

St. Paul's Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Newsletter 2016

Message from the Editor

This year will mark the eighty-fifth anniversary of the official opening of St. Paul's Nurses' Home. The StarPhoenix described the Home as "palatial". Dr. D.M. Baltzan presided over the opening ceremonies. Sharing the stage with him were Lieutenant Governor Hugh Edwin Monroe, Bishop Joseph Prud'homme, Dr. R.J. McEwan, Mrs. R.M. Hanson and Hospital Chaplain Fr. Daoust. Over a two day period hundreds came to view the facility and have a cup of tea. More attended the play and musical program offered each evening and afternoon. Sharing welcoming duties with Sr. Mary Ann Fennel s.g.m. was our Alumni President, Miss Alma Howe and another Alumni

Member, Miss Adelaide Renskin. Other Alumni Members poured tea, assisted with tours and acted as hostesses.

Once again the Saskatoon Alumni are ready to welcome you home for the 2016 Reunion. The Reunion Committee has done its work. Now it is up to you to do yours; fill out your Registration Form, pay your registration fee and put it in the mail. Come. Help Keep the Memories Alive.

Dennise L. Martin '59

A reminder...

Let no one ever
come to you without
leaving better and happier.

Be the living experience
of God's kindness:

Kindness in your face,
Kindness in your eyes,
Kindness in your smile.

Make your mark on the world.

~ Blessed Mother Teresa



Message from the President

Dear Fellow Alumni,

Warmest Greetings to each of you. The spirit of St. Paul's remains alive and well. I continue to be amazed at the camaraderie and interactions that exist among Alumni here in Saskatoon and at the various chapters, where many of you gather regularly to keep friendships alive.

We have had another "full" year, not only with Alumni activities, but as active contributing participants in our communities and churches. We may be getting older, but our Nursing/Christian values of caring and serving continue.

Attendance at our business meetings and social activities continues to be strong. This year the classes of '55 and '65 celebrated significant anniversaries. We were honored by their attendance at the September meeting.

The long saga of our Alumni Display at SPH is finally over, as it is now in its permanent place on the west wall of 2nd floor. There is a fair amount of traffic there, which should give it good visibility. The display cabinet, the mannequins, the four watercolor paintings and carousel are all together and it looks good! It has been a long road of failed options. Many thanks go to the Hospital Facilities Staff and Administration for their patience, persistence and general good natured helpfulness.

At our Annual General Meeting in May, a motion to increase our annual membership fees to \$20.00 was passed. This will

help cover the cost of printing and mailing the annual Newsletter. Many Alumni Members prefer receiving a copy in the mail. We hope this fee increase will not be a hardship for anyone.

The Executive Committee, at the September Executive Meeting, asked the Newsletter Committee to develop a survey to gather input from the Membership. This information is needed so that our decisions, as they relate to our human and financial resources, reflect the will of the Membership. Please take time to fill out and return the survey.

Our Web Page is in the process of being revised. These changes are necessary to protect the personal information of our Members.

It is hard to believe that 2016 will be another election year for our Alumni. We will be looking for volunteers to fill the positions on the Executive and the Committees. The support and friendship I have received as President, thus far, is very much appreciated. Thank you.

Reunion 2016 is fast approaching. Mark your calendars for July 7th and 8th and make arrangements to join us to renew friendships and memories. We look forward to seeing you.

Until then, Blessings to All
Diane Hergott (Karasiuk '63)

St. Paul's Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association

Officers and Conveners, 2014 - 2016

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	Dennise Martin
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Visiting	Elaine Uhryniw
	Mary Stang
Welcoming/Membership	Rose Normand
Phoning	Bernadette Steckler
Scholarship	Reta Taylor
	Eileen Sonstelie
Archives	Joyce Lenz
Honor Guard	Agnes Valade
	Gloria Lynch
	Diane Jensen
	Marlene Davis
	Elaine Uhryniw

Greetings from St. Paul's Hospital Foundation



St. Paul's Hospital Foundation enjoys a deep and wonderful relationship with the St. Paul's Hospital School of Nursing Alumni.

In 1991, your Alumni helped to create a significant endowment fund – The Saint Marguerite d'Youville Endowment Fund – that continues to be stewarded by our Foundation today. Together with other donors, your contributions in this endowment provided more than \$77,000 last year to support professional development and scholarships for St. Paul's Hospital and Saskatoon Health Region employees.

The St. Paul's Hospital School of Nursing brought a legacy of educational excellence to our facility that continues to live on today. This year, our Foundation will be furthering acute-care teaching in our Hospital by continuing to raise \$4.9 million to acquire the most modern technology for all eight of St. Paul's Hospital's operating theatres. Not only will these advancements improve efficiencies and positively impact patient care, they will make it possible to teach without having to bring students into the theatres – the educational potential of these advanced suites is astounding!

Education and the sharing of knowledge continue to be a top priority as we fundraise for the revitalization of the Medical Library and new Patient and Family Resource Centre. It is so important for our employees and practitioners to have access to the latest information for diagnosis and treatment options at the Medical

Library, and the new Resource Centre will provide patients and family with a bright, comfortable space to access information with assistance from trained librarians.

