



Nurses Alumni Association of the WGH/HSC

2024 NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the 2024 edition of our newsletter. I am writing this after attending the Alumni Class Rep. meeting. I am always so invigorated after hearing about all the work done by class reps. to maintain that strong classmate bond that is so evident at our Homecoming events. I hope you enjoy reading in the newsletter about all the activities that keeps our Alumni Association so alive and relevant. I appreciate any feedback on the newsletter from you. Thank you to archivist Emma Prescott, Kathy Hamelin, committee members Cathy Rippen-Sisler, Esther McKenty 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 2025

Planning for the 2025 Homecoming is underway. We are excited to be celebrating all our Alumni members and recognizing the 50th year Anniversary for the class of 1975 in 2025.

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! This has been successful in the past years. The cost for all guests will be the same as for the Alumni Members.

All 2025 Homecoming events take place at CanadInns Destination Centre Polo Park, 1405 St. Matthews Ave., Winnipeg, MB. Phone #204-775-8791.

Thursday May 29th, 2025

10:30 am	Annual General Meeting.	No cost
12:00 Noon	Luncheon	Cost: TBD but ~\$50/person
13:15-2:00 pm	Jubilee Memorial Lecture.	No cost

Speaker: To be announced

Friday, May 30th, 2025

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

***Please be seated by 6:10 pm. The 50th anniversary 1975 class will be piped in @6:15 pm.**

Details for Luncheon and Dinner ticket purchases will be shared on the Alumni Website in late winter, 2025. Tickets may be purchased in advance after March 1, 2025. Both electronic and paper ticket purchase systems will be available. For specific information, please refer to the website, <http://wghhscnursingalumni.com>.

When purchasing tickets, you will be asked to provide information about dietary restrictions for you or your guest as well as specific seating requirements. Advance notice of a special meal is required 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 2025 and future Luncheons and Annual Homecoming dinners are:

May 29, 30, 2025

May 28, 29, 2026

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 2023-2024

Honorary Presidents:

Carol Galbraith, 1967
Danielle Swerhone, 1979



Carol Galbraith



Danielle Swerhone

Past President:

Bev Laurila, 1977



Bev Laurila

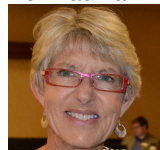
President:

Gillian Toth, 1983



Vice President:

Kathy Doerksen, 1982



Kathy Doerksen

Secretary:

Kathy Hamelin, 1971



Kathy Hamelin

Treasurer:

Fraser Barnett, 1985



Fraser Barnett

Archivist:

Pat Girardin, 1975



Pat Girardin

Archivist Emeritus:

Anne Crossin, 1957



Marian Ulyatt

Membership Convener:

Wendy Rudnick, 1985



Wendy Rudnick

Friendship Convener:

Marian Ulyatt, 1968



Cheryl Chesney

Newsletter Convener:

Cheryl Chesney, 1972

Education Convener:

Marilyn Muir, 1991



Marilyn Muir

Chapter Correspondent:

Margaret Ogonowski, 1969



Marg. Ogonowski

Jubilee Memorial Fund Treasurer:

Terry Parkinson, 1970

Jubilee Memorial Lecture:

Bev Laurila, 1977

Homecoming Convener:

Trish Bergal, 1982



Trish Bergal

Endowment Fund Convener:

Shellie Anderson, 1984

Nominating Committee:

Bev Laurila, 1977

Margaret Steele, 1961B



Margaret Steele

Web Site Co-Chairs:

Karen Rodgers, 1990

Kathy Hamelin, 1971



Karen Rodgers

Chapter Representatives:

Okanagan Chapter,

Valerie MacLean, 1979

Calgary Chapter,

Danielle Swerhone, 1979

Edmonton Chapter,

Darlene Smith, 1968



Valerie McLean



Danielle Swerhone

Greetings from Gillian Toth Alumni President

It is a testament to the dedication of the graduates of WGH/HSC School of Nursing and the Alumni Association volunteers that we can maintain such a strong and active organization while sadly many such alumni associations across Canada are closing. Over 200 attended the Homecoming 2024 Dinner and 100 were at the Luncheon and we had such fun! The Class of 1974 was very well represented for their 50th reunion and it was obvious they were so happy to be together. As well, the stories, songs and poems during rollcall were a real highlight of the evening. By the end, my cheeks hurt from smiling and laughing.

