

**From The Alumni Association President:**  
William Harris RN, '05

As we start the new academic year for our Alumni Association, I want to thank Kim Poorman, who was our President last year. Under her leadership, we introduced some new ideas:

- Combining our 50-year-anniversary and Spring Dinner, which turned out to be a lot of fun and attracted many alumni.
- Improving communications by joining Facebook. If you're on Facebook, fan the Aultman College Alumni Association page and keep updated on meetings and other news.

Looking ahead to this year, I have several goals in mind:

1. **Attract recent grads.** We welcome your ideas for social events, programs, guest speakers, etc., that will add value to your life.
2. **Improve communications.** Send us your e-mail address so we can keep you informed of upcoming events (without loading up your inbox).
3. **Create a plan to welcome Aultman School of Radiologic Technology alumni.** They'll be joining us when radiography education becomes part of Aultman College of Nursing and Health Sciences in the Fall of 2011.
4. **Help support fundraising.** Assist in raising dollars to build science labs in the college.

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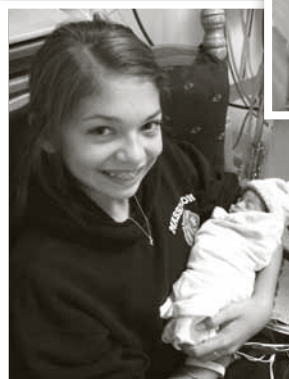
## Nursing Education Valuable for Mom of Quints

“It’s hard to turn off the ‘nurse’ in me,” explained Amie Spicocchi ('08), mother of seven children – five of whom were born on the same day, Aug. 3, 2010, after a gestation of 24 weeks, 3 days. Each of the quintuplets – four girls and one boy – weighed less than two pounds at birth, creating an emotional roller coaster for Amie, a pediatric nurse at Aultman Hospital, and her husband, Vince, a paramedic and fireman. Residents of Massillon, Ohio, they also have two older children.

“My nursing training helps me think critically, multi-task and track the health of each baby just as I used to when I was with my two to six patients each day in the



*Amie and Vince Spicocchi feel blessed to have seven children including Taylor, age 14; Grady, age 5; and the quint: Ilah, Paige, Enzo, Ellie, Gia.*



hospital,” she said. “I try to think about the lab reports like a nurse would, not a mom, because it can be so emotional.”

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The babies are expected to stay in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Akron Children's Hospital for a couple more months. When the medical team makes the rounds each morning, Amie observes their discussions of blood tests and echocardiograms, and makes sure the plan for each day is followed for each infant.

"When they are ready to come home, they will have some special needs, like oxygen treatments," she said. "In some ways, this is scarier for me than for someone who is not a nurse because I understand the dangers.

"I am grateful for my nursing education and the training I received

through Aultman and I am blessed to be the mother of these children," added Amie. "My experience as a pediatric nurse has given me the ability to take care of so many amazing children and their families. Now, I can rely on my education and experience to take care of my own."

## Get to know your president: William Harris

William Harris ('05) is probably the first president of the Alumni Association to use an Apple iPhone 4 to organize his life. William loves to think creatively and frequently invents, organizes and fixes things. In that spirit, we'll use a highly efficient bullet format to introduce William to you:

- Works part-time at Aultman Hospital's Pain Management Unit

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**5. Protect our historical artifacts.** We are reframing historical photos and diplomas using protective glass and acid-free paper. Look for new displays in our Founders Room this year – including historical uniforms.

I hope you will be able to join our alumni meetings scheduled for the second Tuesday of most months at 4:30 p.m. in the Founders Room on campus. I'd like to hear your suggestions and comments. Please e-mail me at [wm.e.harris@gmail.com](mailto:wm.e.harris@gmail.com) or mail them to the Alumni office.

- Served as vice president of the Association last year
- First job at Aultman – delivering food to patients while a nursing student
- First RN job at Aultman – Cardiovascular Surgical Intensive Care Unit (CVSICU)
- Received the Rising Star award in 2005
- Briefly interrupted his nursing career to successfully market a Massillon-based customer retention program to car dealers and realtors – and expanded sales globally
- Married Ashleigh on July 3, 2009, coincidentally just before "Independence Day"; Father of a daughter, Jerusalem, born April 26, 2010
- Working toward a bachelor's degree in Marketing at Malone University (Look for him in a Malone commercial on Time Warner Cable)



*Aultman College Alumni Association president William Harris (top right) with vice president Kim Poorman (top left), secretary Carole Leidtke (bottom left) and treasurer Rose Day (bottom right)*

- Organizes his books at home according to the Library of Congress standard
- Talented musician – plays acoustic, bass and electric guitars, drums, piano and trumpet, plus he sings.
- Helped his wife launch The Little Dress Up Box in July 2010. You can find out more by visiting [www.LittleDressUpBox.com](http://www.LittleDressUpBox.com).