Many of your Members have volunteered at our Foundation's Gift Shop over the years, which raised more than \$215,000 for our Hospital last year. This year, we saw the retirement of longstanding Gift Shop Manager, Darlene Hawes and welcomed Jeannette Roy to that position. Under her direction, you will be seeing some changes at the Gift Shop, including the volunteer hours of service.

We are grateful to you for maintaining historical records of the School of Nursing, and were so pleased to work with your Members to source some of the historical photographs that have become a permanent part of the Hospital's teaching history mural in our new auditorium, Pylypcuk Hall.

Thank you for the lasting positive impact your membership has had on our Hospital, and best wishes for a fantastic year ahead.

*Bruce Acton
CEO
St. Paul's Hospital Foundation*

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Greetings to St. Paul's Hospital School of Nursing Alumni



St. Paul's Hospital

We often hear people in our community say there is something special about St. Paul's Hospital. We agree, we feel it is the exceptional people who work and volunteer here and the extraordinary care they provide that make our Hospital unique.

The St. Paul's Hospital School of Nursing opened just two years after the establishment of our Hospital, and its graduates helped to shape the culture at St. Paul's. Graduates of the School of Nursing were trained to provide the same compassionate and holistic care as was lived by our Foundress St. Marguerite d'Youville and the Grey Nuns. We are grateful for this legacy of excellence that continues to leave a positive mark on our Hospital.

We are very proud of our relationship with the School of Nursing Alumni, and were pleased to have found a suitable site for the relocation of the Nurses Alumni Display Cabinet on the Second Floor. This is a very busy area, and we have already heard many wonderful and positive comments about the display.

As we strive to uphold our core value of Collaborative Partnerships, we are pleased to continue to grow the many community relationships we have. This year saw the renewal of our Partnership

Agreement with the Saskatoon Health Region, and we were pleased to have played a role in the opening of Sanctum, Saskatoon's first HIV transitional care home, located in the former Grey Nuns' Residence, owned by St. Paul's Hospital.

Part of our holistic approach is the care we extend to families and community, and we were so pleased to celebrate the 10th anniversary of our Healing Arts Program. This year, we have continued to face high capacity rates in our Hospital. Our work with the Saskatoon Health Region has been focused on improving Patient Flow and Safety, and were pleased to serve as the pilot site for the launch of the Region's new Safety Alert System.

I expect 2016 to be another year of fantastic partnerships, continued challenges and phenomenal successes. I look forward to continuing our ongoing relationship with you, our School of Nursing Alumni!

*Jean Morrison
President and CEO
St. Paul's Hospital (Grey Nuns) of Saskatoon*

Message from the Grey Nuns in Saskatoon

The young women who entered the challenges and newness of a nursing career through the doorway of St. Paul's Hospital School of Nursing did so hand in hand with the Grey Nuns. As each St. Paul's grad would understand, the invitation to let God into our daily life and work, brings its own invitation to be open and creative in identifying and responding to the unmet needs and hungers of our day.

We, the Grey Nuns presently serving in Saskatoon, (Sr. Josephine Bouvier, Sr. Emilie Pena, and Sr. Carol Borreson), are very grateful

for the many ongoing opportunities to serve in the neighborhoods surrounding St. Paul's Hospital. We give thanks for the presence of the Alumni of St. Paul's Hospital School of Nursing here in Saskatoon. We continue to share in the same spirit that led to the foundation of the work we shared together in St. Paul's Hospital. This is the foundation of the stance with which each of us faces the future.

Sr. Carol Borreson, s.g.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Welcoming and Membership

Thank you to all of our Alumni who have phoned, emailed or sent information to me regarding the changes in location of many of our Members. All of us working together make our membership list the best and most current that it can be.

This year approximately 534 Newsletters will go out by email and over 400 by regular mail. If you would rather have a hard copy instead of the email version, just let us know.

As our Alumni Members age, I receive a number of requests from family members who, for various health related reasons, wish to have their loved ones names removed from the mailing list.

I want to thank all the Alumni Members who have paid their membership fees this year. With last year's total renewals being at an all-time low, I am so pleased with the huge improvement of 420 paid memberships so far this year.

In order to maintain sustainability the membership fee has been increased to \$20.00 per year.

