

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

It is a pleasure to bring you another addition of our alumni Newsletter. Each year we hear from a few more of you, which breaths a new depth of interest in to our articles. Thank you for your donations of pictures and program brochures as these are precious gifts for our committee.

This past October, we hosted another Mayo CRNA Alumni Reception and Dinner for approximately 125 guests. The event was held in the beautiful Gonda building, which was filled with flowers, jazz music and lively conversation. We received many positive comments, so we will continue to host the event in the future. We hope to have our next Mayo CRNA Alumni Dinner either 2008 or 2009. We are grateful for the support provided by the Mayo Alumni Association. They have been generous contributors to our CRNA Alumni events.

Lastly, I would like to thank the members of our Mayo CRNA Alumni committee for their dedication and hard work. For each event or project that our committee sponsors, the members take the lead to get the work completed. We have been able to accomplish many goals because of their time and effort. Please note those CRNAs who are listed as committee members on the left side of this page.

We hope that you enjoy the light reading and pictures, and wish you a healthy, happy year ahead.

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

Alumni Association Appreciated

The Mayo College of Medicine, School of Health Sciences, Master of Nurse Anesthesia Program, would like to thank the Nurse Anesthesia Alumni Association for the fiberoptic intubation scope they purchased and presented to the nurse anesthesia program. The nurse anesthesia students will be instructed formally in how to use the scope. Once they have demonstrated proper use, the scope will be available for hands on experience whenever the students feel they would like to sharpen their skills. Although the fiberoptic scope will be kept under lock and key, access for training during day hours will be liberal. Furthermore more, Mary Marienau, program director, stated that if CRNA's would like to further their experience with a fiberoptic scope they too may have access to it.

This gift was made possible by everyone who has so generously donated to the alumni association over the years. We are grateful to be included in your kindness and would like to give you the opportunity to decide how to best use your donation. Separate accounts for educational support and alumni social support exist for your discretionary giving. Any donation designated as education support is tax deductible. It may be used toward student awards/ scholarships or support for educational functions for CRNA's as well as SRNA's. Alumni social support is not tax deductible, and will be used to help sponsor alumni social events such as our fall reception. Checks can be made out to the Mayo CRNA Alumni Fund, with the notation of either, "education" or "social support". Once again, thank you for remembering the alumni group.



Patrick Dean and Joan Hunziker-Dean



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Alumni Dinner in Gonda Atrium

Vintage Anesthesia

The Department of Anesthesia History committee is comprised of both working and retired nurse anesthetists and anesthesiologists. They meet monthly on the Mayo campus in Rochester. Recently one of the projects they completed was the collection of vintage

anesthesia articles for a display in the conference room where they hold their meetings. The artifacts are kept in glass cases where they can be easily viewed. Ether masks, airways and a large collection of early laryngoscope blades are among the objects on display. Furthermore, there is a collection of museum quality bleeding bowls donated

several years ago by a physician. Since this conference room is multipurpose and used by all anesthesia staff the history exhibition is enjoyed by many people.



Mission Teams



The Department of Anesthesia History Committee has also been working on oral history projects. Taped audio/visual interviews of retiring anesthesiologists have been preserved on DVD for viewing in years to come. The oral history projects will soon include nurse anesthetists and other personnel who have contributed significantly to the anesthesia department over the years. The committee is also working on plans for a timeline mural of Mayo anesthesia history, coinciding with world history, to occupy a wall in the same conference room.

Mission Work

Regardless of the practice setting we work in, as CRNA's we play a vital role in the well being of our patients. Our career responsibilities are very serious, yet welcome. Many CRNA's have taken those responsibilities outside the realm of a comfortable operating room and into the unknown. The unknown being countries ventured into to provide anesthesia under less than ideal situations. I had the opportunity to sit down with Donna Sheets, CRNA, to find out why she began doing mission work and what keeps her going back.

