and Israel. I have also traveled around the USA and I go to Alaska each year on a fishing trip. My hobby is Magic. I used this in my work for many years. I do a lot of impromptu magic but I do not perform magic shows. Two years ago I sold some investment property to Costco and Target. Shortly after that I had my retirement party.

### **Kathy Giddens 1974**

MEMORIES: Very difficult to say as I became pregnant in my first year & still graduated near the top of my class. I recall my time spent in Clinical Rotation (Neuro floor) and a patient kept saying he would marry me; I was pregnant.

MY CAREER: Past: House SU in 120 bed hospital IV Therapist - DNS in nursing home. Present: I review all of Oregon Nursing facilities, assisted living & Residential Investigation reports completed by the local offices and CCMU. I write letters of determination and Civil Penalties - I also assist with complex care.

### **Patricia Roby (Pat) 1974**

MEMORIES: My psych rotation was my most challenging and memorable one. We were at the state hospital in Salem--I felt like I was in the movie--One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest. It was very unique. Also, giving each other bed baths and inserting NG tubes into each other is still a story that I tell my pts about. What memories

MY CAREER: Working as a charge nurse in a postop unit for the last 28 years, also did a stint as the interim manager on the same unit. Have done a lot of ONA things in the past and did get my BSN from OHSU in 1981.

### **Laurie Ray Barrett 1975**

MEMORIES: I am still friends with two gals from the study group I was part of at LCC and count their friendships as one of the best parts of my life both during school and since. One was indirectly responsible for my meeting my (future) husband 28 years ago, but she was also a contact for one of the jobs that I like so much now.

MY CAREER: Married 27 years to Bob who works as an orthodontist in Portland. We've lived in the same

home for 15 years which is great after moving 7 times in our first 12 years of marriage!

**Audrey Duke 1975**

MEMORIES: I had a study group I worked with Dense Stahl and, Kathy Davidson. We worked hard on our "units" we worked on. Years later I met a priest who was a Chaplain at LCC - I told him I went to nursing school at LCC & didn't remember there being a Chaplain. His reply we "It is no wonder - LCC Nursing school was like bootcamp for two years."

MY CAREER: I worked at a rural hospital in John Day, OR from 1975-1987. - Great varied experience. - I worked at Bay Area Hospital - ICU/CCU & surgery from 1988-2000. I graduated from OHSU with my BSN in 1997; Graduate School @ University of Portland in 2000 as a family Nurse Practitioner. Currently work in occupational Medicine/Family Practice an North Bend Medical Center.

**Karen Lynch 1975**

MEMORIES: My biggest memory is of hard work, long hours and lots of studying. My favorite memory is studying with some of my classmates (we had some laughter and joy); and of the long time friends I made. My worst memory is that I was told the first time I applied to the program that I would likely not make it through the program as a single mom with 2 kids. It was discouraging. I took classes for 3 terms, tried again the next year, and made it. That is my success story. and a favorite memory. I DID graduate, and have had a really great career in n nursing.

MY CAREER: Lots of hours worked as an RN since 1975; from ICU/ER/Helicopter Flight Nursing to Home Health/Hospice, Drug and Alcohol Rehab and back to ICU. I have loved the variety and opportunities that my nursing career has offered me.

**Debra Roby Marshall (Debbie) 1975**

MEMORIES: I have a lot of memories while in school not sure I have one specific favorite memory. I always remember Joyce and her cola drink every morning in clinical rounds. I do remember being one of the very first nursing students allowed to observe an open heart surgery with Dr. Hodam.

MY CAREER: Worked at Sacred Heart Hosp. in Eugene from time of graduation until I moved to Idaho in 1998. Worked at St. Lukes Regional Med Ctr. for 2 years when then left hospital nursing to work for two general surgeons as their office nurse.

**Carol Smith 1975**

MEMORIES: Study group time that turned into party time.

MY CAREER: I worked one year in a nursing home before starting a family, stayed home for 4 years then resumed employment in a Family Practce office in Cottage Grove. Trained into manager role the last 4 years of 17. The past 9 1/2 yrs I have been a clinical manager for the oral surgery practice and surgery center.

**Dianne Andress Trippett 1975**

MEMORIES: Graduation!! The pinning ceremony. Of course, all of great classmates I got to know and the commradery. Graduation Nursing Ceremony in the new Performing Arts Building.

MY CAREER: I have worked in OB/GYN, surgery, assisted with endoscopies doing conscious sedation, worked for 2 different surgeons in their offices, nursing home, eye clinic and surgery, ENT office, general practionier office, home health and now ending my career in Hospice Sacred Heart. I tried to retire 3 years ago but ended up going back to work. MY plans are to work a few more years doing just a couple of days per week to keep up my license. I still love nursing!!

**Bob Upward 1975**

MY CAREER: Currently Clinical Manager: Anticoagulation Clinic Completed BSN and MSN University of Oregon Masters Degree-Adult Education University of San Francisco

**Donna Courtney 1977**

MEMORIES: Too many to think of as only one favorite. Times spent in study groups are probably some of the best times.

MY CAREER: I have 2 biological children, 2 stepchildren and Grandmother to 6. My husband Allen is retired, but I still very much enjoy working. My work gives me great personal satisfaction.

**Lakshmi Slick (Lachi) 1977**

MEMORIES: Things have changed alot! - Favorite memory - Dear friends, laughing alot, keeping my shoes white! Scariest rotation: at Stat Hospital - "locked Intensive".

MY CAREER: ER, ICU, Float, CCU, PACU, ambulatory care, OR-Scrub & circulate last 16 years.

**Werrett Charters (Dusty) 1978**

MEMORIES: Our IQS group was to demonstrate skills with male perineal care, done on a mannequin. The instructor came into the room and took out a plastic replica of male genitalia to install onto the mannequin for the IQS, which was wrapped up neatly in a paper towel in her purse. A student who shall remain anonymous asked the instructor if she always carried this apparatus in her purse. The instructor was fairly prone to facial redness and anxiety, though did reply "no.". Several other questions were entertained, including what she would do if stopped by an officer who happened to notice this apparatus in her purse while she was retrieving her license. The instructor placed the mannequin's hind end up on a bedpan and attempted to attach the genitalia onto the appropriate part of the mannequin to begin the demonstration, but it kept falling off into the bedpan with a loud metallic "thunk". A student asked the instructor what we should do should we encounter this phenomena in our clinical practice. Upon further questioning in this regard the instructor became unnerved and the entire IQS session went downhill from there. I believe our graduating class was somewhat challenging for the instructors who had to put up with us.

MY CAREER: Married, one son and two stepsons, ages 18, 21 and 26 respectively. Hobbies include gardening, building strange structures, and the elimination of moles and gophers.

**Gaye Dichter 1978**

MEMORIES: My time at LCC seems so long ago, so many places and experiences in-between. I remember it as a very tough program, full of many late nights completing extensive care plans, and being so appreciative of my study support group. The coursework gave me a strong foundation that I rely on today. I'll never regret waiting a while

before specializing. An amusing memory that has stayed with me occurred in the lab. Our instructor Suzanne was demonstrating the proper technique for a female douche when in the middle of the process, the whole female attachment fell to the floor. The instructor calmly turned to look at the class and said, "If this happens, call 911." Everyone got a good laugh!

MY CAREER: After graduating with my ADN for LCC in 1978, and spending several months backpacking Europe, I began my work at McKenzie Willamette Hospital in Springfield on the progressive care unit. After socializing nightly with great bunch of OB nurses, and taking a float nurse position that landed me on Post Partum frequently, I got the "birth bug" and two years into my career specialized in obstetrics. Consecutively, I also did a stint as the Executive Secretary of Oregon Nurses Association for Lane County. Those years included two sessions of walking the picket lines during two strikes. In 1985 I earned my BSN from Linfield Good Samaritan, got restless again and became a traveling nurse for the next four years. What a fantastic time that was! A highlight was working with a Navajo nurse midwife that had written articles in a cultural text that was required reading in school. Returning from the Reservation, I settled in Portland, Oregon and worked for Legacy, both in high-risk obstetrics as well as teaming up to help them develop their home care component. During that time, I worked for another home care company doing some sales and marketing, which included flying a physician and his assistant to Sante Fe. Now that was some fun work!

**Ardys Rohrer Hawkins 1978**

MEMORIES: Some of us would go to the bar and shoot pool and air hockey between classes! (Across the street, used to be a biker bar.) Also, Duncan McLean and I were the graduation speakers. I was so proud and singled out by Mr Buskirk (anatomy teacher).

MY CAREER: I have loved every minute! I worked for 25 years as a surgery trauma nurse at Emanuel Hospital in Portland, OR. Now I'm a cardiac nurse. We do a specialized treatment for chronic angina patients.

**Julie Dahl Lindros 1978**

MEMORIES: Making out with Billy in the parking lot. The time Glen Lirman's pt drank the septi-soft. I love the feeling of comradetrie our class had.



**MY CAREER:** From nursing school in 1978 to the Isolation Ward @ Sacred Heart. ICU in NYC. Back to Sacred Heart in 1981. Isolation Ward again. 3M Medical Float, Temporary Care. Long time in Home Health (15) Years), now in Hospice.

### **William Lindros (Billy) 1978**

**MEMORIES:** Sitting down in class next to my future wife Julie. This was the first week of class in 1976. We've been together ever since.

### **Paula Ogan 1978**

**MEMORIES:** Checking out the tunnel at Oregon State Hosp during psych rotation, and riding the elevators keeping an ear out for the jingle of keys to determine who was staff and who was an inpatient!

