
PAST PRESIDENT

Alberta Hildebrand Golden

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Alberta Hildebrand Golden, Class of 1931, arrived on the alumni scene as President just in time to celebrate the centennial of the Lutheran Hospital in 1958. She had barely tapped the gavel when she was asked to participate with the Hospital Auxiliary, Gray Ladies and Medical Staff Auxiliary to plan activities for the hospital celebration at the Chase Hotel.

Each of the groups had its own committees. Alberta had alumni helpers in the persons of Ruth Cremer, Class of 1940, and Jeanette Zschoche, Class of 1937. As time went by, the plans for entertainment enlarged. A pageant was written and presented as part of the program. Participants came from the organizations and anyone else they could find. It was a big event and that was only a part of the program. Although it was a lot of work, it was a night to remember.

Alberta noticed the collection of papers and artifacts in the "Alumni Room" at the school. It was then that she promoted the position of "historian." In fact, she became the first Historian. With the help of Louise Kubler, Class of 1936, they inventoried papers, proclamations, photo-

graphs and many other things. Thanks to these two, and other historians to follow, the archives were well organized when placed in the Concordia Historical Institute. It was a great help for our own Alumni Centennial exhibit at the Institute.

It was during her terms as President that the Alumni bestowed an Honorary Life Membership to Frieda Brenner as recognition of our appreciation for her guidance and friendship.

Before and after Alberta's terms as President (1958-1962), she was active in alumni affairs. In her professional practice, she was a school nurse in the St. Louis school system. On the occasion of her 90th birthday, the Mayor of St. Louis presented her with a Proclamation expressing the gratitude of the city of St. Louis for her many years of dedicated service to the city.

Alberta Golden spent her last days at Laclede Groves, Lutheran Senior Service's facility. She entered eternal life on August 27, 2005. Interment was at Our Redeemer Cemetery in St. Louis South County.

Occasionally we get stories that help us document information about past events or people who have served our Alumni Association. We treasure this information and invite you to submit your own write-up. It could be about a past Alumni Association President or a historical event that has taken place during the Lutheran Hospital or School of Nursing years. This is one such write-up.