

# The Alumni Connection

*“95 Years of Leadership in Nursing”  
1903-1998*

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## Executive Committee

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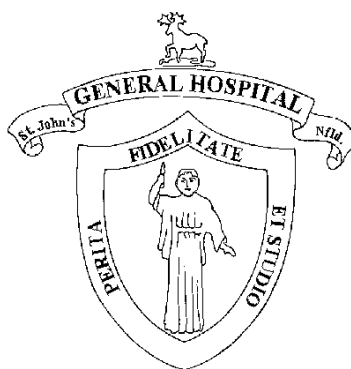
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**Secretary:** Debbie Lee (Taylor) Pike, Class of 1978

**Past-President:** Siobhainn Lewis, Class of 1995



(The executive committee administers the Alumni Organization and the Alumni Association)

## Alumni News

This is the sixteenth newsletter issued annually to promote communication between the membership.

### The Alumni Organization:

The organization branch of the Alumni was established in 1992 to raise funds for the Diamond Jubilee Scholarship and to help fund the Lillian Stevenson Archives/Museum. All contributions are tax deductible.

### Alumni Association:

The Association exists to promote communication among our nursing school graduates. Membership fees are the primary revenue source funding this newsletter, class reunions, and general operating expenses. Classes preparing for reunions can request financial assistance from the Association to help offset reunion expenses.

### Membership Fees:

Membership fees remain unchanged this year at \$5.00. This nominal amount keeps membership affordable for our graduates. We invite all graduates to become active members and help support our Alumni activities. For 2004-2005 we have 325 paid members.

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### DID YOU KNOW?

- For school transcripts , contact Beryl Menchenton at 777-8174, Centre for Nursing Studies.
- Archival phone number is 777-7682.
- The Lillian Stevenson Museum/Archives is open every Thursday from 2-4.
- Class reunions can contact the alumni president and Dr. Janet Story at 777-7682

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## The Diamond Jubilee Scholarship

The General Hospital School of Nursing Organization supports two scholarships annually. \$1500 is awarded to a graduate pursuing a Bachelor of Nursing and \$ 1000.00 is awarded to a graduate pursuing a Masters of Nursing.

The Diamond Jubilee Scholarship Committee met on September 27th, 2004 to review applications received. Committee members were Margaret Munch, Robert Meadus and Sherida Healy.

5 applications were received for the scholarships, two BN students and 3 Masters' students. Applications were reviewed according to the Selection Criteria.

All applicants were notified by phone or e-mail of the outcome results. The awards of the committee were unanimous by all committee members. The successful candidates were Belinda McGrath (Class of 1994) for the BN scholarship and Rodolfo Pike (Class of 1993) for the Masters' scholarship. Congratulations!

## 2003 Scholarship Recipients



Larry Kelly (Class of 1985) the recipient of the 2003 Bachelor of Nursing Scholarship is seen here with Robert Meadus (Class of 1978)



Janet Squires (Class of 1996) the recipient of the 2003 Masters of Nursing Scholarship is seen here with Robert Meadus (Class of 1978)

## Honourary Doctor of Laws

An Honourary Doctor of Laws was granted to Janet Story during the May, 2004 Memorial University of Newfoundland Convocation.

Congratulations to Ms. Story on this special recognition! It is certainly well deserved.

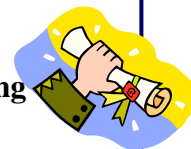
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DR. JANET STORY

## Congratulations

The General Hospital School of Nursing Alumni proudly congratulates the following graduates for their academic success.



### Bachelor of Nursing

Margo Cashin - Class of 1987

Kathy Fitzgerald - Class of 1997

Rodolfo Pike — Class of 1993

Kim Warford — Class of 1991

### Masters of Nursing

Geri Cashin—Class of 1971

Gillian Duff—Class of 1975

Vicki Earle—Class of 1995

Jocelyn Watson—Class of 1979

**Denise Murphy— Class of 1977 received the Mimi Feutl Award from the Parkinson's Society of Canada**

## Donations to the Alumni

Our sincere thanks to the following donors to the organization account.

