

# The Alumni Connection

*“95 Years of Leadership in Nursing”*

1903-1998

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## Executive Committee

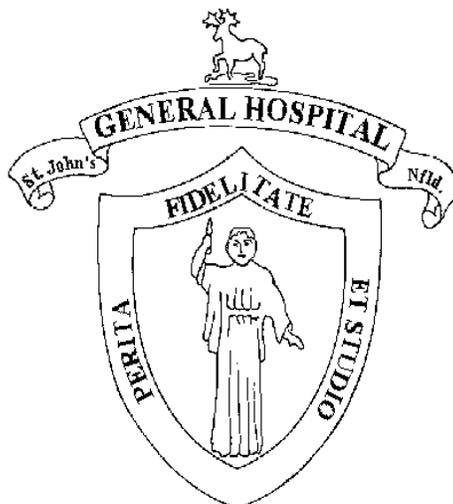
### 2022-2023

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

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

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

**Secretary:** Kelly Scaplen, Class of 1990



This is the thirty-third 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 2023-2024 we have 385 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, 777-7682; Mrs. Betty Good, 368-6145; Susan Walsh, 753-3839; 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 5, 2023

- Welcome & Opening Remarks
- Grace: Marie Morgan (Class of 1973 - 50-year class)
- 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 1998
  - 50 Years – Class of 1973
  - 60 Years – Class of 1963
  - 70 Years – Class of 1953 – Iceberg recipients
  
- Review of Minutes of October 3, 2022
- Business Arising
- New Business
  - President, Treasurer, and Alumni Office Report
- Election of Officers
- Next Meeting, October 3 (Thursday), 2024
- 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, 2023, was \$1000.00 This does not include donations made by members directly to Memorial University.

The recipient of the scholarship for 2022-2023 (\$2391) is Gregory Reid, fourth year Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the Grenfell Campus of Memorial University. Congratulations Gregory! Gregory sent a note of thanks in which he stated “This scholarship has significantly helped with the cost associated with my licensing exam, licensing with the CRNNL, and new scrubs and shoes for work! It is through generous donors like your association that help relieve the financial burden of school. Thank you and your colleagues for that.”

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

**1. Online**

- Visit [www.mun.ca/give](http://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 second year that alumni members can make donations directly to Memorial University for the General Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association Scholarship. While

the Alumni still accepts donations and sends those monies on to Memorial University, 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

## **GHSN Alumni President's Report**

Hi to all alumni members, the Executive and I are very pleased that the alumni dinner is taking place this year. The dinner which had completely sold out early has representatives from 44 graduating classes of the General Hospital School of Nursing. For the first time, we are also pleased to announce that we have representatives from all classes of the 90s. I hope that the interest in our alumni continues and some of our younger members from classes of the 90s consider taking on executive positions and other work to ensure our Alumni survives!

As reported in our previous mailout and newsletter, finalization of the Gift Agreement for the General Hospital School of Nursing (GHSN) Alumni Association Scholarship Endowment fund (\$65,000) was set-up with Memorial University on April 30, 2021. See Scholarship report on page 3 of this issue for information on recipient for 2022-2023. Since the establishment of the fund numerous alumni and other donors have contributed to the scholarship fund. I want to thank all those who have been so generous in supporting the scholarship fund. If you wish to donate to the GHSN Scholarship fund you can do it in one of three ways:

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

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Along with my class of 1978 (45 years) who had a reunion this year at the Wilds, several other classes are also having reunions this year. These special events provide an opportunity for classmates to get together and share memories of their student days and make new memories and rekindle old friendships!

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

Organization. As you are aware Susan is finishing up this year as dinner facilitator. I commend her and on behalf of our members sincerely thank her for the continuous support over the many years for organizing, planning, and coordinating the dinner.

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. To make sure our Alumni continues to survive into the future requires others to come forward and carry the 'torch.'

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert J. Meadus". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Dr. Robert J. Meadus, PhD

Class of 1978

# Alumni Archives Report

## 2023

*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. Emails, phone messages sent to the Archives are checked periodically, however if you require a speedy response, please see the contact information below.

**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, death of a classmate, etc. to keep the files updated. This input from members is important as we only have access to obituaries within the St. John's region. When notified that an Alumni member has died we forward condolences to the family if at all possible. This information is only released for reunion planning or selected research purposes.