Rather than only a two-day event, Homecoming is the culmination of a year's work by the many volunteers in our association. It is important to recognize and celebrate their work so we can continue such a joyful gathering each year. Our volunteers conserve the mission of the Alumni Association to 1) maintain friendships and collegiality 2) support members' education and 3) be aware of trends and current issues in nursing while preserving and promoting the archival history of nursing.

In the last year of my presidency, I remain grateful for the opportunity to work with and be mentored by such an inspiring team of fellow alumni. By working together, we will continue to preserve the treasure that is our Alumni Association.

Sincerely, Gillian Toth class of 1983



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

The following amounts are for the year end – March 2024 with totals rounded to the nearest dollar:

- Balance as of March 31, 2024: **\$575,678**
- Funds for Disbursement to date based on an average of 4.4.0% rate of investment return calculations is **\$59,891***
- Executive Approved Disbursement since March 31st :
 - > Museum Filing Cabinets: -\$683.00
 - > Archivist conference: -\$2205.23
- Fund Distribution Balance remaining as of October 31st, 2024: **\$57,003**

*The Funds for Disbursement is an accumulation of all monies available that were not distributed since the inception of the fund in 2009.

*Submitted by: Shellie Anderson,
Archives/Museum Fund Convener*

**The Alumni Association Gratefully Acknowledges
all Donations made in 2024**

Alice Kotelko
Allison Cowell
Pat Allenby, in memory of Lyn Stephenson
Janet Belog, in memory of Doris Donnelly Payne

Marlene Dziad

**The Class of 1963 Celebrates
Classmate Mabel Pokiak Lumsden**

Mabel Pokiak Lumsden travelled from Tuktoyaktuk N.W.T. to enroll in the nursing program at the Winnipeg General Hospital in 1960. She was the first Inuk student to become a Registered Nurse in Canada.

As Alumni of a hospital-based nursing program, we all know the challenges students face during nurses training. Mabel, however, faced additional challenges in leaving a traditional way of life and coming to a large city where people had little understanding of life in the far north. The Class of 1963 supported Mabel during this challenging time. After graduation, Mabel realized she had a special interest in maternal child health and spent additional time at WGH learning more about this area of nursing. Mabel returned to the north after graduation, working in the Inuvik General Hospital and other isolated communities including her own community of Tuktoyaktuk. Mabel passed away in 2012 at the age of 71.

Canadians are in a period of reflection after the Truth and Reconciliation report and stories about the struggles of our indigenous populations. It is also common knowledge that an increase in the number of indigenous health professionals is necessary to improve the future health outcomes of this population in Canada.

The Class of 1963 is currently working to establish the **Mabel Pokiak Lumsden Bursary Fund** to honor Mabel and to assist Inuit students who are interested in pursuing a career in Nursing. The fund would also serve as an ongoing legacy in remembrance of Mabel, her courage to complete



her nursing education and her service to her Inuit community. Further information related to this important initiative can be obtained through contact with the Class of 1963 at elabun@mymts.net. Submitted by Kathy Hamelin

**Remembering Mary Bueckert (Card),
Class of 1961 B**



Mary was so loved, appreciated and respected as a Nursing Instructor at our School of Nursing. There was hardly a time that Mary was not involved on the Alumni Executive. She held positions as Education Convener, Journal Convener, President and, for a long term, Treasurer. Latterly, she was a member of the Jubilee Memorial Lecture Committee. Mary was awarded an Honorary Life Membership in May, 2023 and was present to receive that award. Several Class Rep receptions were held at Mary's church hall with Mary overseeing the event...manning the elevator! Mary passed away November 13/2023.

Submitted by: Margaret Steele

Elizabeth Pearston, Class of 1924
an interesting life story from our Alumni Archives



Graduates of both WGH and HSC have received various awards and accolades over the past hundred plus years, one of them being **Elizabeth Pearston**, class of 1924.

Born in Scotland in 1890, Elizabeth Pearston immigrated to Canada at the age of 21. She appears to have worked as a stenographer in Saskatoon before entering nursing training at Winnipeg General in 1921. After graduation she worked at WGH for four years before becoming Lady Superintendent at the municipal hospital in the frontier town of Grande Prairie, Alberta, a newly built brick hospital serving the vast Peace River area with 51 beds, 8 nurses and 6 doctors.

