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**The makings of a leader**

*a visit with Marilyn Christian Smith Gearing*



## | message from the dean |

Dear Alumni and Friends,

God has truly blessed the School of Nursing this year. Our annual Alumni Homecoming, April 3 through 6, 2003, provided a time of reflection and strengthening of friendships. Thank you to each one who made this time special. A special tribute was paid to Marilyn Christian Smith Gearing, EdD, MSN, PHN, FAAN, dean and professor emeritus of the School of Nursing. In this issue of *Loma Linda NURSE*, you will find a special feature on Dr. Gearing. Her strong leadership in the School is still appreciated.

As this academic year comes to an end, we are thrilled to be graduating about 100 students who are now ready to take on the health-care challenges of today. We are proud to be part of helping these students grow into quality and compassionate nurses for a hurting world.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the School of Nursing and all you do to make it possible for us to make a difference in the lives of nursing students.

Sincerely,



Helen King, PhD, RN  
Dean, School of Nursing



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## School of Nursing eligible for nursing loan repayment program

School of Nursing students have recently become eligible for the nursing education loan repayment program (NELRP) offered through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The program offers registered nurses fairly substantial assistance to repay educational loans in exchange for service in eligible facilities located in areas experiencing a shortage of nurses.

For fiscal year 2003, Loma Linda University Medical Center has been determined to have a critical shortage of nurses and is designated as a disproportionate share hospital.

Authorized by section 846 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended, the purpose of the NELRP is to assist in the recruitment and retention of professional nurses dedicated to providing health care to underserved populations.

"This is a great way to get financial help for your nursing education," says Helen King, PhD, RN, dean of the School of Nursing. "But because the funding for this program is limited, keep checking the website and get your application in as soon as possible."

Eligibility requirements for the NELRP are that the individual must be a registered nurse; have received a baccalaureate or associate degree in nursing (or an

equivalent degree), a diploma in nursing, or a graduate degree in nursing from an accredited school of nursing; have unpaid qualifying loans obtained for nursing education leading to a degree or diploma in nursing; have completed the nursing education program for which the loan balance applies; be a citizen, national, or permanent legal resident of the United States; be employed full time (32 hours or more per week) at a critical shortage facility; have a current permanent unrestricted license as an RN in the state in which they intend to practice or be authorized to practice in that state pursuant to a nurse licensure compact; and submit a complete NELRP application.

All NELRP participants must enter into a contract agreeing to

work full-time in an approved critical shortage facility. For two years of service, the NELRP will pay 60 percent of the participant's total qualifying loan balance. A participant who agrees to serve two years may be eligible to amend the NELRP contract and work a third year at an critical shortage facility, for which the NELRP will pay an additional 25 percent of the qualifying loan balance.

The final date for applications for fiscal year, 2003, was March 31, 2003.

The next application cycle will begin in October, 2003. For more information on NELRP or other nursing education funds, please visit the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Bureau of Health Professions website at <[bhpr.hrsa.gov](http://bhpr.hrsa.gov)>.

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## Charlie Jo Morgan receives Distinguished Service Award from BALL

Charlie Jo Morgan, PhD, RN, assistant professor of nursing, received the Distinguished Service Award from the Black Alumni of Loma Linda & La Sierra Universities (BALL) during their annual student scholarship banquet. The banquet was held February 22, 2003, at the Omni Los Angeles Hotel.

Dr. Morgan has a career in nursing that began in 1959. She has practiced at the staff and administrative levels in nursing service, providing direct patient care in medical-surgical areas, labor and delivery, and critical care. As a nurse she has had the opportunity to serve all those who have come under her care. Her goal as a professional is to project a positive image of nursing. In addition, her desire for excellence in her practice has been the motivation to provide outstanding care for all her clients.

In her role as a nurse educator since 1973, it has been her privilege and honor to serve students by helping them learn the art and science of professional nursing. Her vested interest has been in encouraging Black students in nursing programs wherever she has taught. She highly values the opportunities she has to mentor, advise, encourage, and support these special students and to provide a safe place



*Charlie Jo Morgan, PhD, RN (center), accepts the Distinguished Service Award. The award was presented by Craig R. Jackson, JD, MSW (right), dean, School of Allied Health Professions. BALL president M. Leon Seard, MD, is also pictured.*

for them. She has been a positive role model for students and has, by her example, helped many students achieve their goal of becoming professional nurses.

At LLU she has developed and coordinated a mentoring program for Black students as part of her Black Faculty Forum activities. Currently she is the recording secretary for the forum.

As an alumna of Loma Loma University, Dr. Morgan has been active in helping BALL achieve its mission. Her specific contribution has been the service she has given as chair for the scholarship committee for the last 12 years.

Dr. Morgan is co-founder of the Association of Black Seventh-day Adventist Nurses. She has served as vice president and director-at-large. Currently, she is the

president elect, chair of the bylaws committee, coordinator of continuing education, and is on the Board of Directors.

She was the co-author of a \$600,000 grant award to provide opportunities for minorities, the disadvantaged, and underrepresented groups in nursing, primarily Blacks, Hispanics, and Native Americans, to enroll in the nursing program.

Dr. Morgan received a diploma in nursing from Glendale Sanitarium and Hospital School of Nursing in 1959; a bachelor of science with a major in nursing from Andrews University, 1976; a master of science with a major in nursing from Loma Linda University, 1978; and a doctor of philosophy from Claremont Graduate School, 1988.



## School of Nursing alumni give dedicated service to Nigeria

**E**dward and Irene Moon, both School of Nursing graduates of the class of 1959B, know a few things about service.

One year out of nursing school, the pair headed to Ile-Ife, Nigeria, where they helped plant seven new Adventist churches.

From 1960 to 1973, Mr. Moon served part of the time as director of nursing and part of the time as director of nursing services at the 150-bed Ile-Ife Hospital, while Mrs. Moon taught at the school.

With Mr. Moon learning to speak Yoruba and both of them helping around campus, the Moons soon found the Nigerian people eager to learn more about Christ.

"People have been humbled by 25 years of hardship," says Ms. Moon. "They have become more dependant on God."

In 1973, one of the Ile-Ife graduates, Esther Fashina, who also received her master's degree at Loma Linda, returned to administer the school.

"To have a graduate return to run a school is always one of our goals out here," says Mrs. Moon.

With the school in good hands, the Moons went to work at Adventist Seminary of West Africa until 1975, when they returned to the United States.

Now, almost 20 years later, Mr. and Mrs. Moon have returned to Ile-Ife to lend a hand.



*Edward and Irene Moon, graduates of the School of Nursing 1959B class pose for a picture during their visit to Loma Linda last fall.*

Travelling back as visitors to Ile-Ife October, 2001, the couple was asked if they would be willing to return to help. In January, 2002, the Moons returned as Adventist Volunteers, a program run by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists that places people all around the world according to need and their willingness to serve. Mr. Moon now serves as acting principal of Ile-Ife School of Nursing. Ms. Moon helps with custodial work around the campus.

"The need was there and we were retired with no real commitments," explains Mr. Moon.

Their goals are to upgrade the nursing program to a BS degree and affiliate with Babcock University in Ilishan-Remo, Nigeria. Other goals are to upgrade the water system and

build a new wing onto the girl's dormitory.

Loma Linda University School of Nursing provided the Moons with valuable used school books, syllabi, a projector, and most importantly, advice. The Alumni Association provided funds that the Moons used to purchase computers and a printer for the school.