Donna Sheets graduated from the Mayo Nurse Anesthesia Program in 1996 where she received the Virginia Hartridge Award for clinical excellence. Since her graduation she has held both supplemental and regular staff positions for Mayo as a CRNA. Donna became interested in mission work because she felt so fortunate in her own life that she wanted to give something back to the world. She said the privileges she has as an educated woman come with a duty to share her blessings. Consequently, over the course of ten years she has traveled on sixteen mission trips to sixteen places around the world



Donna has worked with groups such as Mercy Ships International and Operation Smile.

Donna believes she has gained a deeper appreciation and understanding of other cultures through her travels. Her views on the world have become more global while her perspectives on what is truly important in life have been "deeply affected." One of Donna's favorite quotes is "You may be only one person in the world, but you can be the world to one person." Donna says as she and the rest of the anesthesia and surgical team work together they are making a difference in the world, one person at a time. It is this heart felt belief that keeps her going on another, and another, mission trip.

What advice would Donna give to others who are wondering if mission work is for them? "Just do it," is what she told me. She said to investigate mission organizations that you may be interested in, ask a lot of questions and perhaps go with a more experienced colleague the first time you travel. Donna advises CRNA's to "sharpen" their anesthesia skills but not to expect to ever be fully prepared for what you may have to improvise. She says be versatile and realize it's an imperfect world.

Donna plans to continue her work in mission travel as long as possible. Especially now as a cancer survivor, she wants to give as much as she can, while she can. She moves forward in providing excellent anesthesia care to the underprivileged overseas and to her patients in the United States. Perhaps more importantly, she shares her kindness and compassion that allow all people to feel comforted and cared for by a CRNA.

I recently asked how many CRNA's on the Mayo campus have provided anesthesia on mission trips. Fifteen people responded for a total of over 30 different trips. I can only imagine how many more alumni have experienced working on mission trips if we have so many CRNA's on the Mayo campus doing it. I am proud to be part of a profession that cares so much about people; no matter where those people live.

MSHS Master of Nurse Anesthesia Program Update

The Nurse Anesthesia Program has had a busy year. We continue to incorporate activities in the Simulation Center and other hands-on workshops into the curriculum. The fiberoptic scope that the Alumni Association gave to the program will get a major workout the end of June. The Fiberoptic Workshop for the Senior SRNAs will take place June 21. With each workshop activity we have received wonderful offers of assistance from the clinical CRNAs.

This past fall we welcomed Nick Nicholson, MD, PharmD to our teaching staff. Along with other student lectures, he taught 3 semester credits of Advanced Pharmacology to the first year SRNAs. He has a special interest in pharmacogenetics; and therefore, is moving our students to an ever higher level of knowledge. As many of you may remember, this course was previously team-taught by many members of the Pharmacology Department. The students report that having the continuity of one instructor for the course has been a very positive move.

Our off-campus rotations (OCRs) are also seeing some changes. After this fall, we sadly have to say "good-bye" to our Albert Lea rotation site. "Thank you" to Alice Schrad, CRNA (Class of 1988) and the rest of the Albert Lea anesthesia staff. To replace the Albert Lea rotation, we are pleased to provide our students with the option of a rotation in Carroll, IA. Kellee Holt, CRNA, MNA (Class of 2005) is on staff at that site and was very helpful in making that rotation possible. We plan for students to start rotating to Iowa the end of February, 2008.

While students are on their OCRs we need to ensure that they receive videos of the classroom activities that take place on campus. We are looking at systems to replace our current videotaping system with a web transmitted video.

You may have heard rumors that there is a mandate from the AACN that by 2015, all Advanced Practice Nurse Programs (Midwives, Nurse Practitioners, Clinical Nurse Specialists and Nurse Anesthetists) should be transitioned to the Doctorate in Nursing Practice (DNP). We are currently exploring what that would mean to our program.

This past September, we welcomed 25 terrific students into the program. We have selected another 26 RNs to start the program this coming September. Although there are many Mayo employees in each class, this fall we will welcome SRNAs from MN, WI, MI, IA, MO, AZ, CA, GA, TN and CO. Currently, there are three CRNAs enrolled in the CRNA Degree Completion Program.

This past year twenty senior students presented their research project posters at the AANA Annual Meeting (Cleveland). One research group was also chosen to orally present at the Annual Meeting's State of the Science session.

