



Nurses Alumni Association of the WGH/HSC

2025 NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the 2025 edition of our newsletter. I so appreciate the feedback given to me about the newsletter like the lovely card I received from the daughter of a 92 year old alumnus describing her enjoyment of the newsletter and her mother's nursing career. Like Milly Lucky's memories on p. 3, it is so interesting to read about members' nursing life stories. We are so fortunate to have an Archive where these stories can be kept for future reference. This is your newsletter so please let me know what you want in it (see email address below). Thank you to archivist Emma Prescott, Sheri Beaudry, Kathy Hamelin and Carol Galbraith, and others who contributed to this newsletter.

Submitted by Cheryl Chesney, Newsletter Convener

How to Contact the Association and the Executive

You can contact us by writing, calling, or emailing. **Please** advise us of address/email changes!

Write to: The Nurses' Alumni Association of the WGH/HSC

NA 138 – 700 McDermot Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3E 0T2

Phone: 1-204-787-1170 & leave a message

Email: wghhsc.nursingalumni@gmail.com (Note the period between wghhsc & nursing)

Web Address: <http://wghhscnursingalumni.com>. **NOTE:** Future Executive meeting dates are posted on this site.

HOMEcoming 2026

Planning for the 2026 Homecoming is underway. We are excited to be celebrating all our Alumni members and recognizing the 50th year Anniversary for the class of 1976. Please come to hear about Alumni initiatives, activities, and events while renewing friendships and "catching up" with classmates.

Alumni Members are welcome to bring guests with them to the Luncheon and Dinner! The cost for all guests will be the same as for the Alumni Members.

*All 2026 Homecoming events take place at CanadInns Destination Centre Polo Park, 1405 St. Matthews Ave., Winnipeg, MB. Phone *204-775-8791.*

Alumni members can make hotel reservations by calling CanadInns *locally or 1-888-33CANAD. Give the group ID #978245 to get the group rate of \$145/night for a room with 2 queen size beds (single or double occupancy).

Thursday May 28th, 2026

10:30 am	Annual General Meeting	No cost
12:00 Noon	Luncheon	Cost: \$50/person
13:15-2:00 pm	Jubilee Memorial Lecture	No cost
	Speaker: To be announced	

Friday, May 29th, 2026

5:00-6:00 pm	Cocktails	
6:30 pm	Dinner	Cost: \$75/person

***Please be seated by 6:10 pm. The 50th anniversary 1976 class will be piped in @6:15 pm.**

Details for Luncheon and Dinner ticket purchases will be on the Alumni Website and tickets may be purchased as of January 7, 2026.

Electronic ticket purchase is encouraged but tickets can also

be purchased by contacting Trish Bergal, the Homecoming Convener, at 204-782-2253.

For specific information, please refer to the website

<http://wghhscnursingalumni.com>.

When purchasing tickets, you will be asked for special meal requirements to be sure the hotel can accommodate the request.

The Alumni recognizes that members can become ill and unable to attend the events but please be aware that there are no refunds for lunch or dinner if you do not attend the events.

If you have **any tidbits of information or class pictures** you'd like to share about the good old days, please send them to Kathy Hamelin, Alumni Secretary by e-mail at hamelin@mymts.net.

Future Homecoming dates:

The dates for 2026 and future Luncheons and Annual Homecoming dinners are: May 28, 29, 2026
May 27, 28, 2027

Alumni Support

If you know of a classmate who is shut in, ill, or could benefit from a special contact; please contact our Friendship Convener Marian Ulyatt (1968) nulyatt@shaw.ca or notify any member of the Alumni Executive.

Moving? Change of address?

Please forward your new address, phone number, and/or email to the Alumni address, NA 138 – 700 McDermot Ave. Winnipeg, MB, R3E 0T2. Include your name at graduation and your graduation year. Help us keep in touch!