Anyone interested in helping with maintaining graduate files please contact Jeanette Walsh [mj.walsh@live.ca](mailto:mj.walsh@live.ca) if you have questions and want to know what is involved. This work requires minimal time and computer skills. I think it is time to pass the "torch" and important to ensure that an Alumni member is prepared to take over the work.

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**New computer** – Our new computer was installed last year and is a significant upgrade from the previous one. We are fortunate in that maintenance and upgrading will be completed by Eastern Health personnel.

**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](mailto:mj.walsh@live.ca) OR 754-8183,



## In Memoriam 2022 - 2023



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|---|----------------------|
| <i>Doris (Tulk) Tuff</i>                | <i>Class of 1948</i> |
| <i>Winnifred (Mulcahy) O'Brien</i>      | <i>Class of 1949</i> |
| <i>Elizabeth (Murray) Galway</i>        | <i>Class of 1949</i> |
| <i>Clarissa (Keeping) Stevenson</i>     | <i>Class of 1949</i> |
| <i>Bernice (Snow) Verbree</i>           | <i>Class of 1955</i> |
| <i>Marie (Butler) Gray</i>              | <i>Class of 1961</i> |
| <i>Catherine Ivy (Brett) Janes</i>      | <i>Class of 1962</i> |
| <i>Jeannette (Meade) Sisk</i>           | <i>Class of 1963</i> |
| <i>Deanne (Clarke) Premmer</i>          | <i>Class of 1967</i> |
| <i>Rosalyn (Hollett) Searle</i>         | <i>Class of 1967</i> |
| <i>Jane (Peach) Anstey</i>              | <i>Class of 1967</i> |
| <i>Renee (Mercer) Penney</i>            | <i>Class of 1968</i> |
| <i>Linda (Percy) Leonard</i>            | <i>Class of 1975</i> |
| <i>Elizabeth Mary (O'Dea) Halliday</i>  | <i>Class of 1987</i> |
| <i>Susan Elizabeth (Stirling) Burry</i> | <i>Class of 1988</i> |

*Martha Colleen Warren*

*Class of 1992*

*Jennifer Joy Williams*

*Class of 1992*

*Deborah Janice Russell*

*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 General Meeting Minutes**

October 5, 2022, Holiday Inn St. John's

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Robert Meadus President, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the first post COVID event. He noted the excitement in the room and acknowledged that we are all appreciative of the opportunity to get together with our fellow alumni. He drew attention to the current GHSON Alumni Newsletter that were placed on the tables, indicating that the agenda, minutes, and reports were all contained within the one document. He asked all to review and be prepared to ask any questions later in the business meeting.

2. Agenda

The agenda was accepted with no changes. Moved by Jeanette Walsh and Seconded by Betty Good.

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. She noted that the list contains names spanning from our last meeting in 2019 to date so there were a lot of names. A moment of silence was held in all their honor. Sympathy cards were extended to all families on behalf of the Alumni. 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. 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. 332 Alumni members were present in person which represented 44 different classes. This part of the business meeting was complemented by several classes cheering to recognize their reunion at tonight's event.

5. Presentations

It was noted that as the presentations were announced for the milestone years, 3 classes would be recognized for each category, covering the three years since the last time we were together for an Alumni Dinner: 2020, 2021 and for this year, 2022. For the first time at this event, we were privileged to have alumni members present that were celebrating 70 years since their graduation from the GHSON. A special gift was presented to Shirley Greene who reached that milestone in 2019, and to Catherine Earle and Margaret Templeton who also reached the 70-year mark in this year, 2022. Appreciation for their years of nursing was celebrated by a standing

ovation. Presentations (pins) were provided to 60th anniversary year classes 1960, 1961 & 1962. 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year to 1970, 1971 & 1972 attendees and the 25<sup>TH</sup> anniversary year for classes from 1995, 1996 & 1997. Theresa Rose from the Class of 1961 donated to the GH Alumni in memory of deceased graduates from their class. Roses were provided to members from the class of 1962 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. Susan noted that she will be stepping away from the event planner role after next year and requested those in attendance to consider volunteering to help keep this great event going.