"The school has been very supportive of us," says Ms. Moon.

With dedicated alumni like Edward and Irene Moon and the support of LLUSN, Ile-Ife is building on a strong foundation of service.

"Ile-Ife will always have a place in our hearts," offers Ms. Moon. "Life is so much more rewarding when you are doing things for other people, focusing on needs other than your own."



## School of Nursing encourages healthy living with walking contest

Adeeba Evans, administrative coordinator for nursing administration, School of Nursing, likes to walk and often has difficulty sleeping. Some nights, the only way she can get to sleep is to stretch her legs.

"I really enjoy walking," she says. "That helps my sleeping habits if I tire myself out by walking around the house for a few hours."

After a few hours, she eventually gets to sleep, which is good news for Ms. Evans, but bad news for fellow participants in the recent walking contest held by the School of Nursing.

With an astounding almost four million steps submitted by Ms. Evans for the contest, she won by a landslide.

The contest, held for School of Nursing faculty and staff only, began October 14, 2002, and ran until June 1, 2003. Each participant was required to wear a pedometer, a small instrument that clips to the participant's belt and records how many steps they take during the day.

Major prizes for the contest included a gift certificate of \$250 to a store of the winner's choice, a gift certificate of \$200 for a day at a local spa, a Sports

Mart gift certificate for \$100, and an extra day off.

To help keep motivation up, each Monday morning the person with the most steps that week received 100 extra frequent walker steps. Each month, the walkers entered their walking log into a drawing for a surprise gift.

Each person who reached a significant personal goal by June 1 had their entrance form entered into a drawing for the remaining major prize. The goal was required to be written on the entrance form and must be verifiable.

Most participants chose weight loss as their goal, though Cathy Horinouchi, MS, RN, assistant professor of nursing, admitted that her goal was to gain a few more pounds of muscle. Almost all the goals the participants submitted were met.

Everyone else who kept walking and stayed with the contest to the conclusion but did not receive a major prize received a gift certificate for \$25.

Several monthly prizes included oil changes, car washes, pedicures, manicures, haircuts, and skin-care services including electrolysis.

All told, more than 27 million steps were submitted by School of Nursing faculty and staff.



*Adeeba Evans (left), administrative coordinator for nursing administration, LLUSN, won first prize in the walking competition. Here she goes for a walk with Dora Salinas, administrative assistant for admissions, LLUSN, who won third prize in the competition.*



## Nursing professor receives two research grants

**M**ichael Galbraith, PhD, RN, professor in the School of Nursing and department of psychology, Graduate School, has received two grants totaling more than \$280,000 in indirect and direct costs from the National Institute for Nursing Research, a division of the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

In addition, the Oncology Nursing Society awarded him a \$10,000 grant to facilitate follow-up to his initial NIH research project.

Dr. Galbraith's first phase of research compared the quality of life of men receiving different treatments for prostate cancer. As Dr. Galbraith heard more from the men in his first study, he heard an overwhelming theme.

"The men I was working with felt I wasn't getting the whole story," says Dr. Galbraith. "They felt unless I spoke with their partners as well, I was only partially understanding how prostate cancer and treatment was influencing their quality of life."

The insights Dr. Galbraith gained from his initial work with prostate patients inspired him to seek funding for further research. He is following couples who are dealing with prostate cancer. "Cancer doesn't just affect one person," explains Dr. Galbraith. "It impacts all with whom the

man is intimately and emotionally involved in his everyday life. As we track these couples, we begin to see how their relationships are being affected by the diagnoses of cancer and its subsequent treatment."

Dr. Galbraith is developing the third phase of his program of research that will involve a clinical intervention aimed at helping health-care professionals and

prostate cancer couples address the intimacy, communication, and relationship issues that emerge as they live with the diagnoses, treatment, and survival from prostate cancer.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about participating in Dr. Galbraith's study, please call (909) 558-4256 or e-mail <mgalbraith@sn.llu.edu> to learn more about the project.

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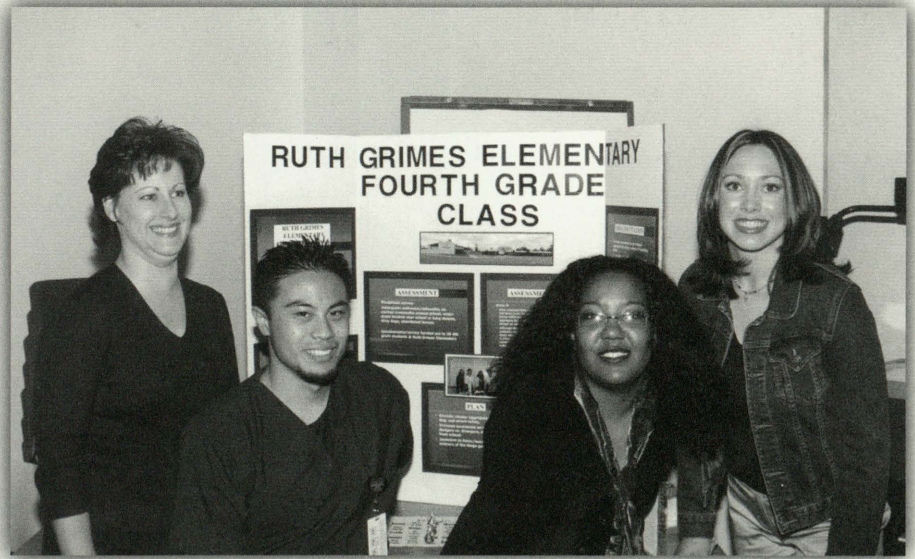
## School of Nursing seniors present posters

School of Nursing seniors participated in a poster presentation as part of their community and public health nursing course.

Working in groups of three or four, the students developed clinical lab sites at Colton Cares Child Development Center, Colton; La Sierra Academy, Riverside; Ruth Grimes Elementary, San Bernardino; Heritage Gardens and ACTS/Parish Nursing, Loma Linda; Green Valley Continuation School, Yucaipa; Linda Valley Villa, Loma Linda; and New Beginnings, Moreno Valley.

"This is a very positive experience for students," says Dolores Wright, DNSc, RN, associate professor of nursing and lead teacher for the course. "This class exposes students to the many opportunities for public health nursing in their community."

Students engineered creative, as well as practical, nursing interventions for each site. For example, the group who worked with residents from Heritage Gardens provided information about fall prevention. The students performed a skit and demonstrated exercises that help increase lower leg strength. Residents were even treated to a game of "falling" bingo to help



School of Nursing seniors (from left) Sandra Simas, Francis Simon, Rowena McCann, and Jessica Berg pose for a picture in front of their poster presentation. The group worked with fourth graders at Ruth Grimes Elementary to teach them how to walk safely to and from school.

reinforce the concepts presented. "We're really excited," says Sandee Castaneda, a senior nursing student in the course. "The program director at Heritage Gardens is considering implementing the lower leg exercises into their regular programming."

To illustrate their work with their lab site, students crafted

colorful posters explaining how they helped others learn about various health conditions and communicable diseases. Faculty members throughout the School were invited to view the posters and offer feedback. The posters were graded on size, legibility, professionalism, quality of illustrations, use of color, and subject.

