

# Mayo Clinic **CRNA Alumni Update**

**Alumni Mission Statement** The Mayo Nurse Anesthesia Alumni will promote professional and personal relationships among its members on local, national and international levels. The association will endeavor to support the educational needs of the Mayo School of Health Sciences Nurse Anesthesia students.

## Greetings Mayo Alumni,



Dear Mayo CRNA Alumni,

We hope this letter finds you healthy and enjoying life. We have lots of biographical sketches to share with you this year, as well as other news that we hope you will find interesting. We are grateful for the considerable positive

feedback we have received regarding the newsletter. We will continue to try to make this a fun, helpful communication piece for you. Please feel free to contact us when you have information that you would like to share with your alumni colleagues or pictures from the past that would be interesting. Your support and input are greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,  
*Marlea Judd, CRNA, MNA*  
Mayo Clinic CRNA Alumni Chairperson

## Mayo School of Health Sciences Alumni Association

The year 1998 marked a quarter century of high-quality education for Mayo School of Health Sciences. It also represents another milestone: The launching of the Mayo School of Health Sciences Alumni Association.

The mission of the Mayo School of Health Sciences Alumni Association is to establish and maintain mutually beneficial relationships between Mayo institutions and the alumni of Mayo School of Health Sciences programs. The value of this relationship is nurtured by the ties formed between students, faculty and staff of the school, heightened by the education that students experience on campus, appreciated and respected by colleagues in their professional life, and broadened and strengthened by the connection between alumni, the Mayo School of Health Sciences Alumni Association and Mayo Clinic.

Over the years, more than 8,000 Mayo allied health professionals have graduated from Mayo education programs. This large body of alumni represents an important group of allied health professionals, both to their programs and to Mayo School of Health Sciences. Banding together as the Mayo School of Health Sciences Alumni Association has several advantages.

These advantages include:

- Developing a voice in allied health professional education
- Maintaining connections to Mayo Foundation
- Learning about social and political aspects of healthcare delivery
- Learning about healthcare delivery from the Mayo perspective
- Keeping abreast of news about the specific allied health program and other programs of Mayo School of Health Sciences
- Having the opportunity for continuing professional education.

The Mayo School of Health Sciences Alumni Association will endeavor to maintain connections with our alumni and enhance the sense of unity with our alumni, Mayo Clinic and Mayo School of Health Sciences.

We have 3 CRNAs that serve on the MSHS Alumni Association: Lori Brundige -Executive Committee, Ronald Caulk-Board of Directors, Marlea Judd Secretary-Treasurer.

The MSHS Alumni Association will host an educational seminar biannually. The next meeting will be April 29-30, 2005. We will have speakers on a variety of topics pertinent to today's health care. We hope you can join us!

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### Mayo Clinics New Front Door

Welcome to the Gonda Building, the new "front door" of Mayo Clinic. Located in the heart of the downtown campus, the building opened in October 2001. It is the centerpiece of the most extensive building program in Mayo Clinic history. The 20-story building is linked with the Mayo Building and the Charlton Building of Rochester Methodist Hospital, forming the largest interconnected medical facility of its kind in the world, more than 3.5 million square feet.

The building supports innovative and evolving hospital and clinic activities, including outpatient examinations, treatments and procedures, same-day surgery, intensive and step-down hospital care, patient-focused research, and education for patients and staff.

Diagnostic and treatment facilities are located in close proximity, enabling teams of specialists to work in centers of care. To patients, this translates into greater convenience, efficiency, and more "seamless" episodes of care.

The Gonda Building was constructed in two phases. Phase I includes subway level through the tenth floor. Phase II features shell space for seven additional clinical floors and was built along with the initial phase. In the future, the building could be expanded to 30 stories.

Currently the Outpatient Surgery Center is located on Gonda 7<sup>th</sup> and is run by the anesthesia department. There are four operating rooms and eight procedure rooms. Care is provided for 40-60 patients a day who receive conscious sedation or general anesthesia for a variety of minimally invasive procedures. Feedback from patients indicates it is an optimal setting for outpatient care.

