Leadership comes in short steps and long strides. Leadership is evident in the actions of a staff nurse and the decisions of a nurse CEO. Leadership is visible and compelling, and perhaps even more effective when it is invisible and whisper quiet. These are the many lenses through which one can view nursing leadership.

This issue of Lifelines focuses on the leadership enacted by our MUSC College of Nursing graduates. They are leaving their footprints in many different aspects of nursing and health care. They lead in different ways and follow different paths, but there are some striking commonalities.

As you read their comments in this issue, you will see a number of themes emerge.

• One of these is the need for ongoing formal and informal education and professional growth.
• Another is the value of networking, volunteerism and professional associations.
• The third embraces the requisite of polished communication skills and the ability to serve as a nursing advocate.
• And perhaps the most powerful theme is that all of these nurses engaged in active, dynamic, and committed participation in important decision-making groups related to their area of expertise.

These nurses do not speak in hushed voices or apologetic gestures. They made their contributions with a fundamental sense of self-worth and a clear vision of how they, as nurses, could make health care better.

The qualities, skills and values they espouse are those we are teaching here in the College of Nursing. They also reflect the way in which our nursing program distinguishes itself from others.

It is true that we are educating women and men in the many aspects of the discipline of nursing. But we have set our vision higher—we are polishing and refining our lenses to focus on the ways in which our graduates can become true leaders in improving the lives of patients, families and communities, and in transforming the health care system.

I hope you will enjoy reading about these nursing leaders. And do consider this….a lens that reflects the sun can generate a spark, that can ignite a fire, that can increase in intensity, that can truly change the world.

Gail W. Stuart, PhD, APRN, BC, FAAN
Dean and Professor
MUSC College of Nursing
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Feature:
Through the Lens of Nursing Leadership
Leadership is a critical aspect of every nurse’s role. All nurses assume the responsibility of leadership the day they sign their first nursing licenses and every time thereafter that they sign the initials “RN” behind their names.

Like many people, I once thought that to be a leader you had to have a lofty position and a big title. Over my career, I’ve learned that leadership is not about the position on the organizational chart or the title on an ID badge; rather, it’s about how you carry yourself and how you work with others. We’ve all worked with some “formal” leaders who are leaders in name only, and we’ve worked with leaders who we just feel drawn to follow, who convey an often unspoken message that they will help us find the way. Sometimes it’s actually easier to be a leader when you’re not confined by the baggage of what you should do because of position or title and, instead, can be open to creative, “out-of-the-box” ideas. Being closer to the problem often means being closer to the solution.

One of the myths about leadership is that it’s all about one person leading the charge. In reality, leadership is about engaging people to make progress. A leader, without people who are inspired and willing to follow, isn’t much of a leader. Being a good leader also includes being a good follower. Good leaders are ready and willing to take the lead when the need is in an area of their own strengths, but they’re also ready to contribute when others lead.

Sometimes leadership is about knowledge breakthroughs and major system changes; but more often it’s about things like finding ways for the health care team to connect with patients and families, sharing your knowledge and expertise with a nurse less experienced than yourself, or finding a new idea for an old problem. Leadership is being the calm, competent person in the midst of a patient emergency. Leadership is helping others, but it is also knowing when to ask for help yourself. Leadership is using your ability to see the big picture and the intricate
Dr. Ulrich is the Senior Vice President of Consulting Services for the Gannett Healthcare Group, a multimedia organization (including the journals Nursing Spectrum, NurseWeek, and www.Nurse.com) that provides information and education to registered nurses as well as providing health care consultative and research services. Dr. Ulrich also serves as the Editor for the Nephrology Nursing Journal, the professional journal of the American Nephrology Nurses’ Association. She has extensive senior executive experience having served in CNO, COO, and Senior Vice President positions in both hospitals and large health care systems, and has held faculty positions in the School of Nursing and School of Medicine at the University of Texas at Houston and the School of Nursing at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

Dr. Ulrich is a past president of the American Nephrology Nurses’ Association, a Fellow in the American College of Health Care Executives, and a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing. She was recognized as the Outstanding Nursing Alumnus of the Medical University of South Carolina in 1989 and as a Distinguished Alumnus of the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Nursing in 2002. Dr. Ulrich has numerous publications and presentations to her credit on topics in management and nursing, including Leadership and Management According to Florence Nightingale, which highlights the quotations and anecdotes of Florence Nightingale in her role as a health care leader.

Dr. Ulrich is a co-investigator on several national nursing workforce studies. She is also known for her work on successfully recruiting, retaining, and working with multigenerational workforces, and studying the experiences of new nurses as they graduate from nursing school and enter the workforce.

Dr. Ulrich earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from MUSC, a Master of Science in Nursing from the University of Texas, and her Doctor of Education from the University of Houston.
**Lt. Col. Roseanne Warner**  
**Lens of Service**

**Position:** Deputy Group Commander, 31st Medical Group, Aviano Air Base, Italy.

**Education:** Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Western Carolina University; Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner Program, Sheppard Air Force Base, TX; **Master of Science in Nursing, Medical University of South Carolina.**

**Current Responsibilities:** I have held a number of leadership positions in the Air Force Medical Service. I have deployed to many locations providing medical care, set up a clinic at the American Embassy in Baku, Azerbaijan, and cared for thousands of people in Haiti. I was also chosen to be the medic on the 2006 Patriotic World Tour deploying to Iraq/Kuwait/Qatar in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, as well as Turkey, Germany, Korea, Japan and Hawaii.

**Personal Information:** I’ve been married to Phillip Warner for nearly 25 years. We have two children, Rebecca and Nicholas, and a Poodle named Missy who is a veteran of military movies. I enjoy playing the fiddle, camping, and cooking and entertaining in our home in San Quirino (about 90 minutes from Venice).

**What is the most important quality for a nurse leader?** I believe the most important quality for a nurse leader to have is the ability to communicate. If we can communicate well, we can advocate well. Communication is the key to caring for your patient effectively; bringing innovation to the table; persuading leaders you need the money, time, people, supplies for your specific need; bridging the gaps; and for setting the course of health care.

**What is your fondest memory of MUSC?** Three stand out. I pinned the rank of Major in 1997 at the College of Nursing with professors/staff in attendance. It was an important milestone, and I wanted to share it with my MUSC family. The second memory is my statistics class and the professor calling our little military group, “The Joint Chiefs of Staff” (the five of us presented and worked on assignments together). The third memory is of the College of Nursing—it’s history and beauty structurally and of the people within. I was so proud to be a part of something that special and determined to be a lifetime alumni.

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**Preston Fitzgerald**  
**Lens of Emerging Leadership**

**Position:** Editor, *SC Nurse*; Nurse Practitioner for the SC Department of Corrections.

**Education:** Completed Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic; Post Graduate Training at Los Angeles College of Chiropractic; **Dual Bachelor/Master of Science in Nursing, Medical University of South Carolina.**

**Current Responsibilities:** As editor of *SC Nurse*, I work with editorial board members to communicate the issues that challenge the nursing profession and opportunities that bring us together in the delivery of patient care. As a Nurse Practitioner in the SC Department of Corrections, I collaborate with psychiatrists to provide psychiatric assessment and treatment of inmates.

**Personal Information:** I am former Navy Corpsman, and I also had a private practice as a chiropractor in Manning, SC, before entering the nursing profession. However, I sustained an injury to my hand and was unable to continue in the chiropractic profession. This injury led to my education in nursing. As a student, I served as chair of the College of Nursing Honor Council and completed the MUSC Presidential Scholars program. I am married to Jane, and we have two children, Meredith and Blaine.

**What lessons learned have helped you become an emerging nurse leader?** I wish to recognize Dr. Charlene Pope and Dr. Janet Grossman for serving as my mentors. I would have never thought that spending time to learn research methods and psychiatric theories would be as intellectually rewarding if I had not had mentors who built on each concept and demanded that I achieve academic benchmarking. Excellent mentors help students achieve their goals, but more importantly, they helped me achieve competency through their instruction.

**What is your fondest memory of MUSC?** I was asked to speak as a Presidential Scholar to the Board of Visitors at MUSC. The room was filled with many business people my age, and I was struck by how fortunate I was to be given the opportunity to learn a new professional skills set. I was honored to have been selected as a representative of my school.

Education: Bachelor of Science, Baker University; Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Washburn University; Master of Science in Nursing (Clinical Nurse Specialist), University of Alabama, Birmingham; Master of Science in Nursing (Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner), Medical University of South Carolina.

Current Responsibilities: I was the first nurse to be selected as Flight Commander for one of the largest Mental Health Flights in the Air Force and was the first fully credentialed mental health nurse practitioner to pioneer the role in Air Force primary care clinics. I am currently working as a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner in a community-based mental health clinic serving the indigent, mentally ill, and prisoner populations, conducting comprehensive psychiatric assessments and providing pharmacological management for newly diagnosed psychiatric patients.

Personal Information: My family in Kansas includes my mother, Pat; sister, Kristie; brother-in-law, Randy; niece, Shelly; and nephew, Brandon. And, of course, our family dog, a very spoiled Pomeranian named Rachel. We enjoy visiting with each other on the weekends, attending estate sales in the local area or going to a weekend festival.

How can nurses mentor other nurses to be leaders in giving back to their communities? Live by example and pursue what you value! Often in the Air Force, I was told, “You’ll never make rank being a mental health nurse.” Although I was one of the few mental health nurses to make Lieutenant Colonel, it wasn’t the rank that motivated me. I valued helping people and communities become more mentally healthy. Because I valued what I was doing, others felt the positive energy and therefore wanted to join the activity, a cumulative effect.

