

## From The Aultman Alumni Association President

### The Ties That Bind

William Harris RN, '05



*When's the last time you took a trip back in time? It may have been a visit to your high school, your hometown, your old neighborhood. While*

*things may have changed, I'm willing to bet you still felt a sense of belonging, a part of the history.*

*That is how we hope all members of the Aultman College Alumni Association feel about the College. Whether you are a graduate of the Aultman School of Nursing or a more recent graduate, you are an important part of the history of this educational institution. You share a bond with our current health sciences students who are learning to take vital signs or do patient assessments, just like you did.*

*As alumni, we all play an important role in supporting the future growth of the College. We are already doing that by supporting scholarships for students. Now, I'm proud to say we are taking an even bigger step by committing to assist in fundraising for facility improvement. The Aultman College Alumni Association has committed to raising \$2500 for the Science Lab Campaign. The new labs will allow the College to teach Anatomy & Physiology,*

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## Alumni Aiding The World

With more than 3,000 alumni, Aultman College is proud to have graduates working across the country and across the globe. Meet three alumni who are using their nursing skills to help people in need around the world.

### Helping in Honduras



As a Peace Corps volunteer in 1979, Kathy Tschiegg ('78) was troubled by the lack of supplies and medical knowledge she

encountered during her assignment at a hospital in Honduras. She resolved to make a difference. Today, the organization Kathy founded, Central American Medical Outreach (CAMO) is recognized as "the most

fiscally responsible non-government organization" by the The Honduran Ministry of Finance.

"CAMO started as a duffel bag from my living room and now has a 10,000sq ft facility in the USA with 5 employees and a 20,000 sq ft facility in Honduras with 28 employees," said Kathy. "We provide an average of 144,000 direct services a year to the poor population in Honduras through our 16 programs."

Twice a year, Kathy Tschiegg ('78) leads a team of U.S. medical and other professionals to Santa Rosa de Copan, Honduras to train local medical professionals and provide additional support. "Our goal is to integrate the medical equipment and technology into the daily workings of Central American facilities and train the staffs to use their

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Annual *Spring* and *50-Year* Dinner  
**Friday, April 29**

To reserve your attendance, please fill out the form on page 3 and return it by April 21. For more information, please contact the College office at 330-363-6347.

Attention Class of 1961: If you have already submitted an RSVP form, you do not need to submit the newsletter form.

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new skills after the visiting teams leave," said Kathy.

CAMO is intricately involved in many aspects of Honduran life. "We support and sit on the boards of daycare for poor children and have developed a community center, a large domestic violence center and assisted with the development of a trade school," said Kathy. "Since we started, we have done over \$2,300,000 million dollars of capital projects and improvement to health facilities and community facilities."

### *Lending a Hand in Haiti*

Alice Hegnauer ('71) and four others from the First Christian Church

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*Microbiology and Chemistry on the Aultman campus, providing students with greater access to faculty and opportunities for supplemental instruction.*

*One way we are planning to meet this goal through a discount card fundraiser. The \$10 card will feature local businesses who offer discounts on products and services to cardholders. Our plan is to kick off the fundraiser at the Annual Spring and 50 Year Dinner. If you are interested in buying or selling the card, or own a business that would like to offer a discount, please contact me at [wm.e.harris@gmail.com](mailto:wm.e.harris@gmail.com).*

*We are all tied to Aultman College. I hope you have an opportunity to visit soon and remember your place in our history. Whether watching students learn wound dressing in the Bettie Sponseller Skills Lab or recognizing the names of classmates on the Aultman College Giving Tree, I think you'll become more aware and proud of the fact that you are a part of Aultman College.*

of North Canton church headed to Haiti in early May to assist with the earthquake relief. Flying into the airport located 30 miles west of the earthquake epicenter in Port-au-Prince, the devastation shocked Alice.