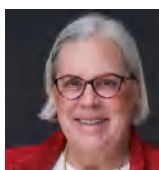
Alumni Executive 2024-2025

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Marilyn Bruce, 1970
Danielle Swerhone, 1979



Marilyn Bruce



Danielle Swerhone

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Gillian Toth

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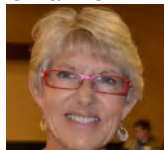
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Kathy Hamelin

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Angie Wieler

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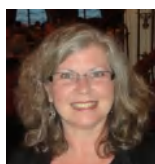
Pat Girardin, 1975

Archivist Emeritus:

Anne Crossin, 1957



Pat Girardin



Wendy Rudnick

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Marian Ulyatt

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Cheryl Chesney

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Karen Rodgers



Margaret Steele

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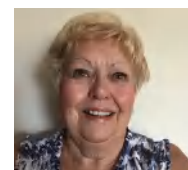
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Danielle Swerhone, 1979

Edmonton Chapter,

Darlene Smith, 1968

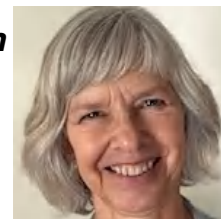


Valerie MacLean



Danielle Swerhone

Greetings from Kathy Doerksen Alumni President



Every Homecoming celebration I attend fills me with joy watching the WGH/HSC graduates reminisce as pride, laughter and hugs fill the room and our hearts. Last year **190** attended Homecoming and **80** were at the AGM/Luncheon. Emma Prescott (HSC Archivist) presented on "92 years and counting: a history of your Alumni Archives" which is now on our website and worth checking out.

The efforts of the entire Executive team throughout the year focus on the Association objectives, which concludes with the Homecoming. Thank-you to each dedicated Executive member for their efforts and multiple talents that keep our Association running smoothly. To highlight some recent changes, **Fraser Barnett**, previous treasurer updated our financial processes and implemented electronic transfers for Association activities. **Trish Bergal**, Homecoming Convener initiated electronic ticket purchase option that was utilized by 70% of attendees. Based on feedback from the Class Representatives, **Wendy Rudnick** created a class rep. job description. The Class Rep. role is key to the livelihood of the Association. Please consider becoming a Class Rep. or taking on any of the volunteer positions we have. The Memorandum of Understanding between the Association and HSC Operations are completed. We appreciate the collaboration and support from the HSC leadership and their presence at the Homecoming Event.

After receiving kind mentorship from Gillian Toth, I am honoured to begin serving as your President for the next two years. Your ideas and thoughts are welcome, please send feedback to our email address wghhsc.nursingalumna@gmail.com. I look forward to seeing everyone at the 2026 Homecoming as we celebrate the Class of 1976!!

Submitted by, Kathy Doerksen, Class of 1982

Remembering Joanne Evelyn Scarth Class of 1964 A

Joanne is remembered by her classmates as a dedicated and compassionate nurse and a loyal and considerate friend who was always there! She was employed for the majority of her Nursing career with the Victoria Order of Nursing in Winnipeg. During her employment there, she assisted with the writing and publication of the book "Caring Hearts and Hands of the VON".



Joanne was also the long-term Class Rep for 1964A and is remembered by our alumni as always being pleasant and eager to help. She is appreciated by her Classmates for arranging Class get-togethers and writing and publishing numerous Class Journals and Reunion Celebrations for all. Joanne was a great nurse and a loyal friend who made a difference and will be sorely missed by all.

Submitted by Sonya Lundstrom, 1964A

Memories of Mildred Lucky, Class of 1956B 89 years 11 months young!



1956B Capping Ceremony

Let me tell you about the little, white haired ladies we have lived to become.

After going into 3 years of nursing training knowing everything we came out knowing, there was lots we still had to learn. Going up the first flight of stairs was a big deal. Every 3-6 months, an item was added showing exams had been passed – an excuse to have a party and celebration, maybe at Don Carlos or The Highwayman with dates courtesy of the European R.C.A.F. officers stationed in Winnipeg.

Some of us learned to play bridge, swim in the cold pool in the basement, smoke in one of the 2 rooms to socialize. You name it, at least one of us tried it out. Did I mention letting one of us in the fire escape door at 2:00 am?

We had our turn at being "in charge" of a busy ward on evenings and/or nights with only our knowledge, grit, and supervisor to call upon.

Engagement rings were worn on a neck chain so diamonds would not go down the hopper. Meeting policemen and RCMP happened in Emergency or Casualty. Two weeks a

year "out-of-towners" could go home to family for favourite food. Maybe the folks came into the city to take their girl to Rae & Jerry's or shopping for new clothes. We laughed, we cried, and we worked hard. We were proud as we carried our 18 red roses on graduation day. Then we scattered – some to jobs in Winnipeg, some to the west coast, some to the USA and others to marry and start families and the next generation was started.