*Phyllis Barrett*

*Irene Cunningham*

*Annie Quirke*

*Mildred Bennett*

*Eileen Rowe*

*Elizabeth Cooper*

*Ruby Vivian*

*Class of 1956*

*Irene Pardy*

*Marie Thorne*

*Noreen Kennedy*

*Thelma Howard*

*Shirley Riggs*

*Barbara George*

*Class of 1953A*

*Shirley Fisher*

*Elizabeth Winsor*

*Joan Judge*

*Janet Story*

*Elsie Maher*

*Nellie Hennebury*

*Catherine Holly*

*Eileen Elms*

*Elizabeth Hardie*

*Elizabeth Giannou*

*Joan O'Neal*

*Beatrice Mitchell*

*Ada Chow*

*Class of 1978*

*Class of 1963*

*Class of 1958B*

*Mary Nurse*

*Norma Shidlovsky*

*Barbara Dyke*

*Hazel Goodridge*

*Helen Ashbourne*

*Doris Tuff*

*Nancy Christopher*

*Sheila Ivany*

*Louise Stadler*

*Verna Thaxton*

## **GHSN Alumni Presidents Report**

*Prepared by Joanne Hapgood*

**I**t has been an honour to serve as the President of the General Hospital School of Nursing Alumni this year. I have had the privilege of working with a very dedicated team. I can't say enough about the support I have received from Margie Munch (Vice President), Debbie Lee Pike (Secretary) and Lisa Picco (Treasurer). We have been working very hard on your behalf and we hope that our efforts show. We've had a good time serving you!

This year we concentrated on making the alumni information base stronger. We were a brand new executive who had participated in annual dinners but our other involvement with the alumni had been limited. We searched for anything that would provide us with the answers we were looking for and then attempted to organize it for our successors. Here are a few of the activities that we concentrated on:

- Reviewing and revising the constitution of the Organization and the Association
- Developing Terms of Reference for the Officers of the Executive
- Organizing the Alumni Office in the Archives
- Building the membership database in the computer
- Web Page Development.

We are excited that so many classes have planned to attend the dinner this year to celebrate their reunions. We have heard from the classes of 1944, 1954, 1964, and 1979. The group from 1944 humbled us. We are delighted that you made the effort to attend the annual dinner and celebrate with us.

We are also happy to be able to recognize the accomplishments of Dr. Janet Story at the Annual Meeting. We waited to officially acknowledge this wonderful accomplishment with the membership during the annual meeting. Dr. Story received an honorary degree of doctor of laws at the Memorial University convocation ceremonies in May 2004. The Telegram published a photo of Dr. Story with Glen Collins, MUN's registrar. We had this picture enlarged and engraved with her name, the name of the honorary degree and the date. It will be present to Dr. Story for the Archives. Congratulations Dr. Story!

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the work of several groups of people who have helped us more than they know:

First, I must thank our executive members. Debbie, Margie, Lisa. Thanks for your patience and guidance. We had a lot to learn about the organization and how it works. I think we have it now!

Many thanks to Siobhainn who had to deal with the novices! You were a valued resource during the year. We appreciate your help!

Dr. Story, Jeanette Walsh, Betty Good, and Bob Meadus – You were always available to help or research a question. You made our jobs much easier!

Paula Fifield – Paula provides continuous support with our ticket draws. Her work is endless and very rewarding for our association. Thanks!

And finally, thank you to the membership for your support. We have received quite a number of donations and well wishes. We do appreciate each one.

Personally, I knew that the support was there before I took the position or I would never have done so. It has been an interesting year! I would recommend the experience to anyone!



**GHSOON Alumni Financial Statement**

*Prepared by John Rumbolt*

## Class of 1979—25 Years

Fifteen members of the Class of 1979 met in August for their 25 year reunion. Everyone met at Terra Nova Lodge on Friday August 27 and renewed old friendships. After a lively afternoon, we enjoyed a delicious supper at the Lodge and then went for a walk in Clode Sound. Carol Kendall made arrangements for a video in which pictures that had been sent to her by members of the class were set to music. It took us on a lovely walk down memory lane.

On Saturday morning, we all drove to Garden Cove where we took the boat to Woody Island. We took over the top floor of the main house and continued the reunion in the beautiful island setting. We'd recommend this spot to any other class having a reunion. We are already talking about planning for our 30 year reunion for a nice tropical spot!



