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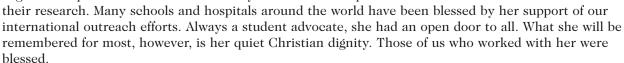
Helen Emori King retires after 24 years

#### I message from the dean I

Dear Friends,

As we begin our second century of nursing education at Loma Linda, the School of Nursing has undergone some significant changes. Probably the most notable was a change in our leadership. After almost 25 years of leading our School, Dr. Helen King retired as dean. Her legacy to the School included developing a number of new programs such as the nurse practitioner, PhD, and off-campus education programs. With her guidance, the endowment funds have grown from less than \$1 million to more than \$10 million.

In addition, she supported many faculty members for advanced degrees and provided assistance as faculty members developed



Filling out the rest of our administrative staff are Dynnette Hart, DrPH, RN, as associate dean of the undergraduate program, and Elizabeth Bossert, DNS, RN, as associate dean of the graduate program.

Recently, we held our annual alumni weekend on campus. It was fantastic meeting with you and I thank all of you who came out to share your weekend with us. I look forward to seeing you next year, as well.

As we close our year of celebration for the first 100 years, we want to thank you for your continued support to the School of Nursing as we prepare nurses who will serve the needs of society for years to come.

Sincerely,

Marilyn M. Herrmann, PhD, RN

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Dean, School of Nursing

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## School of Nursing welcomes new administrators

With the recent retirements of both Helen King, PhD, RN, dean, and Lois Van Cleve, PhD, RN, FAAN, associate dean of the graduate program, the School of Nursing has seen many administrative changes over the past year. Though many of the faces and names will be familiar to you, the positions are new.

#### Marilyn M. Herrmann, PhD, RN Dean

arilyn Murdoch was born in England, where her father was serving as principal of Newbold College during World War II. At the end of the war, the Murdochs moved to Australian Missionary College, Cooranbong, New South Wales, Australia, and lived there for six years. In 1959, the Murdochs moved to Berrien Springs, Michigan, where her father taught at the theological seminary. After attending Andrews University for one year, Marilyn transferred to Columbia Union College and graduated in 1965 with a bachelor's degree in nursing.

After seven months of working as a registered nurse, Marilyn married E. Cliff Herrmann and moved to Blacksburg, Virginia, where Cliff completed a PhD in biochemistry. Marilyn worked in Floyd, Virginia, as the only public health nurse in the county.

In March of 1980, Marilyn



From left, Elizabeth Bossert, Jeff Leeper, Marilyn Herrmann, and Dynnette Hart

completed her master's degree at LLU and began teaching at LLUSN. In 1989, she was asked to be the assistant dean for the undergraduate program. Upon graduation from Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, California, with a PhD in higher education, she was promoted to associate dean.

Dedication to LLU runs strong in Dr. Herrmann's family, as she has two brothers that also work at LLU—J. Lamont Murdoch, MD, professor of internal medicine, School of Medicine; and William G. C. Murdoch, MD, associate professor of psychiatry, School of Medicine. Dr. Herrmann's husband, Cliff,

recently retired from the School of Medicine biochemistry department. They have two grown children, Paul Herrmann, MD, and Ruth Herrmann McConnehey.

In January 2006, Dr. Herrmann was chosen as the new dean of the School of Nursing following Helen King's retirement.

#### Elizabeth Bossert, DNS, RN Associate dean, graduate

Elizabeth (Becky) Bossert studied nursing at Pacific Union College and Walla Walla College, earning her AS and BS degrees respectively. Teaching for Pacific Union College in the department of nursing for two years confirmed her decision to pursue a career in

nursing education. Her master's in science from LLU in 1977 focused in maternal/child nursing and teaching.

In 1978, she took a faculty position at LLUSN with undergraduate teaching focused primarily in pediatric nursing. In 1987, she moved to San Francisco to study at the University of California San Francisco, receiving the doctor of nursing science degree with a focus in research and parent/child nursing. In 1992, she began teaching in the graduate nursing program at LLU, including courses focused on parent-child theory and concepts, advanced role development, and research methods, both at the Loma Linda campus and in the off-campus programs in Thailand and Argentina. She also was engaged in the academic facilitation of the growing family majors in clinical nurse specialist, school nursing, pediatric nurse practitioner, and neonatal nurse practitioner for the graduate program.

Her research has focused on children's responses to hospitalization and illness, most recently pain and other symptoms experienced by children with cancer. She has published work in many nursing journals and presented at national and international conferences. Currently, she holds the rank of professor of nursing.

#### Dynnette E. Hart, DrPH, RN Associate dean, undergraduate

pynnette E. Hart, DrPH, RN, CPNP, comes with a long historical attachment to Loma Linda University. Her father, Franklyn Nelson, DDS, was one of the founding faculty of the School of Dentistry. All children of the family have graduated from LLU—two from the School of Medicine and four from the School of Nursing.

After receiving her bachelor's degree in nursing from LLUSN in 1966, Dr. Hart continued her education at Loma Linda, receiving her master's degree in 1968 in maternal/child nursing education. She joined the faculty at LLUSN until 1970, when she and her husband, Kenneth Hart, MD (LLUSM, 1969), with their son, Todd Walter, left for East Africa. Her daughter, Patrice (Hancock), was born two months after they arrived at Mwami Hospital in Zambia.

Dr. Hart primarily focused on the role of wife and mother throughout the next 17 years as she and her husband worked in Zambia, Tanzania, and Kenya. When the family returned to the United States in 1987, Dr. Hart rejoined the faculty at LLUSN to teach pediatric nursing. As she continued coordinating and assisting in the undergraduate child health nursing class, she

completed her DrPH in 1994 from the School of Public Health in maternal/child health education.

To further augment her clinical skills in child health, Dr. Hart completed the pediatric nurse practitioner course at the University of California, Los Angeles, in 2001.

Her professional and research interests have focused on international and cross-cultural interventions, and pediatric primary health care. She implemented the pediatric nurse practitioner curriculum at LLU during 2004-2005.

Currently, Dr. Hart holds the rank of associate professor of nursing.

#### Jeff Leeper, MAc, CPA, CMA, CIA Assistant dean, financial affairs

Jeff Leeper continues on as assistant dean for financial affairs for the School of Nursing., Prior to coming to the School, Mr. Leeper served as chief accountant at Versitron Industries, auditor at Ernst & Whinney, supervisor auditor at B.R. Sharp & Co., assistant professor at La Sierra University, and manager of internal audit for Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center.

Mr. Leeper and his wife, Julie, have two children, Stephanie and Jeffrey James.

## School of Nursing student delivers baby in front seat of car

When Janeatte Bendezu woke up the morning of April 16, the only thing she had planned for the day was relaxing at the park with her pregnant sister and their four nephews. Janeatte, then a senior in the School of Nursing, thought it might be a good idea to head home when her sister, Laura Campos, complained of a sharp pain. The pain was irregular, and soon passed.