What is your fondest memory of MUSC? My fondest memories are of the professors and students, and I remain in contact with a couple of professors. I met Dr. Stuart at an APNA convention, and her energy drew me to MUSC. Once there, Dr. Elaine Amella, Dr. Sally Stroud, and Penelope Chase enriched my learning experiences beyond what I could have ever hoped. Likewise, I enjoyed my informal study group with Brooks Oglesby, Barb Fioto, and M.J. Johnson. Before exams, we studied at each others’ houses and had a lot of fun and munchies along the way.

Position: Administrator of McLeod Regional Medical Center, the flagship hospital of McLeod Health in Florence, SC. Administrator and Senior Vice President for McLeod Health.

Education: Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Medical University of South Carolina; Master of Nursing, with a focus on Administration, University of South Carolina.

Current Responsibilities: I am responsible for all operational and planning activities for the 453-bed acute care hospital, McLeod Health and Fitness Center, a inpatient and outpatient Hospice program, and a multiple-county home health agency. Prior to my promotion to Administrator in 2005, I served as the Chief Nurse Executive at McLeod for 15 years.

What poses the greatest threat to actualizing nursing leadership? Nurses and nursing leaders must develop a new level of flexibility in order to meet the challenges of today’s world. While we have a rich history of traditions in nursing, our profession must evolve our practice to encompass settings and needs where resources will be limited, where doers must be delegators and teachers, and where the holistic nature of our training and knowledge can really come alive in making differences. We must see ourselves in non-traditional roles and we must see our traditional roles, like bedside care, in new and non-traditional ways.

What is your fondest memory of MUSC? I recall the faculty pushing me and other students to think outside the box of traditional nursing care. It had never occurred to me that nursing included dipping ice cream at a seniors’ center or helping to repair a house for a patient. At the time, I thought we were just student nurses having fun. Today, as I negotiate with local drug stores and churches to partner with us to develop systems to develop good medication reconciliation for everyone, I know my “out-of-the-box” training was right on target!
**Emma Forkner**

**Position:** Director of the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

**Education:** Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Medical University of South Carolina; Master of Arts in Public Administration, Troy State University.

**Current Responsibilities:** The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services administers the state’s Medicaid program for low-income residents and the medically needy. With a joint federal and state annual budget of about $5 billion, the goals of South Carolina’s Medicaid program is to provide quality health care coverage for recipients and deliver a high return on the state’s investment. In consultation with the Governor’s Office, I am responsible for implementing policies that best reach those goals.

**Personal Information:** I was born in Greenville and raised in Dillon, SC. I earned my BSN degree from MUSC and joined the US Air Force, serving at seven bases all over the world and retiring as Chief Nurse with the rank of Colonel in 1997. I then served as a senior policy analyst for health research at the Altarum Institute in San Antonio, TX. Family: Husband Larry Forkner is a lawyer and retired JAG officer in the USAF. Three adult children (Robert 29; John and Lauren, 27, are twins); Lauren is a nurse and enrolled in MUSC’s online Master’s in Nursing Administration program; my sister is a graduate of an MUSC Nursing program; and my niece is a nurse practicing in Conway, SC.

**How can nurses assume more leadership roles in health policy?** Stay abreast of health care issues. It’s also important to volunteer to participate in decision making groups whenever you can. Finally, stay active in professional associations and pursue advanced degrees in nursing. It’s hard work, but also very rewarding.

**What is your fondest memory of MUSC?** Meeting great friends; taking integrated courses for nursing and medical students; and participating in the SC Student Nurses Association. I was the president in 1972, and my part-time job was in the sick infant unit at MUSC.

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**Ginger Breedlove**

**Position:** Assistant Professor, University of Kansas School of Nursing.

**Education:** Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Washburn University of Topeka; Nurse Midwifery Certification, Medical University of South Carolina; Master of Science in Nursing, Case Western Reserve University; Doctor of Philosophy, University of Missouri-Kansas City.

**Current Responsibilities:** My role in the American College of Nurse Midwives includes a second, three-year term as Secretary and liaison to numerous working groups. I also serve as Program Director at the University of Kansas School of Nursing for the graduate Nurse Midwifery track and Chair of our Faculty Assembly.

**Personal Information:** Married to Joseph Booth, and raising four sons ranging in age from 11 to 22. Most relaxing hobbies include trout fishing, camping with family, and reading. Family pets include chocolate Labrador named Hershey, geckos, gerbils, python, and a cockatiel.

**How can nurses grow their leadership skills over the course of their career?** “A leader has the vision to see the forest in a seed, and the savvy to root that vision in the power of people” (Anonymous). An important ingredient is to find the right planter of the ‘seed’ to help you grow. Develop shared interests with established colleagues and networks that will enhance your career path and contribute to social responsibility. Select one or two volunteer activities within organizations that represent the ‘forest,’ or composition of your interest. Once you have demonstrated your contributions and commitment within a successful team forming strong ‘roots,’ begin to seek higher level positions of leadership.

**What is your fondest memory of MUSC?** My clinical experiences in the rural Charleston area and frequent trips to study at the beaches with classmates. Growing up in the midwest did not afford much relaxation time near bodies of water. In addition, my academic exposure to generations of poverty and health disparities in the deep rural South, particularly with adolescents, opened my eyes to a passion in caring for vulnerable populations.
Debbie Bryant  

**Position:** Director of Outreach Services, Hollings Cancer Center (HCC), Medical University of South Carolina.  
**Education:** Associate Degree in Nursing, Armstrong Atlantic State University; Dual Bachelor/Master of Science in Nursing, Medical University of South Carolina.  
**Current Responsibilities:** I provide administrative oversight for the HCC mobile health unit, breast and prostate patient navigation programs, and the Wachovia high-risk initiative. For each of these programs, I am responsible for the delivery of safe and effective cancer screening services and follow-up care, maintaining staff development and ensuring that practice standards are met. My responsibilities also include marketing, public relations, and education for specific populations.  
**Personal Information:** Married to Jeff Bryant, who retired after serving 22.5 years in the United States Army. We have two children, Logan (15) and Dionah (9). I’m the youngest of six siblings, and my family is the force that gives me strength in difficult times.  

**How do you see leadership actualized in nursing research?** Nursing leadership and improved health care in our community are about change. Ghandi said, “You must be the change you wish to see in the world.” The connection between evidence-based practice, action, and improved health care is in research. Research is not useful in a journal sitting on a shelf. The real value is putting evidence-based practice into action. I want to be that link between the community and research.  

**What is your fondest memory of MUSC?** The entire experience at that point in my life made a difference to me. I now have a few lifetime friends that I met as a result of the program, and without the MSN program, I would have missed out on having these cherished individuals in my life. Also, I remember classes that allowed me to think of nursing care differently, and that has broadened the scope of my practice. One of those classes was the Spirituality class with an instructor from Family Practice. I remember standing on stage receiving my degree and thinking, “I did this,” and how rewarding that was ... that I made it.

Dottie Halsey  

**Position:** Retired from Summerville Home Health Nursing in January, 2000.  
**Education:** Diploma in Nursing, Medical University of South Carolina.  
**Current Responsibilities:** I’m active in 2 multiple sclerosis support groups, participate in water aerobics three times a week, and am involved in social ministry work at Grace Lutheran Church. I’m also a longtime member of the Charleston Symphony Orchestra League. As a nurse, I thought that seeing patients in their homes was especially important, because this is where you really began to understand how the patient and family lived. I also taught prenatal and post-partum classes for the Red Cross.  
**Personal Information:** Married to Maurice “Bull” Halsey for 43 years. Son, Charles, and his wife, Hattie, have 2 adult daughters. Daughter, Elizabeth, and spouse, Robert Brown, have 2 daughters and a son. I enjoy travelling, reading, cooking and eating out.  

**How can we help nurses use their leadership skills outside of traditional nursing roles?** I have used the leadership skills that I learned in nursing in civic organizations and my church to give back to my community. It is also important use your leadership skills to become a member of the CON Alumni Association and professional nursing associations.  

**What is your fondest memory of MUSC?** Serving as President of the Nursing Alumni Association during the 100th Anniversary of the School of Nursing was a special time for me. I was truly surprised and honored by my peers to receive the Outstanding Alumni Award in 1984. I really enjoy getting together with classmates as much as possible, because our class is very close. It is a special feeling to say you have been friends for over 55 years.
Mary Ann Parsons  Lens of Education

Position: Distinguished Professor Emeritus and Dean Emeritus, University of South Carolina College of Nursing.

Education: Diploma in Nursing, Medical University of South Carolina; Bachelor of Science in Nursing, University of South Carolina; Master of Arts, The Citadel; Master of Nursing, University of South Carolina; Doctor of Philosophy, University of Florida.

Current Responsibilities: I presently serve as Project Manager of a Duke Endowment Grant (2005-2008) awarded to USC College of Nursing while I was dean. I am completing my second term as Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees of Providence Hospital, Columbia, SC.

Personal Information: Married to retired endodontist, Dr. George Parsons. Our daughter, Nicole, and family live in Denver and son, Kent, and family live in Columbia. I enjoy traveling, exercise, reading, and retreats to our mountain cabin in Georgia.

What should MUSC be teaching our students to help them become nurse leaders? We need to instill in our BSN and Masters graduates the expectation of further formal study early in their careers to ensure we have well-educated nurse leaders across the spectrum of health care, and for our PhD graduates that they have a life long commitment to improve health care.

What is your fondest memory of MUSC? My fondest memory of my student days at MUSC is the level of responsibility we were given as nursing students. It still amazes me when I recall what we were expected to do. Of course, receiving that note “See me. RC” from the director, Ruth Chamberlain, still causes me to pause and all students under her leadership will identify with this memory.

LCDR Anita Pollard  Lens of the Professional

Position: National Medical Recruiter for the Department of Justice/Federal Bureau of Prisons in Washington, DC.

