

# The Alumni Connection

*“95 Years of Leadership in Nursing”*  
1903-1998

## Executive Committee

**2018-2019**

**President:** Dr. Robert Meadus, Class of 1978

**Vice-President:** Kathy Adey, Class of 1996

**Treasurer:** Elaine Carew, Class of 1982

**Secretary:** Lynn Power, Class of 1982



This is the thirty-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 2019-2020 we have 460 paid members.

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### 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 3, 2019

- Welcome & Opening Remarks
- Grace: Jean Smith (Class of 1969)
- 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 1969
  - 60 Years – Class of 1959
  - Class of 1958 & before
  - Scholarships
- Review of Minutes of October 4, 2018
- Business Arising
- New Business
  - President, Treasurer & Alumni Office Report
  - Motion for Transfer of Scholarships
- Election of Officers
- Next Meeting, October 1, 2020
- Concluding Remarks
- Adjournment

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## Legacy Scholarships

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 two Legacy Scholarships to:

**Cayley Hodder**, daughter of Barb White (Class of 1984)

Cayley is a fourth year student in the Bachelor of Nursing program at the Centre for Nursing Studies. Cayley is very active within her community volunteering with various organizations such as Ronald McDonald House and the Eating Disorder Association of NL. In 2017, Cayley travelled to Honduras as part of a Medical Brigade with the organization Global Brigades. Along with her nursing studies and volunteer work, she is also Head Lifeguard at the Paul Reynolds Community Centre. Cayley's future goals include working as a Pediatric Nurse, to travel with Team Broken Earth and to complete her Master's Degree in Nursing.

Congratulations Cayley.

**Alana Squires**, daughter of Deanne (Clarke) Squires (Class of 1988)

Alana is a second year student in the Bachelor of Nursing program at the Centre for Nursing Studies. Alana is the daughter of. Alana is a very active member of her community volunteering with organizations such as Burry Heights, Special Olympics, and the Terry Fox Foundation, just to name a few. Alana is also certified in CPR & First Aid and has done several Advanced Leadership training programs. Her future goals include working as a Pediatric Nurse and continuing her education to become a Nurse Practitioner.

Congratulations Alana.

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

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

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# **GHSON Alumni President's Report**

*Prepared by Robert J. Meadus, PhD, RN (Class of 1978)*

It has been a pleasure to serve as the President of the General Hospital School of Nursing Alumni this year. It has been great to work with such a passionate and dedicated team who has, and continue to work very hard on your behalf. A sincere thanks to all executive members, Kathy Adey, Elaine Carew, and Lynn Power. Also very special thanks to Susan Walsh for her constant dedication to working on behalf of the organization. The dinner is always a success because of Susan's involvement, and great organization skills. We would be lost without her and I commend her commitment to the organization over the years.

The Scholarship Committee that was struck in 2018 to investigate the process for a transfer of funds to an outside agency with the goal to establish scholarships in perpetuity for students completing a nursing program in Newfoundland and Labrador (NL) met four times over the year. The Committee consisting of Jeanette Walsh, Pamela Baker, Bertha Schofield, Merlee Steele-Rodway, and executive members met with representatives from the Canadian Nurses Foundation and Memorial University of Newfoundland, Office of Development. Following discussions, the Committee has drafted a motion that is brought forward at tonight's meeting for discussion and voting by alumni members. The motion has been placed on tables for members, so please read and review prior to discussion and the call for a vote.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank Jeanette Walsh and other members who help with the archival records. Also, I would like to thank those individuals who have made donations to the alumni organization this past year. Very much appreciated and I hope the support continues in the years ahead.

Also I would like to inform members that in the future if you purchase a dinner ticket and then realize you are unable to attend, please notify Susan Walsh at (709) 753-3839. Susan will try and re-sell the ticket because we always have members who are looking for dinner tickets.

Please keep in mind we are looking for executive members so if you are thinking of submitting your name in the future to run as a member of the executive, please do! It is a great experience.

