



# Nurses Alumni Association of the WGH/HSC



## 2022 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the 2022 edition of our newsletter. Thank you for all your feedback on last year's newsletter. As a result of that, the executive agreed to do another mail out of the newsletter to all the Alumni who do not have access to a digital copy. The last newsletter was mailed to 919 of you at a cost of over \$2,000; 115 were returned due to incorrect addresses. With 49 responses providing feedback and updated contact information and 29 notifications about Alumni who had died, Gail Hazlitt, membership convener, was able to do a large update of the data base. Given the work involved, this year's mail out will happen in the new year after the digital edition is sent out by email and posted on our web site. Thank you to Kathy Hamelin, archivist Emma Prescott, committee members Esther McKenty and Carol Galbraith, and others who contributed to this newsletter. I look forward to being able to report in next year's newsletter on our long awaited Homecoming in May, 2023 and seeing many of you there.

*Submitted by Cheryl Chesney, Newsletter Convener*

### How to Contact the Association and the Executive

You can contact us by writing, calling, or emailing and **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](mailto:wghhsc.nursingalumni@gmail.com) (Note the period between wghhsc & nursing)

**Web Address:** <http://wghhscnursingalumni.com>. **NOTE:** future Executive meeting dates are posted here.

### Homecoming 2023

We are celebrating all our Alumni Members and recognizing the 50<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary for the following classes:

**1970(2020), 1971(2021), 1972's (2022), & 1973(2023)**

Each year will be piped in starting with the class of 1970 followed by 1971, 1972, 1972B and 1973.

**Alumni Members are encouraged to bring guests with them to the Luncheon and Dinner!** The cost for all guests will be the same as for the Alumni Members (see below).

*All 2023 Homecoming events take place at CanadInns Destination Centre Polo Park, 1405 St. Matthews Ave., Winnipeg, MB. Phone #204-775-8791.*

#### Thursday May 25th, 2023

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: **Lanette Siragusa**, former CNO, Shared Health  
Topic: *COVID: Looking Back & Moving Forward*

#### Friday, May 26th, 2023

4:45-5:30 pm **Cocktails**

6:30 pm\* **Dinner** Cost: **\$75/person**

*\*Please be seated by 6:25 pm*

Luncheon and Dinner tickets may be purchased in advance after March 1.

*Cheques or money orders, preferably in Cdn. funds, are payable to: W.G.H./H.S.C. Nurses Alumni Association.*

*USA cheques and money orders accepted. Enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope with extra postage for >10 ticket orders. Note number of guests, if any, and include your class year on the cheque.*

**Please make note of members and guests requiring specials menus as they must be ordered in advance.** *Otherwise, there will be an extra meal charge for special diet requests after May 20 and a possible delay in getting the meal.*

*Also, please make note of members needing seating assistance (wheelchairs, caregivers, etc.) so that seating spaces can be arranged for the classes.*

**Reunion years** are encouraged to order tickets in blocks and to pick up ticket lots >20 in number from Linda Pastetnik, 1048 Burrows Ave., Winnipeg, MB R2X 0S1, ph.# 204-633-3344. *Please leave a message and if your call has not been returned in 72 hours, call again or email [lpast@mymts.net](mailto:lpast@mymts.net).*

*Please note: There are **NO** refunds for lunch or dinner if you do not attend the events.* Thank you.

Alumni members can make reservations for May 24-30<sup>th</sup> by calling the CanadInns Destination Centre Polo Park at 204-775-879. Give the Group ID #6426 for the rate of \$120/night plus taxes for standard rooms; suites are available upon request. The group block will be available until April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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](mailto:hamelin@mymts.net).

*Alumni Executive 2022-2023*

**Honorary Presidents:**

Victoria Chapter, WGH/HSC Alumni  
Lyn Stephen, 1960B

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Kathy Hamelin, 1971

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Bev Laurila, 1977

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**Secretary:**

Kathy Hamelin, 1971

**Treasurer:**

Kate Tate, 1983

**Archivist:**

Pat Girardin, 1975

**Archivist Emeritus:**

Anne Crossin, 1957

**Homecoming Convener:**

Linda Pastetnik, 1972B

**Jubilee Memorial Fund**

**Treasurer:**

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**Education Convener:**

Marilyn Muir, 1991

**Jubilee Memorial**

**Lecture:**

Kathy Hamelin, 1971;