**MY CAREER:** spent 6 yrs in long term care, then acute care (hospital based), home health and hospice, now on the pre retirement track working 3 days/wk in GI-Colorectal surgery at PHMG

### **Robin Lapierre Starzman 1978**

**MY CAREER:** I specialized in psychiatric and chemical dependency, focusing on utilization review and quality improvement in the private sector and was asked to move to the public sector middle management. I am nearing completion of a bachelor's in public administration "fast-tracking" into the master's public administration in healthcare management and now belong to three scholastic societies.

### **Linda Collins 1979**

**MY CAREER:** Twenty-seven years at Sacred Heart. 1979-1990 Labor and Delivery; 1990-1998 Fetal Diagnostic Center; 1998-current Short Stay Unit.

### **Leslie Newton Noxon 1979**

**MEMORIES:** I remember how much we hated our brown zip tops. Polyester. The day we finished school, we had a bonfire and burned the uniforms. The polyester doesn't burn well...the uniforms turned in to brown lumps. Within days of graduating, I was making more money than I ever had in my life, and I was really proud.

**MY CAREER:** I'm currently a diabetes nurse educator, a CDE. I work individually with patients

diagnosed with diabetes to help them make changes needed to manage their condition successfully.

### **Jolene Siemsen 1979**

**MEMORIES:** I remember the day Suzanne Canale got her hair cut! I remember our terror at being quizzed by Sue Ulrich about patient lab work. I remember being a nursing student and my first brush with prisoners in the jail.

**MY CAREER:** I worked at Eugene Hospital and Clinic (in the old days), in pediatrics, with nurse midwives, at Sacred Heart in Cardiology, Oncology and Home Health, and now as a Nurse Practitioner at the University Health Center.

### **Kathleen Wilkowski (Kathy) 1979**

**MEMORIES:** Completing the program and (barely) still fitting into my uniform.

**MY CAREER:** Sacred Heart - 31 yrs - Peds, Post Surgery , Home Health

### **Carol Anderson 1980**

**MEMORIES:** Clarice Bates' lecture about testing urine for sugar in the diabetes teaching. After she did the test, she drank the urine - which we later learned was juice.

**MY CAREER:** I've worked in Long-term Care; taught CNA's, medical terminology, ward clerking, Med Aide; done some in -home care, worked for Ask-a-Nurse, and in urgent care.

### **Beth Brown 1980**

**MEMORIES:** Who was that teacher who marked you down if your shoelaces weren't washed? Studying the cranial nerves & neurological diseases with AnnMarie Hirsch, Ken Zimmerman, and Vicki Ayers. we had some fun sessions!

**MY CAREER:** I joined the Peace Corps soon after graduation in 1980 and went to Ecuador. After returning I worked in the San Francisco area at Planned Parenthood and doing physicals for cannery workers in the central valley. DI then returned to Eugene, worked in private practice then got my masters in Nursing at University of Portland. I am now a nurse practitioner since 1992.

### **Gregory Fisher (Greg) 1980**

**MY CAREER:** Very simple - Graduated 1980, went to work on PCU @ SHMC. Charge nurse 1985 - present.

**Angela Jordan 1980**

MEMORIES: While attending LCC I was given a grant for tuition and books; this also covered child care. My two year old daughter would attend the Day Care Center while I was in class and this was great fun. I also would bring my 7 year old son with me to Physics class. I loved the closeness of the nursing students and encouragement of the instructors. When a house fire destroyed all of my nursing books, instructors gave me their copies and helped me obtain notes that were lost.

MY CAREER: I began my career in the ICU/CCU at Sacred Heart. Moved to eastern Oregon and worked for 4 years at Wallowa Memorial Hospital in Enterprise. Moved to Albuquerque and worked in Labor and Delivery at St. Joseph West Mesa and with midwives at Lovelace Medical Center. Moved to California and worked L&D at Salinas Memorial Hospital and Natividad Medical Center in Salinas, CA. I've taught RN Refresher classes in L&D at TVI in New Mexico and was an adjunct professor at Hartnell College in Salinas. Took a short break from nursing and am now employed by a home health and hospice agency on the Oregon Coast. I thought I was "burned" out but now am enjoying a different type of nursing care in my own community.

**Kim Bowman Mosely 1980**

MEMORIES: I remember walking across campus with my bag of bones to study for Anatomy and getting very strange looks.

MY CAREER: I have worked mostly in ICU/CCU and as a nursing Supervisor since graduating. Currently I've worked at SHMC for 16 years and am an administrative manager part-time.

**Anne Christofferson 1981**

MY CAREER: After working an entry-level job @ Eugene Care Center to gain experience, I started at Fairview Training Center in Salem, Oregon. I worked several positions at Fairview, finally becoming the Lead Hospital RN. I helped to pioneer Developmental Disabilities as a nursing specialty, taking the first certification test in the specialty. I then helped transition the people of Fairview out into the community and now do training & technical assistance with Developmentally Disabled people of all ages around the state.

**Cathy Emerson 1981**

MEMORIES: Classmates, Clinicals, SFE's, the great instructors.

MY CAREER: 4 yrs GN training/medical nursing at Albany Gen. Then back to SHMC in IV therapy, PCU and for the last 19 yrs dialysis where I still am per diem. I also work at Oregon Eye Surgery Center.

**Charlesetta Nichols 1981**

MEMORIES: Meeting my very best friend then and now in A & P class. being known as the Twin Turkeys and wading in the pond on our last day. Getting an "A" on a core plan from Susan Canale!

MY CAREER: I have been at SHMC for the entire time. I started NOCS on Neuro, then to the float pool, ICU, back to the float pool. I float to or have floated to almost every unit. I have been on PNCC, Safe pt handling, unit base council committees.

**LuAnne Roche 1981**

MEMORIES: The last day of school my friend and I went wading in the fountain. I will always remember that day!

MY CAREER: After I graduated I went to all the hospitals in our area. I said whoever calls me first, that is where I will work. It was SH. I worked there 27 years, 25 of those were on 3 Main. Before that it was Peds. I retired for 1 year and 3 months. Now back to work half time in the NEW "Senior Nurse Mentor" program.

**Deborah Burt Samuels 1981**

MEMORIES: 1. My best friends, Cindy Wech, Marianne, and Carrie. 2. One day a bunch of us from our nursing class were sitting in the cafeteria, during the lunch hour, discussing one of our latest "code browns". We were very absorbed in our conversation. Eventually, we looked around & all the other students had disappeared!

MY CAREER: Sacred Heart Hospital, 1981-1987; Providence Medical Ctr, Portland, 197-1992; Multnomah County Health Dept 1992-1993; Home Health Nurse, Community Home Health/Hospice, Vancouver, WA (& Longview, Wa - main office) 1993-1997; Mental Health Therapist & Psych Nurse 1997-2000 @ Columbia River Mental Health, Vancouver, WA; Psych nurse SW Washington Med Ctr, 2000-

2003; Now, private counseling practice since 1997, full-time since 2003!

### **Susan Tofte 1981**

MEMORIES: I have numerous memories of going through both LPN and ADN programs at LCC. I often think of the wonderful and supportive faculty who helped launch my career in nursing. I distinctly remember a faculty member named Sharon who was there when I was going through the LPN program--she taught us basic hand washing and emphasized how not to "belly up to the sink"--she had a reputation of being rough & we were all afraid of her, but she was a great teacher & we learned a lot from her.

MY CAREER: I left Eugene in 1981, moving to Portland to work at OHSU. I have one grown son who is getting married this summer but my ties to Eugene are still very strong--my Mother still lives there as do several members of my family.

### **Carolyn Crow 1983**

MEMORIES: One of my treasured times was the clinicals in which we were required to understand the lab values of each of our patients. Even though this was difficult, I have found that it has been one of the biggest assets in my career. An instructor named Sue was particularly instrumental in this focus. I found the instructors to be supportive, at times perfectionists, and I have carried that mentality believing that a patient deserves our very best. Thanks for that input in my life.

MY CAREER: I am married to my husband of almost 45 years, and we have 3 sons who were fairly well grown by the time I graduated from nursing school ( the year of my graduation also I held the high school graduation of the middle one, junior high for the middle one and the oldest was married just two weeks after graduation.) What a year that was! We now have 6 grandchildren ranging from 16-11 and one of the things that we have really enjoyed with them is that we have taken each of them individually on a one-week trip around Oregon (their choice of activities); the last one goes this summer. Of course, they are all bright and adorable!! :-)

### **Karen Letcher 1983**

MEMORIES: The first time I came to the hospital as a student, and about to give my first bed bath. I dropped the metal bath basin on the hard linoleum floor. What a crash! My frail little female patient sat straight up clutching her chest, quite startled. I thought I had caused a heart attack, and that my career would end right there. We both calmed down and I did get through the bath with profuse apologies to my patient.

MY CAREER: I have been working as a nurse since graduation, and continue to enjoy what I do. When I graduated RN positions were scarce. I started out in a nursing home on the night shift as a charge nurse, it was trial by fire! Next I worked in a free standing surgery unit for eye surgery. In 1986 I was able to come to the hospital as a staff nurse. I have been in or around the PCU for the 20 years I have been at Sacred Heart, except for 5 years as a Home Health nurse. Home Health was a great experience and expanded my knowledge and independence. I currently work for the OHVI as a nurse educator. I teach patients and family about heart disease and cover pre and post op teaching for the heart surgery patients. Nursing has been a satisfying and exciting career and I expect to continue until ready to retire.

