

TECH'S TALK

DIVISION OF MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Mildred King Rohwer Endowed Professorship to Become Endowed Chair



Mildred King Rohwer

Rohwer, a 1933 Medical Technology alumnus of the University of Minnesota. Mildred King worked as a medical technologist at the Gillette State Hospital for Crippled Children in St. Paul and at the University of Minnesota. For two and one-half years, she was the only technologist for the Department of Medicine under Dr. C. J. Watson. She also worked in the Dental School for Dr. C. W. Waldron, and then supervised the hematology laboratory at the University Hospital. Later, she worked at Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri, a school she had attended for two years before transferring to the University of Minnesota. She remained a strong supporter to both of her alma maters, and whenever possible she attended class reunions and enjoyed getting reacquainted with her former classmates.

Mildred King met Carl Rohwer while attending the First Presbyterian Church in Wichita, Kansas. In the words of Mr. Rohwer "It seemed destined that we were both to be there that same evening and my life changed the moment I saw her." They were married in 1951 in Wichita. Although Mrs. Rohwer did not seek employment after her marriage,

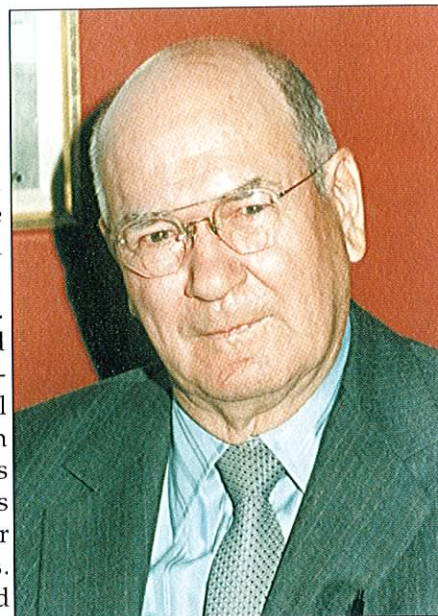
This past year, Mr. Carl Rohwer began initiating the process to convert the Mildred King Rohwer Endowed Professorship in Medical Technology to an Endowed Chair position. The Mildred King Rohwer Endowed Chair in Medical Technology will be the first and only endowed chair in medical technology in the country.

The original endowment was bequeathed by Mildred King

she remained active with her family, friends, church groups and book clubs. Mr. and Mrs. Rohwer enjoyed traveling and she was especially fond of the Southwest.

Mr. and Mrs. Rohwer continued to be active supporters of the Medical Technology program over the years through numerous contributions to our scholarship funds. In 1987, Mildred and Carl Rohwer established a \$250,000 bequest to fund the

professorship that bears her name. At that time, Mrs. Rohwer was in failing health, and she died of leukemia on December 1, 1987. Over the years, Mr. Rohwer has continued to be a wonderful benefactor to our program, and in honor of his wife of 37 years, he recently began providing additional funds to change the professorship to an endowed chair position, something he says he knows would have pleased her. The Division of Medical Technology is grateful to both of the Rohwers for their generosity to the program.

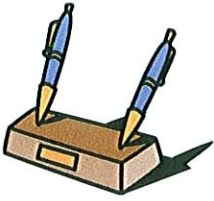


Carl Rohwer

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From the Director's Desk



It has been a pleasure for me to have gotten to know so many of you over this past year. Many of you have called to find out the results of the program reviews that occurred last year, how the program is doing financially, and where your monetary donation should be directed. I would like to take this space to update you on the events of the past year and answer some of the questions many of you have been asking about the program.

In the previous issue of Tech's Talk, we reported that the program was about to undergo two review procedures. One of these was our accreditation site visit from the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS). This was my first experience as a Program Director with a NAACLS accreditation review and I must commend the faculty and staff of the division for all of their hard work in getting us through this process. The site visitors had wonderful things to say about the program including the high caliber of students in the program, the quality of our clinical sites, the dedicated faculty and staff of the Division of Medical Technology, the outstanding efforts of Educational Coordinator Pat Solberg, and last but certainly not least, our extremely supportive alumni. As a result of their report, our accreditation will continue until October, 2008, the maximum time allowed for a program.