Again this year, all poster submissions were selected for presentation at the Denver AANA Meeting. To follow in the tradition set last yet, we will have a research group that will provide a

State of the Science: New Research Findings oral presentation. This coming October, all of the seniors will exhibit their posters (8) at the State MANA Meeting and again at the 33rd Annual Mayo Clinic Seminar for Nurse Anesthetists.

Graduation 2007

Graduation ceremonies were held on March 10th for members of the Class of 2007. Robyn Finney (Class of 2003) and Jill Hardy (Class of 2003) were the invited graduation speakers. They shared an uplifting message of professional volunteerism via medical mission trips. Again this year we saw a wonderful turn-out of family, friends, clinical and didactic instructors. Approximately 400 people attended the Saturday ceremony. Twenty-six SRNAs received their degrees this year. Congratulations to all for a job well done in both the classroom and in the clinical rotations.



First row: Troy Churchill, Erin Pawlaski, Kelly Jacob, Norazlina Sun, Kim Case, Kimberly Niemeyer, Amber Ackley, Dan Laurila

Second row: Rebecca King, Mary Ellen Dreher, Christy Lewis, Susan Wigersma, Cory Groves, Glen Kaiser, Kirstin Walter, Jason Thornton, Karen Eckerman, Dana Hertzfeldt

Third row: Sharm Stanger, Ryan Peterson, Courtney Grunewald, Paul Dye, Travis Werts, Jamey Johnson, Bret Brady, Marleah Oliver

Educator Awards were presented by the Class of 2007 to:

Vandela Hicks-Scherer, CRNA RMH Educator
Erin Martin, CRNA, MNA SMH Educator
Norm Torres, M.D. Physician Educator

The Class of 2007 Student Awards:

The Robert Devloo, MD Award was presented to Karen Eckerman, BSN The Virginia Hartridge, MD Award was presented to Kelly Jacob, BSN The Rebecca Finney, CRNA Award was presented to Courtney Grunewald, BSN The Gilles, Nelson and Torrance, CRNA Award was presented to Bret Brady, BSN The Robert R Johnson, CRNA, MS Award was presented to Mary Ellen Dreher, BSN

Alumni Board Members



Left to Right: Jack Kless, Jenna Muggli, Marlea Judd, Lorrie Bennett, Ronald Caulk

Honored Alumni Class of 1952

Darius Adams completed his Nurse Anesthesia training at the Mayo Clinic in 1952. Until May of that year he worked in Neurosurgery at St. Mary's Hospital. Darius then practiced for the rest of his career at the Marshfield Clinic in Wisconsin. He is now retired. He feels he was instrumental in encouraging other male nurses to apply to the Mayo Nurse Anesthesia Program.

Ruth Bozikowski is a retired nurse anesthetist living in Rochester, Minnesota. She is happy, content and appreciates her past.

Doris Haylock Freberg has practiced in Texas her entire anesthesia career. Doris still remembers her interview with Dr. Lundy and the assortment of cases she was exposed to while in the nurse anesthesia program.

Arleen (Kozielecki) Mazgaj retired after 43 years of practice at Mercy Hospital in Buffalo, NY. However, she still keeps up with anesthesia pharmacology and monitoring by attending local and international study tours. Arleen created this saying, "if you can't sleep, don't count sheep, you'll become a cynic. Instead, give Arleen a buzz; she trained at the Mayo Clinic!"

Gerald Sandquist retired in 1988 after 36 years of working as a CRNA. Gerald said the longer he practiced the more he learned. Furthermore, the more he learned the more he enjoyed his work.

Class of 1962

Ronald Caulk was, until his recent retirement, the Executive Director of the International Federation of Nurse Anesthetist in Park Ridge, IL. Over the course of his career Ron has served as a staff anesthetist, an instructor, an administrator, an AANA member, vice-

president and president. He is a past president of the Arizona Association of Nurse Anesthetist and founder, past vice president and past president of the International Federation of Nurse Anesthetist. Ron has been a previous member of the Veterans Administration Anesthesiology Advisory committee and a member of the American Academy of Nursing International Expert Panel. In 2000 Ron was an invited participant when the International Council of Nurses, Geneva, Switzerland met in Miami, FL for a forum titled, "Envisioning the Future." He was also an invited participant to the World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland, forum in Dublin, Ireland titled, "Quality Assurance in the Middle and Lower Income Countries." Ron has also been a member of the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, School of Health Sciences Alumni Committee. He has won many illustrious awards, given multiple presentations and is a recognized, published author.