### **Nancy Probst 1983**

MY CAREER: I am currently and have been a float pool nurse @ SHMC for 20 years.

### **Tom Stribula (Iggy) 1983**

MEMORIES: At the first day of Nursing school ceremonies, the guest speaker was a LCC grad working as a prison Nurse. She had a "long" shift with some difficult inmates and told the class of new students that "if it was up to her, she'd gas all of them". Actually the entire 2 years was an incredible experience for me. As a male nursing student I felt I was treated extremely well.

MY CAREER: I'm 55. Happy and healthy, 2 children Shauna 26 and going to Grad school in N.Y.C for Economics and Brendan 21 struggling through his final year of college in New Hampshire. I still miss Eugene and Oregon but have grown to "like" Ct. Divorced but happily in Love and living with Dodie who will be starting soon at a V.A. clinic R.N. Nursing has taught me that these are the "Golden Years".

**Jessica Alvarado 1984**

MEMORIES: Well I can't say that preparing for clinical or writing nursing care plans is my favorite. However, I can say that every time I passed a skills check or an exam - I was able to breathe a sigh of relief. The best part of my experience in the nursing program was learning with my classmates and the great instructors.

MY CAREER: I started and ended the Nursing program pregnant. I worked at Sacred Heart Hospital almost 25 years. I worked in neurology, major surgical and critical care. As a nurse I supported myself and two children through the completion of a Bachelors degree in Counseling. I transitioned to the Lane Counseling and Advising department and now I am currently the Faculty Counselor for Family and Health Careers.

**Molly Murphy Bryant 1984**

MEMORIES: Having Glenna Clemens as my teacher, she was a great role model. Pam Louviere, Amy Savage and I would study at Nasty Nora's Café before tests.

MY CAREER: I have been an NICU nurse for the past 20 years. I enjoy empowering parents to care for their once sick infants and watching them leave the NICU with the confidence to care for their baby at home as well as neonatal nursing I am also an IBCLC (lactation consultant) assisting mothers with the joys of breastfeeding their infant.

**Heather Duncan 1984**

MEMORIES: During one of our first lectures, our nursing instructor told about caring for a patient whose bladder burst during a car accident. She told us all to make sure to get to the bathroom before going for a drive & I always do.

MY CAREER: I worked at Cottage Grove Hospital for one year. For several years I worked as a pediatric Home Health nurse while my girls were in school. I worked for Lane County Public Health as a Maternal/Child Health nurse for 10 years. I love the babies. For 2 years I have worked as a school nurse.

**Joan Kapowich 1984**

MEMORIES: I have no one favorite memory. I recall listening to the lectures by nurses from

various ares and wondering what my career would be like. I am still in touch with my closest friend from nursing school and hope she can attend the reunion. I am trying to reach her.

MY CAREER: Still on my first marriage and my two kids are now 22 and 18. Flynne, my daughter, just graduated from U of O and is applying to medical school. Ross, my son, is in his first year at the U of O.

**Regina Abshere Wright (Genie) 1984**

MEMORIES: I remember watching Nina Frank as she attempted her first injection and her hands were shaking so bad she almost dropped the needle!

MY CAREER: I worked for Quality Care Nursing Services as a CNA/HHA for 3 years, then after graduation I worked as an RN for another year. I started at Sacred Heart Oct 1985 on 3M-Medical/Peds, and when it turned into full time I had to quit working for Quality Care. I was on 3M for 3 yrs, then 4M-Ortho for 5 years as a Staff Nurse/Relief Charge Nurse, then the Float Pool for 9 years. While in the Float Pool I floated to 2S-Mother/Baby, 3M-Medical/Peds, 4M-Ortho, 5M-Surgical, 6MN-Oncology, 6MS-Neurology, 1S-Psychiatry, 5S-Rehab, Temporary Care, NICU, and when needed I worked as a House Float, Runner, Orderly, Admit Nurse, IV Therapist, CNA, Protective Care Staff, & Helper Nurse. In March 2003 I transferred to Ask-A-Nurse (when I developed chronic dizziness and could no longer do floor nursing). When Ask-A-Nurse closed in June 2005, I went into Patient Management where I currently work as a Compliant Documentation Specialist.

**Janean Flocchini Fossum 1985**

MEMORIES: With Jan Kinman's clinical class a patient had an order to \*\*\*\*\* stools. My pt removed san-pan, had a BM in the toilet but had not flushed. I had to get it to test. I asked Jan to "demonstrate for me" and she laughed and handed me two gloves.

MY CAREER: I worked at MWH from graduation in 85 through 98 in many role; Nursring supervisor, Assistant Nurse Manager, Chair of Safety Committee, LCC Preceptor, CPR instructor, amoung many other achievements. After recovering from a life threatening injury I obtained my BSN, forensic nurse examiner training and am obtaining my certificate in developmental disabilities.

**Cloanne Langfelt 1985**

MEMORIES: I remember Carmel DeCroos. She was wonderful during my two rotations on ortho!

MY CAREER: Worked in small community hospital until 1994- OR, ER, short stay, OB, etc. night charge nurse for several years. Spent 8 months doing industrial nursing: on-site nurse during construction. In-home pediatric care for various agencies since 1997.

**Andra Smith 1985**

MEMORIES: Graduation!

MY CAREER: I've worked in OB/GYN for the last 18 years here in Springfield.

**Pamela Alexandria 1986**

MY CAREER: My partner and I have been together for over 23 years. Together we have raised two children and are the very happy grandparents of two grandchildren. Owen 8 and Aubree - 6. Last year we made a trip of a lifetime to Ireland and Scotland with my father and family.

**Belinda Milo Broussard 1986**

MY CAREER: Worked as med/surg nurse at McKenzie Willamette for 8 years then as office nurse in urology for 9 years. Now working as Certified Wound Specialist at Sacred Heart Wound Clinic. Currently working on BSN online.

**Sarah Ivey 1986**

MEMORIES: When our Clinical group held a 25th anniversary party for Sarah Lee Lewis and the rice bag bakini we made for her

MY CAREER: I went on and got my BSN at OSHU in 1994. I hold certifications in Gerontology and Critical Care. I serve on the Oregon Nurses Associations Cabinet on Human rights, Ethics, Nursing practice and Research. I held a previous position on the Cabinet of Education. I am an ONA Unit Rep for the night shift Float Pool.

**Christopher Norton (Chris) 1986**

MEMORIES: Hanging out with my friends, Renee, Pat & Lee in the nursing lab & working on our nursing procedure technique & then having our group picture used on the program brochure.

MY CAREER: Chronic Pediatric & Geriatric patients in a Skilled Nursing Home x 6 mo., Cancer Floor x 6 mo., Dialysis x 2 yr., Home Health x 9 yr., Detox x 3 yr. & Ambulatory Care Clinic x 5 yr.

**Theresa Peplinski 1986**

MEMORIES: I enjoyed the comraderie we all shared going through the program. So many people, so many different backgrounds, many different beliefs, and we all melded together as a sort of family to complete our shared goal.....to graduate and begin our nursing careers!

MY CAREER: I have worked on a full time basis in ICU since graduating. It's been an interesting and rewarding career!

**Jodie Wize 1986**

MY CAREER: For the last 7 years I have been working as a nurse paralegal, providing records review & evaluation of nursing standards of care.

**James Hardcastle 1987**

MEMORIES: Seeing everyone at General Session every Monday. - I loved that! Making fun of Julia Munkvold's ... "according to modular criteria."

MY CAREER: After 27 1/2 yrs @ Sacred Heart in the Orthopedic Unit, I went for a change of scenery @ a different Hospital. I work in the ortho unit @ Meridian Park and plan to retire in two years!

**Barbara Majesky 1987**

MY CAREER: Have worked on the medical floor since the day I graduated from LCC and have been on nights the whole 19 years. I am a charge nurse. I worked with pediatric patients for the first several years as the pediatric and medical patients were on the same unit at that time. I am planning to retire the end of February 2007.

**Shelley Grant Williams 1987**

MEMORIES: Our Senior play at graduation, and graduation.

MY CAREER: I am a Clinical Systems Analyst. I support the clinical software used by Peacehealth's Emergency Departments.

**Anne Coleman 1988**

MEMORIES: I remember having to fill out my journal each week and had to turn it in to my instructor..

Clarice Bates. One week I told her about my patient being a "Real Turkey"! If she still has the story, she is welcome to share it.

MY CAREER: I graduated and began working on the oncology unit. I am still there. I am now the charge nurse... so I have progressed a little... but still here. Ironically, this was my least favorite part of nursing school... well, there were those lab values and fluid balances, etc. etc. etc.

### **Marla Hansen 1988**

MEMORIES: Graduation day:-) I am not fond of school.

MY CAREER: Started working Day shift in Labor and Delivery 2 months after graduation. Which was my goal all through school. I love my job.

### **Kathleen Myhre (Kathy) 1988**

MEMORIES: I worked on Neuro with Suzanne Canale and she helped convince me to return to school & further my education. My hardest instructor was Sue Ulrich - and I learned more about labs & scientific rationale from her - and to this day I still use what I learned. Ruth Coffman was my hero! Sue Ulrich pulling me out of a pt. room on PCU to grill me about lab values and what the meaning of an elevated RDW was and I knew the answer! Realizing near the end of spring term, that the light at the end of the tunnel was not a train coming straight at me.

MY CAREER: I became an LPN in 1970. I was an LPN for 18 years and then went back to LCC for the 2nd re-entry program of returning LPN's. I have been the Charge Nurse on day shift in Urgent Care at PeaceHealth for almost 20 years.

