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Passing the Gavel

Steven J. Lindley, chairman of Champion Technologies, officially assumed the title and duties of Chairman of the Board of Trustees at the Annual Trustees Dinner held at the River Oaks Country Club, November 8, 2006.



Melbern Glasscock and Steven Lindley

"I am looking forward to being more involved," Steve said. "My grandfather, Willard Johnson, was active in the organization for many years, so I feel I have come full circle.

I see the next step for the foundation being to build on its core purpose of aiding nursing education. Our goal is to raise more money to give more scholarships and broaden what we need to do to improve nursing. I also hope my chairmanship will go as well as Mel's. Through his leadership the Foundation has made great strides in its mission ."



L-R: New Trustees - Charles Williams, Charles McCollum, MD, Harriet Hart and Mollie Castaneda

Melbern G. Glasscock, who will continue as Chairman of the Good Samaritan Endowment, thanked the trustees and staff for their dedication in the way they have approached their duties to the foundation and for their continued support.



Welcome Good Samaritan Foundation Board of Trustees!

"It's a long standing organization that serves the needs of our community and I believe in it," Mel said. "We looked at it back 6 or 7 years ago and evaluated whether it should go on and were convinced that our purpose was a noble one that served the community well and there was no question that it should not only continue, but expand its activities to support nursing education. We are most fortunate to have Steve as our new chairman and I appreciate his commitment to our continued growth."

Also elected to the board were Mollie Castaneda, Harriet Hart, Charles H. McCollum MD, Ann Scanlon McGinity, PhD, Victoria Nau, and Charles A. Williams. Barbara Hetherington was elected a lifetime trustee.



Ron Matthews

A Letter from our Executive Director

Dear Good Samaritan Supporters,

By the time you receive this newsletter, the Board of Trustees will have held its fall meeting that resulted in five new trustees joining the board. Our bylaws only allow trustees to serve two consecutive terms of four years each. This provision provides for continuity and experience while at the same time bringing in new people with different backgrounds, different experiences and new ideas.

The recent meeting was the last as a trustee for Melbern G. Glasscock, who has served as a trustee for 12 years and as Chairman of the Board since 2000. A one-time provision was made by the board in 2002 allowing Mel to serve a third consecutive term. Mel is the longest serving Chairman of the organization since R.E. "Bob" Smith served from 1956 to 1972 during the formative years of Good Samaritan. The organization has been very fortunate to have a person of Mel's character, leadership and foresight to give so generously of his time during his tenure. In recognition of this extraordinary effort, the Board of Trustees voted to endow the Melbern G. Glasscock Nursing Scholarship in an annual amount of \$1,000 to be awarded to a student nurse at Mel's alma mater, Texas A&M University.

As this year comes to an end, we look to the future for new and innovative ways to address the nursing shortage in addition to providing financial assistance for student nurses. We are proud to be able to say that we have funded instructors, partnered with the Winner project and continue to seek new ways to work with and cooperate with nursing schools, hospitals, agencies and organizations, all of which are working to solve the nursing shortage. All of this is possible because of our supporters. Thank you for your financial help and have a Happy New Year!

Ronald D. Matthews
Executive Director

The Nineteenth Pearl Ball



Susanne Glasscock and
Shelli Lindley

Co-chairmen Susanne (Susie) Glasscock and Shelli Lindley kicked off the Pearl Ball with an informal coffee at Susie's home on November 30, 2006. Past chairmen were invited to meet the incoming committee and future "Pearl Ball enthusiasts."

"We thought it would be fun to gather all the wonderful past chairmen who made the Pearl Ball a success," said Shelli, "and have them meet the future individuals who will carry on the traditions."

The annual black tie affair is scheduled for Thursday, February 15, 2007, at the River Oaks Country Club. Steeped in tradition, this highlight of the Houston winter social season is an intimate evening whose fundraising pressures are left at the door.

"We want to raise money, but without the speeches, auctions, and arm twisting that is usually associated with this type of event," Susie said.

Instead, attendees are treated to a superb dining experience among friends and dancing to the versatile music of Eclipse. Since 1989, the Pearl Ball has raised more than \$3.8 million for nursing scholarships, programs and operation of the Good Samaritan Foundation.

To experience this elegant occasion, please contact Janice Burns at 713-529.4646 or jburns@gsftx.org.

