



St. Paul's Hospital *School of Nursing Alumni Newsletter 2025*

Message from the Editor

Greetings Alumni! The year 2025 is upon us, our final year as a formal Alumni association. The St. Paul's Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association was formally organized by Mrs. Constance Wait (Maddens '20) in 1925. All graduates are eligible for admission. We achieved 100 years!

The aims of the Alumni association are as follows:

- To promote social interest and fellowship amongst its members;
- To uphold the memory and spirit of St. Paul's School of Nursing;
- To assist St. Paul's Hospital and Foundation with projects and events as is appropriate; and
- To promote nursing and related health education through our annual scholarship program.

I do believe the Alumni has proudly upheld our aims, contributed to the hospital, nursing education, and the community we serve in an honourable way for 100 years!

Lyn Swenson (Edwards '69)

The Spirit of St. Paul's...belongs to all time

*As travellers oft look back at eve
When onward darkly going,*

*To gaze upon a light they leave
Still faint behind them glowing.*

*So as the years roll gently on
And all things do remind us,*

*'Tis sweet to catch one parting ray
Of the days we've left behind us.*

Anonymous (1968-1969 Whitecap)

Greetings from the Executive

Season's greetings from the executive to each of you. We hope you have had a Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for a healthy and peaceful 2025 to you and your families. This last year (2024) has been an eventful year for the Alumni. We have reorganized in the hopes of continuing our social and member-oriented activities. It is with regret that some of our activities will end (scholarships and archives). We will continue to send the newsletter as long as we can, continue to visit shut-ins and have gatherings. In order to do so we will continue to collect a membership fee, but it is reduced to \$10 per year, to keep addresses and fund the newsletter. Our last official meeting will take place in May 2025. It seems fitting as the Alumni will be 100 years old. We are roughly planning to meet twice a year, the first Tuesdays of May and October.

Thank you to all executive members, past and present, for the leadership and for carrying the torch for a century. So many have added to our history, our dignity, and the memories of the community at St. Paul's and beyond. To

those who've kept the class lists up to date, memorabilia gathered and organized, organized events and reunions, managed Honour Guards, managed scholarships, worked on hospital displays, represented Alumni at SPH and foundation events, and so much more, our sincere appreciation and thanks.

Thank you to all members for your cooperation, help, suggestions, support, the shared laughter and tears. None of this would have happened without you. Our lives have been truly enriched by our shared past.

Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the executive for information.

Sincere good wishes for 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
SPH Alumni Executive

St. Paul's Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association

Officers

Co-Chairs; Cards and Flowers; Honour Guard	Monica Beavis Sharon McCallion
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Committees

Financial Co-Chairs, Treasurers and Past President	Diane Hergott
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Visiting	Rose Normand Margot Bussiere
Phoning	Carol Smandych
Scholarship	Joyce Lenz
Newsletter	Lyn Swenson Lily Krause Maureen Cline

Welcome/Memberships

Even though the Saskatoon Chapter of St. Paul's School of Nursing Alumni is downsizing in structure and in the functions, we are committed to keeping track of our members. The newsletter is our way to keep in touch and is more important than ever! We could not keep our membership list current if it wasn't for the team effort of our collective group. Thank you for any and all information you have communicated to me or any members of the Executive regarding change of address or phone numbers, or the passing of one of our members. Notifying via your membership form, a phone call or email keeps us all informed as to the whereabouts of our Alumni members. I frequently get calls inquiring about a classmate's address, phone number, or if a classmate is still alive. I am happy to share if I can give that information. As our members progress in age, I receive several requests from family members who, for various health related reasons, wish to have their loved one's name removed from the mailing list. Even if you do not wish to pay your membership fee, please let us know where you are.

There were 180 paid memberships this past year. The membership fund will be sufficient to ensure the continuation of the newsletter which helps us all stay connected.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Neufled (Rowein '66)

"Never memorize something that
you can look up!"

- Einstein

Home Visiting

There are 21 Alumni on the visiting list in the Saskatoon area. They are scattered in private care homes and other facilities throughout the city and surrounding area. Ten Alumni are currently at Trinity Manor and received a visit and a gift of hand lotion early in the New Year. Of the 10 who are there, only 4 attended due to colds, illness and age-related issues. Joan Burbridge kindly arranged for coffee and cookies. We had an excellent visit sharing stories and laughs. The other Alumni on our list received phone calls. The calls are often difficult for us as well as the Alumni.

Many thanks to Rose Normand (Kiefer '67) and Diane Neufeld (Rowein '66) for their assistance this year!

Humbly submitted,
Margot Bussiere (Fournier '63)

Scholarships

There were a total of five inquiries and five applications received for the St. Paul's Hospital Nurses Alumni Scholarship for the year of 2024. The money available to be awarded was \$4000.00 from the Alumni Scholarship Fund.

Scholarships were awarded to:

- **Hailey Walsh**, granddaughter of Angeline Nowakowski ('65)
Hailey received a scholarship of \$2000.00. She is in her second year of a BScN program at Grant McKewan University in Edmonton, AB.
- **Hannah Zaleschuk**, granddaughter of Alina Kukuruz ('59)
Hanna received a scholarship of \$2000.00. She is in her third year of a BScN program at the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK.