## Help Us Update Contact Information and Win A Gas Card!

Aultman College Alumni Association is actively updating alumni contact information. Please send us your updates regarding name changes, mailing addresses, phone numbers and e-mails. We also have a list of alumni for whom contact information is missing. If you have any contact information for these individuals, please let us know. Provide your information or missing alum info by Dec. 31, 2010 and your name will be

entered in a \$50 gas card drawing! Please submit your updates via e-mail to Shannon Helfinstine at [shelfinstine@aultman.com](mailto:shelfinstine@aultman.com) or by mail to 2600 Sixth Street SW, Canton OH 44710.

### *Help Us Find These Alums:*

Courtney Crawford (05)  
Beth Lawver (05)  
Vycki Nga Le (04)  
Lorrie Jackson (03)  
Melani Egan (02)

Tammi Elder Wilson (80)  
Jane Dagarin Gregorino (75)  
Karen Vancamp Frankhauser (73)  
Jan Zundel Golicic (73)  
Rebecca Phenix Davidson (68)  
Elizabeth May Mossa (67)  
Perry Jackson Bomar (62)  
Demie Kerstetter Feigle (59)  
Sarah Korosy Jackman (57)  
Arlene Miller (57)  
Donna Way Hicks (55)  
Alyce Fritz Bishop (53)  
Nancy Myers Timberlake (51)  
Carol Fair Keith (46)

## Annual Golf Outing

The College set new records in the number of golfers and dollars raised at this year's Annual Golf Outing on Aug. 18. The outing benefits the 1892 Annual Campaign, which provides scholarships for deserving Aultman College students. Twelve teams battled it out, scramble-style, to earn fabulous prizes and top team honors. Winning for the third year was an Aultman administration team consisting of Dr. Lori Mertes, Liz Getz and Kathy Zimmer. John and Carol Easterday ('61), owners of Wilkshire Golf Club, donated the carts and greens fees. New sponsors this year were Canton Data Print, SA Communale (who also fielded a team) and Bill and Sharon Luntz. The College also welcomed a new team sponsored by the Canton Chamber of Commerce. A total of \$2,938 was raised, which was combined with a generous "total funds raised" matching donation from AultCare, for a total raised of nearly \$6000.



*Kathy Zimmer (right) and Dr. Lori Mertes react to learning they were part of the winning team.*



*AultCare sponsored a team and a hole, along with providing a generous matching donation.*



*Twelve teams participated in the Aultman College Golf Outing, held at Wilkshire Golf Club.*

## Alum's Life On the High Seas Featured in Upcoming Book

*“So YOU'RE the one who got us into trouble,” said the Navy recruiters in the Buffalo, N. Y., office when Mary Morrison Green ('48) arrived there for the second time in 1954, shortly after the Korean War. Little did they know how determined Mary was to join the Navy.*

Earlier, Mary and a fellow nurse who both worked at the Veterans Administration (VA) hospital in Buffalo decided to volunteer for the U.S. Naval Reserve. However, they had been rejected for what Mary decided were unimportant reasons – she wore dentures and her friend wore glasses.

*'The Navy needs nurses like you'*

So, Mary wrote a letter to the chief nurse of the Navy who called her back and said the Navy needs nurses like her. She told Mary to return to the recruiting office where the chief nurse would pave the way. In short order, Mary was a full Navy lieutenant with two stripes.

“I was posted to St. Albans Hospital on Long Island for a six-week indoctrination starting in June 1954. We learned Navy protocol and practical skills like how to organize and run a Navy hospital and how to



*Mary Morrison Green, Class of 1948*

train corpsmen,” recalled Mary. “The Marines taught us how to march on a parking lot near some homes, which attracted attention from neighbors who found it entertaining to watch us drill.”

the floor – I had lost that much weight in six weeks!”