**Membership Convener:**

Gail Hazlitt, 1973

**Friendship Convener:**

Marian Ulyatt, 1968

**Chapter Correspondent:**

Margaret Ogonowski, 1969

**Nominating Committee:**

Margaret Steele, 1961B;

Kathy Hamelin, 1971

**Newsletter Convener:**

Cheryl Chesney, 1972

**Web Site Co-Chairs:**

Karen Rodgers, 1990

Kathy Hamelin, 1971



Kathy Hamelin



Gillian Toth



Kate Tate



Pat Girardin



Linda Pastetnik



Terry Parkinson



Marilyn Muir



Gail Hazlitt



Marian Ulyatt



Marg. Ogonowski



Margaret Steele



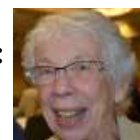
Cheryl Chesney



Karen Rodgers

**Endowment Fund Conveners:**

Donna Meder, 1961B;  
Shellie Anderson, 1984



Donna Meder



Shellie Anderson

*Greetings from Bev Laurila, 1977*

*Alumni President*

Planning for May 2023 Homecoming is well underway. We are pleased to be able to meet in person once again. A successful meeting with Class Reps was held in October. Classes will have the opportunity to celebrate any missed milestone celebrations in May 2023 or wait until their next milestone year. We have a lot of Celebrating to do! Feedback from membership is important, and for the first time we used the Survey Monkey tool which was helpful both for information and lessons learned to improve the process. We filled vacant Honorary Life Member and Honorary President positions with very deserving members who we will formally acknowledge at Homecoming. My four year term as President is coming to an end and I will hand the role over to Gillian Toth's capable hands. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve as your President and I thank you for the opportunity.



*Respectfully submitted, Bev Laurila*

◆**Scrapbook finds its way home to Thunder Bay** In May 2022 I was contacted by regular user of the Archives, Irene Goldstone. She had a scrapbook belonging to **Mrs. Jessie Sheppard**, a staff nurse at Flin Flon Clinic who retired in 1969.

On examining the scrapbook I determined the majority of the photos were from Nurse Sheppard's classmates from her training days. A little more research made it clear that she graduated in 1937 from a Thunder Bay nursing school. After several contacts with various archival institutions and Alumni Associations in Thunder Bay, I determined that she most likely graduated from the Port Arthur School of Nursing. The Thunder Bay Museum who acquired many of their archives has agreed to add the scrapbook to their collection.

If any WGH Alumni worked in Flin Flon and remember Nurse Jessie Sheppard, please let me know at [hscarchives@hsc.mb.ca](mailto:hscarchives@hsc.mb.ca) so I can gather additional information and share it with the Thunder Bay Museum.

*Submitted by Emma Prescott, Archivist*  
(Editor's Note: An example of the amazing expertise of our very own archivist, Emma! C.C.)

### ◆ *Class of 1954B Class Quilt*



This beautiful quilted wall hanging was made by class member **Joanne Felstrom** to celebrate her class's 50th reunion in 2004.

Each classmate's

picture is featured on this beautiful piece of art. A draw was held to determine who would keep this quilt and **Sylvia Lomow** was the winner! Unfortunately, Sylvia passed away Sept. 6th, 2022. Nineteen of this class of 50 currently live in Canada and the USA. They keep in touch with each other regularly with phone calls or visits and hope to attend the Alumnae meeting and lunch this May. The class quilt may find a new home then!

*Submitted by Jean Bushuk '54B*

### *The Alumni Association Gratefully Acknowledges All Donations made in 2021-2022.*

**2021:** Doris Payne (class of 1949B)

Strategic Charitable Foundation (on behalf of  
A.T. Brooks Foundation)

**2022:** Patricia Allenby

Linda Faye Chapman

Muriel McGrann

Jean Jewell

Janice Sterling

Strategic Charitable Foundation

*Thank you.*

### **Alumni Chapter Correspondent Report**

As Alumni Chapter Correspondent, I have continued to share all Executive communications and have enjoyed my communications with each of the Chapter representatives.

The Alumni Chapters which remain active currently are the Calgary Chapter and the Okanagan Chapter with the Edmonton Alumni Members' "staying in touch".