"The magnitude of the conditions took my breath away," she recalled. "There had been no reconstruction after four months. It was just row after row of six-by-six foot tents with sometimes more than a dozen family members living in a single tent."

Alice worked in a clinic that provided medical care such as treating foot injuries due to the rocky terrain, distributing antibiotics and burn ointments to people in need and supplying vitamins for the Haitian children. She also helped at a food clinic that distributed bottled water, food and clothing donated by American churches.

Haitians speak Creole, a variation of the French language. Alice and her volunteer team had an interpreter assigned to help with verbal communication, but their bond with the Haitians transcended words. "There's a universal connection among people that goes beyond words," she said. "The Haitian people communicated by showing us things, patting our hands, giving us hugs and having us hold their babies."



### *Dengue and Deliveries in the DR*

In October, Angela Ott ('93) traveled to the Dominican Republic with members of her church, The Chapel of North Canton, to volunteer



her nursing services at a hospital in Jarabacoa. "This was my second mission trip to the Dominican Republic," said Angela. "It's very rewarding to interact with the people and experience a new culture. It always amazes me how

## Alumni Aiding The World *continued...*

many more similarities than differences we share.”

Much of Angela's time was spent assessing and treating patients admitted with Dengue Fever and assisting with obstetrical examinations and deliveries. “The patients are always extremely grateful and absolutely amazed that we would travel from the United States to spend time serving them,” she said. The last time I went to the Dominican Republic we traveled out to the countryside and would set up a clinic in a house for the day. People would walk for miles in order to obtain healthcare.”

Do you have nursing experiences you would like to share with your fellow alumni? Tell us your story by emailing Shannon at [shelfinstine@aultman.org](mailto:shelfinstine@aultman.org).

## Aultman College Introduces Community Education through ACCE

Aultman College of Nursing and Health Sciences is offering CPR courses, childcare provider training courses, and computer courses as part of the launch of the Aultman College Community Education (ACCE) division. “The purpose of ACCE is to fill gaps in healthcare-related education in our community,” said Vi Leggett, administrator of the division. “In addition to serving the general public, we are planning to provide education specifically geared toward Aultman College alumni, Aultman employees, and other health care industry professionals.” Types of classes that are slated to be part of the future ACCE catalog include Spanish for Health Care Providers, Medical Terminology, and specialized courses for medical coders.

ACCE offers American Heart Association CPR training, including

Family and Friends CPR®, Heartsaver® CPR, and Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers certification and renewal courses. “We believe we are adding a valuable service for alumni, employees, patients and families who wish to stay within the Aultman system for their health care education and training,” said Brittany Fehlman, ACCE coordinator. “Our tag line is ‘Learn Your Skills From A Name You Trust.’”

ACCE courses are taught in the comfortable, state-of-art classrooms of the Aultman Education Center. ACCE also has the ability to develop customized courses for schools, groups or organizations.

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**For more information, visit [www.aultmancollege.edu/ACCE](http://www.aultmancollege.edu/ACCE) or contact Brittany at 330-363-6776.**

## Bettie Sponseller Skills Lab Dedication

February 15 was a special day at Aultman College as students, staff, faculty and members of the Aultman College Board of Directors participated in the dedication of the Bettie Sponseller Skills Lab. The late Bettie Sponseller Metcalf was a 1942 graduate of the Aultman School of Nursing. The Skills Lab was named in her honor in recognition of a \$150,000 donation to the Aultman College science lab project by Bettie's husband, Robert Metcalf. “From here on, Aultman College students will utilize this lab to gain the exceptional nursing skills exhibited by the lab's namesake, Bettie Sponseller,” said Vi Leggett, chief of external affairs, as part of the dedication ceremony. “We are so grateful for Mr. Metcalf's generosity and so proud to be able to say that Bettie Sponseller Metcalf is an alumna of Aultman College.”