Reta Taylor (Watton '63)

Honor Guard

In 2015 the Honor Guard was privileged to serve on the following occasions:

1. Funeral Service for Gertrude Zarubiak (Schellenberg '63)
2. Funeral Service and Celebration of Life for Madeline Just (McAuley '50)
3. Funeral Service for Valarie Henderson (Fennell '61)
4. Funeral Mass for Lynne Monar (Joubert '67)
5. Celebration of Life for Dr. M.S. Slobodzian
6. Memorial Service for Jean Gauley (Briggs '43)

In Memoriam



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| 1932 | Davidson, Edith (Castle) |
| 1939 | Eckhart, Marion (Tedeschi) |
| 1943 | Gauley, Jean (Briggs) |
| 1944 | McMillan, Vivian (Wiens) |
| 1944 | Keitel, Ruth (Kleiner) |
| 1945 | Wilton, Gladys (May) |
| 1945 | Heels, Isabel (McCutcheon) |
| 1947 | Ramsey, Jean (Joyce) |
| 1947 | Mayner, Mary (Uthe) |
| 1948 | Holgate, Stella (Simonson) |
| 1948 | Eilan, Dora (Addison) |
| 1948 | Jones, Edna (Messinger) |
| 1948 | Solmes, Laura (Golden) |
| 1948 | Lefevre, Eleanor (Baynton) |
| 1949 | Jwaszko, Lorna (Hartnett) |
| 1949 | Popoff, Annette (Popoff) |
| 1950 | Goguillot, Jean (Reeder) |

Cards and Flowers

Potted lilies were sent to St. Paul's Hospital Chapel for Easter and Poinsettia plants were sent for Christmas. Rose bowls/flowers were sent or delivered to 4 Alumni Members who were hospitalized.



Sympathy cards were sent to 23 Alumni Members or families of Alumni Members upon the death of an Alumni Member or death of a family member of an Alumnus.

"Thinking of You" greetings and notes were sent to 5 Alumni Members.

Prayer cards were also sent to 3 Alumni Members.

Thank you to those of you who notified us regarding the hospitalization of an Alumni Member, the death of an Alumni Member or death of a spouse, child or parent of an Alumni Member.

Please continue to notify by phoning Mary Stang.

Mary L. Stang '57

Thank you to all those Alumni who participated and those who helped organize the Honor Guard. We had remarkable attendance at the Services again this year.

All Alumni are encouraged to join the Honor Guard. Families are very appreciative of our attendance and find it very meaningful. Caps and capes are available from the Alumni archives.

Elaine Uhryniw (Madson '61)

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| 1950 | Just, Madeline (McAuley) |
| 1952 | Kasnick, Eileen (Cullen) |
| 1954 | Harmer, Ellen (Madarash) |
| 1954 | Cain, Irene (Molnar) |
| 1956 | McKenzie, Janet |
| 1956 | Mason, Florence (Cleveland) |
| 1956 | Field, Jean |
| 1956 | Thiessen, Marianne (Dyck) |
| 1957 | Dzus, Alice |
| 1957 | Miller, Floria |
| 1958 | Bennett, Alma (Gerwing) |
| 1959 | Kowalevsky, Rose Lynn (Halter) |
| 1961 | Henderson, Valerie (Fennel) |
| 1963 | Zarubiak, Gertrude (Schellenberg) |
| 1964 | Schultz, Diane (Kotlar) |
| 1965 | Edstrom, Diane (Spaeth) |
| 1967 | Monar, Lynn (Joubert) |



Home Visiting

This year we had the privilege of visiting fifteen St. Paul's Alumni Members residing in long term care, assisted living and personal care facilities in Saskatoon. Many were very appreciative of the visit; again they expressed verbally "many, many thanks to the Alumni for not forgetting me...it is so nice that someone cares".

In several instances, those visited were despondent, very distant and gave no indication of recognition....leaving the visitors with some sadness but also with the hope that the few comforting words, gentle touches and the acknowledgment from the Alumni may have found a way into their hearts and minds.

Each Alumni Member visited received a Christmas package from St. Paul's Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association.

A special thanks to Reta Taylor for your continued support in providing information and updates.

*Rose Marie Normand (Kiefer '67)
Bernadette Steckler (Jeanneau '67)*

Program and Social

Our Alumni AGM was held at the Saskatoon Golf and Country Club on May 11th. We had a wonderful group entertain us with their melodies. The September 20th meeting, at the Travelodge Hotel, was a table service Sunday luncheon. This year the Class of '65, who were celebrating their 50th anniversary, and the Class of '55, who were celebrating their 60th anniversary, joined us. Each Class member was presented with a rose to commemorate the significant occasion. They provided us with some great entertainment.

The Christmas supper is always held at the Saskatoon Club. It is a wonderful time for us to visit, to catch up and wish each other a peaceful and healthy season.

On average, 65 Alumni attend at each meeting. There is a wonderful caring atmosphere among those in attendance. Our plans for 2016 are to continue with the three meetings.

Agenda for 2016 Events

Monday, May 9, 2016 + Luncheon

Time and place to be arranged.

Sunday, September 18, 2016 + Luncheon

Travelodge Hotel, Galaxy B entrance
Registration @12 noon

Monday, December 12, 2016 + Dinner

Saskatoon Club
Registration @ 5:00 pm

With our reunion coming soon the buzz will be about who is coming.

*Mary Humen (Fredeyko '66)
Cecile Poilievre '58*



Scholarship

Four inquiries for information on St. Paul's Hospital School of Nursing Alumni scholarships were received.

Three applications were submitted for consideration.

Fund available for distribution was \$4,000.00.

