

The Alumni Connection

“95 Years of Leadership in Nursing”
1903-1998

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This is the thirtieth 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 2018-2019, we have 390 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: Elizabeth Burry (Class of 1968)
- 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 1968
 - 60 Years—Class of 1958
 - Class of 1957 & before
 - Alumni Office Volunteers
 - Scholarships
- Review of Minutes of October 5, 2017
- Business Arising
- New Business
 - President, Treasurer & Alumni Office Report
 - Transfer of Scholarships: Lynn Power
- Election of Officers: Dr. Robert Meadus (Class of 1978)
- Next Meeting, October 3, 2019
- Concluding Remarks
- Adjournment

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 there was no applicant for the Bachelor of Nursing scholarship.

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

Carlie (Worthman) Parrell, Class of 1996

Carlie is entering her second year of a Masters of Nursing program through Athabasca University. Carlie is a graduate of the GHSN Class of 1996 and completed her Bachelor of Nursing in 2006 through Athabasca University. Her future goals are to finish her Masters and work as a Nurse Educator.

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, because there was no applicant for the Diamond Jubilee Bachelor of Nursing scholarship, we are very pleased to present two Legacy Scholarships to:

Justin Wicks, son of Cathy (Jacobs) Wicks (Class of 1993)

Justin is in his fourth year of study at the Centre for Nursing Studies. Justin's future goals include working in a rural hospital, completing his Masters in Nursing, and eventually become a Nurse Practitioner.

Melanie Lake, granddaughter of Hilda Muriel Squires (Class of 1946)

Melanie is entering her third year of Nursing at the Centre for Nursing Studies. Melanie has completed the LPN program as well as the bridging program prior to enrolling in the nursing program. Her future goal is to work in Dialysis or the Operating Room.

Information on these scholarships and how to apply are available on the GHSON Alumni website:

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

GHSN Alumni President's Report

Prepared by Janice Marsh (Class of 1996)

When I sat down to write this message, it hit home how incredibly fast the past three years as Alumni President have gone by! I have thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity, have learned a great deal, and have made new friends along the way. However, all good things must come to an end and this year, I will be stepping down. I plan to stay actively involved (yes, I'll sell tickets at next year's dinner!) and encourage others to do the same. Without a doubt our alumni will continue to flourish and stay strong. The large numbers attending our annual dinner and silent auction certainly exemplifies that our school spirit is very much alive!

I would like to extend a HUGE thank you to our current Alumni Executive: Susan Walsh (Past President), Kathy Adey (Vice President), Elaine Carew (Treasurer), and Lynn Power (Secretary)...you're a fine bunch! It has been an honour and privilege to work with such a hard-working and dedicated group. I am very grateful for the friendships we have formed over the past three years, and will treasure the memories we have made.

Congratulations to all classes celebrating tonight, with a special mention to the Class of 1993 celebrating their 25th anniversary, the Class of 1968 celebrating their 50th anniversary, and the Class of 1958 celebrating their 60th anniversary! On behalf of the executive, I sincerely hope you enjoy your time together reminiscing about great times, and great friendships!

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 and attendance at future alumni dinners.

The following quote was included in a previous newsletter by Past President Lisa Picco. I would like to use it to conclude my message as it speaks very well to the camaraderie of the GHSN Alumni:

"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

Sincerely,

Janice Marsh




Donations to the Alumni

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

Ada Chow	Elizabeth Johnston	Judith Carpenter	Nathalia Huxter-Stone
B. Mary Chafe	Elizabeth Shandera	Judy Lush	Nora Kelly
Bertha Schofield	Ellen Coady	June Pollett	Norma Shidlovsky
Betty Williams	Elsie Wells	Karen Hillyard	Pamela Baker
Carmel Patey	Gail Read	Karen-Glynn Holtby	Paul Bursey
Carolyn Way	Geneva Crowell	Katharine Waye	Paula Fifield
Catherine Healy	Gladys Stockley	Louise Stalder	Paula Locke
Catherine Spencer	Gwen Daly	Margaret Dwyer	Priscilla Pike
Cathy Marsh	Ida Doucette	Margaret Hand	Robyn Healey
Class of 1967	Irene Pardy	Margaret Maloney	Rosalyn Searle
Colleen Wyatt	James Feltham	Margaret Pumphrey	Ruby Chapman
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Elizabeth Giannou	Joy Andrews	Muriel Fever	Wanda Parsons
Elizabeth Good	Joy Budden	Nancy Christopher	

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>Elizabeth (Hillier) Hogan Class of 1952</i>	made by	<i>Joan Ingram, Class of 1952B</i>
<i>Margaret (Andrews) Sparkes Class of 1966</i>	made by	<i>Doris Mills, Class of 1966</i>
<i>Joan Elizabeth (Shears) White Class of 1950</i>	made by	<i>Lulu Case, Class of 1952B</i>
<i>Beatrice (Squires) Mitchell Class of 1953</i>	made by	<i>Alden Mitchell</i>



Lillian Stevenson Alumni Office Report

Report 2017-2018

Prepared by Jeanette Walsh

The work of the Alumni continues in the Alumni Office; a secured space located in Room 25 in the basement of Southcott Hall. Class contact information along with Alumni files/documents are kept here and updated regularly. We ask classes to forward updated classmate information to either of the addresses below. This information is released only for reunion planning or selected research purposes. We ask that you send us the name of a deceased Alumni member so we can forward condolences to their family and update our files. The above information can be emailed to either archives_1981@hotmail.com OR www.ghsonalumni.ca OR leave a phone message at 777-7682. All are checked regularly.