Submitted by Mildred (Milly) Lucky, class of '56B

Did you know our Alumni has always collected biographical information about its graduates. If you have stories about your career path or your time in training (like Mildred's article above), please consider sharing it with the Archives, wghhsc.nursingalumni@gmail.com. If you want to restrict the information for a period of time, we can discuss that with you as well.

Update on the Mabel Pokiak Lumsden Bursary

This bursary fund was established by Mabel's 1963 classmates to honour her as the **first Inuk diploma nurse graduate in Canada**. The bursary is designed to assist Inuit nursing students in gaining the qualifications needed to deliver exceptional nursing care to Canada's far northern communities. By supporting these students, the bursary helps ensure that the communities receive the care they both desire and are entitled to.

Since we announced this bursary in previous newsletters, the fund has been transferred to the **Canadian Nurses Foundation (CNF)** in Ottawa. Our Alumni receives annual reports on the fund as does the Class of 1963 bursary committee.

Donations to this unique bursary fund can be made at this CNF web page, <https://cnf-fiic.ca>. An income tax receipt will be issued for donations made in Canadian funds.

Submitted by Evelyn Labun, Class of 1963



92 Years and Counting:

a History of your Alumni Archives.

a presentation given at the

Jubilee Memorial Lecture May 2025

The presentation began with an overview of the first 65 years of the Alumni Archives from its inception in 1933, through its support from the School of Nursing Directors, to the request from HSC that it become custodian of HSC history and archivist for WGH and HSC in a broad sense. The activities done over the next twenty years were then summarized. This comprised of work done towards formalizing alternative support for the archives, broadening the stakeholder groups, developing policies, and setting the four strategic priorities (including developing and using the Endowment Fund).



The third part of the presentation provided the audience with information on what an archives is and what an Archivist does. In addition, it also explained that it is not just about acquiring and storing the documents and objects, it is also about finding ways to share them with a wider audience through various outreach initiatives within the HSC Campus and online. In all

cases actual examples from the archives were given. Information on the growth of Heritage and Art Services including the development of an art management program to supplement the Archives and Museum portfolio was also provided.

The presentation ended with reference to ongoing outreach, acquisitions and cataloguing, resumption of past initiatives around grant writing and the hope for the future of HSC Heritage and Art Services.

A full text of the presentation is available on the website:

<https://wghhscnursingalumni.com/historical-stories>

Submitted by archivist, Emma Prescott

HOMEcoming, MAY 2025

Report from Class of 1975

Celebrating their 50th Anniversary, May 2025



Sharon O'Shaughnessy, 1975
giving the grace



Gerri Klein, 1975
giving the toast to the Alumni



At the Homecoming dinner: Emma Prescott, Alumni Archivist, Alumni executive: Kathy Hamelin, Bev Laurila, Kathy Doerksen, Gillian Toth; HSC Foundation: Whitney Morrison; HSC & Shared Health: Jennifer Cumpsty, Chief Nursing Officer and Dr. Shawn Young, Chief Operating Officer

Report from Class of 1975

Celebrating their 50th Anniversary, May 2025



Our 50th reunion was a fun filled 2 day event with 41 attendees from as far as Minnesota and Kentucky as well as Vancouver, Kelowna, Ottawa, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Old and new ties were strengthened and renewed and enjoyed by all. The Alumni luncheon was followed by a lovely dinner at Bellissimo restaurant with 28 attending. Friday morning was a unique and educational guided trolley tour of all the highlights of Winnipeg including Assiniboine Park, St Boniface and the Forks and a special run around the entire HSC complex which was very special for those who haven't seen the many improvements and developments over the many years

A nice lunch at Moxies after the ride was another time to catch up.

But the highlight had to be the entire group marching behind our bagpiper at the Homecoming dinner that evening each carrying a beautiful red rose as done 50 years before at our graduation.

I would like to personally thank the Alumni and Homecoming Organizing committee for such a wonderful memorable evening for all of us, and especially for my class and my friends, the class of 1975.

Submitted by Pat Girardin, class rep.



Classes Celebrating Other Special Anniversaries at May 2025 Homecoming

Class of 1960 A, 65th Reunion

Although our numbers were small, we celebrated our 65th with great memories and joy!

Submitted by Shirley Kerslake, class rep.



Class of 1965, 60th Reunion

We would like to express our gratitude to the alumni executive for all their hard work to make these reunions possible.