Respectfully submitted,

September 26, 2019, Robert J. Meadus

## Donations to the Alumni

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

|                     |                    |                  |                   |                   |
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| Alison Reid         | Elizabeth Giannou  | Jeanette Walters | Lulu Case         | Paula Fifield     |
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| Elizabeth Gallagher |                    |                  | Pamela Baker      | Wanda Parsons     |

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

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*Donations in memory of Alumni Members for*

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| <i>Deceased Classmates<br/>Class of 1968</i>         | made by | <i>Class of 1968</i>                        |
| <i>Joan (Stares)McMurdie<br/>Class of 1956</i>       | made by | <i>Lorraine Daskal, Class of 1964</i>       |
| <i>Joyce (Avery) Peters<br/>Class of 1961</i>        | made by | <i>Classmates</i>                           |
| <i>Shirley (Burse) Randell<br/>Class of 1955B</i>    | made by | <i>Irene Pardy, Class of 1955B</i>          |
| <i>Marcella Linehan<br/>Class of 1955</i>            | made by | <i>Irene Pardy, Class of 1955B</i>          |
| <i>Beatrice (Squires) Mitchell<br/>Class of 1953</i> | made by | <i>Alden Mitchell</i>                       |
| <i>Deceased Classmates<br/>Class of 1966</i>         | made by | <i>Doris Mills, Class of 1966</i>           |
| <i>Doris Clarke<br/>Class of 1944B</i>               | made by | <i>Leonard Clarke</i>                       |
| <i>Doris Clarke<br/>Class of 1944B</i>               | made by | <i>Nellie Hennebury,<br/>Class of 1944B</i> |
| <i>Niki (Ash) Laurie<br/>Class of 1979</i>           | made by | <i>Classmates</i>                           |
| <i>Joanne Hapgood<br/>Class of 1979</i>              | made by | <i>Classmates</i>                           |
| <i>Anne Marie (Healey) Spencer<br/>Class of 1979</i> | made by | <i>Classmates</i>                           |
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## Lillian Stevenson Alumni Office Report

### Report 2018-2019

*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](mailto:archives_1981@hotmail.com) OR [www.ghsonalumni.ca](http://www.ghsonalumni.ca) OR leave a phone message at 777-7682. All are checked regularly. If you do not receive a response in a reasonable time frame please contact either of the individuals below.

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](mailto:mj.walsh@nf.sympatico.ca) or 754-8183

Elizabeth Good at [thegoods@nf.sympatico.ca](mailto:thegoods@nf.sympatico.ca) or 368-6145

Susan Walsh at [waas@nf.sympatico.ca](mailto:waas@nf.sympatico.ca) or 753-3839

Jeanette Walsh

### **Congratulations to Merlee Steele-Rodway (Class of 1978)**

Congratulations to Merlee on receiving the 3M Champion of Infection and Control Award at the 2019 Conjoint International Federation of Infection Control and Infection Prevention and Control Canada conference held in Quebec City. Merlee was recognized for her lifetime significant achievement in the profession, especially her longstanding involvement in Infection Prevention and Control Canada (IPAC) as well as her role to ensure IPAC branches into what were once non-traditional IPAC areas such as Construction and Renovation and Medical Device Reprocessing (MDR). Merlee was a member of the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) Committee that developed the first MDA Technician Certification in Canada. She also served as President (2016-2018) of the Canadian Association for Medical Device Reprocessing (CAMDR).



## In Memoriam



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| <i>Doris Clarabelle (Moores) Clarke</i>        | <i>Class of 1944</i> |
| <i>Mary Ivy (Coombs) Rogers</i>                | <i>Class of 1948</i> |
| <i>Joan (Evans) Higgins</i>                    | <i>Class of 1948</i> |
| <i>Phyllis (Warr) Dixon</i>                    | <i>Class of 1948</i> |
| <i>Marguerite (Squires) Cook</i>               | <i>Class of 1950</i> |
| <i>Lorna (Strong) MacDonald</i>                | <i>Class of 1954</i> |
| <i>Marcella Linehan</i>                        | <i>Class of 1955</i> |
| <i>Elizabeth Gertrude (Mathieson) Driscoll</i> | <i>Class of 1958</i> |
| <i>Ruth (Bartlett) Parent</i>                  | <i>Class of 1958</i> |
| <i>Geraldine Anne (Keats) Blackmore</i>        | <i>Class of 1960</i> |
| <i>Hilda (Sheppard) Troke-Welcher</i>          | <i>Class of 1962</i> |
| <i>Phyllis (Swyers) Joy</i>                    | <i>Class of 1963</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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## In Memoriam