### | alumni homecoming 2004 |

Missions Abroad theme  
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Honored classes: 1954, 1979, and 1994  
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More information to come



## School of Nursing hosts Kathryn Jensen Nelson Society brunch

During the Kathryn Jensen Nelson (KJN) Society brunch held Sunday, April 6, in the Wong Kerlee International Conference Center, Helen King, PhD, RN, dean of the School, paid special tribute to special major donors and the Centennial Fellows. Each year the KJN brunch is held during homecoming weekend to honor those who give \$250 or more to the School during the previous year.

"We are so grateful to all of our special supporters of the School. The KJN Society Brunch is a way we can celebrate those individuals," says Diana Fisher, MA, director of development.

The School presented each donor with a special book as a token of gratefulness.

The Centennial Fellows program is a special financial giving campaign through which individuals help celebrate the School's centennial (2005 to 2006) and enable future nursing education. This program represents individual partnerships between friends and alumni of the School and the University to create a \$1 million endowment fund. This fund will support all the educational and scholarship programs within the School. Individuals and/or groups will be named as Centennial Fellows with a gift of \$20,000 or more.



*Dr. and Mrs. William and Rose Swatek stand as they are recognized during the brunch for establishing the first faculty chair in the School of Nursing.*

At the brunch, Beryl Marx Swingle, a 1953 School of Nursing graduate, presented Dr. King with a Fellowship from the golden anniversary class (1953). The class of 1953 raised more than \$15,000 toward the Fellowship, and special matching funds for the rest of the Fellowship are being generously donated by Alberta Tetz Martin, a 1953 graduate, and her husband Russell Martin, who were both recognized at the brunch.

Recently, commitments to sponsor Centennial Fellowships were made by two organizations—the LLUSN Alumni Association, through their lifetime members, and Sigma Theta Tau International, Gamma Alpha Chapter, School of Nursing, Loma Linda University.

To date, 21 Fellowships are sponsored. For more information

on becoming involved in this program, please contact the director of development at (909) 558-7093 or on the web at <[www.llu.edu/llu/nursing](http://www.llu.edu/llu/nursing)>. You can also send e-mail directly to the Centennial Fellows program at <[centennial@univ.llu.edu](mailto:centennial@univ.llu.edu)>.

Also at the brunch, Dr. King presented information and statistics about the School of Nursing to the members.

"We are thrilled to announce the first faculty chair for the School," says Dr. King. "It was established by Dr. & Mrs. William Swatek in honor of the founding chair of the graduate program in nursing, R. Maureen Maxwell, EdD, RN."

For information on how to become a member of the Kathryn Jensen Nelson Society, please call (909) 558-7093 or go online at <[www.llu.edu/llu/nursing](http://www.llu.edu/llu/nursing)>.



# | mentoring program |

## Help secure nursing's future by being a mentor

Sixteen alumni mentors so far have volunteered to share their experiences, wisdom, and friendship with LLUSN students. The availability of these mentors was announced to the nursing student body in chapel, and more than 50 students responded that they would like to have an alumni mentor!

It is our hope that more alumni (or any affiliated Loma Linda nurse) will accept the call of service and volunteer to mentor one or more of the remaining students who wish to engage in this very special relationship.

Our mentees who are in need of your encouragement range from first-year students to recent graduates. If you would like to take part in this rewarding program, please fill out this application. The cost is a modest investment of your time, knowledge, and caring. We will report to you in future issues, "Mentor Moments," highlighting the stories of how mentors are affecting the lives of the next generation of nursing professionals. Join us!

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# The makings a great leader

*a visit with*

*Marilyn Christian Smith Gearing*

What makes a great leader? Is one born with the talents of leadership? Maybe it is an acquired skill, or perhaps a little of both. One thing is for sure, when one meets such a person—she makes a lasting impression. Such is the case with one of Loma Linda University School of Nursing's own—Marilyn Christian Smith Gearing, EdD, MSN, PHN, FAAN.

## | the history |

Marilyn Christian was born in Trenton, New Jersey, on January 20, 1933, to Pastor and Mrs. R.J. Christian who had recently returned from mission service in British Guiana, South America. According to Marilyn's mother, she was born in a hurry in a taxi on the way to the hospital and "has been in a hurry to proceed with life ever since."

As a young girl she recalls seeing her mother driving a black county car marked "Public Health Nurse" while visiting patients in their neighborhood. Marilyn was fascinated and impressed with this type of community health program. It wasn't until she worked as a nurses' aide in academy, however, that she really decided that nursing was for her. She found the field meaningful, allowed for creativity and adventure, and would

be a great stepping stone for her adult life.

Inspired by the opportunities that nursing offered, Marilyn enrolled in the nursing program at Columbia Union College (CUC) in Takoma Park, Maryland. When CUC offered an advanced nursing program to its students, she volunteered to be one of the first graduates to receive a BS degree in nursing in 1954. Marilyn decided to continue her education in the Washington D.C. area at Catholic University of America and earned her MSN degree in nursing administration and community health in 1957. "I never dreamed I would someday teach nursing," says Dr. Gearing. But God's providence had a hand in her life and led Dr. Gearing to teaching and

eventually leadership in nursing education.

Before leaving CUC she was appointed associate chair of the department of nursing. She later worked as supervisor and tuberculosis nursing consultant for the City of Richmond Health Department in Richmond, Virginia.

## | school of nursing |

In July of 1963, Dr. Gearing started her career at Loma Linda University. As assistant professor and acting chair of community health nursing in the School of Nursing, Dr. Gearing hit the ground running and hasn't turned back since. In 1966, she took the leadership role in the development and coordination of the home care



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*“Go confidently in the direction  
of your dreams. Love the life you  
have imagined.”*

*—Henry David Thoreau*



department at Loma Linda University Medical Center.

As her role at the School of Nursing and Loma Linda University on a whole grew, Dr. Gearing was undaunted by the challenges she faced. She was instrumental in establishing clinical-based curriculum in the School of Nursing.

“I had a strong conviction that the dean of nursing has the responsibility for optimal nursing care, as well as for nursing education,” says Dr. Gearing. “Our Seventh-day Adventist philosophy supports quality patient care and this goes beyond formal education.”



*Dr. Gearing poses for a picture in 1938.*



*Dr. Gearing (back row, third from right) poses with her fellow Columbia Union College nursing classmates in 1953.*

### | leadership beginning |

Her leadership talents became more and more apparent and as a result, Dr. Gearing was selected as dean-elect and continued as professor of community health nursing until her appointment as dean and professor of Loma Linda University School of Nursing (LLUSN) in 1969. During her 12-year tenure as dean, she served in a variety of professional organizations and national task-forces on Federal health legislation. She chaired the preparation of a report for U.S. Congress titled, “Analysis and Planning for Improved Distribution of Nursing Personnel and Services.” She was elected national president of the American Association of Seventh-day Adventist Nurses (1972 to 1975) and served on the board of directors of the Western Interstate Commission of Higher Education in Nursing as vice

chair from 1976 to 1981. In addition, Dr. Gearing was involved in leadership positions in many other organizations including the American Association of Colleges of Nursing and the American Nurses Association.

Dr. Gearing was also active in organizing and presenting workshops for nursing leaders both nationally and internationally. Just a few of her international experiences included consulting on maternal and child health care needs in Tanzania (1977) and serving as contributing speaker during a two-day workshop at Beijing Medical University in China on “Wellness Diagnosis” for nurses as patient educators.

