



Nurses Alumni Association of the WGH/HSC

Winter 2018 News



Welcome to the 2017-18 edition of our newsletter. As someone new to doing the newsletter, I have a whole new appreciation for all those before me who put out the journal and then the newsletter. Thank you to mentors Donna Meder and Kathy Hamelin for their help as well as committee members Esther McKenty, and Carol Galbraith and all the many others who contributed to this newsletter.

If you are reading this in hard copy form, our apologies for the small print and black and white pictures. It is a big cost saving measure to limit the newsletter to 10 pages and print in black and white. If you are reading this on a computer screen, I hope an enlarged view is easier to read and you will make use of all the links for additional information about the Alumni, ICU & Renal program 50th anniversary celebrations and about Agnes Comack, class of 1943, who writes about her nursing career.

The thought of this going out to more than 2000 alumni around the world is quite astounding. It is so special that we can stay connected this way. But communication needs to be two way so we hope to hear back from you with your comments and suggestions (see the contact information below). Enjoy reading about the Alumni and HSC happenings!

Submitted by Cheryl Chesney, Newsletter Convener

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: <http://wghhscnursingalumni.com> Click on the links for new website and newsletter

Alumni Executive Meeting Dates – 2018

January 24, March 21, September 26, November 28
Place: CRNM 890 Pembina Hwy, Winnipeg Time: 7pm to 9pm
May 24 & 25, 2018 - AGM, Lecture, Luncheon, Homecoming Dinner.

Class Rep. Meeting - 2018

Sat., October 20, 2-4:00 pm at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 637 Buckingham Rd., Winnipeg

HOMECOMING 2018

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 2018 Homecoming Events take place at *CanadInn Destination Centre, Polo Park, 1405 St. Matthews Ave, Winnipeg, MB Phone #204 775 8791*

Thursday, May 24, 2018

09:00 a.m. **AGM**
10:30 a.m. **Jubilee Memorial Lecture** No Charge
12:00 Noon **Luncheon** Cost \$30.00 per person
1:15 p.m. **Virtual Tour** of HSC campus
Archives/Museum Tour – Group tours to be arranged through Class rep well before the Homecoming

Friday, May 25, 2018 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 14, 2018. There will be no ticket sales by mail after this date. Cash accepted only if picking up tickets in person. Contact Linda Pastetnik, Dinner Convener, to arrange this. Make your cheque or money order (Canadian Funds only) payable to: WGH/HSC. Nurses' Alumni Assoc. 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.

Please 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,, 1048 Burrows Ave., Winnipeg MB, R2X 0S1
*If the order is for more than 10 tickets please ensure postage on the return envelope is adequate. Reunion years are encouraged to order tickets in blocks & more than 20 tickets should be picked up in person from Linda, ph. 204- 633 3344. Leave a message and if your call has not been returned in 72 hours, please call again or E-mail: lpast@mymts.net.
Please note: There are no refunds if you do not attend the events.

Thank you

Alumni members can book guest rooms & Class hospitality rooms at the hotel **Group Block Reservation # 250316 until April 23/18**. Please note 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. Also please note: No guest rooms are available for the weekend; the hotel will arrange stays (and shuttle) at other CanadInns in Winnipeg. Anecdotes or tidbits for the Dinner Roll call can be sent by email to Linda or President Kathy Hamelin. Formal class pictures are not available.

Future Homecoming dates: 2019 - May 30 & 31;
2020 - May 28 & 29; 2021 - May 27 & 28

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 2017 - 2018

Honorary Presidents:

Patricia Chuckmala 1951A
Dorothy Dunham 1952A

Past President:

Julie Halipchuk 1997

President:

Kathy Hamelin 1971

Vice President:

Bev Laurila 1972B

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Nelia Chlopecki 1983

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Pat Powell 1959B

Archivist Emeritus:

Anne Crossin 1957

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Homecoming Convener:

Linda Pastetnik 1972B

Education Convener:

Marilyn Muir 1991

Jubilee Memorial Lecture Convener:

Julie Halipchuk 1997

Membership Convener:

Gail Hazlitt 1973

Friendship Convener:

Marian Ulyatt 1968

Chapter Correspondent:

Carol Galbraith 1967

Representative to Council of Women of Winnipeg

Pat Powell 1959B

Nominating Committee:

Julie Halipchuk 1997

Margaret Steele 1961B

Communication/Newsletter Convener:

Cheryl Chesney 1972

Web Site Chair:

Karen Rodgers 1990

Archives/Museum Endowed Fund Co Convenors:

Margot Christie 1964

Donna Meder 1961

HSC Heritage Committee:

Kathy Hamelin 1971

Bev Laurila 1972B

Pat Powell 1959B

Donna Meder 1961



Kathy & Julie

2018 Jubilee Memorial Lecture

Thursday May 24, 2018 1030 am CanadInn Polo Park

From Caps and Capes to Computers:

Nursing is a Career of Possibilities

We are pleased to announce our 2018 Lecture will be presented by: **Brenda Laurie-Shaw, Class of 1973**. Now retired, Brenda has enjoyed a varied nursing career in clinical practice, education, consulting, research and administration. She will share some of her experiences as a nurse leader in the field of informatics and telehealth, lessons learned during SARS, and her hopes for the future of nursing.