*Celebrating the dedication of the Bettie Sponseller Skills Lab are Ed Roth, Aultman Hospital CEO; Sheila Markley Black, chairman of the Aultman College Board of Directors; and Rebecca Crowl, Aultman College president.*



## Welcome New Alumni!

The Alumni Association grew by 40 members as the eighth graduating class of Aultman College of Nursing and Health Sciences participated in commencement ceremonies on Dec 18 at R.G. Drage Career Center in Massillon. Leading the graduates and carrying the College's ceremonial mace was Jo Ann Weinland, recipient of the Distinguished Faculty Award in May 2010. Student speakers Brittany Toot and Amy Miller shared memories of their Aultman College experiences and the significance of completing the first step toward becoming an RN (or "real nurse", as dubbed by Amy's 6-year old.) Graduates and

guests listened as Michael Gallina, superintendent of North Canton City Schools, delivered an energetic and inspiring speech about what it takes to be a "champ" in your chosen profession and in life. Following the ceremony, graduates were welcomed into the Aultman College Alumni Association at a reception featuring holiday refreshments.

Earlier in the day, the graduates participated in the Pinning Brunch and Celebration at the Morrow House Education Center at Aultman Hospital. The program included the recognition of Mary Reed as the December 2010 Division of

Nursing Valedictorian. Mary was also recognized for her induction into Phi Theta Kappa, the honor society for two-year colleges. Corey Bukovitz was recognized for being named Ohio Nursing Student of the Year by the Ohio Nursing Students Association. Nursing philosophy and creative expressions were presented by Tiffany Gilmore, Brittany Globeck, Morgan Rastetter, Trisha Carpenter, and Katy Collum. The Pinning Ceremony is a time-honored nursing school tradition that marks the culmination of the initial journey of professional nursing.



*Student speaker Brittany Toot spoke about the transformation she and her fellow classmates had undergone since the first days of their nursing education.*



*Student speaker Amy Miller challenged her classmates to always continue to learn and grow as nurses.*



*Class valedictorian Mary Reed is presented with her diploma by president Rebecca Crowl.*



*Graduates celebrate at a reception hosted by the Aultman College Alumni Association.*

## Praying Hands Are Home in the Aultman Chapel

Several alumni met at Aultman Hospital on Feb 25 for the dedication of the new Chapel. The Chapel is the home of a beautiful replica of the "praying hands" stained glass window that adorned the School of Nursing in the Morrow House from 19xx – 19xx. Thanks for Karen Toohey ('59) for her help in working with Studio Arts and Glass in North Canton to create the new window. The Chapel is located on the third floor of the main building, next to Palliative Care and the Medical Intensive Care Unit (MICU).



## Aultman College Shines at Points of Caring



Congratulations to the 2010 Aultman Hospital Points of Caring award winners: **Linda Brunk, ('81)** RN-BC (Community Educator) and **Adene Keller, RN ('86), ACLC,** CVN-1 (Cardiac Rehabilitation) and student Stephanie Strader. The annual Points of Caring award program recognizes nurses who exemplify caring and compassion toward patients, commitment to the nursing profession, clinical excellence and community involvement.

## Alum in the Spotlight

### Roslyn Messer

Roslyn Messer ('47) is the Spring 2011 Alum in the Spotlight. Ros, as she is known by family and friends, has dedicated her life to nursing and nursing education. Following her graduation from Aultman School of Nursing, Ros began working at Aultman Hospital, rising to the position of Director of Operating Room. While working at the Hospital, she joined the School of Nursing faculty. Her love of education drew her to become more involved, as a faculty member at Kent State University's main branch. She then founded and became dean of the nursing program at the KSU Tuscarawas branch. Ros earned her BSN from xxx and her MSN from xxx. Ros is a founding member of Aultman College of Nursing and Health Sciences and continues to serve on the Board of Directors, chairing the Academic s Committee. Congratulations to Roslyn Messer and thank you for your valuable contributions to Aultman College!