### Alumni Hospitality Event Held at Boston AANA Convention

The Annual Mayo CRNA alumni dessert reception was an evening filled with familiar faces,

great food and wonderful conversation. We had alumni from nine different states and many different classes. Our attendance is growing with each year so we hope to see many of you at the Seattle reception in August.

The Sheraton "wowed" us all with their wonderful selection of desserts. We were able to congratulate Ed Thompson (79') on receiving the "Distinguished Educator of the Year" award. Matt Adams (02') and his wife brought their new son, who kept us smiling. Lisa Thiemann (96') and Mary Marienau (79') discussed Ph.D. programs. Mary is close to finishing her degree! Congratulations! These were just a few news notes shared that evening. We enjoyed seeing everyone who attended and hope that you will remember to stop in at our next reception August 10, 2004, 6:30-8:00 pm at the Sheraton Hotel-Seattle.

### MSHS Master of Nurse Anesthesia Program Update

#### Mary E. Shirk Marienau, CRNA, MS

This has been another busy year for the Nurse Anesthesia Program. We submitted our Program Self-Study to the Council on Accreditation the first part of March and welcomed three site reviewers to our campus April 22-23. After extensive review of documents and files, tours of the campus, observation in the ORs, meeting with most of the administrative staff, faculty and students they provided us with a very favorable report. We will not receive our final accreditation status until after the September meeting of the full Council on Accreditation, but we are hopeful that we will receive the maximum period of accreditation.

The re-sequencing of classes has been instituted with excellent results. One big change was moving the Anatomy course to the winter. The move has allowed both the first year (Anatomy course) and second year (Regional/Pain course) students to utilize our cadaver lab.

We are very fortunate that Albert Lea, Austin, Fairmont, MN and Jacksonville, FL continue as one of the 8 week off-campus rotation sites for the senior students. The two Rochester hospitals do an amazing job of providing the other 22 months of clinical experiences and instruction for the students.

The senior students are anxiously awaiting news as to which posters will be accepted for presentation at the National Meeting. We expect that we will have great representation in Seattle. This fall all of the senior research posters will be exhibited at the 30th Annual



Sheila and Ed Thompson



David Anderson, Mary Marienau, Lisa Thiemann

Mayo Clinic Nurse Anesthesia Seminar. If you are in attendance at either meeting, the students will be pleased to have you stop and view their posters.

There has been another name change for the Nurse Anesthesia Program. It is now even longer! The official name of our program is The Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, School of Health Sciences Master of Nurse Anesthesia Program.

**Graduation 2004**

On March 12, 2004 graduation ceremonies were held for the 30 members of the Class of 2004 and for one CRNA Master Degree Completion graduate. Again this year, with over 400 people in attendance, Phillips Hall was full.

As this is written only a couple members of the graduating class have yet to take their Certifying



**Back row:** Dawn Matzke, Christopher Dysart, Tonia Douglas, Michael Helgeson, James Day, Daniel Langan, David Sell, Kirsten Hermstad, and Bradley Lyons **Third row:** James Kiffmeyer, Laura Rasmussen, Stephen Dailey, Gary Bevan, Bettina Thompson, James Muggli, Kristin Groves, and Mary Branstad, CRNA **Second row:** Christi-Anna Pettograsso, Jenny McDonald, Monique Bowersox, Stephanie Douglass, and Darlene Bannon **Front row:** Livingstone Brown, Joseph Bailon, Kathleen Mohr, Rebecca Ferber, Evadne Edwards, Ginger Glauser, Michael Slye, Jill Nisbit, and John Westberg

Exam. Since we do not receive notification of actual scores until August, we do not have the 2004 graduates' scores. We can report that last year's Class of 2003 had outstanding scores that were 35 points above the national mean. Additionally 23 of the 30, 2003 graduates received a total score of 600 (the highest achievable score granted to a testee). Belated congratulations from the Alumni Association for achieving such impressive results.