It was at this hospital that she “*set a thrilling example of fortitude and ingenuity*”. She “*demonstrated the great importance and usefulness of the place of [nursing] in this country of expanding need, and her contribution to it [was] classed with those of pioneers*” (*Alumni Journal* 1937). It was whilst she was there that she was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire for “*conspicuous service to people requiring hospital aid and effective administration of outpost hospital service*”.

She remained at the Grande Prairie hospital until 1939. She spent the rest of her career in various positions in Alberta and Saskatchewan (Lady Minto, Melfort (1939 – 1943), Training School Advisor, Alberta (1943 – 1945), Fort Qu'Appelle Sanatorium (1945 – 1954) and Saskatoon Sanatorium (1954 – 1957)). She was active with both the Alberta and Saskatchewan Nurses Association as well as the WGH Alumnae Chapter and even in retirement continued to "help out" at Fort Qu'Appelle Sanatorium. The Alumnae Association recognized her achievements in 1966 by making her an Honorary Life Member. She passed away later that year.

Submitted by Emma Prescott, Alumni Archivist

Jubilee Memorial Lecture, May 30, 2024



Ken Borse, president of the Association of Regulated Nurses in Manitoba (ARNM), spoke of his organization's incorporation in 2016, its name change from "Registered" to "Regulated" Nurses with the inclusion of LPN's and RPN's in 2020 and internationally educated nurses in 2024.

As the professional voice of nurses, AARN supports nurses to be empowered health care leaders across all settings to advance nursing and advocate for the public they serve. He compared this role to that of the College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba (CRNM), the regulatory body that protects and serves the public interest and requires nurses to be registered with them.

He listed the challenges such as nursing shortages, burnout, mental health challenges, technological change, etc. facing nurses today. Health care has moved from "hi touch" to "high tech" with virtual care and changing skill demands but digital technologies can provide information, decision support and more options for engaging with patients and collaborating with other health care providers.

Ken's lecture stimulated much discussion.

Retired nurses can join ARNM, arnm.ca, at an annual cost of \$25 for education, travel and health insurance benefits.



*Submitted by,
Cheryl Chesney*

HOMEcoming, MAY 2024



Jean Brooks & Dorothy Dunham
1952A



Pat Rathwell, 1949

Report from Class of 1974 Celebrating their 50th Anniversary, May 2024



We were so excited to get together for our 50th Reunion. We remembered how old those celebrating their jubilee reunions looked when we were at our 5 and 10 year reunions, Well, here we were celebrating our 50th reunion and we have not changed a bit!

The class of 74 hit many milestones:

- > We were one of the largest classes to graduate from WGH with 126 nurses.
- > We were the last class to graduate from the WGH.
- > We were also the last class to live in the old nurse's residence which is now cancer care Manitoba.
- > We were the 1st class in the 2-year program.

Our celebrations started with the annual luncheon with 23 in attendance. Later that evening, we had a wine and cheese party with 36 plus spouses in attendance. At the annual dinner we had 40 of our classmates attend. Thanks to all that attended. We had a wonderful time sharing stories and just enjoying each others company.

Submitted by Shirley Herlick and Marlene Dziad

Classes Celebrating Other Special Anniversaries at May 2024 Homecoming

Class of 1954 B, 65th Reunion



For the 2024 Alumni annual meeting and luncheon, only Margaret McTavish from 1954B was able to attend. The meeting is always informative and the speaker is interesting.

Our 54B class had 50 graduates. On May 24, 2024 Nancy Lynch passed away leaving us with sixteen members spread across Canada and the USA. Only two of us live in Winnipeg.

Attending the Alumni dinner were four classmates with guests. One of those was Diane Williams Schwartz, daughter of Phyllis Schwartz who passed away earlier this year. Diane did all the work keeping our class list updated. Many thanks to her for this effort. Keep up the good work. This is it or 1954B!

Submitted by Jean Bushuk

Class of 1964 A, 60th Reunion



Our 60th reunion!! Who would have believed this date would arrive so soon. We mentioned numerous times how as young grads we had observed the “old” grads at their similar reunions and wondered how they even managed to stand when their year was called. But here we were, at the same milestone year. And standing!

