



April 5, 1992 Wyandotte Distinguished Graduate Inductee



Beatrice (Jerome) Foster Class of 1937

Beatrice Jerome Foster, Nurse Anesthetist and inventor, has been involved in the field of Nursing since her graduation in 1937. Her career spans over 50 years; 25 years as a registered nurse and 30 years as a certified registered nurse anesthetist. Although she officially "retired" at age 65, she continues to work.

An inventor, Beatrice Jerome Foster holds six patents; three American and three Canadian. Beatrice discovered the missing link in waste anesthesia control and developed a system to protect all operating room personnel from breathing ambient air contaminated with waste anesthetic gasses. She was the only woman invited to display her invention in Washington, D.C. during the National Inventors Exposition. Later, her invention was showcased by the Ohio Society of Engineers. The Foster Anesthesia Evacuator has been the subject of numerous medical papers and journals, and is in use in several hospitals and universities through the United States, Europe and Asia.

Mrs. Foster organized the Downriver Nurses Association and continues to serve her community. She is a much sought after "Career Day" speaker.