Edith Graham Mayo

**Edith Graham Mayo  
Mayo Clinic's First Nurse  
Anesthetist**

**Darlene Bannon SRNA, Evadne V. Edwards SRNA, Mary Marienau CRNA, MS**

Our first alumna was Edith Graham Mayo. Her contribution to Mayo has often been associated with

her role as wife of Dr Charlie Mayo. A study of her life, as Mayo's first student anesthetist and then nurse anesthetist, was made by Darlene Bannon and Evadne Edwards, recent program graduates. Evadne and Darlene's research uncovered Edith's original 1889 handwritten OR notebook. The pocket notebook actually contained a list of items (including an ether cone) needed to set up the new hospital's operating rooms. This historical document was found at the Olmsted Historical Society in an un-categorized packet.

Edith was taught to deliver anesthesia by the Doctors Mayo. Edith's success as a Nurse Anesthetist Educator was reflected by the achievements of her students. One of her students was Alice Magaw. Alice Magaw was called the "Mother of Anesthesia" by the Drs Mayo; a title widely accepted nationwide.

After her marriage to Dr Charlie Mayo, Edith no longer worked as a nurse/ nurse anesthetists but she continued to be involved in the work of St Mary's Hospital (Mayo Clinic). She also was very involved in civic activities and her role as a mother. In 1940 she was named American Mother of the Year. During that era, that award was considered one of the highest honors one could receive as a woman. Throughout Edith's lifetime additional honors were bestowed upon her.

In recognition of her contribution to the nursing profession a bronze statue stands in the courtyard at St Marys Hospital. The statue was the first statue erected in the United States to honor a nurse (a nurse anesthetist!).

In many aspects, Edith was a woman ahead of her time. She sought out a profession when few women ventured out of their motherhood and wife roles. She became a very respected nurse anesthetist, nurse, civic leader, teacher and protector of women and children. Edith Graham Mayo has provided all of us with solid roots for our family tree of Mayo Nurse Anesthetists.



Darlene Bannon, Evadne Edwards

**Educator Awards were presented by the Class of 2004 to:**

Francie Lovejoy, CRNA, MNA-SMH CRNA Educator  
 Joan Njus, CRNA- RMH CRNA Educator  
 Jeffrey Pasternak, MD Physician Educator

**Student Awards:**

The Robert Devloo, MD Award was presented to Tonia Douglas, SRNA  
 The Virginia Hartridge, MD Award was presented to Dawn Matzke, SRNA  
 The Rebecca Finley, CRNA Award was presented to Bradley Lyons, SRNA  
 The Gilles, Nelson and Torrance, CRNA Award was presented to Kathleen Mohr, SRNA  
 The Robert R. Johnson, CRNA, MS Award was presented to Christi-Anna Pettograsso, SRNA

**Retirement**

Judy Johnson, CRNA retired from the Mayo Clinic in December 2003. Judy graduated from Methodist Kahler Nursing School in 1969 and worked at Rochester Methodist Hospital on station 54 from 1971-1973. It was in 1973 that Judy began her education in nurse anesthesia. She first became interested in becoming a CRNA when a friend's husband was in the program. Judy said that the job sounded so "intriguing" she decided to make it her career. After graduating from the nurse anesthesia program in 1975 Judy continued to work at Rochester Methodist Hospital as a CRNA right up to retirement! Judy said she saw many changes in anesthesia care throughout her years, but thinks patient monitoring advances were probably the most dramatic. Furthermore, she was always "amazed" at how resilient the human body is. When asked what she missed the most in her retirement she said, "the people, my friends at morning coffee."

