



# Royce Nursing Foundation

Jackson Memorial Hospital School of Nursing

## Alumni Newsletter Spring 2017

### Jackson Health System Capital Projects

Jackson Health System, one of the nation's largest public health systems, recently embarked on a \$1.8 billion, 10-year capital plan that includes new construction projects, the renovation of existing facilities, and infrastructure improvements. This strategic plan will transform Jackson into a modernized, patient-centered healthcare system that can better meet the future needs of Miami-Dade County residents and international patients who travel to Jackson because of its medical expertise. Jackson's capital plan, which is partially supported by \$830 million voter-approved bond, includes renovations at every Jackson hospital, the opening of multiple urgent care centers across Miami-Dade County, and a new home for the Miami Transplant Institute.

If you would like to schedule a personalized tour of the campus, please call Nancy Roberts at 305-905-1477.



### *Alumni Luncheon*

Saturday, April 22, 2017

#### **Sea Watch On the Ocean**

6002 North Ocean Boulevard  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33308

#### *Program Schedule*

11:30 - 12:00 Registration & Meet & Greet

12:00 - 12:30 Speaker

12:30 - 1:30 Lunch

1:30 - 3:30 Raffle & Mingling

Cost \$40.00 per person payable to  
**Royce Nursing Foundation**

R.S.V.P. with check  
Royce Nursing Foundation  
15060 Egan Lane  
Miami Lakes, FL 33014  
305-905-1477

Deadline: Saturday, April 1st



# JMH SON 2017 Alumni Luncheon

Name at Graduation \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**YES!** I will be attending the JMH SON Alumni Luncheon on Saturday, April 22, 2017. (Check payable to **Royce Nursing Foundation**)  
Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seats at \$40/person for me (and my guest).

*Cancel before April 14th OR you may let it be a donation to the RNF to support JMH SON Alumni activities.*

## 2016 Alumni Luncheon Moments



# Alumni Update

1955

**Constance Di Cec (Connie Peterson)**

Pembroke Pines, FL / conayeptrsn@bellsouth.net  
Retired. Degree Earned: Attended UM & Barry but never completed BSN.

1955

**Florine Smith (Florine Larkins)**

Miami, FL / lump149@bellsouth.net  
Retired. I worked in a premature infant center, the VA, and a retirement home. Have been married to the same man 60 years. We have 4 children, 5 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Have traveled to Alaska, Australia, New Zealand, Peru, England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Italy, Puerto Rico and Singapore. I enjoy 5 months each year in the Keys, fishing, snorkeling, and painting.

1956

**Barbara Anne Hicks (Barbara Ludovici)**

Palmetto Bay, FL / baludovici@bellsouth.net  
Retired. My dear classmate, Lucretia Dukes Abbate died March 21, 2016. We attended many Alumni Luncheons together.

1959

**Lucilla S. Fiore (Lolly)**

Miami, FL / lolipop58@gmail.com  
Retired December 2014 Professional Accomplishments: 17 years Med/Surg Head Nurse; 38 years Medical Management Clinical Nurse Consultant. Married for 52 years, widowed in 2010. I have four children. Oldest son died in 1997. Husband and two daughters followed Lolly into nursing. So proud.

1960

**Mary Loretta Moe (Mary Dean)**

Gig Harbor, WA / mdeanassociates@hotmail.com  
Presently employed: Evergreen State College  
Degree Earned: PhD

1960

**Elizabeth (Bets) Anderson**

Galveston, TX / betsander@gmail.com  
Presently Employed: Univ. of Texas Medial Branch. Part time educator in the Center for Spirituality of Aging. Degree earned: BS MS DrPH Professional Accomplishments: Award-winning text: Community as Partner: Theory and Practice in Nursing 8th Edition published in 2016. Completed Community of Hope program to be a lay chaplain (2016). Avid Pickleball player, Watercolorist.

1961

**Suzanne Schettino**

Pembroke Pines, FL / sue2927@aol.com  
Retired in 2004.

1962

**Nancy McIntosh (Nancy Moody)**

Ormond Beach, FL / nancymoody@mac.com  
Self-employed: Nutritional Product  
Degrees Earned: BS Professional Studies, BS Education. I have been blessed with a wonderful life and enjoyed all my nursing career as a patient care giver, educator, and a Public Health Nurse for the state of Maine. I'm now giving Health and Wellness presentations and enjoying educating families in the power of nutrition. I love my life as I have seven beautiful grandchildren that keep me busy.

