

WATTS ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

UPDATE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Everyone!

I hope this newsletter finds you well. I am glad that it is finally spring and time for warmer weather! As you know, Watts has a strong history of nursing excellence. The alumni association wants to be sure the Watts traditions are honored and passed down to the next generation. In order to continue our traditions, we need your help by joining the alumni association and getting fellow Watts alumni to join too. You can find more information via the schools website at www.wattsschoolofnursing.org.

One of our goals for the Alumni Association is to reconnect with all of our alumni. We have a variety of ways in which you can do this. First, we have our alumni website at http://wattsschoolofnursing.org/modules/watts_alumni. The Watts School of Nursing students have a Facebook group, which you may opt to join. We are also pleased to announce that we have a Facebook group specifically for the alumni, Watts School of Nursing Alumni; we hope you will join the group and keep in touch.

We have an exciting spring ahead. Watts School of Nursing has their 115th anniversary this year. A celebratory tea will

be held at Watts School of Nursing on May 19 at 2pm. Various uniforms from the past and pieces of the history project will be on display. Light refreshments will be served and tours of the school will be given. If you have not had a chance to tour the new location, I encourage you to do so, as it is beautiful. The annual spring banquet will also be held that day with information to follow in the newsletter.

Dues remain a low \$30 annually. The dues help to provide numerous scholarships to students in need each semester and help to offset the cost of the spring banquet. I look forward to seeing each of you at the tea and the banquet. Please remember, I am here if needed.

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SPRING BANQUET

Annual Spring Banquet

Date: May 19, 2010

Time: Registration 5:15 pm
Dinner 6:00 pm

Place: Croasdaile Country Club
3800 Farm Gate Avenue,
Durham, NC
(off of Cole Mill Road)

Cost: Alumni \$35
Golden Agers \$20
Non Alumni/Guests \$40
Spring '10 & Dec '09 Grads *No Cost*

We *invite* each member to bring a "door prize" to share at our traditional door prize drawing event (1-2 gifts is appropriate).

RSVP:

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Reba.Beavers@duke.edu or

On-Line Registration

www.wattsschoolofnursing.org

Deadline to register: May 13, 2010

UPDATE FROM THE SCHOOL

Dear Alumni and Friends:

It is both a busy and exciting time here at the school. A total of 164 students are currently enrolled in the program. The planned curriculum revision has been implemented in the first and second semesters with the entire school completing the transition by this same time next year. In addition, the school is preparing for a site visit from its accrediting body, the NLNAC, during the Spring of 2011.

In November, I returned to the role of Director of Nursing Education at Watts and began serving as the Associate Chief Nursing Officer for Durham Regional Hospital. To assist with the additional

responsibilities, JoAnna Gontarz MSN, RN, CNE accepted the role of Assistant Director. JoAnna has been with the school for 8 years as an outstanding faculty member and is looking forward to her transition to administration. Dr. Terry Ward has transferred to the Duke School of Nursing and we continue to wish her well in her new endeavors. She will be missed.

Of the 26 members from the Fall 2009 class, 13 have found employment and 21 have already passed NCLEX. Our heartiest congratulations go out to their continued success.

Graduation is scheduled for May 20, 2010 at the First Pentecostal Church on Carver Street with Dr. Sharon Elliott-Bynum, class of 1985, as the speaker. The Black Banding ceremony is scheduled for May 19, 2010 at Mt Sylvan United Methodist Church. A more detailed history and explanation of the meaning of Black Banding will replace the speaker during the spring ceremony.

To celebrate 115 years of service, Watts will be hosting the 115th Celebratory Tea on Wednesday, May 19, 2010 from 2:00-4:00 PM the afternoon of the Alumni Banquet. A special recognition is planned in memory of Greta Brooks, class of 1963, former Assistant Director of Watts. We hope to see all of you there.

On a personal note, it has been a year of transition and happiness. In February, I married Mr. Stan Walters, son of class of 1938 Watts alumni, Nancy Walters. It is so special to be an honorary Watts alumni member and to have married into the rich history of the school.

Best regards,

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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO
ATTEND A TEA TO HONOR
THE WATTS SCHOOL OF NURSING
GRADUATES



WHEN: *Wednesday May 19th, 2010*

TIME: *2 -4 PM*

WHERE: *The Watts School of Nursing
2828 Croasdaile Dr. 2nd Floor
Durham, NC*

RSVP: *not necessary, all are welcome to attend.*

HISTORY PROJECT UPDATE

The faculty and staff of the Department of Nursing and the Belk Library at Appalachian State University are creating a website and digital collection presenting the history of nursing in North Carolina. This undertaking, known as the North Carolina Nursing History Project, is presently conducting an inventory across the state. The Watts History Project has been invited to be a contributor and our holdings have been received with much interest and enthusiasm. We expect to begin digitalization of selections from our holdings in the near future. Oral history is another component of the project in which we also plan to participate.