Greetings from Alumni President

Kathy Hamelin (1971) 2017-2019

As I begin my first year as Alumni President, I am surrounded by a dedicated team of alumni members who keep me on task and tend to my learning needs. Although I have much to learn about the workings of the Alumni, its history and about you (the members), I promise to work hard to meet our Alumni goals and the needs of our members.

Our Alumni was established in 1904 to actively promote friendship and collegiality among members, to support members in their educational goals, and to preserve the rich history of nursing, and the WGH and HSC. **Communication** has always been a priority in helping the Alumni to meet these goals. Early Alumni communication was through publication and mailing of the **Alumni Journal**. In 2012, the Journal was replaced by a **Newsletter** mailed to all members annually. During that same year, the **Alumni website** was also born. We owe much gratitude to Karen Rodgers (1990) and her team for their hard work and determination that led to the development of this website and their ongoing efforts to maintain this important communication link. The **Alumni Newsletter** remains an important communication tool to keep members informed of Alumni happenings. We are most grateful to Cheryl Chesney ('72) for very recently taking on the vacant position of Newsletter Convener – and for working hard to get this 2018 Alumni Newsletter written and published. In 2016, the Alumni Newsletter was distributed by both email and Canada Post to 2072 members; the cost of both electronic and Canada Post distribution was many volunteer hours as well as **\$935** in postage. This year, the Alumni Executive made the decision to change the distribution of the Newsletter. All Class Reps with an email address will be notified that the Newsletter is posted on the website; a link will be included so that Class Reps can forward this information to their Classmates. Class Reps without an email address will be mailed several copies of the **Newsletter** to forward to Class members. We welcome feedback from Alumni members about this distribution format.

As President of the Association, I welcome communication/ideas from all Alumni members. Please send your feedback to me through our email address at wghhsc.nursingalumni@gmail.com. Or come to our Executive meetings (see dates on page 1 of this newsletter). Everyone is welcome!

I wish all of you the Very Best in 2018. See you at **our 114th Homecoming in May**.

HSC Archives/Museum has a website. Try it!

<http://www.hsc.mb.ca/HSCArchives.html>

To discover a catalogue of records for Nursing and other collections on line, *click on* <https://main.lib.umanitoba.ca/> then *click on* Repositories & then *click on* Medical Search on Health Sciences Centre Archives/Museum

Alumni Association News 2017 & 2018

❖ **In 2017 New Honorary President** Dorothy Dunham, Class of 1952A was welcomed. Dorothy and her classmates celebrated their 65th graduation anniversary in 2017. Dorothy joins Pat Chuckmala, 1951, who was appointed Honorary President in 2016. A warm thank you was given to outgoing Honorary President Joan Miller 1955A.

!In Memory of Sharon (Townsend) Tschikota-Class 1965



It is with great sadness that the Alumni announces the passing of Sharon Tschikota on September 2, 2017 in Winnipeg. Many will remember Sharon as a wonderful, warm nursing colleague. Sharon had many roles: a teacher/ lecturer in the WGH/HSC SON and in the University of Manitoba/Health

Sciences Centre Collaborative Baccalaureate Nursing Program; Class Advisor to WGH Class of 1973; a leader – as first year Coordinator in the HSC nursing education programs and with the Manitoba Association of Registered Nurses where she served first as a Voting member of the Eastman Region, then, as Representative on the Board and then, as the elected President of, first the Eastman Region of MARN, and then of MARN. She was a dedicated nurse who encouraged life-long nursing education and served as a mentor to many. Sharon also served as Education Convener on the Executive of the Alumni Assoc. Sharon will be missed and fondly remembered by all Alumni members who knew her.

❖ **WGH/HSC ICU 50th Anniversary Celebration**

On May 26, 2017 current and former staff gathered in the Annie Bond Room to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Intensive Care Unit (ICU). The ICU at the Winnipeg General Hospital (now HSC Winnipeg) officially opened on September 23, 1966. It was considered one of the most advanced and modern Intensive Care Units in the world at that time. Fast forward 50 years, and



Photo courtesy of HSC Archives/Museum

you'll find that view hasn't changed much. In addition to the Medical Intensive Care Unit / Coronary Care Unit,

there are now several specialized intensive care units at HSC, including Surgical Intensive Care, Intermediate Intensive Care, Pediatric Intensive Care, and Neonatal Intensive Care. All are committed to providing the best possible treatment for critically ill patients. Guests enjoyed reminiscing and sharing stories about their unique experiences working in critical care. Speakers included Darlene Foster, Class of 1958, HN in the first ICU, a five bed unit on GE2, who played a pivotal role in the planning of the ICU and worked with Dr. Rueben Cherniak; Dr. Luis Oppenheimer, Provincial Director of Patient Access, WRHA and a Professor in the Department of Surgery; Dr. Jodi Walker-Tweed, Critical Care Program Director, WRHA and Director of Patient Services, Critical Care; Kathy Hamelin, Vice-President, Nursing Alumni Association of WGH/HSC; Harvey Cramp, former Director

of Respiratory for HSC.

A commitment to patient care, innovation, and teamwork was the common thread that connected the speeches and shared stories. *Edited version of the HSC Focus article, June 23, 2017.* For the full Focus article, history, and oral histories, please go to:

<http://wghhscnursingalumni.weebly.com> and <https://hscarchives.com>

❖ **The Archives/Museum Collection Endowment Fund**, balance as of September 1, 2017 was **\$356,484.59**. This Fund, created by the Alumni to support the Archives/Museum in perpetuity, is managed by the Health Sciences Centre Foundation. **Thank you** to all who have donated to this Fund through the ASK campaign or planned giving – whether via monthly or estate donations. For the last 5 years each Class celebrating a 5th year reunion was asked to support this Endowed Fund. This “ASK” campaign, now ended, generated just under **\$20,000.00** for the Fund.

