

LifeLegacy



Focusing on Mission and Philanthropy

March 2007

It's Official . . .

2007 St. Vincent Hospital School of Nursing All Class Reunion On Track

A committee of School of Nursing volunteers, led by Co-Chairs, Irene (Bourne) Hegg ('47A) and Joan Koch ('58), are hard at work planning the **2007 St. Vincent Hospital School of Nursing All Class Reunion**. Check-in is scheduled for Friday afternoon, June 29, with reunion activities all-day Saturday, June 30. A



Nurse Reunion Archive Chair, Columbia (Sassano) Meinhardt ('44) and Planning Committee Co-Chair, Joan Koch ('58), make plans for the reunion.

banquet will be held for Alumni and guests, Saturday evening at the Holiday Inn. Alumni and their families and guests will be invited to a BBQ on Sunday, July

1st. Watch your mail for your registration packet... due to arrive sometime in April. If you are traveling from out-of-state, do make your airline reservations now. **It's official!**

The Rest of the Story!

Remember in the first edition of **LifeLegacy** I shared the story of longtime St. Vincent Healthcare volunteer, Mary Hawkins, who as a young woman was abducted by bank robbers, John Dillinger and Baby Face Nelson in Sioux Falls, South Dakota? Well, as coincidence would have it, there was another of St. Vincent's volunteers there that day!



Baby Face Nelson

Eleven year old **Bob Laliberte** (Guest Services Volunteer) was at the bank that day selling Ladies Home Journal and Country Gentleman magazines. He had just stepped onto the sidewalk from the bank when a man with a machine gun said to him, "Get up against the wall, kid!"

"The robbers went inside the bank, then there was machine gun firing from inside the bank at the police on the street," Bob said. "Windows were shattered and a police officer was severely wounded."

From his place against the wall, Bob saw the robbers take Mary Hawkins and the other young women captive ... making them stand on the running board of Dillinger's getaway car during the chase.

Thank you!

Many thanks to St. Vincent's Volunteer Auxiliary for supporting the St. Vincent School of Nursing Alumni Archive Project with a grant of \$2,500!

LEGENDS' SPRING DINNER

"THE LEGENDS"
RETIRED PHYSICIANS SPRING DINNER

THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2007
5:30 — 8:30 P.M.

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Being Involved – A Part of Life

"Doc, you'll never get me into your house for \$15 at 2:00 in the morning!" That was the statement of an appreciative father, when Dr. Paul R. Crellin reluctantly told him the house visit he had made in the early morning hours of 1960 would cost \$15.

Pediatrician, Dr. Crellin, came to St. Vincent Hospital in 1953 to practice with Dr. George Nelson and Dr. John Whittinghill at the Children's Clinic. Fifty-three years

later when reflecting on his career as a pediatrician, Dr. Crellin shared that he was proud of the NICU (Nursery Intensive Care Unit) and his work with Dr. Whittinghill, who had been instrumental in establishing the NICU.



Paul and Jean Crellin

Although there were sacrifices, Dr. Crellin said the doctors he had worked with were available to patients 24 hours a day. "If I had the energy, I'd do it all over again," he said.

Along with his busy pediatric practice, Dr. Crellin was an active board member for St. Vincent Healthcare and served on the founding board of directors for the St. Vincent Healthcare Foundation. It was natural that Dr. Crellin

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would want his life's work to continue into the future.

As a retired physician who regularly takes stock of St. Vincent's progress, Dr. Crellin said, "I think the new Pediatric Emergency Room is wonderful. St. Vincent's continues to be a leader of health care delivery in Montana and Wyoming. St. V's care of the new born is second to none as evidenced by the Neonatologist/Perinatalogist team who call the NICU home. And, St. V's plan to bring a Pediatric Intensivist on board is a very good idea."

When Dr. Crellin and Jean, his wife of 56 years and a maternity nurse by training, were making their estate plans, they chose to carry on their professional dedication and volunteerism to healthcare by making the St. Vincent Healthcare Foundation a beneficiary of their will.

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Crellin. "The more time spent working on activities, the more you see needs and realize you've been blessed. You should pass your blessings on."

Mother Xavier Ross Legacy Society:

Because the Crellin's have shared their intentions with the St. Vincent Healthcare Foundation, they are eligible for membership in the Mother Xavier Ross Legacy Society. Legacy gifts — gifts through one's estate — assure that personal ideals and values are part of one's life's legacy. Dr. Paul and Jean Crellin will forever be recognized in the Legacy Society.

When asked what he felt was the most important value that he would want to pass on to future generations, Dr. Crellin answered, "A Christian faith: Respect for everyone, showing your love, treating others as you would like to be treated, can be applied to everything you do... career, board services, everything."

The Mother Xavier Ross Legacy Society

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Dear Joan:

- Please send me information about wills or sample bequest language
- Please contact me by phone. My number is: _____ and the best time to reach me is _____
- I (we) already have a valid and up-to-date will.
- I (we) have included St. Vincent Healthcare Foundation in my (our) will or other estate-planning document.
- Please send information about St. Vincent Healthcare Foundation's endowments and funding priorities.

Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Mail to: St. Vincent Healthcare Foundation, Attn: Joan Hendricks, 1106 North 30th, Billings, Montana 59101

Volunteers in Action



Bob Rhodes, volunteer in Environmental Engineering (3rd Floor, Allard Building), retrieves malfunctioning items from all areas of the hospital and helps with repairs.