### **Della Paddock (Lee) 1988**

MY CAREER: Staff nurse in the float pool. Health and fitness teacher/speaker.

### **Nancy Payne 1988**

MEMORIES: It was so long ago, I am not sure I can remember that far back. Thinking I did not look good in White! Now I wear purple and look like "Barney". I should have stuck with the white, HA HA HA.

MY CAREER: Started out at McKenzie Willamette/ Medical Floor. Moved to SHMC/3

Main, postpartum/newborn nursery, then to Main OR. I have been working in the SSU and Main Operating Room since 1990.

### **Michele Eltz Peniakoff 1988**

MEMORIES: graduating as an LPN and getting pinned by my classmate.

MY CAREER: I worked for 17 years on TCU-temporary unit until it was dismantled, then OHVI 2 and now since september 2006 on SSU

### **Peggy Miller Schultz 1988**

MEMORIES: Taking A&P with Barb Majesky and she dropped the patella bone in my coffee. At least that is how I remember the story.

MY CAREER: Shortly after starting my nursing career, I was hired on in the ED at Sacred Heart. Eventually, I went to the float pool and then to Home Infusion where I stayed for 10 years. During the last couple years in Home Infusion, I went back and obtained my BSN through OHSU. I then worked Infection Control for 4 years and I now manage Urgent Care for Peace Health.

### **Troyleen Brown 1989**

MEMORIES: When I came close to failing my dosage comp. test and didn't.... Yeah! Thank you Julia Munkvold for always believing in me!! (I love you). And being the first clinical class of Sue Mandrapa's. Everyday was so fun...!

MY CAREER: I still love my career in nursing. I worked two yrs. on orthopedics, three yrs in the float pool, and seven yrs in ICU. Three months ago I transferred to the emergency dept. I have loved the variety of work nursing has allowed. I never get bored and continue to learn and be challenged.

### **Jackie Chandler 1989**

MEMORIES: GRADUATION!

MY CAREER: Began as LPN at Rogue Valley in Medford. Moved to Eugene area in 1981. Went to LCC & became an RN & worked at Sacred Heart for 12 years. Worked in outpatient dialysis for 2 years. Went back to NWCC & received BA in Management. Now work as Intensive Care Therapy Specialist.

### **Judith Gates Dickover (Judy) 1989**

MEMORIES: There was so many things that impacted me while I was at LCC. One of my favorite memories is

Kay and her smiles and greetings whenever I was in the office.

MY CAREER: I am married to a great guy Dave. We are raising his three children. I have 5 grown children and my 15th grandchild will arrived in August!

### **Donn Greenly 1989**

MEMORIES: Was I supposed to have one?

MY CAREER: After graduation, I worked on 6 main south(neuro) as a staff nurse for 3 years. Then transfered down to 5 main south (med-surg). I was there for 13 years as a staff nurse and a couple of stints as charge. After that I went into the float pool for a year and a half. I must be a glutton for punishment, because I'm back on 5 main. And if that isn't bad enough, I've been on the night shift for my whole career. I haven't decided yet if I like nights or not.

### **Verna Howe 1989**

MEMORIES: I got the education I needed for a career I loved and made many nice supportive friends alone the way.

MY CAREER: I worked as a case manager in long term care, general population, dementia/alzheimer unit and sub-acute care at Riverpark for 8 years. I then went to work for Eugene Good Samaritan in the same capacity for several years. I then started and became the director for Good Sams Home Health Department. I retired in Aug. of 2004 and enjoy travel and my family.

### **Stephen Knight (Steve) 1989**

MY CAREER: After almost 10 years in the Progressive Cardiac and Cardiac Surgery Units at Sacred Heart, I took two years off. For the last 4 years I have been an RN Consultant and Administrator/Executive Director of Farmington Square in Eugene- a residential care facility specializing in Alzheimer's and dementia.

### **Julia Weigandt (Julie) 1989**

MEMORIES: Sue Ulrich asking us questions at clinical till we finally didn't know the answer!!

MY CAREER: I'm a charge nurse in the Short Stay Operating Room, specializing in orthopedics and pain management.

### **Leah Baker Baker-Fones 1990**

MEMORIES: Those hideous blue zip-up smocks we had to wear! Clarice Bates and her great down-to-earth sense of humor! Catching my latex glove finger in a wind-up paper towel dispenser during our first week of clinicals at a nursing home! Getting together with several ladies to swap a list of favorite "X"-rated movies over Italian food at Ambrosia.

MY CAREER: My husband of 26 years, Peter, and I have 4 grown children. Two of which live in Eugene. The joy of our lives is Madelyn Grace, our almost 2 yr old grand daughter. Her dad is our 2nd son & teaches French / Spanish at Marist HS. Our youngest son, Isaac, graduated from West Point last year and is currently in Alabama training to fly helicopters. Our only daughter, Aliza, is entering grad school in the fall and currently works with ESL students at JC High School. Not one of our kids is interested in medicine! All are well and we feel most blessed.

### **Marjorie Batson 1990**

MEMORIES: My memories of Nursing school at Lane are all good. It was hard work but very worthwhile and rewarding. I made some good friends that are still my friends today. I was afraid I would flunk my first term just because I did not know my way around a hospital. It was quite challenging to me to learn to raise and lower siderails on the beds. A bunch of us used to go out to eat lunch at a nice restaurant or have a potluck at someone's house after the final exam each term. It was a lot of fun.

MY CAREER: I have worked 16 years at Sacred Heart, the first 11 years as an Oncology Nurse. Next I worked in the Float Pool and as the hospital Relief Hospice Nurse. In 1997 graduated from OHSU with a BSN. Now, I am one of the House Floats and SHMC and really enjoy this kind of nursing. I help the nurses and the patients.

### **Nancy Besaw 1991**

MEMORIES: My favorite memories have to be the life long friendships formed during my 2 years in the program. Another memory, watching people arguing for points after we had taken a test so they could get a better grade. Do they do that anymore?

MY CAREER: I began my nursing career on the MBU at SHMC working only per diem. Having very young children at the time, I continued to work per diem until

about 3 years ago when I took the charge nurse position on mother/baby. I have always worked night shift

### **Lee Cooley 1991**

MEMORIES: When I realized I was going to graduate.

MY CAREER: Graduated 92 - worked in Nsg i Skagit Count, WA . have worked in Med/ Surg, Oncology, Hospice. Currently Telepage (after hours) RN in Hospice.

### **Lori Davis 1991**

MY CAREER: From graduation until October of 2006, I worked at Coast Fork Nursing Center. In October I accepted the position of Clinical Director at the Compassion Center, the organization that is responsible for directing the Oregon Medical Marijuana Act in the Lane County area.

### **Marilyn Dillon 1991**

MEMORIES: I have always lived on a farm and did most of our vet work so had given lots of injections - Boy - was it different when it was a human bottom that I had to inject.

MY CAREER: I worked at McKenzie Manor Nursing Home for a year before going to work for Sacred Heart on the neuro floor eve. sheet- I feel like my time at McKenzie Manor was almost like an internship - I learned so much and gained confidence in making decisions - did many things that we didn't get to do in nursing school - personal dialysis - very complicated dressing changes - care of pare-palygics - . Working in a nursing home has lots of humor in life. One evening, another nurse & I looked up and here came this little lady running toward us - wearing her birthday suit - She was humming and smiling as she ran past us - One of us ran after her and the other one grabbed a gown - She was fine to be gowned and put back to bed - She had had her adventure for the evening. When I went to work on the neuro floor, there was a lot of heartaches - I held many family members in my arms and cried with them and prayed with and for them - There's no words to say to comfort a young wife and mother who has just gotten the news that her beloved husband, father of her children, had no longer than a year and a half to live - Every time I go to Newport I think of this family - I don't

remember their name, but they remain in my heart forever - There are quite a few patients who remain in my heart - Oh, what a joy when one of the patients comes back after being in rehab and home for awhile and smiles a big smile and just wants to thank you and show you that your work, worry and prayers paid off. In 2001, I took a year medical leave because of chronic headaches - I resigned in 2002 as I still had not found relief for the headaches - Even tho my nursing career was cut short, I loved it and I love to say "I am a retired RN." I fulfilled a lifetime dream and graduated at age 48 - I am proud to be a LCC nursing graduate - Class of 1992 -

### **Catherine Tracer (Cathy) 1991**

MEMORIES: I'll have to think awhile on this one...menopause reeks havoc c memory !

MY CAREER: I started at N.I.C.U. upon graduating-nights for a yr...then R.C.M. at a nursing home,worked at Urgent Care then to clinic nursing..11 yrs.c Dr. Boespflug

### **Nancy Bravo 1993**

MEMORIES: My sister and I started nursing school the same year at LCC. Many of the instructors and staff had a hard time telling us apart - we had some fun with that!

### **Linda Brown 1993**

MEMORIES: The skills check-offs were always memorable!

MY CAREER: Graduated with BSN in 1997 and MSN in 2001. Currently working as Neurology Nurse Manager/CNS at Sacred Heart.

### **Frances Hetz Norris 1993**

MEMORIES: I don't really have one. My memories are of hard work, long hours of study and disagreement with one of the instructors. Tarlie was an angel and I remember my first cath was on a male aids pt.

MY CAREER: I have worked in most of the NHin Eugene/Springfield area. Worked n ALP & RCF, managed an alzheimer unit. I have been @ my present position as charge nurse of 1/2 of the skilled unit. I am also taking a real estate class.