## Class of 1954B - 50 Years

We celebrated our 50th year of graduating in July and for 3 1/2 days we had a wonderful time. Classmates came from Florida, Boston, New Hampshire, Ontario, Alberta and of course, Newfoundland. Pat Porter hosted a get together at her home in paradise to begin the festivities. There was laughter, memories renewed, memories made and a few tears. We visited the GEO center, picnicked in Bowering Park, walked Signal Hill, Lunched at Clovalley Golf Club and had dinner at Bridie Molloy's on George Street, after which we took in the sights and sounds.

The three most memorable events we:

1. Our visit to the Lillian Stevenson Archives / Museum where Miss Story graciously welcomed us and presented us with our 50th year Alumni Pins. We were very impressed with what we saw and felt very proud of "this wonderful place". Memories came flooding back to us and there was much reminiscing. Congratulations to Miss Story and her staff for the great job done.

2. Our dinner at the battery was very special. The food was delicious and we had a special anniversary cake - atop the cake was the "nurse doll" that was used on the cake at our capping ceremony 53 years ago. We each received a photo album with photos of our past reunions, beginning with our dinner held at Frost's restaurant on November 17, 1954. We were celebrating the completion of our R.N. examinations. We also received the recipe of our cake.

3. We attended St. Thomas' Church service on Sunday morning. Fran Jones read from 1st Corinthians, ch.13: Love, and Mary O'Neill led the prayers of the people, with special mention of our two departed classmates, Pat (Inder) Haynes and Gwen (Fudge) Nore. After church we gathered at Mary O'Neill's home for a delicious luncheon. We are so thankful that the bond formed during our "probie days" is still as strong as ever. Plans have already started for our next reunion in 2007.

Sincerely, Enid Barrett



Group Photo:  
Front row June Parsons Wilkin-  
son, Mount Pearl



## In Memoriam



<i>Mary (Stevenson) Hayward</i>	<i>Class of 1936</i>
<i>Maud (Reid) Sheppard</i>	<i>Class of 1937</i>
<i>Elizabeth (Martin) Walsh</i>	<i>Class of 1939</i>
<i>Grace Scammell</i>	<i>Class of 1939</i>
<i>Emily (Grant) Edwards</i>	<i>Class of 1942</i>
<i>Jaylen (Strong) Isaacs</i>	<i>Class of 1944</i>
<i>Jean (Lowe) Inkpen</i>	<i>Class of 1945</i>
<i>Olive (Davies) Gosse</i>	<i>Class of 1945</i>
<i>Myrtle (Pope) Rogers</i>	<i>Class of 1946</i>
<i>Audrey (Yates) Sperling</i>	<i>Class of 1949</i>
<i>Amelia (Pinsent) Williams</i>	<i>Class of 1953</i>
<i>June (LeGrow) Anderson</i>	<i>Class of 1954</i>
<i>June Moyst</i>	<i>Class of 1955</i>
<i>Barbara (Baggs) Piggott</i>	<i>Class of 1956</i>
<i>Ruth Martin</i>	<i>Class of 1959</i>
<i>Daphne (Oake) Blandford</i>	<i>Class of 1962</i>
<i>Jackie Hawkins</i>	<i>Class of 1964</i>



We extend our sincere sympathy to their families and friends. If we have omitted any graduates' names, please accept our apologies. The alumni forwards an expression of sympathy when advised of the death of one of our graduates. We encourage you to contact an executive member if you know of a graduate who has died.

## In Memoriam



*Centennial Celebrations 2009*



## **Lillian Stevenson Archives/Museum Report**

### **October 1, 2003 September 30, 2004**

*Prepared by Janet Story*

Volunteers:	Margot Bruce	Jeanette Walsh	Maxine Taylor
	Kay Roche	Elizabeth Good	
	Betty Johnston	Marilyn Marsh	

Visitors - approximately 100

Volunteer hours—410

Finances:	January 12, 2004	\$341.32
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Donations:		\$553.00
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Expenses:		\$401.48
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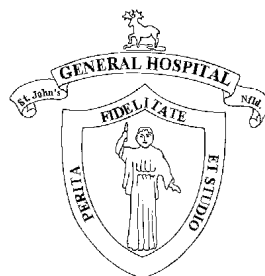
Balance:	September 16, 2004	<b>\$698.64</b>
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## **Annual Fundraisers**

In order to maintain our scholarship fund, annual fundraisers are required. These include:

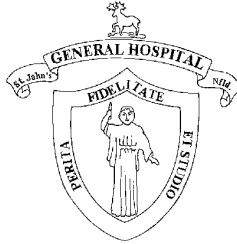
- Ticket raffle on a Christmas basket
- Silent Auction which is held during the Annual General Meeting
- Other fundraisers as needed.