PLEASE RESERVE A PLACE FOR ME AT THE

# Annual Spring and 50-Year Dinner

Please return this completed form by April 21, along with your payment (if applicable), to:

**Aultman College Alumni Association**  
2600 Sixth St. S.W.  
Canton, Ohio 44710

### Skyland Pines

3550 Columbus Road NE  
Canton, Ohio

**April 29, 2011**

**5:30 p.m.**

Registration & Cocktails

**6:00 p.m.**

Dinner is served

Select the main course you desire for your meal:

- Chicken
- Scrod
- Strip Steak
- Vegetarian

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class of: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be dining with us?  Yes  No (Please note there is a meal charge of \$25.)

*Don't forget to complete and share some information using the other side of this form!*

# Alumni Notes

## Class of 2010

**Michael Smith** of New Philadelphia, OH is currently working at the Amberwood Manor Nursing Home. Michael and fellow staff members were featured in a local news article fulfilling a resident's life-long dream of attending a Browns football game at Cleveland Browns Stadium.

## Class of 2003

**Bryan Prentice** of Somerville, MA is currently working in connection with Harvard University regarding stem cell research. He received his MSN in 2008.

## Class of 1969

North Coast Ohio Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates (NCOSGNA) board of directors named a memorial scholarship in remembrance

of **Linda VanVoorhis Smith**, a 40-year Aultman employee and staff member on the Main 2 Endoscopy Unit. Prior to her death, Linda had served as the educational chairperson for NCOSGNA. This annual scholarship will enable Linda's passion for nursing and education to live on as other nurses are given the opportunity to attend the SGNA annual course.

## Class of 1967

**Eileen Good** was honored by The University of Akron College of Nursing Alumni Society during its recent Distinguished Alumni Awards dinner. The honorees were chosen for their achievements in the nursing field and significant contributions to their communities. Mrs. Good is transitioning from her position as Aultman Hospital CNO to CEO of Aultman Post-Acute and Rehabilitation Services.

## Condolences



*Our deepest sympathies to the families of:*

- Pauline C. (Baab) Keen (Class of 1945)
- Ellamae (Oyler) Iverson (Class of 1945)
- Mary Jane Claussen (Class of 1947)
- Delores (Johnson) Shelby (Class of 1949)
- Shirley (Sliffe) Sampsel (Class of 1955)
- Carol (Zovath) DeSantis (Class of 1977)
- Carol Anne (Stoner) Scarpino (Class of 1990)
- Pamela Ann (Richards) Heinzman (Class of 1991)
- Maxine "Peany" (Reed) Eaton (Class of 1947)

# Annual *Spring* and *50-Year* Dinner

The Aultman College Alumni Association is working on developing a video tribute to the Aultman School of Nursing. Please take a moment to share a memory!

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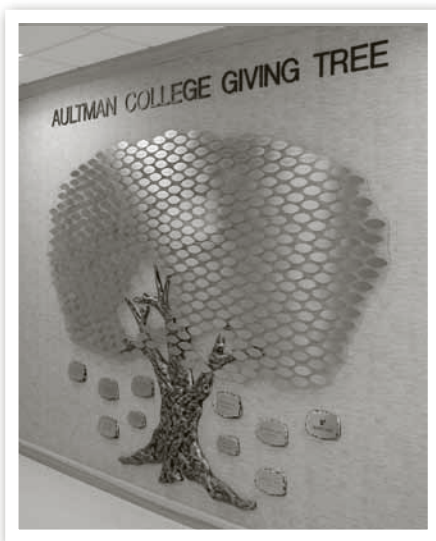


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## Get Involved In Your Alumni Association!

