

# The Alumni Connection

“95 Years of Leadership in Nursing”  
1903-1998

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## Executive Committee

2015-2016

- President:** Janice Marsh, Class of 1996
- Vice-President:** Kathy Adey, Class of 1996
- Treasurer:** Elaine Carew, Class of 1982
- Secretary:** Lynn Power, Class of 1982



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This is the twenty-eighth 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 2016-2017, we have 322 paid members.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- We are on the web!  
[www.ghsonalumni.ca](http://www.ghsonalumni.ca)
- Limited number of Capes and Caps available for special occasions. Contact Alumni office, Mrs. Betty Good, 777-7682, or email:  
[Archives\\_1981@hotmail.com](mailto:Archives_1981@hotmail.com)
- There is a stipend available for classes celebrating reunions.

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General Hospital School of Nursing Alumni  
Annual General Meeting  
Thursday, October 6, 2016

- Welcome & Opening Remarks
- Grace: Doris Mills (Class of 1966)
- Dinner
- Approval of Agenda
- Moment of Silence: Jeanette Walsh (Class of 1965)
- Class Roll Call: Bertha Schofield (Class of 1965)
- Presentations:
  - 50 Years—Class of 1966
  - 60 Years—Class of 1956
  - Class of 1955 & before
  - Archives Ladies
  - Scholarships
- Review of Minutes of October 1, 2015
- Business Arising
- New Business
  - President, Treasurer & Archives Report
  - Scholarship Report
- Election of Officers: Dr. Robert Meadus (Class of 1978)
- Next Meeting, October 5, 2017
- Concluding Remarks
- Adjournment

## Diamond Jubilee & Legacy Scholarships

The General Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association offers three scholarships annually. During the year, the executive has been hard at work promoting the scholarships. We have been in contact with schools of nursing and also *Access* and *Canadian Nurse* magazines trying to promote the scholarships and contact as many alumni as possible to make them aware of what is available to students and family members of alumni.

Two **Diamond Jubilee Scholarships** are awarded at the Annual General Meeting to a graduate of the General Hospital School of Nursing. One \$1500 scholarship is offered to a graduate pursuing a Bachelor of Nursing and one \$1500 scholarship is offered to a graduate pursuing a Masters of Nursing. This year we are very pleased to present our Bachelor of Nursing scholarship to:

**Melanie Smith, Class of 1998**

The **Legacy Scholarship**, valued at \$1000, is offered by the Alumni to a child or grandchild of an Alumni member who is currently enrolled and pursuing a career in nursing. This year we are very pleased to inform you we had two applicants for the Legacy Scholarship and, in speaking with them, our ad campaign is paying off. More and more children and grandchildren are becoming aware of the scholarship. Congratulations to:

**Jillian Grenning**, daughter of Catherine (Hapgood) Grenning (Class of 1984)

**Kimberly LeBlanc**, daughter of Helen (Kearley) LeBlanc (Class of 1965)

Information on these scholarships and how to apply are available on the GHSON Alumni and ARNNL websites.

<http://www.ghsonalumni.ca/scholarships.htm>

<https://www.arannl.ca/tpg.php?p=69>

If you know of someone who could benefit from these opportunities, please encourage them to apply.

# GHSOON Alumni President's Report

*Prepared by Janice Marsh (Class of 1996)*

It is hard to believe that a year has passed since last year's dinner! It has been a pleasure to serve as President of the Alumni for the past twelve months. I had the opportunity to fulfill the role of secretary on the Alumni Executive over ten years ago, so it is nice to experience this role as well.

As evidenced by the number of people attending our dinner each year, we continue to have strong interest in our alumni which is fabulous! I would like to extend congratulations to the classes celebrating reunions. An extra special congratulations to the Class of 1991 (25 years) and the Class of 1966 (50 years)!

2016 marked the one hundredth anniversary of the Battle of the Somme and Beaumont-Hamel. The Canada Day / Memorial Day parade was very well attended with a number of GHSOON Alumni taking part in this beautiful tribute. This showed great support for the sacrifices made by so many during these conflicts.

