

The Alumni Connection

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The Lillian Stevenson Nursing Archives and Museum receives The Manning Award!



Dr. Janet Story, Curator, accepting the award from The Honourable Edward Roberts at the ceremony held at the Fairmont Newfoundland.

The General Hospital School of Nursing Alumni wish to extend congratulations to our graduates who work diligently to preserve nursing history at the Lillian Stevenson Nursing Archives and Museum. The Lillian Stevenson Nursing Archives

and Museum was awarded a Historic Sites Association of Newfoundland and Labrador Manning Award in the Provincial Category for Excellence in Public Presentation of Historic Places on March 16, 2005. Dr. Janet Story, Curator, accepted the award from The Honourable Edward Roberts at the ceremony held at the Fairmont Newfoundland. **Congratulations are extended to Dr. Janet Story, Marilyn Marsh, Margot Bruce, Betty Johnson, Maxine Taylor, Kay Roche, Jeanette Walsh and Elizabeth Good.**

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Mary Southcott's portrait presentations



On February 23, 2005, a ceremony was hosted by the Center for Nursing Studies (CNS) to accept the copy of portrait of Mary Southcott. The portrait is now hung on the same wall in the main lobby of Southcott where she was displayed for years. Joan Rowsell (right) accepted the portrait from Joanne Hapgood (left). Many member of the GHSON Alumni and Faculty from the Centre for Nursing Studies attended.



On February 6, 2005, during an ARNNL Council Meeting, a copy of the portrait of Mary Southcott was presented to the ARNNL by the GHSON Executive and members who operate our archives. Front row: Maxine Taylor, Margot Bruce, Marilyn Marsh, Janet Story, Kay Roche. Back row: Sandra MacDonald, Margaret Munch, Debbie Lee Pike, Joanne Hapgood, Jeanette Andrews.

Nurses join the Memorial Day Parade



On July 1, 2005 for the second year in a row, nurses joined the Memorial Day Parade with others invited by the Legion. If you would like to be involved with this parade next year, please contact Siobhainn Lewis.

The Diamond Jubilee Scholarship

The General Hospital School of Nursing Organization supports two scholarships annually. \$1500 is awarded to a graduate pursuing a Bachelor of Nursing and \$ 1000.00 is awarded to a graduate pursuing a Masters of Nursing.



This year applications were reviewed according to the Selection Criteria. Applicants were notified by phone or e-mail of the outcome. The successful candidates were Arthur Morgan (Class of 1992) for the BN scholarship and Holly LeDrew (Class of 1982) for the Masters' scholarship. Congratulations!



GHSO Alumni Presidents Report

Prepared by Joanne Hapgood

It has been an honour to serve as the President of the General Hospital School of Nursing Alumni again this year. I have had the privilege of working with a very dedicated team. I can't say enough about the support I have received from Margie Munch (Vice President), Debbie Lee Pike (Secretary) and Lisa Picco (Treasurer). We have been working very hard on your behalf.

We are excited that so many classes have planned to attend the dinner this year to celebrate their reunions. We are delighted that you made the effort to attend the annual dinner and celebrate with us.

I am happy to report that Mary Southcott's portrait is back on the original wall in the lobby of Southcott Hall. Joan Rowsell was very gracious in holding a ceremony to which the "ladies of the archives" and the executive were invited. After I presented the portrait to Joan, there was a small reception which a number of the faculty of the Center for Nursing Studies attended.

We also presented a copy of the portrait to the ARNNL as Miss Southcott was the founder of nursing education in Newfoundland. Sandra MacDonald accepted the portrait on behalf of the ARNNL.

The dedicated group of women who work diligently in our archives were successful in their application for the Lillian Stevenson Archives and Museum to receive a Manning award. This was presented to Dr. Story by Lieutenant Governor Ed Roberts at a ceremony at the Fairmont. After the ceremony, the group was invited to a celebration at Government House. We are very proud of this accomplishment!

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the work of several groups of people who have helped us more than they know:

- First, I must thank our executive members. Debbie, Margie, Lisa. Thanks for your patience and guidance. Thanks especially for everything that you did for preparation for the dinner when I was unable to assist due to illness.
- Dr. Story, Jeanette Walsh, Betty Good – You were always available to help or research a question. You continue to make our jobs much easier!
- Paula Fifield – Paula provides continuous support with our ticket draws and redirection of mail to the Alumni. Her work is endless and very rewarding for our association. Thanks!
- And finally, thank you to the membership for your support. We have received quite a number of donations and well wishes. We do appreciate each one.