Betty Jean Faulkner - Class of 1965
Donna Rogers - Faculty

IN MEMORIAM

Sue Taylor Crews, Class of 1942, died
2/23/2008

Bedie Price Munford, Class of 1938, died
11/23/2008

Megan Pearl Walker, Class of 2007, died
4/17/2009

Betty J McGill, Class of 1955, died
5/06/2009

Lynn Jones Burns, Class of 1967, died
8/5/2009

Ruth Emily Long, Class of 1975, died
9/10/2009

Carrie Nutt Herndon, Class of 19-- , 9/7/09

Donna Satterwhite Warren, Class of 19-- ,
died 9/14/2009

IN MEMORIAM (cont.)

Melceina Reid Watson Sabella, Class of
1939, died 10/19/2009

Marcella McKeel, Class of 1961, died
12/08/2009

Dorothy (Dot) Lee Nelson, Class of 1945,
died 1/08/2010

Jessie Crawford O'Neal, Class of 1947,
died 2/01/2010

Thelma McBride Holloway, Class of 1947,
died 2/26/10

CURRENT OFFICERS

Anne Curran Browning '05	President
Sherry Ottaway '03	Pres. Elect
Reba Holliday Beavers '68	Treasurer
Gina Mooneyhan Edwards '93	Secretary
Rebecca Atkins Dodson, '61	Database Mgr.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Rosalin Robinson '72 – Past President
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Michelle Brack '08 – At Large

ALUMNI OFFERINGS

Request from School of Nursing: 470-7348

Watts Caps: \$11.50 if pick-up
\$13.50 if mailed

Transcripts: \$5.00

WATTS UP?????

Class of 1953:

- Louise Beasley '53 is taking ballroom dancing and having fun-fun-fun.
- Audrey King McBane '53 is retired. She was honored to be a bandee at a recent black banding ceremony. She enjoyed meeting other graduates. She may have been the oldest graduate participating.

Class of 1957:

- Roxada Harward Story '57 is enjoying retirement. She is a member of NC Fossil Club and enjoys finding fossils, displaying for school children at various events at school, museums, and beach fairs.

Class of 1960:

- Carole O messenger '60 is the proud grandmother of 5 grandchildren and her oldest daughter is adopting twins (boy/girl) from Ethiopia. They will travel in June 09 to bring the twins home. She continues to work 2 days a week in Outpatient Surgery. This keeps her mind stimulated. She hopes to see as many of the class of 1960 for their 50th reunion in 2010.

Class of 1961:

- JoAnna Carpenter Cupp '61 still works one or two days a week PRN in the Recovery Room and Stg 2 recovery. She has recently remodeled her kitchen and added a sunroom. She takes care of 3 of her grandchildren 3 days a week and enjoys traveling some. She visits with her son and his

family in New Hampshire twice a year. She is enjoying retirement.

- Jerry Culpepper Smith '61 is retired. Her husband died in 2008. She is enjoying her children and grandchildren. She would love to hear from her classmates. (PO Box 937 Chapel Hill, NC 27514)
- Carolyn Wilson Dickson '61 is retired. Her mother (Marjorie Wilson) died in July at the age of 89.
- Patricia Sorrells Knott '61 writes that she has been retired for several years. She and her husband enjoy spending time together. They have a son and daughter who are married with families of their own. They live near and she gets to talk with them and see them often. The grandchildren (granddaughter and grandson) keep everyone very busy. She sends everyone greetings.

Class of 1962:

- Eleanor Dodson Carpenter '62 is still working in internal medicine. She has 3 grandchildren and has been on several missions as a group nurse. She has been to Poland for 3 years and hopes to go to Kenya in 09. They spend a lot of time at Lake Norman with their son and his family.
- Martha Sue Johnson Lanning '62 is still teaching CNA classes- both CNA I & II, which keeps her busy and young. She was taught to be a good nurse by good nurses and believes she needs to give back and teaching is her way to do that.

WATTS UP (cont.) ...

Class of 1963:

- Patsy O'Neal Colyer '63 is loving living in a planned community with lots of activities and yard maintained by others.

Class of 1964:

- Anita Arrington Krzywicki '64 continues to work at Pardee Home Health. She is looking forward to the 10th class reunion of 1964 Beach week in September at Ocean Isle, NC. She visits in Raleigh several times a year to see family.
- Nancy Howard Saitta '64 is considering retirement but will continue to work part time as a contract employee.

Class of 1965:

- Barbara McLelland Clark '65 is headed to Mexico this year for a medical mission trip.
- Betty Boswell Sloat '65 states gym sessions are now her work and her fun is visiting her two grandsons.

