

The Alumni Connection

“95 Years of Leadership in Nursing”
1903-1998

Executive Committee

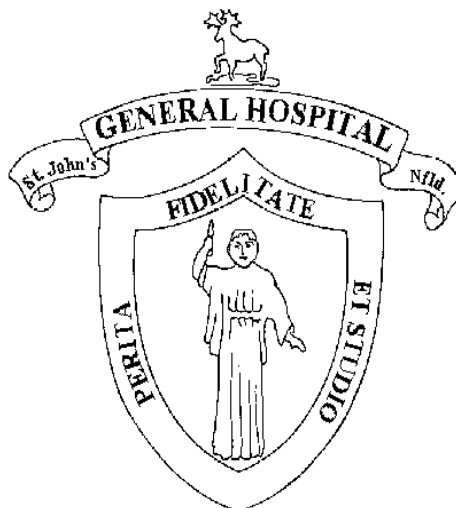
2021-2022

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-second newsletter issued annually to promote communication between the membership.

Alumni News

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 2022-2023 we have 362 paid members.

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DID YOU KNOW?

- We are on the web!
www.ghsonalumni.ca
- Limited number of Capes and Caps available for special occasions. Contact Alumni office, 777-7682; Mrs. Betty Good, 368-6145; Susan Walsh, 753-3839; 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
Wednesday, October 5, 2022

- Welcome & Opening Remarks
- Grace: Mary Dwyer (Class of 1972)
- Dinner
- Approval of Agenda
- Moment of Silence: Jeanette Walsh (Class of 1965)
- Class Roll Call: Bertha Schofield (Class of 1965)
- Presentations:
 - 25 Years – Class of 1995, 1996, and 1997
 - 50 Years – Class of 1970, 1971, and 1972
 - 60 Years – Class of 1960, 1961, and 1962
 - 70 Years – Class of 1949 and 1952
 - Class of 1962 & before
- Review of Minutes of October 3, 2019
- Business Arising
- New Business
 - President, Treasurer, and Alumni Office Report
- Election of Officers
- Next Meeting, October 5, 2023
- Concluding Remarks
- Adjournment

Scholarship Report

The Executive of the Alumni wishes to thank all those who have donated to The Scholarship Fund. Your continued support of Nursing Excellence in this province is greatly appreciated.

The Initial Contribution to the Scholarship Fund was \$65,000.00. This year donations, received by the Alumni as of April 30, 2022, was \$1,100.00. This does not include donations made directly to Memorial University.

The recipient of the scholarship for 2022 is Cecilia Loder, fourth year Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the Grenfell Campus of Memorial University. Congratulations Cecilia!

There are three methods available to donate to the Scholarship Fund:

1. Online

- Visit www.mun.ca/give and click “Give Online” in the top blue menu.
- For “Please direct my gift to...” , Click “Other”.
- Write “GHSON Scholarship” under Additional Gift information”.

2. By Phone

- Call 709-631-4826 or 1-877-700-4081 (toll Free).

3. By Cheque

- Cheque is made out to “Memorial University of Newfoundland”.
- Cheque memo says “GHSON Alumni Association Scholarship”.
- Can be mailed to:
ATTN: Office of Development, Memorial University of Newfoundland
P.O. Box 4200, St. John’s, NL A1C 5S7

Donations to the Alumni

This is the first year that donations have been made directly to Memorial University. While the Alumni still accepts donations, we are unable to print the full list of those who have donated.

Thank you for your continued support of the scholarship and your alumni.

Executive

GHSON Alumni President's Report

Hi to all of our alumni members, the Executive and I are very pleased that the alumni dinner is taking place this year. As you are aware the global pandemic has impacted our annual dinner over the past two years, so I am certain everyone is looking forward to meeting with their classmates during the dinner!

