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Alumni Association Board Gathers for Spring Meeting in Millwood

Traveling from as far away as California, Maine, Utah, Florida and Washington, 19 members of the Alumni Board gathered in Millwood from April 2nd through April 4th as guests of HOPE. With daffodils blooming and spring (finally) in the air, they embraced a packed agenda of presentations, meetings and discussions, with time out for talk, tours and a wine tasting.

Early on the first day, the group heard from Alumni Association President John Wilhelm, and then received program updates by Stuart Myers, Senior Vice President for Global Health, and Matt Peterson, Senior Manager, Volunteer Operations. The board business meeting rounded out the morning's schedule (see below).

The afternoon included presentations from our Volunteer of the Year awardees — Dr. Alan Jamison, a pediatrician from Morristown, TN, who donated 376 volunteer hours in African programs; and Carma Erickson-Hurt, a hospice and palliative care



Dr. John Wilhelm, Alumni Association President, addressing Board members and sharing information about HOPIES everywhere.

nurse from North Bend, OR, with 1,425 volunteer hours in Japan and the Philippines. They shared their experiences and expressed a sentiment familiar to many HOPIES: Volunteering with Project HOPE has changed their lives.

Rich Rumsey, Vice President, Development and Communications, and his senior team members, Jann Schultz and Elia Desruisseaux, spoke about

the renewed emphasis HOPE is putting on engaging alumni in many ways: through improved communications, local events and an increased emphasis on capturing HOPE's history. The board was strongly encouraged to help staff members find the best ways to "get the word out," to improve our database, and provide alumni with the kinds of information, opportunities and

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Dr. John Wilhelm (front row, center) with distinguished members of the Alumni Board.

Alumni Board Business Update

At its April 3rd to 4th meeting, the Project HOPE Alumni Board welcomed members added since July 1: Michele Chapa, R.N., Scott Leckman, M.D., Robert Morrow, M.D., Waichi Wong, M.D., William B. Walsh, Jr., John Walsh and Tom Walsh. Former HOPE Budget Director Bill Layden will represent alumni who were HOPE Center employees.

Committees were formed to evaluate recommendations from HOPE staff for applying the Bill Kooiman Volunteer Travel Fund and the Lee Olive Harrison Fund for training in basic nursing skills. In addition, Bill Walsh, Jr. agreed to form and chair the William B. Walsh, M.D. Endowment Committee to evaluate the résumés of potential Walsh Fellows, and to develop new ways to grow that endowment.

A committee was formed to begin site selection for the Alumni Reunion in Fall 2016. To get involved, or for more information, contact HOPE's alumni liaison, Brooke Herndon, at: bherndon@projecthope.org. [HOPE](#)

HOPE History: Alumni at the Heart of It All

Now the Work of Documenting Project HOPE's Storied Past Begins

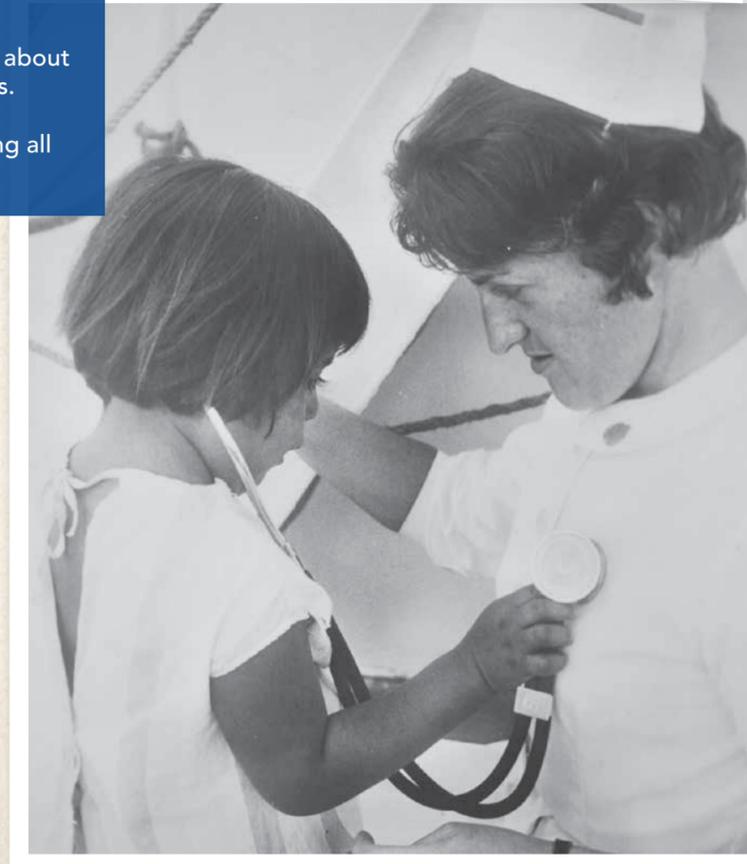
Several HOPIES stepped forward with serious offers to combine scholarship, hard work and a love of Project HOPE as they undertake significant history projects. Carolyn Kruger, former HOPE Director of Nursing, presented the work she has begun on HOPE in Central and Eastern Europe. She is reaching out to HOPIES associated with these programs, asking that they share their stories and recollections.