Edward Hack is working part time for the Oregon Eye Surgery Center in Eugene, Oregon. Part time work means Edward is also enjoying part time retirement. While at the Mayo Clinic he remembers how great it was to work with Virginia Hartridge because of how she cared for the nurse anesthesia students. He also recalls how early he would arrive at St. Mary's Hospital so he could claim the only Halothane vaporizer available in the hospital!

Ann C. Holland retired from nurse anesthesia practice in 1985 due to a medical eye problem. She is living in Manchester, TN working as an artist/sculptor.

Margery Cook MacMullen is retired but keeping busy in Arizona. What Margery remembers most about her time at the Mayo Clinic are the wonderful people.

Rosa Marina Sanchez is a retired CRNA living in Florida. Her advice to graduates is to, "hold your profession close to your hearts, do the best you can and remember you make a difference in the world and in the lives of patients."

William Streb of Troy, Ohio is retired. He practiced most of his career in Montana and Colorado. However, he states that some of the greatest satisfaction came while working in mission hospitals in Haiti, Ecuador and Peru. Williams advice to future graduates is "study."



Arleen (Kozielecki) Mazgaj



Gerald Sandquist and wife



Ann C. Holland



Margery Cook MacMullen



Rosa Marina Sanchez

Class of 1967

Kenneth R Alford retired from nurse anesthesia in 1987. He is living in Clewiston, FL. kalfordrn@mac.com

Dorothy Jordan Bosland of Redmond, WA retired in 1980 to spend more time with her three sons. Her sons are now grown with families of their own. Dorothy often missed nurse anesthesia practice after she retired but has led a happy and busy life.

Judy (Nelson) Johnson is a retired CRNA living in Cape Girardeau, MO. In 1982 Judy received her Bachelor of Arts in History from North Dakota State University. She says her career was a "supreme challenge" and misses her professional life in her retirement.



Judy (Nelson) Johnson

Jack R. Kless is an instructor and program director for the Nurse Anesthesia Program at Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing/ Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH. Jack states that the education of nurse anesthetists is critical to their success and future.

Fred Mansmith retired as a Lt. Colonel from the United States Air Force after serving for over 21 years. Prior to his retirement he received an MBA from New Mexico Highlands University.

David H. Mennes is a self-employed CRNA. He founded Wooster Anesthesia Inc. of Wooster, OH over 30 years ago. While at the Mayo Clinic he recalls his wonderful mentors and the balance he and his classmates were able to keep between academics and social activities.



David H. Mennes

Peter G. Wipfli has been a self-employed CRNA for Wipfli Anesthesia Assoc., Inc. at Midwest Regional Medical Center in Midwest City, OK for over 32 years.

Class of 1972

John Hoopes and his wife Janice live in Janesville, WI. He is a practicing CRNA for Mercy Health System in Janesville. John believes the education he received in Rochester has served him and his patients well over the years.

Barbara (Lundell) Johnson is retired and lives in Belton, TX with her husband Milo. Barbara remembers being one of the first female anesthetist with Dr. Devloo in cardiac surgery. Furthermore, she says the experience of working in cardiac without Swan-Ganz lines or indwelling arterial lines was invaluable.

Rita Hannele Kaukinen (Schmuck) retired in 1997. She is living in Mosquite, NV.

Arnold Nomann of Viroqua, WI is a self-employed CRNA. Arnold remembers the many cases he did while training at Mayo. Viroqua was his first anesthesia job. He states he has had a very rewarding career, has been treated wonderfully and is well respected. oreo@mnt.net

Mae Olson is now retired and living in Floodwood, MN

Ken Robison is self employed as an anesthetist for contract. He lives with his wife Gerda in Evanston, WY. Ken's advice to future graduates is to "be eager and get all the cases you can."