As previously reported in our last mailout, finalization of the Gift Agreement for the General Hospital School of Nursing (GHSON) Alumni Association Scholarship Endowment fund (\$65,000) was set-up with Memorial University on April 30, 2021. I am pleased to inform you that Cecilia Loder, Year 4 student completing her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at the Western Regional School of Nursing, Grenfell site was the recipient of the scholarship (\$2344) in 2021-2022. Since the establishment of the fund numerous alumni and other donors have contributed to the scholarship fund in the total amount of \$2195. I want to thank all those who have been so generous in supporting the scholarship fund. If you wish to donate to the GHSON Scholarship fund you can do it in one of three ways:

Give Online: (Visit www.mun.ca/give and click "Give Online" in the top blue menu

- For "Please direct my gift to the ...", Click "Other."
- Write "GHSON Scholarship" under "Additional Gift information"

Give Over Phone: Call 709-631-4826 or 1-877-700-4081 (toll Free)

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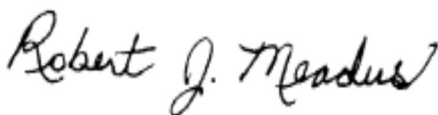
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I am pleased to inform you that one of our alumni members, Mrs. Ethel Nellie Hennebury (nee Turner) a 1942 graduate will be celebrating a centenary birthday on October 24. On behalf of the Alumni a congratulatory greeting was sent to her on this special occasion of her 100th birthday.

I want to thank the Executive members and also Susan Walsh, Jeanette Walsh and Betty Good for their ongoing work and support of the General Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Organization.

The Executive members have been around a while carrying out a variety of functions and it's time to renew the call for new members to carry-on the executive roles. Please consider putting your name forward for one of the Executive positions (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, & Secretary) for the upcoming year.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dr. Robert J. Meadus, PhD, RN, Class of 1978

Lillian Stevenson Alumni Office Report

Report 2020-2022

Prepared by Jeanette Walsh

The Archives is a secured space located in Room 25 in the basement of Southcott Hall. For most of the 2 ½ years of the pandemic we could not access the office. However, thanks to contact information from various class reunions and dinner registrations, we took advantage of lockdowns, etc. and updated graduate files, crosschecked class /alphabet listings and updated the Memorial Book. We owe a big thank you to Betty Parsons, Class '61 who has recorded the names of deceased graduates in the book (using calligraphy) since it was created for the 75th anniversary of the school.

Contact Information. An important part of the Archives' work is to ensure graduate files are current. We rely on individuals/classes to forward information, e.g. address change, etc. to keep the files updated. This information is only released for reunion planning or selected research purposes. When notified that an Alumni member has died we forward condolences to the family if at all possible. This input from members is important as we only have access to obituaries within the St. John's region.

Contact information can be forwarded to:

archives_1981@hotmail.com OR www.ghsonalumni.ca OR

leave a phone message at 777-7682. All are checked regularly.

You can also forward this information to:

Jeanette Walsh- mj.walsh@live.ca OR Susan Walsh – waas@nf.sympatico.ca

New computer – Following the 2019 dinner, the Alumni planned to purchase a new computer and software for the Archives. That was delayed but earlier this year we met with computer services at Eastern Health who installed an upgraded computer system which they will update and service as needed.

Caps and Capes - We have a collection of caps and capes at the Archives. These 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@live.ca OR 754-8183,

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

Susan Walsh at wass@nf.sympatico.ca OR 753-3839



In Memoriam 2019 - 2022



<i>Eileen (Dawe) Elms</i>	<i>Class of 1944</i>
<i>Dorothy Joan (Snow) Andrews</i>	<i>Class of 1949</i>
<i>Amelia (Forsey) Nason</i>	<i>Class of 1950</i>
<i>Lillian (Skanes) Rendell</i>	<i>Class of 1950</i>
<i>Elizabeth (Duff) Prowse</i>	<i>Class of 1950</i>
<i>Lulu (Bessey) Case</i>	<i>Class of 1951</i>
<i>Elise (Ellis) McManemim</i>	<i>Class of 1951</i>
<i>Gladys (Mitchelmore) Stockley</i>	<i>Class of 1951</i>
<i>Helen (Taylor) Butt</i>	<i>Class of 1952</i>
<i>Joan (Bartlett) Ingram</i>	<i>Class of 1952</i>
<i>Beatrice Mary (Williams) Chafe</i>	<i>Class of 1952</i>
<i>Helen (Butler) Pollock</i>	<i>Class of 1953B</i>
<i>Anita (Shea) Fraser</i>	<i>Class of 1953B</i>
<i>Mary (Doody) Kelly</i>	<i>Class of 1953</i>
<i>Agnes (Bourne) Fennell</i>	<i>Class of 1953B</i>
<i>Ada Simms</i>	<i>Class of 1954</i>