Alumna Nancy Savage, meanwhile, will be undertaking the history of HOPE nursing in China, and Faye Pyles and Diane Speranza will begin work on the HOPE Navy Missions, starting with the tsunami. Debbie Reister will spend several weeks at HOPE this summer, delving into the archives and beginning to catalogue important historical items. Alumni associated with any of these programs or those interested in helping should forward their names and contact information to Dr. John Wilhelm at: jwilhelm@projecthope.org.

Meanwhile, HOPE has launched an oral history project, capturing brief interviews and remembrances of our HOPE alumni on video. The first interviews were filmed during the Alumni Board meeting and are being edited for posting on the alumni website in the coming weeks. Plans are underway to continue capturing these interviews at alumni events around the country. Stay tuned! [HOPE](#)



Top right: Alumni Board members at work uncovering historic photos and documents about Project HOPE's work over the past 56 years. **Black and white:** Just some of the archival photos that show Project HOPE's past going all the way back to the SS HOPE.



We Heard You — and We Want to Hear More

Our alumni want a better connection! To HOPE and to one another. And we are working on it! Alumni Association VP Debbie Reister and board member Bob Morrow are starting an Alumni Facebook Group, and we want you to join! Send us your thoughts and ideas. Or donate your time, talent and expertise. We welcome your participation.

And stay connected to HOPE by staying connected through HOPE! Our alumni are an intrepid group, traveling and moving often. We need your new address and your email contact information, so we can keep in touch.

And if you haven't visited the alumni webpage in a while, take a look! Updated regularly, the site is adding pictures, stories, news and information about HOPE and HOPIES.

Go to: projecthope.org, and click on "Get Alumni Updates." If you have news to share, please reach out to alumni liaison Brooke Herndon at: bherndon@projecthope.org. Send us your photos and stories about HOPE get-togethers, and we'll share them with everyone. Better yet, tell us about your get-together in advance, and we'll send a HOPE-imprinted gift for everyone who attends! [HOPE](#)



Carma Erickson-Hurt, a dedicated nurse and Volunteer of the Year awardee, is one of many HOPIES giving their time and talent to save lives around the world. And now, we'd like to hear from you. Stay connected with your Alumni Association.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Dr. Howe is grateful for HOPIES like you who give their time and talent to save lives around the world.

Your Gift to Africa

Dear Friend,

So much joy in people's hearts, and yet so much suffering. So much genuine hospitality and love, and yet so much poverty.

This is Africa.

Like many HOPIES, I've been privileged to be part of Project HOPE's work in Africa many times on humanitarian missions. We've been taking an active role in these beautiful, yet troubled countries since 1964. In fact, the first mission in Africa was a voyage by the SS HOPE to Guinea.

Today, that tradition of help in Africa continues through your dedication and talent. Because of you, HOPE is in Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa and Tanzania. In all of these countries, people are suffering and dying from AIDS, tuberculosis and other deadly diseases. And they're struggling with oppressive poverty. Many countries in Africa are so poor that medical care simply isn't available for broad swaths of the population, and people are left on their own with tragic consequences. So many die agonizing — and completely avoidable — deaths.

But we're determined to put a halt to this suffering. We're working to get diseases like AIDS and TB under control, improve detection and diagnosis, and improve treatment so more people will be saved.

Your dedication and effort are vital — because it's a big job. As big as the beating heart of Africa.

Sincerely yours,

John P. Howe, III, M.D.
President and CEO



Dr. Alan Jamison, our Volunteer of the Year, sharing his experiences as a physician in the field.

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connections they desire. Alumnus and photojournalist Jon Brack gave a presentation on his recent trip to the Philippines as the day's business came to a close.

Cocktails and dinner, hosted by Dr. John Howe in Carter Hall, brought the board, local HOPIES, and the current HOPE senior staff together. Guests included Dorothy Aeschliman, Dennis and Pam Lucey, John and Carol Warren, Dr. Gary Parrish, Carolyn Kruger, and Volunteer of the Year awardees Dr. Alan Jamison, Carma Erickson-Hurt

and Leah Bardfield. The festivities continued long into the night, as a group gathered at Stone House for storytelling and reminiscing.

The board business meeting resumed after breakfast on day two, and then adjourned to the administration building, where the Volunteers of the Year Award celebration and luncheon took place. This campus-wide event included a barbecue that brought the Alumni Board together with all the current HOPE staff. In the afternoon, a trip to HOPE's distribution center and

archives attracted many of the board members, who went to explore the shelves and boxes of memorabilia that date back to the days of the SS HOPE through to the present day. A few members stayed behind, however, to "shop" for HOPE t-shirts, hats and other items, and help HOPE's staff think through ideas for a new array of HOPE merchandise.

At day's end, everyone came together for a visit to a local winery, where tastings and dinner afforded one last opportunity for congenial talk and laughter. Plans began to take shape for future Board meetings and for the next all-alumni reunion in Fall 2016. **HOPE**

HOPE Remembers

The Alumni Association expresses its condolences to the families and friends of Melanie A. Helm, Medical Technologist (SS HOPE Jamaica), March 14, 2014; Doris Knapp, Medical Technologist (SS HOPE and land-based Brazil), April 1, 2014; Eleanor Visser, wife of Dr. J. Hugh Visser (Trujillo, Peru), February 27, 2014; Gloria Hammond, Neurodiagnostic Technician, Yavapai Regional Medical Center (Peru, Ecuador, Guinea, Nicaragua, Columbia, Ceylon), April 9, 2014.

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