Three scholarships were awarded:

- \$1,400.00 awarded to one recipient.
- \$1,300.00 awarded to each of two recipients.

All recipients are enrolled in undergraduate nursing degree programs at universities of their choice.

Congratulations to all three recipients. We wish them success in their chosen profession.

*Joyce Lenz (Greve '59)
Agnes Valade (Kirchgesner '60)
Gloria Lynch (Schindelka '59)*

Archives

The process of inventorying the articles in the archives seems to be a never ending job. At the moment we are trying to sort through, identify and add to the inventory list the framed photographs we have. Many of these are quite old, likely from the 1920s and 30s. Unfortunately most of these pictures have no date or other identification.

We have been working with a representative of the Biggar Museum. They want to set up a display featuring Biggar residents who graduated from SPH School of Nursing. We are presently waiting for consent forms to be returned.

The Alumni display has finally found what is to be a permanent home in the hospital. It is now located on the second floor of A Wing to the right of the elevators outside the Day Surgery Unit. The display includes the glass display cabinet, life size mannequins of a Grey Nun and a nurse in graduation uniform, the carousel of graduation photos and the four watercolour pictures of the three hospital buildings and the Nurses residence. We are very pleased that the display is finally all together in one location. The display is in a fairly high traffic area so will be seen by many patients, visitors and staff. The Hospital Administration and Facilities (Maintenance to us oldies) were very helpful in finding a location and moving the display elements. We give many thanks to these folks.

Plans for the next year include continuing the inventory process.

We have recently been invited to take part in a blog interview regarding our archive. We are investigating that opportunity but no final decision has been made to date.

*Diane Jensen '65
Marlene Davis (Welk '57)*

Newsletter

Your messages and notes encourage and motivate us. We, like all previous Newsletter Committees, try to provide you with the best Newsletter we are able to produce and to communicate to you the information we have gathered. Thank you for your endorsement of our efforts.



All of the information you provided was not only changes of addresses or congratulations. Some of these messages informed us. As in:

- A 1949 Alumnus recalls Sr. St. Croix s.g.m. inspecting the student nurses prior to their attendance at the funeral of Dr. McDonald in 1947. The Honor Guard goes back a long way.
- Some have suggested that the two students wearing "turbans" might have been working in the formula room or the OR.
- Another speculated that these same two student nurses might have been postulants to the Grey Nuns.

None of these messages told us the significance of the purple band worn on the sleeve of one of the students. Documented pictures in the Archives show some students and graduates wearing bands while others in the same picture are not wearing bands on their sleeves. These pictures were dated from the late 1930s-early 1940s. Does the purple band signify something within extra-curricular activities e.g. Sodality of Our Lady? Please continue to share your memories.

This year we actually thought that we knew what we were doing! WRONG. Enter the consultations with the Office of the Privacy Commission. Many of you, over the past several weeks, have been hearing a lot about that from us and have been receiving consent forms to fill out. We learned that:

1. Our Newsletter is considered a Public Document.
2. Signed consents would be needed for every name appearing in the Newsletter.
3. Signed consents are needed for all personal information included.
4. Signed consents are needed from each individual whose picture appears in the Newsletter.
5. Our Association must develop Guidelines establishing Best Practices.

Until we have established these guidelines we are attempting to be as responsible as possible. In this edition you will notice that we are no longer publishing the list of Members we are unable to locate. Nor are we publishing the names of Alumni Members visited by the Visiting Committee. All personal information is removed from the copy that is posted on the St. Paul's Hospital Foundation website. An email address is being used there for anyone wanting to get in touch with the Association. We also have a mail box at the hospital.

The email address is:

SPHSNAA@gmail.com

The postal address is:

St. Paul's Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Assoc.,
1702 20th St. W.,
Saskatoon SK
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We have also had to advise some of you that there is information that we cannot publish. Some of these decisions may have been unpopular. We did consult with our Executive and the Office of the Privacy Commission before making these decisions

Thank you to the Chapter Representatives and the Committee Conveners for your timely submissions. These are the backbone of the Newsletter. Helping us in our commitment to deliver the Newsletter as quickly as possible were:

- Reta Taylor (Watton'63) for addressing the envelopes
- Diane Jensen '65 and Sharon McCallion (Smith-Windsor '65) for patiently and diligently helping send out the Newsletter electronically.
- Mary Stang '57 who assisted in editing and proof reading.

Without the assistance of these Alumni Members the job of getting the Newsletter sent would be overwhelming. To each we offer our sincere and heartfelt appreciation. Our appreciation also goes to the 420 of you who renewed your membership. Without you, we would not exist. Just a reminder, the Newsletter is sent to every Alumni Member that has an updated email or postal address in Reta Taylor's file regardless of whether or not the membership has been renewed.

Expenses for preparing, printing and delivery of the 2015 Newsletter were up. National and International postage increases along with the need to have a short run of 50 extra copies of the Newsletter printed were the cause of the increase. The former is out of our control. We will endeavor to do a better job of forecasting the number of copies required.

