



Nurses Alumni Association of the WGH / HSC

Fall 2016 News



The Newsletter is back! 2015 slipped by without one so we hope to do some catch up in 5 pages or less! This newsletter will mainly go out by email. For those with no access to email paper copies will be mailed. Electronic distribution (email and website) will decrease mailing costs and widen distribution. We regret that the 2015 Newsletter did not happen! Sometimes life's events just over rule volunteer work. Contact information for all Executive is below. We hope to hear from you. Remember to visit our website (or have someone do it for you) to get All Homecoming Info and other latest news.

In this issue Homecoming Information is just below and the 2017 Jubilee Memorial Lecture info follows. Also read our President's Greeting, Alumni News, as well as 2016/2015 Homecoming reports and Committee reports for both AGMs. We do need new volunteers. Many of our positions have been held for more than the 2 year term. It is time to say thank you to these volunteers and welcome others to keep our organization ticking. Please contact the Executive if you are interested in these upcoming/ vacant positions: VP, Jubilee Memorial Fund Treasurer, Friendship Convener or any other position/committee!

We hope your Homecoming plans to celebrate the Association's 113th anniversary are well underway. Our founders would be pleased and amazed at our longevity as a nursing school alumni. Let us keep it thriving. Do consider volunteering. The more hands, the less the work! Here's to a great 113th Anniversary Year!

How to Contact the Association and the Executive:

You can contact us by writing, calling or emailing so keep in touch 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 (Note the period between wghhsc & nursing)

Web Address: wghhscnursingalumni.com

Alumni Executive Meeting Dates – 2016 -2017

Wednesdays: November 30, 2016; **2017** -January 25, March 22, September 27
Place: CRNM 890 Pembina Hwy, Winnipeg Time: 7pm to 9pm
May 25 & 26, 2017 - AGM, Lecture, Luncheon, Homecoming Dinner.

HOMECOMING 2017

New! All Alumni Members are invited to bring one (1) guest to the Luncheon and Dinner. Guest cost will be the same as for Alumni Members. All 2017 Homecoming Events take place at CanadInn Destination Ctr. Polo Park, 1405 St. Mathews Ave, Winnipeg, MB Phone #204 775 8791

Thursday May 25, 2017

09:00 a.m. **AGM**
10:30a.m **Jubilee Memorial Lecture** No Charge
12:00 Noon **Luncheon** Cost per person **\$30.00**
1:30 p.m. **Virtual Tour** (to be confirmed)

Archives/Museum Tour – Group tours to be arranged through Class rep well before the Homecoming

Friday, May 26, 2017 Homecoming Dinner

Cocktails: 5:00-6:00p.m
Dinner: 6:30 p.m. Cost: **\$60.00** per person

*Luncheon & Dinner Tickets may be ordered by mail in Canada & Manitoba until May 15, 2017. **There will be no ticket sales by mail after this date.** Cash accepted **only if picking up tickets in person.** Contact Dinner Convener to arrange this. Make your cheque or money order (Cdn. Funds only) payable to: **Nurses' Alumni Assoc. of WGH/HSC.** USA Members please convert to Canadian funds or ensure you have adequate US funds for the ticket(s) on the cheque. Enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.*

Include your class year on the cheque and note any special menu requirements as they must be ordered in advance of the event. Also note seating assistance needs(wheelchairs, caregivers) so seating spaces can be arranged for classes.

Mail to: Linda Pastetnik (1972B), Phone: 1-204- 633 3344 E-mail: lpast@mymts.net Leave a message and if your call has not been returned in 72 hours please call again.

**If the order is for more than 10 tickets please ensure postage & envelope are appropriate. Reunion years are encouraged to order tickets in blocks & more than 20 tickets should be picked up in person from Linda. There are no refunds if you do not attend the events. Thank you.*

Classes can book their own hospitality room at the hotel **Group Block Reservation # 250315 until April 25/17.** The entire dining area, with a bartender, is available for use after the dinner at no additional cost. The dining room can easily accommodate five reunion classes. No rooms are available for the weekend; the hotel will arrange stays(and shuttle) at other CanadInns in WPG. Anecdotes or tidbits for the Dinner Roll call can be sent by email to Pres. Julie Halipchuk or call Linda. Formal class pictures are not available.

Future Homecoming dates: 2018 - May 24 & 25; 2019- May 30 & 31; 2020 May 28 & 29

2017 Jubilee Memorial Lecture

Thursday May 25, 2017 1030 am CanadInn Polo Park

We are pleased to announce our 2017 Lecture will be presented by Catherine (Steinmann) Phillips, RN, a member of 2017's Centennial Class. Her topic:

"A Thumbprint on the World".

Since graduating in 1967 from the WGH SON Cathie has lived in Brazil, Bolivia and Turkey and carried out unconventional forms of nursing and medical care. She will be sharing her interesting experiences and showing how her nursing education equipped her to work among some of the world's poor and needy people.

Alumni Association Objectives

1. To preserve and promote friendship and collegiality among the graduates and extend whatever support and communication is indicated –either personally or through the channels of the Alumni – to members in need.
2. To support and encourage Alumni members proceeding to studies at post-diploma levels.
3. To be aware of the trends and issues in nursing, to contribute to the development of nursing education and practice, and to preserve and promote the archival history of nursing and the Winnipeg General Hospital and the Health Sciences Centre.

