

The Alumni Connection

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Executive Committee

2016-2017

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- Treasurer:** Elaine Carew, Class of 1982
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This is the twenty-ninth 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 2017-2018, we have 385 paid members.

DID YOU KNOW?

- We are on the web!
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
- There is a stipend available for classes celebrating reunions.

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General Hospital School of Nursing Alumni
Annual General Meeting
Thursday, October 5, 2017

- Welcome & Opening Remarks
- Grace: Rosalyn (Hollett) Searle (Class of 1967)
- Dinner
- Entertainment: Anchormen Barbershop Chorus
- Approval of Agenda
- Moment of Silence: Jeanette Walsh (Class of 1965)
- Reflections: Guest Speaker
- Class Roll Call: Bertha Schofield (Class of 1965)
- Presentations:
 - 50 Years—Class of 1967
 - 60 Years—Class of 1957
 - Class of 1956 & before
 - Alumni Office Volunteers
 - Scholarships
- Review of Minutes of October 6, 2016
- Business Arising
- New Business
 - President, Treasurer & Alumni Office Report
 - Scholarship Report
- Election of Officers: Dr. Robert Meadus (Class of 1978)
- Next Meeting, October 4, 2018
- Concluding Remarks

Diamond Jubilee & Legacy Scholarships

The General Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association offers three scholarships annually.

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:

Tracy King, Class of 1989

We are very pleased to present our Masters of Nursing scholarship to:

Carlie Parrell, Class of 1996

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 present our Legacy Scholarship to:

Morgan Mercer, granddaughter of Gladys (Parsons) Mercer (Class of 1963)

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

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

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 has been great serving as your alumni president for the second year. It is a very enjoyable experience, and I would highly recommend it to any member interested in serving on the executive. With the large numbers of alumni members attending our dinner each year, it is evident that the GHSOON spirit and pride is alive and well! I am very proud to say "I'm a General Girl!"

I would like to extend congratulations to the classes celebrating reunions. Extra special congratulations go out to the Class of 1992 (25 years) and the Class of 1967 (50 years)!

I am so honoured to work with a wonderful executive consisting of very dedicated individuals! A sincere thank you to Susan Walsh (Past President), Kathy Adey (Vice President), Elaine Carew (Treasurer), and Lynn Power (Secretary) for all your hard work and support over the last 12 months. I would also like to thank all the volunteers who help out with the Alumni Office, as well as during the dinner selling tickets, donating to and assisting with the silent auction...it is truly appreciated!

Finally, to our alumni members who support and contribute with donations, thank you so much and we look forward to your continued support. Have a wonderful evening filled with friendship and memories, 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.

Bertha Schofield	Geraldine Blackmore	Joan Sweetland	Nathalia Huxter-Stone
Betty Williams	Gail Rogers	Joy Andrews	Norma Shidlowsky
Carmel Patey	Gail Turk	Judy Lush	Pamela Baker
Catherine Healy	Gladys Stockley	June Beresford	Paul Bursey
Catherine Lear	Grace Williams	June Pollett	Paula Collingwood
Catherine Spencer	Gwen Daly	Karen Hillyard	Paula Fifield
Class 1966 Reunion	Ida Doucette	Karen Kitchen	Paula Locke
Colleen Wyatt	James Feltham	Lena Noftall	Priscilla Pike
Deborah Craig	Janice Young	Linda Norman-Robbins	Regina Pardy
Dora Cooze	Jean Ellis	Louise Stalder	Rosalyn Searle
Elaine Bursey	Jean Smith	Margaret Pumphrey	Ruby Chapman
Elaine Vardy	Jeanette Walsh	Marguerite Karre	Sandra Pollett
Elizabeth Crawshaw	Jenny Norman	Marilyn Hogan	Sharon Fudge
Elizabeth Giannou	Jennifer Long	Marion MacDonald	Sharon Ransom
Elizabeth Good	Jill Langin	Mary Constantine	Siobhainn Lewis
Elizabeth Johnston	Joan Blackmore	Maureen O'Dea	Sylvia Young
Elizabeth Shandera	Joan Dawe	Melinda Daniels	Vivien Jones
Elizabeth Wells	Joan Holman	Mollie Butler	Wanda Parsons
Elsie Wells	Joan Ingram	Muriel Fever	Wendy Ross
Eric Collier	Joan Marie Alyward	Nancy Christopher	
Eva Sparkes	Joan O'Neal		

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>Gladys (Brown) Mitchell Class of 1947</i>	made by	<i>Mary Chafe, Class of 1952B</i>
<i>Shirley (Burse) Randell Class of 1955B</i>	made by	<i>Irene Parady, Class of 1955B</i>
<i>Shirley (Burse) Randell Class of 1955B</i>	made by	<i>Geneva Crowell, Class of 1955B</i>
<i>Beatrice (Squires) Mitchell Class of 1953</i>	made by	<i>Alden Mitchell</i>



Lillian Stevenson Alumni Office Report

Report 2016-2017

Prepared by Jeanette Walsh

The work of the Alumni continues in our new space in Room 25 in the basement of Southcott Hall. (For those of you who remember the swimming pool, we are located in what was the former female change room.) This is a secured space where class contact information is stored along with Alumni files/documents.