Class of 1966:

- Sandra Maurice Ouellette '66 is married to Richard, CRNA since 1994. They have 8 grandsons.
- Sylvia Worrell Suggs '66 is retired and looking forward to her third grandchild.
- Angela Carey Pendergrass '66 is retired from High Point Regional Hospital after 28 years.

Class of 1967:

- Mary Alice Ipock Whitfield '67 retired from Rex Healthcare in 2006 after 36

years employment (Staff nurse, Head Nurse, Supervisor, Director, VP Nursing and Patient Care Services). She is currently busy with 3 granddaughters.

Class of 1968:

- Reba Beavers' 68 received the Dr. Issac Hall Manning Award for support services in April 09. This award is presented for displaying friendly and courteous behavior towards patients and coworkers, promoting teamwork, offering assistance without being asked, using creative ideas to enhance the delivery of patient care, dealing with work related issues calmly and professionally and consistently displaying extra effort. All of these attributes are part of the curriculum at WSON.
- Chery Wilkie Wood '68 writes that she is the only prenatal nurse left in Region 3 (Richland Co health dept) which is 7 counties.

Class of 1969:

- Melanie Burke Nordhal '66 enjoyed the photos from the 1969 class reunion.

Class of 1974:

- Barbara Lewis Shelton '74 was selected as a Great 100 Nurse of NC for 2009.

Class of 1975:

- Gail Rhodes Shue ' 75 is a CRNA working in Zephyr Hills (Florida.)

WATTS UP (cont.) ...

Class of 1977:

- Patricia Ruffin '77 was honored by her husband and three children with a surprise 70th birthday celebration in July 08. She and her husband (Fred) were honored by their three children with a surprise 50th wedding anniversary celebration in September 08. Each event was attended by approximately 150 family and friends. In December 08, she received one of two first annual Distinguished Chapter Service Awards presented by the Central Carolina Black Nurses Council, Inc. This award is given for exemplary dedication and service to the chapter and its mission.
- Gena Galyean Near '77 is still employed at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center and has been there for 32 years. She still loves her job as Standards Compliance Consultant. She wishes she could still work critical care at the bedside but has not been able to physically do bedside nursing for 9 years. She and Bart have been married for 30 years and they still have 3 huge spoiled rotten cats. One nephew is a navy Corpsman who was deployed October 2009 with Fox Marine Unit to southern Afghanistan-please keep him in your prayers. She spent a week in August with a friend from Watts- class of 78- Robin Hayes Dymes. They had not seen each other in over 15 years and picked up "like they were still at school". She is so glad they reconnected. They are constantly in

touch now and this is one of the best things that has happened in years.

Class of 1979:

- Joanne Ray Gibbs '79 is in an RN refresher course and plans to join the working stiffs next year, unless she decides to stay in school. Her son, David, is at Texas State University.
- Linda Dezern Layton Kessler '79 is currently working on her MSN with a focus on nursing education.

Class of 1982:

- Lynn Nicholson Wainwright '82, writes that she continues to work part time (2 days /week) in Labor and Delivery and post partum. She recently had foot surgery and is recovering well. She and Rich are now empty nesters and enjoying their time together. Before surgery they enjoyed playing golf and she hopes to resume that in the spring. She would love to hear from her classmates.

Class of 2002:

- Terry Upchurch '02 was honored to read a poem, which won honorable mention in a contest at Duke, she wrote at Blank Banding. Her poem was titled "I love my job." She was the guest speaker at the event.

Class of 2007:

- Anne (Laurie) Keohane 'Dec 07 writes that her first grandchild was born in March 09.

WATTS UP (cont.) ...

Class of 2008:

- Larry Massenburg '08 writes that the adoption of his daughter Nola Rayne Massenburg was finalized in January 09. She is almost 13 months and doing very well. He is a proud papa.
- Kristin Sanders Brockman Dec 08 states she and her husband have purchased their first home and are expecting a child in February 2010.

SPECIAL NOTE CONCERNING DUES

Dues for 2009-2010 are now due.
Dues are \$30 and the dues year is from
December 1 to November 30.

Complete the attached form and send your
dues to:

Reba Beavers
3643 North Roxboro Road
Durham, NC 27704-2763

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U.S. Postage Paid
Durham NC
Permit 520**

**Watts School of Nursing Alumni Association
3643 North Roxboro Road
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Please complete this form and mail to address below with your annual dues.

Last Name: _____ **First:** _____

Maiden: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Email: _____

Year Graduated: _____ **Telephone:** (____) - (____ - _____)

Place of Employment: _____

NEW News to Share:

Amount Submitted for Dues: _____

(Note: Yearly dues are \$30.00 which covers November 1 – October 31)

I would like to receive future [Alumni News](#) by:

- Email Current Email Address: _____
- Website Only
- Postal Mail

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