The group made their way through Reche Canyon to their home in Moreno Valley.

Though two days past her due date, Laura had been feeling fine. However, once the group arrived at their home, Laura began to feel more sharp pains, with an hour lapse in between.

What began as a picturesque Saturday afternoon at the park quickly turned into a hairraising opportunity for Janeatte to put her schooling into practice.

"You think you're prepared, but you have no idea when it's going to come," says Janeatte.

Though in pain, Laura made one thing clear: She didn't want to have her child at any hospital other than Loma Linda University Medical Center. Going to any other hospital was out of the question.

So Janeatte drove her sister through Reche Canyon toward Loma Linda. While in the canyon, Laura began to panic. The baby was ready, but she only wanted to go to Loma Linda and they were at least 20 minutes away.

This was going to be Laura's third child. She had taken so much care in the planning of this child. She had chosen relaxing music to listen to during child-birth and had even selected scented candles. All of that was quickly forgotten.

Laura began to scream. Even though the road had no shoulder or any other place to pull off to the side, Janeatte pulled off the road anyway. The baby's head had already breached.

"I just remember pulling up my sister's shirt, and the baby just slid right out," she recalls.

Just like that, Melanie Aileen Campos entered the world, all 8.3 pounds of her.

"When Melanie came out she was pink and crying, so I knew everything was okay," says
Janeatte.

Once at the emergency department, Melanie's umbilical cord was cut in the car.

"A lot of skills that I learned at the School of Nursing definitely came in handy that day," says Janeatte.

For the past 9 years, Jan Nick, PhD, RNC, has developed the OB nursing course at LLUSN using concepts rather than details so that students learn the information and remember it more easily.

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Janeatte Bendezu (left) poses for a picture with her sister, Laura Campos, and the baby she delivered, Melanie Aileen Campos.

#### l news l

## School of Nursing gives back to local community with 100 acts of caring

This past year has been a busy one for the School of Nursing. Centennial events for the School this past year have included a calendar, a book, and focusing on getting information out about the School, but the School of Nursing centennial planning committee wanted to do something special to give back to the community.

It was out of this desire to help others that the idea of 100 Acts of Caring was developed.

"The centennial planning committee wanted a venue and theme from which we could reach out to the community with acts of service as part of commemorating our centennial year," says Marcia Dunbar, MS, RN, assistant professor of nursing and chair of the School of Nursing centennial planning committee.

As the committee considered the possibilities, it became clear that there are many needs within a few miles of the School.

The committee partnered with Ronald D. Graybill, PhD, director of the community outreach department, Loma Linda University Medical Center.

A theme of 100 Acts of Caring was adopted as a reflection of a desire to perform 100 acts of service within the week of October 24 to 30.



School of Nursing students and faculty weed the garden at Norton Neighborhoods during the 100 Acts of Caring program.

Dr. Graybill located sites where all the students and faculty could spend four to eight hours volunteering.

He searched especially for venues in the Norton Neighborhoods, which is both a geographic area and an initiative of Loma Linda University Medical Center.

Dr. Graybill then posted a calendar of opportunities including sites such as the San Bernardino County Food Bank, the Anderson School (for developmentally challenged students), and Curtis Middle School. Cassie Olson, School of Nursing student association community service coordinator, also lined up opportunities at Ronald McDonald House.

Many nursing students helped with the Medical Center's family health fair, offering free immunizations in October. Literally hundreds of School of Nursing students and faculty participated and served at the various venues.

One of the most diverse sites, and one where scores of nursing students served, was "The Gardens." The Gardens is the most intensive "hands-on" initiative of the LLUMC community outreach department. It offers after-school programs in the Norton Neighborhoods, specifically at a residence and 1-acre site the Medical Center rents on Norman Road in San Bernardino.

The site is just downstream from the Tippecanoe Avenue bridge across the Santa Ana River, and from the front yard, one can easily see the towers of the Medical Center.

## School of Nursing named in top 100 graduate schools

The School of Nursing was recently named in *U.S. News* and World Report's "America's Best Graduate Schools" for 2006. Out of the 100 best graduate nursing programs in the country, the School of Nursing ranked 77th and was the only school at Loma Linda University to be included in this year's edition.

"Recognition of the graduate nursing program at Loma Linda University by *U.S. News and World Report* is confirmation of the goal of our program to provide excellence in professional education within a Christian

perspective," says Elizabeth Bossert, DNS, RN, associate dean of the nursing graduate program. "Nursing is a dynamic profession and the program is continually growing and changing to prepare graduate nurses for the new roles emerging to meet society's needs."

The School of Nursing offers master's and doctoral degree programs. The master's program offers advanced practice options: adult nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialists in areas of growing family and adult and aging, family nurse practitioner, neonatal nurse practitioner, pediatric nurse practitioner, nursing administration, and nurse educator. Combined degrees are also available with nursing and ethics (MS/MA) or nursing and public health (MS/MPH).

U.S. News and World Report bases its ranking on peer assessment surveys filled out by deans and faculty of accredited programs in each discipline. Surveys include a scale of 1 (marginal) to 5 (strong) and results are based on the highest average scores. The School of Nursing received an average score of 3.2 out of 5.

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"When we teach them about the mother in labor, we stress how the student can keep the mother in control by using various physical and mental treatments," says Dr. Nick.

"Janeatte ended up coaching the mother while on the way to the hospital."

Correct breathing techniques to assist mothers-to-be in labor are just one of many OB lessons taught in the School.

"We made fun of it in class," remembers Janeatte, "but it totally worked! Most importantly, the assessment tools that we learned in class were very important."

According to Dr. Nick, when teaching about how to work with newborns, she has them learn the four H's—the common problems newborns can experience right after birth. These include: hypoxia, hypothermia, hypoglycemia, and finally (days later) hyperbilirubinemia.

"Janeatte knew that she needed to do interventions to prevent the first three H's, and she did," notes Dr. Nick.

"Finally, once the baby was born, she knew to focus her attention on the mother and assess for a boggy uterus—a term we use for a uterus that is not contracted well and bleeds profusely." According to Dr. Nick, Janeatte was a very diligent and focused student in OB nursing.

"She used the skills she learned to coach her sister and give support while driving toward the hospital. She remained calm, and she took care of the infant and the mother in a competent, professional manner," adds Dr. Nick. "Congratulations are in order for both of them!"

After Laura and Melanie were at LLUMC, Janeatte called everyone she knew.

"I told them that the baby was born in the car and that I delivered her," says Janeatte, "but no one believed me!"

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#### l news l

## Nursing professor accompanies students to Africa

Dolores Wright, DNS, RN, associate professor, School of Nursing, has had a love of Africa since she spent seven years living there. When she became the lead teacher for the community health course, she knew that she wanted to create an opportunity for her students to receive clinical experience in an international setting. Her dream eventually turned into reality with an opportunity for nursing students to spend a month in Africa.