Our numbers were definitely smaller than at previous reunions. A little more than 1/3 of our graduating class was present, making us about 12 in number. Those present had a fine time attending the AGM and the lunch and speaker on the Thursday, and the Homecoming Dinner on the Friday. The Saturday afternoon was when we met as just our ‘64A class and shared lunch and another good visit at The Leaf in Assiniboine Park. We had decided that with our now advanced age (!) one event on the Saturday was as much as we were up for.

Out of 31 graduating, we now have 20 still alive and relatively well. So as there were several who would not be able to be present and sharing in this special reunion, our class rep. requested a short bio update and current photo from each member and assembled these into a duotang which was then sent or given to each. This was appreciated by all and served to help us stay connected as good friends all these 60 years later. Cheers to 1964A!!

Submitted by Joanne Scarth, Class Rep.

Class of 1964 B, 60th Reunion



It is hard to believe that 60 years have passed since graduation!

Twenty-two of us gathered for a wonderful reunion. Thursday evening we began our get together at a lovely dinner at Tony Romas. Very quickly we all became reacquainted...64B as 80 year olds.

After dinner we returned to the CanadInn where most of us were staying for the night. We gathered in one room for a couple of hours of catching up and reminiscing. Friendships were renewed and new friendships made as we all seemed to join as one. We were all the same now...retired seniors.

Bedtime that night was about 11 pm which also was a group decision!

We all attended the Alumni dinner on Friday evening. As per usual we had a lovely meal and greatly enjoyed the roll call as we stood up alongside the class of 64A to celebrate 60 years since graduation!

Saturday afternoon we gathered for a luncheon at Ray and Jerry's. The highlight here was a trip around the table as each of us gave a brief summary of our lives.

We had gone our separate ways and lived our separate lives but the bond between us remained intact... we are all part of the Class of 64B!

Submitted by Marg. Mitchell, class rep.

Class of 1969, 55th Reunion



Celebrating our 55th Nursing Reunion was great! Three days of hugs, reminiscing, enjoying great food and laughter - just like being together in residence once again. And we all looked great - not a day older, just a tad slower.

Thur., May 30th, twenty classmates attended the AGM, Luncheon and Lecture. Later that evening, 44 classmates gathered at the Waterfront Condo Social Room for a wonderful buffet dinner catered by the Winnipeg Winter Club. An excellent evening with a special treat of cupcakes creatively designed with our nursing caps, WGH chevron and logo. Thank you Dawnette.



Friday, May 31st, 39 classmates and 2 guests, 1 husband and 1 daughter, attended the Homecoming Dinner. Class mate, Judy Minkus shared a great poem about our nursing profession of which we are all very proud.

Sat., June 1st, 15 classmates gathered at Cora's for lunch, final farewells and lots of hugs. We are looking forward to meeting once again, perhaps before the 60th in 2029.

Many thanks to the great planning team, arranging the activities - Barb, Jan, Louise, Karen, Carol, Lynn, Judy, Dianne, Margo, Susan G, Susan H, and Patti, our treat lady. Special thanks to Dan Ruppel, our photographer. He did a great job as it was like herding mice. Well done, Dan.

Submitted by Marg. Ogonowski

Class of 1979, 45th Reunion



There was a terrific turnout of classmates who graduated together 45 years ago. The class spent 2 days celebrating our 45th Anniversary, leading up to the **Friday** evening reunion dinner. A lot of laughs and reminiscing occurred throughout the evening, and we reflected on missing those not present. Everyone agreed we would be together to celebrate our next BIG anniversary, that being our 50th, in 5 years.

*Submitted by
Danielle Swerhone & Charlene Morrow, class reps.*

Alumni Chapter Correspondent Report

It has been a pleasure to continue as the Chapter Correspondent on behalf of the Alumni. It was great to meet in person with Danielle Swerhone, 1979, of the Calgary Chapter and Valerie McLean, 1979, of the Okanagan Chapter at Homecoming 2024. My Congratulation to Danielle as the Alumni's newest Honourary President. Danielle, Valerie and Darlene Smith, 1968, of the Edmonton Chapter, continue to reach out to Alumni, old and new, by sharing Alumni Executive news on a regular basis. All three dedicated leads work diligently, trying to connect with fellow alumni members and are faced with the challenges of aging, limited mobility and rising prices of meeting places. With the assistance of the Membership Convener, Wendy Rudnick, continued efforts and time are dedicated generously to reach out to members, as addresses change often. Thank you, Wendy. All communication is treated respectfully and privacy is assured. Regular Chapter news is shared with the executive at Alumni association meetings and is included in the minutes.