1963

**Patricia Craig**

Louisville, KY / email diapat77@gmail.com  
Retired. Education- Degree earned: BA Industrial Studies with major in Photography. Professional Accomplishments: Worked 50 years in nursing, mostly in the OR. Had the pleasure of working with Robert Litwak on the open-heart team at Mt. Sinai New York City, where we did all the original pacemaker trials. Other Hospitals and positions included Supervisor of OR and General Surgery Circulator & Scrub Nurse. Spent some time in NICU (neonatal intensive care) in California. Did a short stay in Air Force as Captain, stationed at Dover, Delaware. I enjoy traveling (visited all 50 states and 40 other countries in Europe and Asia). Currently enjoy working on Genealogy, photo albums, scrapbooks and computer games. Have an extended family of furry friends, as I do pet sitting while their owners are away.

1968

**Gayle Starke (Gayle Starke Cappola)**

I would let you know that after 47 years of marriage, I lost my husband Pat Cappola after his seven and a half year battle with MDS in June of 2015.

1968

**Mary "Leanne" Felix (Leanne Jewell)**

Miami, FL / lamazjewell@aol.com  
Presently employed: Private BCLC & Lamaze educator. Recently retired from bedside. Degree Earned: RN. Professional Accomplishment: Perinatal Specialist. Board Certified Lactation Consultant & Lamaze Educator, Fellow in American Academy of Childbirth Educator Married James in 1968, have 4 children & 7 grandchildren.

1969

**Paula Loehr (Paula Loehr Coleman)**

Camarillo, CA / bq.paulacoleman@gmail.com  
Presently employed at Los Robles Regional Medical Center in Labor & Delivery. Degree earned: BSN PhN Cal State Dominguez Hills. Professional Accomplishments: IBCLC. 47 years strong as a hospital based nurse!

1969

**Georgia Case Leib (Georgia Combs)**

Sebastian, FL / GeorgiaCombs2@live.com  
Retired from Dialysis and ICU. Married for 45 years. Have 2 children and 4 grandchildren.

1970

**Linda Burger (Linda Burdick)**

Tampa, FL / lindaburdick28@gmail.com  
Retired form psych nursing after 45 years. Would love to hear from classmates.

1972

**Cindy Clark Menard**

Boca Raton, FL / cmenard50@bellsouth.net  
Self-Employed at Nurturing Nurses for Newborns. Worked at Broward Hospital for 5 years; 31 years at Boca Regional Hospital. Daughter and Daughter-in-law are L & D Nurses. I have 5 grandsons. Enjoy RV camping.

1974

**Joyce Carr Donnaher**

Lakeville, MA / joycedonaher@gmail.com  
Retired for a year: med/surg staff nurse; telemetry and ortho. Enjoying twin grandbabies age 2.

1975

**Sandra Esplin (Sandra Wehking)**

Palmetto Bay, FL / sewehking@bellsouth.net  
Presently employed: Nicklaus Children's Hospital Clinical Coordinator Surgery. I married my high school sweetheart, Ike, and have two sons. One is a professor of Engineering and the other a Financial Analyst. Grandson Luke is my latest heartthrob!

1975

**Rebecca Randolph**

Miami Springs, FL / rebylou35@yahoo.com  
Presently employed: Bascom Palmer per diem RN  
Retired after 30 years at JMH. Still miss it.

1976

**Diana L. Shorten (Diana Tershakovec)**

Miami, FL / DianalST@aol.com

# Alumni Update

Presently employed: South Miami Critical Care Nurse Practitioner SMH ER. Degree: ASN. AA. BSN. MSN, Post Masters ARNP. Professional Accomplishments: Adjunct Faculty University of Miami; Medical Investigator Married for 33 years, have two daughters.

**1977**

**Jacky Harrington (Jacky Saeger)**

Seminole, FL / jacky@saegerconsulting.com

Presently employed: Professional Health Care ED ARNP Degree earned: MSN Held various positions at local ARNP organizations.