**Lauryn Anderson Kalina 1993**

MEMORIES: My favorite memory is the bonding relationships that were built during school. We shared the same fears, laughter, and tears!

MY CAREER: After graduating from nursing school I worked 2 years on 3 Main, the general medical floor at Sacred Heart. The experience I received was invaluable! I went back to college to earn my BS in Managerial Leadership at Northwest Christian College. I then worked on the Oncology unit and became the night charge nurse for seven years. Four years ago I transferred to a position in Learning & Development as a Clinical Educator. I also received my certification in Medical/Surgical nursing from the ANCC. I am an active member of the Oregon Nurse's Association, and have held a board position for the past 10 years. I have been a member of the local chapter of the Oncology Nursing Society and have served as their treasurer for the past 4 years. I also belong to the Oregon Council of Healthcare Educators. I have been an employee of Sacred Heart for 15 years.

**John Lundholm 1993**

MEMORIES: Rapping (I am not a rap fan) to learn the cardiac drugs, and then at the graduation ceremony. If anyone has a video of the 1991 graduation I would love a copy.

MY CAREER: Beautiful, supportive wife, going on 26 years. My sons are teens--aarrgh!

**Ann Richards 1993**

MEMORIES: The first time one of my best friends during school used a bedpan - she put it under the patient (student) backwards. The hysterical laughter was a true ice breaker for our group during our first class that first year of school.

MY CAREER: MPMC - evening shift Surgical Care Unit staff RN - 7 years Cascade Home Health & Hospice (Hospice RN) - 3 1/2 years Willamette Valley Cancer Center - Chemotherapy nurse and triage nurse - 3 years.

**Michael Dennis 1994**

MEMORIES: While one of the instructors was holding a child, a prefilled syringe of abx with orange flavor and sugar was supposed to be administered orally. The syringe due to the sugar

was stuck and with a little effort I pushed the plunger in administering the medication to the face of the instructor. Whereupon I began to find a cloth to wipe her face which took some of her make up off. Watching the fear in every one's eyes dealing with the instructors. the real scary part is when they smiled at you.

MY CAREER: started as a nurse on PCU. eventually became charge nurse, left for further education in the operating room. worked in the OR for 2 years then returned to the float pool where I still am. published articles in the American Journal of nursing, international firefighter training manual. received BSN currently working on nurse practitioner. received nursing awards for work in the PNCC, Nurseweek magazine, governors award, firefighter of the year, am a health and safety officer for a local fire department. otherwise not much

**Alice Kanters 1994**

MEMORIES: I remember a lot of late nights and hard work studying but I also remember lots of fun times and good people and friends.

MY CAREER: I worked at Serenity Lane as a Detox nurse after graduation. In 1996 we moved back to the midwest to Madison WI. I worked at the county detox for about a year then took a job at Meriter Hospital working again in detox at Newstart. I still do detox nursing on a per diem basis but for the last 5 years have worked on a physical rehab floor at Meriter with the occasional floats to the neuro or the psych floor.

**Sylvia Pishioneri 1994**

MEMORIES: Doing my video of our first bedbath and running it fast forward.

MY CAREER: I am currently a staff nurse in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit. Recently earned my CRN in Pediatrics. Instructor in ACLS and PALS.

**Cecilia Bennett 1995**

MEMORIES: I believe my favorite memory of Lane Community was the great support I got when I was attending my first year and the support I got from everyone when I lost my husband to cancer.

MY CAREER: I have been in several specialties. Have done L&D Postpartum, Med surg, and ER, PACU, and now ICU. In the last few years I have traveled to Guatemala and been involved in the most rewarding job of my career is the medical missionary work. I love that and intend to keep doing it.

**Valerie Bill 1995**

MEMORIES: I remember the encouragement given to me by Joyce Godel to go back to school. I loved Sue Ulrich's dry sense of humor and wit. Getting to know other students and forming bonds that still exist after eighteen years.

MY CAREER: I worked as an Lpn for 6 years. Finished my education at Lcc. I have worked at SHMC for 17 years. I will celebrate my 18th year in August. WoW. Where did the time go? I started on 5 main post surgical, spent one year in the float pool and returned to 5m. I enjoy the fast pace and variety of surgeries seen on 5 main. I am proud of the team work and closeness of the nurses I work with on the dayshift.

**Linda Elder 1995**

MY CAREER: After almost 10 years in the Progressive Cardiac and Cardiac Surgery Units at Sacred Heart, I took two years off. For the last 4 years I have been an RN Consultant and Administrator/Executive Director of Farmington Square in Eugene- a residential care facility specializing in Alzheimer's and dementia.

**Flo Parrish 1995**

MEMORIES: Remember Clarice and Suzanne. I loved the patient contact.

MY CAREER: Retired in Jan 07 to care for aging mother, who died recently. Prior to that worked as office nurse in MD offices. New grandma to 5 month old granddaughter.

**Carole Thames 1995**

MEMORIES: Bed Baths with Gabi Ford, couldn't have laughed harder.

MY CAREER: 7 years on PCU/CSU 4 years working in Utilization Review, now a data coordinator for CHI for the AMI, Cardiothoracic Surgery/AICD Projects.

**Doris Wimber 1995**

MY CAREER: 1 year Atkinson Morley Neurlogical Hospital, London, England ( 1980-1981). Weight Loss Clinic - counseling (1984-1988). Good Samaritan Nursing Center, Eugene (1989-1995).

**Deborah Borella 1996**

MEMORIES: My favorite memories mostly revolve around working with my peers in the lab, learning new things and helping others learn them as well. I have a few memories of clinicals that stand out. I'd NEVER done any sort of patient care before and the first time I walked into a patient's room was huge for me. He was an old man sitting on the edge of his bed, with his back to the open door, his head hanging down. I was SO nervous... I stopped, took a deep breath, smiled, and said Hello. He turned, and he smiled back. It was amazing, and still gives me goosebumps. Also... learning IV lines in the lab... and students all discussing how we should just put a latte in that IV bag and give ourselves caffeine infusions! Some instructors really stand out... Maureen Rice helped to foster my love of OB, and to help me understand the science behind it, and know that the science and the art can and should become one. And MaryLou Lynch taught me that a kind word and loving attitude is at least as healing to patients and empowering to students as any drug or book can be.

MY CAREER: The first year out of school I spent working for a home nursing company as primary RN for a 3 year old on a vent and an adult quad on a vent, plus various short-term assignments. Then I spent 3 months at a nursing home. Then I went to SHMC on the Mother/Baby unit. OB has always been my passion. I was staff RN there for a while, took a charge nurse position for Mom/Baby, and later then went to Labor and Delivery where I also scrubbed in the LDR OR. After too long on night shift (6 years) I took a day position back on Mom/Baby. I continued to float to LDR and scrub until an injury prevented any more floating due to work restrictions. I continue to care for high risk antepartum patients as well as mom's and babies. I've learned a great deal, continue to do so, and love sharing that knowledge with others. I'm surprised at just out how complicated some patients can be, and although Med/Surg has never been an interest of mine, Mom/Baby continues to become more like Med/Surg. I've been glad for that and I've learned much more than I ever imagined. I've received my certification in Maternal/Newborn Nursing, keep up with 15-30 hrs continuing education every year, been recognized as one of the top 10 preceptors at SHMC, participated in multiple superuser capacities with various nursing-related software programs, and am a member of the Mother/Baby Operations Council.

**Katharine Dillon 1996**

MEMORIES: Watching the OJ Simpson verdict in the computer lab, practicing procedures on classmates, and karaoke night after graduation.

MY CAREER: After graduation, I worked at Oregon Medical Group running the Afterhours Clinic. After working various positions at OMG for 4 years, I returned to my first love of Emergency Medicine, and went to McKenzie-Willamette ED. I stayed there for 3 years, until I moved to a large ranch on the North Umpqua River, where I take care of the two elderly owners.

**Janie Fischetti 1996**

MEMORIES: It was all amazing. I met the most amazing people during my two years in the nursing program.

MY CAREER: I am a single parent of 3 fabulous sons: Joseph 26, Timm 20 and Anthony 20 (yes they're twins) I live in Springfield with my 4 crazy cats.

**Randy Peterson 1996**

MEMORIES: I don't recall one specific moment. I'd say that period of my life was one of the most difficult yet one of the most rewarding. Nursing and attending land has changed my life and given me opportunities that otherwise I would not have had.

MY CAREER: I assess, treat, and care for inmates at Lane County Jail. The reason I enjoy this job is the variety; we care for medical issues as well as deal with mental Health issues, we respond to various emergencies.

**Tracy Roberts 1996**

MY CAREER: Nurse in ICU

**Rosemary Sickles 1996**

MEMORIES: It was a great experience. The instructors were wonderful and had a great sense of humor. I will always remember Sue Mandrapa's quote, "Just keep 'em beating and breathing."

MY CAREER: After graduation I worked 4 years as an orthopedic nurse at Sacred Heart Hospital in Eugene. My husband was downsized out of a job in 2004, so we moved back to the St. Helens area and since then I have been working at Legacy Emanuel Hospital in the Trauma Recovery and Acute Care

Unit. Emanuel is one of the two Level I trauma hospitals in Oregon, so it has been very interesting and challenging.

**Sheila Singels 1996**

MEMORIES: I really enjoyed working in the Nursing office with all the nursing instructors. I think they always had the hardest job of all, teaching us enough to make sure we didn't hurt anyone! I don't know how they can do it every day, but they really should be congratulated for being so devoted to nursing.