In 2017 the HSC Archives/Museum received a grant of \$10,000.00 from the Archives/Museum Collection Endowed Fund in support of two special projects as determined collaboratively by the Alumni Association and the HSC Archives/Museum. This is the second grant the Endowed Fund has generated for projects within the archives. The first grant supported the ICU project which was completed in the spring of 2017.

The 2017-2018 projects are:

(A) “*Remembering the Nursing Sisters*” who were graduates of Winnipeg General Hospital and Children’s Hospital Schools of Nursing who served during World War I.” This project includes indepth research about the nursing sisters, creation of online content including pictures, diaries, etc. and artifacts. An online exhibit (like the ICU exhibit) that tells their story based on the research completed will also be created. This four month project will begin in January 2018. A Manitoba Heritage Grant was also received to support this project.

(B) *Women’s Hospital Legacy Display* hiring a researcher/curator to complete comprehensive research about the history of the Women’s Hospital and identify content from HSC Archives/Museum, and possibly other sources, that could be digitized and included in an online thematic exhibit. Exhibit themes will be developed from input from a committee at Women’s Hospital. This project is expected to begin in 2018. Additional funding is being sought to support the project. To keep current on this project please check the alumni website <http://wghhscnursingalumni.com>, then click on the link to our new website: <http://wghhscnursingalumni.weebly.com>.

❖ **Memories from Agnes (Bardal) Comack Class of 1943**

Agnes (Bardal) Comack graduated from the Winnipeg General Hospital School of Nursing in 1943. She lives in Winnipeg, MB and will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of her graduation from the diploma nursing program in 2018.

In an article on our web site, Agnes presents the highlights of her nursing career, both as a WW II Nursing Sister and a civilian. Agnes includes a letter she wrote to her father in 1944 while nursing in Quebec; it provides poignant insight into that experience. To read the article, go to: <https://wghhscnursingalumni.weebly.com/newsletter.html>

❖ **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)

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 the web page, whichever is most appropriate. To send, see Alumni Association contact info (Page 1).

❖ **Class Rep Gathering October 21, 2017**

This year, 35 Class Reps., their designates and the Alumni Executive gathered to share Alumni news, comment on and raise concerns related to Alumni activities. Attendees from the class of '43 to '88 excitedly shared their reunion stories and plans for the next Homecoming. The 2018 Class Rep meeting will be on **Saturday, October 20, 2-4:00 pm at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 637 Buckingham Rd., Winnipeg.**

All Class Reps. please mark your calendars!

❖ **In Memory of Helen Mary Boulton-Elliott (1940),
Nov. 20, 1917-Dec. 6, 2017**

We were saddened to hear of Helen's passing just days after her "100th Birthday Bash/Party". Helen will



be remembered for her full engagement with life and the world. She was a regular attendee at Homecomings and very proud of being a member of the Alumni. In 2013 she was one of the Nominees for the YMCA Women of Distinction in recognition of her contributions to her community over the course of her then 95 years. In 2015 she was made a Honorary Life Member of the Alumni Association in recognition of

her service to nursing and community. She nursed for 25 years in Reston, Manitoba while raising her family as a single parent. We will miss her and the sparkle in her eyes as she spoke.

❖ **HSC Renal Program - Celebration of 50 Years**

On November 10, 2017 current and former staff of the HSC Renal Program gathered to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the HSC Renal Program. The celebration was a tremendous success with over 100 people in attendance, including many of the staff and even patients who have been early and integral parts of the HSC Renal Program.

Speakers included Dr. Perry Gray, Chief Operating Officer (Acting), Vice President and Chief Medical Officer; Kathy Doerksen, Chief Nursing Officer; Dr. Joe Bueti, Medical Director, HSC Renal Program; Dr. Kevin Bernstein, and Pat Hill, Renal Nutritionist, and staff member from the original Dialysis Program at Deer Lodge Hospital. Memories and stories shared focused on teamwork and the commitment to providing excellence in patient care. For the HSC Focus write up on this event go to this web site and click under "about us" and "events": <https://wghhscnursingalumni.weebly.com>.



Opening of the Self Dialysis Unit in 1972. Dr. Ashley Thomson is pictured at front, right. Photo courtesy of HSC Archives/ Museum

HSC Archives/Museum developed an exhibit for the event, which is now on display in MS2 – outside the offices of Volunteer Services.

Archives/Museum Update

HSC Archives/Museum Phone # 204 787 1170;

Email: hscarchives@hsc.mb.ca

A Summary of the AGM Report by Karen Ashbury

The work of the HSC Archives/Museum falls into a number of categories. These include standard archival work, answering reference questions, various outreach activities and grant writing initiatives.

In the 2016-2017 fiscal year, we received **153 acquisitions** and answered 63 reference questions. Two of the reference questions related to World War I nurses who were graduates of WGH. Photos from our collection of Alfreda Attrill were published in Legion Magazine, and photos of Ada J. Ross were incorporated in a larger scale exhibit at the Legislative Assembly of Alberta called "Alberta and the Great War." This year's outreach initiatives included ten articles for HSC Focus about various historic events, and many "**Heritage Window**" exhibits which showcased various artifacts from the Archives/Museum. These included an exhibit about the Nurses' Swimming Pool and the story behind the donation of a WGH nursing doll.