Education: Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Medical University of South Carolina; Master of Science in Nursing, University of Maryland.

Current Responsibilities: As the National Medical Recruiter, my responsibilities include developing and implementing strategic plans for national health care provider recruitment and retention; establishing and maintaining collaborative relationships with universities and community agencies; participating on professional nursing committees and within professional health care organizations; and mentoring new employees.

Personal Information: I am a native of Sumter, SC, and enjoy fresh-water fishing, reading and home improvement projects.

What advice can you offer young nurses to help them shape their leadership skills? There is an adage that states, “your destiny is developed by your decisions.” I encourage all beginning nurses, regardless of ethnicity, to seize any and every opportunity for professional growth. They should always remember that they have the power to set an example of excellence, both in nursing skills and in high standards of personal and professional growth.

What is your fondest memory of MUSC? My fondest memory of MUSC was the childbirth that I witnessed during my OB clinical rotation. The single mother and I were holding hands and were in tears by the end of the ten grueling hours of labor. My clinical instructor was kind enough to allow me to stay on the unit, well past the established clinical hours so that I could witness the birthing process to its conclusion. (Continuity of care in its truest form.) I also remember going home that evening and deciding “OB is not the clinical setting for me!”
The value placed on leadership in the nursing program at MUSC is evident from the very first day,” says Abby Painter. “Each of our professors is a nursing leader in their specialty area, and we are expected to follow suit in our professional lives upon graduation.”

Abby is earning her Master of Science in Nursing degree after completing the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (December, 2006), magna cum laude, from the College of Nursing.

Working with infants and toddlers at the MUSC Children’s Hospital, Abby’s style includes remaining positive, minimizing negativity, helping her colleagues through times of transition, and “stepping up” as opportunities arise. “I have volunteered to be a pain resource nurse for our unit. I’m excited about this leadership role because I am able to guide my colleagues in advocating for pain control needed by their patients,” says Abby.

Abby’s leadership goes beyond the classroom and clinical environments. With a love for nature and pets, Abby has volunteered at the South Carolina Aquarium, South Carolina Center for Birds of Prey, and Pet Helpers.

Erin Wilson is currently enrolled in the College of Nursing Master of Science in Nursing degree program in the pediatric nurse practitioner track. She completed the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (December, 2006), magna cum laude. Erin is collaborating with faculty member, Ms. Gigi Smith, on an article for publication and shares that she has developed a tremendous appreciation for the capabilities and strength of children with special needs. “My clinical hours in pediatric neurology and developmental pediatrics have reinforced my goals of being an advanced practice nurse, collaborating with others health care professionals, and maximizing the health and quality of life for all children,” she says.

After earning a degree in English from the University of Wisconsin, Bridget McLernon Sykes, a Provost Scholar, writes, “While a Bachelor of Arts in English may not readily appear to relate to nursing, the student is trained to look for patterns and predict outcomes while remaining prepared for the plot to take an unexpected turn at any point in the story. Nursing is very much the same.”

Bridget worked in a variety of roles before becoming a nurse. Having a mother and four aunts who are nurses, she knew nursing would be a career which would provide intellectual stimulation, as well as public service. Another magna cum laude graduate of the MUSC Accelerated Nursing Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program (May, 2006), Bridget is currently enrolled in the Master of Science in Nursing degree program, studying in the family nurse practitioner and psychiatric-mental health tracks. She currently serves as chair of the College of Nursing Honor Council.

Bridget shares, “As I have gotten older, I have increasingly taken on leadership roles. Once accepting the job of leader, it dawned on me that leading appears far more impressive and intimidating from the outside than from the inside. What I have learned is that leading can be hard work but is ultimately about taking responsibility and being comfortable with accountability.”

“One also has to be willing to make decisions and accept scrutiny and blame,” she says. “I think strong leaders have a solid sense of self but are ultimately team players. I admire most those who are able to get people to work together, allowing each to share in successful outcomes. The job of leading can be tough, but when well done, can have tremendous impact and keep us all moving forward.”

Bridget with husband Sean and children Fiona (12), Ailish (10), and Declan (7).
Pardon our mess....
Clinical Simulation Laboratory construction is underway!
Dear Nursing Colleagues:

Put on your party hats! 2008 is the 125th Anniversary of the Medical University of South Carolina College of Nursing. A year of activities is planned, but mark your calendars right now for the Alumni Homecoming. Themed, “Recommitting to MUSC College of Nursing,” the event will be held on Saturday, March 8, 2008. This is sure to be the highlight of the year!

On Saturday morning, the College of Nursing will host an open house for all alumni and their guests. This is a great time to look at the memorabilia and relive some of your fondest memories of being a student.

In the evening, there will be a fun-filled event which includes a silent auction to raise scholarship dollars for College of Nursing students, an awards and scholarship presentation, and recognition of all of the past College of Nursing Alumni Board Presidents.

One initiative of the College of Nursing Alumni Board to celebrate our 125th year is to add 125 new life members to the organization. The cost of a Life Membership is $300, payable in a lump sum or in an annual installment of $60 per year over a five year period. For more information, please contact Anna Skipper, 843-792-4276, or skippera@musc.edu. Alumni dues sponsor student programs and activities, as well as scholarships.

Be sure to keep your information updated with the Office of Alumni Affairs so you can be included in future mailings and upcoming festivities. The address is http://alumni.musc.edu/online/update.htm.

I am pleased to provide leadership to this organization during such an important and exciting time.

Sincerely,
Lynne S. Nemeth, PhD, RN

Make time for these special events!

**2007**
- July 23-27: Online Doctoral Residency Week
- August 23
- August 24
- November 2
- December 3
- December 4-7: Exams
- December 8: Convocation

**2008**
- January 10: Stethoscope Ceremony
- January 11: Spring classes begin
- March 8: Alumni Homecoming
- March 8-16: Spring Break
- April 29-May 2: Exams
- May 15: Convocation
- May 16: MUSC Commencement
January
College of Nursing Anniversary Party
January 7, 4 p.m.
Location: College of Nursing Historical Library and Foyer

February
Nurses Making Change

March
Recommiting to MUSC
Alumni Homecoming
March 8
Location: Citadel Holliday Center

April
Nursing on the Move

May
Batting for Nurses
Riverdogs Baseball Game
May 2
Location: Riverdogs Stadium

June
Nursing and the Arts

July
Nursing High Tech
Clinical Simulation Laboratory Tour

August
Nurses in the Media

September
Nursing High Touch
A Day of Caring Event

October
Nursing Going Global

November
Nurses Giving Thanks

December
Spirit of Nursing
Convocation

Celebrate with us each month in 2008. Look for more details in the days ahead!
Dr. Gail Stuart accepts a generous nursing scholarship check from Gordon Deal of the Sunset Rotary Club.

College of Nursing Advisory Board Members enjoy a hardhat tour of MUSC’s new Ashley River Tower hospital.
Publications


Accolades
Dr. Elaine Amella was the recipient of Pace University, Leinhard School of Nursing’s inaugural Dean’s Alumi/ae Award for Outstanding Professional Contribution. Dr. Amella graduated with both her AAS and BSN from Pace University.

Dr. Amella received funding from the SC Nutrition Research Consortium for a proposal entitled, *Spreading the Word, Dissemination of Meals at Home* for $20,000. Ms. Ruth Stockdell, instructor and PhD student, is the project manager and will oversee the research.

Dr. Robin Bissing was awarded the Distinguished Leader in Neonatal Nursing Award from the National Association of Neonatal Nurses.

Sharon Bond, PhD(c) was awarded $76,060 from the NIH/National Cancer Institute for her proposal entitled, *Translating an Efficacious HPV Vaccine into the Control of Cervical Cancer*.

Dr. Teresa Kelechi received $275,000 in funding from the NIH/National Institute for Nursing Research for her R21 proposal entitled, *Cryotherapy for Chronic Venous Disorders: A Pilot Study*. This study will investigate the effect of applying cooling gel wraps to reduce microcirculation in skin affected by chronic venous disease and where there is a history of leg ulcers.

Dr. Kelechi also received the College of Nursing’s first clinical trial funding from Marine Polymer Technologies for a study entitled, *Safety and Wound Healing Efficacy of the Taliderm-R Wound Dressing, a Poly-N-Acetyl Glucosamine-Derived Membrane Material in Humans with Venous Stasis Ulcers: a Pilot Study*. Sites for this clinical trial will be Roper and St. Francis hospitals.

Drs. Gayenell Magwood and Lisa Vandemark received funding through the NIH Health Disparities Loan Repayment Program. This competitive award is based on the applicant’s proposal for research in the area of health disparities.

Dr. Charlene Pope was funded $404,173 by the NIH/National Library of Medicine for *Carolinias Conversations: A Multi-Ethnic Digital Corpus of Speech for Older Persons*. To address health disparities related to communication with older people, a multi-disciplinary team crossing eight universities and three continents has been formed to establish a collection of digital video and audio recordings to be stored at the MUSC Library.

Dr. Gail Stuart was elected to the Public Policy Committee of Mental Health America (formerly National Mental Health Association) for 2007-2008. She is the only nurse serving on that committee.

Dr. John Welton, along with Dr. Richard Lindrooth, Project Director, College of Health Professions, were awarded $299,888 from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for their proposal, *Linking Processes of Nursing Care and Patient Safety Outcomes*. This project will examine how adoption of the National Quality Forum safe practices affects nursing-sensitive patient safety outcomes, as well as barriers to their adoption.

Dr. Deborah Williamson was awarded $291,047 from the Health Resources and Services Administration for Nurse Education Practice and Retention.
Dr. Robin Bissinger, a neonatal nurse practitioner and College of Nursing faculty member, headed the first Neonatal Nursing Delegation to China with the People to People Ambassador Program from May 6-18, 2007. The delegation was sponsored by the National Association of Neonatal Nurses.