Judy and her husband Dennis have one son, Terry. She is anything but bored now days as she is helping with the family business; The Win Win Game, a tool for conflict management and resolution. ([www.thewinwingame.com](http://www.thewinwingame.com)) Besides business Judy is enjoying family and time at their home in Waterville, Minnesota. Congratulations on your retirement!

**Honored Alumni Class of 1954**

Miladeh Fawal Mansoor retired in 1973. Since her retirement she has enjoyed spending time with her daughter and grand-daughter. She has also traveled

in many places throughout the world. Miladeh remembers the Mayo Clinic and her training here as being "great." She recalls the many friends she made from different parts of the world and still treasures their memories.

Luda Gelas is retired and living in Colorado. Throughout his career he worked at various places including Grady Hospital in Atlanta, GA and Boston Children's Hospital. Luda describes his time and training at Mayo as "extraordinary." He would like all students to remember that, "anyone can make a difference as long as they try."

**Class of 1959**

Arlene Lehman is now a retired CRNA. She worked for the Mayo Clinic in neurosurgery for all of her career, finishing the final two years as a supervisor. Arlene said, "I really enjoyed working and all the people I had the pleasure to work with. There was never a boring day." Arlene's advice to graduates is to keep working hard, have fun, meet wonderful people, and have a great career!

**Class of 1964**

Arthur Benzechawel is now a retired CRNA living in Madison, WI with his wife. They have 2 sons, one daughter, and five grandchildren. Arthur stated he enjoyed his many years as a CRNA.

Edward Brandsey of Milton, WI retired in March 2000. His last six years working were spent at St. Terese Medical Center in Waukegan, IL. However, most of his practice he worked in the rural community. His wife Charlene is a retired RN. They have two daughters and two grandchildren. Edward is now a professional knife maker, selling them all over the world. [Edchar2@hotmail.com](mailto:Edchar2@hotmail.com)

Rudy Henderson of Port St. Lucie, FL is now a retired CRNA. His wife, Helen, is also retired. Rudy said he "enjoyed every minute of giving anesthesia."

James Leidholt and his wife Jessie live in Miles City, MT. James is currently retired from anesthesia.

James Maves of Wheatland, WY is a staff CRNA at Platte County Memorial Hospital, where he has been since 1995. James is a retired US Army Colonel and his wife is a retired RN. He has worked with numerous conservation and wildlife groups. His present family consists of three bird-dogs, three horses, one mule, and four "great" grandchildren. [Jmaves@wyoming.com](mailto:Jmaves@wyoming.com)

Betty McKnight is now retired. During her career she helped form a hospital consulting corporation that fulfilled anesthesia requirements, along with other



Judy Johnson

hospital specialty needs. She was also involved in training hospital personnel going to the mission fields in South America for the Papal volunteers. jmckmi1059@aol.com

**John Yeoman** is semi-retired and living in Defiance, OH. He provides vacation and relief help in the Defiance area after over thirty years employed by the Defiance Clinic where the majority of his time was spent as head of the CRNA group. John has been active with the purple and Gold Athletic Club at Defiance College and past chairman of the United Way of Defiance County. He and his wife Patricia have five daughters and eight grandchildren. jonboy36@earthlink.net

### Class of 1969

**Charles Bachmann Jr** of Durant, OK, is a self-employed private practice CRNA. He works with the Medical Center of SE OK. Linda, his wife, is a nursing instructor for Grayson County College. He has provided anesthesia for over 30 years and has loved every minute of it. linda.ba@redriver.com.

**Patricia Ann Kennedy Langevin** is retired from the practice of nurse anesthesia and is living in Las Vegas, NV. Minnesota winters are what Patricia remembers most about her time in Rochester.

**Lucille (Long) McCrea** of Ridgedale, MO, is retired after 20 years of anesthesia service for Trinity Regional Hospital in Fort Dodge, IA. Her husband, Phillip, is a quality control supervisor for Table Rock Asphalt. In her retirement she has worked part time as security personnel for Pt. Lookout Airport. Most recently she volunteered for a mission project to the Latin American Biblical University in Costa Rica.