Dr. Wright and a group of students recently returned from a second annual trip to Africa for nursing work.

"I want these trips to Africa to show students a rural clinical setting and provide them with a different clinical experience," she says.

Dr. Wright's goal is to get students to understand nursing in connection with a population. "This experience is designed to teach students not to look at the individual, or even at a family group, but at the whole population," she says.

A second goal of hers is to inspire nurses to mission service. According to Dr. Wright, there are many opportunities to do voluntary nursing service in refugee camps and even during natural disasters.



School of Nursing students pose for a picture during the practicum in Botswana. Pictured from left are (front row) Maritza Harrison, Jessica Perez, Aileen Cayanan, (back row) Janeatte Bendezu, Jacqueline Mamoulelis, Dolores Martin, Frank Figueroa, Anthony Frazier, Brennan Garbutt, and Roy Koy.

The third goal of Dr. Wright's trips to Africa is to provide students with an opportunity to have an intensive cultural experience in all aspects. Schools of nursing and other areas of health care professions are picking up on the need to understand other cultures. African culture surrounds the group during their stay, from food to driving on the wrong side of the road to social interaction.

While Dr. Wright was planning an opportunity for international nursing, her first task was to pick the right country. She chose Botswana because its Adventist hospital had experience with visiting students since it had previously hosted some non-Adventist students from Europe. The hospital was thrilled at the idea of some

Adventist students coming, especially ones from LLU.

Botswana was also a good location because students got to participate in a wide range of clinical work. One volunteer took the students around to work with different HIV/AIDS situations. One was a support group for HIV-positive women. Another was a day care for children, most of whom were orphans.

Students described their experience in Africa as life changing.

"One student told me that 'particularly now with the nursing shortage, I knew nursing was important, but I never knew how vital it really is," says Dr. Wright. "What it all comes down to is that if there isn't a nurse, there isn't health care."

#### I feature I

# End of an era Helen Emori King retires after 24 years

nyone who has been a part of the School of Nursing in the past 24 years, either as a student, faculty member, or staff, has certainly been influenced by Helen Emori King.

Appointed as dean of the Loma Linda University School of Nursing in 1981, Helen brought to this position personal devotion to the comprehensive mission of the University and unwavering commitment to excellence in the art and science of nursing. During a tenure of nearly a quarter of a century as dean—the longest in the history of the University's seven schools—her steady and capable leadership remained grounded in

the principles upon which the School of Nursing was founded a century ago.

#### l early beginnings l

Helen, a third generation Japanese-American, was born in 1936. As a family of six, with two girls and two boys, the Emori family lived in a small farming settlement in the middle of an island in the San Joaquin River delta, miles from the nearest town, Stockton, California. Her father served as the foreman of a large potato farm that took up the whole island.

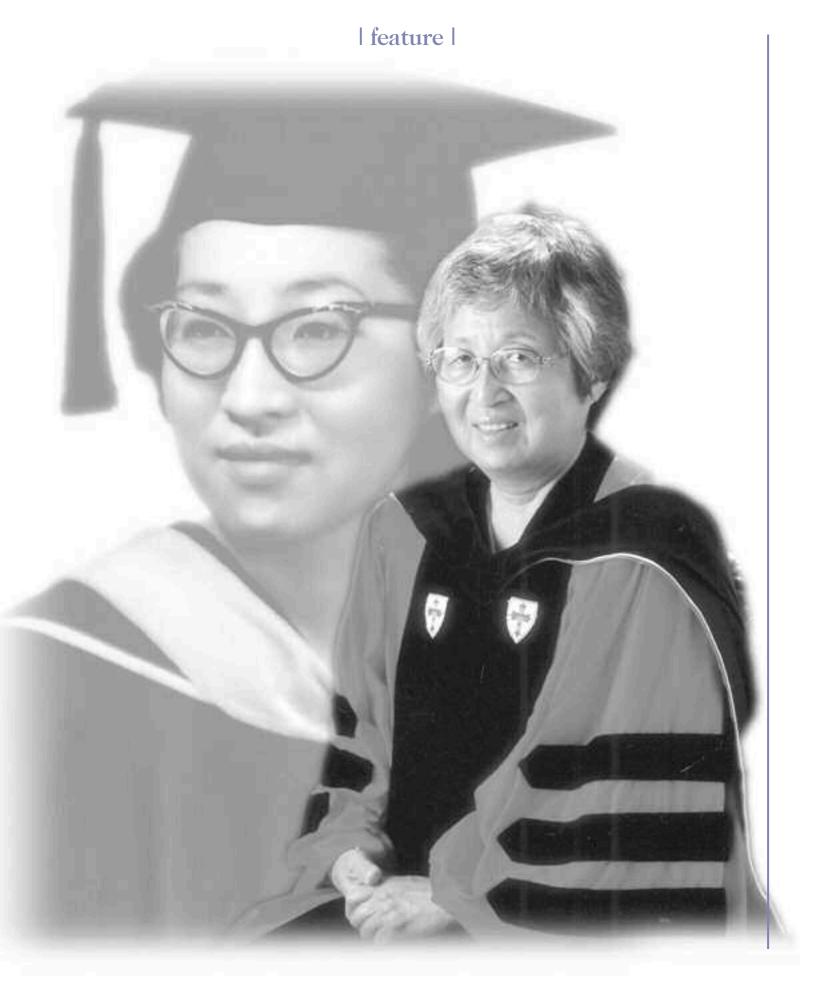
Her father, who was not a Christian, worked seven days a week overseeing the farm. Her mother was a new Christian, having just been baptized shortly before marriage. Living so far from a church, the children were growing up without the benefit of Sabbath school, or even a good education, let alone a Christian education.

Her mother prayed about the situation for years.

Helen's life, along with most other Japanese-Americans, changed drastically on the morning of December 7, 1941. In a surprise attack, the Empire of Japan bombed the U.S. naval fleet stationed at Pearl Harbor in Oahu, Hawaii.

The following day, the United States declared war on Japan.

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#### | life changes |

On February 19, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, which defined military areas from which all Germans, Italians, Japanese, and anyone of Japanese ancestry were to be excluded. These areas included California, Oregon, Washington, and parts of Arizona.

The Emori family was told to go to Sacramento to register as aliens. Though she was only 5 years old, Helen remembers the trip well.

"As we drove from Stockton to Sacramento," she says, "I hid in the back seat, looking out the window now and then at the soldiers guarding the bridges over the rivers that we crossed."

They were given three days to sell all of their household belongings. Each was allowed to pack one suitcase.

"We didn't know where we were going and what was going to happen to us when we got there," she says. "It was scary, especially for a kid with a good imagination."

A truck came to move them to the San Joaquin Fairgrounds, a temporary assembly center. Her family of six moved into a horse stall where they lived long enough for her to start kindergarten in the racetrack grandstand.