Bissinger led 27 neonatal nurses from across the U.S. on the inaugural journey to six facilities in Beijing, Guilin, and Shanghai, where the delegates discovered differences between the two countries’ cultures and their abilities to deliver critical and quality care to the most vulnerable of human life—premature infants. As the first trip of its kind, the expedition has positioned MUSC to lead future knowledge and training exchange visits that will improve the methods that Chinese medical and nursing practitioners can use to care for and treat premature babies.

While touring the facilities, the delegation realized that the Chinese nurses were at least 15 years behind those in the United States, and that developmental care was a new concept that only one facility was attempting to provide.

Premature infants generally are placed in an open incubator without having their bodies developmentally supported to improve outcomes. Many infants are co-bedded, including those who are not related.

**Infection** is also an enormous problem in many Chinese nurseries. In Guilin, delegates asked about infection control practices and Chinese colleagues explained that the top three ways to prevent infection were to open windows twice a day to air out the unit, wash the floors twice a day to keep down the dirt, and limit visitors. Consequently, sterility and hygiene standards are much lower in China than in the U.S., as evidenced in the facilities the delegation visited.

Chinese nurses and physicians, who earn similar pay and share many of the same clinical duties, appeared very interested in learning about how to improve treatment and care for premature babies. Overcoming the basics, such as hygiene, is a challenge to ensure improved treatment of these infants.

Some of the facilities had no running hot water, and hot water was transported in thermoses and other bottles. Open, dirty buckets on tops of counters held water that often was used on numerous infants and patients. Handwashing is not a universal practice among the Chinese, though they expressed interest in education pertaining to hand-washing and other infection-control practices, such as alcohol-based sanitizers.

Nurses and physicians wear scrubs and open sandals with socks, and shoes are worn when they enter the unit. Because there is no air conditioning, the windows were opened despite the dangerously high levels of pervasive air toxins in the Chinese environment. To protect babies from flying insects, the beds were covered with mosquito nets.

Interestingly, while the beds and babies were covered, none of the equipment or supplies were. During a tour of the NICU in Beijing, delegates were perplexed to discover very expensive equipment, which included Giraffe warmers, yet the babies shared glass bottles that were rinsed and sitting on the sink.

**Cultural differences** pose significant problems for a number of developmental care practices that are preferred in caring for premature babies.
For example, there is no skin-to-skin contact between the mother and her premature baby. When a baby is born premature, no one—including the mother—holds the infant. Instead, the mother, who is considered fragile, is sent home to rest for a month and does not see the baby until it is discharged. To feed these infants, nurses prop them up instead of holding them. Babies born without problems are immediately breastfed and enjoy the closeness of the mother, although more mothers in China are choosing to provide formula.

“Water therapy” was a practice the delegation found curious. Most babies, even many premature babies and those with mild asphyxia, are put into a small swimming pool within 48 hours of delivery, because the Chinese believe that swimming promotes good health and strong growth. Mothers are taught before discharge how to continue this therapy at home.

Most of the units did not allow parental visitation. If babies are considered stable, they are wheeled out into the hallway for a visit once a day, but most often parents do not see their babies until discharge. This practice is based on infection control beliefs as well as the perceived fragility of the mothers.

The delegation visited a home care center to learn more about the needs of the mother after delivery and found that, though the majority of infants in China are breast-fed, infants in intensive care are given formula. Since mothers and babies are not together, breastfeeding is not supported, and breast milk is not collected or administered. Instead, NICUs kept powdered formula at the sink to prepare the bottles for all the infants.

Of all the facilities visited, Shanghai seemed the most advanced and was considered one of the top neonatal units in the country. While also considered by Chinese standards to be sterile, the delegation was prohibited from seeing the neonatal unit.

**In its communist system, China’s health care is controlled by the government and very little outreach and clinics exist to meet the day to day health needs of the people. People seeking medical care go to the hospitals and stand in long lines that build at midnight with families and sick children lining up for first-come-first-served admission. Families bring food for the day with them. They wait quietly and patiently as the hours drag on.**

As memberships, journals and even basic equipment often are cost-prohibitive for many of the Chinese facilities, delegation members sought support and sponsorship from their hospitals and numerous corporations and businesses to bring some necessary items. The American Academy of Pediatrics’ perinatal section also supported the initiative and donated neonatal books as gifts to the Chinese colleagues. Children’s Medical Ventures, Inc. sent the MUSC leaders large development care gift packs for each of the six facilities. These gift packs included products needed to begin developmental care in the hospitals, including: bindy bumpers that are used to provide boundaries for the infant, illuminated intravenous supplies, snugglies to keep an infant tucked in a developmental friendly position, pacifiers and books. The National Association of Neonatal Nurses also promoted the trip to NANN members, and the organization provided honorary memberships for two of the Chinese nurse managers.

Two weeks after returning from China, the delegation leaders received a request for another visit. Some of their nurses also expressed a desire to come to the United States to learn more, but the financial cost is too great, they said. If the delegation is to make another trip, Chinese colleagues were told that the focus would be on working side-by-side, as well as teaching. Emphasis would be made on developmental care methods at the bedside and looking at ways to improve care and infection control without adding additional cost to the health care system.

With special thanks to MUSC Catalyst.
Jane Anderson, MSN, APRN-BC, a new Instructor in the College of Nursing, comes to Charleston from the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Salem, Virginia. She has a diverse 28-year history, having worked in orthopedics, general medical-surgical areas, and cardiovascular units. She was the clinical leader in an outpatient cardiac rehabilitation department for 7 years. After graduate school, she worked as a gerontological Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) in an Acute Care for the Elderly unit designed to prevent functional decline in hospitalized older adults. As the CNS, she coordinated the interdisciplinary services for the acutely ill geriatric population on a 28-bed unit.

For the last four years, Anderson served as Assistant Professor of Nursing at Virginia Western Community College, where she coordinated Nursing Fundamentals I & II courses for more than 100 students. Teaching has a special place in her heart, whether she is teaching patients or students. “There is nothing more rewarding than seeing a student excel,” says Anderson.

Anderson also has shared her nursing expertise extensively with the community. She organized a local support group, Heart to Heart, for nearly 100 cardiac patients in the Roanoke Valley in Virginia. Heart to Heart held monthly luncheons donated by a local hospital and featured presentations by various health care providers to share pertinent educational information. Anderson also organized an evening banquet with entertainment and a motivational speaker for all cardiac rehab participants and Heart to Heart attendees. Anderson was a member of the local rescue squad, with three years of service as a cardiac tech and Lieutenant Medical.

While her children traversed the teen years, Anderson devoted many volunteer hours to the local high school as the “band nurse.” For nearly ten years, she rode school and tour buses to games, summer camp, festivals and performances, providing first aid, medication administration, nutritional guidance, and general nurturing to 160 high school band members.

At MUSC, Anderson teaches Adult Health I & Fundamentals in the undergraduate program, and she also looks forward to connecting with gerontological services in the area.
**Dr. Martina Mueller** was appointed as Assistant Professor in the College of Nursing, with a joint appointment in the Department of Biostatistics, Bioinformatics and Epidemiology (DBBE) at MUSC. Dr. Mueller received a degree in nursing in Germany in 1985 and was actively engaged in the field as an emergency and operating room nurse for over 6 years. Because of her additional interest in the area of informatics as applied to health care, she completed an MS degree in Medical Informatics in 1996. She was then awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to continue her informatics studies in the Department of Biostatistics, Bioinformatics, and Epidemiology at MUSC, where she subsequently completed her PhD with areas of emphasis in bioinformatics and biostatistics.

Following her postdoctoral training, Dr. Mueller was appointed as a Research Assistant Professor in DBBE at MUSC and collaborated with MUSC researchers on several major ongoing projects funded through the National Institutes of Health and the Veterans Administration. She provided statistical support for the Center of Health Disparities Research and served as Associate Director of the Data Coordinating Center for the Consortium of Research on ECT (CORE), which has conducted several large multi-center clinical trials sponsored by the National Institute of Mental Health.

In addition to her collaborative work, Dr. Mueller has pursued independent research related to the development of informatics tools to assist in the care of premature infants in neonatal intensive care units (NICU). Her research, an outgrowth of her PhD dissertation research, involves application of neural network methodology to assist inexperienced NICU physicians and nurses in predicting extubation outcome in these fragile infants managed on mechanical ventilators.

**Dr. Stroud Named Associate Dean for Academics**

Sally Stroud, EdD, APRN, BC, was named Associate Dean for Academics at the College of Nursing, effective July 1, 2007. In this position, Dr. Stroud provides leadership in managing all facets of the academic nursing programs, including faculty and student affairs, program coordination, resource development and allocation, and marketing and public relations. Dr. Stroud had been serving as the director of the graduate program and coordinator of the adult and family nurse practitioner tracks. Dr. Stroud continues to serve as director of the graduate program.

“Dr. Stroud has many years of experience both in education and clinical practice and will bring focused strengths with her to this new role,” says Dr. Gail Stuart, Dean of the College of Nursing. In 1968, Stroud received her diploma of nursing from University Hospitals and Clinics in Birmingham, Alabama. After working as a staff nurse for seven years, she returned to school and earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Columbus College in Georgia. In 1978, she completed a Master of Science in Nursing from Vanderbilt University, specializing in medical surgical nursing. Stroud earned a Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Administration at Auburn University in 1987.

