

The Alumni Connection

"95 Years of Leadership in Nursing"
1903-1998

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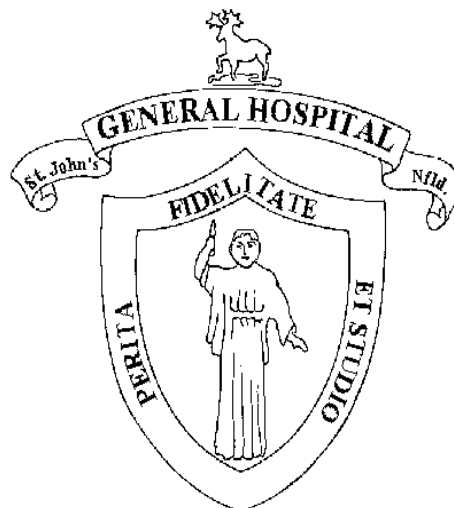
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President: Lisa Picco, Class of 1997

Vice-President: Kim Neary, Class of 1997

Treasurer: Elsie Wells, Class of 1969

Secretary: Janet Brown, Class of 1980



This is the twenty first 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 2009-2010, we have 350 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
- We are on the web!
www.ghsonalumni.ca
- There is a stipend available for classes celebrating reunions.

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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 *Tonya Marsh* (Class of 1997) for the Masters of Nursing Scholarship. There were no applicants for the Bachelor of Nursing Scholarship.

Congratulations

The General Hospital School of Nursing Alumni proudly congratulates the following graduate for her academic success.

Masters of Nursing

Siobhain Lewis (Class of 1995)

GHSON Alumni Presidents Message

President's Address

Prepared by: Lisa Picco

It is hard to believe another year has gone by so quickly! This has been my seventh year serving on our alumni executive and my third serving as alumni president. This year I will be stepping down to allow other members the opportunity to become more involved. I have worked with some amazing people and have met so many others. I plan to stay actively involved and encourage others to do the same. I am confident our alumni will continue to flourish and stay strong. The large numbers attending our annual dinner and silent auction is evidence our school spirit is very much alive!

I extend a huge thank you to our current alumni executive Kim Neary (vice president), Janet Brown (secretary) and Elsie Wells (treasurer) for all your hard work. It has been a pleasure to work with such a dedicated group. I also extend a thank you to all other executive members I have worked with over the years. It has truly been a privilege and honour to know each of you! The friendships that have been formed are what has been the best part of this journey and with it I will take many fond memories.

Congratulations to all classes celebrating tonight with a special mention to the class of 1984 celebrating their 25th anniversary and the class of 1959 celebrating their 50th anniversary. On behalf of the executive, I wish you all well and hope you enjoy your time together as you reminisce and rekindle old friendships. May this celebration be the beginning of many more gatherings!

A sincere thank you to Dr. Story and her team; Jeanette Walsh, Elizabeth Good, Pam Baker, Kay Roche, Betty Johnston, and Margo Bruce who go above and beyond to ensure our nursing history is preserved. The Lillian Stevenson Archives Museum is definitely a place to visit and I encourage all members to take the time to walk through such a historic place. The time and effort that goes into keeping everything well maintained is the effort of a very caring group of individuals and I applaud you!

Finally, I extend a big thank you to the members for your contributions and for being here tonight! We look forward to your continued support and attendance at future alumni dinners.

*"Now may the warming love of friends
Surround you as you go
Down the path of light and laughter
Where the happy memories grow"*

-Helen Lowrie Marshall



Donations to the Alumni

Our sincere thanks to the following donors to the organization account

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| <i>Elsie Maher</i> | <i>B. Mary Chafe</i> | <i>Bonnie Maroun</i> | <i>Helen Mercer</i> | <i>Marcella Linehan</i> | <i>Joyce Warren</i> |
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| <i>Matilda Bara</i> | <i>Judy Lush</i> | <i>Menetha Dyke</i> | <i>Joan Tizzard</i> | <i>Mary Nurse</i> | <i>Elizabeth Martin</i> |
| <i>Joan Ingram</i> | <i>Lillian Rendell</i> | <i>Phyllis Downton</i> | <i>Elizabeth Good</i> | <i>Ada Chow</i> | <i>Jeanette Walsh</i> |
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| <i>Natalie Gosse</i> | <i>Jeanette Andrews</i> | <i>Gloria Murphy</i> | <i>Joan Sweetland</i> | <i>Catherine Healy</i> | <i>Dora Cooze</i> |
| <i>June Pollett</i> | <i>Rita Callaghan</i> | <i>Marg Pumphrey</i> | <i>Muriel Fever</i> | | |

Donation from estate of Phyllis Godden

Donation from Levina Neal in memory Class of 1956





Alumni 2008 Dinner Pictures



Lillian Stevenson Archives/Museum Report

Report 2008-2009

Prepared by Janet Story

Volunteers: Margot Bruce Jeanette Walsh Pam Baker
 Kay Roche Elizabeth Good
 Betty Johnston Janet Story
Visitors - approximately 100 Volunteer hours approximately 170

Heat and humidity were such that the Archives did not open for several days in July and August.