The other review of the program was an external review that was performed at the request of Dr. Frank Cerra, Vice President of the Academic Health Center. This review was the result of a letter-writing campaign initiated by the Clinical Laboratory Management Association and the Minnesota Chapter of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science in response to news of severe budget cuts to the medical technology program. The report submitted by this review team stated the Division of Medical Technology's budget should be about \$70,000 more than what it was at the time of the review. However, the financial circumstances being what they were, we were asked to cut our budget by eight percent. This was a smaller budget decrease than what we were originally asked to do, but we would not have been able to make this cut without the help of Fairview University Medical Center, Methodist Hospital/Park Nicollet Clinic, and Abbott Northwestern Hospital/Allina System. These three hospital systems donated staff technologists' time to help with student laboratories and financial support for teaching specialists. We are very grateful to these organizations for their continued support.

One question many of you have asked me this past year is how your donations are being used. If you ask that your donation be directed for student scholarships, it is directed for student scholarships. Whenever possible, we have directed it to the Karen Karni Scholarship Fund because Ms. Connie Bakken, our 2002 Alumnus of the Year, has generously been providing matching funds for all donations directed to that fund. If you did not ask that your donation be directed to a specific fund, this past year your donation has been used to maintain our current staff and to purchase sup-

plies needed in our teaching laboratories.

I am sure many of you are aware of the State of Minnesota's current budget situation. Although the budget for the coming biennium has not been finalized, it appears that the University of Minnesota's budget will be cut by \$185 million. This is equivalent to a 15% cut in state funding and will be the largest percentage reduction in the university's history. It will be important for the alumni to continue to stress to their legislators the important role the University, the Academic Health Center, and the Medical Technology program play in providing quality health care for the people of the State of Minnesota. This includes asking your representatives in Washington, D.C. to sponsor the Medical Laboratory Personnel Shortage Act (HR 623). This legislation increases funding opportunities for programs to train laboratory personnel and expands scholarship and loan opportunities to students enrolled in medical laboratory technology education programs. As the shortage of laboratory personnel continues to grow and the number of programs available continues to shrink (from over 400 CLS/MT programs in 1992 to 240 programs in 2002), this program becomes increasingly important.

All is not bad news, however. The economy is causing more people to return to school, and we are looking into increasing our class size once again in response to the shortage and an increase in numbers of applicants. This year, one health-care system provided \$5000 sponsorships to two class members prior to their clinical experience in return for a promise to work for them for two years following graduation. Salaries have been going up for laboratory personnel, which helps us in recruiting students. The starting salaries for medical technologists in the Twin Cities is about \$40,500/year for a day shift position, \$44,700 for evenings, and \$46,700 for the night shift.

Again, I want to thank all of you for your continued support of our program, and I look forward to getting to know more of you through the coming years.

A stylized, cursive signature of Donna J. Spannaus-Martin.

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Meet the New Dean of the Medical School



Deborah E. Powell, M.D., is the new Dean of the Medical School at the University of Minnesota. She came to the University in the fall of 2002 as the first woman to fill the Dean position in the Medical School's 114-year history. Dr. Powell is originally from Lynn, Massachusetts. She majored in Latin and English at Radcliffe College, then graduated from Tufts University School of Medicine. She is active in a number of national organizations, including membership on the Advisory Council for the Office of Research in Women's Health at the National Institutes of Health.

Part of her views on health care were shaped when she was diagnosed with malignant melanoma as a second-year medical student. She remembers a resident asking her how it felt to know she had a fatal disease? She was aghast because she hadn't thought about her illness in that way. Fortunately, she made a complete recovery, but the incident shaped her philosophy of patient care and medical education. "Never make assumptions, no matter who a patient is, about what the patient is feeling," she said. "As a doctor, you need to be much more sensitive to what patients are going through."

Dr. Powell believes health-care workers need to do more to nurture the whole human, which includes nurturing a sense of balance in their own lives. In her life, Dr. Powell says her family provides that balance. Dr. Powell and her husband, who are both pathologists, have four children.