Please reach out to join our thriving Alumni Association Chapters by contacting our WGH/HSC Nurses Alumni Association website wghhsc.nursingalumni@gmail.com and your information will be forwarded to the respective chapter.

Submitted by Margaret Ogonowski

Did you know our Alumni data base has a total of **7,243 members** and 2,415 of these are Life Members which means they have paid for a life membership and/or have graduated 50 or more years ago.

Alumni Association News 2023

Total funding amounts per individual applicant have increased for both education funds (see p. 10):

- Viola Leadlay - **up to \$3,000.00** per calendar year
- Jane A. Malcolm:
 - > Certificate Course/Program (e.g. ICU Course, refresher program) - **\$5,000.00**
 - > Baccalaureate Degree - **\$30,000.00**
 - > Master's Degree - **\$40,000.00**
 - > Doctoral Degree - **\$50,000.00**

Eligible applicants are **graduates** of the WGH/HSC School of Nursing (including the University of Manitoba/Health Science Centre Collaborative Program between the years of 1993-1997) and **any nurse employed at the Health Sciences Centre.**

CURIOUS ABOUT COMMODES

In the summer of 2023 the Association for Manitoba Museums newsletter published a request from Prof. Rhonda Hinthier (Public History, Brandon University). She was looking for museums who were interested in working with her students on major research papers. Museums were asked to provide an artifact they needed information on and the students would conduct the research in order to gain course credit.



I contacted Rhonda about our collection of 8 unique bedpans. She thought they would make a great project. In fact, there was so much interest she had to assign one bedpan to each student! Dayna, Desiree, Kaitlyn, Jaydyn, Sarah, Laci and Jessica all contacted me. I provided them with photos and the limited information we had. Each student wrote a paper about their bedpan.

Before the final reports came in Rhonda contacted me about the possibility of a story in the Winnipeg Free Press. One of the editors thought it would be a great lighthearted story. Entitled "Curious about commodes" the piece, with full page photos of our display, ran on 16 December 2023. Luckily it didn't lead to us being inundated with offers of more bedpans, but we did acquire a glass urinal from a Manitoba Health office. Found in the 1970s it had been on display in the home of a University of Manitoba nursing grad for the past 50 years.

Submitted by archivist, Emma Prescott

In Memorium 2024 **Deaths reported Nov. 20, 2023 to Oct. 31, 2024**

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

1922 Valentine, Norah (Johnson)
1923 House, Lillian (Pallon)
1928 Koons,Alice (Calverley)
1932 Berry, Dorothy
1932 Melville, Martha
1936 Kaufman, Bernice (Brownstone)
1936 Reid, Evelyn (Harder)
1938 Cowan, Edith (Bruser)
1938 Robinson, Eileen
1939 Hutcheson, Edris (Seale)
1940 Chappell, Mary (Robson)
1940 Madder, Jean (Godkin)
1940 VanCamp, Marjorie (Proctor)
1941 Acton, Jean (Boyce)
1941 Dill, Eileen (Willis)
1941 Leveridge, Margaret (Harcus)
1941 McRae, Elizabeth (Tubman)
1941 Patterson, Helen (Johnston)
1941 Rusell, Dorothy (Taylor)
1941 Thompson, Florence (Body)
1942 Rollins, Marian (Arthan)
1945 Ferri, Marion (Rose)
1945 Rice, Eleanor
1946 Anderson, Donna (Dyker)
1946 Downie, Nancy (McDonald)
1946 Godkin, Helen (Unger)
1946 Underhill, Patricia (Kinsey)
1946 Williams, Bett, B. (Munro)