We received a grant from the Young Canada Works Summer Student Program; this enabled us to hire Preeti Kaur, a Masters student going into her 2nd year of Archival Studies at U of M. The outcome of a Federal grant through the Documentary Heritage Communities Program is still pending.

Two large exhibits undertaken this year included the **50th anniversary of the Ultrasound Department** and a celebration of the **50th Anniversary of the HSC ICUs**. The ICU project included the development of a panel display and an online interactive exhibit hosted by WordPress. Both exhibits drew on material in HSC Archives/Museum that showcased the history of critical care at HSC (see links to this). I would like to thank the WGH / HSC Alumni Association for their generous donation from the Endowment Fund, which helped facilitate this project.

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.

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 Assoc. and Homecomings alive. Contact the Association 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. Annual memberships are few and not regularly renewed. Most classes have life membership due to meeting their Jubilee Year (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** 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. Monies not required for the Lecture are transferred to the Archives/Museum Collection Endowment Fund managed by the HSC Foundation.

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. Your donation and "In Memory of" will be written in the Jubilee Memorial book held in the HSC Archives/Museum. An acknowledgment letter will be sent to the family of your deceased classmate/friend if you include the family's name and address.

❖ **The Archives/Museum Collection Endowment Fund**
The Archives/Museum Collection Endowment Fund, with a balance of over \$300,000.00, 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. However we do need to focus on supporting our General and Jubilee Memorial Funds. Should you 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!** You will receive a charitable receipt from the HSCF and our thanks. If you wish to consider planned giving for this Fund, monthly or in your Estate, please contact the HSCF at 204-515-5612.

Home Coming 2017

Another successful Homecoming was held in 2017. Having all activities at one venue makes it easier for attendees. Groups continue to enjoy arranged tours of the Archives/Museum. The HSC Virtual Tour presented again by HSC Chief Nursing Officer, Kathy Doerksen (Class 1982) keeps us all up to date on the many changes at HSC.

The 2017 Jubilee Memorial Lecture

"A Thumbprint on the World" by Catherine (Steinmann) Phillips, member of the 1967 Jubilee Class

Cathie shared her experiences nursing around the world and illustrated how her nursing education equipped her to care for some of the world's poor and needy peoples. Cathie asked us all to "carry on compassionately imprinting the world with what we learned at the WGH". Make your thumbprints count! *To read the full lecture go to:*
<https://wghhscnursingalumni.weebly.com/>

The **2017 Homecoming Luncheon and Dinner** at CanadInns Polo Park were excellent thanks to the detailed attention given by the Homecoming Committee and Linda Pastetnik 1972B. The luncheon had an excellent turnout with 190 alumni tickets sold. For the dinner, 302 alumni bought

tickets. As done in the past, the 2017 Jubilee Class was piped in by our new Honorary Member, George Morrison.



Our oldest alumni at the dinner:

Left: Gertie Bell (1947)
Below: Agnes Comack (1943),
behind 1947 sign; Helen
Boulton- Elliott (1940);
Audrey Lay (1948) & guests



There were 11 members of our class and 2 spouses able to attend our 60th reunion this year.

The following photo was taken by Paul Empringham at our luncheon at Rae and Jerry's on May 26, 2017.

Submitted by Ann e Crossin, Class 1957A



Back Row: Alan Crossin, Beverly Heron, Beverley Glenday, Dorothy Empringham, Anne Crossin, Joyce Yellowlees, Paul Empringham, Patricia Ralston.

Seated: Frances Krahn, Vera Bramley-Moore, Helen Lawreniuk
Missing: Irene Defer, Anna Hauksdottir

Class of 1962B – 55th Reunion



In 1959 a group of young women embarked on a new adventure when they entered the School of Nursing at WGH. Few of us knew any of our fellow classmates but that changed rapidly and we made many lifelong friends. On Homecoming Weekend, 2017, 27 classmates out of the 78 who graduated joined together to renew friendships and share memories from the past and make new ones. Thursday most of us attended the Jubilee Memorial Lecture and luncheon and in the evening we met for our traditional “Kitchenette Night.” There was lots of laughter as we recalled residence life, trials and tribulations on the wards, looked at old photos and yearbooks, and wondered how the years have passed so quickly. We fondly remembered those who were unable to be with us. The Homecoming Dinner, always enjoyable, culminated with the nostalgic Roll Call. Saturday a number of us toured the wonderful Canadian Human Rights Museum and enjoyed lunch there. Sunday morning, the few of us who were still in town met for a good-bye brunch at a local restaurant. We look forward to getting together again in five years to raise a glass with longtime friends and celebrate our 60th!

Submitted by Sally Thomas

Class of 1967, 50th Reunion, 50 Years of Caring

What a wonderful time we had! In Canada’s 150th year, 50 people from the class of ’67 celebrated our 50 years’ reunion. How amazing is that? Our very active and participatory committee planned such a variety of events; something for everyone.

The festivities started at the Jubilee Memorial Lecture by having our very own Cathie Steinmann Phillips present “A Thumbprint on the World”, the incredible story of her care and compassion as she provided service in the communities in which she and her family lived.

The Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, Her Honour Janice Filmon, hosted us for a lovely afternoon tea at Government House. She graciously made us feel welcome in that beautiful place and seemed to have time to spend a few minutes and have a conversation with every one of us. That was followed in the evening by our welcome dinner and social evening which is always a lot of fun. The laughter stays the same and the stories seem to get better every reunion!

Many of us enjoyed the tour of the Manitoba legislative building, “Symbols, Secrets and Sacrifices Under the Golden Boy” which gave us an interesting perspective. We also had a good turnout for the tour of the Canadian Human Rights Museum and of course that was an impressive tour in an impressive building. There is so much to see, hear and learn. Both of those tours were followed by having lunch together

which we all enjoyed.

At the Annual Homecoming Dinner, we decided to book a meeting room so we could gather before and after dinner, put on our sashes and have our picture taken. As the 50-year graduating class, we were marched in by the piper. That, along with singing our class song was a special part of the evening. The final topping on our celebration was having a photograph book created that has pictures from all of our reunions including our 50th . It truly was a memorable event...and we have the pictures to prove it! The truth is that the memorable part of every reunion is being together at the reunions with people who are so important in our lives.

Submitted by Judy Murata



Class of 1972 45th Reunion

50 classmates came to one or more of our events and 40 more sent greetings/regrets. We celebrated with a wine and cheese party Thursday night and a bus trolley tour of the city Friday with family & partners followed by a lunch at the Canadian Human Rights Museum as well as all the homecoming events. We have talked about sharing our nursing and life stories before our 50th.

Submitted by Cheryl Chesney



Class of 72 & guests taken outside of the Canadian Human Rights Museum

Class of 1972B 45th Reunion

The Class of 1972B enjoyed the opportunity to meet with classmates at the Alumni luncheon and dinner as well as at our traditional Thursday night class dinner. Myrna Driedger again graciously opened her home to 48 classmates for a lively evening of storytelling, catching up and laughter – lots of laughter. Like many classes before us we were amazed at how fast the past 45 years had flown by. Plans were begun for the 50th which will be here before we know it, I’m sure.

Submitted by Linda Newton

Class of 1977 40th Reunion

35 of our 93 original graduates attended the various events celebrating our 40th reunion. A few brave souls made it to the AGM on Thursday morning and were joined by more

classmates for the Jubilee Memorial Lecture and Luncheon. It was great to see Ann and Dorothy at the luncheon as they don't often get to any of the other events. Thursday evening we enjoyed a class dinner filled with much reminiscing and getting reacquainted at Resto Gare. Friday several smaller groups got together and then everyone met for more visiting at the Homecoming Dinner. Thanks to the organizing committee for this year's festivities and to Diane for agreeing to be the convener for our 45th. See you all in 2022!



Submitted by Linda Granham

In Memoriam 2017

*The Nurses' Alumni Association
extends its condolences to the
family and friends of the following Alumni
Deaths reported Oct. 1, 2016 to Dec. 16, 2017*

- Honorary Member: Sparrow, Alice
- 1940 Boulton-Elliott, Helen Mary(Hon. Life Member)
- 1942 Gudrun Lina, May Medd (Isfeld)
- 1943 Boudreau, Ruth Thompson
- 1943 Wolfson, Beatrice(Heifitz)
- 1945 Naughton, Osyth D. (Brown)
- 1945 Kuby, Joyce (Shaw)
- 1945B Silver, Margarita Mary(Hoemsen)
- 1946 Norquay, Natalie (Gray)
- 1946 Cass, Noreen Mae (Paynter)
- 1947 Cornwell, Betty(Blyth)
- 1947 Rose, Carrie Christie
- 1947 Elias, Mary Sady 1948
- Sigurdson, Margaret
- 1948 Wilson, Ruth(Dewald)
- 1948 Fast, Muriel Irene (Wood)
- 1949 Sissons, Audrey (Joyce)
- 1949 Bell, Islay
- 1949B Hauk, Jean (Bell)
- 1949 Godard, Mary Elizabeth 1949
- Granstrom, Marion (Harvey)
- 1950A Ogden, Edith (Brinkman)
- 1950B Sutton, Hazel (Brander)
- 1950B Friesen, Marguerite (Wooster)
- 1952B McTaggart, Victoria (Peckham)
- 1952 Walker, Shirley (McDermid)
- 1952 Hodges, Joan (McKenzie) 1953
- Kirkpatrick, Leona (Hodgson)
- 1953A Allen, Susan(Clifford)
- 1953B Harland, Phyllis(Budgeon)
- 1954 Sokolowski, Victoria
- 1954 Speers, Joan (Fyke)

- 1955 Reynard, Thelma (Holmstrom)
 - 1955 Skinner, Sheila (Thompson)
 - 1957B Ainley, Emma Josephine (Adamson)
 - 1956A Fehr, Shirley (McLennan)
 - 1956A Taylor, Marlene (Hamilton)
 - 1959 Lewis, Cynthia (Warren)
 - 1963 Leach, Judy (Farrell)
 - 1965 Tschikota, Sharon (Townsend)
 - 1967 Mullin, Dale (Richardson)
 - 1967 Stiver, Joanne (Switzer)
 - 1967 Lutz, Betty Lynn (Grainger)
 - 1968 Boyko, Diane
 - 1972 McLeod, Barbara
 - 1972 Wersch, Kenneth
 - 1973 Land, Irene
- Submitted by Membership Convener , Gail Hazlitt(1973)

2017 AGM Reports

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

**Highlights of the President's Report 2017
Julie Halipchuk (1997)**

The last 2 years have been a time of learning and gained inspiration as I complete my term as Alumni President. I have met many incredible individuals – each one possessing a different “nurse” story but all bonded by their identity as a nurse – and more specifically as a graduate of the WGH or HSC School of Nursing. Meeting these alumni has truly been the highlight for me. I am fortunate to continue to work at the HSC, witnessing many changes – in technology, in nursing care, and in financial support. Throughout each day, I remain passionate about nursing and proud of my training.