Executive 2016 - 2017

Honorary Presidents:

Joan Miller	1955	2015 – 2017
Patricia Chuckmala	1951A	2016 - 2018

Past President:

Brenda Smith	1984	2015 - 2017
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President:

Julie Halipchuk	1997	2015 - 2017
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Vice President:

Kathy Hamelin	1971	2015 - 2017
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Secretary:

Nelia Chlopecki	1989	2015 - 2017
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Treasurer:

Kate Tate	1983	2015 - 2017
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Archivist:

Pat Powell	1959	2017
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Archivist Emeritus:

Anne Crossin	1957	
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Jubilee Memorial Fund Treasurer:

Donna Meder	1961B	2016
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Homecoming Convener:

Linda Pastetnik	1972B	2015 - 2017
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Education Convener:

Marilyn Muir	1991	2015- 2017
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Jubilee Memorial Lecture Convener:

Brenda Smith	1984	2015 - 2017
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Membership Convener:

Gail Hazlitt	1973	2015 - 2017
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Friendship Convener: TBA

Chapter Correspondent:

Carol Galbraith	1967	2017
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Representative to Council of Women of Winnipeg

Pat Powel	1959B	2017
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Nominating Committee:

Brenda Smith	1984	2017
Margaret Steele	1961B	2017

Communication/Newsletter: 2016

Donna Meder 1961 & Kathy Hamelin 1971

Web Site Chair:

Karen Rodgers 1990 2017

wghhsc.nursingalumni@gmail.com

Archives/Museum Endowed Fund Co Convenors:

Margot Christie	1964	2017
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Donna Meder	1961	2017
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HSC Heritage Committee: J. Halipchuk; K Hamelin; P Powell, D Meder

Greetings from Alumni President

Julie Halipchuk (1997) 2015 - 2017

Greetings on behalf of your alumni executive! I am so pleased that you are receiving this newsletter to keep abreast of Alumni happenings. My sincere appreciation to those who have created the newsletter and to those who have shared their stories that celebrate our membership and the sisterhood that continues today.

I am a proud graduate of the Health Sciences Centre, part of the class of 1997 – the last class to graduate from HSC sharing dual alumni status with the University of Manitoba. Meeting many of our members during my term as President has truly been a highlight for me, hearing stories of your training and of your work experiences, and feeling your excitement when we talk about how nursing continues to evolve. Nursing care and education has changed (some positive changes, some not so positive) but at our core, we are all still *nurses* and hopefully proud to be. I welcome you to continue to share your memories with me, allowing us to capture the history of our Alumni most accurately.

Plans for our 2017 Homecoming and Annual General Meeting are well underway and available to you. I hope you will be able to join us! If this is an anniversary year for your class, we will be celebrating you during our roll call at the dinner and would love to hear your stories. Feel free to contact the Alumni and share your stories with me!

Our executive is always looking for members to volunteer and keep our organization strong and vital. We have vacant positions and would welcome your help. Our organization needs volunteers in order to continue. I am so grateful for the work done by our executive members; their volunteer commitment to our Alumni is inspiring.

We had a great Class Rep. gathering on October 22. See report Page 4. The work these Reps do to keep their classmates connected is truly wonderful, and I thank you all.

On that note, I will sign off and excitedly dig in to my final year as President of your alumni – care to join me in keeping our organization a thriving one?

Alumni Association News 2015 & 2016

❖ *Welcome and Congratulations to our new Honorary Life Member and Honorary Members*

Helen Bolton Elliott, Class of 1940, received an Honorary Life Membership at the **2015** Home coming. An Honorary Life Member is given to a graduate of our nursing school to recognize outstanding service to the Association and/or the profession of nursing. **Helen** is a proud supporter of the Association and an annual attendee at the Homecoming

Dinner. She was one of the Nominees for YMCA Women of Distinction in 2013, recognized for her many contributions to her community during her lifetime. Even while working full time as a nurse and raising her children as a single mother in the 1960s in Virden she found time to volunteer in community organizations and to participate in a 2007 protest on the steps of the Manitoba Legislature, decrying the closure of the emergency facility at the Virden General



Hospital. After a successful public campaign emergency services were reinstated

In 2016 Honorary Memberships were conferred upon:
Emma Prescott HSC Archivist since 2010. Under her professional direction the HSC Archives/Museum has blossomed. **George Morrison** – George has been “our” Piper at Homecomings for many years. We truly appreciate and look forward to this bit of ceremony each year. **HSC Printing Department** represented by **Rodney Sherwin & Karen Debeneditis at the Dinner**. The Printing Dept. has done Association Homecoming printing for many years. We appreciate their work. An **Honorary Member** is a non-graduate who has given service to or shown an interest in the Association.

❖ **In 2016 New Honorary President** Patricia Chuckmala, Class of 1951A was welcomed in absentia. Pat joins Joan Miller 1955A who was appointed Honorary President in 2015. A warm thank you was extended to outgoing Honorary President Phyllis Schwartz 1954.

❖ **In Memory of Joyce (Balacko) Ewashko - Class 1958**
It is with great sadness that the Alumni announce the unexpected passing of Joyce Ewashko on July 17, 2016 in Winnipeg. Joyce graduated from the Winnipeg General Hospital in 1958 and was a dedicated geriatric nurse for most of her career. Most of you will remember Joyce as our longtime Friendship Convener and Homecoming Dinner assistant. Joyce was predeceased by her husband Ted. She is lovingly remembered and much missed by her 3 daughters and their families. Joyce’s love of travel took her on adventures all over the world. She was always cheerful, constantly busy, a true “life-long learner” and active in many organizations. Her cheerful and sensitive contact with Alumni members during illness and other life events was appreciated by all. Joyce will be sadly missed and fondly remembered by all Alumni members.



❖ **HSC Archives/Museum has a website.** Try it!
<http://www.hsc.mb.ca/HSCArchives.html>

❖ **Patricia Nord (Class of ‘69)** established the “*Patricia Nord Complex Spinal Surgery Fund*” with the HSC Foundation. It supports the HSC multidisciplinary team

which saved her life when faced with a debilitating spinal condition. To support this Fund contact the Foundation.

❖ **Belated Congratulations to Enid Clark (Adamson) Class of 1960B**



A member of the Manitoba Women’s Institute, Enid was one of the four individual 2014 Provincial Council of Women of Manitoba’s Award Winners for her contribution to communities and families through volunteer work.

❖ **The Viola Leadlay Nursing Education Fund became an Endowed Fund with the HSC Foundation Dec. 17, 2015.** The annual disbursement from the Fund will continue to be divided equally between the Alumni Association Education Awards and HSC Nursing Education via HSC Director of Clinical Education. The Endowed Fund ensures growth via donations and defined HSCF Spending Policy. It was formerly a Trust Fund which was yielding very little money annually.