Darrel Simon has been a "solo" CRNA since his graduation in 1972. He is employed by the Madison Community Hospital in Madison, SD. Darrel lives with his wife Patricia in Madison.



Darrel Simon

Class of 1977

Marti Callies is a staff nurse anesthetist at Regions Hospital in St. Paul, MN. She is living in Stillwater, MN with her husband Randy. In her spare time she enjoys gardening and sewing.

David Green is a self-employed CRNA and the owner of an all CRNA group in Sweetwater, TX. He and his wife Karyn have lived in Sweetwater since his graduation in 1977 but have fond memories of Rochester and the friends they made while living here.



David and Karyn Green

Vandela Hicks-Scherer is a staff CRNA for the Mayo Clinic at Rochester Methodist Hospital in Rochester, MN. Vandela lives with her husband David and their daughter Katie. In addition to Katie, Vandela has two wonderful grown children. Her advice to future graduates is to treat all patients as if they were your own family.

Ronald Schauland is living in Appleton, WI with his wife Jeanne. He is a self-employed CRNA. Ron remembers the excellent clinical experiences he had while in Rochester.

Nancy (Alceo) Thompson is now retired and living in Cumberland, WI. Besides enjoying her career as a CRNA she has traveled extensively throughout her life. Australia, New Zealand, Norway, Scotland and Ireland were some of the highlights of her travel. In her retirement Nancy spends time at home and at her cabin with family, friends and dogs. She also is a hospice volunteer.

Class of 1982

Doug Grube is a staff anesthetist at the Marshfield Clinic in Marshfield, WI. In addition, he is part of a locum tenan group. He and his wife Terry live in Auburndale, WI and have three sons. grubedet@net.com

Terry Hursh and his wife Debby live in Dillon, MT. Terry retired from his private practice as a nurse anesthetist after experiencing a partial hearing loss. He returned to school and is now a practicing PA-C in emergency medicine. Although he enjoys his work now Terry says that his first professional love was being a CRNA. pacman@hughes.net

Patrick Joyce and his wife Tana live in Oviedo, FL. He is chief anesthetist at Osceola Regional Medical Center in Oviedo. When Patrick moved from Florida to Rochester in January 1980 he remembers how he traded 75 degrees for 20 below zero. pjsburby@aol.com

Barb (Christopherson) Kleven is a staff anesthetist for Fairview Ridges Hospital in Burnsville, MN. She and her husband David live in Wayzata, MN. Barbs advice to graduates is to relish the education you have received at the Mayo Clinic. nevelk@mn.uswest.com

Wanda (Guidry) Marley is a Professor of Physiology at Colorado State University, in Fort Collins, CO. She and her husband Rex, who is a practicing CRNA, enjoy the beauty of Colorado. Wanda can no longer work as a CRNA due to rheumatoid arthritis but feels the strong foundation she gained from her education at Mayo helped pave the way to where she is today. marley@xahs.colostate.edu

Mike Quinn is currently a CRNA supervisor working in the multispecialty division at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, MN.

Janice Stewart passed away in 2002. She will always be remembered for her contributions as a nurse anesthetist. Janice was involved in all levels of leadership within our profession and was AANA president 1999-2000.

Joe Stumvoll is a staff anesthetist for the Mayo Clinic at the Gonda Outpatient Surgery Center in Rochester, MN. Joe has summed up his career by saying, "I am only one of many who have the great fortune of caring for others in time of need. I thank God for that everyday."