For the second year, the museum participated in Doors Open on Sept. 12th. We had 27 visitors.

We were successful in obtaining a grant of \$1000 under the operational support for Community and Heritage organizations. We were unsuccessful in our application in the Cultural Economic Development Programs because of high demands on the funds.

WHAT WE DO AT THE ARCHIVES

- collect information on graduates including current addresses
- record reports and curriculum changes of the school
- reply to requests for information about aspects of nursing history
- assist graduates and students with research information
- scan photos to computer
- list and acknowledge donations of items relative to GHSON

E-mail: Archives_1981@hotmail.com



Parade 2009

On July 1, 2009 , for the sixth year in a row , nurses participated in the Memorial Day parade with others invited by the Legion .If you are interested in being involved, please contact any member of the GHSON executive.



In Memoriam

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| <i>Phyllis Godden</i> | <i>Class of 1939</i> |
| <i>Mary Phyllis (Bennett) Burt</i> | <i>Class of 1941</i> |
| <i>Phyllis(Wylie) Barrett</i> | <i>Class of 1941</i> |
| <i>Dorothy Pinsent</i> | <i>Class of 1942</i> |
| <i>Frances (Goodland) Hawkins</i> | <i>Class of 1943</i> |
| <i>Doreen (Fitzgerald) Keir</i> | <i>Class of 1943</i> |
| <i>Sue (Harris) Mitchell</i> | <i>Class of 1946</i> |
| <i>Anne (Perry) Noseworthy</i> | <i>Class of 1950</i> |
| <i>Regina (Healy) Hawkins</i> | <i>Class of 1954</i> |
| <i>Olive (Corcoran) Smith</i> | <i>Class of 1956</i> |
| <i>Maureen (Adey) Picco</i> | <i>Class of 1959</i> |
| <i>Caroline (Hoddder) Dean</i> | <i>Class of 1960</i> |
| <i>Phyllis (May) Taylor</i> | <i>Class of 1963</i> |
| <i>Patricia Cantwell</i> | <i>Class of 1965</i> |
| <i>Carol (Bartlett) Clarke</i> | <i>Class of 1981</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.

**General Hospital School of Nursing Alumni
Annual Dinner, General Meeting and Silent Auction Minutes
October 2, 2008**

1.0 Welcome and Call to Order

Call to order and welcome by Lisa Picco (Class of 1997)

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved as written. Moved by Paula Fifield and seconded by Marie Morgan.

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 (Class of 1965) to stand when graduation year called.

The roll started at 1941.

310 Alumni members in attendance: 44 Classes represented.

5.0 Review of Minutes of October 2007

Minutes approved with no errors or omissions. Moved by Paula Fifield and seconded by Judy Carpenter .

6.0 Business Arising

-Discussion of finances.

-Two ads in The Telegram .-Discussion entailed re dependants scholarships.

7.0 New Business

7.1 Reports

Presidents, Treasurers and Archival reports were presented in the newsletter. Adoption of reports moved by Marilyn Marsh and seconded by Bob Meadus.

7.2 Scholarship Committee Report

Kim Neary presented the scholarship report and announced this years recipients.

Pauline Malcomson (Class of 1995) Bachelor of Nursing Scholarship.

Motion for report acceptance: moved by Judy Carpenter and seconded by Geri Cashin.

7.3 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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7.4 Presentations

Elsie Wells presented flowers to graduates for their 60th anniversary and Alumni members who graduated prior to 1949. Roses were also presented to volunteers of the Archives.

Presentations to the Alumni

A cheque was presented by the class of 1957 in celebration of their 50th anniversary.

Cindy Marshall on behalf of the class of 1977 made a monetary donation to the Alumni/ Archives .

James Feltham on behalf of the class of 1982 made a monetary donation to the Alumni in memory of Joanne Head.

7.5 Election of Officers

Present officers unanimously re-elected from the floor.

7.6 Next Meeting

The next annual meeting will be held on Thursday, October 1, 2009 at the Holiday Inn.

7.7 Concluding Remarks

Thanks expressed to all those who made the evening a success. Executive as well as Debbie Pike ,Bob Meadus, Bertha Schofeld and Dr. Story extra thanks for all their help.

8.0 Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2155 hours. Moved by Anne Marie Cox and seconded by Jason Thorn.

General Hospital School of Nursing Alumni
Annual General Meeting
Thursday, October 1, 2009

- **Welcome**
- **Approval of Agenda**
- **Moment of Silence**
- **Class Roll Call**
- **Review of Minutes of October 2 , 2008**
- **Business Arising**
 - **Scholarship proposal**
- **New Business**
 - **President, Treasurer and Archival Report**
 - **Scholarship Report**
 - **Presentation to 25th and 50th year graduates**
- **Presentations**
- **Election of Officers**
- **Next meeting, October 7 , 2010**
- **Concluding Remarks**
- **Adjournment**