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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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As the LSN Alumni association continues to move into the 21st century, we continue to try to incorporate our information on social media. Hopefully, this will encourage more recent graduates to involve themselves in the Alumni Association. If you were at the Reunion Weekend you had a chance to have a knowledgeable person explain how this will occur. If you were not able to attend the weekend event, I will attempt to give you a brief overview.

The Board has allotted monies to contract with an internet company to help us develop a new webpage and a Facebook presence. Susie Klapp, our new Board member who will eventually become the new membership chair, has been working hard on developing a database for all alumni of LSN and will be working to maintain our Facebook presence. Currently, we also have Deborah Bergnoli working on our current web-



page, [www.alumni.lsn.org](http://www.alumni.lsn.org). When the new website and Facebook are up and running the old website will not be available.

Additionally, we hope to be able to put the *Bulletin* on Facebook which will only be accessed by alumni members. However, for those members not into social media or do not have computer access, we will also have hard copies of the *Bulletin* available.

The Board hopes that, by updating our technology, we will be more available to recent graduates and, therefore, maintain our alumni presence. We will need your input and assistance in making this a viable option to maintain and expand our membership.

**Mary Ann Kohring**, RN, MSN, CNP-BC  
*President, Alumni LSN*

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## MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT

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To all the Alumna graduates of Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing. We are moving into the 21st century.

It is important to stay in touch whether you are Class of 1938 or the Class of 2016. We will therefore put the *Bulletin* in the printed word or online.

The transition will take some time and lots of effort but it will be worthwhile. We strive to have our newer graduates become part of the Alumni Organization.



We hope you will want to stay in touch with your classmates as many of us have. We need volunteers to become Officers and Board members in order to succeed.

God Bless!!!

See you at the 2017 Reunion on August 4th and 5th.

**Mary Lou Stender England** ('62)  
*Vice-President, Alumni LSN*

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## REPLACEMENT NURSING PINS

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For those LSN alumni requesting information about ordering a replacement nursing pin, the following is the contact information:

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## MESSAGE FROM LSN DIRECTOR

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**G**reetings from the Lutheran School of Nursing.

LSN had a total of 210 students registered for this academic year. There were 49 graduates in November 2015, 35 in June 2016, and 45 in November 2016.

Graduates are strongly encouraged to pursue their education towards completing their BSN. A big "thank you" to the Alumni Association for the scholarships given to two graduates planning to continue their education toward this goal; and for the luncheons provided for each graduating class. It is always a pleasure working with the Alumni Association of Lutheran School of Nursing.

A highlight of this school year included five scholarships awarded from the Student Foundation totaling \$9500. This foundation was created from a generous donation from Elinor Bennhoff Dunn ('36), an alumnus of Lutheran School of Nursing. These funds are held in trust and disbursed to assist students with education tuition and fees at Lutheran School of Nursing. Students are chosen by the scholarship committee consisting of the administrative team, financial aid coordinator, and faculty members. There will be additional awards for the next academic year and a fundraising plan developed.

As directed by our accrediting agency, Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN), faculty has been very busy revising the curriculum. The upcoming academic year will be challenging as faculty teach out the old program of 84 credits and begin the new program of 68 credits in August 2016 for the non-nursing credits, and in January 2017 for the nursing credits. This program revision has been approved by the Missouri State Board of Nursing and ACEN.

It has been a challenging, but rewarding experience as Director of Nursing Education for the past five years. It is with sadness that I announce my retirement from LSN, effective July 2016. Although I look forward to having more personal time, it is difficult to say good-bye to the very special people that I have had the privilege to work with for the last 29 years. My replacement is one of our faculty members, Althea (Allie) Webster, DNP, MSN, RN. I will continue to support Allie as a consultant during the next academic year.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE LSN LIBRARIAN

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**H**ello, my name is Salina Bush and I am the new medical librarian at the Lutheran School of Nursing and I thought I would take this opportunity to introduce myself. I started working for the school in March and I previously worked in the libraries at Logan University and St. Louis Community College. I received my Masters in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

There have been some big changes around the library as well. Automated checkout is up and running and I am currently working on getting all of the library's materials uploaded to the system. I have also been giving workshops on the use of our online resources and APA citation to help students with their research projects. I have

updated the reserve collection with the help of the faculty, and am currently inventorying the library journal collection. There is still a lot of work to do but we are making some great progress in updating the library and making the library a great resource for both alumni and students.

I am still available to assist with archives and connections. If alumni need any assistance feel free to contact me for help. Thank you for your continued support of our student body. Many students have benefited from your support.

**Salina Bush, MLIS**

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