The New Coffman Union

After a three year closure, and a \$71.5 million renovation, Coffman Memorial Union (CMU) officially reopened its doors on January 21, 2003. The much anticipated new space includes all of the top 10 things students wanted in their union, including a central 45,000 square foot bookstore, air conditioning, more short-term parking, computer lab, more quiet lounge space, national and local brand food vendors, and a 400 seat multi-use movie theater. Other amenities include a full service bank, escalators, post office, student travel agency, police security escort station, and the "glass cube" entrance that opens onto the Washington Avenue bus stops. In all, Coffman is now home to approximately 10 dining choices, 4 entertainment venues, 16 service providers and 35 cultural centers and student organizations.

Named after Dr. Lotus Delta Coffman, President of the University of Minnesota from 1920-1938, CMU first opened its doors in the fall of 1940 and was built to accommodate 14,000 students, at a cost of \$2 million. By 1972, 22,000 people per day were visiting the building and the inadequacies were very apparent. The first renovation took place between 1974 and 1976 and cost \$7 million. Much of the building's original art deco design was lost in that renovation. Huge amounts of non-operable glass were added to bring in light while the decision was made not to add air conditioning. A 1976 Daily newspaper editorial renamed it the "Coffman Memorial Microwave Oven".

Plans for the current renovation began in the early 1990s, with more than 6,000 students being involved in the project either through surveys or committees. Besides adding more student-centered services, goals included re-establishing Coffman as the center of student life and activities on campus; restoring its 1940's charm; adding air conditioning and other structural upgrades; and bringing the building into ADA and code compliance. In 1999, students requested an increase in student fees for the purpose of funding a renovation. The plan was approved, tenants were relocated and in November 1999, CMU closed its doors. The renovation was part of a larger \$153 million Riverbend Commons project, which also included construction of a 1,900 space garage, a

400 plus bed residence complex, a new plaza area, and new pedestrian bridges over Washington Avenue, all of which are open. The project's intent was to revitalize the area and link Northrop Mall to the Mississippi River as intended by the original Cass Gilbert master plan for the University.

The new union is brighter, more comfortable and more user friendly. Some of the art deco details have been restored such as terrazzo flooring, stairwell lighting and the original first floor center entrance. Other notables include:

- * A bronze fountain, located on the fireplace lounge terrace, cast in 1620 in Italy and donated by James Ford Bell in 1961;
- * The first University of Minnesota building with wireless network capabilities;
- * A 45,000 square foot bookstore that replaces the West Bank, East Bank and Health Sciences bookstores;
- * Name-brand food vendors such as Starbucks, Einstein Bros. Bagels, Chick-fil-A (popular southern fast food) and Baja Sol Tortilla Grill;
- * A glass face on the south side of the building, providing views of the river and the Riverbend Commons area;
- * Retaining the Whole music club (host to performers such as Garrison Keillor, Jim Croce, Bonnie Raitt and Soul Asylum);
- * An updated gameroom;
- * Enough air conditioning to cool 220 homes;
- * A commuter lounge;
- * A convenience store; and
- * A copy center.

The \$71.5 million price tag will be paid for with \$11.5 million in reserves, and \$60 million to be repaid in the next 20 years through student fees and tenant rentals. A professional fund-raiser has been hired to solicit private donations.

Be sure to visit the new Coffman the next time you're on campus. For more information, floorplans, and virtual tours, go to www.coffman.umn.edu/renovation.

Student Profiles



Breanne Larson grew up with her twin sister in Minneota, Minnesota. She transferred to the University of Minnesota from Southwest State in Marshall, MN specifically for our medical technology program. Breanne has been interested in health care since she worked as a nurse's aide in high school. She plans to move back to rural Minnesota when she finishes her degree, but she would eventually like to get a Navy scholarship, go to medical school and become a Naval officer. Breanne is an avid golfer, having played intercollegiate golf for two years.



Naomi Lange is the younger of two girls in her family and she grew up in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin. When she came to the University of Minnesota, she learned about medical technology from a flier she read and decided to take Patricia Solberg's Orientation to Medical Technology course. Prior to this course, she considered going to medical school, but after completing the orientation course, it became clear to her that medical technology was what she really wanted to do. After graduation, she plans to move back to Wisconsin and work in a smaller hospital or clinic. Naomi enjoys spending time with family, playing board games, and crafts, including cross-stitch. She is also looking forward to planning her wedding, which is set to take place in September, 2004.