GENERAL HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING ORGANIZATION
STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES
SEPTEMBER 1, 2004 - AUGUST 31, 2005

Balance available August 31, 2005		\$12,305.88
Revenues - Current Year	NIL	
Total Revenues - Current Year		NIL
Balance		\$12,305.88
Expenses - Current Year		
Scholarships	\$2,500.00	
Total Expenses		\$2,500.00
Balance available August 31, 2005		\$9,805.88

GENERAL HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF REVENUE & EXPENDITURES
SEPTEMBER 1, 2004 - AUGUST 31, 2005

Balance available September 1, 2004		\$19,227.00
Revenues		
Donations	\$3,045.00	
Memberships	\$1,820.00	
Dinner Ticket Sales	\$8,797.00	
Silent Auction	\$1,194.00	
Baskets and Miscellaneous Sales	\$1,671.00	
Total Revenues (Current Year)		\$16,527.00
Balance		\$35,754.00
Expenses (Current Year)		
Dinner Expenses	(\$9,896.00)	
Office Supplies	(\$1,612.00)	
Framing	(\$617.00)	
Christmas Basket	(\$279.00)	
Class Reunion	(\$400.00)	
Miscellaneous	(\$656.00)	
Donations	(\$100.00)	
Total Expenses (Current Year)		(\$13,560.00)
Balance available August 31, 2005		\$22,194.00

Congratulations

The General Hospital School of Nursing Alumni proudly congratulates the following graduates for their academic success.

Bachelor of Nursing

Mary Lee

Belinda McGrath-Bussey

Darren Joy

Masters of Nursing

Beth Mayo

April Pike-Manuel

Nurse Practitioner Program

Elizabeth Jenkins

Karen Oldford

Donations to the Alumni

Our sincere thanks to the following donors to the organization account.

Cathy Healey

Mary Barrett

Sherida Healy

Emma Browne

Lois Ryan

Class of 1944

Class of 1954A

Class of 1954B

Mathilda Bara

Evelyn Robbins

Class of 1964

Arlene Martin

Dale Durnford

Ruby Dewling

Lillian Rendall

Eileen Elms

Catherine Burry

Nancy Christopher

Elizabeth Giannou

Vida Black

Judy Lush

Cynthia Hodgins

Myrtle Smyth

Eileen Harvey

Larry Kelly

Elizabeth Hardie

Evangeline Thorne

Jeanette Walsh

Thelma Howard

Noreen Kennedy

Kathleen Roche

Marilyn Steele

Joyce Warren

Catherine Healy

Shirley Marsten

Tom Gleason

Marguerite Karre

Shirley Fisher

Yvonne Bailey

Kerry Lynn Durnford

Joy Stuckless

Doris Clarke

Muriel Fever

Alumni Dinner 2007



Lillian Stevenson Archives/Museum Report

October 1, 2004 - September 30, 2005

Prepared by Dr. Janet Story

Colleagues: Margot Bruce Marilyn Marsh Jeanette Walsh
Elizabeth Good Kay Roche
Elizabeth Johnston Maxine Taylor

No. of hours spent: 455

Visitors

There were approx. 100 visitors. This number includes the class of 1975 which was celebrating its 40th year of graduation. On May 12th we hosted our first "Open House" in celebration of the birthday of Florence Nightingale. There were 20 visitors, most having visited for the first time. Among these were three nursing students from the Center for Nursing Studies, who were wearing the uniforms of 1910 of the General Hospital. These students visited hospitals and nursing homes under the guidance of Siobhainn Lewis.

As a matter of interest, two of our visitors were nurses from the United States who had previously visited the Florence Nightingale Museum in London, England and were more impressed by our Museum than that of the one in England, our display was much better.

Mary Southcott

In the year 2000 Miss Southcott was recognized by "The National Historic Sites of Canada" and as a follow up, a plaque will be cast and placed on site in the year 2006, to commemorate her contribution to our profession. The plaque will read as follows:

Mary Meager Southcott

(1862-1943)

Mary Meager Southcott led the campaign to professionalize nursing in the early 20th-century Newfoundland. Trained in London, England, she founded the St. John's General Hospital School of Nursing in 1903, the only one of its kind in Newfoundland until 1929. As Superintendent of Nurses, she fought for recognition of her authority in the hospital and achieved her dream of a nurses' home. A prominent nursing leader and educator, Southcott helped to develop unique training programs for midwives, raised educational standards, and built a school worthy of the Nightingale System of Nursing.

