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IN NURSING

**Margaret
Tice**

Margaret Tice of Marion graduated in 1966 from Grace Hospital School of Nursing in Hutchinson. She worked three years at Wesley Intensive Care unit and medical/surgical for 10 years at McPherson



Hospital. She worked at St. Luke Hospital for 20 years and was director of nursing for 10 of those years. She said when she started, a nurse was considered a physician's helper and giving tender loving care based on patients' needs (physical, emotional, spiritual). Today, the emphasis of nursing is technology, tests and specialization and the relationship between doctors and nurses is more collaborative.

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**SENIOR CITIZENS OF
MARION COUNTY**

57TH ANNUAL MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2017

2017 Board of Directors

DISTRICT 1

Lila Unruh (Vacancy term, Dec. 31, 2017), Durham

Jan Frantz (1st term, Dec. 31, 2018)

Joyce Medley (2nd term, Dec. 21, 2019), Durham

Ron Warkentin (2nd term, Dec. 31, 2019), Hillsboro

DISTRICT 2

Twilla Baker (2nd term, Dec. 31, 2017), Lincolnville

Barbara Smith (1st term Dec. 31, 2017), Marion

Carole Spohn (2nd term, Dec. 31, 2018), Tampa

Mary Rogers (1st term, Dec. 31, 2019), Marion

DISTRICT 3

Dinah Richmond (2nd term, Dec. 31, 2017), Peabody

Lowell Larsen (Vacancy term, Dec. 31, 2017), Burns

Connie Omstead (2nd term, Dec. 31, 2018), Florence

Judy Mellott (1st term, Dec. 31, 2018), Peabody

Executive Committee

Dinah Richmond, chair; Ron Warkentin, vice-chair,

Barbara Smith, secretary/treasurer; Joyce Medley

(Dist. 1), Twila Baker (Dist. 2), Judy Mellott (Dist. 3)

Nutrition-site managers

Brenda Moss, Hillsboro

Janet Bryant, Marion

LouAnn Bowlin, Peabody



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OF GOOD WILL

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Carol Smith

Carol Smith of Peabody was a nurse aide in 1968 before entering nursing school. She attended Wesley School of Nursing and graduated in 1972. She worked at Wesley Hospital, where she worked in surgery and later in the coronary care unit. She worked at Riverside Hospital as well as hospitals in Hillsboro, Halstead and McPherson. She said great strides have been made in technology, but the best nursing is done with hands-on care and sight along with compassion. She received the "Heart of Healthcare Award" in 2006 for community service. She started a scrub drive for nurses in the Gulf region among residents affected by Hurricane Katrina. The drive brought in 35,000 uniforms, shoes, stethoscopes, emergency equipment and radios. She also received the "Nursing Spectrum Excellence Award" and was a finalist in the "Community Service Award" in 2006. In 2007 she did a scrub drive for Americus, Ga., after it was devastated by a tornado.



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**Jeanne
 Rziha**

Jeanne Rziha of Tampa graduated from nurse's training in 1970. She worked at St. Joseph's Hospital in Wichita. While

her husband was in school, she worked at St. Mary's Hospital in Emporia. She also worked at Hoisington Hospital and nursing home, and hospitals at Abilene, Herington and Hillsboro. She also worked for Greenhaw Pharmacy and Accessibility Home Care in Salina. She was a volunteer with the Tampa Ambulance for 12 years. She said the biggest change she has seen is the increase in paperwork over the years.

1960 - 2017
The 57th Annual Meeting
Thursday, Oct. 19, 2017
Marion Senior Center

- 11:00 a.m. REGISTRATION**
 Piano musicKeith Allison, pianist
- 12:00 p.m. WELCOME**Sue Clough, president Marion Senior Center
Todd Heitschmidt, mayor of Marion
- INVOCATION**Pastor Ross Baker
 Eastmoor United Methodist Church, Marion
- DIRECTIONS**Janet Bryant
 Marion Senior Center manager
- ANNUAL DINNER**Prepared by Lucile Bitner, Barbara Bitner,
 Barbara Hardin & volunteers
- 12:45 p.m. MUSIC**Marion High School Singers
 Under the direction of Tomas Lambotte
- 1:00 p.m. PROGRAM**
- Call to order**Dinah Richmond, chairman SCMC
- Welcome**Randy Dallke, chairman
 Marion County Commission (District 3)
- Introductions**Dinah Richmond, chairman
 Recognition of county board members
 senior center presidents & nutrition site managers
- Health care providers & others**Lanell Hett, secretary
 Marion County Dept. on Aging
- Free-will offering**Piano music by Keith Allison
- Introduction of guest speaker**Gayla Ratzlaff
 coordinator, Marion County Dept. on Aging
- Guest speaker**Sally Andrews, RN, St. Luke Medical Clinic
- RECOGNITION OF NURSES OF MARION COUNTY**
 Dinah Richmond, SCMC chairman
- Greetings**Julie Govert Walter, executive director
 NC-FH, Area Agency on Aging
- 2016 Minutes/2017 Finance Report**Barbara Smith
 SCMC secretary/treasurer
- SCMC board approval**
- AFFIRMATION OF CANDIDATES** Barbara Smith
 SCMC secretary/treasurer