Dr. Stroud has been a faculty member at the Medical University of South Carolina College of Nursing since 1993. In 1996, she completed the post-master’s Adult Nurse Practitioner Program at MUSC. As a certified adult nurse practitioner, Dr. Stroud also provides lower extremity and foot care services in an internal medicine clinic on the University campus.
Greetings from your Sigma Gamma Omicron At-Large Chapter Board of Directors. The Board met in August to set our strategic goals and objectives, and the 2007-2008 Calendar of Events, which were modified and approved at the first membership meeting held on September 19, 2007. Plans this year are designed to infuse excitement in scholarship, research, presenting best practices, and networking with nursing colleagues.

Get Involved. Mark your calendar for these upcoming activities and join this professionally active group of nurses who are committed “to create better nurses for better health care.” Networking opportunities will occur from 5:30-6 p.m. at all meetings.

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2007-2008 Research Award. Applications for the New Investigator Award (up to $2000), Chapter Research Grant (up to $2000), and the Research Recognition Award ($250) will be available February 1, with a deadline of March 15, 2008. Please contact Dr. Kathy Simon (792-3389 or simonk@musc.edu) or visit the chapter website for details.

Ling Wins Sigma Theta Tau Research Award

Catherine Ling, a second-year student enrolled in the online PhD program, clinical instructor for the third-semester baccalaureate course Population Focused Nursing, and program coordinator for “Get Your Body Back After Kids,” has received the Gamma Omicron At-Large Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Research Award.

The award, titled “Step it Up: Women Wearing Pedometers,” is a new investigator award based upon the scientific merit of the proposal. According to Ling, “A great tool for monitoring and motivating physical activity is the pedometer, or step counter. Gold standard placement of pedometers is at the waistline or on a belt. This placement is not always feasible for women who have different abdominal fat distribution, wear dresses or avoid waistbands. Alternative placements have not been validated. This study seeks to uncover intrapersonal variation in step counter reading based on pedometer placement on women.”

Catherine has a Master of Nursing degree from Emory University and is a family nurse practitioner. Most recently, she worked as a population health nurse educator at the Naval Ambulatory Care Center in Groton, CT. The scope of this particular program was disease risk factor reduction, stress and anger management, therapeutic lifestyle modification as well as nutritional and physical fitness education. In 2005, she received the Tricare Healthcare Innovations Program Award in the Lifestyles Division.

Catherine’s goal is to continue her work in chronic disease prevention and management through lifestyle modification and generate research which examines guidelines along age and gender lines.
From July 23-27th, the College of Nursing hosted the second annual Doctoral Residency Week, a required in-person visit to the Charleston campus for the online doctoral students. This year’s residency was especially dynamic, with the returning students, who had just completed their first year of online studies, as well as the new first-year students in attendance.

For the twelve new students, Residency Week served as a welcoming orientation to the MUSC online learning environment and the College of Nursing doctoral program and faculty. Throughout the week, these students mingled with faculty, were introduced to campus resources, and practiced using the necessary computer software. They met with faculty advisors to develop a plan of study for the first year of coursework and a trajectory for the entire program.

For the seven returning students, the purpose of Residency Week was very focused. The week was an immersion in thinking about their research, with each day’s agenda focused on one aspect of the research process. Students solidified and refined their dissertation ideas through large group discussions, student-faculty mentor groups, and individual activities. By week’s end, all had developed presentations of their research projects.

Not all the time was spent so studiously, however. The new students stayed at the Indigo Inn downtown and enjoyed the late afternoons and evening browsing around our historic city. Dean Stuart hosted an evening dinner at her scenic home on Folly Beach, and the returning students rented a beach house so they could continue their discussions into the evening while enjoying an ocean view. They hosted a low-country crab boil for the new students and offered some words of advice and welcome to the new group.

Both faculty and students evaluated the week as a great success. The Residency Week offers an essential ingredient to online learning—personal interaction and socialization. The week allowed each student to put their other responsibilities on hold and focus completely on doctoral work. When the week concluded, all students experienced a renewed sense of motivation for the start of the fall semester.


Congratulations, Class of 2007!
Congratulations to Our PhD Graduates!

Dr. Robin Bissinger
Dissertation: Secondary Surfactant Dysfunction and Deficiency

Dr. Cheryl Carlson
Dissertation: Inflammatory Mediators in Premature Infants with Surfactant Deficiency and Dysfunction

Dr. Marilyn Schaffner
Dissertation: Antecedents and Consequences of Work-Related Nurse Fatigue: A Preliminary Evidence-Based Model

Dr. Laurie Zone-Smith
Dissertation: Psychometric Testing of a Nursing Intensity Workload Measurement Instrument

Dr. James Lawrence
Dissertation: Advance Directives Prevalence in Long-Term Care: A Comparison Between a Nurse Practitioner Health Care Model versus a Traditional Health Care Model: The Influence of Relationships

For more information about the College of Nursing PhD program, please visit our website at www.musc.edu/nursing.
1943
Eleanor Shealy Adeimy of Hamlet, NC, writes: “I graduated there in 1943 and enjoyed 52 years of my profession. One of the interns once told me that no matter where I went to work, I would always know that I graduated from the best school. And I have always felt that he was right. In 1944 I married Eddie Adeimy. Three daughters - two who are RNs - and after 61 years of a good married life, Eddie died as the result of a pancreatic cancer. Charleston was always close to our hearts.”

1947
Sarah H. Rodgers is retired and lives in Camden.

1949
Mary Medlin Coker is retired and living in Waterloo.

1957
Marilyn DeWitt Altman of Georgetown earned a BS degree from the University of South Carolina in addition to her studies at MUSC. She is a past Business and Professional Woman of the Year and is state vice regent of the S. C. Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution for 2006-2009. She and her husband, Lenair, have one daughter, Rhonda Altman Bornman. Claire Pursley Barnett and her husband, Campbell, live in North Myrtle Beach and have two children, Amy and Chris. Their oldest grandson, Matthew Halliday, is currently a medical student at MUSC. Claire is retired from nursing. Connie Mayson Brown of Clayton, NC, has two children, Richard and Cynthia. She reports that she is now retired and enjoys church activities and playing with her grandson. Roberta Harris Cone and her husband, Robert, live in Aiken. They have three children, Margaret, Robert, and Jeffrey. She writes: “I am especially grateful for the excellent training I received at MUSC and Roper Hospital. The absolute best! Prepared me adequately to meet the needs of my patients and family members and inspired one of my sons to become an R.N. A second blessing was my wonderful roommate, Barbara Lee Park, who is my dearest and best lifelong friend. I also met my soulmate and lifetime partner while at MUSC. He has been wonderful and we will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary January 1, 2008.” Marilyn V. DeWitt is retired and living in Georgetown, SC.

Caroline Stone Gambrell of Augusta, GA, has two children, Christina Golightly and Juliet Gambrell. Her late husband, Don Gambrell, M’57, died unexpectedly on June 20, 2007. Ms. Gambrell earned a BSN degree from the University of South Carolina and has enjoyed gardening and travel. Barbara Friend Hadscock of Cayce has two children, Hugh, Jr., and Brian. She reports that she and her husband, Hugh, have been fortunate to be able to travel overseas, including Europe, China, Russia and South America.

Lottie Cummings Hudgens of Florence, SC, have three children, Roy, Jr., M’62, have three children, Roy Edward Hudgens, III, D’90, David Gordon Hudgens, and William Joseph Hudgens. Lottie worked as an operating room nurse for 12 years and also as a clinical instructor. Her current interests include reading, painting, gardening, and sewing. Doris Ridgill Kinsey and her twin sister, Doris Ridgill Tatum, were both enrolled in the joint USC/MUSC nursing program and spent two years working at MUSC hospital. These USC/MUSC participants were called the “Yellow Birds” by fellow students, because they wore yellow uniforms. Mrs. Kinsey now lives on Kiawah Island a large part of the year but still has a home in Columbia. Doris Tatum and her husband, Ben, M’59, live in Laurinburg, NC. Sidney Badger Lancaster and her husband, Fred, have four children, Rick,
Lynn, Leslie, and Russell. She worked in anesthesia with Carolinas Medical Center in Charleston and is now retired, leaving her time for golf, bridge, volunteering in the community and knitting. Angie McGill Ladue of Charleston retired from MUSC in 1996. She has three children, Laurence Ladue, III, William Ladue, and Evelyn Ladue Wells. Angie is a past member of the MUSC Nursing Alumni Board. Her current interests include her grandchildren, horse-back riding, preservation and garden club activities. Alyce Bruder Matthews of Charleston reports that after working in the operating room and in obstetrics-gynecology, she is retired and enjoys reading and loafing. She has two children, Alyce and Hank. Joan Seawright Moody was a school nurse in McCormick for twenty-three years. She then taught a certified nursing assistants’ class at Piedmont Technical College in Greenwood for seven years before retiring. She and her husband, William, live in Edgefield and have two children, Ray Moody and Ann Moody Allen. Barbara Lee Park and her husband, Joe, live in Columbia. She is retired from home health/geriatric nursing. The Parks have three children, Joey, Eric, and Steve, and 5 grandchildren. She writes: “My best friend, Roberta (Harris) Cone has been a lifelong support. Though we don’t see each other often, the bond remains. Last year when my son, Joey, had a liver transplant and was hospitalized at MUSC for over two months, she was my support in every way. Thanks, Roberta! I’ve also remained in contact with Francis Hungerpillar Welch, who lives in Florida.” Onnie Mason Prior of Edgefield has two children, Eric Prior and Wanda Cook, and has one grandson. She is widowed and enjoys gardening, camping, traveling, arts and crafts, and working with Special Olympics. Betty Hood Todd of Washington, PA, is planning to re-enter professional employment. She has worked as a psychiatric/mental health clinical nurse specialist. She has an MSN degree, as well as an MA degree in theology. Through the years, Mrs. Todd has been involved in leadership activities in community and ecclesiastical areas and has been an avid volunteer for health care agencies and programs. She is a widow and has three children, Thomas, Christopher and Elizabeth. Norma David Truesdale and her husband, Alton, live in Summerton. They have two daughters, Pamela T. Ey and Kathryn T. Jekel, a ’92 graduate of the College of Nursing. Norma served on the Palmetto Baptist Hospital Board of Trustees for two five-year terms and was the recipient of the Virginia C. Phillips Excellence in Nursing Practice Award for the Wateree Health District in October 1998. Jo Marie Darby Rush and her husband, Richard (Dick), M’57, of Conway have three children, Cindy Magrath, Debbie Shuler, and Tammy Boyd. Their oldest grandson, George Magrath, is currently a medical student at MUSC. Jo was chosen Woman of the Year for Conway in 1985. She is currently involved in many civic and church projects. Jeanene Wertz White is retired after having worked for many years with the Naval and Veteran’s Hospitals in Charleston. She is a widow and has one son, Lloyd C. White, Jr. She reports that her 15-year-old grandson lives with her and is a student at West Ashley High School. She notes that she has fond memories of her years as a nursing student and remains in close touch with many members of the Class of 1957, especially Alice McKenzie Bunnell, her former roommate. Ms. White’s late husband and Mrs. Bunnell’s husband were also roommates and military colleagues. Harriet Travers Yarbrough and her husband, Joseph Coleman Yarbrough, Jr., M’59, now live on the Isle of Palms. They have four children, Marshall Edward, James Dennis, Lynn Yarbrough Landreth, PT’87, and William Dwight, M’98. Harriet earned a BSN degree from the University of South Carolina in 1957. Her current interests include tennis, bridge, snow-skiing, and helping with activities for their 8 grandchildren, ages 2 to 10 years.