“What a rewarding experience it was to meet with the professional nurses and nurse educators in China,” says Dr. Gearing. “They listened eagerly, but more importantly, they responded with



meaningful questions, ideas, and logical discussion. Through this interaction with these professional nurses in China, we were clearly aware of the unique privilege we have to teach and practice nursing in the modern setting of the United States, but glad of the opportunity to share skills with other countries.”

### | further education |

In between leading LLUSN as dean and her national and international efforts, Dr. Gearing still found time in her busy schedule to obtain an EdD degree in higher education from the University of Southern California in 1974. She was also named a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing in 1979—one of the highest distinctions a nursing professional can be awarded.



*Dr. Gearing and her husband, Walter, are photographed in May, 2001.*



*The Christian family poses for a picture in 1944.*

When asked about her thoughts on her extended leadership experience in the School of Nursing, Dr. Gearing saw her role as dean in two major ways.

“My role, primarily, is one of setting the climate in which teachers, students, and nurses can perform at the optimal level of their abilities within the broad scope of the philosophy of the School and University on a whole. I tried to provide an environment, teaching-learning tools, quality personnel, and supportive personnel to enable these people to function at their best. Another part of this role is helping identify the innate qualities in the faculty and staff so that they may grow, and through these qualities, complement each

other while working as a team.

“Secondly, my role is one of leadership—assisting in keeping the faculty and staff aware of national and international changes in their fields; providing systematic organization for their creative ideas...implementation of change and creativity to keep the School on the leading edge in the professional area, as well as the world of general academics.”

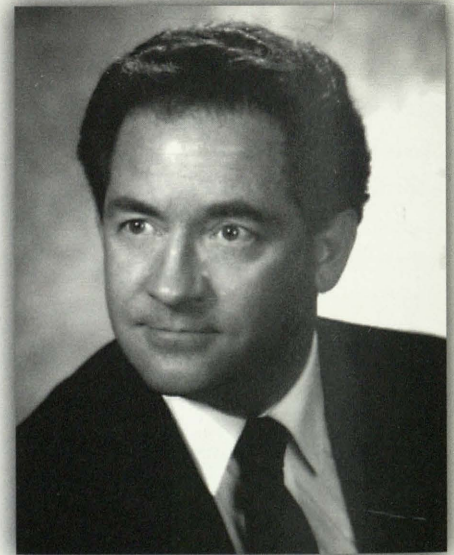
Dr. Gearing took her leadership role very seriously. “A vital part in this leadership role is that of a mediator and intermediator between the School of Nursing, the University, and the community.... As the dean I must be vitally concerned with maintaining quality of patient care and

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## Gifting hidden assets

By Gary Oliver



*Gary Oliver is the associate director of planned giving at LLU.*

Those wishing to make sizable charitable gifts for a good cause without impacting their cash flow often look at life insurance policies that may have lost their original purpose. A policy purchased by a young family to assure the children's education might be gifted when the kids are out on their own. Perhaps financial success has made a life insurance policy less necessary and this "hidden asset" could be given to the School of Nursing.

The School could cash out the policy, borrow from it, trade it for a paid up policy, or continue to pay the premiums. If the donor continued to pay the premiums, each payment would be tax deductible.

Donors get a charitable income tax deduction, stop paying premiums (if any), remove the asset from possible estate taxation and best of all, make a real difference to the School. Donors often support a project or program close to their heart. Some donors keep the present policy and purpose, but name the School as a contingent beneficiary if the primary beneficiary predeceases the donor. Some even purchase a new policy in a trust to

leverage their gift to larger amounts.

If this "hidden asset" approach interests you, please contact Diana Fisher, director of development for the School of Nursing, at (909) 558-8682, or the planned giving department at (800) 558-6398.

We would be pleased to explore the matter with you further.

**We want you to be part of the celebration! The School of Nursing has 21 sponsored Fellowships already, and we don't want you to be left out. If you are interested, please fill out the form below and send it in the enclosed envelope. Or call us at (909) 558-7093 or e-mail <centennial@univ.llu.edu>.**

### **Please send me Centennial Fellows information!**

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- I am interested in learning more about becoming a Centennial Fellow. Please contact me.
- I am interested, but I have some questions or concerns. Please contact me.
- I am interested in becoming a Centennial Fellow through a planned gift or other gifting avenue. Please contact me about this opportunity.

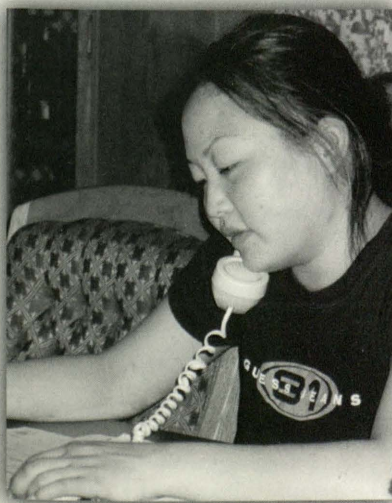


## School of Nursing completes annual fundraising phonathon

The School of Nursing held its annual phonathon this year from February 2 to 20.

Current LLUSN students called alumni from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Faculty Reading Room in Magan Hall. Twenty-two students updated alumni on recent happenings in the School, announced upcoming alumni weekend events, and raised money for student scholarships and international outreach.

"We had excellent students helping out this year," states Kimberly Steiner, development associate, School of Nursing. "The students really enjoyed talking with our alumni."



*Student Sharon Lee answers questions and catches up with alumni during the annual School of Nursing fundraising phonathon.*

School of Nursing faculty members Marilyn Herrmann, PhD, RN, associate dean of the undergraduate program; Leli Pedro, DNSC, RN, associate professor of nursing; and Zelne Zamora, MSN, RN, instructor of nursing, also participated in catching up with alumni.

The phonathon resulted in more than \$28,000 in pledges.

"We are pleased that alumni continue to show their support to the School," says Diana Fisher, MA, director of development. "They continue to be generous and supportive of our nursing students, and we are deeply grateful."

### | alumni association financial report |

Five-year period ending June 30, 2002

	2001-02	2000-01	1999-00	1998-99	1997-98
<b>Income:</b>					
House of Thrift	9,075	7,177	10,492	19,570	41,136
Interest LLU Foundation	34,356	36,335	35,184	29,501	34,385
Interest/dividends other	704	6,373	3,213	4,598	7,640
Donations	6,946	6,994	15,536	23,651	21,196
Inc/(Dec) in value of securities	<u>(15,404)</u>	<u>(20,565)</u>	<u>4,182</u>	<u>1,059</u>	<u>3,630</u>
Total income	48,777	36,314	68,607	78,379	107,987
<b>Expenses:</b>					
Salaries	9,014	0	7,568	17,644	16,004
Banquet & institute	10,863	6,318	10,790	9,348	11,619
Other	<u>1,727</u>	<u>3,624</u>	<u>1,979</u>	<u>1,652</u>	<u>1,224</u>
Total expenses	<u>21,604</u>	<u>9,942</u>	<u>20,337</u>	<u>28,644</u>	<u>28,847</u>
Total before projects	27,173	26,372	48,270	49,735	79,140
<b>Projects:</b>					
Alm conference room	20,719	0	0	0	0
Missions	5,650	1,367	8,866	11,250	11,050
Scholarships	17,250	17,250	29,000	29,500	28,000
LAP assistance	0	3,750	5,000	5,000	5,000
Miscellaneous	<u>5,250</u>	<u>5,250</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>7,000</u>	<u>7,500</u>
Total projects	<u>48,869</u>	<u>27,617</u>	<u>44,866</u>	<u>52,750</u>	<u>51,550</u>
Net gain (Loss)	(21,696)	(1,245)	3,404	(3,015)	27,590
<b>Investments:</b>					
Annual scholarship	42,859	49,135	46,575	53,421	72,351
Building fund	102,864	117,029	109,184	102,331	97,373
House of Thrift	139,838	139,838	139,838	139,838	139,838
Life memberships	154,576	144,650	142,431	137,071	127,093
Paine Webber & banks	<u>63,867</u>	<u>83,225</u>	<u>96,738</u>	<u>93,522</u>	<u>104,381</u>
Total investments	504,004	533,877	534,766	526,183	541,036



## The makings of a great leader...

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education excellence with the highest Christian standards..."