The past three years have been a challenge for these dedicated Alumni Members to maintain Chapter status but they have continued to communicate with other Alumni in their areas, via phone calls, emails,

social media, and sharing of the Alumni Executive correspondence. Many Alumni have kept busy with activities such as hobbies, crafts and physical activities (golf weather permitting).

As the COVID restrictions lifted, the members are gathering in groups and anticipate a return to their regular activities, such as Chapter Meetings with guest speakers. Many are pleased that the Alumni HOMECOMING will occur in May 2023 and look forward to seeing classmates and other Alumni.

The chapters extend an invitation to any Alumnus who would like to take part in future activities or receive information from a Chapter Correspondent about Alumni activities. Please contact the Alumni at [wghhsc.nursingalumni@gmail.com](mailto:wghhsc.nursingalumni@gmail.com).

*Submitted by Margaret Ogonowski, 1969*

**The Okanagan Chapter** had an inaugural meeting in May and have declared: "Next May we have a large contingent of multi-year GOLDEN girls who are eager to attend HOMECOMING '23".

*Submitted by Sharon O'Shaughnessy, 1975*

### **Edmonton Chapter**

**Berniece Gildner** (nee Zimmerman), class of 1948B passed away. She was an Honorary Life Member who was very active in the Alberta Caregivers Association. She was a terrific lady, very dignified, caring, well spoken, intelligent and dedicated, among her many other positive qualities.

*Submitted by Darlene Smith, 1968*

### **Calgary Chapter**

The Executive has changed over the year, and we are seeking new members to join in and volunteer with us and our planning of events. We are currently organizing an event for the spring of 2023!

*Submitted by Danielle Swerhone, 1979*

### **Archives / Museum Endowment Fund Convener's Report**

The following amounts are for the year end, March 2022, as submitted by the HSC Foundation Financial Lead on Oct.4, 2022.

A summary of the fund's recent transactions:

- **Fund Balance** March 31, 2022 - **\$507,630**      **3**

- Funds for disbursement to date based on a 4% rate of investment return calculations is **\$59,891**

This is an accumulation of all monies available that were not distributed since the inception of the fund in 2009.

There have not been any funds distributed since 2020. The fund indicates the monies are for Archive/Museum projects but no project submissions have come forward since 2020 for numerous reasons. Discussion is underway to alleviate any future obstacles or oversights regarding availability of funds.

The HSC/Shared Health Management Team that oversees the management of the Archives/Museum is in full support of the continued partnership with the Alumni to ensure the Museum and Archives' continued success.

Lastly, but most importantly, **Thank You** to all the Alumni for their ongoing support and donations to the fund. Between March 2021 & 2022 there were donations totalling \$1,560.

*Submitted by Shellie Anderson,  
Convenor, Archives/Museum Endowment Fund*

◆ ***To the Class of 1976  
who celebrated their 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion last year***  
Your Class picture was omitted by error from our Newsletter last year! With apologies, we have added it to this year's newsletter!



***Reminiscences from Classes  
celebrating their 50th Anniversaries***

Thank you to the class reps. who developed these submissions with their classmates. We hope all of you enjoy your long awaited Jubilee celebrations at the Homecoming in May, 2023.

**Class of 1970**

On August 28, 1967 Miss Kathleen De Marsh, Assistant Executive Director, Nursing, greeted our class as we began our journey during the centennial celebration of the Confederation of Canada. We graduated on April 6, 1970, the 100<sup>th</sup> celebration of Manitoba's birth as a province - an auspicious beginning to our many storied careers.



We were the 82<sup>nd</sup> WGH class to graduate and the first class to hold our Convocation at the Centennial Concert Hall which had opened in March, 1968. We began with 138 students, the largest class to that date, and graduated 113 RN's. Sadly, 14 of our classmates have died & we have lost contact with 10.

- Some of our favourite memories are:
- > In first year, we lived in old residence, with its gracious main room, beautiful staircase and, off to the side, the open grillwork of the clanking, shuddering elevator. The clanging radiators would keep us awake many nights. We learned the fire hoses, once turned on, could only be shut off by the fire department.
  - > We were awakened at 0700 Monday to Friday by "Army Boots" stomping down the hall, ringing her bell, to ensure our attendance at morning prayers.
  - > Student nurse "one only" signs were displayed in the cafeteria and monthly weigh-ins were mandatory.
  - > Who could forget Miss Foster lecturing us on eating porridge because it "sticks to the ribs"?
  - > We were the first nursing class that studied Gross Anatomy in the medical school lab Saturday mornings making us miss our weekends at home.