Class of 1987

Jane Wischmeier Blum is a staff CRNA at U. C. Davis Medical Center in California. She and her husband, Robert, have two sons that keep her very busy. Jane remembers how diverse the cases were while training at Mayo. She says there was never a boring day! rblum@jps.net



Terry Hursh

Sharon W Brinkman is a staff CRNA working for Central Wisconsin Anesthesiology in Wausau, WI. She and her family live in Rhinelander, WI. Sharon's advice to graduates is to always be humble. ajs2954@charter.net

Chris Dietz, his wife Jo Anne, and their daughter are living in Pine Island, MN. Chris is Assistant Program Director and Academic Coordinator for the nurse anesthesia program at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and School of Health Science in Rochester, MN. Throughout his career Chris enjoyed floating between Rochester Methodist Hospital and St. Mary's Hospital. Chris states that the highlight of his career was receiving the outstanding educator of the year award in 2000. However, the highlights of his life are his wife and daughter. Dietz.christopher@mayo.edu

Loretta Krahn of Mountain Lake, MN is a self-employed CRNA. Since graduation she has been working at small hospitals in rural Minnesota. She loves her career and feels it is almost perfect; except for call! Loretta and her husband Kevin have three children. lrkrah@yahoo.com



Loretta Krahn

Class of 1992

Annie Belatti is a staff nurse anesthetist at Creighton University Medical Center in Omaha, NE. She remembers how cold it was in Rochester while in training but says she learned how to, "pass good gas." Annie is still finding joy in her career. annielbelatti@cox.net

Sharon Brandt is the Clinical Education Coordinator for the Nurse Anesthesia Program at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and School of Health Sciences in Rochester, MN. Sharon states that by choosing a career in nurse anesthesia she has fulfilled her desire to be continually challenged and work autonomously. She and her husband Tim have three children.

Janie S. Christensen is a self-employed CRNA. She is working in Salem, UT. She works in multiple offices and feels she has a great work life. Janie said becoming a CRNA was the best thing she ever did for her career. Her husband Kurt is also a CRNA. Together they have five children.

James Manderle, his wife and three children live in Appleton, WI. He is employed by Theda Clark Hospital, Neenah, WI. Before returning to Wisconsin, James worked in Topeka, KS for four years.

Barbara McDermott is Assistant Chief Nurse Anesthetist and Clinical Coordinator for students at Raleigh School of Nurse Anesthesia



Jane Wischmeier Blum, Bob, David and Roger

in North Carolina. After graduating from school she spent four years active duty for the Navy. Barbara worked as a CRNA at Marine Corps bases as well as aboard two Navy ships. She and her husband David have three children. dmcderm555@aol.com

Jerin (Coppenger) McRath and her family live in Rosemount, MN. Since leaving Mayo in 1994 she has been employed by Fairview University Medical Center-Riverside in Minneapolis, MN. Jerin is currently clinical coordinator for the anesthesia students from the Minneapolis School of Anesthesia. Jerin remembers the long hours and unique cases she experienced while at Mayo. Her advice to graduates is to, "take it one case at a time." jmcra1@fairview.org

Joan Njus is a staff CRNA for the Mayo Clinic. She works at Rochester Methodist Hospital in Rochester, MN. She and her husband Orlo live in Lawler, IA. They have two married sons, three grandchildren. They are her pride and joy. Joan's advice to graduates is to, "Take a deep breath, dive in, and learn all you can." njus.joan@mayo.edu

Janet Radakovich is a staff CRNA and Clinical Coordinator for Anesthesia Group Practice in Mainville, OH. Janet's advice to future graduates is, "be diligent, work hard, and enjoy the diversity and challenge Mayo has to offer." mnshadow@fuse.net.

A. Jean Tiemens, and her husband Ted, live in Rochester, MN. Jean is retiring in August of 2007 after 32 years of employment at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester. She was a CRNA supervisor at Rochester Methodist Hospital for several years and prior to retirement was working on non-clinical anesthesia projects. Jean started her career with a CRNA certificate and RN degree in McKeesport Hospital in Pennsylvania. Later she received her BS in Health Care Administration and then her Masters Degree in Nurse Anesthesia in 1992. Jean has been active in MANA and the AANA. Jean says that the CRNA profession means a lot to her. Through the years Jean has maintained peak interest in the profession by being involved at many different levels. In her retirement Jean may find part time work as an anesthetist in Colorado. She and her husband plan to spend a lot of time near Colorado Springs where both of their children and grandchildren are living.