We had **30** classmates participate in our 60th reunion: Sue Baker, Janice Biglow, Sally Bracken, Deeane Butler, Marg. Chaloner, Linda Dare, Jeanne Dumont, Elecia Dykun, Bertha Friesen, Eleanor Giesbrecht, Joy Gislason, Cathy Green, Bev Grills, Lili Grubert, Nora Hill, Muriel Humphries, Leona Isaac, Lynn Kennedy, Elaine McElheran, Marcia McLeod, Judith Patterson, Diane Podjan, Margaret Raitt, Liz Riedgier, Leslie Robinson, Margaret Ross, Diane Shier, Carol Sprott, Marjorie Sul, Darlene Weeks, Marsha Taylor, Darlene Weeks, Donna Swystun.

Besides the alumnae events we held a class get together on the Thursday evening plus a fabulous lunch at Viscount Gort on the Friday. Thanks to Donna Wyatt, we now have a class Facebook page, WGHNSg class of 1965. Please join!

Submitted by Elaine Bennett, class rep.

Class of 1970, 55th Reunion

We began our 55th reunion with classmates attending the annual AGM and luncheon.

Later that evening, we reconnected and reminisced at a wine and cheese hosted by Drinda P. and Susan M. We shared hugs, laughs and memories.

Friday evening, 29 of us celebrated at the Homecoming Dinner. More stories to share.

Congratulations to Marilyn Bruce, elected as the Alumni Honourary President for 2025-26. Well deserved!

Thanks to the organizing committee. Well done!

Next up? 60 in '30!



Submitted by Jane Turner MacKeen, class rep.

Class of 1985, 45th Reunion



Representatives from the Class of 1985 gathered for the first time in many years on the 40th anniversary of our graduation. It was a wonderful experience with lots of laughter and spirited conversation. We're looking forward to celebrating future Alumni events.

Submitted by Wendy Rudnick, class rep.

Alumni Chapter Correspondent Report

As Chapter correspondent, it is my pleasure to connect with the Chapter Leads, Danielle Swerhone, 1979, of the Calgary Chapter, Valerie McLean, 1979, of the Okanagan Chapter and Darlene Smith, 1968 of the Edmonton Chapter. I commend them for their dedication and efforts, reaching out to Alumni Members and providing leadership in their respective communities.

We share Alumni Executive news on a regular basis. All three dedicated leads, are faced with the challenges of aging, limited mobility and rising prices of meeting places. Regular Chapter news is shared with the executive at Alumni association meetings and is included in the minutes.

We encourage all Alumni Members to join our thriving Alumni Association Chapters by contacting our WGH HSC Alumni Nurses Alumni Association website, wghhscnursingalumni.com and your information with be forwarded to the respective chapter leader.

Submitted by Margaret Ogonowski, 1969

CALGARY AREA CHAPTER REPORT 2024

The Alberta Chapter is still planning on having a spring 2026 event.

Members are being requested to contact Danielle with your interest in speakers.

People willing to assist with planning and event organization are encouraged to connect with Danielle.

Submitted by Danielle Swerhone, 1979

OKANAGAN CHAPTER REPORT 2024

The Okanagan Chapter met October 7th at The Gasthaus Restaurant in Peachland, B.C. There were 9 people in attendance. We shared stories of summer travel and updates of members who could not attend.

Our account has over \$1000 in it and we took a vote on where to donate it. One of our members has Parkinson's and most of the votes were to donate to that organization. After a lovely lunch we decided to meet again in Lake Country the first week in May, 2026.

Submitted by, Valerie Maclean, 1979

EDMONTON AREA REPORT 2024

Although Alumni members in the Edmonton Area do not formally meet at this time, all alumni communications are shared with those on the mailing list.

Submitted by Darlene Smith, 1968

The Alumni Association Gratefully Acknowledges all Donations made in 2025

Patricia Gibson Emma Prescott
The Edith A.T. Brooks Foundation
Glendon Lesyk and Maureen Drummond in memory of
their mother, Anelia Humnisky

Remembering our Graduates from 100 Years Ago Emma Prescott, Alumni Archivist

Evelyn Mallory (WGH 1925)

Evelyn was one of three Winnipeg General Hospital (WGH) nursing graduates who were leaders in the first 50 years of nursing education at University of British Columbia, the first university degree nursing program in the Commonwealth. The others were Ethel Johns (WGH 1902), and Mabel Gray (WGH 1907).