**Jerry (Marsh) Porter** lives in Rochester, MN and is a staff anesthetist with Mayo Foundation. Jerry provides anesthesia at both Rochester Methodist Hospital and Saint Mary's Hospital in the Cardiac Cath Lab. She has two daughters and one grandchild. Besides her family, her passion is quilting otherwise known as, "romancing fabric and thread." porter.jerry@mayo.edu

**Paul "Andy" Schumacher** is a staff anesthetist at Methodist Hospital in Dyersburg, TN where he and his wife Katherine reside. paulshoe@cableone.net

### Class of 1974

**James Mlsna** resides in Sheboygan, WI with his wife, Jacelyn. He works as a staff anesthetist for the Anesthesiology Association of Sheboygan. The one thing that he remembers most about Mayo Clinic is the camaraderie and the friendships he formed that

still continue today. His advice to future graduates is to "be ready for a lot of changes in our profession." jmslna@Bytelead.com

**Ronald Schauland** lives in Appleton, WI with his wife, Jeanne, and works as a locum tenem (office based practice). What he remembers most about Mayo Clinic is that it was "a great clinical experience where the reputation is only excelled by the continued hard work of the many health care professionals' day in and day out." His advice to future graduates is to "continue to work hard, be diligent and precise, and your hard work will be rewarded." He feels that the diversity at Mayo Clinic has allowed him to do well no matter what the situation. He has served as president of the Wisconsin Association twice, and goes on a mission trip to Congo, Africa each year. jschaul@execpc.com

**Robert J Thompson** currently resides in Rhinelander, WI with his wife, Barbara. He is a staff CRNA for Sacred Heart, St. Mary's Hospital. What he remembers most about his experience at Mayo Clinic is "the close relationships with my fellow students. I also will never forget the support from all my educators for making me the anesthetist I am today, a good one I believe." His advice to future graduates is to "strive for excellence, keeping the patient your focus at all times. Treat each patient like a family member and you can't go wrong." He also enjoys singing with the "Nicolet Male Chorus." RJTBAT@charter.net

**Robert J. Fabus** lives in Atlanta, Georgia and is employed by DeKalb Anesthesia Associates in Decatur, Georgia where he is a staff anesthetist. Robert remembers the great diversity of people that come to the Mayo Clinic along with the memories of his fellow classmates. When it comes to his career, Robert said, "I know of no other career that would have given me as much reward as anesthesia."

### Class of 1979

**Pauline Bisel** is a staff anesthetist with the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, AZ, where she and her husband Steve live. Steve is employed by IBM. Pauline's advice to future graduates is to learn something new everyday. pbisel@ibm.net

**Carolyn Woodle** retired after 20 years with the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. However, she continues to work as a supplemental CRNA, as staffing needs arise. Carolyn's husband Barry is retired from IBM. Carolyn feels that being a CRNA has been a very rewarding profession. cewoodle@aol.com

**Betty Fahrenz** is now retired after holding a staff CRNA position with Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN since her graduation in 1979. Her husband Ron is



Robert Thomson,  
Kathy Latcham



Matt and Amanda Adams,  
with Chase

### Our Thanks

We appreciate all the new graduates who responded to our request for information! We realize how busy life can be and understand for those of you who did not have time to drop us a note. However, we hope to hear from all of you in the future and wish all of our alumni and their families the best!

retired from IBM. Betty will remember patients coming from all over the world for medical care at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester.

**Steve Jerabek** and his wife Barbara are both staff anesthesiologists with the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. Steve says, "It's not just a job, it's an adventure."

**Mary Marienau** is now the program director for the Nurse Anesthesia Program, Mayo School of Health Sciences, Rochester, Minnesota. Mary remembers her time as a student long before her career path led her back to head the program. She remembers challenging cases, hard work, and good friends. Mary now knows, and tells her students, "All the hard work and studying are worth it!" In her personal life, Mary is very proud to say she is a grandmother!