Preparation/set up (12 pages)	\$ 420.00	[\$35.00/page]
Printing initial (450 copies)	\$ 984.00	[\$ 2.19/copy]
Second (50 copies).....	\$ 199.00	[\$ 3.98/copy]
Postage	\$ 516.95	
Total		\$2119.95

Chapter and Committee reports are due December 30, 2016.
Thank you for your ongoing support.

Dennise L. Martin '59
Kay Turner (Fitzmaurice '64)
Elaine Uhryniw (Madson '61)



They are NOT "grey hairs"!
They are my
WISDOM HIGHLIGHTS!!
I just happen to be
extremely WISE!



Regina Report

Twice a year the Regina Chapter meets for dinner at the Wascana Country Club. There are usually 15 Members in attendance.

At our recent dinner meeting we discussed the possibility of resurrecting one of our previous performances for entertainment at the 2016 Reunion. A decision wasn't finalized.

Mary Anne Bachelu (Muchowski '62)

Greetings From Lloydminster

Our Alumni met twice in the past year for a spring and a fall luncheon. There are 13 Alumni Members from Lloydminster and area and they are very faithful attendees. We are fortunate to have a local restaurant, The Clocktower, which has a private dining room. It is so perfect for our gatherings as we have our own space to enjoy our "nurse-talk" conversations with lots of reminiscing and story-telling. Our next luncheon is planned for Tuesday, April 26, 2016. We would certainly welcome any visiting Alumni who would like to join us.

As far as Honor Guards – we are always available to provide an Honor Guard when called upon for a nurse's funeral but (thankfully) have not been needed this past year.

We're looking forward to the 2016 Reunion. Many thanks in advance to all those who are planning and organizing it.

Diane Popoff (Almond '68)

Ottawa Report

"Getting older and wiser" has its limitations but The Dolls from St. Paul's Ottawa Branch march on as best we can.

We lunched together in the spring and hopefully before Christmas we will chat and chew, renew friendships and of course wish everyone, everywhere, a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

Marge Larson (Cronkite '55)

Victoria Report

We continue to meet for a luncheon at the Uplands Golf Club the last week of February. Our reach is growing. At recent gatherings Members from Duncan, Nanaimo, Parksville, Qualicum Beach, Calgary, North Battleford and Saskatoon attended.

Sadly, one of our Members, Jean Field '56, passed away unexpectedly in August 2015. Three of the Alumni Members attended her lovely memorial service and reception. Her family was pleased to meet her fellow St. Paul's Hospital School of Nursing graduates. They gave us her collection of pictures from training. This, of course, lead to much story telling.

If you visit Victoria (a good idea in the winter) and wish to join us for our next luncheon please contact us.

Verna Lovell '60

Greetings from North and South Okanagan

We met for our annual get together on May 21, 2015 with 14 Members attending the luncheon at the Harvest Golf Club in Kelowna.

Everyone enjoyed the delicious food and meeting at a new venue.

There was some discussion on whether we will meet next year because of the Reunion which will be held in Saskatoon in July. Most thought that we should get together.

If you have recently moved to the Okanagan give me a call so that I can add you to the membership list.

Delphine Stone (Greenwald '62)

Our Motto
"In Minimis Perfectio"



Our Colours
Garnet and Gold

Keeping in Touch (cont'd.)

Edmonton Report

Warm wishes to all from the Edmonton Chapter. We are looking forward to the July 2016 Reunion in Saskatoon. Much enthusiasm was expressed at our fall luncheon; many hands were raised when asked if they planned to attend.

We enjoy two luncheon gatherings. This year we met at the Royal Mayfair Golf Club. On June 5th, 24 Members attended the luncheon; on October 21st, 20 Members were present. It is always a pleasure to see friendly, familiar faces, share good food and our myriad life experiences be they happy or not, along with much laughter.

Our Chapter was deeply saddened by the deaths of two of our loyal Members. Lorna Jwaszko (Hartnett '49) died in early December 2014. She was a founding member of our Chapter and always brought a positive spark to gatherings. Diane Shultz (Kotlar '64) died on July 11, 2015. She brought life and humor to our get-togethers. Both are dearly missed.

For the first time in our Chapter's history we mounted an Honor Guard for Diane's funeral. Thanks to Sylvia Malloy for her focus in organizing us. The overwhelming positive feedback we received from family, friends and parishioners was delightful. We were very proud.



*Back Row: Phyllis Neatby (Sarich '59), Joanne Olafson '64, Meda Nesselbeck (Thompson '59), Elizabeth Esaiw '53
Middle Row: Pauline McNeil (St Arnaud '54), Pauline Girgulis (VanDerHaegen '59), Edith Baraniecki (Schultz '69), Vera Prest (Walz '64), Sylvia Malloy (Derbowka '64), Edna Nichols (Northridge '64)
Front Row: Diane's sister Vivian Dolezsar (Kotlar '54)
Missing from photo: Terry Dubord (Gorieu '51), Ruth Kimmett (Spicer '54)*

Members of the Edmonton Chapter offer support to Alumni Members who are grieving, ill or in care. This year was no exception.