> We are the second last WGH class to wear the crisp, heavily starched bibs and aprons. We woke up at least an hour early that first day on wards to attempt to wear it properly and ended up sticking ourselves many, many times with the safety pins. We proudly added a red WGH insignia and bar pin for second year followed by sleeves down and tails out for third. We celebrated all our milestones in legendary fashion including our “Don’t go halfway, Go all the way” party.

> We became the first class to have the curriculum shortened in order to accommodate an April graduation—“we were needed in the trenches”.

There was a job for anyone who wanted one.

> Our second classmate to be married needed to get permission from the Director of Nursing to marry. Her fiancé had to agree to support her and was told “it would be nice to not get pregnant”!

> The class of '69 welcoming us with water through the transom windows and other hazing rituals that terrified many of us.

> We often raced down every flight of stairs in residence to find a free phone for that “not-to-be missed” special phone call.

Although we experienced many of the same highs and lows as every other class, ours were unique to us and classmates have become lifelong friends with shared memories that are special to us. There are many more stories to share.

Special thanks for their contributions to: *Jackie Paisley MacKenzie, Bev Sanders Zielinski, Diane Blight Nikiforuk, Marilyn Grierson Rhind & Maureen Scarsbrook*

*Submitted by Marilyn Bruce & Jane Turner MacKeen*

### Class of 1971



On February 28, 1971, 124 young women and 2 young men graduated from the WGH School of

Nursing and started their journey in life as Registered Nurses! As we celebrate this momentous occasion almost 52 years ago, we reminisce about the journey that took us there.

Our Class was **special** for many reasons; we went from a 3-year to 2 1/2 year program without a word of dissent. We were the first class allowed to live out of residence and we were the last class to wear bibs & aprons. We remember how we struggled to learn the intricacies of our uniforms (so many layers to get on properly, sticking our “pins” into a bar of soap to pierce the fabric, how our caps had to be sewed into perfect little pleats)! But the pride in our uniform and the swish of our bibs and aprons as we walked through the tunnels made it all worthwhile! We started our journey in the Old Residence where many of us developed long term friendships with our new roommates! Others shared their room with sisters, cousins and best friends. The lobby was amazing. Sam was always playing such beautiful music on the grand piano. We remember being stuck in the creaky old elevator and waiting for the cleaning lady to rescue all of us. The housemother patrolled the hallways at night but often “looked the other way” when we were a few minutes past curfew! In first year, we also met our “big sisters who paved the way” for us as we started this journey and for many, remain in our lives! We remember how excited we were to move into *separate rooms* in the New Residence – but how we all still gathered in *one room* – often wearing the yellow terry towel housecoats that we “borrowed” from Children’s Hospital!

Other memories: The Maryland (with fake IDs), Alice meeting our many boyfriends (who she knew better than we did); Pharmacology Class where Miss Foster warned us not to smoke at the Fraternity parties because it might be MARIJUANA!!; her “Nubs of News for Nurses”; “dissecting” in A&P Class **very** early Saturday morning; Mrs. Chown teaching us all of those symbols, equations and her assignment called “How do I rate myself?” She was way ahead of Dr. Phil!

And how could we ever forget our beautiful Graduation evening at the Centennial Concert Hall. Those bouquets of red roses, our proud parents & families! What beautiful memories!

The Class of 1971 has continued to make memories at all our “special” reunions since graduation. And fifty plus years later we remain blessed by continued friendships and the opportunity to celebrate together again!

As we celebrate, however, we fondly remember our classmates who are no longer with us: Bev Matieka Novak, Cathy Menzies Berg, Doreen Fryer Hills, Doreen Johnson Bullington and Kami Sukan Boles.

*Submitted by Kathy Hamelin, class rep.*

### Class of 1972



Our class started with 196 students and graduated with 148 RN's in February after a 2 1/2 year long program. Some of our rooms in the old residence had 3 sharing a room in the first few months of training. We were the first class to not wear bibs and aprons. However, they forgot to change the list of things required so we all arrived first day with 10 safety pins and laundry bags to accommodate bib and apron uniforms we did not have. Some of us were upset that our new style of one piece uniforms were the same style as those worn by A&W waitresses! We graduated in the 100th anniversary year of WGH.