I could not have accomplished these last 2 years without the support of our dedicated alumni team. With a declining membership and no new graduates coming into the Alumni, there is concern for the future of our alumni organization. Having said that, the executive remains steadfast in their commitment to this organization and wholeheartedly plows on to ensure the membership interests are preserved.

A successful class rep meeting was held last October, as Class Reps shared stories, discussed plans for upcoming reunions, and communicated strategies for keeping classes connected. These discussions maintain momentum and passion for our Alumni. Use of email is a common and effective tool for class communication.

Our next Class Rep Meeting will be held on October 21st this year at the Birth Centre on St. Mary's – a new venue for this gathering which we hope will offer easier access for all members attending. The class reps. truly carry a large responsibility in keeping the Alumni going. Their actions liaise membership with executive and create the conversations that maintain our membership and our progressiveness - and on behalf of the Executive – I say thank you to you all.

Jubilee Memorial Fund (JMF)

This report is a summary of the Winnipeg General Hospital-Health Sciences Centre Nurses' Alumni Jubilee Memorial Fund's current financial status and policies. The full report for the Year ended Dec 31,2016 is available upon request. The Fund is a registered Canadian charitable fund (BN # 890598964 R0001). The JMF supports the Association's annual Jubilee Memorial Lecture and the Archives/ Museum. All donors and

'In Memoriams' are recorded in the Jubilee Memorial Fund Book located in the Archives/ Museum. The Alumni Association Executive wish to thank all those who donated to this Fund over the past year(s).

Our Winnipeg Foundation Community Grant #20142047 for museum curatorial work in the HSC Archives Museum was complete as of Jan 21, 2016. A Museum Artifacts Collection Procedure Manual was developed and museum items received between 2010 – 2012 were catalogued.

April 26, 2017 JM Fund Balance: \$3,568.02; December 31, 2016 JM Fund Balance: \$2,746.73; Expenses Jan 1/ 2015 to Dec 31, 2016 : \$1,397.88 (Includes transfer of \$1000.00 to Endowed Fund).

Income Jan 1, 2015 to Dec 31, 2016: \$2042.00 (Donations) ; 2017 Budget: 2017 J M Lecture expenses \$500.00; Office Expenses \$50.00

Between 2010 and 2016 a total of \$11,850.00 has been transferred from the JMF to the Archives/ Museum Collection Endowment Fund. The Association Policy of retaining at least \$1500.00 (3 years lecture costs) at all times in the fund and transferring monies over the \$1500.00 to the Archives/ Museum Collection Endowment Fund meets the spending requirement for this CRA charitable account. The 2016 tax Return T3010 was submitted April 18/17.

Submitted by Donna Meder (1961B); Jubilee Memorial Fund Treasurer 2011- 2016; May 1, 2017

WGH/HSC Nurses' Alumni Education Committee Report: May 1, 2016 - April 30, 2017

The Education Committee met twice during the 2016-2017 year, in keeping with the decision to review Jane A. Malcolm (JAM) applications once per year in the fall and the Viola Leadlay (VL) applications twice yearly in spring and fall.

JAM Bursary and the VL Continuing Education Funds: The funds for the JAM bursary continue to be managed by the Winnipeg Foundation and the VL Continuing Education Fund continues to be managed by the HSC Foundation. During this period the Nurses' Alumni Association awarded a total amount of \$22,378.00 which included:

• **\$20,609.00** awarded through the JAM Bursary Fund
1 Baccalaureate applicant and 2 Doctoral applicants

Recipients: Shelley André; Lanette Siragusa; Kristen Valeri
• **\$1769.00** awarded from the VL Continuing Education Fund.
Recipients: Julie Halipchuck; Stephanie Thorarinson; Debbie Namaka; Rhonda Thorkelsson

The Education Committee has received many cards and notes of appreciation from recipients of both the JAM bursaries and the VL Continuing Education Fund.

Other Business:

The values of the awards for the JAM 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). The 2016 spending rate for JAM was 4.4% and has increased to 4.6% for 2017. As of Dec. 31, 2016, the market value for the JAM fund was **\$820,689.37**. The total capital received into the fund since inception is \$276,402.31. The WF always welcomes donations to the endowed fund. The current total in the VL Endowed fund **\$153,051.17**. A year-end report from the HSCF will be forwarded to the alumni. The availability of the Alumni's educational funds has been widely communicated throughout Manitoba. The terms of reference for the Education Committee were revised Nov. 2016. The VL and JAM application forms were reviewed and revised

April 2017. I would like to express my appreciation to the members of Education Committee, Marilyn Bruce, Cindy Boughen, Cindy Soulsby, Susan Finlay and Maureen MacDonald, for their continued support, commitment to the Alumni Assoc. and their ongoing interest in promoting professional development among our alumni. Thank you to the WGH/HSC Alumni Assoc. Executive for their continued support as well. Please see [page 10](#) for information related to applying for JAM Bursary and the VL Continuing Education Funds.