We have refreshed our contact list with updated phone numbers, email addresses, and postal addresses. There have been numerous changes. My thanks to those who helped me. It is an ongoing project. If you know of any changes please contact Edna or Pat.

Our next Chapter luncheon will be June 8, 2016 at the Royal Mayfair Golf Club.

*Edna Nichols (Northridge '64)
Pat Choma (Scherman '60)*

Calgary Report

The Alumni Members continue to meet for lunch twice a year. We are pleased as we have a core of about 20-22 Members. These luncheons are filled with wonderful conversations, sharing of events in one's life and yes, the laughter continues. As mentioned in the last Newsletter, the Alumni is being made aware of the aging process as evidenced by the increasing number of our Members who now reside in senior lodges or nursing homes and are not able to attend the outings. Although much vitality remains within the group, many are experiencing difficult times, such as caring for a spouse or considering downsizing. Without a doubt, on-going change is very much part of our everyday life. Yet, the lunches, conversations and exchanges with our peers contribute greatly to our well-being. Conversation did include the upcoming Reunion and how to plan for the Alumni to attend with the ease we enjoyed the last time.



*Back Row: Faye Edmonds, Ethel Ryckman, Lorraine Zeiler, Nadia Lesuik, Rose Kowch, Gina Rohs, Sigrid Workentin, Doreen Narfason, Mary McTavish
Middle Row: Barbara Deyell, Jeanne Colborne, Faye Rouse, Rose Fortier, Julie Palin
Front Row: Lynn Petersen, Donna Black, Shirley Wormsbecker.
Missing from photo: Sandy Alexander*

In closing, we wish all a Happy and Healthy 2016.

Shirley Wormsbecker (Kolibar '66)

*A strong friendship doesn't need
daily conversation;
doesn't always need togetherness.
As long as the relationship lives in the
heart, true friends will never part.*

Class of '65 Golden Anniversary

A total of 27 class Members attended all or part of a great weekend of fun and reminiscing on September 18th to 20th 2015. Activities included a BBQ, a luncheon and a tour of the Hospital and Residence, a Banquet at the Willows and the September Alumni Luncheon.

It was wonderful to connect with all especially those we had not seen for 50 years!

Special thanks to Anne McGowan and Diane Jensen, for their tireless efforts as well as Members of the Alumni Executive, the SPH Mission Office, Administration and Operating Room personnel who helped make it such a wonderful weekend.

Sharon McCallion (Smith-Windsor)



Seated L to R: June Whitmarsh (Rose), Diane Jensen, Jeanette Stout (Bertrand), Donna Shay (McLeod)
Second Row: Marj Perzow (Jackson), Susan Leier (Noyes), Elaine Virtue (Eaton), Elaine Kondro (Noble), Claudette Stragier (Simineau), Georgette Taylor (Blais), Marion Lyon (Galbraith), Joe Angelopoulos (LeJan), Sharon McCallion (Smith-Windsor)
Third Row: Lucille Roy (Lensen), Bernice Zukewich (Kuchelema), Eileen Piche (Gobert), Anne McGowan (Sabo)
Fourth Row: Donna Black (Anhorn), Lucy Wood (Lipka), Connie Hodge (Zaluski), Lynne Alexander Petersen, Anne Shewchuk
Fifth Row: Phyllis Allen (Filipowich), Caroline Ciona (Yuzak), Connie Stayner (Delainey)

Class of 1955 Celebrates 60th Anniversary

Members of the 1955 Class A & B gathered to observe the 60th anniversary of their graduation. They met at the annual September SPH Alumni Luncheon at the Travelodge Hotel. A lovely lunch was enjoyed accompanied by a great deal of reminiscing and updating of those present and on those who couldn't attend. During the general meeting the President of the Alumni congratulated the 1955 graduates. Later, on behalf of the Alumni Association, each of us was presented with a red rose.

Those in attendance were:

Phyllis Austman (A), Anne (Buzowsky) Korchinski (A), Alice (Meagher) Kroczyński (A), Arlene (Currie) Sawa (B), Eleanor (Kroczyński) Ritchie (B), Alice (Schulte) Molle (B), Erna (Seniuk) Kost (B). RIP to those who are no longer with us and fond memories of those who could not be with us.

In Minimis Perfectio.

Eleanor Ritchie (Kroczyński B)



L to R: Phyllis Austman, Alice Molle, Anne Korchinski, Alice Kroczyński, Eleanor Ritchie, Arlene Sawa, Erna Kost

Congratulations!

Significant anniversaries will occur this year.

For the class of 1946 it will be their 70th anniversary.

It will be the 65th anniversary for the A & B Classes of 1951.

The A & B Classes of 1956 will be having their 60th Anniversary.

A 50th anniversary celebration for the Class of 1966 will be held the evening of July 7, 2016 at the Saskatoon Club.
Contact: pbneuf@sasktel.net

Best wishes to each of you.