1947 Duff, Lillian (Davidson)
1947 Lee, Mary Louise (McLeod)
1947 Low, Helen (McGavin)
1947 Macaulay, Jean (Livingstone)
1948 Barefoot, Florence (Bell)
1948 Creaser, Elizabeth (Murray)
1948 Gildner, Bernice (Zimmerman)
1948 Henderson, Freda
1948 Klages, Helen (Miller)
1948 Macklin, Ena (Rowan)
1948 Ostlund, Alice (Armstrong)
1948 Pangrass, Isabel
1949 Bailey, Margaret (Robertson)
1949 Farrell, Evelyn (Southam)
1949 Gemmel, Diana (Armstrong)
1949 Marshall, Thusnelda (Judt)
1949 Payne, Doris (Donnelly)
1950 Macias, Gertrude (Stevenson)
1950 Groom, Louise (Johannson)
1950 Mydyski, Louise (Karklin)
1950 Myer, Vivi-Ann (Fisher)
1950 Russell, Norma (Meredith)
1950 Scotten, Margaret Lois
1950 Vincent, Lois (Heapy)
1951 Bixby, Jacqueline (Hodges)
1951 Bogart, Isabel Catherine (Solvey)
1951 Enns, Emily (Einarson)
1951 Lund, Winnifred (Borton)
1952 Cunnings, Betty (Paterson)
1952 Dudley, Lorna (McPhedrain)
1952 Emes, Hanna (Pederson)
1952 Lundman, Janet (Moore)

1952	Smith, Dorothy (Sigurdson)	1959	Houston, Myrna (Dakin)
1952A	MacPherson, Pearl (Williams)	1959B	Barker, Leola (Bateman)
1952B	McNaught, Fay (Lawson)	1959B	Gunn, Anne (Cooper)
1952B	Leverton, Hildy	1960	Banick, Carol (Kent)
1953	Burgess, Jean (Witherspoon)	1960	March, Diane (Priebe)
1953	Evenden, Damonda (Godfrey)	1960B	Dauber, Sheila (Gerrard)
1953	Fell, Karen (Young)	1960B	Stephen, Evelyn "Lyn"
1953	Hellegers, Charlotte (Sanders)	1961	Williams, Helen Currie
1953	Irwin, Joan (Williams)	1962	Bestland, Sharon (Rasmussen)
1953	Kirkpatrick, Leona (Hodson)	1963	Armstrong, Glenda (Paul)
1953	Karlberg, (Marilyn) Marnie	1963	Johnson, Bonnie (Logan)
1953	McRae, Jean (McLenagn)	1963	McNeill, Kathleen (Bishop)
1953	Miller, Joyce (Sample)	1963	Neill, Joan Claire (Taylor)
1953	Spencer, Joan (Hodgert)	1964	Leckie, Maureen
1953A	Smith, Doreen (McPhail)	1965	Robinson, Leola Roe
1954	Olson, Phyllis (Lloyd)	1965	Sigfusson, Patricia (Johnson)
1954	Schwartz, Phyllis (Main)	1966	Kojima, Amy "Mickey" (Stagg)
1954B	Lynch, Nancy (Smith)	1967	Lawler, Lorna Ginn
1955	Beatty, Joyce (McCallum)	1969	Britton, Donna
1955	Campbell, Patricia (Audrey Clyde)	1969	Dzydz, Diane
1955	Helgason, Catherine (Millar)	1972B	MacPhail, Cheri (Wingate)
1956	Derraugh, Elizabeth (Beth) (Whiteside)	1972B	Klassen, Betty
1956	Dyregrov, Heather (Forsythe)	1973	Therrien, Marie (Joanne)
1956	Forrest, Shirley	1974	Okrainec, Joyce (Johnstone)
1956	Kartes, Ruth (Nichols)	1974	Wiebe, Freida
1956	Smith, Dionne (Riley)	1975	Birss, Dorellen (Wiles)
1956	Tabata, Barbara (McNally)	1976	Ariss, Elizabeth (Beth) Jean
1957	Hauksdottir, Anna	1976	Raine, Corin Merith (Moir)
1957	Kristjanson, Jean (Cameron)	1977	Gorchynski, Shelley
1957	Dmytriw, Zona Mae (Barker)	1978	McFarland, Glenda (Freeman)
1958A	Kjernisted, Beverley (Murray)	1984	Emes, Diane
1958B	LaRue, Anne (Ward)	1986	Bedi, Seeta

1989 Kishensky, Adele
 1990 Norquay, Alexander
 1991 Bernd, Rita

Remembering Marnie (Marilyn) Karlberg Class of 1953 A



Marnie Karlberg enjoyed a long and fulfilling career at Riverview Health Centre as the head nurse of the cancer ward before retiring in 1985. For another 20 years she continued her work of caring for others when she volunteered every Monday at the Health Sciences Centre ICU.