Submitted by Convener, Education Committee: Marilyn Muir RN BN CNeph (C), 1991

Treasurer's Report:

As of December 31, 2016, assets totaled **\$58,748**, total revenue was \$22,881, total expenses were \$20,326, and total GIC's were \$28,004.

Jane A. Malcolm Bursary Fund balance was \$841,264.71.

As of November 15, 2017 revenue was \$25,716.72 and expenses were \$24,398.007. Revenue from memberships was \$925. General donations totaled \$675. The total value of our GICs at the end of 2017 is \$25,252.

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.

Submitted by Kate Tate, Treasurer

Archives/Museum Collection Endowment Convener's Fund:

The Alumni Executive and Fund Committee thank all our alumni members who have so generously supported the Endowment Fund via donations. The following years made Class donations during their reunion in 2016:

- Class 1971 to celebrate their 45th and in memory of classmates
- Class 1961A in memory of classmates during their 55th
- Class 1956A in celebration of their 60th reunion.
- The White Cross Guild made a \$1000 donation after their May 2016 AGM. The HSC Archives/Museum houses their records. Many thanks to all!

These and your future donations will provide financial support to ensure our history and that of the HSC campus is available for learners in the future.

• The Foundation's fiscal year end is March 31st. The Fund balance as of March 31, 2017 was **\$292,287.23** (this is a draft pending finalization of the HSC Foundation financial statements in June 2017.) Total deposits to the Endowed Fund April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017 - **\$6,010.38**

Once the HSCF financial statements are approved in June 2017, the Association will be sent a formal fund statement that will include the investment income and disbursement amount (the amount to grant).

• In 2016 the first grant from the Endowed Fund, in the amount of \$5,000.00, was made to support the special project to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of HSC Adult ICU opening. Matching monies were secured by the HSC archivist. Oral histories as well as panel displays were produced. The official "unveiling" of this project will take place Friday May 26, 2017 10am – 12pm. Former and current ICU staff have been invited to attend. All can access the project's work via the HSC website: <https://hscarchives.com>

• ASK Letter Campaign. Several years ago the Executive agreed to a 5 year fund raising project for the Endowed Fund. Each

year a letter would be sent to the years celebrating a 5th reunion asking for donations to the Endowed Fund. The final ASK letters (718 in number) were sent April 2017 to classes celebrating a 5th reunion in 2017 (1942,47,52,57,62, 67,72, 77, 82, 87,92, and a few from 1997). It is estimated that \$14,000.00 in new donations can be attributed to the previous 4 ASKs.

THANK YOU!

The Fund has benefited greatly from the bequest left by Dolly Gembe, Class of 1951.

The Committee Conveners have: (1) communicated with the HSCF VP of Operations Susan Robinson to: a) secure an updated list of new donors so they can receive a personal thank you by phone from us; b) prepare and deliver 718 ASK letters to be mailed by HSCF the week of April 10/17 to all alumni classes celebrating a 5 year reunion in May 2017 and with the HSCF archivist regarding special projects for funding in the archives/museum; (2) attended the HSC Heritage Committee Mtgs. If you are considering making a donation to this Fund please ensure your cheque is made out to the HSCF and write on the cheque Archives/Museum Collection Endowment Fund. Send the donation directly to The HSCF, PW 112-700 William Ave., WPG MB R3E 0Z3.

You can now also make a donation by going to the HSCF website or by phoning the HSCF at 204 787 1709. We also ask you to consider leaving a bequest to this Fund. Please call the HSCF to explore this possibility.

Submitted by Committee Co-Conveners Margot Christie 1964 & Donna Meder 1961B (May 2, 2017)

Membership Convener Report:

As of May 9, 2017, the following information is recorded in the WGH/HSC Nursing Alumni Database:

Life Members: 1694 Annual Members: 7

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 (*deceased Dec.16, 2017*)

Honorary Members (17): Genevieve Swerhone, Carol Hogue, Diane Smaluk, Jeannette Rewucki, Helga Bryant, Tom McCormack, Susan Van DeVelde-Coke, Joan Jenkins, Christian Press, John Horne, Edith Svanhill, Valerie Buschau, Diane Haglund; Rilla Edward, Emma Prescott, George Morrison, HSC Printing Department

All Members: Please remember that the preferred contact method is through email. Please send all email, phone and address changes to your class representatives which they submit to the membership convener for entry into the database.

As of November 12, 2017, the following information is recorded in the WGH/HSC Nursing Alumni Database:

Life Members: 1746

Annual Members: 12

Submitted by Membership Convener Gail Hazlitt (1973)

Newsletter Committee Report:

The 2016 Newsletter was developed by an ad hoc committee from the association executive. In late November 2016, Membership Convener Gail Hazlitt sent the newsletter by email to 1781 members (whether paid members or not) with identified email addresses; 323 bounced back. In January 2017, 663 were mailed to active members only; 51 of these were returned. Five members submitted stamped self-addressed envelopes. Thank you.

The total number of Active members (annual and life) who could have received a newsletter by Canada Post is 1662. With the combined emails and Canada Post mailing, we reached

2072 members. This included 400 non-active members - for possibly the first time! Notes of appreciation were received by Gail. While electronic distribution is obviously good for all, a link on our website would be even better.

Watch our website for Newsletter news in the fall of 2017. And please submit your email addresses.

