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Ron Matthews

A Letter from our Executive Director

Dear Good Samaritan Supporters,

As many of you may know by now, I have elected to “re-retire” as of June 30, 2007. My wife and I, like many of you, want to be closer to our children and grandchildren (in Dallas and Omaha) and need to be closer to my parents. We feel the time is right to make the move “back to North Texas” after living in Houston for over 30 years.

I want to thank all of you for your support and contributions over the last five years. Among many things associated with this period of my life, there are two things which stand out the most: the opportunity to become acquainted with and in some cases to know quite well the many dedicated individuals who served and are still serving on the Foundation’s Board of Trustees, and the opportunity to learn about the nursing profession and the healthcare industry.

In regard to the trustees, many gave of their time (to educate me about the Foundation) and all gave their financial support (and still do). I am sure there are other people serving other boards who are just as supportive of their staff as Good Samaritan’s trustees were, but I am not sure that others are as genuinely nice and focused as our trustees are. I hope that my relationship with all of these people will continue in the future.

When I first accepted the position in 2002, I knew very little about nursing, nurse education, the healthcare industry and nothing about the nursing shortage; but, thanks to the trustees, staff, various nursing school deans and instructors and many nursing administrators, my education was quick (although I probably cannot say complete). I am thoroughly convinced that the nursing shortage is real, it is serious and there is a real possibility it will get worse before it gets better. While Good Samaritan Foundation, in and of itself, is not going to solve the problem, I think the Foundation can make a difference and I urge all of you to continue your financial support to it.

Although I will not be here for the September 12 Excellence in Nursing Award Luncheon, we have already put the 2008 Pearl Ball on our calendar and look forward to visiting with you then and playing golf with you in the spring.

Ronald D. Matthews
Executive Director

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The 41st Annual Golf Tournament



John Fichter

Played under a blue-sky and on the greenest of greens, Enterprise Products and Chairman John Fichter hosted the annual golf tournament at the River Oaks Country Club where more than 200 players helped the Good Samaritan Foundation gross \$214,000 for the nursing scholarship program.

The evening's award ceremony included the presentation by the Lewis Family of the Lou and Rosetta (who was a Lifetime Trustee of Good Samaritan Foundation) Lewis Memorial Award and Scholarship to a deserving doctoral nursing student. Two recipients, Lorene Payne and Karen Alexander, won the award and scholarship this year. Lorene Paine attends the University of Houston as an Ed.D candidate with an emphasis on Nursing Education and Curriculum. She currently is a nursing instructor at the North Harris Montgomery Community College District, and plans to continue to teach student nurses. Karen Alexander, after



L-R: Don Payne, Lorene Payne, Larry Lewis, Karen Alexander, Pam Lewis, Alexis Alexander, Barry Lewis and Leah Lewis.

serving in the United States Air Force Reserve for 22 years including Desert Storm, has decided to pursue a doctoral degree in nursing education at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

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Charlie Williams (left) and his team accept their trophies at the award ceremony.

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Ron presents the trophy to Memorial Hermann's President Dan Wolterman.

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Park Plaza CEO Phillip Sowa accepting the trophy from Ron.

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Guy D. Graves

Both Mr. Graves and Dr. Chapman will be missed by Good Samaritan Foundation and the nursing profession.

Guy Dunning Graves, past Good Samaritan chairman and Lifetime Trustee passed away May 6, 2007. Born in 1916 in Charlton, Iowa, his family moved to Houston where he graduated from Milby High School and attended South Texas School of Commerce. He was commissioned in the U.S. Navy in 1942 where he served as Senior Lt. at Pearl Harbor until 1945. Mr. Graves founded General Stevedores, Inc. in December 1945, and served as its Chairman and CEO until August 2005. As a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, he served as chairman of the Finance Committee and Administrative Board and was given the lifetime award for outstanding service. He belonged to many clubs and professional organizations including River Oaks Country Club, Bob Smith Yacht Club, Rotary Club of Houston, and National Defense Transportation Asso. His friends considered him a man of honor, integrity and compassionate with the patience of a saint who was full of life. A keen sense of humor made him a great storyteller as the "one-liners" never stopped and whose only regret was not playing enough golf. He is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Alta Mae Thornal Graves, his daughter Jo Dee Graves Bowen and son Michael D. Graves and their families.



Dr. Don Chapman

Dr. Don Chapman, husband of Lifetime Trustee Mary Lou Chapman, passed away on May 3, 2007. Dr. Chapman was a well-known cardiologist, teacher at Baylor College of Medicine and author. He was an avid supporter of Good Samaritan and nursing in general, and was particularly concerned about the shortage of nursing instructors.

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Pre-Nursing Students of the Consortium to Advance Nursing Diversity and Opportunity, CANDO, program that introduces high school and community college students to opportunities in the nursing field experience through The University of Texas Health Science Center's School of Nursing enjoy participating in the realities of being a nurse. The Good Samaritan Foundation provided the students with nourishing lunches when it was noticed last year's class relied on soda and chips.



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The Pearl Ball

Co-chairs Susanne Glasscock and Shelli Lindley reaped well deserved kudos for the spectacular extravaganza held Thursday, February 15, 2007, at the River Oaks Country Club. Benefiting the Good Samaritan Foundation's nursing scholarship program, the 19th Annual Pearl Ball netted more than \$248,000.



L-R Melbern G. Glasscock, Susanne Glasscock, Shelli Lindley and Steve Lindley



Heather Kearney

The 250+ black-tie clad participants danced to the music of Eclipse amidst black, gray and red satin tables with centerpieces of long stemmed red roses encased in ice.

The 2008 chairpersons, Linda Ledbetter and Heather Kearney, are excited about next year's event and the date, February 7, 2008, which is also the date of the Chinese New Year! Mark your calendars to celebrate with us!



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