**1977**

**Georgia Case (Georgia Combs)**

**1978**

**Jill Hudson (Jill Rogers)**

Winter Haven, FL / jcrogers5@aol.com

Business Manager at Bright Smiles of Winter Haven. Married to my classmate Ken. We celebrated our 38th anniversary in August. Ken changed careers and became a dentist in 1986. I retired from nursing and help Ken in his practice. We have three daughters, one of whom is changing career paths from Psychologist and is in nursing school.

**1979**

**Lori Books**

Coral Gables, FL / loriellenbrooks@gmail.com

Retired form JMH after 37 years. Was a clinical care coordinator for neurosurgery & neuro interventional for 25 years. Enjoying my 13-year-old son.

**1979**

**Suzanne Difee (Suzanne Arve)**

Homestead, FL / suzannearve@bellsouth.net

Presently employed at Homestead Hospital as Advanced Nurse Surgical Dept. and Endoscopy. Degree Earned: BSN University of Miami. CCRN. Love to travel, married to Michael. We have one daughter. It's been a great career! Worked in ICU, ER, UR/QI Met Life, ambulatory care and Endoscopy.

**1979**

**Grace Lanza (Grace Way)**

Casselberry, FL / gwayrn@gmail.com

Presently employed at Seminole State College as Professor of Nursing. Degree earned: EdD, MSN. Professional Accomplishments: Earned EdD in education and earned degrees at University of Central Florida. Married 29 years and have three children, oldest son is an RN.

**1986**

**Linda Perischetti (Linda Schutzer)**

West Palm Beach, FL / lgschutzer@bellsouth.net

Presently Employed: Critical Care Med Flight as flight nurse. Degree: BSN.MHS- Sigma Theta Tau. Accomplishments: CCRN, TNCC. Plan to start DNP in the fall at UM. Married to Greg, a Captain for FT Lauderdale Fire Rescue Dive Team. Have one son, attending the Ft. Lauderdale Fire Academy and one daughter attending USF pre med.

**1987**

**Susan Lynn Thomas**

Aiken, SC / Thomas6265@gmail.com

Presently Employed at Padgett Medical Center in Bamberg, SC as a Family Nurse Practitioner BSN from Cabarrus College of Health Science; MSN from Frontier Nursing University; DNP from Frontier Nursing University. Married to Keith Thomas from Hiialeah, FL for 31 years, 3 children (COTA, RN and one in public safety) 3 grandchildren. I have worked all over the SE USA in Peds,

PICU and NICU, love being a FNP and using my skills in an effort to prevent illness instead of responding to sickness. I love working in the rural setting where quality healthcare is mostly lacking. I truly desire to make a difference in the health and lives of my patients, all things taught me from my days at JMH-SON. Nursing education today revolves around competition and compensation instead of the compassion and concern we were taught. I am proud to say that most Medical Professionals I have the pleasure to meet remember the Jackson Memorial Hospital School of Nursing as one of the best nursing schools in the history of this country. We have a proud heritage to uphold, let us do it well.

**1988**

**Pura Garcia (Pura Teixeira)**

Miami, FL / pteixeiro@bellsouth.net

Presently employed: University of Miami as nephrology Nurse Practitioner. Degree Earned: BSN 1996, MSN 2003. Professional Accomplishments: Certified Family Nurse Practitioner. Proud to have graduated from JMH School of Nursing.

**1990**

**Diane Carol Schwarz (Diane Swartz Kramer)**

Miami, FL / Mkd9190@aol.com

Presently employed: Baptist Health South Florida; Clinical Learning Educator. Degree: BSN. Masters certificate in Nursing Education. Professional Accomplishments: Preceptor certified Nurse of the Year 2006, 2008. Married with two daughters.

**1993**

**Ana Borrego (Ana Fernandez)**

Cape Coral, FL / abfndzrn@aol.com

Presently employed: American Sentinel University as Assistant Professor. Degree Earned: MSN, (Ed), DNP.

**1994**

**Cindy Rice (Cindy Lee)**

Pompano Beach, FL / cindy57.cl@gmail.com

Presently employed: VA West Palm Beach as home based primary care nurse case manager. Degree earned: AS Professional Accomplishment: Nurse of the year 2013; first nurse to start home-based program. Had surgery for brain tumor in 2016. I'm a cancer survivor.