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Business reports on table will not be orally presented: Annual Report, Dinah Richmond, SCMC chair; Annual Report, Gayla Ratzlaff, MCDA coordinator; Vehicle Statistics, Lanell M. Hett, secretary/transportation coordinator; SHICK Report, Barbara Smith, counselor; "Blest Be The Tie That Binds," led by Sue Clough.

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**Rhonda
Brenzikofer**

Rhonda Brenzikofer of Marion became an LPN in 1975. She worked at Newton Axtell Hospital in obstetrics for eight years. She came to St. Luke Hospital in 1983. She worked at St

Luke Living Center and the Peabody Clinic with Dr. Ruth Sherman. She retired in 2006 to care for daughter, Rachelle. She continues to take people to doctor appointments as well as trim toenails for several people. She said she has not received any awards but the best award is when patients thank-you for the good nursing care you have given.

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**Eleanor
Herbel**

Eleanor Herbel of Hillsboro graduated from School of Nursing at Bethel Deaconess Hospital in 1960. She worked at Bethesda Hospital and doctor's office in Goessel. She

worked at Salem Home for 32 years. She was the Care Plan coordinator and did the first Minimum Data Set for the nursing home in 1988. She retired in 2012. She was married in 1962 to Willis Herbel, who passed away in 2016. They have four children and 23 grandchildren and one great-grandson. She said there have been great improvements in quality of care for the elderly.

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**Lavonne
Hannaford**

Lavonne Hannaford of Marion received her nursing degree from Wichita's Wesley Hospital in 1952. She worked at Wesley, Emporia, El Dorado and St. Luke Hospital.

She worked in the psychiatric unit at Madigan Army Hospital in Tacoma, Wash. She later worked at Marion Manor and Peabody Nursing Home. She retired in 1978 but kept her nursing license active for many years. A change she has seen is what nurses did back in the early years would not be allowed today.



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**Sue
Clough**

Sue Clough of Marion graduated from St. Elizabeth School of Nursing in 1957 in Lafayette, Ind. She worked in a doctor's clinic in Attica, Ind., and St. Elizabeth Hospital in Danville, Ill. She worked in the operating room at Morton Plant Hospital,

Clearwater, Fla., from 1959-1962. She worked in the following hospitals: Hoopeston Community Memorial for 15 years and Watseka Community Hospital for one year in Illinois. She worked in Gillette Campbell County Hospital in Gillette, Wyo., in the operating room and emergency for 25 years. She was the night nurse supervisor for 13 years. She received the Award of Merit from the night staff at Campbell County Hospital for 15 years of service as night nurse and eight years as surgery supervisor. The award reads: "In recognition of outstanding supervisory skills and nursing leadership." She retired in 2002.



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**Mary Ann
Conyers**

Mary Ann Conyers of Marion received her licensed practical nurse diploma in 1983 from Flint Hills Vocation Technical College in Emporia. She worked at Emporia Newman Hospital, Marion St. Luke Hospital and Peabody Community Living Center. She received a scholarship

from St. Luke Hospital Auxiliary to get her registered nurse degree in 1987. She worked in nursing and surgery for nine years. She says her true calling was as patient care manager for Marion County Home Care. She enjoyed following her hospital patients to their home. She retired in July 2014. The changes she has seen are the government's rules, regulations, technology and increase paperwork that limit time with patients. In 2006 she received the "Employee of the Quarter" award and 25-year recognition in 2010 for her dedicated service to St. Luke Hospital. Her personal rewards have been the numerous thank-you notes through the years from her patients and their families, plus the wonderful memories associated with her nursing career.

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**Virginia
Hammond**

Virginia Hammond of Marion was a nurse aide prior to going to LPN school. She worked the night shift at Care Haven Nursing Home in Greensburg and was the only employee on duty from 11 p.m. to 8 a.m. for 50 residents. She received her registered nurse

degree in 1971. She worked the night shift at Kiowa County Memorial Hospital on the medical/surgical floor. She was the director of nursing at Siesta Home in Haviland from 1976-1981. She worked as a registered nurse health facility surveyor for the State of Kansas from 1986-1996. She has worked as a traveling nurse in western Kansas as well as working at Larned State Hospital, Larned State Prison and Hospice Care of Kansas. She has taught certified nurse aide courses for Butler Community College from 2009 to the present. One of the changes she has seen in nursing is the disposable supplies versus sterilizing. She was elected president of her nursing class in 1960.