

# KENNEDY KRIEGER ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Fall/Winter 2015



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### GREETINGS!

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the Kennedy Krieger Alumni Association (KKAAs) Newsletter. This newsletter is another way for us to keep in touch.

I am happy to report that the KKAAs is celebrating its one year Anniversary. In just one year we have over 130 members. During the last year we hosted a Spring and a Fall Gathering where we chatted, shared some hugs and reminisced. It was great seeing former friends and co-workers and hearing about some of the wonderful things that are going on in their lives.

I learned that many of you are sharing your skills and talents in places that support individuals with disabilities. Others have re-entered the workplace or begun new and exciting careers. Some have decided to "see the world", and many are enjoying family time or just "chilling". I am really looking forward to the next time that we are together. We would also like to include any information you would like to share in future newsletters.

I hope you enjoy the KKAAs newsletter. It is another way for us to "stay connected".

### CONGRATULATIONS!!!! ...

...to Jean Smoot who has been named Vice President of the Kennedy Krieger Alumni Association's Board of Directors. Many of you will remember Jean from her days at the Institute. Jean worked at Kennedy Krieger for 17 years as a Nurse Case Manager in Care Management. She retired in March 2014.

As Vice President of KKAAs, Jean will be assisting with the day-to-day activities of the Association, overseeing select committees and representing KKAAs in the absence of the President. Please join me in congratulating Jean.

Until the next issue, take care.

*Roni Gross*



## STAY IN TOUCH

The best way for us to stay in touch is by Email. Be sure to keep us up to date with any changes in your Email address, your mailing address or phone number.

- Join our Facebook group, Kennedy Krieger Alumni
- Check out our Website [kcalumni.org](http://kcalumni.org)
- We keep it simple; we have one main Email address...
  - Email the Alumni at [webmaster@kcalumni.org](mailto:webmaster@kcalumni.org)
  - President Roni Gross at [webmaster@kcalumni.org](mailto:webmaster@kcalumni.org)
  - Vice President Jean Smoot at [webmaster@kcalumni.org](mailto:webmaster@kcalumni.org)
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  - Membership Committee Toni Griffin at [webmaster@kcalumni.org](mailto:webmaster@kcalumni.org)
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## COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE YOUR KK ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

The KK Alumni Newsletter will be published twice a year. We will have a Fall/Winter and Spring/Summer issue. We will be sending the Newsletter by Email unless we don't have your Email address. In this case we will send your copy in the mail.

**We want to hear from you!** This is the best part of having a KK Alumni. What are you up to? Are you working or volunteering? Have you taken a trip or vacation? Give us the details! Have you celebrated any milestones in your life, a marriage or graduation, a move – be it your own or perhaps your child or grandchild? Have you welcomed any new members to your family?

Do you know of someone we should highlight in our next edition? “Nominate” someone and we will contact them and see if they are interested.

Do you have any suggestions for future newsletters?

Contact me at [webmaster@kcalumni.org](mailto:webmaster@kcalumni.org) if you have a good story to tell. We can schedule a time to talk by phone or correspond by Email.

Keep in touch and let us know your ideas for our next edition!

Jean



## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Social committee meets the 1st Monday of every month via teleconference. We currently have 9 members. Would you be interested in joining this fun loving committee!

We are in the process of planning a Spring Reunion and a Holiday event at the end of 2016. Several other ideas have been suggested including a bus trip and a winery tour/wine tasting.

We are also open to hearing your suggestions and ideas!

Happy Holidays from your Social Committee!

Delores



## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

### **WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU!!!!**

Do you know someone who worked at Kennedy Krieger for 4.5 years or more? Let them know about our Alumni Association and encourage them to join. They can complete the form on our web page [kkalmni.org](http://kkalmni.org) under the tab *CONTACT US*. We currently have 133 members. Let's work on reaching 200 members in 2016!

We are planning a big membership drive for early next year .....with prizes!!!.

More information to follow....

**Here is a Membership Committee fast fact:** In addition to Maryland we have members in Florida, Georgia, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

Toni



## JOIN A COMMITTEE

Would you be interested in joining a committee? Contact the Chairman of the Social, Membership or Communications Committee and share your ideas and talents!



## KENNEDY KRIEGER CORNER

In this section of our Newsletter we plan on highlighting recent happenings at the Institute.

Check out the following link to view the newest videos from the International Center for Spinal Cord injury.

<http://www.kennedykrieger.org/patient-care/patient-care-centers/international-center-spinal-cord-injury/videos>