Kristin Rouse began her college career at the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth with the intention of entering their medical technology program. However, the closure of their program forced her to make other plans, which led her to the medical technology program at the University of Minnesota. In addition to being the class president of the senior medical technology students, Kristin was also the Minnesota student delegate to the IAMLT/ASCLS World Congress in Orlando last summer. Outside of class, Kristin enjoys fishing, reading, and canoeing.



Mauri Saeger is from Wausau, Wisconsin. Her mother, father, and step-father are family practice physicians. In high school, Mauri was active in Student Council, theater and the a cappella choir. She even played the lead in the school production of "My Fair Lady." Mauri spent some time studying abroad at Flinders University of South Australia. She always enjoyed looking in the microscope and has found this profession suits her perfectly. She is Vice President of the senior class and truly excited to be a medical technologist. She is a volunteer for Retrieve a Golden of Minnesota and is also currently planning her August wedding.

We Will Miss Sister Roland!

Sister Roland Davey passed away Tuesday, April 16, 2002 at Bethany Convent in St. Paul. Some of you knew her as a classmate (Joanne Davey, Class of 1948), others thought of her as a Ranger (from Eveleth), while others knew her as a good friend and educator.



Upon receiving her medical technology degree, she was employed as a medical technologist in the laboratory in the University of Minnesota Hospital. At this time, she met Sister Rita George, CSJ, and learned about the Sisters of St. Joseph and made a decision to enter the community.

After taking vows, Sister

Roland started her mission at St. Mary's Hospital in Minneapolis and later at Trinity Hospital in Jamestown, North Dakota. In 1961 she came to St. Joseph's Hospital in St. Paul, where she spent 35 years as a member of the staff. During that time, she completed her master's degree and expanded her ministry as a staff medical technologist to become director of the School of Medical Technology.

Sister Roland was frequently seen with a camera. She actively served at the hospital with photography and publications. She also operated the video camera at community events. For three years, Sister Roland was co-editor of Sesquicentennial, a 150-year history of St. Joseph's Hospital. She also enjoyed camping trips, bike rides, traveling in Minnesota, cross-country skiing, and spending time at a cabin near Eveleth.

Sister Roland was an enthusiastic teacher who influenced many professionals. She was an endless crusader for the profession of medical technology and was highly respected by laboratory educators and professionals throughout Minnesota. She was an alumna who we were very proud to say was one of us.

The 80th graduating class of the Division of Medical Technology held its commencement exercise at the Student Union on the St. Paul campus on September 21, 2002. Senior class president Amanda Hotze delivered the welcome on behalf of the class. Dr. John McClure, a pathologist who has lectured in the hematology course for several years, delivered the commencement address.

Kim-Sue Tudor, assistant professor, presented awards and led the Medical Technology Oath and then introduced each class member as they signed the oath. Zhengwei (Jenny) Mao was presented with a special gift in

recognition of achieving the highest grade point average in the professional program. Donna Spannaus-Martin, director of the division of medical technology, conferred the degrees.

Anna Abt, Ele Scherman, Amanda Hotze, Andrea Staum and Angie Rezin prepared the senior slide presentation, a composite of their senior year classes, clinical rotations and social events. Salli Clysdale from the Medical Technology Alumni Society welcomed the new graduates as alumni of the University of Minnesota. A reception followed on the Student Union Terrace.



Medical Technology Class of 2002

Front row (left to right)

Soua Chang, Shoreview, MN
 Annastasia Gross, Spring Lake Park, MN
 Summerly Fretty, Big Lake, MN
 Simi Nambudiripad, Minneapolis, MN
 Zhengwei (Jenny) Mao, Huaibei City, Anhui Province, P.R. China, with high distinction*
 Ngoc (Pauline) Ho, St. Paul, MN
 Vivian Mai, Minneapolis, MN
 Dorothy Toivonen, Aurora, CO
 Jessica Lahr, St. Cloud, MN

Not Pictured:
 Dan Robinson, Hastings, MN

Second row (left to right)

Jack Lund, Staples, MN
 Karla Shields, Litchfield, MN
 Kari Beese, Albert Lea, MN
 Jina Engle, Lake Elmo, MN
 Melanie Holtz, Minnetonka, MN
 Keely Smith, Hudson, WI
 Michael Bowman, Moorhead, MN
 Matt DeCrans, Nevis, MN