Helen's younger sister, Grace, sits on mama's lap, and Helen poses with papa, with Grandpa Emori behind.

In September, they were taken by train to Rohwer, Arkansas, to a camp that had been built in the Mississippi River lowlands. The camp was surrounded by barbed wire with guard towers and soldiers with guns pacing back and forth. At first the area around the barracks was mostly dirt, stumps, and snakes. As the rattlesnakes were found and killed, they would be hung over a pole in front of the mess hall to remind the children to be careful.

Her family lived in a 20-by-20-

foot room made by partitions that went only partway up so that you could hear everything going on through the whole barracks. They had a black pot-bellied stove, six cots, and a table and chairs.

The camp authorities organized a school system where all the children could go to school. Helen went to the first and second grade there. Also in the camp was a number of Seventhday Adventists who organized a church.

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"We were very isolated," Helen remembers. "We didn't know much about anything except for the war."

On December 17, 1944, Public Proclamation #2 allowed the internees to go home.

#### | starting over |

The Emori family didn't have anywhere to go. Helen's mother did not want to go back to the isolated farming camp, where the children would not have a chance to get much of an education or the opportunity to go to church. So she talked with an Adventist pastor in the camp who contacted the Church. They arranged for the Emoris to go to

Beasley Farms, a farm owned by the College of Medical Evangelists in Pomona, California.

Somehow, through all the moving, Helen missed the third grade. "I've always felt," she jokes, "that there was something missing in my education."

They lived about two miles from Pomona Valley Junior Academy, and the children rode their bicycles to school each day. It was there at the academy that the Emori children found a refuge from the scary world around them. On their way to and from school, the Emori children never knew when other children along the way would throw rocks at them or taunt them. Once they

got within the school grounds, Helen always knew that she was safe and among friends.

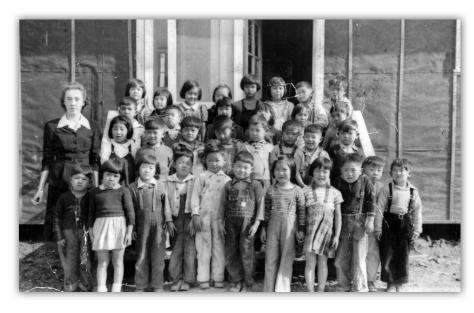
#### | beginning school |

After graduating from Newbury Park Adventist Academy, Helen prayed that she could somehow go to La Sierra College in nearby Riverside. Her father, who was not an Adventist, didn't see why Helen wanted to go to a college where you would have to pay tuition when there were lots of colleges that were almost free.

Helen received a letter from La Sierra, informing her that she had received a scholarship. She hadn't even applied for one. When her father saw the letter, he thought it would be a shame for her to win a scholarship and not accept it. So she went.

All three of her siblings followed her there.

Following La Sierra College, Helen attended the School of Nursing at College of Medical Evangelists, graduating in 1959. After graduation, Helen worked for several years at White Memorial Hospital and Loma Linda Sanitarium and Hospital. Helen was then invited to teach at Southern Missionary College in Tennessee. Two years later, Helen returned to Loma Linda for her master's degree.



Helen (second row, first child from left) poses for a picture with her first-grade class in the Rohwer, Arkansas, internment camp.

#### I feature I

After receiving her master of science degree in nursing and teaching in 1965, Helen returned once again to Southern Missionary College for another two years. She noticed how many compliments from new students she would receive on how well she spoke English. She just didn't have the heart to tell them that it was the only language she spoke.

In 1968, Helen was honored as one of the "outstanding young women of America."

#### l a new chapter l

While a doctoral student in the biology program at Boston University, Helen had quite a difficult time finding a place to park. She had already racked



Helen and her husband, Bill



Helen teaches a student how to calculate dosage.

up several hundred dollars worth of parking tickets.

However, the Boston Temple, where she had just started going to church, had an empty lot closed off with a chain. Helen offered to do typing for the church if she could park in that lot.

She became acquainted with the new young pastor, William King, at Boston Temple. They played tennis together, and eventually she married him.

After teaching at Atlantic
Union College, Boston University,
and Boston College, Helen served
on the Board of Trustees for Loma
Linda University. When Marilyn
Christian Gearing retired, Helen
was asked to be dean of the
School of Nursing at Loma Linda.

She, of course, said no. But after much pressure from LLU and support from her husband, she agreed to have a look at the position. In 1981, she was approved as dean of the School of Nursing by the Loma Linda University Board of Trustees.

#### | giving back |

In 1990, Helen and the rest of her family each received a letter from George H. W. Bush, president of the United States. Apologizing on behalf of the American government for the internment of their family, the letter also included a check for \$20,000 for each of them.

These monies were used to establish the Emori Endowment in the School of Nursing, which now totals more than \$600,000. With these funds, the Emori family has been able to assist students in attending the School of Nursing, as well as assist the School in special projects.

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Helen and Patricia Jones, PhD, RN, FAAN, director of international nursing, LLUSN, pose for a picture during a trip to Vietnam.

#### l her years as dean l

In her 24 years as dean of the School of Nursing, Dr. King left a legacy of assisting faculty in achieving higher education goals and in increasing international outreach.

Under her leadership, the School grew substantially in size and complexity. Included among the programs that have been added to the standard nursing curriculum during the past quarter of a century are accelerated and intensive bachelor of science degree programs designed for students with non-nursing baccalaureate preparation, a master of science degree program that offers a number of advanced-practice clinical and administration options, programs that combine nursing with master's level study in public

health and biomedical and clinical ethics, and a doctor of philosophy degree program in nursing. In addition, off-campus degree programs are now offered in Thailand, Argentina, and Japan.

Early in her tenure as the dean, the faculty voted to require a doctoral degree for promotion to rank of associate professor. Few had a doctorate and this decision meant that they themselves would soon have to be immersed in the hard work of doctoral study.

"My goal," she says, "has been to develop people and staff. A school is only as good as its staff, and we have been blessed with a lot of extremely talented teachers."

In recognition of and appreciation for her dedication, loyalty, and commitment to Loma Linda University, Helen was awarded the University Distinguished Service Award in 2005.



The Emori family poses for a picture in front of the White House after the signing ceremony to provide reparations for internment.

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#### Money matters

by Gary Oliver

Retirement planning is complex. Books are written on the subject, and laws, rules, and limits abound. Frankly, you will need professional help. Even if you have established a number of plans, they may be aggregated in a way that will surprise you when it comes to distribution and taxation.

A simple alternative which may supplement your present planning, while remaining uninvolved with retirement laws, is a Charitable Remainder Unitrust with Loma Linda University. Here are some of the benefits of a unitrust: it provides a lifelong income for you, your spouse, or other loved ones, beginning now or later if you wish; it has a fixed payout percentage for sure income; it usually provides a hedge against inflation with increasing payout; it gives you freedom from investment worries; if funded with appreciated assets, it avoids the capital gains tax; it provides a charitable income tax deduction now; and it avoids probate costs and, generally, estate taxation as well.