❖ **Now for a Wow Fact!** From 1970 to 2015 the Jane A. Malcolm Bursary Fund, an endowed fund managed by the Winnipeg Foundation and our Education Committee, has provided **\$1,135,314.91** in awards for advanced post graduate education to over 818 alumni members, some receiving a grant several times. The two large donors to this Fund, Jane A. Malcolm Class of 1919 and Evelyn Rosemary (Roberts) Laughton Class of 1933, deserve our thanks! Congrats to all those who have received these awards. Interested? See Page 10 for info!

❖ **The Archives/Museum Collection Endowment Fund,** created by the Alumni and managed by the HSCF, delivered its first Grant to the HSC Archives/Museum June 2016 in the amount of **\$5,000.00** for a 50th anniversary celebration project of the HSC Adult ICU. As of October 25/16, the project is on line at www.hscarchives.com. Check it out! More stories, pictures are welcomed. See Archivist report page 4. An Opening Event will be held during our 2017 Homecoming so Alumni members who nursed in the ICU might be present. Stay tuned for details. Keep Friday May 26/17 morning open!

❖ The 2015 Silent Auction at the AGM and Luncheon of surplus silverware from the archives and sale of doorknobs from the “old” residence raised more than \$300.00 for the Association General Funds. Fun! Thanks everyone!

❖ **Moving? Change of address?** Please forward your new address, phone# and or email to the Alumni address page 1. Include your name at graduation and Grad year. Help us keep in touch!

❖ Association news (Homecoming and other activities) are now on our website and in our Newsletter. Do send in your class news so we can put it into the newsletter and /or the web page, whichever is most appropriate. To send, see Alumni Association contact info (Page1).

❖ **2016 Class Rep Gathering October 22, 2016**

The purpose of the annual Class Rep meeting is for the Alumni Exec to share information with class reps (and subsequently classmates), and to hear comments and concerns related to Alumni activities. This year, 29 Class Reps, their designates and the Alumni Executive gathered to share Alumni news. Attendees from the class of '43 to '97 excitedly shared their reunion stories and plans for the next Homecoming. The 2017 Class Rep meeting will be in the fall. Please watch the Association website for place, date and time. It will also be announced at the 2017 AGM.

Archives/Museum Update

A Summary of Emma Prescott's Reports at AGMs

The work of the HSC Archives/Museum falls into a number of categories. In addition to the standard archival work of acquiring, appraising, arranging, describing and answering reference questions, I am also tasked with writing grants as well as various outreach activities.

In 2014-2015, we received 97 acquisitions and answered 59 reference questions. Successful grant applications allowed us to hire a student, work with film and video collection acquired from Bio-Medical Communications in 2009, and to hire a museum registrar to create a collection development process for the museum side of the Archives/Museum. Although we had many outreach initiatives in 2015, our biggest exhibit was the installation of the **Heritage Way**. This was a multi-year initiative funded solely by a grateful patient, Virginia Phillips, who was injured in 1925 when she jumped from a window to escape the Casa Loma apartment fire. Virginia spent 8 months recovering at WGH and left her entire estate to WGH in 2001. Heritage Way images from the HSC Archives/Museum showcase the 140-year history of HSC.

In 2015-2016, we received 117 acquisitions and answered 49 reference questions. Outreach initiatives included many HSC publications, various historic events and exhibits in the "Heritage Window" (in H wing food court, formerly the cafeteria). This included a donated silver tea set which was presented to Bertha Pullen on her retirement. The big display this year (located in the MS2 display case) was in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the laundry services. Successful grant applications enabled us to re-hire our summer student who reviewed records created to educate nurses, with significant help from Mary Bueckert and Sharon Tschikota. This information is now on line. In addition, grant monies resulted in arranging for conservation work to be done on a select number of reel to reel films which we had in our collection. This included a set of 4 films about the Maternity Pavilion, from which a selection of footage may be used in the 2017 celebration of the move from the 1950 Women's Hospital to the new building on William Avenue.

Finally, we will be receiving the first grant from the **Endowment Fund**. HSC has agreed to match these funds with an additional \$5000 with plans to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Intensive Care Unit. The project will include 1) to research and digitize the content of photos and

records related to then ICU, 2) to put this content on-line, and 3) to conduct an oral history project with anyone with a personal connection to ICUs. Please contact the Archivist 204 787 1170 or hscarchives@hsc.mb.ca to share your ICU stories. More stories make the history richer.

Archive volunteers needed: Are you a history buff? Interested in volunteering in the archives? Have library skills? Help is needed to work with the Alumni volunteers on the Library Collection Wednesdays from 11 - 3.

***Support Your Association – Volunteer Time
Make a Donation to Our Funds***

Volunteers are always welcome to serve on our Executive. There are 4 meetings a year. Each term is only a two year commitment. This is the only way we can keep our Association and Homecomings alive. Contact our Nominating Committee now.

How do you support the Association financially?

Our Funds – The **General Fund** and the **Jubilee Memorial Fund** both need your help!

▪ The **General Fund** uses monies to conduct meetings, pay for the newsletter, keep in touch with the chapters and plan ahead for the homecoming. Our GICs are slowly dwindling. Annual memberships are few and not regularly renewed. Most of us have life membership (no fees).

To make a **donation to the General Fund** please write a cheque to the Nurses Alumni Association of the WGH/HSC, note the donation is for the general fund and send it to the Treasurer, Nurses Alumni Assoc. WGH/HSC NA 138- 700 McDermot Avenue, Wpg., MB R3E 0T2 (*perhaps renew your annual membership at the same time*). You will receive a receipt and our thanks.

▪ The **Jubilee Memorial Fund** was established so alumni members could honour deceased classmates and/or celebrate special class event and reunions. It is a registered charitable fund with Canada Revenue. It supports the annual Jubilee Memorial Lecture at the Homecoming and the HSC Archives/Museum. Monies not required for the Lecture are transferred to the Archives/Museum Collection Endowment Fund managed by the HSC Foundation. Between 2010 and 2015 the Association transferred \$10,750.00 to the Archives / Museum Endowed Fund. There will be about another \$1000.00 to transfer Fall of 2016.