* distinction - Cumulative grade point average of 3.75-3.89
 high distinction - Cumulative grade point average of 3.9-4.0

Back row (left to right)

Mercy Fonye, St. Paul, MN
 Ele Scherman, White Bear Lake, MN
 Amanda Hotze, Apple Valley, MN
 Anna Abt, Wausau, WI
 Candace Pagel, Cottage Grove, MN
 Angie Rezin, Tomah, WI
 Andrea Staum, Wauwatosa, WI
 Lori Hillman, Albert Lea, MN with distinction*

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 Anita Sime Jader (Class of 1977)

2002 Major Contributors

The following contributed \$100 or more to the Division of Medical Technology in 2002:

Over \$100,000

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\$5,000 - \$25,000

Ruth E. Hanold

\$1,000 - \$4,999

Todd C. and Mary E. Jacobson Karen R. Karni Verna E. DeLeo Mallek Scicom Data Services

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Grace Mary Ederer			

Alumni News

Frances Clark Plaas (1935) is currently living in Grand Forks, ND. She worked for five years before getting married. Her husband, George, passed away in 1979. She has three children, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Doreen Hicks Lapeyrouse (1943) lives in Kenmore, WA. She worked for several years in a Seattle Hospital lab and still frequently sees two other U alums in the area, **Della Kruse Ramsden (1944)** and **Margaret Jean Thielicke Moore (1944)**. Doreen stays active by swimming laps three times a week in addition to sewing, knitting, and bridge. She has enjoyed traveling the world, trying to go on one international trip each year. She has three children and three grandchildren.

Shirley Chapman Tennyson (1947) is retired and living in Incline Village, NV. She last worked in medical technology at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston, TX. She and her husband, Robert, have two sons. She enjoys traveling and hiking.

Marianne Pribble Wasnick (1947) recently became a great-grandmother with the birth of her first great-grandchild, Samuel Joseph Eckert, on December 31, 2000. She currently resides in Brooklyn, Center, MN.

Dorotha Nippoldt Mahle (1952) retired in November, 2001 and is living in Woodbury, MN. She enjoys restoring furniture, antiques and sewing, and hopes to travel in the future. She has three children and two grandchildren.

Virginia Dunn Johnston (1952) worked at the University of Minnesota Hospital and St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth, and then did toxicology research at Searles in Illinois. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Missouri in Kansas City. She was an assistant professor at Avila College in Kansas City before becoming Department Chairperson and Director of the Medical Technology Program at the University of Kansas Medical Center. She and her husband, Lew, have three children and eight grandchildren. She enjoys duplicate bridge, gardening, and fishing.

Janice Annis Anderson Sharp (1954) lives in Beaver Creek, OH. She worked as a supervisor at the University of Minnesota Student Health Service and in the coagulation lab at the VA Hospital in Minneapolis. She is married with four children, two step-children, and ten grandchildren. She has lots of hobbies including traveling, fishing in Northern Minnesota every year, amateur radio, genealogy, gardening, and attending her husband's barbershop singing events.

Marilyn Klein (1968) is retired, but still does volunteer work for the University of Kentucky Clinical Microbiology Department by doing infectious disease case studies. She has a dog and eight cats living with her in Lexington, KY.

Mary Kalaher Herman (1968) has been working at ViroLab, Inc. for over twenty years. She and husband Tom have been married for 34 years and are living in Berkley, CA. They recently spent some time snorkling in French Polynesia, Moorea, Huahine, and Bora Bora.

Maureen Lynch (1975) is planning to celebrate her 50th birthday with a trip to Europe in April. She also tells us her youngest son is a sophomore at the University in Minnesota majoring in Information Technology.

Sue Flor Gans (1976) retired in 1998 after working for 30 years at Park Nicollet Clinic. She and husband, Jay, live in Bloomington, and she now works with Jay at his business when needed.

Lisa Jarvis (1977) worked as a medical technologist at United Hospital for ten years before coming back to the University of Minnesota to complete a Ph.D. in biochemistry in 1992. She is currently in charge of the Hematology Division at R & D Systems, Inc. in Minneapolis, MN. She and her husband have been married for 28 years and their two children are both in college.

