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**HACKENSACK SCHOOL OF NURSING CLASS OF 1958 CELEBRATES
50TH REUNION AT HACKENSACK UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER**

Thirteen members of the original 1958 graduating class of what was then the Hackensack Hospital School of Nursing recently traveled from around the country to join each other for a “Tea and Tour” of the much expanded Hackensack University Medical Center (HUMC), in celebration of their 50th Anniversary. For many, it was the first time they’d seen each other since graduation and their first return visit to the medical center.

The Department of Patient Care arranged for a tour of the updated campus, which was preceded by a tea and appetizer reception. Joining them at their welcome reception was Laura Cima, RN, vice president of nursing at HUMC and a fellow Hackensack School of Nursing alumni, and Jasmine Maurice, supervisor of nursing support services, Department of Patient Care.

Graduate Carol Wrede, of Ringwood, coordinated the reunion. “It’s such an exciting day,” exclaimed Ms. Wrede, as the group viewed the tremendous growth during their medical center tour. “With these girls it was like a sisterhood – not like how college is today.”

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The group enjoyed visiting the fourth floor of Johnson Hall, now the HUMC Regional Dialysis Center, as it was once their living quarters while attending nursing school. They even found old yearbooks in a closet at the end of the hall, and spent time taking snapshots of each other, holding up their yearbook photos next to their faces and laughing.

“We’ve stayed in touch for 50 years,” remarked Ms. Wrede. “Fifty years! And we have almost everyone here in attendance. It’s unbelievable.”

About Hackensack University Medical Center

HealthGrades® named HUMC as one of America’s 50 Best Hospitals for 2007 and 2008. This designation recognizes hospitals that have demonstrated superior clinical quality over a seven-year time period, based upon an analysis of more than 75 million Medicare patient records from 1999-2006. These hospitals have achieved better survival rates and lower complication rates across dozens of medical procedures and diagnoses, from cardiac care to orthopedic surgery, consistently ranking among the top five percent in the nation for overall clinical outcomes. HUMC is the only healthcare facility in New Jersey, New York, and New England to be named one of America’s 50 Best Hospitals, for two years in a row. For more information, please visit the medical center’s website at www.humc.com.

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Class of 1958 Hackensack School of Nursing Graduates, pictured from left are: Ruth McGrievy of Wayne, NJ; Joy Squilanti of Oradell, NJ; Martha Linares of Sherborn, MA; Edna Melamed of Salem, SC; Barbara Sinnema of Pittsgrove, NJ; Diane Finney of Wauconda, IL; Anne Durkin of Montvale, NJ; Roberta Hughes of Whitehouse Station, NJ; Verna Pruitt of Virginia Beach, VA; Dorothy Fleisch of Saddle Brook, NJ; Joan Mallette of Midland Park, NJ; Arlene Krulan of Lake Hiawatha, NJ; and reunion coordinator Carol Wrede, of Ringwood, NJ.