The cost of both electronic and Canada Post distribution of the 2016 Newsletter was many volunteer hours for the production, emailing, and stuffing and mailing by Canada Post. Canada Post cost for mailing to the 663 active members with no email was \$934.83. The cost of the 2014 mail out of 1400 Newsletters by Canada Post to active members only was **\$1954.50**. Although electronic distribution is obviously more cost effective, we still need to ask whether the cost of mailing to members without email is sustainable for the Association! *Submitted by 2016 Ad Hoc Newsletter Committee Members Kathy Hamelin & Donna Meder*

Website Report Summaries

Website: <http://wghhscnursingalumni.com>

Email: wghhsc.nursingalumni@gmail.com

Recent activity on the website: -

Donna and Margot attended a meeting re ICU. At the meeting, there was a brief discussion about getting this information on the alumni website, along with changes to the website. Carol Dynkovitch, Mgr Communications & Marketing and Patti Regan, Dir Corp Services both said they would get us help. Received help in obtaining a new & improved website. The new website is up and running; however, you can access it through the old website as we have a contract for 3 years with Go daddy. The present Go daddy website is still:

<http://wghhscnursingalumni.com>

The new Website address is:

<http://wghhscnursingalumni.weebly.com>

The recent Newsletter is available for viewing on the new website. If anyone is interested in managing the website or offering their expertise in this area, feel free to contact me at grodgers@mts.net.

Submitted by Karen Rodgers (1990), Webmaster

Summary of Chapter Correspondent Report 2017

Submitted by Carol Galbraith(1967), Chapter Correspondent

Alumni news was circulated to the Chapters via email in September 2016 and by letter in early April 2017. Minutes of Executive meetings, Homecoming information, revised Terms of Reference of Standing Committees, and Membership Reports comprised the information which was included. A couple of the Chapters appreciate receiving the information via email as that allows them to then circulate the materials electronically to their members. The four Chapters continue to meet on a regular basis, some as often as four times a year, others only once or twice a year. Some of the Chapter meetings include an educational component, others are more social in nature. Most involve food! The Chapter Presidents welcome new members who reside in their respective areas. They can be contacted through the Alumni email at:

wghhsc.nursingalumni@gmail.com.

Chapters/Presidents

Calgary Chapter - Danielle Swerhone

The Calgary Chapter has been busy over the years, so this past year we had a planning meeting to reflect on past achievements and map out future gatherings. There are plans to host another Chapter alumni meeting in the spring of 2018. Many members of the Calgary Chapter alumni are enjoying their retirements, or reduced work hours with family and friends. Several

members are enjoying their time travelling to warmer areas. There is anticipation in seeing everyone at the next gathering in 2018. Announcements will be emailed, phoned, mailed to all registered members in the Calgary Chapter. Anyone wanting to join the Calgary Chapter, please contact Danielle through the Alumni email (above).

Edmonton Chapter – Darlene Smith & Ellen Glinka

The Edmonton and Area Chapter met on May 3, 2017 for a spring luncheon; spring is the most convenient time for most members. The two past presidents, Ellen Glinka and Darlene Smith jointly continue to plan the luncheons. Nine members from Edmonton, St. Albert and one member from Drayton Valley attended the luncheon. We are privileged to have some of the 1948 graduates who remain well enough to participate in the Alumni luncheons.

In addition to the planned luncheons, some of the graduates have formed friendships or continue their prior friendships with other graduates and remain in contact throughout the year.

Okanagan Chapter – Sharon O’Shaughnessy

The Chapter continues to meet on a regular basis. Meetings are well attended and include a variety of educational topics, both directly and indirectly related to nursing. The spring meeting honoured Gayle Mitchell, a 1967 grad who will be celebrating her 50th this year. The fall meeting will be held Tuesday, October 17th, topic still to be confirmed. All alumni are welcome to attend.

Victoria Chapter – Anne Kennedy

The members of the Victoria Chapter continue to meet three times a year. The Chapter was established 70 years ago. Members are aging and have recognized the historical value of their records and the activities they have engaged in over those years. Therefore, the Chapter will be sharing these materials with their members at their spring meeting and will then forward the records to the WGH/HSC Alumni to be retained in the Archives/Museum. *Submitted by Primrose Wood (1951)*

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

2. Email: HSC website: www.hsc.mb.ca/nursing and click on “Funding Opportunities”

Alumni website: <http://wghhscnursingalumni.com>

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

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

* 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 intended Fund.

* Membership fee amounts and donation options are identified below.

Each require a separate cheque.

NAME _____

NAME AT GRADUATION _____ Grad. Year _____

ADDRESS _____

City _____ Prov./State. _____

Postal/Zip Code: _____

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, MB R3E0T2

Exception: Please mail Archives/Museum Fund Donation to: HSCF PW112 – 700 William Ave. Winnipeg MB R3E 9Z9

Following submission of dues you will receive a “membership card” identifying you as a member in “good standing” of the Alumni. You will also 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): Amt \$ _____ Please make cheque payable to Jubilee Memorial Fund. Tax receipt will be issued. Send to Alumni Assoc.

B. General Funds: Amount \$ _____ Please make cheque payable to Nurses’ Alumni Assoc. WGH/HSC. Tax receipt cannot be issued. Send to Alumni Assoc.

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. Tax receipt will be issued.

Mail to: HSCF. PW112 – 700 William Ave.

Winnipeg, MB R3E 9Z9

**See you at the 2018 Homecoming!
Our Association’s 114th Anniversary!**