One of the primary activities of the Alumni is to update contact information for members. We ask classes to forward updated classmate information gathered for reunions to either of the addresses below. This information is secured in the Alumni Room and only released for reunion planning.

We also forward condolences to families of deceased members so we appreciate hearing of the passing of a classmate or any Alumni member. Information regarding contact changes or deceased Alumni members can be emailed to archives_1981@hotmail.com OR www.ghsonalumni.ca OR leave a message at 777-7682. All are checked regularly.

As stated in the 2016 report quite a few items like instruments, hospital furniture, etc. were forwarded to the Bonne Bay Cottage Hospital where space has been allotted for a museum. I visited there this summer and while they are in the very early stages of setting it up many of our artifacts are on display. The individual overseeing the work of establishing the museum is the daughter-in-law of Elizabeth Wilton, Class of 1942. They are in the process of cataloging the materials but their work is slow going as it is being done solely by volunteers.

We do have a collection of caps and capes in the Alumni Room which are frequently requested for funerals. Anyone wishing to borrow these items for an event can contact Jeanette Walsh at mj.walsh@nf.sympatico.ca OR an Executive member to make arrangements to pick them up.

The Alumni Office volunteers are Elizabeth (Squires) Good 1961, Pamela (Faulkner) Baker 1966, Joan (Dowden) Tizzard 1966, Elsie (Symonds) Wells 1968, and Jeanette Walsh 1965. These five Alumni members plan to continue and will meet this Fall to identify what needs to be done.

Jeanette Walsh



In Memoriam



<i>Madeline Holmes</i>	<i>Class of 1949</i>
<i>Clara (Cutler) Coultas</i>	<i>Class of 1951</i>
<i>Barbara Sybil (Torraville) Janes</i>	<i>Class of 1951</i>
<i>Gertrude (Earle) Miller</i>	<i>Class of 1951</i>
<i>Fedelis (Battcock) Walsh</i>	<i>Class of 1953</i>
<i>Mary Imelda Dohey</i>	<i>Class of 1954</i>
<i>Nellie (Warr) Taite</i>	<i>Class of 1954</i>
<i>Isabel Lottie Coutu</i>	<i>Class of 1959</i>
<i>Alice Maude French</i>	<i>Class of 1960</i>
<i>Gloria Fifield</i>	<i>Class of 1960</i>
<i>Joyce (Lane) Warren</i>	<i>Class of 1963</i>
<i>Joan (Murphy) Guzzardo</i>	<i>Class of 1963</i>
<i>Joyce (Perry) Budgell</i>	<i>Class of 1963</i>
<i>Helen (Mulcahy) Hullachan</i>	<i>Class of 1965</i>
<i>Jessie (Mifflin) Perry</i>	<i>Class of 1966</i>
<i>Bessie (Elliott) Snow</i>	<i>Class of 1970</i>
<i>Lorraine (Parsons) Mercer</i>	<i>Class of 1971</i>
<i>Florence (Butt) Hiscock</i>	<i>Class of 1971</i>
<i>Carol (Furlong) Steckley</i>	<i>Class of 1977</i>
<i>Glenna (Hunt) Brown</i>	<i>Class of 1980</i>
<i>Elsie (Walbourne) Jamieson</i>	<i>Class of 1986</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 6, 2016

1.0 Welcome and Opening Remarks

Janice Marsh, President, called the meeting to order and welcomed new and returning members. Robert Meadus unveiled two plaques prepared by Memorial School of Nursing depicting twelve General Hospital graduate RN's who participated in World War I. Samples of articles prepared by faculty and printed in the ARNNL ACCESS Magazine on six of these nurses were also on display and available.

2.0 Agenda

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

Moved by Susan Walsh and Seconded by Elaine Carew.

3.0 Moment of Silence in 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. Paula also read out the names of 12 RN's who were General Hospital graduates who served in World War I in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme and Beaumont-Hamel celebrations taking place in NL over 2016. A candle was lit for each of these RN's as their name was called.

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 1944B. 285 Alumni members were present in person with 40 classes represented.

Presentations were provided to 60th anniversary year of 1956 and 50th anniversary year of 1966.

5.0 Minutes of 2015 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 Robert Meadus seconded by Kathy Adey.

6.0 Business Arising

No business was identified to be arising from the minutes.

7.0 New Business

In both the President's report and the Lillian Stevenson Archives/Museum report (included in the 2016 Newsletter) the membership was reminded and updated on the closure of the Museum last year and the distribution of the collection of artifacts throughout the province. The memory book and historic records of Alumni documents are being retained in a space within the Miller Centre. The President also publically acknowledged the ongoing contributions of Susan Walsh, past president in ensuring the success of this year's event.

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

7.1 Reports

The Scholarship Report was read by Kathy Adey, the Vice-President. Three scholarships were awarded. There were no applications for the Diamond Jubilee MN scholarship. Consequently, the allocated scholarship funding for 2016 was pooled such that two \$1000 Legacy scholarships were awarded. One of the recipients was 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 Robert Meadus reported that there were no current vacancies on the Executive as of the end of this annual meeting 2016, so an election was not necessary. It was identified that there will be vacancies next year so members were encouraged to consider volunteering for a position.

8.0 Adjournment

The date of the 2017 meeting and dinner was announced as October 5th.



Alumni 2016
Dinner Pictures