B. Laurel Elder (1976) still works for CompuNet Clinical Labs in Dayton, OH, but her position has changed from Microbiology Director to Technical Director. She is currently enjoying watching her grass grow because her new home is a condominium where she doesn't have to mow. Her new home is located in Centerville, OH.

Tim O'Donnell (1986) worked in the cytogenetics lab at the University of Minnesota and at Abbott Northwestern Hospital. In 1997, he became an Associate Vice President and Financial Advisor for Morgan Stanley. He and wife, Nancy, have two children, Amanda (12) and Patrick (8), and he enjoys coaching his children's sports team.

Toni Muckala (1994) is busy as ever. After graduation, Toni completed a Physician's Assistant (PA) Program. She is currently working part-time in Minnesota as a PA for North Memorial's Emergency Room covering the Monticello Big Lake Hospital. She is still in the National Guard, which brings us to her other activity - she is a student in the online PharmD program at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. She balances life between her family farm in New York Mills, MN and a home in Maple Grove, MN. Her husband and two sons are doing well trying to keep up with her.

Lori Hillman (2002) recently became engaged to Jeff Smith. They are planning a fall wedding. Lori is currently working in the Fairview University Medical Center Virology lab. Jeff is a pilot in the Minnesota Air Guard and a student at Luther Seminary.

Connie Bakken Named Medical Technology Alumnus of the Year

Constance (Connie) Olson Bakken was named the University of Minnesota Medical Technology Alumni Society Alumnus of the Year at the Annual Spring Banquet May 2, 2002. Ms. Bakken was selected unanimously by the MT Alumni Society Board of Directors, not only for her significant contributions to program scholarships, but also for her unique qualities as a role model and mentor, especially for women.



Connie graduated in 1946 and worked for six years in the laboratory at Abbott Northwestern Hospital. Her second career was as a full-time mother to her two daughters and two sons, all of whom graduated from the University.

She began her third career in 1980 when she purchased Citizens Independent Bank in St. Louis Park. Currently, she is Chairman of the Board. There are now five locations of the bank: two in St. Louis Park, one each in Robbinsdale, Hopkins, and Plymouth. Ms. Bakken completed a three-year course in community bank management held at the University of Wisconsin, at Madison, together with coursework at the Minnesota School of Banking at St. Olaf College, Northfield.

Connie is a trustee at Hamline University. She is also involved in the Twin West Chamber of Commerce, the Bob Allison Ataxia Research Center (University of Minnesota), and the Minnesota Women's Political Caucus Education Council. During her career, she has received 16 major awards, among them "One of the Top 25 Women Business Owners in the Twin Cities" (four different years), "Lifetime Achievement Award" by the Minnesota Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners, "WCCO Good Neighbor Award" by WCCO Radio, and "Employer of the Year" by the North Hennepin Business and Professional Women.

Connie is deservedly proud of her children and 11 grandchildren, all of whom live in the Twin Cities. She is known as a smart and gracious

executive, who quietly has helped many others. She does not give advice but provides gentle suggestions and considerable support. While self-effacing in her own accomplishments, she has helped others gain competence and confidence in themselves. Finally, Ms. Bakken has a wry sense of humor and a twinkle in her eye, evidence perhaps of her perspective and balance.

All of us congratulate Connie Bakken as the tenth recipient of the Medical Technology Alumni Society Alumnus of the Year Award. She richly deserves this honor.

Can You Help Us?

Incorrectly addressed mail has been returned to us on a number of individuals. Below are the names and years of graduation on some of them. If you can help us with their current addresses, please call or write to Claire Bjorklund (see page 2).

Mara Elofson, 1993
Patrick Doyle, 1984
Carol Hemenway Claussen, 1983
Janice Juvland, 1982
Elizabeth Quackenbush, 1979
Susan Menge Shafer, 1971
Louise Tenquist DuCharme, 1970
Marlys Breberg Keefe, 1963
Idella Seiberling Larson, 1963
Catherine Adams Johnson, 1941
Margaret Olander Howe, 1940

If you have changed your address, please let us know so we can continue to keep in touch.

The University of Minnesota Alumni Association

The Medical Technology Alumni Society Board of Directors for 2002-2003 consists of Billie Anne Juni, Larry Carroll, Nancy Coley, Karen Karni, Salli Clysdale, Karin Libby, Melissa Fossum, Clareyse Nelson, Barb Streifel, Helen Hallgren, and Donna Spannaus-Martin. If you are interested in joining this group of volunteers, call the Division Office at 612-625-9490. The board is primarily responsible for organizing the spring banquet and raising money for student scholarships.