This past year saw the closing of the Archives. Although no longer in existence, several ladies have taken on the task of overseeing the Alumni room. I would like to send my sincere gratitude to Jeanette Walsh, Elizabeth Good, Pamela Baker, Ella Hawco, Joan Tizzard and Elsie Wells for all their hard work and dedication to GHSOON Alumni.

I would also like to extend a sincere thank you to Susan Walsh (Past President), Kathy Penwell-Adey (Vice-President), Elaine Carew (Treasurer), and Lynn Power (Secretary) for their dedication and support over the last year. We are a great team. And I have thoroughly enjoyed working with each of you!

Finally, to our Alumni members who support and contribute with donations, thank you! We look forward to your continued support.

Enjoy your evening and I look forward to seeing you all at the dinner again next year!

Sincerely,

Janice Marsh




## Donations to the Alumni

All donations are greatly appreciated. Sincere thanks to the following donors to the organization account.

Ada Chow	Geraldine Blackmore	Judy Lush	Nancy Christopher
Alice Seviour	Gladys Stockley	June Pollett	Nathalia Huxter-Stone
Alma Stead	Glynne Holtby	Karen Hillyard	Nora Kelly
Bertha Schofield	Ida Doucette	Karen Kitchen	Norma Shidlowsky
Catherine Healy	James Feltham	Katharine Waye	Pamela Baker
Carolyn Way	Janet Neil	Lana Jensen	Patricia LeBrun
Catherine Spencer	Jeanette Walsh	Louise Stalder	Paula Fifield
Daphne Squires	Jenny Norman	Margaret Butt	Paula Locke
Elaine Bursey	Jill Langin	Margaret Dwyer	Regina Pardy
Elizabeth Andrieux	Joan B. O'Neil	Margaret Maloney	Rosalyn Searle
Elizabeth Gallagher	Joan Dawe	Margaret Pumphrey	Sandra Pollett
Elizabeth Giannou	Joan Hoadley	Marilyn Hogan	Sharon Fudge
Elizabeth Good	Joan Ingram	Marion MacDonald	Siobhainn Lewis
Elizabeth Johnston	Joan Sweetland	Mary Constantine	Vivien Jones
Elizabeth Shandera	Joy Andrews	Mary Joan Whelan	Wanda Parsons
Emma Browne	Joyce Warren	Matilda Bara	

All donations are greatly appreciated but due to space limitations only donations of twenty dollars or more are listed in the newsletter.





*Donations in memory of Alumni Members for*

<i>Beatrice (Squire) Mitchell</i>	made by	<i>Aiden Mitchell (husband)</i>
<i>Kimberly Crocker</i>	made by	<i>Class of 1977</i>
<i>May (Browne) Jones</i>	made by	<i>Mary (Williams) Chafe, Class of 1952B</i>
<i>Deceased Classmates</i>	made by	<i>Class of 1954A</i>
<i>Deceased Classmates</i>	made by	<i>Class of 1964</i>
<i>Deceased Classmates</i>	made by	<i>Class of 1965</i>
<i>Classmates Mary (Dunley) Nurse &amp; Gertrude Tobin</i>	made by	<i>Doris Clarke, Class of 1944</i>
<i>Miss Nicholle</i>	made by	<i>Elizabeth Johnston, Class of 1954A</i>



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

### **Report 2015-2016**

*Prepared by Jeanette Walsh*

Since the last Alumni dinner we have vacated the space on the fourth floor of the LA Miller Centre which housed the Lillian Stevenson Nursing Museum and Archives. The space was to be designated for clinical programs however the recent budget cuts have put the work on hold indefinitely.

To ensure the significant collection of artifacts related to health care delivery and nursing in the province was preserved for the future, we contacted various historical groups in the city for advice on how to best disperse the Archives/Museum holdings. The artifacts were distributed to the Rooms, the Military Museum, the Pharmacology Museum and MUN Medical School Archives.

The book collection went to the Health Science Library where it will be assessed for historical significance and inclusion in the Med School Archives. Remaining books will be forwarded to the QEII library for additional assessment.

There were quite a few items like instruments, hospital furniture, etc. that were of no historical value. These have been forwarded to the Bonne Bay Cottage Hospital Museum. The items will be used to set up displays. The Alumni will be publicly acknowledged for donations to the various groups.