Mark Your Calendar

The Pearl Ball

Thursday – February 15, 2007
River Oaks Country Club

GSF Golf Tournament

Tuesday - April 23, 2007
River Oaks Country Club

Excellence in Nursing Awards Luncheon

Wednesday - September 12, 2007
Hyatt Regency, Downtown

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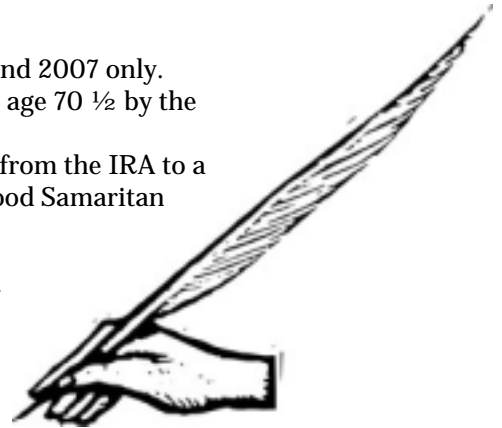
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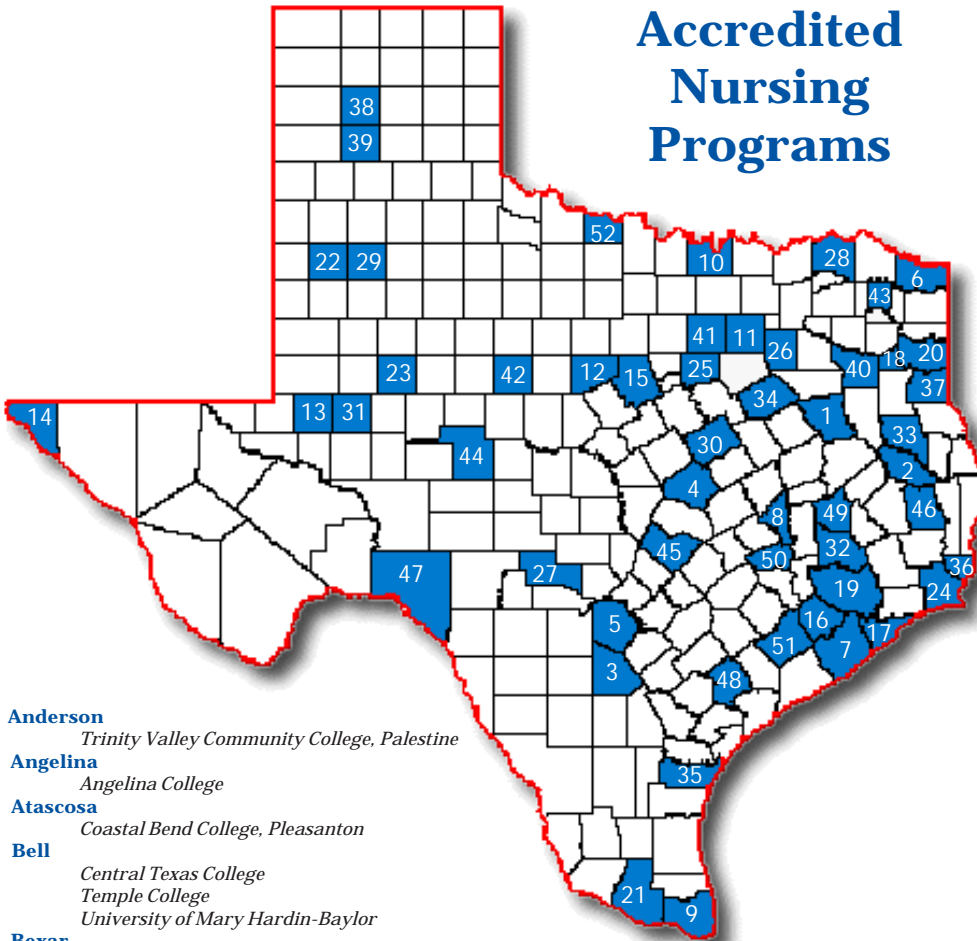
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- 7. Brazoria**
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Brazosport College*
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- 10. Cooke**
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Dallas Community College, Brookhaven
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- 15. Erath**
Tarleton State University
- 16. Fort Bend**
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*College of the Mainland
Galveston College
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*Cy-Fair College
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Houston Community College
Kingwood College
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Prairie View A&M University, Houston
San Jacinto College, Central
San Jacinto College, North
San Jacinto College, South
Texas Woman's University, Houston
Tomball College
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Tracy Parker, *Angelina College*
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Scholarship Program



The Good Samaritan Foundation is dedicated to ensuring that there is a continuous supply of nurses by providing scholarships to nursing students. Through its scholarship program the foundation assists students in all accredited nursing programs—LVN, Diploma, ADN, BSN, MSN, and PhD—at the school of their choice in Texas.

“During the past year more than 500 students received more than \$425,000,” said Ron Matthews, executive director, “Eighty percent of our funds were awarded within Harris County and the surrounding 12 counties and 20% was awarded in the remainder of Texas.”

To qualify for a scholarship, the applicant must currently be enrolled in an accredited nursing program at a Texas school, be a Texas resident, plan to work as a nurse in Texas after graduation, be eligible to work in the United States and be able to demonstrate financial need.