To make a **donation to the Jubilee Memorial Fund** write a cheque to The Jubilee Memorial Fund and send to the Jubilee Memorial Fund, Nurses Alumni Assoc. WGH/HSC, NA 138-700 McDermot Ave, WPG., MB R3E 0T2. You will receive a Revenue Canada Charitable receipt; plus your donation and "In Memory of" will be recognized in the Jubilee Memorial book in the Archives/Museum. An acknowledgment letter will be sent to your deceased classmate's family if you include the family's name and address.

▪ **The Archives/Museum Collection Endowment Fund Good News!** The Archives/Museum Collection Endowment Fund has a balance of \$290,728.68 as of Sept. 21, 2016. The 2015 ASK letter generated over \$1500.00 and the 2016 ASK over \$4000.00. Thank you to all. The final ASK letter

of a 5 year campaign to the classes celebrating a 5th reunion will be mailed in April 2017. We still need to grow this Fund however we do need to focus on supporting our General and Jubilee Memorial Funds.

If you do wish to support the Archives/Museum Endowed Fund do make your cheque out to the HSC Foundation and note on it "For Archives/Museum Endowed Fund". Send *directly* to the HSC Foundation, PW 112-700 William Ave., WPG R3E 0Z3. Note this new address!

Home Comings 2015 & 2016

One venue for all Homecoming Events is good. Groups did arrange tours of the archives/museum. Virtual Tours allow us to keep up to the many changes at the Hospital. It is also a good opportunity to meet the HSC VP of Nursing, Cathy Doerksen Class 1982, as she has talked us through the tours. The Lectures have been really informative - Do try and attend.

2015 & 2016 Homecoming Dinners at CanadInns Polo Park were excellent thanks to the detailed attention given by the Homecoming Committee and Linda Pastetnik 1972B. As done in the past, the 2016 Centenary Class was piped in by our new Honorary Member George Morrison. 276 dinners were served in 2015; and 271 in 2016. It is great to see more members from the 1980 and 1990 classes celebrating reunions with us. Numbers are down though, hence the idea of opening the dinner to members' invited guests.

Attendees from 5th Reunion Years at the 2015 & 2016 Homecoming Dinners

2015		2016	
(75 rd) 1940	1	(76 th) 1940	1
(70 th) 1945	2	(70 th) 1946	8
(65 th) 1950 A & B	6	(65 th) 1951 A & B	9
(60 th) 1955 A & B	29	(60 th) 1956 A & B	34
(55 th) 1960 A & B	52	(55 th) 1961 A & B	49
(50 th) 1965	59	(50 th) 1966	38
(45 th) 1970	33	(45 th) 1971	35
(40 th) 1975	34	(40 th) 1976	35
(35 th) 1980	11	(35 th) 1981	9
(30 th) 1985	0	(30 th) 1986	3
(25 th) 1990	7	(25 th) 1991	20

We acknowledge Class and individual donations to Alumni Funds made during the 2015 and 2016 Home coming events.

Jubilee Memorial Fund: 2015: Class 1965 to celebrate their 50th and in memory of their deceased classmates; 1960B Class to celebrate their 55th.

2016: Class 1966 to celebrate their 50th and in memory of deceased classmates. Melita Codrington (Taylor) Class 1951 to celebrate her 65th, her nursing education and career. Melita travelled from Florida to be with her 1951 class mates. Hope Fairfield Wilmot Class 1961 B to celebrate her 55th and the Alumni.

Archives/Museum Collection Endowment Fund:

Please accept our appreciation if your class made a donation during the 2015 Homecoming.

2016: Class 1971 to celebrate their 45th and in memory of classmates; Class 1961A in memory of deceased classmates

during their 55th; Class 1956A in celebration of their 60th reunion; Lori Taylor Grose in memory of her Mother, Margaret (Peggy) Taylor Class of 1951; HLM Betty Daniels, Class 1948B, of Edmonton, to celebrate the Alumni and her 68th Reunion. The White Cross Guild made a \$1000.00 donation after their May 2016 AGM. The HSC Archives/Museum houses their records too. Many thanks to all!

2015 Homecoming: Class of 1955B – 60th Reunion

Our 60th! 15 of us met and caught up on happenings in our lives. Best wishes notes from class mates families and others



as well as picture albums from past reunions and WGH treasures were donated to the archives. All received a DVD

with pictures from past reunions. Memories! The class party, held at Betty Anne's, prepared and served by two nurse friends, was grand! The Home-coming Dinner gave us the opportunity to visit with other classes. Submitted by Joann, Jean and Betty Class 1955B

2016 Homecoming

Class of 1956B 60th Reunion. 23 classmates traveled from near and far to rekindle friendships and share memories from the past. A buffet reception was held on Wed eve at the University Women's Club – with lots of laughter and hugging as we recalled residence life. We fondly remembered those who were unable to be with us. The virtual tour of the WGH/HSC complex showed the many changes which have occurred since we worked on the busy wards and ran through the tunnels. Visits to the Archives / Museum room and or the Cdn Human Rights Museum were made. All attended the Homecoming Dinner. It was a great reunion! We cherish our memories together at WGH. See you again in 5 years! Donna Iliffe (56B)

1961A 55th Anniversary Reunion



As with every reunion, our class members were excited and happy to come together to celebrate. We had Kitchenette night, a tour of the Zoo, of the CHRM, 2 lunches, dinner with spouses and the Home coming events. This reunion

had its bittersweet side for us, as Kathy Loughead Boyd from BC had emergency surgery Sunday, then a 10 day hospital stay before flying home. She is now well. All good! Esther McKenty

1961B 55th Reunion 35 joined in the celebrations: Scooter and her Co-Hostesses entertained us Thursday evening at a traditional Kitchenette. Friday we toured the Archives/Museum and the Heritage Way. The Homecoming Dinner, always enjoyable, culminated with the nostalgic Roll



Rights, and later dinner. Sunday we bade farewell at Brunch vowing to reassemble for our 60th in 2021...or perhaps earlier! *Margaret Steele*

Class of 1966 50th Reunion!