Manning Award

On March 16th of this year The Historic Sites for Newfoundland and Labrador presented The Lillian Stevenson Nursing Archives and Museum with the citation that we had been selected to receive The Manning Award. This award is given to museums of provincial and local importance in our history. The ceremony was held at Hotel Nfld. and the presentation was made by His Honour the Lt. Governor, Mr Edward Roberts. This was followed by the presentation of a cheque for \$300.00 by Mr. Geoff Peters of the Historic sites and Monuments Board.

Pictures of Alumni Presidents

During the year we have had compiled a picture containing the Photograph of all Alumni presidents which is now located in the museum. Many thanks to Robert Thomas, the son in law of Maxine Taylor for making the copies.

Archival Collection

The archival collection was put on computer in the early 1990's with money from the National Archival organization. Since that time all recordings and pertinent information about graduates have been gathered, hand written and catalogued by Elizabeth Johnston and Kay Roche. Our photograph collection was also put on computer and up dated as well.

In May of this year we were successful in receiving money from H.R.D.C. which we used to hire a student with archival skills. He has listed the Alumni members on computer, in alphabetical order as well as graduation class dates. Photographs are ready for entry. Jeanette Walsh and Elizabeth Good have been assorting the collection of the School of Nursing Curriculum as changes evolved over the years.

Finally, 2006 will be the 80th anniversary of the Alumni as well as the 25th anniversary of the Archives Museum. So we have reason to celebrate.

Many thanks to the Alumni president and executive for their support during the year. Joanne was never sure of what she would be asked to do but she did it with dignity and warmth.

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Class of 1944 - 60 Years

Members of Alumni Executive and each and every active member of committee: 2004 Alumni Dinner Silent Auction Meeting are to be congratulated! Job well done: Again! Better than

ever! What a positive, happy, satisfied group of “girls” Class of 1944 (7) were. As were members of each class that gathered at the Holiday Inn Oct 7th.

We had a full week, memories and joy. We continued to celebrate Friday at my home and Saturday at the home of Gert Tobin. We visited Grace Heath, and her son, wife and grandson welcomed us with open arms. More memories relived – lots of laughter, even a few tears as we wrote cards for those who couldn’t make it and as Grace’s grandson 9 years read hers. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Love. God Bless.

Mary Nurse

Class 1965 - 40th Reunion



On August 4, 2005, forty members of the Class of 1965 traveled to Woody Island for their 40th class reunion. The trip began with 28 of class members boarding a bus at 7am at the Village Mall to drive out. Many traveled from out of province (one from California who got stuck in Toronto Airport due to the Air France

plane crash and arrived without her luggage!!). For some it was their first reunion in 40 years. Within minutes of arriving on the parking lot, time slipped away and everyone was sharing news. The poor bus driver listening to all the chatter. This scenario was repeated at Garden Cove when we met the remaining 12 class members. Our enthusiasm was evident when the Captain had to request we stop talking long enough so he could relay the boat’s safety features.

The weather cooperated and the boat trip to and from the island showed Placentia Bay at its best. For many this was their first trip to the island and for those “from away” it gave them an opportunity to

see some spectacular Newfoundland scenery. Staying at Woody Island brought back so many memories of residence: eating together, sharing sleeping quarters, staying up til the wee hours talking and reminiscing (without the worry of being caught by the housemother. Everything about the weekend was great - from the food, especially the delicious white bread (diets went by the wayside), the entertainment (including Vivian Squires' debut as a joke teller), to the many opportunities to talk, renew old and make new friendships.

What began as a two day trip extended to brunch on Sunday at the Fairmont and morning coffee at Elizabeth Hawco's home in Holyrood on Monday. On both occasions classmates who were unable to travel to Woody Island got an opportunity to spend time with old friends and catch up on the news. It was a great time and everyone returned home looking forward to the next one.