**Christopher Portell**

Sunrise, FL / gcportell@yahoo.com

Presently Employed: North Shore Medical Center as Dialysis Nurse. Degree earned: AS in nursing.

## Memorials

**Bertha Perez Brookins**, Class of 1949

**Janet McDonald Cooke**, Class of 1954

Passed away October 6, 2014 from Squamous Cell Carcinoma that had migrated throughout her body. She was the mother of five great children and was a wonderful Marine Corps wife as she kept the home fires burning during her husband's many lengthy deployments. She was loved dearly and is sorely missed.

**Mary Maschal Schiess**, Class of 1954

**Joan Sargeant Melton**, Class of 1955

**Lucretia Dukes Abbate**, Class of 1956

Passed away March 21, 2016. She was a first Lieutenant in the USAF and was stationed in the Philippines. She was also certified to pilot single engine aircraft. Lucretia and her husband were active in missionary work in China, India, Singapore, and Africa. Lucretia is survived by her husband of 49 years, three daughters, one son and several grandchildren.

**Ann Connally Varni**, Class of 1959

**Gayle Kittila**, Class of 1960

**Catherine Perry Stakel**, Class of 1962



## Scholarships

One of the important purposes of the Royce Nursing Foundation is to present scholarships to beginning nurses, RNs pursuing advance degrees and those seeking certifications. We have awarded nine scholarships this past fiscal year, July 2015 - June 2016 for a total of \$13,000. JMH grads and employees get first preference but all applicants are welcome. Please tell your family or friends who may fit in these categories. We encourage you to make donations in honor of, or in memory of, friends or classmates to help with these scholarships.

### Lost Diploma?

For those Alumni who need a duplicate, please write us with your complete name, year of graduation, social security number and \$15.00 to cover the cost of the diploma, shipping and handling.

### Need a Transcript?

Transcripts will continue to be available, on request, for \$10.00 per copy. Check payable to Education and Development.

NOTE: JMH SON records will remain in the Department of Education and Development in Jackson Medical Towers.

### JMH SON Alumni Ordering Form

Name at Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

SS# \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Please send to  
Jackson Medical Tower • 1500 NW 12th Avenue, 7th Floor East • Miami, FL 33136  
Attention: Sandra Benitez

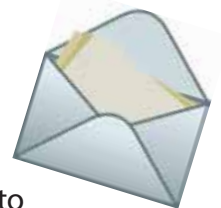
ORDER FOR:

**DIPLOMA**  
(\$15.00)

MONEY ORDER payable to  
**Royce Nursing Foundation**

**TRANSCRIPT**  
(\$10.00 each)

Check payable to  
**Education and Development**





### JM SON Alumni Association

15060 Egan Lane  
Miami Lakes, FL 33014

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

## Where are you now? What are you doing?

Share with us what you have been doing since you graduated from JM SON. Share how you used your nursing. Did you go on for further education? Did you marry, have children, retire? Travel the world, write books, write chapters in books, hold office in local, state, national government or professional organizations or serve on committees?

To assist you, we have included a form so you won't forget to tell us about yourself, like what year you graduated.

## Lost Alumni

Each time we mail an Alumni Newsletter, lots of them are returned. If you move, or if you are in touch with someone who doesn't receive their newsletter, please let us know.

We are making an effort to increase our data base of email addresses in order to communicate with more alumni. You may send your information updates via email.

New board members are always welcome. For information on becoming a board member, feel free to contact us. Visit our website and contact us with your inquiries or updates.

[www.roycenursingfoundation.org](http://www.roycenursingfoundation.org)



## Jackson Memorial Hospital School of Nursing

Dear Alumni:

We are updating our Alumni Directory. Please complete the section below and return it to us. Your news will provide us with an up-date for The Alumni Directory and items for future newsletters.

Name when Graduated \_\_\_\_\_

Present Name \_\_\_\_\_ Year Graduated \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

(City/State/Zip) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Presently Employed at \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

### EDUCATION SINCE GRADUATION

Degree Earned \_\_\_\_\_

Professional Accomplishments \_\_\_\_\_

Other information you would like to share with your fellow graduates \_\_\_\_\_

Feel free to add any other items of interest you would like us to include in our next newsletter. Please return this questionnaire to:

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