2016 was a celebration of friendships that have lasted 50 years. We're probably not the first class to say "it doesn't seem like that long!" It was wonderful to see Grace and Pauline who have not attended for many years. Events



included the alumni luncheon, a wine and cheese party, lunch at Prairie 360, the homecoming dinner and a tour of the CMHR. Our thanks to our three B.C. classmates who made caps for us to wear to the dinner. All events were filled with the happy noise of visiting and "catching up". *Sandra Romano 1966*

Class of 1971 45th Reunion



45 classmates attended our 45th reunion, coming from all over Canada and the United States. Class events included reconnecting and reminiscing on Thurs evening at the

Viscount Gort Hotel. Our bartender graciously took the attached picture – with our class mascot proudly front and centre. Classmates also met before the Homecoming Dinner – and then enjoyed dinner and the events of the evening. Our Class was proud to donate \$525 to the HSC Archives / Museum Endowment Fund – to help celebrate our nursing history and the future of healthcare at HSC. We all look forward to our 50th Reunion in 2021! *Kathy Hamelin 1971*

1976 Class 40th Reunion



Our 40th began with 12 attending the Meeting lunch and lecture. This was followed by a reunion dinner at Tony Roma's where 23 of us reminisced and shared many a laugh about the "good old " days. On

Friday, 22 of us "Journeyed to Churchill" and lunched at the Qualico Center. On Friday evening 36 classmates met for our Class Wine and Cheese before attending the

Homecoming Dinner. On Saturday, 25 met for lunch at The Gates on Roblin where we all agreed that our memories of the Class of 1976 become more cherished with time. Classmates travelled from all over Canada, with greetings, updates sent from those unable to attend. We are all looking forward to our 45th in 2021. *Corin Raine 1976 Class Rep*

Class of 1991: 25th Reunion. About 20 people attended. It was great to reminisce about the good old days! We would like to thank our class Rep Donna Olynyk for making our 25th reunion extra



special. Donna made name tags for all attendees using our yearbook picture and she provided each of us at the reunion with a small bottle of champagne. It really did make the night super special! *Marilyn Muir*

Jubilee Memorial Lectures 2015 & 2016

2015 Lecture: "Transforming Palliative Care for those with Dementia in Long-Term Care" Presented by Dr. Genevieve Thompson RN. Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Manitoba.

The majority of Canadians in long-term care are the frail elderly over the age of 80 and dementia is one of the most distressing and burdensome health problems within this population. Previous research has highlighted the vulnerability of this population. This presentation discussed the complexities in providing care near the end of life to this population, focusing on the role of nurses deemed expert in providing quality palliative care in this setting. This presentation generated much discussion among Alumni members.

2016 Lecture "Technology: Oh How Things Have Changed"! Presented by Dr. Brenda Stutsky RN, MScN, EdS, PhD., Dir. Org and Staff development Northern Health Region.

Brenda took us on a travel through time-from the earliest computers (occupying rooms) to the chips we wear on wrists, or carry in tablets. Oh, how things have changed indeed!

In Memorium 2015 & 2016

The Nurses' Alumni Association extends its condolences to the family and friends of the following Alumni
Deaths reported as of May 15, 2015.

- 1940 Brown, Eva Isobel
- 1941 Beamish, Mary (Weekes)
- 1942 Goodman, Shirley (Anderson); Gulliver, Helen (Voss); Barnett, Catherine (Shields)
- 1944 Boyd, Merle (Pringle)
- 1945 Caldwell, Kathleen (Wallace); Wade, Nancy (McMillan)
- 1946A Braun, Lydia
- 1946 Grant, (Bobbie) Robina (MacLeod)

1947 McClean, Patricia (Prude)
1948 Pangrass, Catherine (Jackson)
1949 Fulford, Dorothy (Whitworth)
1950 Gow, Winona (Rooke)
1950 Sinclair, Vivian (Ellerley);
 McKenzie, Kathleen (Combs)
1952 Ingimundson, Verna Mae (Swanson)
1952B Shepherd, Ann (Williams)
1953B Martinsons, Aina (Osins)
1953 Donnelly, Dorothy (Rodgers)
1955 Hagan, Nancy (Steedsman);
 Armstrong, Patricia (Morgan);
 Decock, Laverne Frances (Briese)
1955A Cairns, Beryl (Erlendson)
1956 Lukas, Lillian (Loochuk)
1957A Jaques, Evelyn, (Osachuk)
1958 Dunthorne, Arlene (Reeks)
1959 Moody, Nancy Mavis; Kiendl, Beverly (Smith)
1960 Meadus Avis (Mootoo)
1961A McLean, Millie Lynn (Melville)
1962B Snelling, Velma (Green)
1964 Rayter, Margaret (Conbrough)
1965 Amiss, Lois (Welsh)
1966 Smullen, Connie (McGrath)
1969 Eiler, Pamela (Thompson); Klassen, Dale (Gall)
1985 Grant, Robina Claire (MacLeod)
 Deaths reported as of May 1, 2016
1941 Beamish, Mary
1945 Crowe, Audrey (Jacob)
1946 Thomas, Evelyn May
1948 Holt, Molly (Pickarsky)
1949 Ellis, Norma (McLeod) ; McKeag, Dawn (Campbell)
1949A Godard, Mary Elizabeth; Young, Frances
 (Patterson); Bursley, Constance (Cure)
1951 Leonard, Muriel (Shewfelt)
1951 A Taylor, Margaret (Woods)
1952 DeFrang, Marilyn (Hamer);
 Shepherd, Helen (Williams)
1953 Turnley, Frances Ruth (Munn) ;
 Campbell, Joyce (Fleming)
1954 Anger, Geraldine (Schoepp)
1955 Crocker, Nancy Mae (Caswell); Kitson Hope
 Gwendoline (Olson)
1956 Stanger, Marlisle Ila (Kittle);
 Wilcox, Winnifred (DeWit)
1958 Tint Bayla (Serchuk)
1958A Hawkins Beverley A.(Calwell)
1960B Cooper, Barbara Jean (Killoh)
1961B Goodman, Beth (Diamond) ;
 Melnyk, Gwen (Fletcher)
1962B Dallinger, Carole Ann (Wood)
1972B Archer, Linda (Smyth)
1984 Andrew, Dianne
Hon Member Peter Swerhone Summer, 2016
 Membership Convenor Gail Hazlitt (1973)

2015 & 2016 AGM Reports

Note: All reports have been edited. Full reports are available in the Archives and upon request.