### | memories |

When Dr. Gearing became the dean in 1969, she was the only female academic dean at LLU. She took this all in stride and was extremely well received and respected by her fellow Loma Linda administrators. "By and large, LLU recognizes my role as a woman dean on an equal basis. It is my objective to help people see each other for their values, however, not just on the basis of their gender," commented Dr. Gearing when interviewed in 1975.

So what other ingredients are needed to make a great leader? Dr. Gearing thinks there are a few more things that are necessary. "One great need is sensitivity to the needs of others and how you are perceived," she says. "You must have your 'feelers' out and be aware of everyone. It's a lifelong process which I'm continually working on."

Dr. Gearing reflects on the difficult balance that was necessary as dean. "The dean needs to realize that he/she is not an independent administrator... This person must be willing to admit error and failure on the part of the faculty and self, have broad shoulders to realize responsibility, and know that ultimately the responsibility rests on that one person functioning as dean."

Other characteristics of considerable value to a dean, accord-

ing to Gearing, are a strong personal and philosophical values system, diplomacy, and knowing when to speak or keep quiet. "I feel that as a woman, I needed to be a gracious diplomat."

Dr. Gearing faced many challenges in her 12 years as dean. Among these were leading the nursing faculty to become not only teaching professionals but also excellent clinical practitioners.

She also strived to create and maintain excellence at the doctoral level in faculty teaching and research. Other challenges included the preparation of advanced practice nurses in the early 1970s, the SN move from the Medical Center to West Hall, and the "ever present problem" of finances. She gives credit to a talented, hard-working faculty

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### | centennial fellows |

To commemorate the upcoming School of Nursing's 100th birthday during the 2005–2006 school year, the following individuals have made a special commitment. They have become Centennial Fellows. With commitments of \$20,000 or more to the Centennial Endowment Fund, these generous donors have caught the vision of creating a better future for the School of Nursing. We are deeply grateful for their gifts.

- Nancy Bergstrom
- Shayne Bigelow-Price
- In memory of Mariel Jean Blaine
- Elizabeth Bossert, Dynnette Hart, and Patricia Jones
- LLUSN Alumni Association, Life Members
- Class of 1952 (3 Fellowships)—Golden anniversary gift
- Class of 1953—Golden anniversary gift
- Vincent & Alice Dachary
- Lian Ishikawa Funada & Dean Funada
- Marilyn Herrmann
- Claran & Marjorie Jesse
- William & Helen King
- Jeff, Julie, Stefani, & Jeffrey James Leeper
- In memory of James R. McNaughton
- Jean Kinzer Murdoch
- Patricia Pothier and Lois Van Cleve
- Sigma Theta Tau International, Gamma Alpha Chapter, LLUSN
- Arlene Taylor
- Betty Winslow



## | letter from the alumni association president |

Dear Alumni,

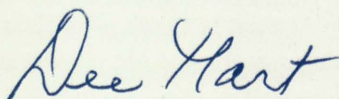
The homecoming weekend for 2003 has ended, and we are left with great memories. Much energy and enthusiasm was present as the honored classes met together. What a great time we had listening to past experiences from their nursing education years. It was most interesting to compare their challenges with our current educational challenges.

“Nursing is Timeless” was the theme of the homecoming weekend. Listening to alumni talk about their careers, accomplishments, and life stories inspired us with renewed energy and motivation to carry on the nursing profession. Caring, advocating, and treating the whole person are certainly timeless principles. I left the weekend inspired.

The international news also reminds us of the ominous conflict between good and evil. Many alumni are involved in a variety of ways related to the war. Many have relatives or friends in the military. With the international perspective of LLUSN, we are also concerned about the civilians caught in the middle of the war. Deaths and casualties on both sides represent family losses, regardless of their national loyalty.

Many current life events serve to remind us that God is eager to bring true peace and happiness to this world. I pray that as each of us carry out our daily responsibilities, we will truly represent God’s timeless love, caring, and compassion. I end my current term as president of the School of Nursing Alumni Association with that challenge for all of us.

Very sincerely,



Dynnette (Dee) Nelson Hart, '66, '68MS, DrPH, CPNP  
President  
LLUSN Alumni Association





## School celebrates 98th year with alumni weekend

The School of Nursing celebrated its 98th year with an alumni weekend held April 5 through 7 on Loma Linda's campus.

The honoree vespers program was held Sabbath afternoon in the Campus Chapel of University Church. More than 100 alumni and family attended the program.

During the vespers program, each honored class was invited to the front of the room for a picture and to share with the rest of the classes some of their memories from throughout the years.

No representatives from the classes of 1973 and 1978 were available, but the classes of 1943, 1953, 1968, and 1993 all had representatives attend.



*Attendees gather in the foyer of Wong Kerlee International Conference Center for registration and refreshments prior to the School of Nursing homecoming banquet.*

Attendees were treated to several stories, including one from an alumna of the class of 1943 who biked up to the Antarctica at the age of 75.

With the largest turnout of any alumni group, the class of 1953 told the attendees that the School of Nursing had made them independent-thinking problem solvers.

The class of 1963 shared that they were the first class to live in Kate Lindsey Hall.

"I want to thank all of the participants for making vespers such a special moment for us," says Zelne Zamora, MSN, RN, instructor of nursing, School of Nursing.

Following the vespers program, each honor class had their picture taken by a professional photographer, and then a short reception was held in the foyer of Wong Kerlee International Conference Center prior to the alumni banquet.

"Homecoming is always a special time for alumni from the



*Members of the 50-year class of 1953 examine a photo collage of pictures from when they attended the School of Nursing.*



## | alumni homecoming |

School of Nursing to get reconnected with their classmates and with their alma mater,” says Diana Fisher, MA, director of development, School of Nursing.

“The honor classes were incredible with their support of the School of Nursing,” adds Ms. Fisher. “This weekend was their time to shine, but they wanted to give back to their alma mater. We are so grateful for their generous gifts.”

The alumni banquet, titled “2003: Nursing is Timeless” began with a welcome, devotional, and invocation from Dynette Hart, DrPH, RN, president of the Alumni Association.

Banquet attendees were treated to a lavish dinner featuring a Mediterranean cuisine of eggplant, falafel balls, and tabouli salad. School of Nursing students were available to help usher alumni and their family members who had difficulty walking.

Dr. King presented an update of the School, including current faculty research, outreach in foreign countries, and student enrollment.