Most importantly, it provides a future gift to the School of Nursing in whatever form you desire. Your gift now provides you a lifetime of benefits and a significant benefit to your school later, and perhaps a naming opportunity for yourself or



in memory of another.

This irrevocable instrument permits future additions and can be invested for growth now and income at a future date, making it an ideal retirement program. Terms are flexible and negotiable, allowing it to be personalized to match your particular needs.

Our computer analysis will give you the information you need to consider a unitrust. Just provide us with your name, birth date(s), the fair market value of your asset, its cost basis, and your present income tax rate. We will send you the information without obligation! Please contact Sherri Vasquez, director of development for the School of Nursing, at (909) 558-7093, or the planned giving department at (800) 558-6298.



#### LLUSN recognized for donations to Mexico school

LLUSN received a special award during an impromptu ceremony held March 23, 2006. The award was given in recognition of 25 computers, 50 tables, and 150 chairs that the School of Nursing donated to Colegio Niños Héroes, Villaflores, Chiapas, Mexico. Pictured from left are Emilio E. Girado III, assistant pastor, Anaheim Seventh-day Adventist Church, Anaheim; Dr. Herrmann; Victor Manuel Alvarez, member of Fundación Icoro AC., a friend of Colegio Niños Héroes; and Dr. King.

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#### | centennial fellows |

To commemorate the School of Nursing's 100th birthday during the 2005–2006 school year, the following individuals have made a special commitment: They have become Centennial Fellows. With commitments of \$20,000 or more to the Centennial Endowment Fund, these generous donors have caught the vision of creating a better future for the School of Nursing. We are deeply grateful for their gifts.

#### Platinum Fellowships

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#### Diamond Fellowships

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## Friends of the School of Nursing honored at Kathryn Jensen Nelson Society brunch

During the Kathryn Jensen Nelson (KJN) Society brunch held Sunday, April 2, in Wong Kerlee International Conference Center, special recognition was given to supporters of the School of Nursing during the past year.

Each year the KJN brunch is held during homecoming weekend to honor those who give \$250 or more to the School of Nursing during the previous year.

The KJN brunch capped an entire weekend of special events that were held for alumni and friends of the School.

The morning brunch began with a welcome from Sherri J.



Undergraduate student Myrna Reyes is interviewed by Dynnette E. Hart, DrPH, RN, associate dean of the undergraduate program.



Iris Mamier (left), School of Nursing doctoral student, poses for a picture with Ralph and Carolyn Thompson.

Vasquez, MBA, director of development for the School of Nursing.

Elizabeth Bossert, DNS, RN, associate dean of the graduate program, LLUSN, then interviewed Iris Mamier, a doctoral student. It was through a Global Partnerships in Nursing program that Ms. Mamier decided to attend the School of Nursing.

Marilyn M. Herrmann, PhD, RN, dean of the School of Nursing, offered the blessing and KJN members were invited to eat.

Following brunch, Joanelle Adajar, a senior nursing student, provided the special music with "My God Is a Real God."

Dynnette E. Hart, DrPH, RN, associate dean of the undergraduate program, brought Shauntell Minor and Myrna Reyes onto the stage to share their stories with the audience. Both young ladies are current School of Nursing undergraduate students who have been able to attend LLUSN through scholarships.

Patricia S. Jones, PhD, RN, FAAN, director of the office of international nursing, presented a report on the School of Nursing's activities overseas recently. One major part of this activity has been through the Global Partnerships in Nursing program.

Another important area is the off-campus master's program, available in Argentina and Thailand. Currently, there are 25 students in Argentina and 24 in Thailand.

For information on how to become a member of the Kathryn Jensen Nelson Society, please contact the office of advancement at (909) 558-4513.

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#### l letter from the alumni association president l

Dear Alumnus,

Greetings from Loma Linda University School of Nursing Alumni Association. As we finish our centennial year, a new century of caring begins. Prayerfully, we continue to support the School of Nursing as it provides excellent training for the nurses of tomorrow.

A special thank you to Helen King for her outstanding service as dean of the School of Nursing for the past 24 years. We wish her well in retirement. Marilyn Herrmann became the new dean in January. Her quick wit, hard work, and commitment to nursing excellence are an inspiration to both faculty and students.



This past year, the Alumni Association contributed funds for textbooks and teaching materials to several overseas nursing schools. Plans are under way to contribute to several more projects this year. The Alumni Association will also be providing several students with scholarships.

The House of Thrift continues its faithful support to the School of Nursing Alumni Association. It provides financial assistance through the sale of merchandise, as well as providing a valuable community service. We are thankful for its loyal support.

The centennial memory book, *Century of Caring: the History of the School of Nursing from 1905 to 2005*, was available for order at the nursing alumni weekend. Pictures featured in the book brought back fond memories for nursing alumni and were a part of many conversations. An order form for the book can be found in this issue of *Nurse*.

As we enter a new century of caring, may we remember our sacred trust as nurses by honoring those that have gone before, serving faithfully in the present, and preparing the way for those to come as we all strive to fulfill Loma Linda University's mission "to make man whole."

God Bless

Erlys Zocher Daily, '75

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President

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#### School of Nursing celebrates 101 years with alumni weekend

A fter a yearlong celebration of a century of caring, the School of Nursing marked its 101 years of existence with an alumni weekend held March 31 to April 2.

The weekend celebration, titled "Beginning a new century of caring," started with an open house of West Hall on Friday, March 31.

Guests registered for the weekend and were then treated with a tour of the School, highlighted by a centennial display presented by the Heritage Room.

Friday evening featured "A new century of caring: LLUSN

through the eyes of siblings."

Zelne Zamora, MSN, RN, assistant professor of nursing, presented a slideshow featuring the highlights of each of the honored years.

On Saturday, the golden anniversary classes of 1956A and 1956B hosted Sabbath school and the church service at Loma Linda University Church, followed by a potluck in West Hall.

Saturday evening was the alumni banquet held at Wong Kerlee International Conference Center.

Several awards were also presented, including three Alumna

of the Year Awards to Beverly McTaggart Denton, class of 1956B; Mary Richards King, class of 1981; and Evelyn Trupp Neuendorff, class of 1956A.

For many years, the Alumni Association has had as one of its goals to recognize excellence in students and alumni through awards. An Alumna of the Year Award has been presented to deserving alumni since 1967. The alumni board was concerned that the organization's goal was not being fully met, since students achieving excellence were not being recognized. A committee was formed and the description, criteria, eligibility, nature of the award, and procedure for application were created in 1995. The first Merit Scholarships were given in 1996.

The Merit Scholarship is conferred annually to a minimum of one undergraduate student and one graduate student who best demonstrate excellence in their respective programs. The award criteria are based on the purposes of Sigma Theta Tau International, the Honor Society of Nursing.