Seven of our classmates have passed away: Lynne Beattie Bass, Laura Colwill Kasian, Doug Kinley, Barb McLeod, Kathy Schofield, Joyce Malone Thomas and Ken Wersch. There are 30 classmates for whom we have no contact information.

Some memorable events that come to mind:

> Miss Grose, the SON director, threatened to cancel our class's Christmas break first year after

we raided the intern's residence. When she blamed every bit of damage at the residence on us at the emergency class meeting she called, classmate Doug Kinley stood up and defended us saying that damage was long standing and not our fault. We did get our Christmas break.

> Some of the birth control pills went missing when they were circulated in our class. Miss Daniels, our instructor, clarified how we could get birth control at the infirmary.

> When we were celebrating at the Maryland after exams, one of the girls tied together an intern's running shoes. When he got up from the table, he dumped a lot of beer off the table when he fell!

*Submitted by Cheryl Chesney, class rep.*

### Class of 1972 B

The celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> year since graduation seems like an opportune moment to clarify how our class, 1972B, came to be. For those familiar with the history of the WGH, HSC School of Nursing, you will already know it was not uncommon in early years to have an A, B or even a C class graduate in one year. Due to gradual reduction in the length of the education program in 1971/72, 2 classes graduated in 1972. The Class of 72, as they like to be known, graduated in February and they had always assumed they would be the only class doing so in that year. However, the mischievous 72B's (more on that later) came along and our class graduated in November! We are happy to share the year with the Class of 72 and proudly bear the name of 72B.



On to the mischievous part of our story – shortly after arriving in the Old Res, it became apparent our class would be a “lively” bunch. It is fair to say we lived res. life to the fullest – excursions to

the second floor of the Intern's res. to liberate 25 cent bottles of beer from the drink machine, helping out with the Christmas teas, enjoying the indoor and outdoor pools, riverboat cruises, playing hundreds of games of hearts in the new res's 6<sup>th</sup> floor lounge. We kept house mother, Mrs. Earle, busy!! Clinically, we were fortunate to share our ward experiences with the classes of 1971 and 1972. It was great to have the support of so many fellow students on the wards making it easy to ask questions and figure things out. Our class also had the unusual experience of receiving our RN results before we formally graduated. It was a daunting experience to line up in the hallway to Ms. Grose's office to receive our results in person. We finished our last 3<sup>rd</sup> year rotation and graduated in Nov. 1972 ready to begin our careers as registered nurses.

*Submitted by Linda Newton, Class Rep*

### Class of 1973

As we remember our first time watching the class of nurses being piped in to their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion, it was beyond our thinking that we would ever see that day, never mind be that old! However, 2023 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our class graduation in 1973, so apparently, we are there!

Initially, we listed 158 students starting classes, and we graduated 130 nurses. Our Class of 1973 is unique in the fact that we were the last class to graduate from WGH and the first class to show both the WGH and HSC insignia on our diploma. I also believe that we were the last class to live in the old residence as we were all moved into the new residence for our 2<sup>nd</sup> year.

Memories of our training days include 'beau' parlours, power outages in the old res and getting stuck in that rickety elevator, bugle serenades by one of our classmates, bus rides to the U of M Aggie and Engineer socials, bottle caps over our buzzers to see who got a phone call, yellow post-it notes with our messages in our mail cubby from Nettie, 8 am alternate Anatomy & Physiology and Microbiology classes on Saturday mornings, cutting through the church yard on the way back from the Maryland to make curfew and I'm pretty sure there was a scaling of a wall after curfew to avoid being caught!

We did shake things up when we challenged our curfew time in 2<sup>nd</sup> year. There must have been a

good argument presented as the time was extended from 11 pm to 1 am!

Our last raid of the Intern's residence ended rather poorly for us as we were threatened with eviction in our near to last posting just prior to graduation.

Apparently, some bathtub taps were "accidentally" left running resulting in flooding of more than one floor. Some sweet talking must have been done to let that one pass! In retaliation, we were subjected to a raid from the Interns that resulted in Mrs. Earle conducting a room-to-room search for any interns who may have hidden themselves in a closet or two, marching them out through the tunnels and the Emergency exit, and their climbing the ladder to get back in! All of this ended with the infamous Intern's backstroke swimming display in his birthday suit.