MY CAREER: After graduating I worked in Corvallis, Oregon at Good Samaritan Hospital as a float RN for 4 1/2 years. My husband then said he wanted to move to Texas and we ended up on the Northwest side of Houston, Texas. I have been working as an Emergency RN for 6 years now and I love ER nursing. The best part of my career has been job security. I can get a job literally anywhere!!!

**Kellie Spangler 1996**

MEMORIES: I always remembered listening for Joyce Young's shoes coming down the halls of SH and rushing to make sure my bed corner's were perfectly mitered and that everything was in it's place!! My entire experience at LCC was wonderful.

MY CAREER: The last 8 years I've been working as an operating room nurse at SHMC and MW prospectively. I primarily work in neurosurgery and general surgery, but also work in other subspecialties when needed. I started at on 3Main as a medical/pediatric nurse, but loved the thought of surgery.

**Kristi Saa Till 1996**

MEMORIES: There are so many I will have to share when I get there!

MY CAREER: I have now been an RN for 10 years. My nursing career has taken me to a gull circle combining my spiritual beliefs with my practice - such as the healing modality of therapeutic touch.

**Pamela Kuhnhen Wallis 1996**

MEMORIES: celebrating with my classmates after finals!! but most of all . . . graduating!!!

MY CAREER: i worked 1 year in asthma/allergy after graduating. i took a job at shmc working on pcu/csu for 9 years. recently i transferred to ohvi-my job description is cardiology nurse coordinator. i really love

this job. i teach cardiology to pt's and assist dr's with tee's.

### **Lisa Chambless 1997**

MEMORIES: Some of my favorite memories were studying with friends that I had made in school. My favorite teacher was Clarice Bates who was a tough teacher, but always fair and knowledgeable. She made learning fun for me and many of my peers. Thanks Clarice.

MY CAREER: After graduation, I immediately changed positions to RN where I was working at Lane County Psychiatric Hospital. I remained there for 2 years and eventually transferred to the Mother/Baby Unit at Sacred Heart. I worked there for 3 years before moving to Myrtle Beach, S.C. where I was employed at a local hospital on the Mother/Baby Unit. I eventually switched jobs to become an office nurse, but really did not enjoy that. I then went to another hospital to work again as a Psychiatric Nurse, where I am currently.

### **Janice Erickson 1997**

MY CAREER: Am an on call RN in the Labor & Delivery area of our hospital, also do follow-up home visits at new mom and baby's house after d/c. Classes in pst-partum for other RNs. We were more like a family at times, the kindness and caring of the instructors when I lost my mom to cancer. Had a really tough year as did some of the other students and the teachers found creative ways to keep me in the program.

### **Anna Richards 1997**

MEMORIES: It would have to be Jan Larson and her co morbidities charts. Also Clarice Bates during lecture and her hillarious stories.

MY CAREER: I am the charge nurse on the evening shift on 5 main.

### **Brian Baskett 1998**

MEMORIES: During the first term of skills check-offs, I was so nervous that when I drew "vaginal suppository" as my skill, I actually put the medicine in the dummy. Katie Swett was my instructor and had the most non-plussed look I've ever seen as she said, "Well, you...passed. But you didn't actually have to do that."

MY CAREER: I spent a year in Sacred Heart's float pool before moving to the Emergency Department for the next year or so. In September of 2002, we moved to Rochester, Minnesota for my wife to go to Sonography school. I took a job at Saint Marys Hospital's Emergency Department and have been there ever since. In the meantime, I've gone back to school and completed a BSN and have started a MSN program. I've branched out beyond my staff nursing role into teaching the Emergency Nursing Pediatric Course as well as Advanced Cardiac Life Support. I'm particularly interested in simulation technology and its use in educating health care professionals. One of my goals while here in Rochester has been to get a program started using our Patient Simulation Center for regular Trauma Team practice (we already do this for our Code and Rapid Response Teams, both of which I participate reguarly in). Eventually, I'd like a more defined and secure role in clinical education (like a NES) for an Emergency Department. Permaybehaps I'll look at teaching in a nursing program as well...

### **Karen Cartwright 1998**

MEMORIES: Enjoyed all the support from the instructors. Worked full time and went to school....trying to stay alive.

MY CAREER: First worked in med-surg immediately after graduation. Then changed to ICU/ER. Work in ICU ER since 1999...balancing motherhood of 2 high school kids with career.

### **Anne Duret 1998**

MEMORIES: When it was over! No offence to any of the instructors, but it was a rigorous training with a LOT crammed into two years; and I was a single mom of a preschooler at the time.

MY CAREER: I am an RN Case Manager for the OB group at PeaceHealth. I work with high-risk pregnant women. I also do lactation counseling.

### **Donna Futrell Futrell-Barker 1998**

MEMORIES: I really feel that the education/nursing program at Lane in 1975-76 really was excellent. It was amazing at how well it prepared me to enter the nursing game.

MY CAREER: Worked in acute hospitals for the first 10 years, then went to more long term faciities - due to political changes. Worked for 3-4 years thru agencies donin in home care. Found I was burnt out - went into

drafting for 2 years. Found my niche in Hospice nursing in 1991 and have stayed in that area ever since. 199 passed RN boards.

### **Heather Heidgerken 1998**

MY CAREER: After graduation I worked on the medical floor at Sacred Heart Hospital. My family and I moved to the Portland area about 6 months after I began work at Sacred Heart because my husband found a great job here. I started working for Legacy Meridian Park in 2001. I started out there floating between the 4 units (medical, surgical, oncology, orthopedics) It was very good experience. Last year however, I began work in the short stay unit and it is great! No weekends, no holidays and you get to meet lots of wonderful people through out the day!

### **Holly Engelmann Kaufmann 1998**

MEMORIES: Our graduation was one of my best memories. Also the study sessions with some of the other nursing students. I also have fond memories of the different instructors and how scary one or two could be!

MY CAREER: I remarried and I have 3 girls ages 21, 19, & 18. My oldest is a sargent in the marine corp, my 19yo is working where I am as a caregiver and my youngest is working and planning to go to LCC. My husband has worked for Sherman Bros. Trucking for the past 17 years and is a dispatcher.

### **Alice Lewis Sandusky 1998**

MEMORIES: Clinical was always great fun, and really getting to know your group, I always think back and laugh at some of the things you do when doing a nursing skill on a "real" person and how second nature it is now!

MY CAREER: Currently work as house supervisor, was previously all house float team member. Have done every thing for doctors office, unit managers, nursing home, acute care and hospice. Have loved all of it.

### **Kathleen Sutton Saunders (Kathie) 1998**

MEMORIES: I loved my study group pals, Lisa Chambliss, Murryha, Michael Battick and others. I also enjoyed the Lab - serious learning but lots of fun too. I feel blessed to have had Nursing 101 with

Ruth Coffman before she passed away. Jan Welch's lectures were my very favorite. I still remember learning about the "pores of Cohen."

MY CAREER: After graduation in 1998, i went to work @ Sacred Heart in Mother-Baby, then spent the second 6 months on 3-Main. After that went back to office nursing with Dr. Pilar Bradshaw n Peds. Then worked in Peds & NICU at Sacred Heart for five years. In Ja., 200

### **Denise Welty 1998**

MEMORIES: It was a lot of work, but the whole experience was so positive. I met my best friend Susan and several other wonderful people. Was so blessed/touched to have Susan Ulrich congratulate me on my final GPA and recognize my hard work.

MY CAREER: Med/Sur floor nursing. then used past surgical tech experience and worked at Surgical Center as RN Cuculator. Now working in cardio cath lab as cuculating RN and moniter tech. Have scrubbed in on few pacemaker implants.

### **Lisa Sorenson Witts 1998**

MEMORIES: I thoroughly enjoyed my nursing instructors (Jan, Joyce, Julia, etc. ) and felt safe and cared for with them. Jan Larson used to "buzz" into clinicals on 3 Main with an Espresso in her hand. :) Many great laughs just hanging out with Shannon Montoya!

MY CAREER: I have primarily worked in a cardiac unit and the cardiac intervention unit but also gained experience in admitting, urgent care, OB/GYN (office) and currently working in PAT @ SHMC/PH.

### **Erin Ehly 1999**

MEMORIES: I remember that it was the hardest schooling I have ever had, but truly the most rewarding thing I could have ever done for myself. The teachers were all so incredible. Clarice Bates was my first teacher and she really made me feel welcome to the program.

MY CAREER: I have worked primarily in clinics since graduation in 2000. I worked in Infectious Disease/Interal medicine for 3 years. Then I was a clinic float nurse, then I worked on 5- Main Surgical in Sacred Heart. I also worked at a GI Clinic. Now I am the bilingual diabetic educator at VM and I do the RN case management at HIV Alllance. I love being a nurse!

**Dawn Marten 1999**

MEMORIES: Good friends, great instructors, and my oldest daughter was born at the end of first year.

MY CAREER: Started in Women's Health after graduation, still there, love every minute of it!

**Terence Mitchell (Terry) 1999**

MEMORIES: I was simply pleasantly surprised with the quality of instruction and content of the nursing program.

MY CAREER: Married with 2 children. My wife is a nurse in the NICU, my daughters are in high school (Churchill) and college (U of O).

**Elizabeth Novicky 1999**

MEMORIES: Too many to tell!!

MY CAREER: So much has happened since graduation. I'm sure most of you know I've started on a path toward nursing education. I loved teaching a group of second year nursing student in clinicals last winter. I'm currently about half way done with classes toward a graduate degree in nursing education. I'm still working at McKenzie-Willamette Hospital on the SCU.

**Kathleen Barrowcliff Plucker 1999**

MEMORIES: being done.