Both students sent lovely thank you notes for their scholarships!

Congratulations to these young people, we wish them all the best in their chosen profession!

Respectfully submitted,

SPH Alumni Scholarship Committee
Joyce Lenz (Greve '59B)
Agnes Valade (Kirchgenser '60A)
Lily Krause (Baergen '58B)

Honour Guard

The Honour Guard was privileged to attend services for the following deceased Alumni:

- Roberta Marisi (Kuss '57)
Six members attended in uniform
- Lorna Litvenenko (Zimmer '57)
Four members attended in uniform
- Donnalean McKinnon ('67)
Six members attended in uniform

Thank you to all the Alumni members who attended. The families of our Alumni are very appreciative.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon McCallion (Smith-Windsor '65)



Cards and Flowers

As we all age, it is important to acknowledge our members who are ill, and the families of our deceased members. This year eleven sympathy cards were sent to the families of deceased members, and one to a member who lost their spouse. Flowers were sent to two Alumni who were ill. Flowers were sent to the Chapel at St. Paul's Hospital at Easter and Christmas.



Please if you know if someone has died, were ill, or in hospital and could use a little encouragement, let me know!

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon McCallion (Smith-Windsor '65)

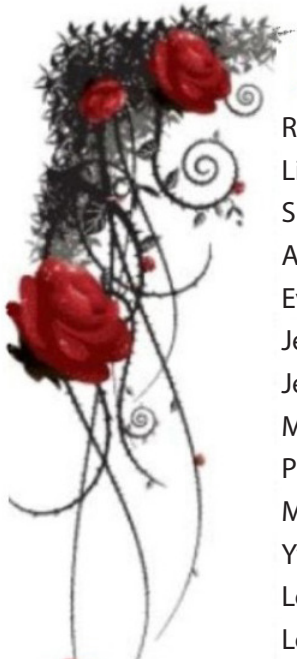
"Friends make the world
a little brighter,
And a little easier to navigate."



"Nothing in the world is as
contagious as laughter and good
humour."

- Charles Dickens

In Memoriam



Roberta Marsi (Kuss '57B)
Lillian Senger (Obermeyer '51A)
Sigrid Warkentin (Martens '66)
Agnes Evans (Yaskowich '54B)
Evelyn Lukas (Richlark '60B)
Jewel Baldwin (Haugen '51B)
Jean Lux (Callaghan '63B)
Mable Cressy (Dean '50B)
Phyllis Dircks (Pitka '56B)
Margaret Reidy (Harach '51B)
Yvonne Lowe (Elliott '51B)
Lorna Litvenenko (Zimmer '63A)
Lorraine Ernewein (Lanigan '50A)

Helen Squires (Ulrich '51B)
Mona McGrath-Hannaford (McGrath '64)
Merla Dyck ('63B)
Marion Brack (Keith '50A)
Eldora Kowal (Isley '50A)
Gloria Lynch (Shindelka '59B)
Helen Holmes (Toews '56B)
Doreen Hickie (Wolfe '57B)

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Neufeld (Rowein '66)
Bernadette Steckler (Jeanneau '67)

"Father,
When things happen outside my control,
I remember my life belongs to you."

- Anonymous



Newsletter

Our newsletter remains a way that we can communicate with all of our Alumni. Hopefully any information that you want passed on to others will find its way to me so I can share. If you are having a class reunion, or have pictures of any class activities, these would be good things to pass on. I look forward to hearing from you!

Costs for 2024 Newsletter:

Stamps	\$ 250.00
Layout/Design + Printing 250 copies	\$ 745.00
Total	\$ 995.00

Should you want to change the way you receive the newsletter, either through email or regular mail, please indicate your preference on your membership page. Any changes in address would be very much appreciated!

Lyn Swenson (Edwards '69)
Lily Krause (Baergen '58B)
Maureen Cline (Peevers '58B)



Class Reunion '58B

The class of '58B enjoyed their 66th year reunion at the home of Lily Krause at McClure Place on March 6th, 2024. Lunch was shared with much visiting and laughter!

Elaine Minford (Hauer) was visiting from Hawaii.

Thank you to Lily for hosting!



Pictured from left to right are: Cecile Deibert (LePage), Elaine Minford (Hauer), Ellen Slowenko (Sinkiewicz), Bev Weiner (Elaine's sister), Lily Krause (Baergen), Maureen Cline (Peevers) and Kathy Moker (Chatlain)



A Nurse's Prayer

Give my mind compassion and understanding,
Give my heart endless compassion,
Give my hands skill and tenderness,
Give my ears the ability to listen well,
Give my lips words of comfort,
Give me strength for this selfless service, and
Enable me to give hope to those I am called to serve.
Amen.

2025 Alumni Membership Renewal 2025



As Alumni of S.P.H. School of Nursing, we encourage you to be in good standing by maintaining your membership in our Alumni Association. Please complete the form and mail a cheque for \$10.00 to:

St. Paul's Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association

c/o Diane Neufeld

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Please let us know how you would prefer to receive your newsletter: ☐ Mail ☐ Email

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