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**Bonnie Peterson** is a staff nurse anesthetist at Mercy Hospital in Valley City, ND where she and her husband Luther reside. Bonnie remembers the encouragement she received

from the staff CRNA's while she was a student in Rochester. She stated, "I am thankful to the educators at the Nurse Anesthesia Program at Mayo for the wonderful preparation given me for this fantastic career." petersonh@daktel.com

**David Scherer** and his wife Vandela are both staff anesthesiologists at Rochester Methodist Hospital in Rochester, MN where they live. Dave said, "It seems I have spent my entire life, either as a patient or employee, at Mayo." Dave was an orderly, registered nurse, surgical scrub nurse and finally a CRNA. The high points in Dave's life include his wife and daughter, surviving an aortic dissection, and helping many people through the years. dsch17907@aol.com

**Ione Styve** is now retired from being a staff nurse anesthetist for the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. Her husband Paul is also retired from teaching high school math. Ione recalls the many changes she saw at the Mayo Clinic over the years. Her advice to graduates, "Work hard, you'll learn so much and never regret choosing anesthesia as a career."

**Jay Argyle** and his wife Joan live in Tremonton, UT where Jay is an anesthesiologist for Bear River Valley Hospital. Jay remembers the great study group he had while a student at Mayo. He said that after twenty years of solo practice he was able to get some great help from another Mayo graduate. "I love being a CRNA," is what Jay would like everyone to know. jayargle@yahoo.com

**Sandy Simonson** lives in Jacksonville, FL and is employed by Mayo, Jacksonville. Her husband Denny is also a CRNA. Sandy looks forward to retirement with an interest in working at Williams-Sonoma part time if she needs to keep busy! sandysimonson@attbi.com

### Class of 1984

**Rebecca Boenish** has a family of two boys and her husband Mark. She has continued to work as a staff CRNA at Rochester Methodist Hospital. Her hobbies include gardening, cooking, painting with water colors and reading. Her advice to students, "You are laying a foundation whose support come from a large diverse group of professionals. Take the best to form a strong foundation that will allow you to grow in many directions." boenish.rebecca@mayo.edu

**Joe Enright** began his employment at Rochester Methodist Hospital as CRNA. Nine years ago, he married and transferred to the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, AZ. He lives with his beautiful wife, three children and a dog. He has always been happy with his decision for a career in nurse anesthesia. His advice to the anesthesia students, "survival depends on adaptability. The strong do not always survive, but those that are adaptable will." enright.joe@mayo.edu

**Michael Geisler** worked as a staff CRNA at Rochester Methodist Hospital. In 1997, he transferred to Mayo, Jacksonville to be chief anesthesiologist and to help organize the liver transplant program. He is proud to say, "He has met many of his closest friends and professional colleagues through Mayo." He currently is devoting his spare time and energy into the AANA political arena. His advice to the anesthesia students, "always remember that each one of you is very important to this profession in anesthesia and always stay involved." geisler.michael@mayo.edu

**Cindy Lubahn** has been employed at Mayo Clinic since her graduation and is currently a CRNA Clinical Specialist in the Central corridor at Saint Mary's Hospital in Rochester, MN. She enjoys gardening, quilting and sitting on the side lines watching her children play sports. A great impact that Mayo has had on Cindy, "when Mayo adopted the No Smoking Policy, I thought this was a great time to stop smoking and haven't smoked since." lubahn.cindy@mayo.edu

**Karen Kiviniemi** is a home school mother of two. She works as a CRNA part time at an ambulatory surgery center, Commonwealth Anesthesia, Lexington, KY. She published articles relating to unexpected awareness during anesthesia while completing her Masters Degree in Education. Currently Karen is completing requirements for certification as a Healing