Undergraduate nominees for the award must have completed 45 units, and graduate nominees must have completed 20 units in residence of their respective programs; have achieved a GPA of



Janice Cessford Denehy, class of 1966, and her sister Cheryl Cessford Couperus, class of 1967, tell of their time at the School of Nursing. Though only one year apart, the sisters were never on the same campus.

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3.7 or higher; be committed to completing their respective programs; and be able to meet the award criteria. These criteria are intended to identify students who demonstrate excellence in their academic professional preparation.

Receiving Merit Scholarships for 2006 are Maggie Garrison and Sandra Peeke, RN.

A missions report was also presented during the banquet highlighting the mission work that was supported by the alumni during 2005 and 2006.

The Alumni Association had available funds of \$5,300, which made it possible to provide support for alumni working in mis-



Class of 1958B members Eva Miller, associate professor, LLUSN; Thelma Dayes, instructor of nursing, LLUSN; and Melba Kindsvater Zimmerman pose for a picture during the alumni banquet.

sions outside the United States. The Alumni Association provided funds for an infant feeding program, three mannequins, nursing procedures videos, and HIV/AIDS teaching materials.

Following the missions report was the House of Thrift report. During the past fiscal year, the association received \$6,500 from House of Thrift profits. These funds will be used for Alumni Association projects. In addition, clothes, bedding, food, and other items exceeding \$765,000 were donated to several organizations including: ADRA; Banning and La Sierra Community Services; House of Mercy, Mexico; Loma Linda Seventh-day Adventist Romanian Church; and the Banning Unified School District.

The School of Nursing Alumni Association then thanked House of Thrift volunteers Mignon Mosley and Lloyd and Helen Mickelsen.



Kathie Ingram, associate professor, LLUSN, poses for a picture with Anabelle Mills Hills, emeritus associate professor, LLUSN, at the banquet.

## Beverly McTaggart Denton named School of Nursing alumna of the year

Beverly McTaggart Denton, class of 1956B, describes herself as being "active in some phase of nursing between 1956 to 2000." Her resume does indeed include a long list of nursing care and nursing leadership activities.

She has done general medical-surgical bedside care as well as charge nurse responsibilities. She has served in a number of leadership positions. A few of these include director of nursing specialties such as intensive care, coronary care, emergency medicine, behavioral medicine, and dialysis. She has also served as house supervisor in several hospitals. Additionally she has taught nursing administration for Andrews University School of Nursing.

Beverly's overseas mission service includes work at Rusangu Secondary School in Zambia, Africa. She started a school nursing program and ran clinics for the villages surrounding the school.

Beverly has been an active leader in church and community activities, such as leading children's Sabbath schools and serving as deaconess and elder. She is a member of local and regional emergency medical service boards and is active in



Beverly McTaggart Denton, class of 1956B, receives the School of Nursing Alumna of the Year Award from Katty Joy French, associate professor of nursing, LLUSN.

the United Way and Red Cross. She is a certified Medicare counselor and assists seniors by volunteering at their center. She currently volunteers eight hours per week in the local emergency room.

A few other major achievements include initiation of primary care and shared governance for nursing in Michigan, and the development of a cardiac rehabilitation program. She has served on numerous hospital committees as well, including ethics, transport, infection control, a merger and change team, and on a hospital board of directors. She has done some important health teaching including public

speaking on cardiac wellness.

Summarizing her career history Beverly states, "In reflection, my most meaningful service to others was our mission service in Zambia, Africa, in the late 1960s. That service gave back to me more than I could ever have given and I am positive that my Loma Linda training prepared me for the many physical, mental, and spiritual challenges of my four years there."

For all her years of leadership and service in nursing, Loma Linda University School of Nursing Alumni Association is proud to recognize Beverly McTaggart Denton as alumna of the year for 2006.

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#### Mary Richards King named School of Nursing alumna of the year

Mary Richards King graduated from Loma Linda
University School of Nursing in
1981. Even while in nursing
school, Mary's personality caused
her to exude love of her Lord
and fellow humans. She frequently involved her classmates
in song. She showed her unique
ability to draw life lessons from
the most mundane situations,
creating memorable object lessons, always pointing others to
Christ and His redeeming love.

After graduation in 1981, she worked in the neonatal intensive care unit at LLUMC. She married Greg King, and they moved to Tennessee, where Greg was assistant pastor at a church in Chattanooga.

Mary's career took several twists and turns, which she deems providential. She worked in the pediatric and neonatal units in Tennessee. Later, she worked in public health nursing in Georgia. Her innovative ideas led her to develop "Helpful Nugget," a periodic five-minute presentation to the county health department's teeming waiting room occupants. As Mary observed the health and parenting needs in the various groups, she customized these informative lessons to fit, educating her captive audience in fun and novel ways.

The King family made more cross-country moves. During these years, Mary discovered her love for working with mental health patients. Always remembering the mission statement of Loma Linda University, "to make man whole," she was able to bring to her work what she calls the missing "peace." She freely shared her love of the Lord in song and story.

Today, Mary is one of two clinical instructors in mental health at Southern Adventist University's School of Nursing. Her students are surprised and excited when they discover Mary's easy methods, down-to-earth approach to mental health and life in general, and her deep, infectious trust in her Savior. She encourages her students in many ways, demon-

strating tangibly how to move successfully through their own lives as they help others with theirs.

Mary is a sought-after speaker for women's groups, as well as for more general audiences. Drawing from life experiences, as well as common objects and stories pertaining to her audience, she brings from her listeners laughter and tears, introspection and outreach—always pointing to the very foot of the cross where healing takes place as the Holy Spirit melts hearts and molds minds to conform more to the character of their Creator.

For all her direct nursing care, innovative nursing education, and creative inspiration, Loma Linda University School of Nursing recognizes Mary Richards King as alumna of the year for 2006.

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## Evelyn Trupp Neuendorff receives nursing Alumna of the Year Award

Evelyn Trupp Neuendorff was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. She married her German-born husband, Sigfried, soon after she finished her degree in nursing. In 1963, they decided to go as volunteer missionaries. To support the venture, they rented out their house for \$90 per month and took their 3-year-old daughter with them to the jungles at the headwaters of the Amazon River in Peru.

Evelyn worked in medical records while her husband did construction and they learned Spanish. Soon they became directors of the Unini Mission Station. They both worked at many jobs including building schools, clinics, and churches. Evelyn became the director of five primary schools in the region. She and her husband also provided what dental care was available in the area, with Sigfried extracting many teeth. They operated a trading store, the profits of which went to pay the teachers in the schools they had established.

There were no doctors in the area, and Evelyn treated many snakebite victims and delivered a number of babies. She tells about one baby that arrived with the cord around its neck. She says she was scared: "after all I had worked on a surgical ward, not obstetrics."