6. Minutes of 2019 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 Bertha Schofield and seconded by Marcy Faulkner.

7. Business Arising

There were no items raised.

8. New Business

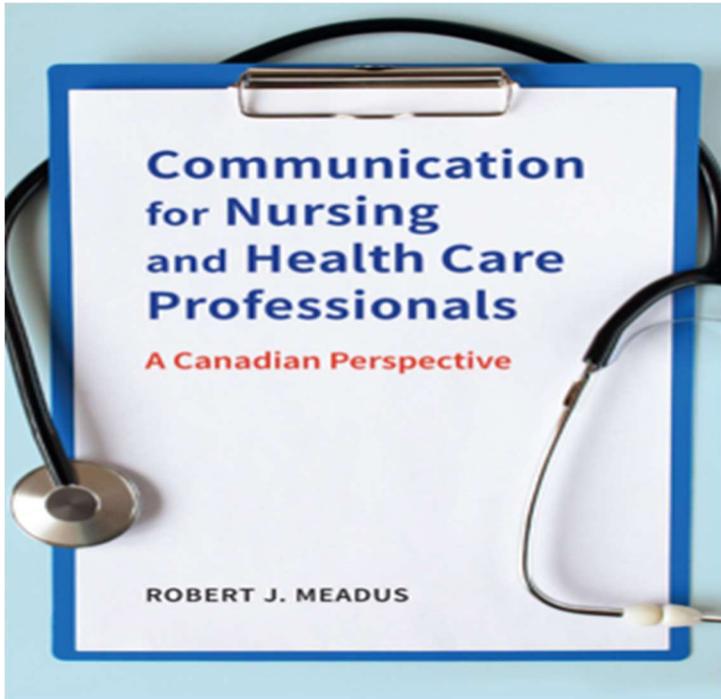
The President's, Treasurer's and Alumni Office report were included in the newsletter distributed on the tables. There were no questions asked. Bob took a few minutes to highlight the work of the executive on behalf of the alumni over the past years.

9. Election of Officers- Robert reported that the current Executive has continued the work of the Alumni. However, it has been several years since there has been a change in membership. He called for Alumni members present to put their name forward for any of the executive positions. One nomination was raised from the floor- Kelly Scaplen for the position of secretary, this was moved by Kathy Adey and seconded by R. Meadus. The motion carried. All the other current executive members indicated their willingness to continue for the 2022-2023 year.

10. Adjournment- Robert thanked the staff of the Holiday Inn for their continued excellent support over the years.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to our President, Robert Meadus who had a textbook entitled “*Communication for Nursing and Health Care Professionals: A Canadian Perspective*” published by Canadian Scholars on August 15, 2023. This text introduces students in nursing and other health care programs to client-centered relationships and strategies for effective and culturally safe communication in Canada’s health care system.



**GHSON Class 1978 45th Reunion - The Wilds, July 25-27, 2023**

## Alumni Dinner, 2022 Iceberg Recipients 70 years post-graduation





**BN Registration Number: 886051796 R R 0001**

**General Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Organization  
Statement of Revenue and Expenditure  
September 01, 2022 to August 31, 2023**

**Balance Available September 01, 2022** \$ 24,823

Revenues to August 31, 2023

|                        |        |
|------------------------|--------|
| Membership             | 1,985  |
| Annual Dinner Proceeds | 22,155 |
| Donations              | 585    |
| Miscellaneous          | 125    |

**Total Revenues** \$ 24,850  
\$ 49,673

Expenditures to August 31, 2023

|                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| Dinner          | 17,600 |
| Office Supplies | 3,539  |
| Miscellaneous   | 657    |
| Donations       | 1,000  |
| PO Box          | 209    |
| Class Reunion   | 300    |
| Bank Charges    | 242    |

**Total Expenditures** \$ 23,547  
**Total Available August 31, 2023** \$ 26,126  
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**BN Registration Number: 886051796 R R 0001**

**General Hospital  
School of Nursing Organization  
Balance Sheet  
To August 31, 2023**

Current Assets

|              |    |        |
|--------------|----|--------|
| Cash on Hand | \$ | 26,126 |
| Total Assets | \$ | 26,126 |

Owners Equity

|                          |           |               |
|--------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| <b>Retained Earnings</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>26,126</b> |
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