

# The Alumni Connection

“95 Years of Leadership in Nursing”  
1903-1998

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## Executive Committee

### 2006-2007

- President:** Lisa Picco, Class of 1997  
**Vice-President:** Kim Neary, Class of 1997  
**Treasurer:** Elsie Wells, Class of 1969  
**Secretary:** Janet Brown, Class of 1980  
**Past-President:** Dawn Haines, Class of 1991



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

## Alumni News

### 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 2006-2007 we have 350 paid members.

### 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
- We are on the web!  
[www.ghsonalumni.ca](http://www.ghsonalumni.ca)

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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 \$ 1500.00 is awarded to a graduate pursuing a Masters of Nursing. Applications were reviewed according to the Selection Criteria. The applicants were notified by phone or e-mail of the outcome. The successful candidate was ***Dawn Haines*** (Class of 1991) for the BN Scholarship. As agreed at the 2006 AGM, as there were no successful Masters of Nursing applicants, 2 scholarships were awarded this year. The successful candidates were ***Siobhainn Lewis*** (Class of 1995) and ***Christine Noel*** (Class of 1993).

## Congratulations

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

### Bachelor of Nursing

Vivian Careen - Class of 1998

Arthur Morgan - Class of 1992

### Masters of Nursing

Kerri-Lynn Durnford - Class of 1995

Shirley Matchim - Class of 1978

Kim Warford - Class of 1991

## **GHSOON Alumni Presidents Message**

*Prepared by Lisa Picco*

**T**hank-you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your alumni president this past year. It ha been an enjoyable experience and one I would highly recommend to any member interested in serving on the executive. I have had the privilege of working on the executive for the past five years and during this time we celebrated 100 years of nursing education in our province in 2003 and the commemorating of Mary Southcott in 2006. These events have reflected positively on our school and gives us all a strong sense of pride!

*Each year I have worked with dedicated individuals and this year I praise the effort of Kim Neary (Vice President), Janet Brown (Secretary), and Elsie Wells (Treasurer). We have worked hard on your behalf and have worked well as a team.*

*It is wonderful to see such a strong interest in our alumni as evident by the number of people attending our annual dinner each year. Congratulations to all classes celebrating reunions, in particular the class of 1982 (25 years), and 1957 (50 years)! Thank-you to those who planned their reunion festivities around our annual dinner– it's wonderful to see such class spirit!*

*A special thank-you to Dr. Story and her dedicated team, Jeanette Walsh, Elizabeth Good, Maxine Taylor, Kay Roche, Pam Baker, Marilyn Marsh, Margo Bruce and Betty Johnston who give of their time to ensure the Lillian Stevenson Archives Museum is well maintained and our nursing history preserved.*

*Finally, to our alumni members who support and contribute with donations, Thank-you and we look forward to your continued support.*



## Donations to the Alumni

Our sincere thanks to the following donors to the organization account

<i>Minnie Pelley</i>	<i>Phyllis Barrett</i>	<i>Lillian Rendell</i>	<i>Pamela Baker</i>	<i>Elizabeth Giannou</i>	<i>Cindy Hardy</i>
<i>Mary Constantine</i>	<i>Shirley Fisher</i>	<i>Rosalyn Hollett</i>	<i>Siobhainn Lewis</i>	<i>Mildred Bennett</i>	<i>Elsie Wells</i>
<i>Helen Metcalfe</i>	<i>Maxine Taylor</i>	<i>Thelma Howard</i>	<i>Matilda Bara</i>	<i>Geneva Crowell</i>	<i>Janice Marshall</i>
<i>Judy Lush</i>	<i>Joan Ingram</i>	<i>Joan Dobbin</i>	<i>Jeanette Walsh</i>	<i>Rita Callaghan</i>	<i>Betty Good</i>
<i>Daphne Squires</i>	<i>Phyllis Downton</i>	<i>Mary Chafe</i>	<i>Margot Bruce</i>	<i>Manetta Depre</i>	<i>Elizabeth Gallagher</i>
<i>Bertha Butler</i>	<i>Gladys Stockley</i>	<i>Natalie Huxter- Thane</i>	<i>Glynne Peters- Holtby</i>	<i>Elizabeth Craw- shaw</i>	<i>Gloria Fifield- Murphy</i>
<i>Myra Ann Foller</i>	<i>Class of 1951 A</i>	<i>Class of 1951 B</i>	<i>Theresa Rose</i>	<i>Catherine D. Healey</i>	<i>Menetha Dyke</i>
<i>Yvonne Bailey</i>	<i>Mary Kelly</i>				


*Donation in memory of Josephine (Berrigan) Hiscock– Class of 1956 by classmate Yvonne Bailey*