Her first duty station was the Navy hospital in Philadelphia which specialized in orthopedics. She wasn't happy with that assignment. “I mentioned to the chief nurse that I liked working there, but I had joined the Navy to see the world, not work in the next state,” said Mary, a native Ohioan. Recognizing Mary's high spirits and capabilities, the chief nurse immediately called the Nurse Corps bureau and soon Mary was transferred to the Military Sea Transportation Service.



*Mary Morrison Lt. (NC) USNR visits the site of her brother's grave at Fort William McKinley in the Philippines. (1956)*

“We practiced swimming routines for lifesaving and to keep from drowning. If you couldn't swim, you couldn't go to sea,” said Mary. “They kept us busy from 6 a.m. until midnight. When I went for the final fitting on my uniform, my skirt fell to

She had orders to sail from San Francisco. Consistent with her style, Mary drove alone – before the interstate highway system was built – from her family home in Ohio to the West Coast.

## Life On the High Seas *(continued)*



*Mary enjoys the Hawaiian culture with a doctor and chaplain who served with her on board the USNS Daniel I. Sultan.*

### *Living her dream*

Her next duty station? The USNS Daniel I. Sultan. Her ship carried 1,500 troops, plus 500 cabin passengers consisting of officers, women and children. It wasn't unusual to have 25-30 babies on board who needed formula made by the staff Mary supervised. At the age of 41, Mary was finally living her dream on a transport carrying U.S. military personnel to and from Japan, Hawaii, Guam, the Philippines and other places. For two years, 1956-1957, her job was to care for the welfare of the women and children on board.

Mary's maritime adventures will be chronicled in an upcoming book, *Shipmates in Skirts*, by Commander Catherine Leahy, U.S. Navy, Retired. The book is about Navy women who served on ships other than hospital ships.

That was just one in a host of experiences of this Aultman alum who, at the age of 95, still remembers the names, dates, locations and events of her life with admirable clarity. **To learn more about Mary's adventures and her life after Aultman College, visit the Aultman Alumni tab at [www.aultmancollege.edu](http://www.aultmancollege.edu).**

## Video Tribute to the Aultman School of Nursing

In 2012, we'll celebrate 120 years of nursing education here at Aultman. As part of that tribute, we are compiling a scrapbook and video program highlighting memories of Morrow House, nursing training, early clinical experiences and more. Please take a moment to share a memory by calling or e-mailing Shannon Helfinstine at 330.363.1127 or [shelfinstine@aultman.com](mailto:shelfinstine@aultman.com).

## Alum in the Spotlight



### *Rose Day*

Rose M. Day ('59) was named the Fall 2010 Alum in the Spotlight in recognition of her remarkable contributions to the Aultman College Alumni Association and 40-year nursing career with Aultman Hospital. Rose enrolled in the Aultman School of Nursing in 1956 at age 17 and enjoyed a long and distinguished career as an RN at Aultman Hospital. She earned her BSN at Malone University in 1999 and, at age 72, works as a faculty member in Malone's Clinical Skills lab. Despite her busy schedule, Rose has served as president of the Aultman School of Nursing Alumni Association twice, in 1983 and a two-year stint from 2001-2003. In the mid 1990s, Rose received the Contributing Alumni Award for volunteering with the chapter newspaper and regularly driving three older nurses to the monthly alumni meetings. Today, Rose is very active in the Aultman College Alumni Association, serving on the board as treasurer, a role she has held several times. Congratulations to Rose M. Day and many thanks for her valuable contributions !

# Alumni Notes

## Class of 2008

Quintuplets, Ilah, Paige, Enzo, Ellie, and Gia, were born to **Amie ('08) and Vince Spicocchi** of Massillon on August 3, 2010. The quints are also welcomed by older siblings Taylor, age 14 Grady, age 5.

## Class of 2007

**Carol Leidtke** completed the half Ironman-length triathlon at Cedar Point, Ohio, on Sept. 12, 2010. The competition covered 70.3 miles with a 1.2mi swim, 56mi bike, and 13.1mi run. This was her first Ironman competition.

## Class of 2005

A daughter, Jerusalem, was born to **William ('05) and Ashleigh Harris** of Canton on April 26, 2010. This is their first child.

## Class of 2003

**Lisa Gardner** completed the full Ironman-length triathlon at Cedar Point, Ohio, on Sept. 12, 2010. The competition covered 140.6 miles: 2.4mi swim, 112mi bike and 26.1mi run. She has competed in several Ironman events.