We have a collection of caps and capes in the Alumni Room which are frequently requested for funerals of Alumni members, for those parading in the July 1 Memorial Day Parade or for other relevant nursing events. Anyone wishing to borrow these items can contact

Jeanette Walsh at mj.walsh@nf.sympatico.ca or 754-8183

Elizabeth Good at thegoods@nf.sympatico.ca or 368-6145

Susan Walsh at was@nf.sympatico.ca or 753-3839

Jeanette Walsh



In Memoriam

Mabel Violet Reid

Joan Elizabeth Shears White

Elizabeth Hillier Hogan (Wells)

Phyllis Paul Smith

Joan Sears McMurdie

Margaret Anderson Hoddinott

Shirley Waye Riggs

Barbara Clarke Quinton

Elizabeth Ann Dower Hawco

Charlene Ash Reid

Margaret Andrews Sparkes

Lloyd Smith

Delilah Smith

Doreen Aylward Bowering

Donna Baldwin Bradley

Class of 1948

Class of 1950

Class of 1952

Class of 1954

Class of 1956

Class of 1957

Class of 1962

Class of 1963

Class of 1965

Class of 1965

Class of 1966

Class of 1967

Class of 1971

Class of 1971

Class of 1993



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 5, 2017

1.0 Welcome and Opening Remarks

Janice Marsh, President, called the meeting to order and welcomed new and returning members. She thanked all the people who donated items for the silent auction and highlighted the handmade quilt that was donated for ticket sales. As this night is the only organized fund raiser for the Alumni the donations and resulting bidding are a very important and fun part of the evening. Janice also acknowledged and thanked the Anchormen Barbershop Chorus for their gift of musical entertainment shared with the audience tonight.

2.0 Agenda

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

Moved by Kathy Adey and Seconded by Gail Vaughan.

3.0 Moment of Silence in Recognition of Deceased Members

Jeanette Walsh 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.

4.0 Reflections

Cathy Cavanaugh shared with the audience her and her sister's experiences as "come from away" students welcomed into the General Hospital School of Nursing and into the province. As a family of four nurses starting in 1972 and the last graduating in 19xx their heartfelt and fun memories were enjoyed by all.

5.0 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. 340 Alumni members were present in person 42 classes represented. Presentations were provided to 60th anniversary year of 1957 and 50th anniversary year of 1967. Classes celebrating other anniversary years were acknowledged and welcomed. Roses were provided to present members from the class of 1956 and before and alumni office volunteers.

6.0 Minutes of 2016 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 Elaine Carew seconded by Betty Good.

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 5, 2017**

8.0 New Business

The President's, Treasurer's and Alumni Office report were included in the newsletter distributed on the tables. The President also publically acknowledged the ongoing contributions of Susan Walsh, special event planner, in ensuring the success of this year's event.

Scholarship Report was read by Kathy Adey, the Vice President. Three scholarships were awarded. Two of the recipients were present and received their award in person and for the Legacy scholarship their respective GH alumni family member accompanied the award winner to the podium. Details on the winner's career and educational endeavors were shared. A summary was included in the newsletter.

A motion to accept all reports was moved by Jeanette Walsh and seconded by Pam Baker.

9.0 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 2017, 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.

10.0 Adjournment

The date of the 2018 meeting and dinner was announced as October 4th.

Seeking Research Participants

We are a team of nurse researchers from Memorial University School of Nursing and the Centre for Nursing Studies, St. John's, NL.

Title of Study: An Oral History of Men Graduates from Diploma Schools of Nursing in Newfoundland and Labrador

For this study we are seeking Men Registered Nurses who are graduates from one of the four diploma Schools of Nursing in Newfoundland and Labrador: General Hospital School of Nursing, Grace Hospital School of Nursing, St. Clare's Hospital School of Nursing, and Western Regional Hospital School of Nursing, Corner Brook, NL.

Participation will involve taking part in an interview to talk about your experience as a registered nurse and a male graduate of a diploma school of nursing. The study has been reviewed and approved by the provincial Health Research Ethics Board, NL.

If you are interested in participating or learning more about this study please contact Dr. Robert Meadus, RN (709) 777-6716 or email meadusr@mun.ca



*Alumni 2017
Dinner Pictures*