She served long term as her 1953A Alumni class representative as well as being on the Alumnae Executive and arranging for catering at many Alumnae Class Rep. meetings. Marnie was an avid quilter who did beautiful work. The Alumni benefited from her donation of a quilt for a fund raising raffle. She was recognized and honoured by the Alumni when she was appointed Honourary President for 2009-2011 and named an Honourary Life Member in 2014. Marnie passed away July 22, 2024.

Submitted by Cheryl Chesney

MARG. OGONOWSKI, 1969 New Honorary Life Member

It is truly an honour to be nominated by my classmates. I thank the Alumni Executive for choosing me as an Honorary Life Member. It has been and continues to be a heartfelt joy to be associated with my wonderful classmates and to be a part of our remarkable and prestigious WGH/HSC Nurses Alumni Association.

My sincere thank you to those who nominated me: Jan McManes, Barb Tisdale, Carol Youngson, Pam Bamsey, Valerie Carlyle, Lynne Crocker-Loat, Louise Raber, Susan Goodridge, Patricia Campbell, Karen Ruppel, Linda Taylor, Joan Wilton, and Linda Pastetnik.

I am very proud of my Winnipeg General Hospital training and upbringing as it was a time when many of us grew up into adulthood together. Our bond from residence living is very strong and continues throughout these many years. Our class celebrated our 55th Reunion at the May Homecoming where I was honoured to be the recipient of this award at the AGM.

I must acknowledge the remarkable mentorship and friendship I received when I became active with the Alumni: Ann Crossin, Audrey Lay, Margaret Steele, Pat Powell, Mary Buekert, Linda Pastetnik, Donna Meder, Barb



Marg. & Gillian Toth,
 Alumni President

Burr and many more outstanding nursing leaders over the years.

With the closing of the residence and then the WGH/HSC School of Nursing and no new grads to honour, the future of the Alumni Association was questioned by several. Many of us had faith that the alumni would thrive and we saw that with the involvement of the Alumni members of the 70's, 80's and 90's decades. New technology and ideas have augmented the past traditions so that they are preserved.

Once again, my sincere thank you for selecting me for this honour. *Warmest Regards, Margaret Lupyrypa Ogonowski
 Proud Member of the Class of 1969*



Pat Powell, 1959B &
 Emma Prescott, archivist



Class of 1974 celebrating their
 Jubilee year wearing caps plus
 a few wore uniforms at the
 Homecoming Dinner!

Alumni Class Rep. Meeting on November 2, 2024

The 2024 Class Rep meeting was held on Saturday Nov 2, 2024 at the Gloria Dei Church in Charleswood. Alumni President Gillian Toth '77 welcomed 31 Class Reps. to the meeting and outlined that the purpose of the meeting was to share Alumni information, elicit feedback about Homecoming (HC) 2024, discuss plans for HC 2025, and review the Class Rep. Job Description. Class Reps. participated in this review and asked for a written process to communicate with Alumni Executive; this and additional information as discussed will be included in the Class Rep Job Description. Homecoming 2025 plans to date were reviewed, including a hybrid ticketing system that will result in the use of both electronic and paper tickets. Class Rep feedback related to the 2024 Homecoming and our upcoming 2025 Homecoming once again reinforced the lasting bond that classmates develop during training... and re-establish during Class Reunions. This will undoubtedly occur again at Homecoming 2025!

Submitted by Kathy Hamelin

Are you from one of these classes?

**1952B, 53, 54B, 54A, 55, 56A, 56B,
 1980, 82, 84, 89,
 1992, 95, 96?**

If so, would you consider becoming a Class Rep. and joining in the FUN of finding and communicating with Classmates?

Contact the executive at wghhsc.nursingalumni@gmail.com
 or by phone message at 1-204-787-1170

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