“The Good Samaritan Foundation pays only for clinical nursing semesters, not prerequisites,” said Kay Crawford, the Good Samaritan Foundation’s scholarship program director, “however, a student may start the application process before entering clinicals.”

Candidates must send in a completed application and then each potential scholarship nursing student is interviewed at The Good Samaritan Foundation offices.

“After nearly 30 years of meeting our recipients, I’m still touched by their sincerity and desire to help people,” said Kay.

Applications are taken all during the year, but interviews are conducted three times a year for a three week period before the fall, spring and summer semesters. For further information or to fill out an application, please go to The Good Samaritan Foundation website at www.gsftx.org.



Congrats 2006 continued:

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 Adaora Onuoha, *NHMCCD*
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Do you know?

- ❖ Someone who has been accepted to nursing school?
- ❖ Someone who is in nursing school?
- ❖ Someone who wishes to go back to nursing school?

If so, we can help!

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Ask for Kay!



Good Samaritan Foundation's Annual Golf Tournament is right around the bend, so mark your calendar for Monday, April 23, 2007. The oldest charity golf tournament in Houston will be played at the River Oaks Country Club, and the foundation is honored to have John Fichter, financial consultant with A.G. Edwards & Sons, Ltd, as this year's chairman.

"Until my mother spent the last few weeks of her life in the hospital, nurses were just another part of the hospital system," John said. "During that difficult experience it was the nurses who, not only helped me be the person I needed to be for my mother's well being, but also took care of the rest of our family.

Supporting the Good Samaritan Foundation today is as natural for me as breathing. We will all be affected by the quality of care provided by nurses when we or one of our family members enters the hospital system. Playing in the Good Samaritan Golf Tournament is a great way to spend time with your friends, play on a great golf course and support a charity, whose goal is to provide scholarships for tomorrow's family care-givers: **nurses.**"

Since the first one held in 1967, the tournament has averaged \$46,000 per event with recent years raising more than \$100,000 per event. Including 2006, the golf tournament has raised more than \$1.8 million that is used to provide nursing scholarships, programs and operation of the Good Samaritan Foundation.

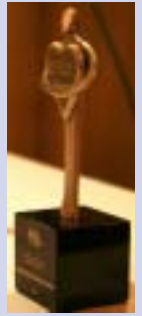
In addition, the Lewis Family – Lou Lewis and Clyde Verheyden founded the tournament – use the occasion in memory of Lou's late wife Rosetta Lewis, Lifetime Trustee of the Good Samaritan Foundation, to present the Rosetta and Lou Lewis Memorial Award and Scholarship to a deserving doctoral nursing student.

Last year's tournament was a sell out, so if you would like to learn about sponsorship opportunities or other information, please contact Janice Burns or Ron Matthews by phone 713.529.4646 or email jburns@gsftx.org or rmatthews@gsftx.org.



And the Award Goes To!

The Good Samaritan Foundation Excellence in Nursing Awards Luncheon presented by Wells Fargo and co-chaired by Mark A. Wallace, President and CEO of Texas Children's Hospital, and Mollie Castaneda, Good Samaritan Foundation Trustee was held at the Four Seasons Hotel on Wednesday, September 13, 2006.



L-R: Mark Wallace, Mary Bossier-Bearden, Renae Schumann, Helen Currier, Kristi Cullum

"The event was a sell out and netted more than \$69,000 for scholarships and operations," said Ron Matthews, executive director.

This year's recipients included Helen Currier – Clinical Practice in a Large Hospital – Texas Children's Hospital; Mary Bossier-Bearden – Clinical Practice in a Small Hospital – LBJ General Hospital; Kristie Cullum – Clinical Practice in Home Healthcare/Hospice – Houston Hospice; and Renae Schuman, PhD – Instruction in an Academic Setting – UTHSC School of Nursing. A special award went to the Lou and Rosetta Lewis Family for all the support they have given to the nursing community.



The Lewis Family with a former recipient of the Lewis Award. L-R: Kevin and Gene Lewis, Lynna Littleton, Larry, Barbara and Barry Lewis

KTRK Channel 13 news anchor Melanie Lawson served as emcee for the awards and Rev. Bill North, senior chaplain at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital delivered the invocation. Rabbi Samuel Karff, Associate Director of the John McGovern Center for Health, Humanities and the Human Spirit presented "Nurses as Healers."

Ann Scanlon McGinity, Chief Nurse Executive at The Methodist Hospital provided the narration to original music written by Anita Kruse and performed by Trio Angelico. Next year's luncheon will be held on Wednesday, September 12 at the Hyatt Regency Downtown. Please contact Janice Burns for underwriting opportunities at 713.529.4646 or jburns@gsftx.org.

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