Highlights of the President's Report 2014-2015

Brenda Smith (1984)

As my 2-year term as president ends, I would like to acknowledge and celebrate the following:

-Our Class Reps: for their important role in communicating to classmates and creating group emails for this purpose;
-Linda Pastetnik: our gatekeeper who ensures all classes receive accurate information for upcoming Alumni events;
-the Archives/Museum Endowment Fund: which is thriving due to the generosity of many through our "ASK" campaign and through the generosity of Dolly Gembey; and
-the Class of '69 who successfully piloted receiving the Alumni Newsletter by email in 2014 – 2015.

I am proud to have worked with an Ad hoc Committee to review and recommend a succession plan for the Jane A Malcolm Bursary Fund and the Viola Leadlay Continuing Education Fund. This will guide a future Executive when and if the Association is no longer viable to ensure that both Bursaries support nursing education into the future.

I am also proud to bestow the honor of Honorary President upon Phyllis Schwartz (1954), and Joan Miller (55A), both of whom have contributed greatly to the Alumni Association. In addition, Helen Bolton-Elliott (1940) will join our esteemed group of Honorary Life Members.

I come away from this role with many new friends, warm memories, and the experience of true sisterhood with the Alumni members. I pass the torch to incoming President Julie Halipchuk (1974). Julie presented Brenda with a **WGH/HSC silver spoon** as a memento of her 2 years as Alumni President.

Highlights of the President's Report 2015-2016

Julie Halipchuk (1997)

It has been a wonderful year of learning for me in my first year as President of your Alumni. Meeting our members has been the highlight and I am in awe as I continue to learn how many nurses had their start here at the Winnipeg General Hospital or the Health Sciences Centre schools of nursing. Did you know that **Myrna Driedger**, recently named Speaker of the Manitoba Legislature, had her start in nursing in WGH class of 1972? Whether or not you are still employed as nurses, I am sure that you still proudly identify as a nurse and as a graduate of our fine school of nursing.

The Alumni work is accomplished by a team of dedicated alumni, who keep the Alumni moving steadily ahead. Despite no new members coming into the Alumni and the unfortunate loss of others, your executive continues to ensure the best interests of their membership. This incredible Executive keeps me on task and learning.

In addition to maintaining a current complement of Executive positions, our constitution also supports the appointment of **Honorary Presidents**, bestowed upon a graduate of the WGH/HSC SON, who has contributed to the growth of our Association. This year we are pleased to recognize **Patricia Chuckmala** (1951A) as our Honorary President for 2016-2018.

We also have **3 honorary members** invited to join us this year in recognition for their valued partnerships and support of our Alumni. They include **Emma Prescott** (HSC Archivist), **George Morrison** (Piper), and HSC Printing Dept, **Rodney Sherwin & Karen Debeneditis** attended.

A successful class rep meeting was held last November. Reps gathered to discuss, share stories and generate momentum and passion for our Alumni. There was much discussion around switching the distribution of the newsletter to an email format versus a mailed paper copy. **Julie welcomed all class reps in attendance to stand & be recognized.** She noted that the class reps carry a large responsibility in liaising membership with executive, creating conversations to maintain membership and keeping the Alumni going.

The Viola Leadlay Education Fund continues to provide financial support for nurses both through the hospital's continuing education funds as well as for alumni members through the Alumni's education committee. This Fund has now become an endowed fund with the HSC Foundation, which allows people to donate through the HSC Foundation. I am very grateful to Donna Meder, Margot Christie and Marilyn Muir for their persistence in this lengthy process that resulted in this agreement. Thank you all!

Margaret Steele continues to do an amazing job of keeping our executive positions filled, by enticing Alumni to become a part of the fun and action. Many positions will become open next year, including the Vice President and the Jubilee Memorial Fund treasurer. Please talk to any of us if you are interested in working with the Executive and helping us keep the Alumni strong.

We have had much discussion about our newsletter this year. It remains a very important communication tool to keep members informed of Alumni happenings. To lessen increasing production and distribution costs we must consider electronic distribution and posting on our website. Please speak to your class reps or Executive member about your thoughts on newsletter distribution OR if you'd like to become involved with the newsletter.

On that note, I will conclude my president's report as I wrap up my 1st year of learning and say that I am very much looking forward to the year ahead!

Summary of Chapter Correspondent's Report 2015 & 2016

Executive meetings, information about Homecoming 2015, and updates on the newsletter were sent to all Chapters in **Oct 2014 and April 2015**. Chapter members were encouraged to access the website for more information. All Chapters continue to meet and welcome new alumni who reside in their area. Information was circulated to the Chapters this year by email in **September 2015** and by regular mail in **March, 2016**. Minutes of the Executive Meetings & Class Rep Meeting and the Archives Annual Newsletter were sent. **Alumni members are welcome to contact Chapter Presidents/Coordinators through Alumni Contact Info (See Page 1) for information about meetings in their communities.**

Carol Galbraith (1967) Chapter Correspondent

Edmonton Chapter: Rep: Darlene Smith

11 members met for lunch in March 2016 - a great mix of active members, those connecting for the first time and graduates who spanned from the class of 1948 to 1969. We

try to maintain informal contact by attending "life events" as they arise. We are very proud to call our Chapter home to 2 Honorary Life Members, Betty Daniels and Berniece Gildner, Class of 1948B.

Victoria Chapter Report Rep: Anne Kennedy

We meet 3 times annually. There has been little change in our membership roster. Once again a \$100.00 donation has been sent to the Archives.

Okanagan Chapter Report: Rep: Sharon O'Shaughnessy
Fifteen to 18 members meet twice a year for lunch.