By joining the Medical Technology Alumni Society and UMAA, you support both the University and the Medical Technology program. A strong UMAA has more clout at the legislature. Plus, as a member, you can take advantage of many programs and services that save you money and connect you to the U of M. To contact the UMAA, call 612-624-2323 or 1-800-UM-ALUMS, or send an e-mail to umalumni@umn.edu. You can also visit their web site at <http://www.umaa.umn.edu>.

Anniversary Classes Honored

Each year we continue our tradition of honoring the 75th, 50th and 25th anniversary classes.

Class of 1928 (75th Anniversary)

**Faith Davis
*Ida Burns Fetterly
**Catherine Hanitch

*Lydia Powell Johnson
**Alice Laskey
**Helen Mercer

*Aileen Nyland
*Mary Turner
*Mildred Whitaker

Class of 1953 (50th Anniversary)

Ruth Hawley Benassi
Audrey Bernstein
*Sally Anderson Chapple
Jane Carr Czyzewski
*Betty Dieter
Barbara Erickson DuHoux
*Virginia Herrala Erickson
*James Ferderer
Wilma Fitsimmons
Kathryn Hammer Glen

Beverly Hardy Griffin
Marilyn Postier Haglund
Elizabeth Ziaskas Haugen
*Vernetta Hidde
Carol Sandell Josephs
Jean Urbank Lemberg
Joan Olson O'Dell
Lois Wagner Olin
Joan Owen Novak
*Lorlie Halvorson Pederson

*Betty Peterson
Greta Lilleberg Smith
Margaret Hirt Smith
**Mary Yocum Teske
Carol Knobel Tinney
Janet Vogt Turning
Mary Weimer
Mitsue Yanagita Yamaguchi

Class of 1978 (25th Anniversary)

Mary Severson Anderson
Kim Barnett
Mary Motsko Beech
Mary Parson Belden
Linda Bowers
John Breznik
*Carol Brower
*Susan Cameron
Bonnie Cavegn
Cheryl Tobeck Clawson
*Lynette Cuff
Mary Daehn
Ruth Davidson
R.D. Dexter
Barbara Dietzman
Laurie Johnson Dockendorf
Debra Dvorak
*Pamela Erickson
Claudia Zahn Fasching
Mary Rozycki Gerberding

Kathy Godlewski
Susan Kahn Gross
Lynette Olson Grouse
Walter Hagen
Katherine Hamalainen
James Hamilton
Patty Hanneman
*Jean Chamberlain Jennings
Susan Schneider Johnson
Terri Johnson
Denise Westover Knapp
*Barbara Koziol
*Richard Krasky
*Steven Lang
*Alan Luhman
Patricia Rossback McMahon
Mary Garceau Mohn
Judith Moriguchi
Mark Nelson
Joan Shafer Northouse

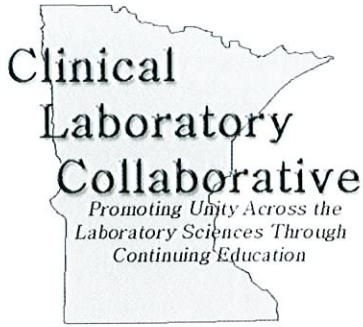
*Deann Olsgaard
Penny Pederson
Brian Perkett
Bonnie Peterson
Janice Hugget Peterson
David Ricci
Mary Kahtava Sastry
Susan Norvitch Schneider
Terry Scofield
**Lynn Shodahl
Michael Sirany
Katherine Giesel Skogseth
Rita Parkhurst Stoffel
Diane Zander Strom
Pamela Hovland Swanson
Chris Swanstrom
Debra Opsahl Teachout
Kathleen Moriarity Tekautz
Cynthia Fiske VanVleet

*Address unknown

**Deceased

If you are a member of an anniversary class, please make a special effort to attend the annual alumni banquet. The reservation form is on page 11. Classmates from the anniversary classes will be seated together, so you will have the opportunity to renew friendships.