Jacksonville:  
Mike Geisler  
Rhonda Gruber  
Dr. Divertie  
Denny Simonson

Touch Practitioner. Her fond memories while at Mayo, "riding the bus to AM Wednesday seminar before the cases started, then riding back and hoping everything was ready to go." [klkivi00@uky.campus.mci.net](mailto:klkivi00@uky.campus.mci.net)

**Craig Kluck** has continued to work as a staff CRNA at Rochester Methodist Hospital since graduation. One aspect Craig has enjoyed most working at Mayo, is a large influx of new people moving through the anesthesia program. He looks forward to getting to know each individual and hearing their stories. "Over the years I have met many interesting and great friends." Craig loves to give advise to anyone who will listen. However his favorite advice to give is to the students in the last months of school, "all you have to do now is cooperate and graduate." [kluck.craig@mayo.edu](mailto:kluck.craig@mayo.edu)

**Dave Rettler** has worked at Rochester Methodist Hospital as staff CRNA since graduation. He is involved in student education and faculty member for the annual Fall Anesthesia Conference. His message to new graduates, "The role of a CRNA is a great career with limitless possibilities. Today the rewards for anesthetists are substantial. Remember that work is not everything; take time away from work to enjoy yourself. You can always make more money, you can not make more time." [rettler.dave@mayo.edu](mailto:rettler.dave@mayo.edu)

**Class of 1994**

**Kathleen Baratz** is a staff CRNA with Mayo Foundation at Saint Mary's Hospital in Rochester, MN. Kathleen completed her MNA through the Mayo School of Health Science, Nurse Anesthesia Program in 1998. Her husband Keith is an Ophthalmologist at the Mayo Clinic. They have three children. Kathleen's fondest memories at Mayo began as a student nurse anesthetist where she formed close friendships still important to her today. [baratz.kathleen@mayo.edu](mailto:baratz.kathleen@mayo.edu)

**Dawn Fifarek** of Marinette, WI, is a staff CRNA with Bay Area Medical Center. Dawn's husband, Michael, is also employed by Bay Area Medical Center. Together they have 2 children. Dawn is as happy today working as a CRNA as she was her first day on the job. She remembers the "mile" trip from the OR to the ICU with the open- heart patients as a student anesthetist at Mayo. [fieffarm@cybrzn.com](mailto:fieffarm@cybrzn.com)

**Alice Hay** is a staff CRNA for Anesthesiologists of Greater Orlando. She lives in Winter Park, FL with Randy Beary who is a sales representative for Art & Frame Direct. [akhaycrna@aol.com](mailto:akhaycrna@aol.com)

**Tim Hudson** lives with his wife Elizabeth in Oconto Falls, WI, and is a CRNA with St. Mary's Hospital in Green Bay. From his time at Mayo Tim remembers the friendship of his classmates, the large complex, and the quality of his education. [timcrna@ez-net.co](mailto:timcrna@ez-net.co)

**Barbara (Meyer) Jerabek** and her husband Steve are both anesthetists for Mayo Clinic at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, MN. Barb was born, raised, and has spent most her life around Rochester. Barb enjoys the rich Nurse Anesthesia history at Mayo. [jerabek@rconnect.com](mailto:jerabek@rconnect.com)

**Alexander Korittnig** is Director of Anesthesia for Memorial Community Hospital in Edgerton, WI. In 1998 he received his MS degree from Kansas University Medical Center. Alexander lives with his wife Denise who is a Respiratory Therapist. While in the nurse anesthesia program he remembers working hard but enjoying it. [alexander@doghover.com](mailto:alexander@doghover.com)

**Kathleen Oswald** lives with her husband Phil near Brownsdale, MN. Kathleen works as a CRNA in Austin, MN and farms with Phil.