MY CAREER: I currently work in Womens Health department at McKenzie as charge nurse. I also do some Labor and Delivery. Been doing that for 4years. Worked Med/surg before that. Love where I am at now.

**Susan Reutter-Harrah 1999**

MEMORIES: I still laugh when I think about the skills test for giving IM injections, something I do so frequently now. Jan Kinman, such a kind and gentle teacher, was the instructor in charge of this. Adrenalin got the better of me, and my hands shook so intensely during the "skill," I could hardly get the needle near my "target" area on the manequin's arm. Jan passed me, and assured me I'd do just fine when it came time to do this in the clinic. And she was right. I also recall learning to do TB tests on those porous fake arms at the school. I'd inject the saline as required, and it would come squirting right out just beyond the needle. The instructors would explain this wouldn't happen once we did this on a real person, but I really was expecting an arc of

fluid to come squirting out of my patient's arm the first time I did a TB test. I have such fond memories of the nursing program at LCC, and I am so grateful to the program, and the dedicated staff, for the wonderful opportunities I've had as and RN. One of the best memories I have of my time at LCC's nursing program is meeting a fellow student, Denise Welty, in a study group and a clinical group. Denise has become my dearest friend.

MY CAREER: After graduation, I began working a night shift at McKenzie-Willamette hospital. A year later, my night shift stint came to a close as our family moved to the Portland metro area. Since moving here, I have worked in a clinic for an allergy and asthma specialist. I am fortunate to work for a doctor who has 3 RNs, and who values what we do. We work 5 long days a week during pollen season, and the rest of the year we work 4 days a week. My days consist of allergy testing, a lot of patient teaching, asthma evaluations, and of course, the ever-present charting. I absolutely love my job. I work with such great and supportive staff. We are truly a team, in the best sense of the word. We have fun, and we are appreciated and respected by our doctor. I enjoy the ongoing relationship with patients, and often with entire families. It's just really rewarding. Several months after graduation, I had the opportunity to volunteer for a week as a recovery room nurse in a surgical setting in Honduras. That week will probably remain a highlight in my memories of my nursing career.

**Birgit Rogers 1999**

MEMORIES: To many to count but let's just say without Jane Larsen's eyes in the back of her head and knowing me better than I knew myself I would have never made it THANK YOU

MY CAREER: I have worked at AHG since graduating and just love it, I truly believe education begins after graduation, but I also believe that the education I received at LCC prepared me to be a team member and a better student in "real life". It's hard for me to look at myself as a teacher now, I have the pleasure of teaching new nurses and to be a team leader (resource nurse) at the medical floor at AGH

**Karen Scholler 1999**

MY CAREER: My partner and I live on and steward an 82 acre farm with a half mile of the Long Tom river running through. We care for each other and 5 horses, 1

fine dog and 8 chicken sisters. Life is good, and way too short. Semper Fi

### **Tedra Clearwater 2000**

MEMORIES: I would guess my favorite memory would be of my first day of nursing school where our class was divided into teams to perform the "bedpan relays" a relay race performing CNA skills. That or when we were mapping sites for injections and one girl had just returned from her honeymoon. She was embarrassed about wearing her "briefest" underwear.

MY CAREER: I have been a night shift nurse on the Adult and Childrens Medicine floor since graduation. I am a pediatrics nurse, a Certified Donor requestor, a CPR instructor, relief Charge Nurse, and I am currently getting my chemotherapy certification and working on ACLS certification. I carry certifications in geriatrics, PALS, and Medical-Surgical Nursing.

### **Janet Evans 2001**

MEMORIES: Bringing baby Alyssa to one of my final preceptor classes.

MY CAREER: Working in the cardiac unit.

### **Maren Lee 2001**

MEMORIES: Clarice Bates was my instructor during her first rotation on Mother/Baby. It was winter term first year and we had just been trained to give PO meds. She described her responsibility of overseeing 8 students giving meds unto standing on a street corner with a group of 5 year olds, wondering who would run out into the street first. Some in our group were offended by that. I thought it was hillarious. Not only was it accurate, but it made me realize the responsibility that she had for her students. Practicing IV starts in our cars, and during "study sessions". Both Shar and I ended being pretty good starters. Practice makes perfect.

MY CAREER: Still married to Ryan (going on 11 years). Moved to Salem for his work in November 2004. Birth of daughter Wren two weeks later. Now pregnant with baby girl #2, due in June.

### **Kenneth Compton 2002**

MEMORIES: Going to all of Jan Welch's lectures. She was awesome in the classroom and as a clinical instructor

MY CAREER: All ED and urgent care type nursing. My primary job is at Urgent Care and I have a secondary job class for SHMC ED where I occasionally work. I also work at several EDs, including Mckenzie Willamette, for two different nurse staffing agencies.

### **Mary Phoenix 2002**

MEMORIES: Walking on the scrub top "carpet" at the pinning ceremony

MY CAREER: I worked in the peds clinic while an LPN and in school (1 year), then have been on 5 Main Surgical ever since and just took a position as day shift charge.

### **Brent Richardson 2002**

MEMORIES: 4am coffee trips before clinicals to finish my care plans...hehe.

MY CAREER: Like it much more than I thought I would have. I get much flexibility, joy, and challenge, with room to advance in this career.

### **Amy Wolf Setzer 2002**

MEMORIES: Working in clinicals under Jan Welch.

MY CAREER: I graduated in may and then was married in September. I live in Wa with a wonderful husband and 4 little boys. My boys are twin 4 year olds, a 2 year old and a 4 month old. We have a busy and happy household. i keep busy with my children. I was able to use my nursing with my twins, they were born at 29 weeks. It was so helpful to know what was going on and to understand what was happening to them. Praise the Lord they are 4 years old and totaly healthy.

### **Suzanne Squires 2002**

MEMORIES: I will always remember Clarice Bates....the funny stories and her caring personality!!! What a hoot :) Mary Lou Lynch for intimidating me because she was so dang SMART!!!! The thing is I learned the most from her because she pushed me and believed in me. I will always have respect for her and have fond memories.

MY CAREER: After graduating from Nursing school I found my true calling...to take care of Newborn babies! The funny thing is...I don't even have any children but I

became very fascinated by these little human beings that were so resilient... the sicker they were the more fascinated I became. The more I learned, the more I WANTED to learn! I realized that I make a difference in peoples lives everyday....and there isn't anything better than that :) I now currently teach child birth classes at McKenzie Willamette and work at Pacific Women's Center for Dr. Byrke Beller and loving every minute of it. I go to work everyday to give good patient care, educate my patients, and to be the best professional nurse that I was taught to be! Still....when people ask me "What do you do?" ....I hold my head up high with confidence...and a SMILE...and say I am a Registered Nurse!!!! What a great feeling...

### **Catherine Templeton (KC) 2002**

MEMORIES: Graduation ceremony. Learning from some great instructors, and concept mapping!

MY CAREER: ADN 2002 I worked 2 years at MKW on the surgical unit and ACM while working towards my BSN. I traveled with 15 people to England and Scotland to tour long term care facilities and to learn about the National Health care system. I graduated from OHSU in June 2005. After completing my rotation in long term care I was offered a job as RCM at Good Samaritan Health Center. I worked for 3 years at Good Sam and learned to love the elderly population. I was not planning on leaving Good Sam but was recruited by the nurses in the wound and ostomy department and decided to learn from some of the best. I am looking into returning to Graduate school in the near future and have plans to get WOCN certification. There is much to look forward to as my nursing career unfolds.

### **Patricia Trachtenberg 2002**

MEMORIES: Standing around outside after a test and debriefing with all the others about which answer was right. Study groups at friends homes. Celebrating graduation at Turtles Restaurant.

MY CAREER: I've been an orthopedic nurse for almost 5 years. I work mostly as a floor nurse, but I train new nurses, orient re-entry nurses, facilitate at times, and attend nursing conferences when allowed.

### **Rita Vait 2002**

MEMORIES: No favorite memories.....just that my decision to go to nursing school was one of the best decisions of my life. I LOVE my job, I enjoy the people I work with and I look forward to going to work. THANK YOU ALL FOR HELPING ME GET THROUGH IT. (Especially Suzanne)

MY CAREER: Hmmm.....let's see.....doing or have done a lot of stuff I said I would NEVER do~~like pediatric nursing, ICU nursing, Mother baby nursing, charge nurse~~ never say never and that's what you get when you are in the float pool~~wouldn't trade all those experiences for anything. Now I work on my favorite floor~~the medical floor at MWMC. It's where I started as a cna and with a bit of luck, where I will retire from.....

### **Marie Carr 2003**

MEMORIES: Clinicals! I learned so much from the hands on training. I also enjoyed my weekend cram sessions with my fellow nursing student, Lucinda Trammel.

MY CAREER: I spent 6 months in the float pool at Sacred Heart right after graduation. I then spent 6 months on the neurology floor at Sacred Heart. I moved to Bend and worked at Hospice of Bend-Lapine in their Hospice House. I also started working at St.Charles Medical Center on the medical floor. I have been here for 2.5 years. I have been the charge nurse on nights for about a year.

### **Allison Jacoban 2003**

MEMORIES: GRADUATING!!! Lectures

MY CAREER: I have worked in the NICU since I graduated. I also worked in the NICU in CA (Loma Linda) for a year and then returned to SHMC NICU.

### **Kara Richardson Navarro 2003**

MY CAREER: I work as a staff nurse on the Neurology floor. I have worked there since October after graduation when I began working as an RN.

### **Angel Steinke 2003**

MEMORIES: Graduation!!!