Harriet Evelyn Mallory was the youngest daughter of Caleb & Georgie Mallory. Born in Barrie, Ontario in 1902, she moved with her family to Winnipeg sometime before 1916. After high school she worked as a clerk for the city for a short time before entering nursing training at WGH in 1922. When she graduated in 1925, she was awarded The Hospital Scholarship prize and was hired as Instructor and



assistant superintendent at Children's Hospital of Winnipeg for a year.

She attended Teachers College at Columbia University (1927-1930) where she attained a BSc whilst working part time as a nurse and as a teaching assistant in science. She returned to WGH as Instructor of Nurses at the same time that Kathleen Ellis was Superintendent. Ellis had just arrived from Vancouver General and the following year Mallory took on the position of Instructor of Nursing Sciences at that institution, a position for which she also had support from Isabel M. Stewart, who had taught her at Columbia.

After three years at Vancouver General she was hired as Superintendent of Nursing at Children's Hospital of Winnipeg (CHW). In a similar way to Ethel Johns, who had preceded her in the role at CHW 20 years earlier, her experience at Columbia had taught her that a School of Nursing was more than a means of providing nursing service. In the six years she was at CHW, Mallory reduced the work hours of the students to 54 hours/week and established a mutual affiliation with WGH so that their students could come to CHW for their training in pediatric nursing. In addition, she worked with the St. Agnes Guild and various staff members to improve the nursing student's library and, with the Nursing Committee and St. Agnes Guild, developed a Scholarship Fund for use by students who had graduated from the School of Nursing and were pursuing post-graduate studies related to training as Instructors and Supervisors of nurses.

In 1940, she left Winnipeg for a position as Registrar and School of Nursing advisor in British Columbia with RNABC but after a year, her education and experience led her to take on a lecturing role at UBC, and shortly thereafter, the position of associate professor and head of the nursing department at UBC, a role in which she stayed until her retirement in 1967.

After many years of her advocating for the higher education of nurses, UBC launched the Master of Science in Nursing degree a year after her retirement. Over 60 years later, the grounding that Johns, Gray and Mallory, along with other Winnipeg General nursing graduates, developed and nurtured can be seen in UBC's ranking within the top 5 nursing schools in Canada.

For more information see Glennis Zilm "Legacy – History of Nursing Education at UBC".

Myrtle Graham (WGH 1925)

Myrtle Graham was the fifth child of Edward and Margaret Graham. Born in Quebec in 1893 the family moved to Foxwarren, MB when she was 13. She taught school for at least six years prior to entering nursing training at Winnipeg General (WGH) in 1922.

Graduating in 1925, she may have pursued a postgraduate certificate at McGill before returning to work on staff at WGH in 1927. Ten years later she became Superintendent of Nurses at Toronto Western Hospital.



In 1940, she became Assistant Director of nurses at Verdun Protestant Hospital, Quebec, followed by a return to Toronto Western to take on the role of Principal of the School of Nursing. She moved into a leadership position at the Ontario Hospital, St. Thomas in 1948 where she remained until her retirement eleven years later.

Both Verdun Protestant Hospital and the Ontario Hospital, St. Thomas were psychiatric hospitals. Soon after Myrtle Graham left Verdun a process of deinstitutionalization was begun with the advent of group and occupational therapy for the patients and the hiring of the first psychologist. During the eleven years she was at the Ontario Hospital, St. Thomas she would have been aware of the changes to the treatment of mental health in that province and in the country as a whole. This began with the formation of the Canadian Mental Health Association in 1950, the establishment of the Canadian Psychiatric Association in 1951, and ultimately the publication in the late 1950's of the Dymond report by the Ontario Minister of Health advocating for reforms to the Ontario Hospitals.

Her career spanned an era in changes to opinions about the treatment of mental health. She entered training soon after the construction of the Psychopathic Hospital at WGH, which was built as part of an early 20th century trend to treat the mentally ill in smaller hospitals rather than in the large rural hospitals for the insane or in the provincial jails, and she was at retirement age when deinstitutionalization of psychiatric hospitals began in earnest in 1960.

It is unclear what her position may have been in regards to the care of mental health patients but whatever her opinion was we can speculate that she witnessed and contributed to the discussions during those transformative decades.

She returned to Manitoba after retirement and lived in Winnipeg until her death in 1985. She was buried with her parents in Foxwarren.