*Donation in memory of Mabel Coffin Holwell, Barbara Baggs-Piggott and Shirley Thomson Armstrong by Class of 1956*

*Donation in memory of Barbara Mahoney Dawson and Gloria Crane-White from Class of 1966*

*Donation in memory of Jean (Riggs) Carter– Class of 1955 B by classmates: Irene Pardy, Rosalie Davis, Ivy Johnson, Melinda Daniels, Elizabeth Giannou, Marcella Linehan and Shirley Randell*

*Estate Donation in memory of Mary Weir-Class of 1941*



# Alumni 2006 Dinner Pictures



## Lillian Stevenson Archives/Museum Report

### Report 2006-2007

*Prepared by Janet Story*

Volunteers:	Margot Bruce	Jeanette Walsh	Maxine Taylor
	Kay Roche	Elizabeth Good	Pam Baker
	Betty Johnston	Marilyn Marsh	Janet Story
Visitors - approximately 62		Volunteer hours approximately 300	

### *What do we do at the archives?*

- *Collecting information on graduates*
- *Sorting the reports of and curricula changes in the School of Nursing*
- *Answering request for information about various aspects of Nursing history.*
- *Assisting graduate students with research.*
- *Pulling copies of photographs on computer.*
- *Copy 16 colored graduation photos due to fading.*
- *Others too numerous to mention*

**E-mail: Archives\_1981@hotmail.com**

## *10 Year Reunion Class of 1997*



On July 13th and 14th, 2007 the class of 1997, celebrated its 10 year reunion. We had a fabulous time which started with a meet and greet on Friday, a family day in Pippy Park on Saturday afternoon, and it ended with a dinner and dance on Saturday night. It was great to see everyone's growing families and our children had a ball!! We laughed, reminisced and created new memories that will last forever. A huge thank-you to the Alumni for your donation towards our celebration.

## Class of 1954 B Celebrating their 53rd Reunion August 2007



### Class of 1954 B

Front row: L to R Mary Barrett, Geraldine Young, Mary O'Neill, Patricia Porter, Daphne Squires and Alma Stead

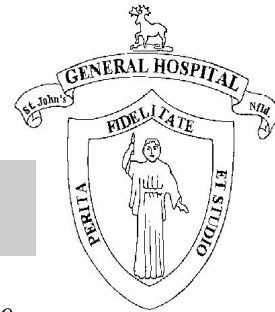
Second row: L to R June Wilkinson, Myrtle Smyth, Ruth Hodsdon and Cloie Healy.

Third row: L to R Fran Field, Enid Barrett, Noreen Kennedy, Mary Dohey, Joan Sweeney and Phyllis Smith

**August 13-16, 2007. Four fantastic days for 16 classmates from 1954 B. A great get together after 53 years. Sun, fun, and**

**Beautiful St. John's . We did it all! The sisterhood continues.....**





## In Memoriam

<i>Muriel (Brinton) Morrissey</i>	<i>Class of 1940</i>
<i>Elizabeth (Wendell) Wyse</i>	<i>Class of 1940</i>
<i>Anabelle (Ford) Beehan</i>	<i>Class of 1941</i>
<i>Grace (Smith) Heath</i>	<i>Class of 1944</i>
<i>Nora (Duke) O'Brien</i>	<i>Class of 1946</i>
<i>Anne( Joy) Pinsent</i>	<i>Class of 1949</i>
<i>Jean (Parsons) Duffett</i>	<i>Class of 1950</i>
<i>Elizabeth Kelly</i>	<i>Class of 1950</i>
<i>Grace (Dumaresq) Brett</i>	<i>Class of 1955</i>
<i>Ethel (Milley) Watzec</i>	<i>Class of 1955</i>
<i>Jean(Riggs) Carter</i>	<i>Class of 1955</i>
<i>Josephine(Berrigan) Hiscock</i>	<i>Class of 1956</i>
<i>Norma (Blundon) Noel</i>	<i>Class of 1959</i>
<i>Iris (Gill) King</i>	<i>Class of 1959</i>
<i>Maud (Stacy) Hudson</i>	<i>Class of 1960</i>
<i>Daphne (King) Bajzak</i>	<i>Class of 1961</i>
<i>Gloria (Crane) White</i>	<i>Class of 1966</i>
<i>Cynthia( Fry) Smallwood</i>	<i>Class of 1973</i>
<i>Kathryn Roberts</i>	<i>Class of 1978</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.

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**General Hospital School of Nursing Alumni  
Annual Dinner, General Meeting and Silent Auction Minutes  
October 5, 2006**

1.0 Welcome and Call to Order

Call to order and welcome by Dawn Haines (Class of 1991)

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved as written. Moved by Marilyn Marsh seconded by Lisa Picco.