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In Memoriam

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<i>Bernice (Dixon) Pope</i>	<i>Class of 1954</i>
<i>Daphne (Hollett) Squires</i>	<i>Class of 1954</i>
<i>June Rosemary (Parsons) Wilkinson</i>	<i>Class of 1955</i>
<i>Shirley Marie (Burse) Randell</i>	<i>Class of 1955</i>
<i>Nancy Christopher</i>	<i>Class of 1956</i>
<i>Elizabeth (Cook) Williams</i>	<i>Class of 1956</i>
<i>Geraldine Annie (Snow) Butt</i>	<i>Class of 1956</i>
<i>Florence Mary (Handrigan) Wall</i>	<i>Class of 1958</i>
<i>Shirley Marcella (Hustins) Sutton</i>	<i>Class of 1958</i>
<i>Valda (Rothman) Duffett</i>	<i>Class of 1959</i>
<i>Cora (Gray) Penney</i>	<i>Class of 1959</i>
<i>Diana (Butt) McGregor</i>	<i>Class of 1960</i>
<i>Izola (Penney) Yetman</i>	<i>Class of 1960</i>
<i>Marie (Keough) O'Mara</i>	<i>Class of 1960</i>
<i>Marie (Butler) Gray</i>	<i>Class of 1960</i>
<i>Eileen Dulcie (Dingwell) Murphy</i>	<i>Class of 1961</i>

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Helen Amelia Crummey

Judy (Cramm) Sears

Alma (Burse) Stead

Patricia Lillian (George) Pilgrim

Svea Donna (Faulkner) Glavine

Sharon (Head) Leyte

Dorothy (Chubbs) Pack

Judy (Keeling) Walsh

Barbara (Fiander) Hollett

Linda (Squires) Pennell

Elizabeth (Baldwin) Didham

Donna Marie (Clarke) McDonald

Sandra Rosa (Hancock) Dean

Jennifer Margaret (King) Goodland

Jennifer Williams

Martha Warren

Class of 1961

Class of 1968

Class of 1970

Class of 1970

Class of 1971

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Class of 1983

Class of 1986

Class of 1987

Class of 1992

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In Memoriam

2019 - 2022



Randolph (Randy) Scott Dwyer

Class of 1996

Gail (Cumbie) Richards

Class of 1997

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 General Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2019 Holiday Inn St. John's

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Robert Meadus President, called the meeting to order and welcomed new and returning members. He drew attention to the 2019 GHSON Alumni Newsletter that were placed on the tables, indicating that the agenda, minutes and reports were all contained within the one document. He specifically highlighted the importance of the printed motion on the table regarding the movement of the scholarship funds.

2. Agenda

The agenda was accepted with no changes. Moved by Daphne Wallace and Seconded by Kathy Adey.

3. 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. She also took a moment to acknowledge the passing of Doris Clark from the class of 1944b.

4. 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 1945. 393 Alumni members were present in person which represented 45 different classes. This part of the business meeting was complemented by several classes singing tribute songs to recognize their reunion at tonight's event.

5. Presentations were provided to 60th anniversary year 1959, 50th anniversary year of 1969 and the 25TH anniversary year 1994. Both the class of 1969 and 1979 presented a donation to the GH Alumni in memory of their class and of deceased graduates. Classes celebrating other anniversary years were acknowledged and welcomed. Roses were provided to present members from the class of 1956 and before.

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

6. Scholarship Report

Kathy Adey the Vice president read the scholarship report. Two scholarships were awarded. One of the recipients were present and received their award in person and the respective GH Alumni family member received the award for the other. A summary on the winners' career and educational endeavors was included in the newsletter.

7. Minutes of 2018 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 Sharon Meehan and seconded by Mary Elaine Barrett.