Do you have ideas on ways to improve alumni engagement with the College? Would you like to be part of awarding scholarships to deserving students? Now's the time to become a more active member of the Aultman College Alumni Association. Nominations are being accepted for President Elect and Secretary. Officers are asked to attend the monthly Alumni Association meetings and bring their energy, enthusiasm, and ideas! The College Scholarship Committee is also looking for 1-2 members for the 2011-2012 academic year. Scholarship Committee members review scholarship applications and essays to determine award winners. The time commitment is approximately two hours per semester with one meeting per year. Other business is handled via email. If you are interested in becoming involved or nominating a worthy alumnus, please contact Shannon at 330-363-1127.

### Giving Tree Blossoms Through Phone-A-Thon Generosity



The Giving Tree is blossoming due to the generosity of Aultman College alumni.

Gifts from the following alumnae during the recent Phone-A-Thon resulted in their names being engraved on Giving Tree leaves:

- Virginia Beck Hazard ('51)
- Blanche L. Wilson Dulaney ('54)
- Shirley Dungan ('59)
- Joylen Jarrett Kent ('73)
- Linda Labriola Casey ('79)
- Sue Schumacher Adkins ('81)

Other leaves added since last issue

- *Carole Williams Easterday, Marnie Ehlers Groves, Carol Boyd Minor, Joan Mayeros Parcell, Judy Davies Potts, Jennie Jones Self, Caroline Burnosky Soldatis*
  - *"In memory of Carol Zovath DeSantis"* Classes of 1977 & 1978
  - *"Class of December 2010"*
  - *"In memory of Lilian and Dale George"*: Karen Toohey ('59)
  - *"In memory of Margaret Papas"*: Karen Toohey ('59)
  - *"In memory of M. Walter Scott Class of ('34)"*: Mrs. Sue Nisenfeld (daughter)
  - *"In memory of M. Merdine Strausbaugh Dutton ('34)"*: Mrs. Sue Nisenfeld (neice)
  - *"In memory of Francis Koprivnik Willaman ('47)"*: Carla Greathouse (daughter)
- Large stones have been added in recognition of contributions from AultCare, Charity School of Kendal, and the Eileen Walker Williams Scholarship.

### Donor Recognition

Aultman College appreciates all of our generous donors. Cumulative donations of \$500 or more are recognized on the Aultman College Giving Tree and in the Connection newsletter. Cumulative donations are recognized on the Giving Tree in the following manner:

**\$500 or more**  
Engraved Brass Leaf

**\$5,000 or more**  
Engraved Small Stone

**\$10,000 or more**  
Engraved Large Stone

Donors who make a gift of any size to the College during the academic year are listed in the Aultman College Annual Report, published in September. Annual Reports can be downloaded from the Aultman College website or mailed upon request. To receive an Annual Report, or for more information about giving to Aultman College, contact Vi Leggett at 330-363-6183 or [vleggett@aultman.com](mailto:vleggett@aultman.com).

Did you miss your call? Students will be calling alumni who have not yet been contacted for the final Phone-A-Thon of the academic year on March 15-16 from 6 pm – 8 pm. The future of nursing is calling. Will you answer the phone?

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## Upcoming Events

### Phone-a-thon

March 15-16, 6-8pm

### Alumni Association meeting

Tuesday, April 12, 4:30pm, Aultman College Founder's Room

### Annual Aultman College Donor luncheon

Friday, April 15, 11:30am, Aultman College

### Annual Dinner/50th year reunion

Friday, April 29, 5:30p, Skyland Pines

### Alumni Association meeting

Tuesday, May 10, 4:30pm, College Founder's Room

### Aultman College Graduation

Friday, May 13, 6pm, R.G. Drage Career Technical Center

### Start of Discount Card fundraiser

June 1

### Alumni Association meeting

Tuesday, June 14, 4:30pm

### Aultman College Golf Outing

Wednesday, August 17

### Aultman College Radiology Welcome Celebration

Wednesday, August 31



## Friend Us on Facebook

Congrats to Char Adams ('09), a new Facebook friend and winner of our \$50 gas card drawing.

Thanks to all alumni who mailed and emailed updated contact information, or "Liked" our page on Facebook! Keep it coming!