

Welcome to our 100 Alumnae Anniversary

by Sister Ann Marshall, C.S.J. Hamilton



It seems to me that we are called together today in celebration by the voices of those pioneer Sisters who courageously opened St. Joseph's Training School in 1911, as well as by the voices of the first graduates of 1915 and who became the nucleus of today's successful Alumnae. What a wonderful legacy we inherited, and have kept alive and thriving due to the passion and vision of our present Executive under the capable leadership of Cheryl McQueen, as well as by all previous hard working Executives over the years. We owe these generous members a heartfelt thank you for a job well done.

37 years ago the last official class graduated from St. Joseph's and still the annual reunion draws in 400 + to the Alma Mater. We must be doing something right. Rumi, the poet-mystic of the 16th Century, states that our greatest strength lies in the gentleness and tenderness of our heart. And that aptly describes the heart of a nurse.

So let the celebrations begin as we remember, rejoice, recognize, and perhaps shed a tear for past friends, and lost youth, but with hearts full of gratitude to a loving God who sustains and nourishes us with love, and tenderness each day of this earthly journey.

There are many who deserved to be recognized for their commitment as Alumnae members who have gone beyond the call of duty; I'm certain that this will happen later on today, but I would be remiss if I didn't thank Sister Virginia, our Alumnae memory, and faithful liaison over the years. Thank you Sister Virginia.

We are indeed privileged to welcome Bishop Crosby, and are indebted to you, Bishop, for honouring this occasion with your presence. I hope it is a joyful sacrifice in your busy schedule.

And what could make this occasion more special than the presence of our distinguished Chancellor and friend, Msg. Kroetch. We are most happy to welcome you to the 100th anniversary of our Alumnae. . This is indeed a time to sing.



Here I Am, Lord

Mass insert Page #1



The October 2015 Newsletter was dedicated to the Reunion Day celebrations for the 100 Year Anniversary of the St Joseph's School of Nursing Alumnae

Bev Vannater Peck '58,
Shirley Anne Wray '55
Margaret Simpson Rizzo '58



Jeannine Hiel Giavedoni '65



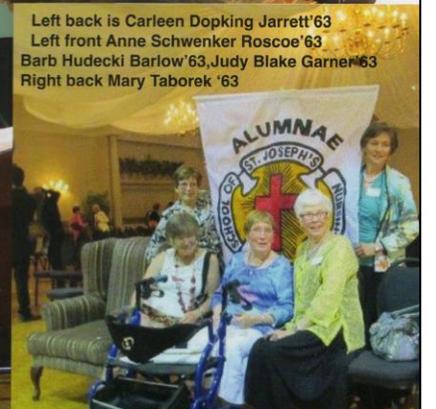
Cheryl Bonany
Diane Bendia Poehlman '71



Mary Taborek '63



Sister Pat Hanlon '50



Left back is Carleen Dopking Jarrett '63
Left front Anne Schwenker Roscoe '63
Barb Hudecki Barlow '63, Judy Blake Garner '63
Right back Mary Taborek '63

The Murphy Sisters
Margaret Simpson Rizzo '58
Jane Simpson O'Brien '49
Muriel Simpson Murphy '51



Back row left: Margaret Simpson Rizzo '58
 Back row right: Jane Simpson O'Brien '49
 Front row: Muriel Simpson Murphy '51

Sitting: Mary Haley Tilden '42,
 Left to right: friend Nora Beceval and niece Jane

Left to right:
 Jean Webster-Sheppard '37
 Dorothy Gleed Marshall '46

Reverse Side of Luncheon insert #1

Jean Webster Sheppard '37 celebrating 78 Years
Mary Haley Tilden '42 celebrating 73 Years
Dorothy Gleed Marshall '46 celebrating 69 years

Reunion Day celebrations were attended by 434 members.

"Roll Call" was initiated when Leona Johnson Hudecki '41 was President of St Joseph's School of Nursing Alumnae Association.



Jean Webster-Sheppard '37
 with her daughter Kim

Left to right:
 Patricia Dowling Diciommo; 65
 Toni Corrado McDermott '66

Class of 1966

Winnie Doyle
 Vice President Clinical Services
 Chief Nursing Executive
 St. Joseph's Healthcare



Reverse Side of Luncheon insert #2



Luncheon Insert #1

Class of 1965 donated a "Memory Blanket" to the Alumnae made by members of the class in memory of deceased classmates.

Toast to the Alma Mater by Dorothy Battey Richardson '65



Sisters of St Joseph, special guests, our Alumnae committee and all the nurses celebrating today, I am honoured to be representing the Class of '65 as we celebrate our 50th anniversary and pay tribute to our wonderful Alumnae Association on their 100th anniversary.

All of us here today are coming back with memories of our nursing 'days, our professional careers and many milestones along the way. As I remember significant events in my life over the past 50 years there is one year that brings back fond memories for my two sisters and myself. It was another 50th anniversary from nursing celebrated many years ago.

Our mother Florence Battey, who nursed on maternity at St Joseph's for many years under the supervision of Sister Ursula, graduated in 1932 from Holy Cross Hospital in Calgary Alberta. In 1982 her class was celebrating their 50th anniversary from nursing in Calgary. She had never been back to a class reunion in those 50 years. She was determined to go, even though she had never been on a plane, travelled alone or been far from Hamilton. We, her daughter's, got caught up in her excitement and anticipation as she planned her trip, packed her bag and flew off to her first reunion.

She came back with wonderful stories and happy memories just as we all will do when we leave here today. This was a defining moment for us, her daughters, as we realized that some milestones in our lives are very special and are not to be missed.

Coming full circle, here I am celebrating with my classmates our 50th. Some have travelled great distances to be with us today others could not be with us due to illness and our thoughts are with them. Even though we the class of '65 are now seniors, when we came together today we quickly become those young women living in residence back in the 60s. We shared clothes, shared rooms, shared notes, we watched "soaps", learned to play bridge and euchre and tried to remember all we were being taught in the classroom and on the wards. The magic of those three years gave us the lasting friendships we cherish, the recall of many funny stories and the skills we needed for our life after training.

We would all like to remember the 100th anniversary of our alumnae with profound gratitude. The many nurses down through the years had the commitment and dedication to keep the alumnae organization going. We honour all of them today starting with the class of 1915.

Let us raise our glass in a special toast to our alma mater

"To Our Alma Mater"



Class of 1963



Past Presidents of St. Joseph School of Nursing Alumnae Association



Luncheon insert #2

- Presidents of St Joseph School of Nursing Alumnae Association**
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| Elizabeth Herod Newman '54 | President 1960 – 1962 |
| Charlotte Judson Smart '58 | President 1967 – 1969 |
| Joan LaFortune Mason '58 | President 1970 – 1971 |
| Linda Santoni Dayler '71A | President 1981 – 1983 |
| Patricia Dowling DiCiommo '65 | President 1984 – 1986 |
| Jackie Wade '71A | President 1986 – 1989 |
| Margaret Henderson '70 | President 1994 – 1995 |
| Dorothy Gleed Marshall '46 | President 1997 – 2000 |
| Kay O'Sullivan McPhee '55 | President 2001 – 2002 |
| Margaret Simpson Rizzo '58 | President 2003 – 2004 |
| Cheryl Gravelin McQueen '66 | President 2005 - 2015 |

Class of 1960 celebrating 55 years





The Class of 1970 Celebrating 45 years



Class of 1965 celebrating 50 Years