



Joan R. Gibbel RN '57 Endowed Scholarship

The Joan R. Gibbel RN '57 Endowed Scholarship Fund was established in 2013 by Joan R. Gibbel RN '57 and her husband, Henry H. Gibbel to provide annual scholarship awards to nursing students at Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences.

Joan (Reist) Gibbel RN is a 1957 graduate of the Lancaster General Hospital School of Nursing, now PA College. She worked for one year on a medical floor at Lancaster General Hospital and later **enjoyed her role in the recovery room at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri.** Back home in Lancaster County, Joan and her husband Henry H. Gibbel raised three children. While the children were in elementary school, Joan turned her free time to **volunteering. In addition to keeping busy as a "homeromom" at her children's school, Joan also traveled around Lancaster County** as a volunteer for the American Heart Association, doing blood pressure screenings. **She was President of the Women's Auxiliary to the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies for two years.** Joan also enjoyed 35 years of volunteering for the United Auxiliaries to Lancaster General Hospital, devoting the last 30 years to their gift shop. She also volunteered in the Brethren Village Thrift Shop and as a driver for Meals on Wheels in Lititz, PA, where she is also active in the community and with the Lititz Church of the Brethren. Joan has enjoyed participating in the Lititz **Women's Club for over 50 years and likes to play cards, travel and visit with friends.**



Joan's husband, Henry H. Gibbel is Board Chairman of Lititz Mutual Insurance Company. His family has given leadership to the successful company in Lititz since 1890, beginning with Henry H.'s grandfather, Henry R. and followed by his father, Henry B. Today, Joan and Henry H.'s son, Henry R. Gibbel is President and CEO of the firm and their grandson, Henry A. is employed by the company. **Joan's husband is widely known in the insurance industry and banking circles, having served on the Board of Susquehanna Bancshares for 49 years.** He is also active in the Lititz community, including Board service to Brethren Village for four decades, including the role of Board Chairman. He has also contributed a lifetime of service to Juniata College, his Alma Mater, including the role of Board Chairman.

The Gibbels hope that this scholarship fund will help to make those "dreams come true" for the student recipients who are in need of financial assistance, and with each award, help to make one more person ready in the community to assist others with their health needs.

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