Edith Davidson (Castle '32)



At the age of seven Edith shared with her father that she wanted to follow in footsteps of her grandmother for whom she was named; she dreamed of being a nurse. This, her father assured her was an honorable profession and that she'd be a wonderful nurse. A year later a train accident claimed the life of her father, gone was the family's financial support, gone were the days of going to work with her father, gone were the "jigger" rides they'd taken but

the dream persisted and the determination grew. The following years of hard work and frugality were balanced by love and acts of kindness extended to the struggling family. It was this love and those acts of kindness that Edith remembered. They molded her into a kindhearted, humble and empathetic person; the touch stones of her life.

In order to meet the entrance requirements of St. Paul's Hospital School of Nursing she attended Bedford Road Collegiate in Saskatoon to obtain her Grade XI. Working in her mother's restaurant in Duck Lake for a year gave her enough money to enroll in the three year nursing program. These were the years of the Great Depression so having room and board provided was a real bonus.

In addition to excellent instruction, the program provided routine and guidance in a safe environment. In return the program demanded dedication, diligence, a strong work ethic and a willingness to learn. Edith loved being in training, living in residence, taking the streetcar "downtown" once a month to see a movie. Simple pleasures were cherished, sincere and lasting friendships were formed. Prompt attendance, inspection prior to going on duty and strict adherence to the curfew were mandatory. Students were expected to starch their own uniforms, collars and cuffs. Edith credited the Grey Nuns for "going the extra mile" while assisting the students to adjust to their new environment, new lives and new profession. When Edith entered training she was 5'9-1/2" tall and had a waist span of only 18 inches. Mother Superior was convinced that she suffered from rickets. Every evening she would slip Edith an eggnog. Edith certainly didn't complain about receiving this special treatment. This act of kindness was fondly remembered.

The students must have watched in wonder and anticipation as the new Nurses' Residence was being built. She and the other eighty students were the first to abandon the attic in the Willoughby House and take up residence in their new home.

Following graduation, Edith worked for a year or so at St. Paul's Hospital. Wages for private duty nursing were \$20.00/month or \$5.00/day so Edith expanded her career in that direction. On one occasion she was paid with an American \$20.00 bill which was \$2.00 less than a Canadian \$20.00 bill. She also worked as a camp nurse for a Boy Scout's Camp. The time period for this is uncertain but it could have while doing private duty nursing. When a patient was unable/unwilling to pay her wages

she returned to St. Paul's Hospital. It was during one of her periods of employment at St. Paul's Hospital that she worked on Children's Ward where she cared for a 6 or 7 year old boy who was disabled and a permanent resident on the ward. He captured her heart. When he died she was devastated and overwhelmed with a sense of helplessness. She transferred off the unit. In later years, when her own children were ill they received very special attention.

Edith and Lloyd Davidson were married in 1936 and moved to a homestead in the rural community of Howard Creek, north east of Prince Albert. Here she became a wife, later a mother of 2 boys and 4 girls and, always, Lloyd's reliable helper. A strong work ethic and determination helped Edith master the wide range of skills required but she had difficulty overcoming the challenge of operating the tractor. When her children were old enough to drive the "dreaded beast", she was relieved.

Always a nurse at heart, she offered her knowledge and skills to family, friends, neighbors and the community at large. Home visits, first aid, wound dressings, verbal help and encouragement were among the things she did for others. It wasn't uncommon to see people sitting in her kitchen soaking a wounded foot, hand or other injury in a basin of Epsom salts. Nor was it uncommon for her to do home deliveries. After all, the nearest hospital was 45 miles away. Even if transportation was available and the road passable, it was a journey that wasn't made unless absolutely no other option was available. Prior to the introduction of Medicare, Edith delivered 27 babies but would "bristle" if someone referred to her as a midwife. She was a NURSE and she was very proud of being a nurse. In her spare time she helped with vaccination clinics throughout the area. If people paid, it was with whatever they had available and one time she received 2-2qt sealers of lard.

A lack of money in the early years, did not allow Edith to maintain her registration, pay her Alumni dues or keep in touch with her nursing school "family". Later she thought that she wouldn't know anyone, she didn't attend reunions and didn't request a Newsletter. This changed in 2011 when, accompanied by her daughters, Velma and Marie, Edith attended the Reunion Luncheon. It was the 100th Anniversary of our first graduation, Edith was 100 years old and she had been a graduate for 79 of those years. It was a very proud moment for our Alumni when she honored us with her presence. This is our way of honoring her.



Edith died on February 17, 2014 at 103 and 2 months of age and had been a graduate for almost 82 years.

*Information provided by daughter
Marie Keir.*

Dennise L. Martin '59

Hotel Information for Reunion

All of the reunion events, other than the church service, will be held at the Sheraton Cavalier Hotel.

They have reserved guest rooms at a preferred rate for July 6th, 7th, and 8th, 2016 and will hold these rooms until **June 6th, 2016**.

As a courtesy to them and to the committees planning the events, we are encouraging you to book your rooms as early as possible.