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| <i>Phyllis (Swyers) Joy</i>           | <i>Class of 1963</i> |
| <i>Yvonne (Butt) Godfrey</i>          | <i>Class of 1965</i> |
| <i>Gloria Benson</i>                  | <i>Class of 1965</i> |
| <i>Carol (Furlong) Steckly</i>        | <i>Class of 1977</i> |
| <i>Brian Sullivan</i>                 | <i>Class of 1977</i> |
| <i>Janice Lorraine (Langdon) Dawe</i> | <i>Class of 1984</i> |

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**General Hospital School of Nursing Alumni  
Annual Dinner, General Meeting and Silent Auction Minutes  
October 4, 2018**

1.0 Welcome and Opening Remarks

Janice Marsh President called the meeting to order and welcomed new and returning members. She drew attention to the 2018 GHSON Alumni Newsletter that were placed on the tables, indicating that the agenda, minutes and reports were all contained within the one document. She thanked all the people who donated items for the silent auction and particularly mentioned the names of the Alumni members who donated the table runner and plaque that were up for ticket sales. It was acknowledged that this night is the only organized fund raiser for the Alumni, so all the donations and auction purchases are a very important and yet fun part of the evening.

2.0 Agenda

The agenda as presented in the meeting materials was accepted with no changes.  
Moved by Jim Feltham and Seconded by Bertha Schofield.

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 honor. Sympathy cards were extended to all families on behalf of the Alumni by the Archive Volunteers. She reminded everyone of the value of letting us know ahead of time the names of anyone who passed away so that the information can be included in both the Newsletter and the memorial book.

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. 353 Alumni members were present in person which represented 50 different classes.

5.0 Presentations

Presentations were provided to 60th anniversary year 1958, 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of 1968 and the 25<sup>TH</sup> anniversary year 1993. 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. This year there was the opportunity to acknowledge two special members; Doris Clarke from the class of 1944B who was celebrating 74 years and Daisy Noseworthy class of 1948 who was celebrating a 70 year anniversary.

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 one of the Legacy scholarships their respective GH Alumni family member accompanied the award winner to the podium. Details on the winners' career and educational endeavors were shared. A summary was included in the newsletter

6.0 Minutes of 2017 AGM

The minutes were circulated in the GHSON Alumni Newsletter provided on all tables. The President asked if there were any errors or omissions. Hearing none the minutes were approved. Moved by Kathy Adey and seconded by Susan Walsh.

7.0 Business Arising

There were no items raised.

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8.0 New Business

Lynn Power introduced to the membership that the Executive Committee were exploring options for investing the scholarship funds, currently held in GICs in a local bank, into a foundation. The Canadian Nurses Foundation was used as an example. This is a national fund that administers nursing scholarships across the country and thereby providing opportunity to increase the value of our funds and thus an ability to offer our scholarships into perpetuity. Using a foundation, based on the criteria we would establish, could increase our advertisement opportunities and contribute more objectivity and rigor to the applicant review process. Shifting this role to an established and credible source would also decrease the work of the executive committee as it was noted that recruitment for executive members can be challenging. The membership was asked for volunteers to support the executive committee's review of this option. Jeanette Walsh, Bertha Schofield, Pam Baker and Merlee Steele-Rodway volunteered. If anyone else was interested, they were asked to contact us through the GHSON Alumni email. A report will be provided on this review at the 2019 annual Meeting and will be put to a membership vote before any formal action is taken.

The President's, Treasurer's and Alumni Office report were included in the newsletter distributed on the tables.

A motion to accept all reports was moved by Jeanette Walsh and seconded by Bertha Schofield.

9.0 Election of Officers

In keeping with the processes established for nominations Robert Meadus, reported that there was one vacancy on the Executive as of the end of this annual meeting 2017, the role of President, so an election was needed. A call to the membership present for nominations was made. Jeanette Walsh nominated Robert Meadus. There were no other nominations. Robert stepped aside as he was now in conflict and Lynn Power the Secretary called for a vote. Robert was acclaimed as the new president.

10.0 Adjournment

The President also publicly acknowledged the ongoing contributions of Susan Walsh, special event planner in ensuring the success of this year's event.

The date of the 2019 meeting and dinner was announced as October 3<sup>rd</sup>.



# *Alumni 2018*

## *Dinner Pictures*