*Thanks to Jackie Edwards,
Archivist CAMH, for general information in this article*

Archives / Museum Endowment Fund Report

The Archives Endowment Fund continues to grow under the care of the HSC Foundation. Each year, we receive 4% of our total to spend in support of the Archives museum. Over the past year, we've been able to support our archivist to attend a national conference, hire a student to learn and do project work with us, and purchase much needed storage furniture for the museum.

This year, the accountants at the HSC Foundation let us know there has been an accounting correction in our favour. We will have approximately \$140,000 to spend in support of our archives museum this fiscal year. The Alumni Executive is working closely with the HSC Executive, Archivist, management and Archives Convener to determine the way to put the money to best use. We will report back in June.

We welcome **Carol Galbraith** as incoming Archives Endowment Fund Convener. Thanks very much to Carol for taking on this role. We wish Shellie Anderson, outgoing Convener, all the best and sincerely thank her for her excellent contributions.

Submitted by Gillian Toth

* Congratulations to Marilyn Muir (1997) Our newest Honourary Life Member!

Marilyn started as a member on the Education Committee in 2007 and subsequently took over the Convener role in 2000. She seamlessly managed the HSC Education Bursary Fund supporting nursing education for over 18 years. As well Marilyn has provided nursing leadership and outstanding work in hemodialysis throughout the province.

* Congratulations to Marilyn Bruce (1970) Our newest Honourary President!

Marilyn is recognized for her longstanding role as Class Rep. for 1970 and for her many years of service on the Education Committee where she added her sage advice on bursary distributions. Her nursing career in oncology was equally impressive as a leader in cancer nursing specialty.

**For pictures of our "illustrious Marylins", see page 2.*

Congratulations to Ruth Calvert (1946) on her 100th birthday

Alumni president, Gillian Toth, was invited to attend Ruth's birthday celebration in January where friends and family



enjoyed an amazing slide show about her life. Her nursing career in Winnipeg, Bahamas and Montreal where she later earned a diploma in public health nursing was highlighted with pictures, newspaper articles and a time line. Ruth's mother

was a nurse as well having graduated from Winnipeg Children's Hospital in 1916. The toast to Ruth says it all:

*A toast to dear Ruth,
A hundred years have come and gone,
A century filled with life's sweet song,
To a life well lived in the service of others,
You have enriched our lives beyond measure.*

Submitted by Cheryl Chesney, 1972

HSC has updated it's website making it easier to access. Check out the information about its history and the Archives at <https://hsc.mb.ca/about/our-history>



1952A Classmates Dorothy Dunham & Jean Brooks

singing their class song at the Homecoming dinner

In Memorium 2025 **Deaths reported Nov. 1, 2024 to Oct. 31, 2025**

*The Nurses' Alumni Association extends its condolences
to the family and friends
of the following Alumni*

1944	Landy, Edith (Freiden)
1945	Allison, Kathleen (Spencer)
1946	Kitchur, Lucile (Macdonald)
1946	Norquay, Natalie (Gray)
1946	Murray, Irene (Manchul)
1946	McIntosh, Phyllis (Lye)
1947	Firgens, Elizabeth (Mowat)
1947	Campbell, Marjorie (Rutherford)
1948	McMurray, Isabel (Daun)
1948	Kitching, Rosemary (Edmundson)
1949	Granstom, Marion (Harvey)
1949	Jackin, Norma (Stuppard)
1950	Baker, Dorothy (Henrikson)
1950	McInnis, Dorothy (Gruenke)
1950	Eppard, Kathleen (Blowers)
1951	Taylor, Peggy (Woods)
1951	Lavergne, Justina/Jessie (Maciejkow)
1951	Heebner, Antonia (Goy)
1951	Anderson, Shirley (Manhard)
1951	Clark, Margaret (Preston)
1951	Dickson, Leonora (Burns)
1952	Morden, Ruth (Anderson)
1952	McTaggart, Vicky (Peckham Buelow)
1952	Anderson, Violet (Suddaby)
1952	Knickerbocker, Betty Ann (Barschel)
1952	Simpson, Vivian/Berta (Howard)
1953	Werner, Hazel (Dutchak)
1953	Staples, Doris (Strilaeff)