We appreciate having the correct addresses of alumni. You can help by sending us any addresses of those graduates with whom we have lost contact. Thanks!



State Collaborative Spring Meeting

The 2003 State Laboratory Meeting will be held May 14-16 at the Mayo Civic Center in Rochester, MN. "Bright Ideas for a Shining Future" is this year's theme. Featured keynote speakers are:

- * Glenda Price: "The Profession is the Message"
- * Robert Kisabeth, M.D.: "Prescriptive Laboratory Medicine: From Peripatetic Past to Promising Future"
- * Father Nicholas Mezacapa: "Spiritual Re-Section"

The sessions will appeal to a wide variety of laboratory professionals because they include both current and relevant topics. Sessions on Xenotransplantation, Genomics, Point of Care testing, West Nile Virus, state licensure, smallpox update and numerous other topics will be covered. Thursday morning will feature five different breakfast roundtable discussions.

A number of vendors/exhibitors will be present, with the usual prize drawings and refreshments in the exhibit hall. The social event will be Thursday and includes dinner and a hypnotist. The 3rd annual silent auction for the Children's Miracle Network (specifically Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare) will take place on the 14th and 15th. Last year, Minnesota took second place in ASCLS for the amount donated to Children's Miracle Network by a state society.

For complete information or a registration brochure for the meeting, contact:

Susan Lagerstedt
Mayo Clinic, Hilton 754
Rochester, MN 55905

Let's Keep In Touch

Please send us an update on what you've been doing, both personally and professionally. We plan to display all contributions - including letters and pictures - at the alumni banquet. We will return the pictures if you wish. Thanks for keeping in touch!

Name: _____ (_____) Year of Graduation: _____
Name while in school (if it has changed)

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail address: _____

Career Information: _____

Family Information: _____

Special Interests: _____

Please mail to the address on page 11

Annual Banquet News

for Alumni and Friends of Medical Technology

Join us once again at Jax Café for this year's annual banquet and reunion. Friends and spouses are welcome! Participate in our silent auction which benefits the Medical Technology Scholarship Fund.

Date: **Monday, May 5, 2003**
 5:30 p.m. Social hour with cash bar, Silent Auction
 6:30 p.m. Dinner with the program to follow

Place: **Jax Café**
 1928 University Avenue N.E.
 Minneapolis, MN (612) 789-7297
 Free off-street parking available

Menu: **Grilled Pork Chop**
 Garlic whipped potatoes, chef's vegetable
 or
Chicken Chardonnay
 Wild rice pilaf, chef's vegetable
 or
Pasta Primavera, Alfredo

Salad: Jax House Salad
 Dessert: Carrot Cake



Cost: Alumni Association Members \$27.00
 Nonmembers \$28.00
 Seniors (age 60 and over) \$25.00

Special recognition will be given to the classes of 1928 (75 years), 1953 (50 years), 1978 (25 years), and to the 81st graduating class of 2003.

Deadline for reservations: April 28, 2003. Send in your reservations early because seating is limited.

*This is the only mailing you will receive for the Medical Technology Alumni Society Annual Banquet.
 Please mark your calendar and return the reservation form below.*

Please reserve _____ places for me at the Medical Technology Alumni Dinner.

I enclose \$ _____ as payment.

Grilled Pork Chop _____ Chicken Chardonnay _____ Pasta Primavera _____

Please reserve _____ seats for me at the 1953 table.

Please reserve _____ seats for me at the 1978 table. M.A.A. Member: Yes _____ No _____

Name (please print) _____ Class _____ M.A.A. # _____

Address: _____ Phone # (area code _____)

Guest Name (please print) _____

Make check payable to **Medical Technology Alumni Society**. Reservations should be received by **April 28, 2003**.

Mail to: Division of Medical Technology, MMC 609, 420 Delaware Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455

Class Reunions from Medical Technology 2002 Banquet



Class of 1952

From left to right: Eloise Metz, Dorothea Nippoldt Mahle, Lois Carlson Schorle, H. Ardelle Mead Mills, Virginia Dunn Johnston, Stella Cook, Edith Shumaker



Class of 1977

From left to right front: Susan Leszko Fautsch, Kathy Ivory, Debra Huesman, Deb Schwietz, Lisa Jarvis, Anita Jader
Back row: Diane Cromer.

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