Class of 1975—30 Years



In June we held our 6th Reunion. We have consistently gotten together every five years since graduation. The only thing that separates the gatherings is a little bit of time. The Memories, laughter and tears go unchanged. We had a wonderful weekend. It consisted of a visit to the archives, a wine and cheese & dinner on Friday and Saturday and Sunday at the Wilds but we had no time to golf. A special thank you to Ms. Story for the tour. **Joanne (Keeping) Moss**

In Memoriam



Mary (Goodland) Marshall *Class of 1936*

Marion (Newell) Suley *Class of 1944*

Eileen (Morrissey) Rowe *Class of 1948*

Doris (Mayo) Bussey *Class of 1949*

Dorothy (Glavine) Hardy *Class of 1950*

Sarah (Mercer) Northcott *Class of 1954B*

Josephine (Dalton) Leeds *Class of 1958*

June (Earle) Wheeler *Class of 1959*

Lenora (Stone) Dalton *Class of 1961*

Rowena (Skinner) Butler *Class of 1961*

Jacqueline (Hawkins) Paddock *Class of 1964*

Elizabeth (Stack) Benson *Class of 1983*

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.

In Memoriam



Executive Committee

2004-2005

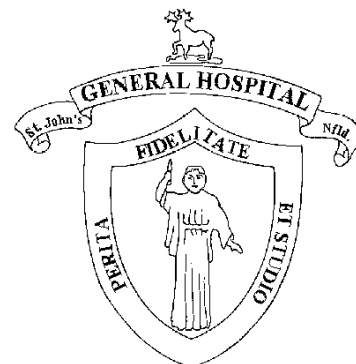
President: Joanne Hapgood, Class of 1979

Vice-President: Margaret (Lewis) Münch, Class of 1977

Treasurer: Lisa (Kennedy) Picco, Class of 1997

Secretary: Debbie Lee (Taylor) Pike, Class of 1978

(The executive committee administers the Alumni Organization and the Alumni Association)



Alumni News

This is the sixteenth newsletter issued annually to promote communication between the membership.

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 2004-2005 we have 327 paid members.

Annual Fundraisers

In order to maintain our scholarship fund, annual fundraisers are required.

These include:

- Silent Auction which is held during the Annual General Meeting
- Other fundraisers as needed.

If you are able to help with any of our fundraisers, either by donating items or a few hours of your time, please contact any member of the executive.

DID YOU KNOW?

- For school transcripts , contact Beryl Menchenton at 777-8174, Centre for Nursing Studies.
- Archival phone number is 777-7682.
- The Lillian Stevenson Museum/ Archives is open every Thursday from 2-4.
- We are on the web: www.ghsonalumni.ca
- Class reunions can contact the alumni president and Dr. Janet Story at 777-7682

**General Hospital School of Nursing Alumni
Annual Dinner, General Meeting and Silent Auction Minutes DRAFT
October 7, 2004**

1.0 Welcome and Call to Order

Call to order and welcome by Joanne Hapgood (Class of 1979), President.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved as written. Moved by Siobhainn Lewis; seconded by Kim Warford.

3.0 Moment of Silence/Recognition of Deceased Members

Bertha Schofield (Class of 1965) conducted the moment of silence and recognition.

4.0 Class Roll Call

Members were asked to stand when graduation year called. The roll started at 1931.
326 Alumni members in attendance; 48 classes represented.

5.0 Review of Minutes of October 2, 2003

Minutes approved with no errors or omissions.

Moved by Paula Fifield; seconded by Kathy Lynn Worthman.

6.0 Business Arising

Nil

7.0 New Business

7.1 Reports

Presidents, Treasurers and Archival reports were presented in the newsletter.

Adoption of reports moved by Siobhainn Lewis; seconded by Bertha Scofield.

Executive Activities presented which included: constitution review, developing terms of reference, organizing office space, building membership database, web page development.

7.2 Revised Constitution

The executive, with the assistance of Jeanette Walsh, Betty Good, Janet Story and Robert Meadus reviewed the existing constitution and made minor changes to reflect current practice. Motion for acceptance of the revised constitution by Jeanette Walsh; seconded by Gail Richards. Motion adopted.

Motion regarding The Rooms

Discussion regarding the possible future relocation of the Lillian Stevenson Archives/Museum and its contents from the LAMC if space become a problem there. It was moved that The Rooms

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(Provincial Archives and Museum) would be an ideal site to house our Archive/Museum artifacts. Motion moved by Jeanette Walsh; seconded by Elizabeth Good. Motion adopted by the membership.

Motion regarding Mary Southcott's Portrait

A letter from Joan Rowsell, Director Center for Nursing Studies was presented to the Executive at the meeting. The letter indicated that Miss Southcott's portrait would be hung in the Learning Resource Center at the CNS.

Motion from the floor requesting that the portrait be hung in the entrance to Southcott Hall. Moved by Marilyn Marsh; seconded by Maxine Taylor. Motion was amended.