Graduation years range from 1953 to 1984. Last October, we shared heart-warming stories about the "patient we can never forget". This May, we heard from a presentation from The Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of B.C on "Dealing with Stress". We acknowledged the 55th milestone anniversary of member Gloria Peitsch and the 45th anniversary of several other members.

Calgary Chapter Report: Rep: Danielle Swerhone

The Calgary Chapter meets regularly with 20-30 alumni. Fall 2014, "one of our own" came to speak to us. Dr. Debra Isaac graduated from HSC SON in 1997 before becoming a Physician. She is currently the Director of the Cardiac Transplant Clinic at the Foothills Hospital in Calgary. Deb gave a terrific presentation on the work she is doing in Guyana to help local physicians diagnose and treat heart disease - while visiting with former classmates that evening. Another great evening is planned for the fall, 2016. All grads (working or retired) are welcome to attend these fun and educational evenings.

Treasurer's Report 2015 and 2016 AGMs

In 2014 our revenue was \$23,385 and expenses were \$23,405. In 2015 our revenue was \$25,828 and expenses were \$21,970. Revenue from memberships in 2014 was \$950 and in 2015 was \$1,060. General donations in 2014 totaled \$645 and in 2015 were \$421. The total value of our GICs at the end of 2015 is \$27,208. We are dependent upon members to pay their annual dues and on donations from Alumni. As we age and have more Life Members we have less income. Memberships and donations are essential to our survival. *Kate Tate, Treasurer*

Jubilee Memorial Fund Reports 2014-15; 2015-2016

This report is a summary. The audited statements are available upon request. .

The Fund, a registered Canadian charitable fund (BN # 890598964 RR0001), supports both the Association's annual Jubilee Memorial Lecture and the Archives/ Museum. Fiscal year Jan1 - Dec 31 All donors and In Memoriums are recorded in the Jubilee Memorial Fund Book located in the Archives/Museum. On behalf of the Alumni Association Executive I wish to thank all those who donated to this Fund over the past year (s). In the fall of 2014 the Association, in partnership with the HSC Archives/Museum, received a \$10,000.00 Winnipeg Foundation Community Grant #2014 - 2017 for 400 hours of museum curatorial work in the HSC Archives Museum. A Museum artifacts collection Procedure Manual and some cataloguing of museum items form 2010 -

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2012 were completed January 2016. The JMF Treasurer paid the wages to the contract museum registrar.

Dec 31, 2014 Fund Balance was	<u>\$1920.05</u>
Donations received in Jan- Dec 2015	\$1200.91
2015 Expenses: Lecture	\$350.00
Transfer to HSCF Archives/Museum Fund	\$1000.00
Dec 31, 2015 Fund Balance	<u>\$1743.08</u>
Donations rec/d as of Sept 31/16 -	\$2301.53
2016 Expenses – 2016 Lecture	\$350.00

Other expenses in both years, stamps and bank management Fees \$2.50/month. In 2010 the Executive moved that the Fund retain 3 years lecture costs at all times and excess monies over the \$1500.00 would then be moved to the archives/ Museum Collection Endowment Fund. This meets the CRA Spending requirement. A transfer will be made prior to year end 2016. Each year a Registered Charity Tax Return (due 6 months after year end) has been submitted to Canada Revenue Agency.

Donna Meder (1961) JMF Treasurer 2012 -2016

Newsletter Committee Report:

2014 Newsletter Report *Convenor Kristen Valeri (1993)*
1400 Newsletters sent in February 2015. Total cost was \$1954.50. Thank you to the class of 69' for positive feedback related to emailing the newsletter to classmates.

2015 – 2016 Newsletter Report:

The newsletter remains a very important communication tool amongst Alumni members. We want it to continue. To both decrease cost and widen distribution, electronic distribution / posting on our website must be considered. Can you help?

The **2015-2016 Newsletter** will be sent by email to alumni members who have provided their email addresses to their class reps. Mailed copies will be sent to the others. **For the 2017 Newsletter**, please send photos or write-ups to us by **September 15, 2017** through the Alumni contact info (See page 1). Ideas and volunteers for Newsletter welcomed.

2014 – 2015 Education Committee Report

The Education Committee met twice during the 2014-2015 year. During this period the Nurses' Alumni Association awarded a total amount of \$31 300. Recipients were:

Viola Leadlay: Rhonda Thorkelsson, Joyce Kristjansson, Angeline Wieler, Cornelio Castro, Marilyn Muir, Cathy Ferguson, Jannell Plouffe, Shelley Ringland. **Jane A Malcolm:** Shelley André, Leslie Barker, Cynthia Boughen, Laura Johnson, Maureen MacDonald, Julie Moseley, Marilyn Muir, Martha Ross, Cathy Rippin-Sisler, Kristen Valeri. *Convenor Marilyn Muir 1991 RN C Neph (C)*

2015 – 2016 Education Committee Report:

The Education Committee met once during the 2015-2016 year. Jane A. Malcolm applications are reviewed once per year in the fall and Viola Leadlay applications twice yearly in spring and fall. No Viola Leadlay applications were received for review at the spring meeting.

Jane A. Malcolm Bursary and the Viola Leadlay

Continuing Education Funds: The funds for the Jane A. Malcolm bursary continue to be managed by the Winnipeg Foundation, and the Viola Leadlay continuing education

fund is now managed by the Health Sciences Centre Foundation.

During 2015-2016 the Nurses' Alumni Association awarded a total amount of **\$29 000**, which included: \$28 000 awarded through the Jane A. Malcolm Bursary Fund, 2 Baccalaureate applicants, 3 Master's applicants, 3 Doctoral applicants. \$1000 awarded for Viola Leadlay (the funds were used from the Jane A Malcolm fund) Recipients were:

Viola Leadlay: Janice Labarre, Cynthia Murray, Linda Tabin, Lana Penner, Angeline Wieler.

Jane A Malcolm Bursary: Shelley André, Leslie Barker, Laura Johnson, Marilyn Muir, Martha Ross, Cathy Rippin-Sisler, Katherine Tate, Kristen Valeri.