During this time, the Neuendorffs opened their home to student missionaries. Several of these individuals later entered the ministry, including Barry Black, who became a chaplain in the United States Navy and is currently the chaplain of the United States Senate.

A few years later, they returned to Loma Linda for further education. Evelyn went back to work for Loma Linda University Medical Center to support the family while her husband studied theology.

Then, it was back to Peru. The community they were in indicated they did not need a nurse, so Evelyn helped with music and children's classes in the church. But what an opportunity for health teaching! She was soon organizing cooking classes and teaching folks to make gluten and granola. All the while, she was helping her daughter with home study courses and teaching her son the first five years of his schooling.

Both Evelyn and Sigfried became HAM radio operators and helped with communications in many emergency situations. Sigfried arranged for a helicopter to land to transport an American who had been injured in a car accident. Evelyn went along with the patient to give care until they reached Lima. Sigfried had called



Evelyn Trupp Neuendorff, class of 1956A, displays her Alumna of the Year Award following the alumni banquet.

ahead on the radio for ambulance service to the American clinic, where the patient was operated on. Evelyn refers to this episode as "my only flight nurse experience."

They worked in Peru for 20 years. Currently Evelyn is involved in health and temperance leadership and religious liberty, as well as playing piano and organ, and organizing evangelistic meetings. The Neuendorffs still return to Peru on occasion to help with evangelistic efforts and to build churches.

Based on her many years of service, Loma Linda University School of Nursing Alumni Association is pleased to name Evelyn Trupp Neuendorff alumna of the year for 2006.

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## Honored classes celebrate during alumni homecoming



Class of 1956A alumnae pose for a picture. They include: (back row, from left) Anne (Candis) Dudley, Laurene Westerhout, Leola (Johnson) Whaley, Betty Mason, (front row, from left) Loree (McClay) Spurgeon, Jana (Sato) Harada, Evelyn (Trupp) Neuendorff, and Marilyn (Childs) Borg.



Members of the class of 1956B pose for a picture. They include: (back row, from left) Jerrine (Whitehead) Seery, Darlene (Parret) Everett, Sally Jo Rapstad, Victoria (Henner) Bolander, Yvonne Dysinger, (middle row, from left) Grace (Okohira) Suzuki, Winifred (Nagamine) Kataoka, Joanie (Lonergan) Huggins, Janet (Miyashiro) Matsuda, Marilee (Hall) Lee, Beverly (McTaggart) Denton, (front row, from left) Edna (Tresenriter) Mason, Carol (Sandgren) Neff, Christine (Kindsvater) Manzel, and Hilde (Koch) Landschoot.



Members of the class of 1966 who attended homecoming pose for a class picture, including (back row, from left) Lenora Follett, Ann (Jensen) White, Judy (Dietrich) Whitehouse, Dynnette (Nelson) Hart, (third row, from left) Janice Cessford, Ann (Ekroth) Yukl, Miriam (Smith) Lancaster, Lynda (Lemon) Snyder, Jeanine Wolfsen, Nancy (Risinger) Vogt, Lois (Clark) Codington, Rick Duffield, (second row, from left) Janet Banks-Jones, Judy (Miller) Peters, Kay Bussell-Breyfogle, Donna Steudel, Patricia (Ensminger) Combs, Marvelle (Timothy) Lunde, Eleanor (Ching) Ngo, Murleen (Hoffman) Brooks, (front row, from left) Anita Padilla Fisher, Donna Lorenz, Velma Tamanaha, Audrey Ching Kim, and Vivien Dee.



Class of 1981 members pose for a picture prior to the alumni banquet. They are (back row, from left) Bonnie (Hadley) Fandrich, Jennifer (Cotton) Oliver, Cindy (Caviness) Collins, Louis (Purdey) Holder, (front row, from left) Jeannette (Alvarez) Loriezo, Susan Goe, and Lisa (Batch) Mack.

# Miracle in the jungle

by Melissa Sissons, 1999 LLUSN graduate

ub-dub," "lub-dub," "lub-dub."
The beautiful beats of Andy's
heart resonated in my stethoscope and brought music to my
ears. It was almost unreal to be
standing there by his bed on unit
7100 at Loma Linda University
Medical Center (LLUMC). Just
hours before, Anees Razzouk,
MD, the chief cardiothoracic surgeon at LLUMC, had performed

open heart surgery to repair a ventricular septal defect in Andy's malformed heart. The circumstances that had brought us to this point were not merely random events; I believe they were purely providential.

I reflected back to the first time I had listened to Andy's heart. I instantly felt great reverence for the awesome God we



Gilbert and Melissa Sissons pose for a picture with Andy LaRose (center) three days after his heart surgery at Loma Linda University Medical Center. Melissa is a 1999 graduate of the School of Nursing.

serve who had intervened on behalf of a young man from the jungles of Guyana.

My husband, Gilbert, and I have been serving as volunteer missionaries in Guyana, South America, since 2001. We work for an organization called Guyana Adventist Medical Aviation Services (GAMAS). The idea of a medical-based program that assists individuals in the isolated areas of a developing country drew me to this foreign land. It was part of a series of lifelong dreams: The first was to graduate with my bachelor's in nursing from Loma Linda University in 1999; the second was to become an emergency room nurse; and now the greatest challenge awaited me ... missionary nursing.

I soon found myself in a small village named Kimbia on the Berbice River in Guyana. Being the only nurse for nearly 100 miles along the river, and working practically alone in a two-room clinic, put my ER training to the test and increased my dependence

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on God immensely. The most interesting part of my work was when Gilbert and I would take our boat with a 40-horsepower engine and travel the winding jungle river doing outreach medical clinics. It was on such a journey that I met Andy LaRose.

On this particular day in May of 2003, we had traveled 12 miles on the river to the village of Wiruni. The hot, humid air offered no relief as I assisted dozens of waiting patients. Late into the day, a young man approached with his little boy who had been complaining of ear pain. As I assessed the quiet and cooperative child, he seemed to have the apparent gentle and shy manner of his father.

After treating the boy, I asked the father if I could do anything else to help. Andy simply and casually told me that he had been born with a "hole in his heart." Intrigued, I placed my stethoscope on his chest and a harsh, whooshing murmur vibrated into my ears.

Surprised at the magnitude of what I had just osculated, I asked him if he had ever sought medical help. He recounted a trip to the doctor in the nearby town, which resulted in a lengthy public hospital stay. He was discharged with a note stating he had a heart problem and should stop eating



Andy (left) poses for a picture with Roy Jutzy, MD, emeritus professor of medicine, School of Medicine, Loma Linda University, in front of Loma Linda University Medical Center.

rice. Since rice is a main staple food in Guyana, I wondered what he had been eating for the last few years! I realized that Andy had succumbed to being another unsolvable case in a country struggling to provide for the medical challenges of its people.