Our class has had sadness along the way as well. We have lost 7 classmates: Dorothy Wilson Streamer, Kim Pugsley Stewert, Nancy Terletski (McDonald), Gayle Liddle Haggarty, Irene Land, Laura Matrick, Laddie Frank and our class advisor and friend, Sharon Tschikota.

It is with a sense of pride that we approach our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and reunion, with the anticipation of following the Piper into the banquet room.



*Submitted by Jan Westmacott, class rep.*

#### ◆ 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! Association news (Homecoming and other activities) is now on our website and in our Newsletter. Do send in your class news so we can put it into the newsletter and/or on the web page, whichever is most appropriate. To send news, please see Alumni Association contact information on p. 1.

**Alumni Association News 2022**

◆ **Pat Powell (1959B)** was recently inducted as an **Honorary Life Member** of our Alumni Association and is most deserving of this honour! Pat joined the Archives Committee in 2002 and faithfully worked every Wednesday in the Archives Museum until 2020. She took over as Archives Convenor in 2006. As our representative on the Winnipeg Council of Women from 2010-2020, Pat attended meetings and reported back to our Executive. Her long-term service to the Alumni Association makes her an outstanding addition to our “Honoured 10”!



◆ **Mary Bueckert (1961B)** was also recently inducted as an **Honorary Life Member** of our Association. For over 40 years, Mary has been part of the Executive in many capacities, including Treasurer and Alumni President from 1984 to 1986! She also participated on the Jane A. Malcolm Bursary and the Education Committees, was Journal Convenor and currently is on the Jubilee Lecture Committee. After attaining her BN, she returned to teach at our School of Nursing. At many Homecoming celebrations, “Miss Card” was recognized by former students as a much loved and respected instructor in the RN program! Welcome to the “Honoured 10” Mary!



◆ **Esther McKenty (1961A)** has received the honour of **Honorary President of the Alumni for the 2021- 2023 term!** Esther is most worthy of this recognition for many reasons, including being the class rep. for the Class of 1961A for 60 years!! She has also had many ongoing roles on the Alumni Executive since 1994 including Chapter Correspondent and member of the Jubilee Memorial Lecture Committee. Esther is a faithful attendee at Executive meetings and is **always** on hand to assist in any other tasks that require completion! Congratulations Esther!



**See you at the 2023 Homecoming,  
our Association’s 116th!**

◆ **“Mini reunion” for the Class of 1991**

Due to COVID, the class of ’91 missed our 30 year reunion last May. As a result, some of us had a small, impromptu get-together at the Old Spaghetti Factory on August 16/22. It



was great to catch up with old classmates. The #1 question on everyone’s mind was “when are you retiring?” Some of us still have a way to go, but some are already enjoying the joy of retirement! The Class of 1991 is planning a larger reunion at Homecoming 2023! *Submitted by Marilyn Muir*

◆ **Remembering Genevieve Swerhone, Honorary Life Member**



Genevieve passed away Nov. 18, 2021. She was predeceased by her husband, Peter, executive director of WGH and first president of HSC. Gen was an avid supporter of our Alumni. We extend our condolences to her daughter, Danielle, 1979 class rep. and Calgary chapter representative.

*Submitted by Cheryl Chesney*

◆ **Friendship Convener Annual Report 2022**

I would like to thank the Class Reps. who I had the privilege to talk with over these past two years. It is unfortunate that in most cases it is to recognize the loss of a classmate and for this I am sad. The up side is, after talking with many of you, I feel inspired as most often there is an expression of strength and fortitude facing what life has to offer - the nursing spirit! In my role as Friendship Convener, I acknowledge the passing of our Alumni members by either a card or online post. If there is a classmate who you believe would benefit having a card from our alumni due to illness or being infirm, please let me know. *Submitted by Marian Ulyatt '68*



*Mark your calendars  
for  
May 24 & 25, 2023  
Homecoming  
The piper is coming for  
5 classes  
celebrating  
50 years  
since graduation!*



## In Memoriam 2022

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

**Deaths reported Jan. 1, 2022 to Nov. 6, 2022**

Honorary Member: Swerhone, Genevieve 2021  
Honorary Life Member: Svanhill, Edith 2018