**Class of 1999**

**Eric Herrold** is currently working in Macon, GA where he lives with his wife Laura & their two children Amanda and Tyler. Eric remembers all the great people who took time to share their expertise with him while he was in school. His advice to graduates is to have fun and enjoy your 2.5 years as an anesthesia student! [ericcrna@aol.com](mailto:ericcrna@aol.com)

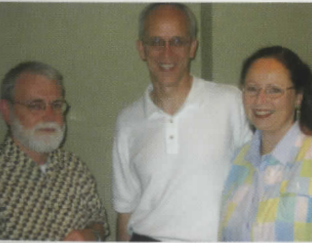
**Karen Huitika Pearson** is a staff CRNA with Northwest Anesthesiology and Pain Services in Houston, TX. Karen and her husband Michael love to travel and since Karen's graduation have climbed Mt Kilimanjaro in Africa! Karen's advice to graduates is to "love your life"

**Shailesh Sharma** and his wife Deana live in Topeka, KS, where Shailesh is an independent contractor with National Anesthesia Services Inc. While at Mayo Shailesh recalls the long hours and good cases throughout his education.

**Lori Brundige** is a staff CRNA with the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. She rotates between Rochester Methodist Hospital, Gonda Outpatient Surgery and the Cardiac Cath Lab at St. Mary's Hospital. Lori and her husband Rob have two children; Sara,16 and Josh,13. [brundige.lori@mayo.edu](mailto:brundige.lori@mayo.edu)



Christy Cowgill, Layne Summers



Dwight Taylor, Chris Dietz, Joanne Judge-Dietz

**Employment Opportunities:**

As our anesthesia practice continues to grow, we are looking for new CRNAs to join us. If you are interested in any employment opportunities, please contact Mike Quinn, CRNA, MNA at 507-266-8250 or Anne Schlette at 507-266-5101.

**Deaths**

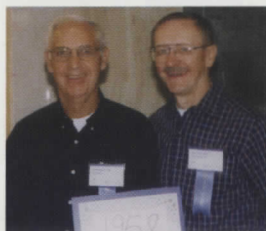
**Margaret A Boedeker**, 90, retired Rochester nurse anesthetist, died April 23, 2004. At the time of her death Margaret was living in New Hampton, Iowa but had formerly lived in Chatfield, Minnesota. Margaret was born August 15th, 1913 in Baudle, South Dakota where she attended grade school and high school. After high school Margaret came to Red Wing, Minnesota to study nursing. She spent time working as a nurse in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and eventually in Rochester, Minnesota. Her nursing career led to training at the Mayo Clinic to be a nurse anesthetist. Margaret worked as an anesthetist at St

Mary's Hospital in Rochester until her retirement in the mid 1970's. Margaret is remembered by family, friends, and anesthetist colleagues.



Leo Wagner, Margaret Boedeker

**Honored Alumni at the CRNA Seminar 2003**



1958: Edward Morgan, Jack Gruzak



1963: Barb Bawek



1968: Cheryl Veeck



1973: Brian Wilson, Linda Nicolay



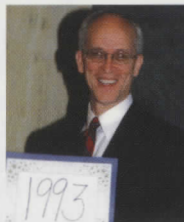
1978: Mary Ann Brandenburg, Sandy Beier, Sandy Simonson, Dee Lichty



1988: Marlea Judd, Steve Menk



1993: Emmanuel Paz, Judy (Roebbeke) Stensrud, Alan Baudler, Maria Van Haren



1993: Christopher Dietz MNA

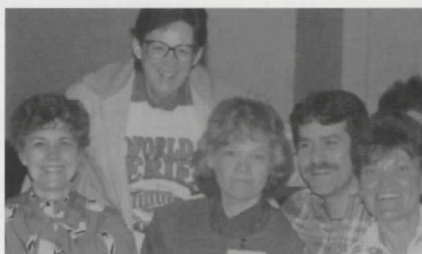


1998: Sara Theoharris, Sheri Baker, Angie Stillmunkes, Mike Bilger, Ben Giesen



2003: Scott Burgi, Wendy Verhaal, Stephen Jewell, David Schreiner, Robyn Finney

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