8. Business Arising

There were no items raised.

9. New Business

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

Robert presented the recommendation for the scholarship fund arising from the working group established at the 2018 AGM. Membership of the working group consisted of the current GH Alumni Executive plus four other volunteers; Jeanette Walsh, Bertha Schofield, Pam Baker and Merlee Steele-Rodway. The recommendation was to move the funds from the current GH Alumni bank account and internal review process to Memorial University of Newfoundland's Fund for Administration of scholarships, bursaries and awards. The motion presented included extra detail and was printed and put on all the tables. A copy is attached as Appendix A.

Questions were asked about the selection criteria in particular, would the requirement that the recipient was a family member of a GH Alumni remain. It was confirmed that if the motion was passed that we still would have control over setting the criteria and that the current requirements would be absolutely considered. However, it was noted that confirming relationships between scholarship applicants and GH Alumni relies on a lot of trust. Another question was asked about the communication with the membership on the award winners. It was confirmed that the names and bios of the award winners would still be read out each year at the Alumni dinner and the winners would be invited to attend, however the award itself would be passed out at the respective function within MUN's faculty of nursing event.

The president called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed.

A new motion was presented by Daphne Wallace and seconded by Trudy Bradbury.

That the scholarship, bursary and award fund be expanded to include spouses, nieces, nephews, siblings, stepchildren children and grandchildren.

The President called for the vote on the motion. The motion was passed.

10. Election of Officers

Robert reported that there were no vacancies on the Executive as of the end of this annual meeting 2018. All current executive indicated their willingness to continue for the 2019-2020 year.

11. Adjournment

Robert thanked all the people who donated items for the silent auction and particularly mentioned the names of the Alumni members who donated the hooked rug and framed print that were up for ticket sales.

Motion: General Hospital School of Nursing (GHSON) Alumni

Whereas in 2014 the Executive of the GHSON Alumni was asked by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) why a large amount of funds was being held for a Non-Profit Organization. The CRA was given an explanation that the amount was necessary to establish a scholarship fund for perpetuity in the amount of 50-60,000 dollars. The goal to reach this amount of monies is evident in our audited year for 2019

And

Whereas the process for selecting award winners could benefit from an enhanced “selection” system offered by an organization that has expertise in scholarship selection best practices and has a wider outreach to potential applicants.

And

Whereas a Committee was struck from alumni members in October 2018 to review a process for a transfer of funds to an outside agency with the goal to establish scholarships in perpetuity for nursing students completing a nursing program in Newfoundland and Labrador (NL)

And

Whereas the Committee consisting of the executive plus four volunteers met four times during the year.

And

Whereas the Committee met with representatives from the Canadian Nurse Foundation and Memorial University of Newfoundland, Office of Development to assess the greatest benefits for sustaining the GHSON Alumni scholarship funds in perpetuity.

Be it resolved

that following these discussions, the Committee is recommending that the monies [\$50,000-60,000] be transferred to Memorial University of Newfoundland for creation of an Endowment Fund for Administration of Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards for Nursing Students. The

GHSON Alumni Committee members will develop the Scholarship Criteria. This decision from the Committee supports the legacy of the GHSON and the education of future NL Registered Nurses.

Moved: Robert J. Meadus Seconded by: Merlee Steele-Rodway

GENERAL HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING ALUMNI
STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE
SEPTEMBER 01, 2021 - AUGUST 31, 2022

Balance Available September 01, 2021		\$ 8,036.00
Revenues (September 01, 2021 - August 31, 2022)		
Memberships	\$ 2,037.00	
Dinner Ticket Sales	\$ 16,390.00	
Donations	\$ 1,850.00	
Miscellaneous	\$ 92.00	
Total Revenues to August 31, 2022		\$ 28,405.00
Expenses (September 01, 2021 - August 31, 2022)		
Dinner Costs	\$ 110.00	
Office Supplies	\$ 2,003.00	
Postage	\$ 203.00	
Bank Charges	\$ 166.00	
Donation to MUN	\$ 1,100.00	
Total Expenses		\$ 3,582.00
Total Available August 31, 2022		\$ 24,823.00