The Education Committee has received many cards and notes of appreciation from recipients of both the Jane A. Malcolm bursaries and the Viola Leadlay Continuing Education Fund, in recognition and appreciation for the generosity of the Alumni.

Other Business

1. The values of the awards for the Jane A. Malcolm Fund remain unchanged from last year: • Baccalaureate Degree - up to \$12,000; • Master's Degree - up to \$20,000 ; • Doctoral degree - up to \$25,000 2.
2. The spending rate for the Jane A Malcolm fund for 2015 was 4.2%. It is expected to increase to 4.4% in 2016. The Winnipeg Foundation is always welcoming donations to this endowment fund. December 31, 2015 value of the Jane A. Malcolm endowment fund: \$799,683.50
3. The availability of the Alumni's educational funds has been communicated to date in the Alumni Journal, the HSC Nursing Newsletter, the HSC Nursing Website and the Manitoba RN Journal. This year Information about the Alumni's educational funding opportunities was included in the Class Rep letter and will be available at the Alumni's Annual General Meeting and the Alumni website.
4. The terms of reference for our education committee were reviewed April 2015, with no changes. The Viola Leadlay and Jane A Malcolm application forms and accompanying policies were reviewed and revised April 2014.
5. I had the opportunity to do a radio interview for the Winnipeg Foundation River City 360 series which aired June 21/15 on the Winnipeg Foundation radio station 93.7 CJNU FM. This was a chance to discuss the importance of continuing education, highlight the beautiful history of alumni and promote the successes of our many alumni members, particularly those supported by our two education funds. *Convenor Marilyn Muir 1991 RN C Neph (C)*

Council of Women of Winnipeg

The WGH/HSC Nursing Alumni is one of the very early "federates" of the Council of Women of Winnipeg (CWW). Alumni Members are invited to attend meetings, become members of CCW and submit concerns they have about the City that CWW can present to City Council. WEBSITE: <http://councilofwomen-winnipeg.ca> *Alumni Rep to CWW – Pat Powell*

2015 & 2016 Website Report Summaries

Website: wghhscnursingalumni.com
Email: wghhsc.nursingalumni@gmail.com
Web pages are updated as required. Alumni members are using the website to report address changes, to request contact information for classmates, to get in touch with alumni executive or to discover the name of their class rep. It is a great to see this happen. Changes and requests for information were directed to the conveners concerned. If anyone is interested in managing the website / offering their expertise in this area, please contact me through the Alumni Contact info (Page 1). *Karen Rodgers 1991 Webmaster*

Membership Reports

Gail Hazlitt 1973 Membership Convenor

As of May 15, 2015 : 7243 Members in the database 1501 Life Members, 5 Annual paid members, and 9 Honorary Life Members.

As of May 2016: 7249 Members in the database (2925 listed as deceased), **1480 Life Members, Honorary Life Members (10)** Audrey Lay, Gwen Fletcher, Patricia Edward, Anne Crossin, Agnes Comack, Betty Mae Daniels, Margaret Steele, Bernice Gildner, Marnie Karlberg, Helen Bolton-Elliott, 3 Annual Members, and **Honorary Members (15)** Genevieve Swerhone, Carol Hogue, Diane Smaluk, Jeannette Rewucki, Helga Bryant, Tom McCormack, Susan Van DeVelde-Coke, Joan Jenkins, Christian Press, Alice Sparrow, John Horne, Edith Svanhill, Valerie Buschau, Diane Haglund; Rilla Edward.

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**.

Paid annual or life members of the Alumni are eligible for funding assistance. 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

Application Forms for either fund may be obtained by:

- 1. Writing:** The Convener, Education Committee, Nurses' Alumni Association of the WGH & HSC c/o NA 138-700 McDermot Ave. Winnipeg Manitoba R3E 0T2 or email wgh.hscnursingalumni@gmail.com
- 2. HSC website:** www.hsc.mb.ca/nursing and click on "Funding Opportunities"
- 3. Alumni website:** wghhscnursingalumni.com

Deadline dates for application are:

1. Jane A. Malcolm Bursary – September 30 of each year.
2. Viola Leadlay Continuing Education – March 31st & September 30th of each year.

Time to Renew Your Membership?

**Nurses' Alumni Association of the WGH / HSC
MEMBERSHIP FORM**

* Life Membership is automatic when you have paid the Life membership fee of \$200 or when the 50 yr anniversary of your graduation has been reached (Jubilee Year).

* If you currently have Active/Life membership and you wish to donate to Alumni activities, it is essential that you identify your intended Fund.

* Membership fee amounts and donation options are identified below. **Each requires a separate cheque.**

NAME _____

NAME AT GRADUATION _____

Grad Year _____

ADDRESS _____

City _____ Prov/State. _____

Postal/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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, Manitoba R3E 0T2

Following submission of dues you will receive a "membership card" identifying you as a member in "good standing" of the Alumni. An Annual Newsletter will be mailed to your address if dues are paid by September 30 unless you indicate otherwise. Postal authorities recommend the use of cheques or money orders when sending funds.

Cheque payable to Nurses' Alumni Assoc. WGH/HSC

Membership Fees:

\$25.00 Annual Dues \$200.00 Life Membership

DONATION Options:

A. Archives / Museum Endowed Fund

Amount \$ _____. Please make *cheque payable to HSC Foundation and use memo line to direct the cheque to the Archives/Museum Collection Endowment Fund*. Tax receipt will be issued. *Send to HSCF, PW 112-700 William Ave, WPG, MB R3E 0Z3*

B. Jubilee Memorial Fund (Lecture & Archives)

Amount \$ _____. Please make *cheque payable to Jubilee Memorial Fund*. Tax receipt will be issued.

C. General Funds Amount \$ _____ *Cheque payable to Nurses' Alumni Assoc. WGH/HSC*. Tax receipt cannot be issued.

Newsletter (Please check your preference):

I wish to receive a Newsletter. Yes No

See you at the 2017 Homecoming! Our Association's 113th Anniversary. Happy Holidays and New Year Everyone!