MY CAREER: I spent 14mos on 5MN on Noc shift, I have been in the float pool since for a total of 3 years on nocs. I'm currently on day shift.



**Patricia Tejada 2003**

MEMORIES: Hmm...I'll have to get back to you on that one.

MY CAREER: For the past 2 1/2 years I have been working at Sacred Heart on PCU.

**Daniel Bartzen 2004**

MEMORIES: Tenacious discussions over test points AND Having a birdseye view of the relief and joy of my fellow graduates during our pinning ceremonies.

MY CAREER: Rewarding.

**Walter Biddle 2004**

MEMORIES: Working with Tara on 4 Main

MY CAREER: Pediatric triage during the week and cute care on weekends

**Showshannah Doak 2004**

MEMORIES: The friends that I made while in the nursing program.

MY CAREER: I started as a nurse working on the surgical care unit. I was there for the first two years of my career, and I am currently working in the new cardiovascular dept at MWMC.

**Martha Embley 2004**

MY CAREER: I received my LPN in 2004 and have been working at the Samaritan Coastal Clinic (family practice) in Lincoln City, which is part of Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital, since then.

**Shawna Heurgue 2004**

MEMORIES: Graduation of course! I also foundly remember Sue Ulrich as she was an inspiration to me.

MY CAREER: Left Oregon after graduation and moved to Guam. Worked in Guam as a home health case manager and hospice nurse and concurrently as a staff nurse in Guams hospital. Moved back to Oregon Dec 2006 and currently have a position in SHMC ER.

**Rhonda Scheumack 2004**

MEMORIES: I enjoyed the lectures and seminars, esp. Tom's and Bren's.

MY CAREER: I work on Mother/Baby Unit, Postpartum and Antepartums. I love it!!!

**Andrea Schuch 2004**

MY CAREER: I completed co-op ed and precepted on 5 Main at Sacred Heart. I have worked there now for 2 1/2 years and love it. I worked Noc shift for 2+ years, where I found myself orienting/precepting new nurses within a year. I was trained to facilitate last Winter, and did that quite a bit. In October, I transferred to day shift, where I now find myself loving it even more with new opportunities and things to learn about.

**Steven Shaw (Steve) 2004**

MEMORIES: Getting pinched by Julia Munkvold for saying oops in a pt's room during clinicals. She was my toughest clinical instructor and my respect for her is immense. P.S. Now, I think oops, but I don't say oops.

MY CAREER: Working 24 hours/wk on 3 main and floating to PCU. Just got my 5 year pin, and I am involved with the unit council. I'm planning to take ANCC med-surg cert. test this spring.

**Yvonne Ewing 2005**

MEMORIES: As of now, that would have to be when I was first starting out with patient care and how nervous we were giving one single PO med for for one single pt. How we were all reciting the 5 rights in our heads and dreading forgetting to check the name band. It seems funny in retrospect though I know it had to be serious then.

MY CAREER: I'm a NOC float working primarily on ACM, followed closely by ICU, with a smattering of surgical care. I LOVE my job!

**Debra Pottorf 2005**

MEMORIES: The great feeling of finishing anything - a test, clinical and of course graduation.

MY CAREER: I continue to work night shift on Neurology. I have learned a lot since graduation. I have had the opportunity to become ACLS certified as well as work as a preceptor and orient to lead on my shift. I'm currently working on my Bachelor's Degree and hope to graduate through Indiana State in May of 2009.

**Renee Reiser 2005**

MY CAREER: Currently working as a LPN. Will be graduating this year (2007.)

**Brandy Tucker 2005**

MEMORIES: When we were learning how to give Sub-Q injections and the person who was giving me one bounced it off my arm and had to stick me again. It didn't mind but he was mortified!!! It was pretty funny.

MY CAREER: As soon as I graduated I took and Staff nurse position at Sacred Heart on the Pediatric unit. I LOVE IT!!!!!!! I am PALS certified and have had some amazing experiences.

**Sara Barnes 2006**

MEMORIES: My favorite memories of LCC were in the nursing program. The fear of not passing a test, the elation of passing the tests, and meeting a whole bunch of wonderful, caring people who will be life long friends.

MY CAREER: Staff nurse on 6MS - Neurology at Sacred Heart. Working evening shift with a handful of fellow graduates. Constantly learning and enjoying my new career!

**Amber Beyer 2006**

MEMORIES: My favorite memory is when we got to use the SIM mannequin and we were his voice. It lent a humorous touch to a serious practice session.

MY CAREER: I am currently deployed to Fallujah, Iraq serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom 2007. I am a combat lifesaver here and stand in Medic while on projects. When I return to the States I will continue to work at Peace Harbor Hospital in Florence, Or.

**Susan Clarke 2006**

MY CAREER: I received my PN certificate in 2006 and will be returning to complete the RN training in Sept 2007.

**Dawn Clifton 2006**

MEMORIES: I have so many favorite memories, most of which involve the time spent with my peers on the weekends studying for tests, supporting one another and laughing at ourselves. One memory that stands out for me is during 1st term 2nd year clinical on the pediatric unit with Mary Lou. I had to give a toddler an IM I was so nervous and as I was drawing up the syringe with Mary Lou watching me I opened up my mouth and out

popped "nervous is why we need soft and dry and boy I need it now" Mary Lou trying to contain laughter walked out of the room.

MY CAREER: I have been working as a RN since June on ACM. I plan to start classes this next year at OHSU in their nursing program for RNs who have a bachelors in another field to obtain my BSN. I will continue to work during this time.

**Connie Greenquist 2006**

MEMORIES: Working in clinicals under Jan Welch.

MY CAREER: I graduated last June 2006 at age 58. I am an RN working at the PeaceHealth Coburg Family Medicine/Pediatric Clinic as a per diem/float. I work as a triage nurse in both FM and peds, and I work as a rooming nurse in Family Medicine, Internal Medicine and Pediatrics. I believe (but I'm not absolutely certain) that I am the oldest person to graduate from LCC's nursing program.

**Diane Jessing 2006**

MEMORIES: I am not sure I can come up with one favorite memory. I had a good time getting to know people in clinical groups. I remember having fun messing around taking pictures with the skeleton and the dummies in the lab...pictures they used in the photo montage at graduation.

MY CAREER: I work as a Labor and Delivery nurse on the Womens Health and Birth Center at McKenzie-Willamette. I help deliver babies, circulate c-sections, will learn to scrub c-sections soon and am starting training as a nursery nurse.

**Dorinda Morton 2006**

MEMORIES: I have so many memories. I dearly miss all my friends, both teachers and fellow students. I will always remember our maroon colored scrubs. The saving grace when you were scared and feeling alone on the hospital floor. The lectures and seminars may not all stay in my head word for word, however there are some moments you never forget. For instance how do you spell puss-y drainage (that is why we write Purulent). Or the catheter seminar with all the disembodied groins. As well as the kits we got to take home to frighten our family members. Through it all the one thing I will never forget is the sense of closeness and companionship that I had from being in the program. There were many people that I did not get to know as well as I wished I had. And all those I spent time with I will never forget. I wish that I could be there to meet

many generations of LCC nurses. By best wishes and I will be there in spirit.

MY CAREER: I am living with my best friend and family. She is Norwegian and married to an American man. We have a wonderful household the three of us and their children. A 6 year old girl who was born in the US and her brother who was born on April 6 of this year (2007). I was lucky enough to be there to help for both births and feel fortunate to have such a wonderful family.

### **Snow Mulroy 2006**

MEMORIES: Everything is wonderful!

MY CAREER: I am still in the nursing program and will graduate in 2007.

### **Tamra Munson 2006**

MEMORIES: I would have to say the comradery of my fellow class mates and the enormous support system we provided for each other. My time in the Nursing Program was by far the most difficult time in my life. I'll never forget 2nd years, the last final; I smiled when I drove away. I was smiling and crying - I did it. I've never been so proud of myself as I was that day.

MY CAREER: I currently spend most of my time on the Sub-Acute unit as one of our Charge Nurses and occasionally float to our Long Term Care unit. I very much enjoy my career and now know that it was definitely the right choice for me.

### **Kim Pham 2006**

MEMORIES: friendly and supportive environment of nursing staff and staff of Lane.

MY CAREER: I started working there since I was a CNA. When I got the LPN license I continue working there.

### **Carol Phillips 2006**

MY CAREER: I am currently going to Southern Adventist University and am getting my B.S. in Health Science. I will graduate December '07 and then I am considering going on and getting my MSN as well and hopefully teaching on the side of my nursing career.

### **Julia Rush 2006**

MEMORIES: Laughing our heads off in the nursing lab when IV fluids and tube feedings squirted in various and sundry directions. Long conversations with classmates.

MY CAREER: I graduated from LCC last June 2006). Since then I've been working at Cottage Grove Community Hospital. It's a wonderful, cozy, new facility (including a fireplace next to the nurses station). I work on the medical unit and also take care of medical out patients (dressing changes, etc.). It's been a delightful place to work.

### **Serafin Snare 2006**

MY CAREER: I work as a full time RN in both the medical & surgical ICU.

### **Jennifer Streeter 2006**

MEMORIES: Graduation! I have many great memories throughout the two years in the program, but the graduation was the best! It was put together well and the people who spoke were fabulously articulate and funny.

MY CAREER: I am a full-time RN on the progressive cardiac unit. I love my job!...for it's constant challenges and rewards. Patient care is where my heart is right now and I'm pleased to be there. Thank you LCC for giving me the opportunity to fulfill my career dream!