Amendment to the above motion: A copy of the Portrait of Mary Southcott be made and the copy be hung inside the entrance to Southcott Hall. The original portrait is to remain in the Archives at the Lillian Stevenson Archives/Museum for safe keeping. Moved by Ruby Dewling; seconded by Joan Marshall. Motion Adopted.

7.3 Scholarship Committee Report

Margie Munch presented the scholarship report and announced this years recipients.

Rodie Pike (Class of 1991) Masters of Nursing Scholarship

Belinda McGrath (Class of 1994) Bachelor of Nursing Scholarship

Motion for report acceptance: moved by Sherida Healy; seconded by Sheila Hickman.

7.4 Presentation to 25th and 50th year graduates

Margie Munch and Debbie Lee Pike presented our graduates celebrating 25 and 50 year anniversaries with Alumni pins.

7.5 Presentations

Janet Story was presented with a photo of herself receiving her honorary doctor of laws degree at the spring convocation at Memorial University to be displayed in the Archives.

Lisa Picco presented flowers to: Class of 1944 on their 60th anniversary; alumni members who graduated prior to 1944; Jeanette Walsh to congratulate her on her publication with Marilyn Beaton "From the Voices of Nurses".

Jeanette Andrews (Class of 1976) presented 50th ARNNL anniversary pins to the class of 1954 on behalf of the ARNNL 50th anniversary committee.

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Presentations to the Alumni

Class of 1954B - Pat Porter presented the Alumni with \$500.00 on behalf of her class.

Class of 1954B - Daphne Squires, made a presentation to Dr. Story for the Archives of a plaque with class poem in honour of deceased class member Patricia Inder Haines.

Class of 1944 – Nellie Hennebury presented the Alumni with \$400.00 on behalf of her class.

Class of 1954A – Rita Dawe presented the Alumni with \$600.00 on behalf of her class in memory of deceased classmates Barbara McKinlay, Joan Rideout, and June Legrow.

Class of 1958 – Mabel Best presented the Alumni with \$50.00 on behalf of her class.

Motion for ARNNL scholarship donation

It was moved by Siobhainn Lewis; seconded by Gail Richards; then approved by vote of the membership that \$100.00 be donated from the GHSON Alumni to the ARNNL 50th Anniversary scholarship fund.

Phyllis Barrett requested that the Alumni send a letter to the ARNNL suggesting that they send flowers to Sister Catherine Kenny (a founding member of ARNNL) in recognition of her 100th birthday. This was given approval by the membership.

7.6 Election of Officers

Secretary:	Debbie Lee Pike	Mover: Paula Fifield; Seconder: Jeanette Walsh
Treasurer:	Lisa Picco	Mover: Kathy Lynn Worthman; Seconder: Paula Fifield
Vice President:	Margaret Munch	Mover: Siobhainn Lewis; Seconder: Sharon Meehan
President:	Joanne Hapgood	Mover: Paula Fifield; Seconder: Pam Metcalfe

7.7 Next Meeting

The next annual meeting will be on Thursday October 6, 2005 at the Holiday Inn.

7.8 Concluding Remarks

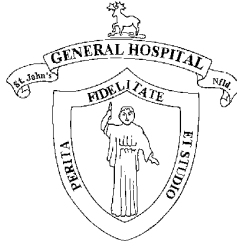
Thanks expressed to all those who made the evening a success.

8.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2150 hours. Moved by Marilyn Marsh; seconded by Jeanette Walsh.

**General Hospital School of Nursing Alumni
Annual General Meeting
Thursday, October 6, 2005
Agenda**

- Welcome
- Approval of Agenda
- Moment of Silence
- Class Roll Call
- Review of Minutes of October 7, 2004
- Business Arising
 - Mary Southcott Picture and CNS
- New Business
 - President, Treasurer and Archival Report
 - Scholarship Committee Report
 - Presentation to 25th and 50th year graduates
 - Presentations
- Election of Officers
- Next meeting date
- Concluding Remarks
- Adjournment



General Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Membership Application

Applicant Information

Name:

Current Address:

City:

Province:

Postal Code:

Phone:

E-mail Address:

Class:

Membership Fee (\$5.00):

Donation:

Do you have a GHSON Cape that you would be willing to lend for special events?

Yes: _____

No: _____

Please make cheque payable to : **GENERAL HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING ALUMNI**

Please forward completed application to:

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