After Dr. King’s update, Ms. Zamora presented the House of Thrift (HOT) volunteer report. The School offered its thanks to HOT volunteers and employees for their continued support of the program.

Two Meritorious Scholarship Awards were then presented. The undergraduate award was given to Stephanie Simon. The graduate award was given to Georgina Manning.

A special Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Marilyn Christian Smith Gearing, EdD, MSN, PHN, FAAN, former dean and professor emeritus of the School.

Dr. Gearing was unable to attend the banquet due to illness but Marilyn Herrmann, PhD, RN, associate dean of the undergraduate program, accepted the award on Dr. Gearing’s behalf and read a statement from Dr. Gearing.

“Just 40 years ago this month I received a call from Dr. Godfrey T. Anderson, then president of the newly named Loma Linda University,” Dr. Gearing wrote.

“He was passing on a ‘call’ to me to come to the LLU School of Nursing from Virginia where I was then a public health supervisor.

LLU wanted me to chair and teach public health nursing.

“Hesitantly I accepted sensing God’s calling to a ‘needy field.’ Little did I think I would stay here longer than a year or two! Little did I realize what a blessing this would be to me. God has blessed abundantly.

“Now you have granted me a Lifetime Achievement Award tonight. Humbly and very most gratefully I accept. But I must quickly hasten to add that this award should not be mine but rather to God Himself and to all the students, alumni, and faculty who have made these past years such a joy and such a challenge. You are the individuals who made this School of Nursing great! My sincere thanks to each one of you.”



*Alumni homecoming organizers (from left) Dynette Hart, DrPH, RN, assistant professor, School of Nursing, and president, School of Nursing Alumni Association; Zelne Zamora, MSN, RN, instructor of nursing; and Hazel Wood, School of Nursing Alumni Association secretary, pose for a photo following the homecoming banquet.*



## Colleen Buchanan Ackerman, RN, is named Alumna of the Year

During the School of Nursing alumni banquet, the Alumni of the Year Awards were presented by Katty Joy Fenton French, PhD, RN, associate professor, and Eva Goodlett Miller, MS, RN, associate professor.

Presented with the Alumna of the Year Award was Colleen Buchanan Ackerman, RN, a 1953 graduate of the School.

During a long and satisfying nursing career, she accepted the challenge of being involved in a wide variety of roles in diverse settings. In the early years of her career she was a nurse in a general practice office, and a clinic nurse at Kaiser Permanente. In 1957, she entered the field of occupational health nursing and devoted her time and energy there for the next four decades.

Ms. Ackerman is a pioneer who was on the cutting edge of change in the field of occupational health nursing. She has known widely different work environments, from a General Motors plant to Intel Corporation. During her career, she experienced such activities as assisting with medical exams for food handler crews in the Alaskan salmon industry and working for a company engaged in research and development related to nuclear warheads.

As an occupational health nurse, she has monitored lead



*Class of 1953 alumna Colleen Buchanan Ackerman, RN (right), receives the Alumna of the Year Award from Katty Joy Fenton French, PhD, RN.*

workers, handled trauma cases, dealt with management and union issues, carried out safety inspections, and developed and monitored ergonomic assessments of employee workstations.

She has done nursing exams for repetitive injuries, developed infection control plans and pregnancy policy manuals, health promotion, and counseling. She also studied and became a licensed x-ray technologist to provide x-ray procedures at the worksite.

In addition to demanding work responsibilities, Ms. Ackerman performed mission service in Jamaica and was a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity. Most importantly, she is a wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother.

She launched a parish nurse program at her church and is

engaged with the Friends of Folsom Library. Currently, she works as a case manager for worker's compensation for Traveler's Insurance.

In recognition of her distinguished nursing career, the School honors Ms. Ackerman for meritorious service and recognizes her leadership as a pioneer in the field of occupational health nursing.

Ms. Ackerman's plaque reads: "Loma Linda University School of Nursing Alumni Association honors Colleen Ackerman, BS, RN, ARRT, for extraordinary commitment to professional nursing in ambulatory, occupational health, mission, and church settings. She is commended for innovation in promoting health and safety of America's workforce and their families. Alumna of the Year Award, April 5, 2003."



## Michael E. Galbraith, PhD, RN, receives Alumnus of the Year Award

Also presented with the School of Nursing Alumnus of the Year Award was Michael E. Galbraith, PhD, RN.

Dr. Galbraith, professor for both LLU School of Nursing and Graduate School, department of psychology, graduated from the School of Nursing graduate program in 1978 with a major in mental health nursing. He began his professional career as a urology team coordinator in 1975 and developed a urology nurse aide certification process.

A year later he changed his professional focus to psychiatric nursing in which he has maintained his clinical skills. He has been a psychiatric nurse specialist and consultant for LLUMC Home Care Agency since 1993.

Dr. Galbraith began his academic teaching career at the School in 1980 and since that time, has taught psychiatric mental health nursing. His current teaching assignments in the Graduate School are research courses, health psychology, and grant writing at the master's and PhD levels.

He holds a PhD degree from Claremont Graduate School, Claremont, in social psychology granted in 1989. He also completed a post-doctoral preparation in social support in 1993.

Dr. Galbraith has a strong



*Michael E. Galbraith, PhD, RN (right), professor, School of Nursing and the Graduate School, and alumnus of the class of 1978, receives his Alumnus of the Year Award from Exa Goodlett Miller, MS, RN (left), associate professor.*

commitment to the development of the science of nursing. His early scientific exploration related to men in nontraditional occupations, and he has published articles about the factors that attract men to nursing. More recently, his research interest relates to quality of life issues with men diagnosed with prostate cancer and their spouses.

As president of the Gamma Alpha Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, the honor society for nursing, he was a strong supporter of the development of an annual competitive research grant for members as a way of supporting and encouraging members as they pursue their programs of research.

In his faculty role in the School, he is a strong voice for

faculty governance and professional development. He actively supported the development of the School's new doctoral program.

The School commends Dr. Galbraith for advocating the essential role of the empirical process in the development of nursing science and his modeling of nursing scholarship.

Dr. Galbraith's plaque reads: "Loma Linda University School of Nursing Alumni Association honors Michael E. Galbraith, PhD, RN, innovator, educator, researcher, author, consultant for extraordinary commitment to the scholarship of nursing and the development of nursing science related to men's health and quality of life issues and attracting men to the nursing profession. Alumnus of the Year Award April 5, 2003."



## School of Nursing honored alumni classes



Members of the class of 1953 pose for a picture. They include (back row, from left) Flora (Starr) Pitchford, Violet (Kereluk) Larrabee, Retta (Riffel) Snider, Margaret (Christensen) Fryling, Irene (Fujimoto) Nakamoto, Phoebe (Brayshaw) Miller, Alberta (Tetz) Martin, Darlene Foster-Juhl, Joyce (Wassenmiller) Jarrett, Zella (Morroaw) Flohr, Earline (Westphal) Miller; Colleen (Buchanan) Ackerman, Frankie (Mitchell) Cantrell, Vivian (Carscallen) Hudgins, Beryl (Marx) Swingle, Leatrice (Fukunaga) Ozawa, Ruth (Mizoguchi) Anisman; (front row, from left) Enid (Makwah) Blaylock, Ethel Clark, Phyllis (Bergman) Nash, Raylene (Duncan) Sturges, Marilyn (Weis) Dassenko, Emily (Harper) Walker, Graciela Schaeffler, Lila (Murrer) Clark, and Jacqueline (Unger) Moncrieff.