If you are able to help with any of our fundraisers, either by donating items or a few hours of your time, please contact any member of the executive.



**We are on the Web!**  
**[www.ghsonalumni.ca](http://www.ghsonalumni.ca)**





## General Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Membership Application

### Applicant Information

Name:

Current Address:

City:

Province:

Postal Code:

Phone:

E-mail Address:

Class:

Membership Fee (\$5.00):

Donation:

Do you have a GHSON Cape that you would be willing to lend for special events?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_

No: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make cheque payable to : **GENERAL HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING ALUMNI**

Please forward completed application to:

**Debbie Lee Pike  
1 Meadowvale Place  
St. John's, NL  
A1G 1V2**

## Class of 1944

Members of Alumni Executive and each and every active member of committee: 2004 Alumni Dinner Silent Auction Meeting. Are to be congratulated! Job well done: Again! Better than ever! What a positive, happy, satisfied group of “girls” Class of 1944 (7) were. As were members of each class that gathered at the Holiday Inn Oct 7<sup>th</sup>.

We had a full week, memories and joy. We continued to celebrate Friday at my home and Saturday at the home of Gert Tobin. We visited Grace Heath, and her son, wife and grandson welcomed us with open arms. More memories relived – lots of laughter, even a few tears as we wrote cards for those who couldn’t make it and as Grace’s grandson 9 years read hers. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Love. God Bless.

*Mary Nurse*

## Class of 1953B 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion

Beginning on September 10, 2003, fifteen members of the class of 1953B celebrated (5) days of memories, music and conviviality to commemorate 53 years of friendship and sisterhood. Classmates traveled from Arkansas, New York, Massachusetts, Ontario and of course, areas of our beloved Island.

Commencing with a “meet and greet” at Anita’s each day brought surprises, luncheons, (one hosted by Helen and another by Pauline and Mary), dinners, stretch limo ride (thanks to Anita), theatre, Bowring Park picnic with a flashlight stroll at dusk and even a “pub crawl”. Our trip to the school’s Archives stimulated our memories, especially in reading the O.R. logs where our “scrub and circulate” duties are forever recorded in each student’s handwriting. We are grateful to Janet Story and the Alumni Association for providing our school pins.

Our class picture was taken at the Delta Hotel after which a delightful dinner was enjoyed. An overnight stay, by all, ended (in the wee hours) with singing and “yarnin”. The following day a visit to the Geo Centre was a highlight to be remembered.

On Sunday September 14, services were held at St. Thomas Church where Canon Cooper spoke of our class and read the names of classmates who have passed on – Mabel Vivian, Mona Hounsel, Mary Lane and Maxine Young. We all remember them with much affection. Rev. Skinner also mentioned our friend, Milly Pinsent, who was unable to attend because of illness.

The final evening at Doreen’s was packed full of jokes, stories, food, (including Pauline’s Baked Apple Cheese Cake with “tinned”cream) and a hilarious skit. Doreen and Mary reenacted our graduation ceremony accompanied by our processional music, “The Triumphal March” from Aida, as they entered the room regaled in caps, capes and wigs. Beautiful! Doreen’s front yard was decorated



with a large 53B sign and 50 pink Flamingos greeting us as we arrived. We parted discussing plans for our next reunion and singing our class theme song “We are the little girls of the General”.

Those of us who traveled (Agnes, Audie, Marg, Norma, Maisie, Bertha, Mabel and our honorary classmate Denise) are very appreciative for all the planning, running around and coordinating our special friends did to make this a reunion unparalleled for fun, recollection and of course affection. Thank you – Anita, Doreen, Helen, Mary, Pauline, Betty, Emma and Milly. We love you all.

**Class of 1953B:**

Agnes Bourne Fennell	Doreen Christian Reardigan	Pauline Pelley Benson
Audrey Bragg Foote	Mabel Davis Peyer	Milly Pinsent Williams
Marg Brennan Hanrahan	Mary Doody Kelly	Betty Ryan Greene
Emma Browne	Norma Edwards Shidlovsky	Anita Shea Fraser
Helen Butler Pollack	Maisie Pafford Allen	Bertha Sweet Butler



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