## Class of 1969

**Brenda Lindley Biro** became a certified case manager in 2007 and is working in Florida for a managed care insurance company called Wellcare.

## Condolences



*Our deepest sympathies to the families of:*

Gloria D. (Holben) Rantman  
(Class of 1944)

Gladys (Jones) Maxwell  
(Class of 1946)

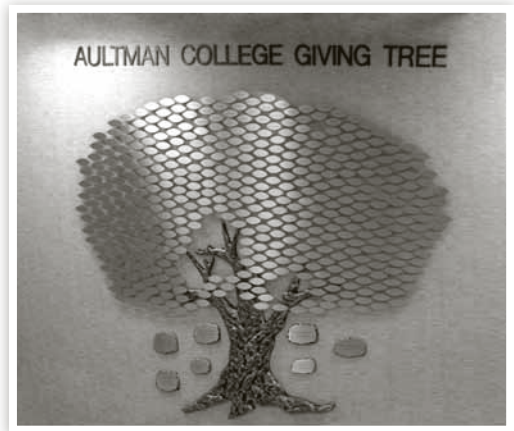
## The Re-creation of the Praying Hands



A replica of the beautiful “praying hands” stained glass window that was such an important part of Aultman School of Nursing history is in the process of being created for a new chapel being built at Aultman Hospital. The replica is being crafted by

Studio Arts and Glass in North Canton. Karen Toohey ('59) is assisting with the process. Look for additional information about a special dedication on our Facebook page and in the next issue of *Connection*.

## New Engraved Leaf Added to Giving Tree



*Thank you to Beverly Blosser McCall who donated in memory of Judy Cermak Boslaugh, Class of 1960. To learn how you can add your name to the tree, contact Vi Leggett at 330.363.6183 or [vleggett@aultman.com](mailto:vleggett@aultman.com).*

## "Like" Us on Facebook



The Aultman College Alumni "Group" has moved to an Aultman College Alumni Association "Fan Page"! We decided this is a better way to get the word out about our Alumni Association information

and events. Whether you are a School or College alumnus, or you just want to stay involved with our Alumni Association, become a fan today! Please go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com), search for "Aultman College Alumni Association" and then click the "Like" Box at the

top of the page. Suggest the page to your Facebook friends. Being a fan is not restricted to alumni – any friends and supporters of the Association are also welcome. Alumni who "Like" our page by Dec. 31, 2010 will also be entered in the \$50 gas card drawing!

## School of Radiologic Technology Celebrates Graduation!

Family, friends, faculty and staff gathered in the Morrow House auditorium on Aug. 20 to witness 11 graduates receive their certificates in Radiology Technology from the Aultman Hospital School of Radiologic Technology. The program featured a welcome by President Rebecca

Crowl and a commencement address, delivered by Dr. Barbara Ake, chief academic officer of Aultman College. The Class of 2010 had a 100% pass rate on the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) national registry exam. Congratulations to these graduates!

### Aultman School of Radiologic Technology Class of 2010

Dani Michelle Ashcraft  
Brittney Amber Baechel  
Adam Mark Becker  
Kaitlin Erin Bristow  
Jennifer L. Hankins  
Nicole Elizabeth Hostetler  
Ryan M. Miller  
Mackenzie Ann Montgomery  
Meagan Nicole Patterson  
Nancy J. Peplowski  
Cristy Lee Smith



*President Crowl presents a certificate to graduate Megan Patterson. The Aultman School of Radiologic Technology will graduate one more class before the Associate of Science in Radiography degree program begins at Aultman College.*



*Program director Robin Williams and faculty member Bonnie Link listen to the commencement address presented by Dr. Barbara Ake.*



*Graduates were all smiles as they were congratulated by family and friends.*

Photos can be viewed at [www.grandriverimaging.com](http://www.grandriverimaging.com). Enter your email address and Event Code: 90480-820

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# THE FUTURE IS CALLING.

## Will You Answer The Phone?

*They are your future fellow alumni, your  
future colleagues, your future caregivers.  
And soon, they'll be asking for your help.*



**Oct 25-27**  
**1892 Annual Campaign**  
**Alumni Phone-A-Thon**  
All proceeds go toward scholarships  
for Aultman College students