Class of 2002

Jaylin Allen is a staff CRNA working for Meritcare in Moorhead, MN. She and her family live in Moorhead. Jaylin enjoys the independence of her practice, the challenge of anesthesia, and the fulfillment her career provides. allen.jaylin@meritcare.com

Dan Erchul is a staff anesthetist for Kaiser Permanente of the Northwest. He and his wife Mary Krystine live in Clackamas, OR.

Cyndi Jensen is staff anesthetist for the Mayo Clinic working at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, MN. She is part of the Cardiac Cath Lab core group of anesthetists who work primarily in the lab. Cyndi also works locum tenens for rural Minnesota hospitals. Cyndi's husband Dale farms near East Chain, MN. When she is not working she loves to help out on the farm spending time with Dale. drjensen@frontier.net

Kirk Nichols and his family live in Pleasant Grove, UT. He is employed as a staff anesthetist by Lone Peak Anesthesia. Kirk loves living back in Utah where he can enjoy activities in the mountains with his family.

Jorge Valdes is a staff CRNA for Gulf Coast Anesthesia in Port Charlotte, FL. George's wife Ivette is an emergency room nurse at Charlotte Regional Medical Center. Jorge's advice to graduates is to, "take your time, enjoy every minute of your education." 33ocean@msn.com
Stephen Webber of Houghton, MI is a staff anesthetist for Portage Health System in Hancock, MI. stweb5@aol.com

Collegiality in Retirement

A group of semi-retired and retired anesthetists are otherwise known as the Vapor Chix. At one time or another all of the "Chix" have worked for the Mayo Clinic in Rochester at either Saint Mary's or Rochester Methodist Hospital. Once a month the group gets together for a noon luncheon to catch up on each others lives and reminisce. The group consists of about 10 women at present but rumor has it that some retired male anesthetists are feeling shunned. Consequently, the ladies have now invited the men to join them if they are interested. It's good to know that retirement doesn't have to mean isolation from the profession we have all come to know and love. For more information or if you are interested in joining the Chix, contact Betty Fahrenz at 507-876-2961.



Left to Right: Elizabeth Thomson, Ilyone Styve, Kristine Henrichs, Betty Lou Alman, Judy Johnson, Geri Allen, Betty Fahrenz, Sandy Moore

Obituaries



Charlene Carter, 54, of Marshfield, WI died Friday August 25, 2006 as the result of injuries sustained in a automobile- pedestrian accident. Charlene graduated from the nurse anesthesia program in 1996 and was employed by the Marshfield Clinic at the time of her death. Charlene cherished spending time with family and friends. She also loved raising horses, traveling, sewing, and camping trips. Charlene is survived by her husband Robert, children, step- children, grandchildren, step-grandchildren, father, brothers, sisters and friends.



Clay Mark Blair, 42, of American Fork, UT died September 8, 2006. Clay graduated from the nurse anesthesia program in 2001 and was employed by Lone Peak Anesthesia at the American Fork Hospital at the time of his death. Clay loved being a husband and a father. He was a member of the Latter Day Saints Church where he enjoyed teaching Gospel Doctrine. Clay is survived by his wife, Kip, their children, family, and friends.

Reception Room 2006

In trying to stay connected to our more than 1200 Mayo College of Medicine, School of Health Science Master of Nurse Anesthesia Alumni, a reception was held during the 75th AANA Annual Meeting in Cleveland, Ohio. An evening of food and fellowship was enjoyed by thirty CRNA's, SRNA's, and guests. This was a great opportunity to reconnect with old classmates and make new friends. Please plan to attend the next alumni reception to be held at the AANA Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota in August of 2008!



Christy Cowgill and Sarah Crilly



Jill Knutson and Chris Dietz



Sharon and Tim Brandt



Steve Jewell

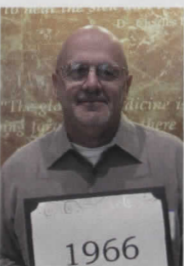


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Lisa Thiemann and Mary Marienau

CRNA Seminar 2006



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Dan Randall, Geri Allen, Dave Myhre



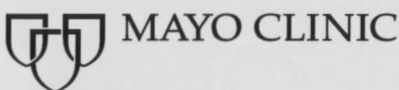
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