1958
Ann Moore left the emergency room at Richland Memorial Hospital to work in the outpatient OB/GYN clinic. She works as a phone triage nurse and patient advocate with doctors for appointments, complaints, etc. Vernel S. Fulton retired from nursing in 1996. She lives in Summerville, SC, with her husband, Douglas. She writes: “Enjoy time with grands and traveling. Also involved in Precept Bible Studies.” Connie Maiorine writes: “Many heartfelt thanks to my MUSC family during my husband’s illness and ‘crossing over.’ Your prayers, thoughts, and cards were greatly appreciated.”

1959
Anne Bolen Nigh is currently working part-time at the Eye Surgery Center in Prince Frederick, MD. She welcomed a granddaughter, Brigid Alifair Corbett, on April 7, 2007.

1960
Sylvia Bates writes that her son, George, is married and has three children. Emily B. Hill writes: “Retired—Shopping, cruising, and loving
it!” Carie J. Rust has 3 grandchildren: Dalton (8), Delaney (6), and Dylan (3). She lives in Jacksonville, FL. Paula A. Thomson writes: “Retired early and was traveling. Now fighting lymphoma—responding to chemo and immunotherapy. Prayer works!”

1961
Linda M. Faber retired and is enjoying time with her husband and family. Rita P. Moore was planning to retire in November 2006. Diane Morton writes: “Seeing my dear classmates at Jackie (Lavigno) Morrison’s house last March was such a thrill. We’re still good!”

1962
Patricia Benton Bell currently lives in Roswell, GA. Sue J. Cochran retired after 40 years in psychiatric nursing. She has 4 grandchildren and has traveled to England, Scotland, Ireland, China, Thailand, Africa, Turkey, Amsterdam, Germany, and Austria. Virginia King Lee writes: “I retired from UVA on January 1, 2007, and was on a celebratory trip to Portugal at the time of our class reunion. Sorry I missed it. I had a wonderful trip. I just put my house on the market and as soon as it sells, I plan to move back to SC.” Linda Damon Manning writes: “I have come full circle. After working in the Charleston County School District for 20 years, I am now volunteering as a school nurse helper in Laurel Hill, the school of my five-year-old granddaughter, Eliza. She is one of our nine grandchildren, ages 2-18. Our oldest is now in college. Where does the time go?”

1963
Ronna Newton Mathis works as a case manager for AccessCare in Morrisville, NC.

1965
Anne L. Beck (CON 1983, 1987) writes: “Charlie and I are in our second year as full timers in our motor home. We work as volunteers at James Island County Park in winters and for the Army Corps of Engineers in Alaska during summers. I work two days per week for Trident Technical College when home.” Kaye C. Byers writes: “Since retiring in 2005, we have been traveling. The best trip was 3 months touring with friends in southern Africa. We saw it all!”

1967
Mary R. Jacob continues practice (psych-mental health) in a Winter Park, Florida, pastoral counseling center. Since 2004, she has served on a disaster response team in Florida and the Gulf Coast with her husband, Rev. Dr. Mel Jacob. Linda Harrison Keller is the manager of the outreach lab at the University of Florida in Jacksonville, FL. Henrietta Hook Kollitz is the occupational health services manager for Frontier Spinning Mills in Cheraw, SC. Elizabeth Carson Livingston is an office nurse for the family practice office at the University of South Carolina College of Nursing. Terrianne DuBose McGregor writes: “I’m presently enjoying retirement with my husband, Pat. We love spending time with our three grandchildren, Jamie, Kelly, and Kristina.”

1970
Quana Seabaugh Strong is currently a nurse manager for Portneuf Medical Center in Pocatello, ID.

1971
Gloria Schirmer Burbage writes: “Retired from MUSC in 2006 after 29 years as a CRNA.”

1972
Katherine Matter Blake retired from South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control in 2003. She now baby-sits her grandchildren Allie, Joseph, and Noah, and is helping plan her daughter’s wedding. Virginia “Rudie” Barfield Ivester is the school nurse for Riverside Middle School in Greer, SC. Her daughter, Molly, is working in Charleston, and her son, Zak, is a senior at Clemson. She is enjoying her garden. Barbara G. Scott is the nurse manager of a large satellite clinic for the Department of Veteran’s Affairs, located in Ft. Myers, FL. She is also nurse manager of CBOCS in Naples and Port Charlotte, FL.

1974
Kathy Alwahab is charge nurse on a surgical acute care floor at Vanderbilt University’s children’s hospital. She writes: “My youngest is a college freshman; let’s hear it for empty nests!!”

1976
Paulette L. LePine participated in an international professional and cultural program specializing in perioperative nursing in China in February 2007.

1977
Kay Fulmer Fitzsimmons is employed by Piedmont Oral Surgery in Greenville, SC. Kathleen S. McQuown writes: “Daughter Anne married Nate at Edisto Island. Doing home health—Still enjoy it.”

1979
Teresa Powers Casada is a case manager for Winyah Community Hospice Care in Columbia, SC. Monica C. Dainer works with USC-Aiken as the program specialist for the DuPont Planetarium.

1980
Kathleen Buchheit taught in the nurse-midwifery program from 1983 to 1988 and reports that she has fond memories of Charleston. Rebecca Kibler Blankenship reports that she recently served a deployment in Iraq. She has remarried. Jerrie H. Fath (CON 1995) continues to work as an administrator at a NC heart center. Gale S. Stewart is the lead nurse for Clover School District school nurses.
1981
Colleen W. Bible is the faculty advisor for health science programs at Technical College of the Lowcountry in Beaufort, SC. Claudia Blyth writes: “I was married October 21, 2000, to Charles B. Lang. Can you believe he wouldn’t change his name? I received my MSN in July, 2005. I have worked at the Dorn VA Medical Center for the past 15 years. One year ago, I took the promotion as nurse manager at the Sumter Community Based Outpatient Clinic, and I love it.”

Patricia L. Brame is a case manager for Hospice of Sumter County. She is married to Stephen P. Groves, an attorney. She has 5 children and 2 stepchildren.

Karen Dilorenzo-Thames is the clinical manager for pre- & post-operation services at Roper Hospital in Charleston. Anne R. Johnson writes: “I worked as a clinical instructor for RN students at a local community college for 2 years but recently returned to working in pre & post-op care of same-day surgery patients on a PRN basis. I loved working with the students and hope to return to it in the near future, but grading care plans, prep sheets, and journals was extremely time-consuming. I appreciate all our MUSC instructors so much more now!”

Lisa Selavko Milne was recently named assistant professor of nursing in graduate nursing at Concordia University in Mequon, WI.

1982
Deborah A. Bergman writes: “At this time of my life, I am pursuing my other passion as a fiber artist. I own Purple Fleece, a weaving, spinning, felting, and dyeing shop in Maine. I teach one-on-one classes and group workshops.”

Mary Ann Martin is employed at Piedmont Women’s Center in labor/delivery. Bette Waters writes: “I am retired from the practice of nurse-midwifery and live in Deming, NM. I continue to write and am presently working on an oral history of a twentieth century American cowboy. It is my pleasure to announce that Elsevier has chosen my research article, “Ice Massage for the Reduction of Labor Pain,” to be included in the 5th edition of their series, Midwifery Best Practice. Vicki L. Zeigler (CON 1991) received her Ph.D. in nursing science on July 10, 2006, from Texas Women’s University in Denton, TX. She is an assistant professor there.

1983
Loretta B. Camarano-Kangas began the doctoral program in nursing at The University of California-San Francisco in the Fall of 2006. Cheryl Brandt Jefferies (CON 1986) is an assistant professor of nursing education at Sinclair Community College in Dayton, OH. Denise Ader Johnson was promoted to captain and selected as senior nurse executive and director for surgical services for the Naval Hospital in Twentynine Palms, CA. Sydney Grannis White writes: “I have recently retired from public health nursing in Fairfax County’s Adult Day Health Care program. Am currently enjoying settling into a new house in Culpeper, VA, and having more time to spend with my 6 grandchildren.”