1936 Hornibrook, Clara (Short)  
1943 Main, Pauline (Rundle)  
1944 Wand, Bernyce (Campbell)  
1945 Lobb, Mary (Tomkins)  
1946 Jobe, Mary (Prang)  
1946 Oliver, Gwendolyn (Bryant)  
1946 Rodgers, Joan (Burton)  
1946 Loewen, Patricia (Reid)  
1946 Crawford, Betty (Lord)  
1947 Frank, Mary (Elias)  
1947 McCulloch, Lorraine (Maylott)  
1947 Weiner, Sylvia (Birbragner)  
1948 Amelon, Jessie (Wall)  
1948 MacDiarmid, Helen (Alward)  
1948 Petursson, Suzanne (Armstrong)  
1948B Gildner, Bernice (Zimmerman)  
1949 Fournier, Edith (Sanderson)  
1950 Marsh, Audrey (Haverstick)  
1950 Bracegirdle, Betty (Robinson)  
1951 Fuller, Elizabeth (Caruthers)  
1951 Malazdrewicz, Ruby (Magnusson)  
1951 Kreuger, Agnes Jean (McCowan)  
1952 Mathews, Janet (Cameron)  
1952 McCann, Shirley (McNair)  
1952 Easy, Freda  
1952 Hay, Peggy (Thompson)  
1952 Redstone, Fay (Ross)  
1952 Leon, Louise (Chaikin)  
1954A Shepherd, Margaret (Johnson)  
1954 Palmer, Elizabeth (Martin)  
1954 Rourke, Myrna (Sparks)  
1954 Palmer, Irene (O'Neill)  
1955 Miller, Joan (Millward)  
1955 Helgason, Catherine (Millar)  
1955 Grossart, Hazel (Ingram)  
1955 Pitch, Sylvia (Kemel)  
1956 Grubs, Joyce (Chudd)  
1958B Sheard, Beverley (McCormack)  
1958B Thompson, Mildred (Kraehling)

1959A Rattray, Gail (Hartley)  
1959 Butler, Valdeen (Stephanson)  
1959 Peters, Frieda (Kiewer)  
1959 Wiznuck, Jeanette (Jackson)  
1960A Catton, Raina (Rabshakeh)  
1960 Metcalfe, Betty Ann (Franks)  
1960 Ostermiller, Bernice (Cahoon)  
1960 Switzer, Sharon (Leavens)  
1960 Dauber, Sheila (Gerrard)  
1960 Nolte, Rose Marie (Smith)  
1960B Polstein, Juliana (Townsend)  
1960B March, Diane (Priebe)  
1961 Kvamme, Johanne (Morrison)  
1961 Logan, Carol (Dawson)  
1961B Scudder, Elizabeth (Williams)  
1963B Giesbrecht, Marie  
1964A Desjardins, Vona (Freeman)  
1964 Russell, Joanne (Andrews)  
1965 Spiegel, Deanne (Caplan)  
1966 Bradley, Wendy (Derpak)  
1966 Foster, Fred  
1968 Dufault, Sharon (Auld)  
1968 Russell, Jessie  
1968 Dufault, Judith (Hartwig)  
1968 Wall, Carol (Romanetz)  
1969 Dickie, Catherine (Johnson)  
1973 Frank, Laddie  
1974 Hill, Shirley (Osowski)  
1974 Neyedley, Beverly (Chernavitch)  
1974 Ryan-Mills, Dorest (Licorish)  
1974 Wood, Ruth (Dyck)  
1975 Schumilak, Angela  
1975 Houston, Lori (Grieve)  
1984 Jemson, Elizabeth

*Submitted by Gail Hazlitt, Membership Convener*

**Alumni Association Education Committee now supports  
ALL nurses at Health Sciences Centre!**

Despite increased communication related to the availability of Educational Funds through the WGH/HSC Alumni Association, there has recently been a decrease in applications for educational funding from Alumni members. This includes funding from the Viola Leadlay Fund to support conference attendance and the Jane A. Malcolm Fund to support tuition expenses. As a result, the spending policies and application forms for both educational funds were recently amended (see p. 10). This included increasing award amounts and opening eligibility to ALL nurses employed at HSC, including casual nurses. WGH/HSC Alumni members will receive priority for funding. These exciting changes have been posted on both the Alumni and HSC websites and have already resulted in increases in applications for educational funding!

## 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
- b. 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