How could I possibly help this situation with my limited cardiology skills and lack of appropriate resources? Little did I realize that the Master Physician had just planted a small seed that would soon blossom into a beautiful miraele.

Six months later, we were joined in Kimbia by Tom Jutzy, DDS, who had come to run a two-week dental clinic. At the last minute, his father also decided to follow along. The pieces of Andy's medical puzzle began to fall into

place as Roy Jutzy, MD, a retired cardiologist from LLUMC, assessed, diagnosed, and took compassion on this young man and his hopeless situation.

At the age of 25, Andy had already fathered three small children and was struggling to make ends meet in their quaint home. Every day Andy would venture out into the thick jungle to cut timber or hearts of palm, hoping to feed and clothe his family. Usually he could only manage a half-day of work due to his increasing shortness of breath and lack of energy from his deteriorating heart. It was only a matter of a few years before his heart would fail and he would die a very premature death.

Dr. Roy Jutzy promised to try and find help for Andy. By the

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spring of 2004, we received shocking and wonderful news that LLUMC had agreed to provide open-heart surgery at no cost to Andy. Dr. Jutzy is truly a man of his word, and his untiring efforts for the less-fortunate mirrored the core philosophy of LLUMC.

Immediately, we got to work on the needed paperwork for Andy's departure. We attempted for one year to obtain his birth certificate with no success. We had extreme difficulty in communicating with Andy due to his isolated location. Finally it came down to the wire. It was now the spring of 2005, and we were leaving for the United States in just two weeks. If Andy didn't have this paperwork in order, this life-changing opportunity would be lost.

We began to wonder how the Lord was going to make this happen. If God wanted Andy to have a new heart, He would guide and direct through this discouraging time. Andy had already spent hours studying the Bible with Gilbert. His mind was opening to the Scriptures, and we knew God could use this situation to bring Andy to His throne in humble prayer. The three of us prayed and meditated on the wonderful promises in the Bible, especially Luke 18:27, which states: "And he said, the things which are



The Sissions pose for a picture. From left is Melissa with son, Joshua, daughter, Abigail, and her husband, Gilbert.

impossible with man are possible with God." He continued to open doors and in a miraculous turn of events, we acquired Andy's birth certificate, passport, and visa in less than 10 days. What an awesome God we serve!

When Andy arrived in California, the generosity of LLUMC was such a blessing. They provided accommodations and meals free of charge. The addition of Ramesh Bansal, MD, and Kenneth Jutzy, MD, to the team of physicians in charge of Andy's care made all pre-operative testing smooth and worry free. On April 5, 2005, Andy was taken to surgery, and his heart was transformed beautifully by the skillful hands of his surgeons, led by Anees Razzouk, MD.

"Lub-dub," "lub-dub," "lub-dub." I removed my stethoscope and placed it back around my neck. I reached down and held

Andy's warm hand. He opened his eyes and glanced my way.

"Am I okay?" he asked, a look of uncertainty crossing his brow. Lying there amidst the sounds and confusion of a busy hospital floor, so far from the quiet solitude of his jungle home, he must have felt terribly alone.

"Yes Andy, you are fine, just fine," I said with a reassuring smile. I felt my own heart surge with joy as a revelation warmly bathed my soul; the impossible had just become a reality.

Update: Andy returned to Guyana one month after his successful surgery. Due to sponsorship from Guyanese families in the Loma Linda area, Andy was able to purchase his own chainsaw upon his return. He can now work full days cutting timber to provide for his family, and enjoy the many revitalized years to come.

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Marjorie Robison Doerschler '42 passed away on February 20, 2006. Born October 20, 1919, in Pietermaritburg, Natal, South Africa, to American missionary parents, James I. and Ina Marchus Robison, Marjorie treasured her memories of an idyllic childhood in Cape Town. In 1936, while attending Newbold College in Warwickshire, England, she met her late husband, Edgar Doerschler. Amidst the backdrop of war, she sailed to the United States in 1939 and began studies at the School of Nursing, graduating with the class of 1942, and marrying Edgar the same year. She worked in many situations as a registered nurse while her husband's military career took her and their two daughters to Maryland, Japan, Colorado, Hawaii, and, in 1962, to Monterey, California, where she settled happily in her final home. Gardening, feeding wild birds, reading, and word puzzles interested her. She was proficient in all types of needlework; cross-stitch and knitting were her passions. All who knew her will remember her as a generous and loving person with a ready sense of humor, especially her daughter, Teri Eaton, and her grandchildren, W.K.



Marjorie Robison Doerschler

Eaton IV and Ashley Eaton Marriott. The family requests any remembrances to be sent to VNA / Hospice, c/o Hospice Foundation, P.O. Box 1798, Monterey, California 93942, in appreciation for their kind support.

Irma Louise Braun '40 passed away on Friday, October 14, 2005, at the age of 89. Irma was born on June 21, 1916, in Wilmette, Illinois, to Howard Garfield and Emma Bertha Walton-Ball. Irma graduated from New Trier High School in 1934, and from the School of Nursing in 1940. She eventually moved to Chowehilla, California, in 1949, and remained there until her death. She was a nurse and homemaker. Irma was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Lester Braun. Irma was a devoted wife and mother who

family. She was a kind and caring person who was loved by all who knew her. She is survived by her three children, Barbara Ray of Lincoln, Nebraska; Virginia Tubbs of Eau Claire, Wisconsin; and David Braun of Chowchilla. She is also survived by her two grandchildren, Dennis Ray of Fresno, California; and Tami Britton of Lincoln, Nebraska; and four great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her three brothers, Dr. Howard Walton of Culver City, California; Dr. Ernest Walton-Ball of San Ramon, California, and Wilbur Walton-Ball of Oak Lawn, Illinois. The family would also like to give special thanks to Naomi Vasquez for her care and companionship during the last couple of years. A graveside service was held at the Chowchilla Cemetery on Friday, October 21, 2005. A memorial service was also held at the Chowchilla Seventh-day Adventist Church, Saturday, October 22, 2005. The family requests that any remembrances be made to the Chowchilla Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School, 22310 Road 13, Chowchilla, California 93610, or the Chowchilla District Memorial Hospital, 1104 Ventura Avenue, Chowehilla, California 93610.

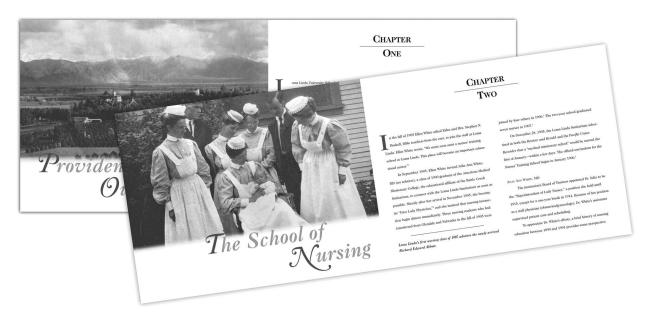
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