1954	Cairns, Inez (Yuill)
1954	Ward, Sheila (Scott)
1954	McLean, Gwen
1954	Vanderhorst, Patricia (Currie)
1954	Woolley, Lois (Johnson)
1955	Price, Colleen (Bird)
1955B	Stephens, Patricia (Paxton)
1956	Arnason, Joan (Morton)
1956	Anderson Joan (Hamm)
1956	Findlay, Marilyn (Millar)
1956	Brown, Shirley (Rutledge)
1958B	Mackay, Jeannie
1958B	Matthew, Margaret Gail (Brooking)
1958	Carter, Janet (Neelin)
1958	Coleman, Joyce (Stevenson)
1958	Adamson, Doreen (Fels)
1959A	Hennan, Lucille (Strath)
1959A	Ingram, Carol Anne/Joan (Nowell)
1959A	Lee, Sheila (Gilbert)
1959B	Fitchett, Myrna (Harrison)
1961A	Minuk, Ruth (Kraitberg)
1961	Udahl, Donna (Collins)
1961B	Cramp, Eleanor (Vail)
1961B	Rowan, Margaret (Crow)
1962B	Johnston, Joyce (Anderson)
1963	Watts, Enid (Shewfelt)
1963	Stakiw, Diane (Storey)
1964	Scarth, Joanne
1964	Stevenson, Dorothy (Bretson)
1965	Tiefenbach, Elaine (Morchuk)
1965	Doell, Dorothy (Pelechaty)
1966	Harbour, Donna (Donaldson)

1967	Valerie Kemp (Wharton)
1967	Nancy Edmondson (Parrott)
1969	Bonnie Willis (Rothwell)
1969	Beverley Boyd (Wilton)
1971	Christine Reeves (Thompson)
1971	Joanne Neustaedter
1971	Kameshwarie Boles (Sukhan)
1972	Lorna Holmes (Jacobs)
1973	Michelle Ferg (Fleming)
1973	Linda Smrdelj (Peck)
1976	Jacob Penner
1978	Elizabeth Jane Goddard
1979	Julie Lyons (Mingotti)
1982	Carole Habiluk (Rickey)
1983	Sharon Yallowega
1984	Gilbert Plessis
1985	Elizabeth (Liz) Poulin
1985	Katherine (Katie) Stewart (Allardice)
1985	Susan Nedomys (Kennedy)
1995	Vanessa Davis (Kafka)

Submitted by Wendy Rudnick, Membership Convener

Our 2024 Homecoming Highlighted in the Canadian Nurse magazine!



Congratulations and thanks to Leslie Pitchford (1974) for her article, *The Class of 1974: how my school reunion can 'serve as a positive story we all need to hear'*, published in the Canadian Nurse, June, 2024 www.canadian-nurse.com. She wanted to share her “personal experience of pride and love toward other nurses” and “remind them that they are not alone because we, the alumni stand behind them and respect them in return for a job well done.”

*Credits: The Canadian Nurse, June 2024
Submitted by Cheryl Chesney, 1972*

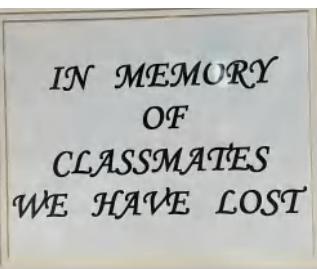
Alumni Class Rep. Meeting on November 22, 2025

24 classes from 1952 to 1988 were present at our 2025 Class Rep meeting



Alumni President Kathy Doerksen '82 welcomed Executive & 19 Class Reps. to the meeting and reviewed the objectives of the meeting: to share Alumni information; elicit feedback, comments & concerns; and discuss plans for Homecoming (HC) 2026. Trish Bergal, HC convener, reviewed changes to the menu and the electronic ticketing system. These will be posted on the web site in early January 2026.

Submitted by Cheryl Chesney



1963B Classmates of Mabel Pokiak Lumsden (see p. 3): Evelyn Labun, Glenna Erickson, Sonja Lundstrom at Homecoming, May 2025



Applauding the Jubilee class of **1975** at the Homecoming dinner as they parade in following the piper.

Your Association Needs Your Support

◆Volunteer Time

Volunteers are always welcome to serve on our Executive. Each position is a 2 year term with 4 meetings a year. Help keep our Association and Homecomings alive. Contact us now.

*No Time? Donate money to help the Association.

There are many options for individual, class and family donations to honour alumni members and/or special occasions. As membership fees decline the Association's General Fund and the Jubilee Memorial Fund both need assistance.

◆The **General Fund** uses monies for Association work –the website, meetings, the newsletter, to keep in touch with the chapters and to plan ahead for the Homecoming. You will receive a receipt and our thanks.