Class of 1973 members pose for a picture prior to the alumni banquet. They are (back row, from left) Bunnie Ford, Nancy Hosek, Diane (Oliver) Bock; (front row, from left) Sharon Ford, Peggy Diede, and Alice Chan.

## Class Gifts

### **50-year class (1953)**

\$20,000 for Centennial Fellowship Campaign

### **40-year class (1963)**

\$3,585 for student scholarships, Learning Resource Center, and the SN Annual Fund

### **30-year class (1973)**

In memory of classmate Robin B. Rogers  
\$3,700+ to establish an ongoing scholarship  
for students in nurse practitioner training

### **10-year class (1993)**

\$768 for skills lap equipment



## | alumni homecoming |



Class of 1993 alumnae pose for a picture. They include (from left) Marynie (Patnugot) Bell, Lorraine (Ordas) Harland, Kathy (White) Corrion, and Sheri (William) Fayard.



Members of the 1968 class pose for a picture. They are (from left) Lydia (Ho) Hsu, Janene (Thomas) Jenkins, and Bonnie (Palmer) Thiel.



Attending members of the class of 1978 pose for a class picture including (from left) Janice Phillips and Lilia (Nieto) Loreda.



Members of the class of 1943 who attended the homecoming banquet pose for a picture. They were (from left) Joan Smith and Charlotte (Patterson) Hamlin.



Members of the class of 1963 pose for a picture. They are (back row, from left) Carol (Stevens) Walters, Sandra (Simon) Van Iderstein, Audrey (Thompson) Anderson, Mary (Anderson) Williams, Bonnie (Henkes) Johnson, Georgann (Kindsater) Van Kirk, Eloise (Meisner) Baker, Barbara Frazier, Cathy (Heath) Wesenberg, Carol Ann (Frazer) Frazer; (front row, from left) Marilyn (Anderson) Patchin, Georgene (Thompson) Bond, Patsy (Ponder) McArthur, Joyce (Kretschmar) Reiszwig, Virginia (Dunn) Plummer, and Janis (Herren) Larsen.





Members of the class of 1958 pose for a picture during alumni weekend. They are (back row, from left) Joann (Haskell) Haven, Mary Lou (Williams) Jacobs-Gillis, Joan (Ekroth) Anderson, Victoria (Miller) Wahlen, Betty (Bull) Cooper, Sue (Findley) McCarthy, Eunice (Dahl) Galleher, Hilda Bloomquist; (middle row, from left) Norma (Brown) Johnston, Bonnie (Smith) King, Eva (Goodlett) Miller, Thelma (Goldsmith) Dayes, Jean (Rittenhause) Lejniaks, Melba (Kindsøader) Zimmermann, Jacqueline (Jacobs) Smith; (front row, from right) Frances (Dunn) Soliz, Betty Segretto, Gerda (Frederickson) Fish, and Amy Kondo.

## The makings of a great leader...

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and much prayer and guidance from God for getting the School through the rough spots.

After her years as dean, her interests were focused on nursing staff development and nursing research aimed at improving patient outcomes in the operating room setting at Loma Linda University Medical Center.

In 1990 she returned to teaching and curriculum development for LLUSN. She worked with Loma Linda University Church to create a parish-nursing program as part of the community health nursing experience for School of Nursing senior students. She was active in community organizations. One

major accomplishment of these groups was the development of an immunization tracking system for San Bernardino and Riverside counties. A committed scholar and educator, after her formal retirement in 1998, she continued to serve the School of Nursing in various assignments.

This great leader in the School of Nursing also found time for a very special family life. She married Maurice E. Smith in 1980. They were happily married until Smith's death in 1995. Dr. Gearing married Walter L. Gearing in May of 2001 in Loma Linda where they currently live. Dr. Gearing still enjoys tending to her garden and being out in nature.

As dean and professor emeritus, Dr. Gearing still has a special place in her heart for LLUSN. She believes the School's future is bright if its focus remains on God's will.

"It wasn't all my doing that made our program a success," says Dr. Gearing. "The loyal and dedicated faculty deserve the credit."

Whether educating nurses, working with faculty and administrators, or caring for patients, Marilyn Gearing had and still possesses the right ingredients of a great leader. Hard work, dedication to stay the course, innate talent and faith in God have served Dr. Gearing well, and many lives are still benefiting from her life-long devotion to the nursing profession.



## The everyday hero

**W**hat is an everyday hero? An everyday hero is a nurse who continues to uphold LLU's mission in his/her career in nursing. We want to celebrate the many everyday heroes from our University.

We want to honor several alumni who are everyday heroes. We want this tradition to carry on in future issues of *Loma Linda NURSE*, so we are asking you, the alumni, to send us names of everyday heroes. We want to honor as many as we can.

Who qualifies as an everyday hero? There are two qualifications. First, they must be an alumnus of either the undergraduate or graduate programs of Loma Linda University School of Nursing.

Second, they must be a practicing nurse in any field of nursing at any level. So staff nurses, school nurses, educators, home health nurses, and others—let us know who you are! If you know of someone who is an everyday hero, tell us about him or her. Thank you for continuing our mission in your lives.

Zelne Zamora, RN, MSN  
President-elect  
LLUSN Alumni Association

*What to send us:* name, year graduated, what he/she has been doing, what he/she is doing now, family members and their names, how he/she is continuing the mission of the University, and what it means to him/her now as a current practitioner. Please send a picture, if possible.

You can e-mail the information to: <zzamora@sn.llu.edu> or <hwood@sn.llu.edu>. You can also mail the information to: Loma Linda School of Nursing, 11262 Campus Street, Loma Linda, California 92350, Attn: Alumni Association.

### Everyday Hero

**Fran Diller Smith**

CLASS OF 1991

#### *Professional experience*

After graduation, she was a staff nurse at LLUMC, and a clinical instructor for LLUSN. Her husband was transferred to Michigan in 1995, and she began working for Providence Hospital there. In early 1999, she was recruited by Kelly Services to start Kelly Healthcare Resources, a nationwide health-care staffing division. It has grown to be a multimillion dollar division with 13 offices nationwide, placing health-care professionals in hospitals, clinics, and other areas.

#### *How she's carrying out LLU's mission*

"Loma Linda instilled in me a sense of what it means to be a quality nurse, giving patients and their families the best care possible to assist them in living as whole and rewarding a life as possible. That sense of quality patient care and serving people with integrity continues with me to this day. I am no longer at the bedside, however. In developing Kelly Healthcare Resources, I understood that the end result of health-care staffing was high quality patient care. That understanding gave me the vision to begin developing policies and procedures for my offices that would ensure an experienced, high quality nurse would be recruited and placed at our customers' hospitals so that patients received the highest quality care possible."



## | near and far |

**Mary Jean Thompson '48** married Ivan J. Thompson Easter Sunday, March 31, 2002. She keeps busy in retirement volunteering by car-pooling her grandchildren. Mary Jean also enjoys fundraising for Modesto Academy, as well as at the Community Hospice. She also fills her time with traveling and church work.

**Marie Yaeger Dougan '55** has been retired five years and works part time in the fall and winter. She and her husband, John, keep busy with church and school activities.