1985
Karen J. Reedy writes: “Extended my education as a physician assistant. Currently practicing as Chief PA, Division of Urology, VAMHCS since 1995. My son, Jimmy, just turned 21 this year. Living in Maryland with my mother, son, and 3 wonderful adopted ex-racing greyhounds!”

Patricia P. Smith has been working for Drs. Williamson and Gillespie as a full scope nurse midwife for 17 years.

1986
Candace Schima Buckles is a pediatric nurse practitioner in the cardiology department at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Costa K. Cockfield is the chief nursing officer at Carolinas Hospital System in Florence. Jean S. Crow is still working at Barksdale Air Force Base. She is now the grandmother of two little boys. She writes: “Looking forward to retirement from civil service in four years.”

1988
Mary Dillard Cox is interim associate dean of academics at the University of South Carolina College of Nursing. Rebecca Bird Ruhl is currently the compliance and privacy officer for Tenet Health care in Griffin, GA.

1989
Elizabeth Kolb Boland and her husband, Robert T. Boland welcomed a baby girl, Mary Carson Boland, on September 29, 2007. Dawn Foran married Neal Clark on April 21, 2007. Neal is an electrical engineer in Camden, SC. They reside in Lexington, SC. Lynn Haney-Singleton (CON 1996) accepted the position of Associate Chief Nursing Officer at Summerville Medical Center and has been chosen for the Hospital Corporation of America’s Chief Nursing officer Development Program. Alice Lane Howell writes: “I retired on June 30, 2006, from Marion County School of Practical Nursing after 30 years of teaching medical-surgical nursing and pharmacology, both in the classroom and in the clinical areas. Presently, I am working part-time with the Marion County Council on Aging as the nurse supervisor. This schedule allows me the opportunity to travel with my husband, as he works as a catastrophe claims adjuster.”
Pamela R. McGrady works full-time at Screens Plus and part-time as a nurse. She now has three grandchildren, Ruby (2), Abby (1 month), and Dylan (10 months). **Roxy R. Sampson** is currently a research instructor and grants and business manager for the clinical neuroscience division of the psychiatry department at MUSC. **Douglas C. West** is a nurse practitioner for Cardiovascular Associates of Decatur, AL.

**1990**

Paula E. Johnson is an advanced practice registered nurse for the Veterans Administration in Charleston. Melissa Johnston Miles writes: “We just returned from 3 years of living overseas in Germany. I just earned a master’s degree in education and have been teaching, but I have kept my nursing license current as well.” **Theresa Yvonne Gray Rashdan** (CON 1994) and her husband, Ragab Mohamed, currently live in Frisco, TX., and have two children, Amir and Tarek. She writes: “Obtained PNP - primary care from Texas Woman’s University, Dallas, Texas, in May 1999. Obtained PNP - Acute Care from University of Texas-Arlington in Arlington, Texas, in May 2002. Currently pursuing NNP post-master’s certificate from University of Texas-Galveston, with anticipated graduation in December 2007. Proud mother of ex-24-week premature twins, who are currently 15 months and healthy. Clinical Instructor for University of Texas-Arlington teaching in primary care and acute care PNP program. In preparation of moving to Cairo, Egypt to work as Director of Cardiothoracic ICU in joint medical venture with US Government and Egyptian Government.” **Douglas C. West** is currently a nurse practitioner for Cardiovascular Associates of Decatur, AL.

**1991**

Candace Schima Buckles is currently a pediatric nurse practitioner in the cardiology department at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Penelope Chase writes: “Retired in March 2006 and moved to Bucks County, Pennsylvania, to be closer to family and grandkids. Went back to work part-time as school nurse in child/adolescent psych partial hospitalized program. Enjoying life. Chaz is still painting and having art shows. I miss Charleston sometimes.” **Betty Simmons Jackson** is the wound/ostomy specialty coordinator for Memorial University Medical Center Care One in Savannah, GA.

**1992**

**Audra Barker Archer** is an RNC at Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas in Dallas, TX. **Amanda Budak** (CON 1999) is the program manager for bariatric surgery at MUSC. She and her husband, Jack, have a daughter, Olivia, who was born in 2005. **Patricia C. (P.J.) Johnson** is chief executive officer for Trident Health System in Charleston, SC. She was formerly vice president for clinical operations for Summerville Medical Center.

**1993**

**Rhonda Lavoie Lynch** writes that she was beginning a master’s in nursing program at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington in Fall 2007. **Donna Compagnone-Dulaney** writes: “Husband Tim Dulaney work as a petroleum geologist for Exxon Mobil in Houston. I work as a CCU and ICU RN in Conroe, TX. Presently on maternity leave, as I had Wyatt Spencer on April 27, 2007. Sweet little boy.” **Tara Hulse** is the dean of Charleston Southern School of Nursing and an adjunct faculty member at MUSC College of Nursing. She was previously associate dean at the MUSC College of Nursing.

**1994**

**Rebecca Bereshkovsky** graduated in 2005 from Cal. State University with an MSN degree and from Kaiser Permanente School of Anesthesia in 2005 as a CRNA. **Sherry A. Black** completed her MBA with emphasis in health service management at Webster University in July 2006. **Weatherly Rogers Brice** is a clinical educator at MUSC. **Robin Evans Matutina** became a certified pediatric nurse in April 2006. Her name will be announced by the Pediatric Nursing Certification Board in the Journal of the Society of Pediatric Nurses. She received national certification as a certified pediatric oncology nurse in Fall 2006. She has been accepted into the MUSC Master of Science in Nursing Nurse Educator program. **Anita Pollard** was selected as the national health services recruiter for the Federal Bureau of Prisons in February 2007. With the recommendation of professional nurse colleagues, she was inducted into the Catholic University Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Society of Nursing in April 2007.

**1995**

Jennifer Shrun Behunin is a nurse practitioner for Southeastern Gynecologic Oncology in Tucker, GA. **Jack Allan Stauffer** married Stacy Buck Faucette on April 7, 2007, in Summerville, SC. **David A. Thein** retired from the U.S. Navy on February 1, 2006.

**1996**

Birddie Felkel is a quality nurse specialist for Pitt County Memorial Hospital in Greenville, NC. **Kim Mattison Hanna** and her husband, Brian, have three children Caleb, Luke, and Maria, and live in Hartsville, SC. **Kelly Meek** and her husband welcomed their second daughter, Caroline Elise Meek, on April 19, 2007. **Mitchell J. Seal** is completing a doctorate
at University of the Pacific in the Navy. He and his wife, Helen (CON ’97), are enjoying life as nurses. **Jeanine M. Swails** is an assistant professor of clinical nursing at the University of Cincinnati College of Nursing. She has a son, Eric, who was born in March 2006.

**1997**

Lynn C. Bennett has been working as supervisor for Palmetto Health Hospice since 2004. **Kara Mitchum DuBois** is a school nurse at an elementary school in Dorchester School District II in South Carolina. **Karín Emery** is a nurse in the emergency department of the level 1 trauma center at Virginia Commonwealth University Health Systems located in Richmond, VA. She was selected as a fellow in the 2007 Central Virginia Nursing Leadership Institute Fellowship Program. **Marianne Leal Holmes** is chief nurse practitioner and school-based health coordinator for Beaufort Jasper Hampton Comprehensive Health Services, Inc., a community health center in Ridgeland, SC. Her special interest is diabetes care. As a CDE, she has served as team leader for the agency’s Diabetes Health Disparities Collaborative Team. **Laura Long** and her husband, Chris, welcomed their son, Cade Long, on December 24, 2006. **Helen Seal** opened River Bank Boarding Home for students at St. Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia. She and her husband, Mitch (CON ’96), are enjoying life as nurses. **Sarah Soapes** is an OR nurse for Jacksonville Orthopaedic Institute. **Lt. Colonel Roseanne Warner** is the deputy group commander of the 31st Medical Group (Hospital) at Aviano Air Base in Italy, arriving in September 2006. She received the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners 2006 State Award for Excellence in New Mexico and was recognized at the state level as well as at the 2006 national conference. She deployed to Haiti in 2005, caring for the underserved, and was in the Middle East in April 2006.

**1998**

**Minerva Langit Daganzo** is a clinical supervisor for critical care at Health Central Hospital. She is married with two children and lives in Ocoee, FL. **Karen E. Laakaniemi** is an assistant professor of nursing in an undergraduate BSN and RN/BSN program at Crown College in Minnesota. **Cynthia L. MacDonald** is a nurse practitioner for Cardiology Consultants in Summerville, SC, and Coastal Inpatient Physicians. **Lareina Monroy** and **Noel Casimiro** were married on March 10, 2007, in Charleston, SC. Captain Casimiro continues to work in same day surgery/recovery room and is stationed at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, NV. **Ashley R. Settemeyer** is attending the Raleigh School of Nurse Anesthesia for her master’s degree. **Lela M. Stroud** graduated from the University of South Alabama Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Program in 2004. **Cynthia Rourk** married Derek Zeigler in Sumter, SC, on April 7, 2007.

**1999**

**Tricy Kosobud** writes: “Hired July 2006 as clinical nurse coordinator for MUSC Speciality Care in Goose Creek—nephrology, endocrinology, pulmonology, travel medicine.” **Jackson C. Whisnant, III** is currently practicing general dentistry at Foothills Family Dentistry in Chesnee, SC.