Furniture pieces that could not be used by the Alumni were sold with proceeds going to the scholarship fund. Several pieces have been stored to be auctioned off at a later date and the Iron Lung has been placed in storage by Eastern Health.

Graduate files along with school records were also stored at the Archives/Museum. These along with the majority of the Museum artifacts /Archives documents are now stored at the Rooms which ensures their preservation into the future.

We successfully negotiated space at the Miller Centre Site where Alumni files/documents will be stored. Also there is a collection of capes and caps which can be used in Honor Guards or parades. This year a group of Alumni members marched in the July 1 Memorial parade to honor Newfoundland nurses who served overseas in WWI, all of whom were GHSN graduates. Anyone needing capes or caps for an occasion should contact a member of the Executive who will make arrangements to have them picked up.

## Lillian Stevenson Archives/Museum Report

### Report 2015-2016

*continued*

We ask classes to forward updated classmate information gathered for reunions to either of the addresses above. This information is secured in the Alumni Room and only released for reunion planning.

**Caps** – Over the past year we have explored various options to purchase caps commercially but with no success. However one of our graduates offered to make some caps (and we sincerely thank her). Now we have enough to lend for events. These are starched cloth caps similar to those worn by most of us before plastic caps were introduced.

Six Alumni members who volunteered at the Archives/Museum plan to continue working on Alumni related activities once a week. You can find out when the office will be opened by calling 777-7682.

The Archives/Museum volunteers are Elizabeth (Squires) Good 1961, Pamela (Faulkner) Baker 1966, Joan (Dowden) Tizzard 1966, Elsie (Symonds) Wells 1968, Ella (Sutton) Hawco 1963 and Jeanette Walsh 1965.

We thank Elizabeth (Martin) Parsons Class 1960 who enters the names of deceased graduates in the Memoriam Book each year and Susan (Button) Walsh Class 1977 who was so helpful with the move from the Archives/Museum.

Jeanette Walsh





## In Memoriam



<i>Hilda (Gregory) Slade</i>	<i>Class of 1945</i>
<i>Phyllis (Ewing) Pike</i>	<i>Class of 1946</i>
<i>Dorothy (Samson) Cummings</i>	<i>Class of 1947</i>
<i>Beatrice (Squires) Mitchell</i>	<i>Class of 1953</i>
<i>Ivy (Powell) Johnson</i>	<i>Class of 1955</i>
<i>Cathy (Hunter) Porter</i>	<i>Class of 1955</i>
<i>Gertrude (Little) Short</i>	<i>Class of 1956</i>
<i>Marie (Stuckless) Thorne</i>	<i>Class of 1956</i>
<i>Myrtle (Snow) Parsons</i>	<i>Class of 1957</i>
<i>Evelyn (Marsh) Robbins</i>	<i>Class of 1958</i>
<i>Lois (Driscoll) Ryan</i>	<i>Class of 1958</i>
<i>Marina Jessie Janes</i>	<i>Class of 1960</i>
<i>Marjorie (Butler) Bottomly</i>	<i>Class of 1960</i>
<i>Patricia (Follett) Dawe</i>	<i>Class of 1961</i>
<i>Florence (Hooper) Mate</i>	<i>Class of 1962</i>
<i>Wendy (Bolander) Stevenson</i>	<i>Class of 1963</i>
<i>Donna (Vincent) Sears</i>	<i>Class of 1969</i>
<i>Bernice (Stuckless) Sheppard</i>	<i>Class of 1970</i>
<i>Cheryl (Mills) Hodder</i>	<i>Class of 1980</i>
<i>Carolyn (Earles) Churchill</i>	<i>Class of 1982</i>
<i>Carolyn Margaret (Foley) Penney</i>	<i>Class of 1994</i>

On the 100th anniversary of Beaumont Hamel we remember Newfoundland nurses who served in WWI particularly graduates from the General Hospital School of Nursing; the following whom have been identified to date:

*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.*

<i>Isabelle May Simms—1907</i>	<i>Alice Beatrice Carey Brehm—1907</i>
<i>Bessie Rowsell—1909</i>	<i>Emily Frances Victoria Morry—1910</i>
<i>Bertha Forsey Porter—1911</i>	<i>Grace Gardner—1911</i>
<i>Mary McGrath Ferris—1912</i>	<i>Maisie Parsons—1914</i>
<i>Clara Isobella White—1914</i>	<i>Teresa Carroll—1914</i>
<i>Frances Cron Brehm—1915</i>	<i>Elizabeth Tremills—1915</i>

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## **General Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Annual Dinner, General Meeting and Silent Auction Minutes October 1, 2015**

### 1.0 Welcome and Call to Order

Susan Walsh President called the meeting to order and welcomed new and returning members.

### 2.0 Agenda

The agenda as presented in the meeting materials was accepted with no changes.

Moved by Jim Feltham Seconded by Dr. Robert Meadus.

### 3.0 Moment of Silence/ Recognition of Deceased Members

Paula Fifield read the names of the members who the Alumni were notified of that had passed away since the last annual meeting. A moment of silence was held in their honour. Sympathy cards were extended to all families on behalf of the Alumni by the Archive Volunteers. Susan Walsh informed the audience that Carolyn Earles Churchill, the VP of the GH Alumni committee, passed away this week. Flowers from the GH Alumni were sent.

### 4.0 Class Roll Call

Bertha Schofield called the roll asking members present to stand when their year of graduation was announced. The roll call started at the year of 1944. 330 Alumni members were present in person with 43 classes represented.

Presentations were provided to 60th anniversary year of 1955, 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of 1965, and 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of 1990.

### 5.0 Minutes of 2014 AGM

The minutes were circulated in the GH Alumni Connection Newsletter provided on all tables. The President asked if there were any errors or omissions. Hearing none the minutes were approved. Moved by Bertha Schofield seconded by Jeanette Walsh.

### 6.0 Business Arising

No business was identified to be arising from the minutes.

### 7.0 New Business

The President Susan Walsh and the Alumni Archive volunteer, Jeannette Walsh informed the membership that the management of the L.A. Miller Centre informed the Alumni that they need to reoccupy the space currently housing the archives. Although negotiations are still ongoing regarding an alternate location for storage of materials, the current facility and public archive site will close on December 31, 2015. Discussions are ongoing with several places to identify appropriate storage and future display of some of the materials. Several examples were provided e.g. The Rooms, the Provincial Archives, The Historic Society and Cottage Hospitals throughout the province. Anyone interested in viewing the archives were encouraged to visit soon. Of concern was the keeping of the memory book and historic records of class memberships. ARNNL has offered to consider housing the latter.

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Annual Dinner, General Meeting and Silent Auction Minutes  
October 1, 2015**

**7.1 Reports**

The President's, Treasurers and Archive reports were included in the meeting materials available in print on the tables. Attention was drawn to the Scholarship report. Susan shared that the call for applications to the GH Legacy scholarship was placed in the Canadian Nurse journal and circulated with the 2015 membership renewal letters. A total of 6 applications were received for the 2 scholarships. There were no applications for the Diamond Jubilee BN or MN scholarships. Consequently, the allocated scholarship funding for 2015 was pooled such that a total of four \$1000 legacy scholarships were awarded. Two of the four recipients were present and received their award in person along with their respective GH Alumni parent.

**7.2 Election of Officers**

In keeping with the GH Alumni Committee procedures Susan Walsh the current President identified the vacant and expired positions on the Executive as of the end of this annual meeting 2015. The Vice President role is vacant and the President's term is completed. She called for nominations from the floor to fill these positions. Two names were put forth – one for each position. Being no other nominees Janice Marsh was acclaimed as President and Kathy Adey as Vice President. Lynn Power is commencing her second year as Secretary and Elaine Carew her 3<sup>rd</sup> year as Treasurer. Susan Walsh was publically acknowledged for her significant contribution to the GH Alumni Committee as she completed her term of office.

**8.0 Adjournment**

The date of the 2016 meeting and dinner was announced as October 6<sup>th</sup>.



*Alumni 2015  
Dinner Pictures*

