

TWU Nursing Reunion – Class of 1970

A great time was had by all! That was the general consensus of the Nursing graduates of 1970 from the TWU Houston center. Here is the summary sent to the Office of Alumni Relations. Thanks to Anita Lemon for sharing this description and a copy of the Memory Book! Enjoy!

40th YEAR REUNION IN HOUSTON

On Saturday May 22, 2010 the 1970 graduates of Texas Woman's University College of Nursing gathered at the Sheraton North Houston Hotel for an afternoon of renewing friendships with classmates who had been with them at TWU's Houston Clinical Center in the heart of The Texas Medical Center in Houston Texas. Many were seeing each other again for the first time since graduation forty years before.

This Reunion Event was initiated only six months before with these stated goals:

- an opportunity to visit, reunite and "catch-up" at a Saturday afternoon buffet and reception
- create an updated Directory for this group with current addresses, emails, etc.
- a 2010 version yearbook composed of our biographies, our current activities, families, interests, and experiences
- a recreation of our May 10, 1970 Houston Clinical Center Convocation group photo
- the opportunity to take lots of great photos of friends and classmates

It was thrilling and extremely satisfying to have met all these goals, and to have such fun doing it!

Thirty three classmates and guests gathered to don name tags, pick up favors, peruse the memorabilia table of items and photos, visit with each other and begin to review the Directory/Yearbook/Memory Book that had been assembled for each attendee. And it was made easier by the thoughtful participation of the Texas Woman's University Alumni Association

(courtesy of Margaret Peters) who had provided mini back packs from TWU to help keep track of things during the afternoon. Our gathering on the second level of the Sheraton North Houston was easy to spot, because outside the San Antonio Room hung our familiar blue and white striped student uniform with white apron and bib(saved, rescued, ironed and ready for the next clinical assignment, courtesy of Margaret Thomas).

Former TWU graduates of the Houston Clinical Center Group who were in attendance included: Sandra Bradley Brummel, Beverly Greenlee Davis, Mary Dempsey Gordon, Anita Pessarra Lemon, Margaret Thomas, Linda Guidry Massengale, Peggy Stenzel Gilliland, Annette Rosas Adams, Virginia Rodgers Sicola, Adonna Peacock, Vanda Sampson Freeman, Vaunette Payton Fay, Susan Crawford Zatopeck, Linda Cykala Vitanza, Kay Law Holloway, Aileen Kishi, Cindy Cash Criss, Carole Miller McKenzie, Margaret Dyal Peters, Barbara Mulvihill Reinhardt, Judith Wenland Gentry, Bonnae Tromblee Nawara, Frances Roemer Alvarado, and Linda Kenney-Myers. Guests included John Bradley, Bob Davis, Bob Lemon, John W. Rodgers, Joe Vitanza, Roger McKenzie, Claude Hargrave, John(J.W.) Nawara and Sheila Whitford.

The memorabilia table was the center of lots of attention, because it included TWU Daedalions, various Convocation programs, and photos taken in the dorms, classrooms, Hermann Park, and other places familiar to our time spent in the Houston Clinical Center and Texas Medical Center. Our unofficial prize for the longest journey definitely goes to Judy Gentry who came all the way from Hemet CA to join us, and, thoughtfully, mailed lots of photos for the memorabilia table on ahead of her travel. Also traveling from longer distances were Peggy Gilliland from Centennial CO and Virginia Sicola from Amarillo TX. Truthfully, as can be seen from the biographies and life stories submitted for the 2010 Directory//Yearbook/Memory Book, this is a group of active, busy women who simply made it a priority to connect with their classmates again.

Following a leisurely and delicious buffet, there was a drawing for prizes of kitchen helpers, car wheel protectors(courtesy of Beverly Davis), photographic note cards(courtesy of Anita Lemon), photo purses, and two photograph

frames(courtesy of the Alumni Association). A group photo was taken, but was only one of many taken by classmates and spouses throughout the afternoon gathering. By the time we arrived at the point of taking a group photo for the record, there were literally piles of digital cameras in front of the assembled group, each awaiting their turn! Luckily, we had many guests, including the husbands, escorts, brother, etc. that were only too ready to help by “immortalizing “ the group of May 22, 2010 with the cameras!

As the Reunion Event came to a close, many were reluctant to leave and even as the time approached for us to vacate the space, some were still enjoying the opportunity to talk and visit. We departed reluctantly but were vowing to meet again at our 45th Anniversary! Let’s not wait ‘til the 50th!



Class picture



Table of Memorabilia



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