3.0 Moment of Silence/ Recognition of Deceased Members

Janet Story (Class of 1948 B) conducted the moment of silence and recognition.

4.0 Class Roll Call

Members were asked by Bertha Schofield to stand when graduation year called. The roll started at 1941.

315 Alumni members in attendance: 48 Classes represented.

5.0 Review of Minutes of October 2005

Minutes approved with no errors or omissions. Moved by Elizabeth Gruchy seconded by Catherine Parsons. Minutes adopted.

6.0 Business Arising

Nil

7.0 New Business

7.1 Masters of Nursing scholarship:

This year we did not have an applicant that met the criteria for the Masters of Nursing scholarship. It was brought forward that in 2007, it would be awarded to two applicants for 2007 only, if all criteria met. Moved by Elizabeth Good and seconded by Elizabeth Gruchy. Motion adopted.

7.2 Reports

Presidents, Treasurers and Archival reports were presented in the newsletter. Adoption of reports moved by Bob Meadus; seconded by Rosalyn Collett. Reports adopted.

7.3 Scholarship Committee Report

Elizabeth Gruchy presented the scholarship report and announced this years recipients.

Sandra White ( Class of 1985 ) Bachelor of Nursing Scholarship.

Motion for report acceptance: moved and seconded

7.4 Presentation to 25th and 50th year graduates

Janet Brown presented our graduates celebrating 25 and 50 year anniversaries with alumni pins.

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7.5 Presentations

Lisa Picco presented flowers to Ruth Burry, Class of 1946 for her 60th anniversary. Gifts were also presented to volunteers of the archives.

*Presentations to the Alumni*

The class of 1964 made a cheque presentation to the Archives in memory of Karen (Bonnell) MacWilliams.

The class of 1941 made a monetary donation to the Alumni.

Phyllis Barrett ( Class of 1941) made a donation to the Alumni.

A cheque was presented by the class of 1956 in memory of Mabel (Coffin) Howell, Barbara (Baggs) Biggott and Shirley (Thomas) Armstrong.

7.6 Election of Officers

Secretary:	Janet Brown	Moved by Dawn Haines and seconded by Elizabeth Gruchy
Treasurer:	Elsie Wells in absentia	Moved by Lisa Picco and seconded by Elizabeth Gruchy
Vice President:	Kim Neary	Moved by Elizabeth Gruchy and seconded by Janet Brown
President:	Lisa Picco	Moved by Elizabeth Gruchy and seconded by Dawn Haines

7.7 Next Meeting

The next annual meeting will be on Thursday, October 4, 2007 at the Holiday Inn.

7.8 Concluding Remarks

Thanks expressed to all those who made the evening a success.

8.0 Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2105 hours. Moved by Siobhainn Lewis; seconded by Charmaine Lane.

# July 1, 2007 Memorial Day Parade

For the fourth year in a row, on July 1, 2007, Nurses along with others were invited by the Legion to participate in the Memorial Day Parade. This year the General took the lead and carried the ARNNL flag, truly an honor to be part of such a special event!



Pictured in  
Photo:  
Jim Feltham  
Class of 1982  
and Lisa Picco  
Class of 1977.

## The Nurse

That cap the nurse on duty wears  
Is costlier than the bonnets gay  
Worn by the wives of millionaires  
Regardless of the price they pay.  
'Tis something she herself can make  
A bit of linen trimmed and turned  
The right to it (for mercy's sake)  
Was with three years of training earned.

That uniform of spotless white  
Was Costlier than a lady's gown  
'Twas bought with care by day and night  
For those with illness stricken down  
The royal robes show royal birth  
But every nurse's simple pin  
Is emblematic of her worth  
A symbol she has toiled to win.

Oh gracious spirit, love imbued  
That can such tender care accord  
Perhaps it is with gratitude  
Must always be your best reward  
Now out of gratitude appears  
This tribute done in simple verse  
Unto the dedicated years  
Of all who choose to be a nurse.

By Edgar A. Guest

General Hospital School of Nursing Alumni  
Annual General Meeting  
Thursday, October 4, 2007

- **Welcome**
- **Approval of Agenda**
- **Moment of Silence**
- **Class Roll Call**
- **Review of Minutes of October 5 , 2006**
- **Business Arising**  
Discussion of Finances
- **New Business**  
President, Treasurer and Archival Report  
Scholarship Report  
Presentation to 25th and 50th year graduates
- **Presentations**
- **Election of Officers**
- **Next meeting, October 2, 2008 at the Holiday Inn**
- **Concluding Remarks**
- **Adjournment**