**Brenda Joy McDaniel '67** (pictured) is enjoying a year off after 24 years working in the operating room and seven years doing home health. She is not actually retired yet. She and her

husband, Bear, are living in Kitanakagusuku, Okinawa, near her husband's work at Camp Foster as QA supervisor for OICC. He is a builder chief in the United States Navy.

**Sherry Stephan '75** is enjoying the life that God has given her and has become a massage therapist. She has three horses at present and loves the outdoors. Sherry keeps busy by hiking, camping, canoeing, and skiing. She has two grown sons and has recently become a grandmother. She would love to reconnect with any School of Nursing classmates or fellow Loma Linda alumni.

**Susan Van Housen Rossi, MA, CCRN '77** graduated from Loma Linda with an interest in both public health and coronary care.

After marrying a new teacher in the Inland Empire, Susan went to work on unit 4100 at LLUMC, where she advanced to serve as a charge nurse in coronary intensive care and in the research department. Eventually, Susan also earned her CCRN certification. Susan pursued her career in public health where she worked for the County of San Bernardino in following up on high-risk births at the county hospital. When Susan had children, her nursing practice included part-time assignments and per diem work in the intensive care field. She has three children: Michael, age 24; Anthony, age 17; and Michelle, age 14. In 1993, Susan changed her professional focus to school nursing. She completed her school nurse credential at California State University, Los Angeles (CSULA). In 1999, she received an MA from CSULA and has been an adjunct professor since that time. Susan's focus during graduate school was in the area of reducing teenage pregnancy. For the past five years, she has served as the school nurse at Diamond Ranch High School. After 25 years of nursing in a variety of fields, Susan credits her professional success to the solid nursing foundation and wholistic training she received at LLUSN.

**Andy Chung '93** completed medical school in 2000 and is currently completing a surgical residency in otolaryngology at  
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*Brenda Joy McDaniel '67 and her husband, Bear, dress up for a photo in Northern Thailand at an Akha tribe village.*



## Memorial service held for former LLUSN faculty member

Memorial services for Marilyn Cathcart, former faculty member at the School of Nursing, were held January 27, 2002, at the Boston Temple Seventh-day Adventist Church, Boston, Massachusetts. Marilyn, and her twin were the youngest of eight children, born January 15, 1948, in Milan, Michigan, to William and Helen Cathcart. Marilyn preceded her twin, Carolyn, in birth by one hour. She and her brothers and sisters spent their childhood operating the family farm.

In 1965, Marilyn and four of her sisters left their home in Michigan and moved to Hinsdale, Illinois, where they worked in various positions at the Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital and pursued their education.

In 1972, Marilyn moved to Loma Linda, where she obtained her bachelor's in nursing degree in 1975 and her master's in psychiatric mental health nursing in 1977. After completing her education, Marilyn assumed the positions of assistant professor, department chair of gerontology, instructor, lead teacher, and clinical preceptor at Loma Linda University School of Nursing. Later Marilyn joined the Sitmar Cruise Line as a nurse in the ship's hospital, traveling the seas to Alaska and the Panama Canal.



*Marilynn Cathcart, MSN, RN*

In 1985, Marilyn moved to Boston, Massachusetts, to begin working on her PhD. During this time, she began working at Fuller Memorial Hospital developing the triage admissions department. During her tenure at Fuller, she developed and managed the adolescent addictions program. After leaving Fuller in the late 1980s, Marilyn began her own private practice as a psychiatric therapist in Braintree, Massachusetts, until failing health forced her to discontinue her practice.

Marilyn's love for the Lord was exhibited in her work for the Boston Temple Seventh-day Adventist Church as elder, head elder, co-leader for the hospitality committee, interim office manager, member of the worship committee, and choir member. Her focus was excellence in service to the Lord.

Marilynn had many and varied interests, including travel to Europe, Barbados, Guyana, Alaska, Bermuda, the Caribbean, and more. She had a love for opera, poetry, an eye for photography, and a passion for music. She sang, danced, and knew the songs from every era.

Marilynn was a dreamer with lofty aspirations, always reaching for the stars. Her love for children always showed through her eyes, never missing the opportunity to stop and admire babies and children of all ages. Marilyn's love for laughter brought healing in the most difficult situations. She was a teacher and put others needs before her own. Throughout adverse circumstances and even during her last illness, she always said, "There is a lesson to be learned here."

Marilynn's extraordinary strength was demonstrated during her lengthy battle with cancer. She died in her home with family and friends at her bedside. She is survived by three sisters and one brother: Gail (Mrs. Everett) Mayes of Maybee, Michigan; Douglas (Toni) Cathcart of San Jose, California; Mildred (Mrs. James) Lee of Highland, California; Cynthia (Mrs. Herman) Vanderberg of Austin, Texas; along with nieces, nephews, and cousins.



Duke University Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina.

**Lorraine Ordas Harland '93** is currently working at Sharp Memorial Hospital, San Diego, California, as an advanced clinician in the adult MI/CCU. She has two daughters, Amanda Jane, 4, and Ryan Elizabeth, 18 months.

**Holly Coon '95, '96** lived in Ventura County from 1997 to 2001 then returned to LLU so her husband, Nolan, could attend dental school. She is currently on maternity leave from her job working nights at Redlands Community Hospital in the nursery postpartum department. Holly and Nolan have two boys Brendan, 3, and Ryan Christopher, born March 26, 2003.

**Gem Cameron-Parker '98** is starting her fifth year at University of North Carolina Chapel Hill Children's Hospital as an oncology nurse.

**Elise Snyder '01** had the opportunity to enroll in Cleveland Clinic's wound, ostomy, and incontinence nurse training. She completed the course last September and is now the WOCN for two home-care offices and their surrounding territory, as well as for the hospital per consultation. She plans to certify in the spring of 2003.

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**Viola Williams Scollard '42** passed away on June 12, 2002. She is survived by her daughters Diane Scollard and Patricia McIntosh, and granddaughter Kathleen McIntosh.

**Marjorie Davenport Szekan '48** passed away in November, 2002. She is survived by two sons, Bernard and Steven Szekan, as well as two grandchildren.

**Jeane Burgess Ewald '47** passed away December 3, 2002, while visiting in Battle Creek, Michigan. Survivors include her husband, Roland; son, Don Ewald; daughter, Kathie Christiansen; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**Joanne Lindsay '47** passed away December 17, 2002. She is remembered by a classmate for encouraging her class from the first, teaching them to sing with gusto:

“Every Loma Linda probie is quite discreet.  
She's just a hundred per from head to feet.  
She has that style, that smile, that winning way,  
So when you see her you can recognize her and you'll say  
'Now there's a girl I'd like to know!  
She has that good ol' Loma Linda pep and go!  
Just to look at her is quite a treat  
It's hard to beat a Loma Linda probie!”

Joanne is survived by brother, Dr. Charles Lindsay; sister Elaine Harrison; son, Dr. Lindsay Messinger; four daughters; Linda Marie Steinert, Mary Ann Scruggs, Laura Jean Merkner, and Dr. Mona Matheus; and 13 grandchildren.





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Just send or e-mail information to us, and we will write it up for you. If you have been featured in local newspapers, send us a copy of the clipping. Your story may even become the basis for a feature story.

If you have a current picture of yourself, we'd appreciate receiving that too. We look forward to hearing from you!

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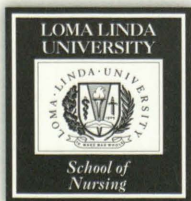


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