**2000**

**Francesca Frick** married James Champion on September 15, 2007, at Christ Our King Catholic Church, Mount Pleasant, SC. Francesca is employed as a registered nurse at Accredo Therapeutics. **Mary C. McBride** writes: “Practicing full-scope midwifery and loving it.” **Annie Conrad Overman** was married on July 8, 2006. She is working as an NICU nurse in Gainesville, FL, after 4 years of travel nursing. **Natalie Rice Pritchard** is employed by Dorn VA Medical Center and lives in Columbia. **Roy H. Smith** is pursuing a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from USC in Columbia. **Diane I. Taylor** received a full-time faculty position with full tenure at Manatee Community College-South Campus in Venice, FL. She will continue at Peace River Regional Medical Center in a Pool I position in the nursery. **Laura Woyahn** is employed by Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, NC. **Cynthia Rourk Zeigler** married Derek Zeigler in Sumter, SC, on April 7, 2007.

**2001**

Lina Kornahrens and Kevin Bucher were married August 30, 2007, in Sarasota, FL. They honeymooned in the Bahamas and will reside in Summerville, SC. **Tammy Wright** is employed by Supplemental Health care as a travel nurse in Columbia.

**2002**

**Kimberly Strickland Adamson** (CON 2004) is a neonatal nurse practitioner for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. **Elizabeth Patterson Barfield** is an RN at Roper Hospital in Charleston. **Meredithe Nettles D’Agostino** is an RN with MUSC Children’s Hospital. **Michelle Fennessy** is completing her third year in the PhD program at the University of Illinois at Chicago. She lives in downtown Chicago and works as an APN in the Cardiac Cath Lab at the University of Chicago Medical Center. **Melissa Stender** married Andre Duane Lashock on July 21, 2007 at St. Luke’s Lutheran Church in Summerville, South
Jennifer Orak Meyer on June 12, 2007. was born at MUSC Regional Medical Center. Her son, Jack Michael Gatlin was born at MUSC on June 12, 2007.

Jennifer Orak Meyer is a nurse practitioner for Geriatric Family Care Specialists in Mt. Pleasant. Lisa Dragoni Oliver is a nurse at the VA Hospital in Charleston. Melanie Hunter Porter is a nurse practitioner for Conway Pediatrics in Conway. Carlotta Rivers continues to be the maternity clinic coordinator and parenting class instructor at Scotland County Health Department. She also works PRN at Edwin Morgan Center in Laurinburg, NC. She and her daughter, Carlissa, reside in Bennettsville, SC.

Kelly M. Russell and her husband, Scott Spencer, celebrated the birth of their daughter, Kimberly Rose Spencer, on July 27, 2006. Daniel L. Schwerin graduated from the MUSC College of Medicine in May 2007. He is a surgical resident at MUSC. Gloria Wilson-Dignam is now a certified legal nurse consultant as well as a certified geriatric care manager.

2003
Lauren Louise Bunch and John Gabriel Coggiola, both of Columbia, were married on September 30, 2006, in St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church, Charleston. She is an RN in The Birthplace at Palmetto Health Baptist in Columbia.

Sonia M. Campbell is enrolled in a dual MSN/MPH program at the University of South Carolina.

Carmen Birchmore Richardson married Quade A. Richardson on May 27, 2006. She opened PRN Health Care Solutions, Inc., a health care staffing agency, on November 1, 2006, in Florence.

Dawn Marie (Chylko) Wolak lives in Atlanta, GA, and is working as a cardiac nurse practitioner at Emory Heart Center.

2004
Shalanda McElveen McGriff was married on August 19, 2006, to Rodney McGriff.

Diane L. Razo graduated with an MSN in nursing administration from the University of South Alabama. She is currently employed as a nurse manager in the cardiothoracic unit at Duke University Medical Center.

Kristen Bennett married Justin Miles Sebnick on April 22, 2006 in her hometown of Cheraw, SC. She is working at Lake City Health Department for SC DHEC Region 4.

Kathleen Toland married Alan Utsey on April 28, 2007 in Charleston.

2005
Emiline Fricke is employed at Greenville Memorial Hospital as an RN on the vascular/surgical floor. Amanda S. Sebnick is working at Little River Medical Center as a full-time certified pediatric nurse practitioner. She was married Paul S. Whisnant in April of 2007.

Megan Irby was accepted to nurse anesthesia school at the University of South Carolina. Courtney L. Kennedy plans to attend the Medical College of Georgia for CRNA school beginning August 2007.

David A. Smith is employed as a staff nurse at St. Francis Health System in the Emergency Department in Greenville, SC. Julie K. Vazquez is an MSN student at Duke University.

2006
Catherine Marie Bailes was married to Hudson Gregory Belk on May 12, 2007, at Summerall Chapel, The Citadel, in Charleston. Janne L. Johnson received her ANCC certification. She works in a forensic setting.

Krissi Hulon Lane is a staff nurse for the Department of Health and Environmental Control in Dillon, SC. She and her husband, Kristopher, welcomed two sons in 2006: Noah Riley Lane and Nickolas Tyndall Lane.

Lauren Richardson Pittard writes: “After my marriage to Andrew Pittard in October 2006, I headed to Nashville, TN. I am currently working at Harpeth Pediatrics.”

Ashley Baldwin Sauls is currently a registered nurse for Shands Jacksonville Hospital in Jacksonville, FL. She married Paul S. Whisnant in April of 2007.

2007
Jennifer Foster Goldsmith became CPNP-certified in June 2007. She and her husband are currently living in Winter Springs, FL, so that he can attend seminary. Kerri Jo Pringle is employed by Island Family Care in Pawleys Island, SC.

Kristen Rogers works with The Methodist Hospital in Houston, TX.

Deborah Roseboro has been employed as a staff nurse with the MUSC Hospital Authority.

Stephen D. Schaefer is working in the MUSC Children’s Hospital in the Pediatric ICU.

Obituaries

1931
Marie Louise Bennett Love, 96, died Dec. 15, 2006 in Morristown, TN. She had served as a registered nurse with the U.S. Army and was preceded in death by her husband, Lt. Col. Dana Williams Love. Mrs. Love is survived by her son, Dana Jr., of the Isle of Palms and daughter, June Zeigler (Roy), of Morristown, with whom she had made her home since 1996; and other family members.

1935
Sarah Alice Curry Limehouse, 94, of Charleston, widow of Fred F. Limehouse, died June 4, 2007. Mrs. Limehouse was previously employed by Mead-Westvaco. Surviving are two daughters and spouses, Sarah Jane and Jimmy Armstrong Sr. of the home and Ginger and Larry Henton of Altus, OK; and other family members. Those desiring may make memorials to the Gray Court-Owings Historical Society’s Gardens P.O. Box 272, Gray Court, SC 29645.
**1944**
Margie Lee Carter, formerly of Great Falls, died September 7, 2007, in Rock Hill. Lt. Commander Carter retired from the U.S. Navy in 1970 after 25 years of service. She served during the Korean War and at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Survivors include one niece, Marilyn C. Powers and husband, Butch of Great Falls; one nephew, Wayne Carter and wife, Susan of Conway, S.C.; and other family members. Memorials may be made to Greenlawn Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 191, Great Falls, SC 29055 or to Samaritan’s Purse, P.O. Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607.

**1947**
Imogene Frances Swicegood Williams, 80, widow of James P. Williams died May 28, 2007. Mrs. Williams served as office nurse for Dr. T. W. Messervy, night shift supervisor at MUSC, director of nursing at Coastal Center, and facilities administrator at Saleeby Center in Hartsville until her retirement in 1987. After retirement she returned to her home in Summerville. She is survived by her two sons, James P. Williams, Jr. (Deborah) of Hartsville, SC, John R. Williams (Tina) of Louisburg, NC; two daughters, Kathleen W. Windham of Summerville, Cindy W. Anderson (Danny) of Ridgeville; and other family members. Flowers will be accepted or memorials may be made to Presbyterian Home of SC-Employee Appreciation Fund, 201 W. 9th North Street, Summerville, SC 29483.

**1955**
Valin Millard Janus, 75, of Kernersville, NC, died May 26, 2007. She worked as an RN until becoming a full-time homemaker. Survivors include her husband of almost 52 years, Dave Janus; daughter, Kim Bean; sons, David Janus, Jr. and Joanne, Kip Janus and Theresa, John Curtis Janus and Patti, and Daniel Janus and Sarah; and other family members.

**1957**
Betty Joyce Bass Garrison of Charlotte, NC, died August 18, 2007. Originally from Georgetown, Betty served as clinical instructor for the College of Nursing after graduation from nursing school. She later took a position at the Elk’s AIdmore Children’s Hospital in Atlanta, GA. While in Atlanta, she earned a BS degree from Medical College of Georgia. Upon moving to Charlotte, she began work on and received her Master of Public Health degree from UNC. She received the MUSC Outstanding Nursing Alumnus Award in 1975 and was chosen as one of the “Great 100 Nurses” for North Carolina in 1991. Betty is survived by her husband, Charles L. Garrison of Charlotte; her older sister, Minnie Maude Goude of Georgetown, and other family members. The family has requested that memorials be directed to the MUSC College of Nursing through the MUSC Foundation, 18 Bee Street, POB 250450, Charleston, SC 29425 or to the American Cancer Society.

**1963**
Julia Anne Riley Williams, 64, of Hanahan, formerly of Florence, died July 1, 2007. Mrs. Williams was a registered nurse at Renal Advantage, Inc. Surviving are her husband, Michael Leo Smith; a son, Joseph I. Williams, IV of Mt. Pleasant, SC; three daughters, Kimberly M. Williams of Charlotte, NC, Briana Smith of Charleston, SC, and Elizabeth L. Bota of Sumter, SC; and other family members.

**1974**
Mollie Tisdale Smith of Charleston died August 22, 2007. She was a registered nurse at Renal Advantage, Inc. Surviving are her husband, Michael Leo Smith; a son, Joseph I. Williams, IV of Mt. Pleasant, SC; three daughters, Kimberly M. Williams of Charlotte, NC, Briana Smith of Charleston, SC, and Elizabeth L. Bota of Sumter, SC; and other family members.
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