SHERATON CAVALIER HOTEL (Host Hotel)

612 Spadina Crescent East, Saskatoon SK S7K 3G9

www.sheratonsaskatoon.com

Rate is \$169 for a single queen and \$189 for a double queen guest room.

Reservations: Phone 1-306-652-6770 or Toll Free 1-800-325-3535 and ask for in-house reservations. Refer to the St. Paul's Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association when booking.

Photo ID is required at registration.

RADISSON HOTEL

405 20th Street East, Saskatoon SK S7K 6X6

www.radisson.com/saskatoon.ca

Rate is \$169 for a single or double queen guest room. Will not hold rooms but will give this rate if St. Paul's Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association is referred to when booking.

Reservations: Phone 1-306-665-3322 or Toll Free 1-800-333-3333.

PARKTOWN HOTEL

924 Spadina Crescent East, Saskatoon SK S7K 3H5

www.parktownhotel.com

Rate is \$145 for a single queen and \$160 for a double queen guest room. This is the senior's rate. Will not hold rooms.

Reservations: Phone 1-306-244-5564 or Toll Free 1-800-667-3999.

Complimentary shuttle service Monday to Friday, 7:30 am - 1pm

ST. PAUL'S HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING REUNION DETAILS

Where: Saskatoon, SK

When: July 7th and 8th, 2016

Reunion Headquarters: Sheraton Cavalier, 612 Spadina Cres. East, Saskatoon SK

Theme: "*Keeping Memories Alive*"

AGENDA



Thursday, July 7th

10:00 - 11:30 am: Check In
Conference Foyer

12 noon: Luncheon and Business Meeting
Conference Centre

Evening Class Parties

Friday, July 8th

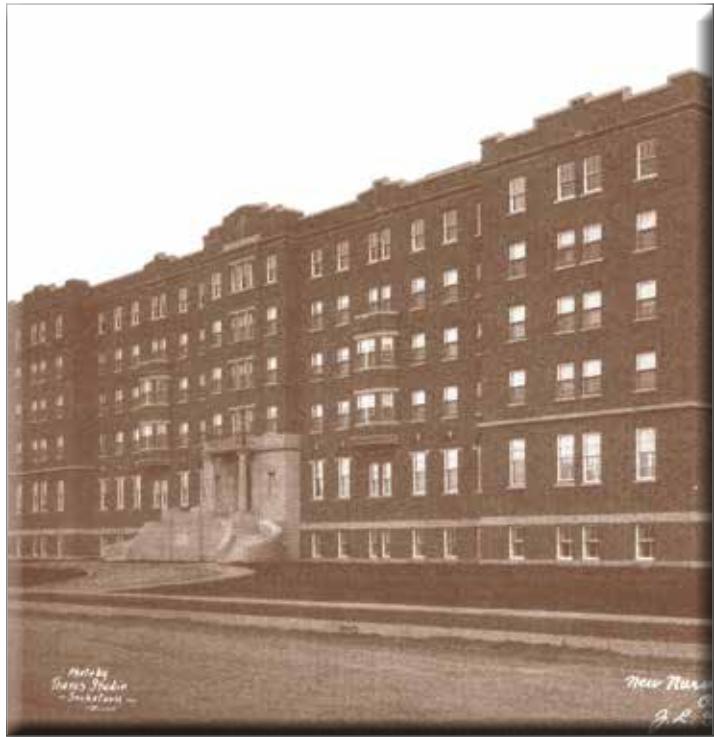
10:00 am: Ecumenical Church Service
St. Paul's Co- Cathedral

5:00 pm: Banquet
Conference Centre

5:00 pm: Cocktails

6:00 pm: Dinner and Entertainment

New Front Entrance - Nurses' Residence



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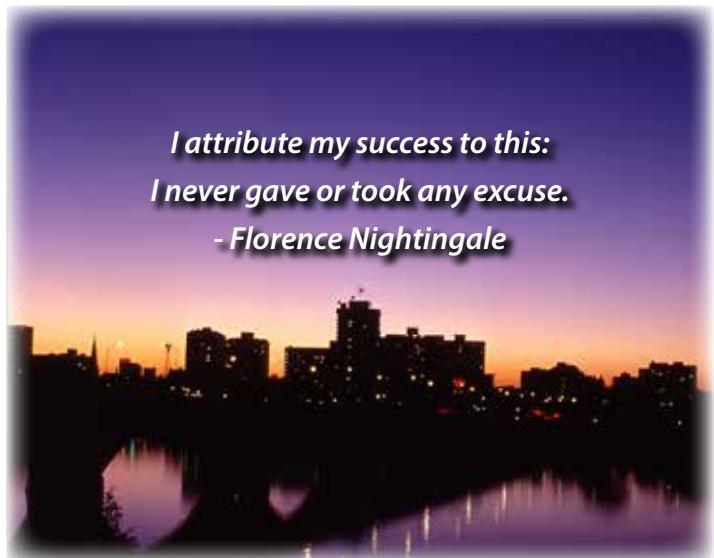


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