◆The **Jubilee Memorial Fund** BN # 890598964RR0001 was established so alumni members and others could honour alumni members and/or celebrate special class events and reunions. It is a registered charitable fund with Canada Revenue. It supports both the annual Jubilee Memorial Lecture at the Homecoming and the HSC Archives/Museum. You will receive a Revenue Canada Charitable receipt.

◆The **Archives/Museum Collection Endowment Fund**, with a balance of over \$400,000.00, is now generating annual grant monies for the Archives/Museum. The Fund still needs to grow if we wish to reach our goal of sustaining the Archives/Museum in perpetuity. You will receive a charitable receipt from the HSCF and our thanks.

For further information on making donations, please refer to the next column.

Are You Eligible for a Continuing Education Bursary?

The Winnipeg General Hospital and Health Sciences Centre Nursing Alumni supports the ongoing education of active Alumni members through two funds – The Jane A. Malcolm Bursary Fund and the Viola Leadlay Continuing Education Fund.

Graduates from WGH/HSC School of Nursing and from WGH/HSC University of Manitoba nursing collaborative program from 1993 to 1997 who are paid annual or life members of the Alumni are eligible for funding assistance. **NEW in 2022: Nurses currently employed at HSC are also eligible.**

The Jane A. Malcolm Bursary Fund can provide funds if you are studying for a degree, diploma or certificate.

The Viola Leadlay Continuing Education Fund can provide funds for workshops, seminars and conferences. Funds are distributed based on the number of applicants and amount of funds available each year.

Deadline dates for application are: September 30 for Jane A. Malcolm Bursary and March 31st & September 30th for Viola Leadlay Continuing Education.

Information and application forms for either fund may be obtained by contacting the Convener, Education Committee, Nurses' Alumni Association of the WGH & HSC: by mail: c/o
NA 138-700 McDermot Ave.
Winnipeg Manitoba R3E 0T2

or

For employees, click on "Funding Opportunities" on HSC website: <https://hschome.hsc.mb.ca/resources/nursing-at-hsc/>

Nurses' Alumni Association of the WGH / HSC

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Applicants must be Graduates of the Winnipeg General Hospital or Health Sciences Centre School of Nursing diploma program (including the University of Manitoba/HSC Collaborative Program)

- ◆ Life Membership is assigned upon payment of the \$200.00 Life membership fee or when the 50 year anniversary of your graduation year (jubilee year) has been reached
- ◆ If you currently have Active/Life membership and you wish to donate to Alumni activities, it is essential that you identify the intended Fund.
- ◆ Membership fee amounts and donation options are identified below.

Each require a separate cheque.

Name: _____

Name at graduation _____ Grad.Year _____

Address: _____

My Contact Information may be disseminated to:

- a. Class Reps. ☐ b. Classmates ☐
c. WGH/HSC Grads living within my geographic area ☐
or

My contact information may not be disseminated ☐

Please Submit Membership Form & Dues or Donations to:

***The Nurses Alumni Association WGH/HSC,**
c/o NA 138-700 McDermot Ave., Winnipeg, MB R3E 0T2
Exception: Please mail Archives/Museum Fund Donation
to: HSCF, PW112-700 William Ave., Winnipeg, MB, R3E 9Z9

With your paid up membership you will be eligible to apply for Alumni Education bursaries. The Annual Newsletter will be available on the association website:
<http://wghhscnursingalumni.com>

Postal authorities recommend the use of cheques or money orders when sending funds.
(Make cheque payable to Nurses' Alumni Assoc. WGH/HSC).

Membership Fees:

\$25.00 Annual Dues ☐ \$200.00 Life Membership ☐

DONATION Options: Please send a separate cheque

A. **Jubilee Memorial Fund** (Lecture & Archives) ☐
Amount: \$ _____

Please make *cheque payable to Jubilee Memorial Fund*.
A tax receipt will be issued. Send to ***Alumni Association**.

B. **General Funds:** ☐ Amount \$ _____
Please make cheque payable to *Nurses' Alumni Association, WGH/HSC*.
A tax receipt cannot be issued. Send to ***Alumni Association**.

C. **Archives/Museum Endowed Fund:** ☐ Amount \$ _____
Please make cheque payable to *HSC Foundation & use memo line to direct the cheque to the:*

Archives/Museum Collection Endowment Fund.

A tax receipt will be issued. Mail to: **HSC Foundation**,
PW112 – 700 William Ave., Winnipeg, MB R3E 9Z