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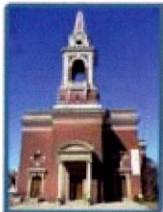


## 100 Year Celebration Continues

St. Joseph's School of Nursing Alumnae Association  
request the presence of your company at our

## 100th ANNIVERSARY ALUMNAE AUTUMN TEA

Saturday, September 19, 2015 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.



Auditorium

Central Presbyterian Church

165 Charlton Avenue West, Hamilton, ON L8P 2C8

(corner of Charlton Avenue West and Caroline Street South)

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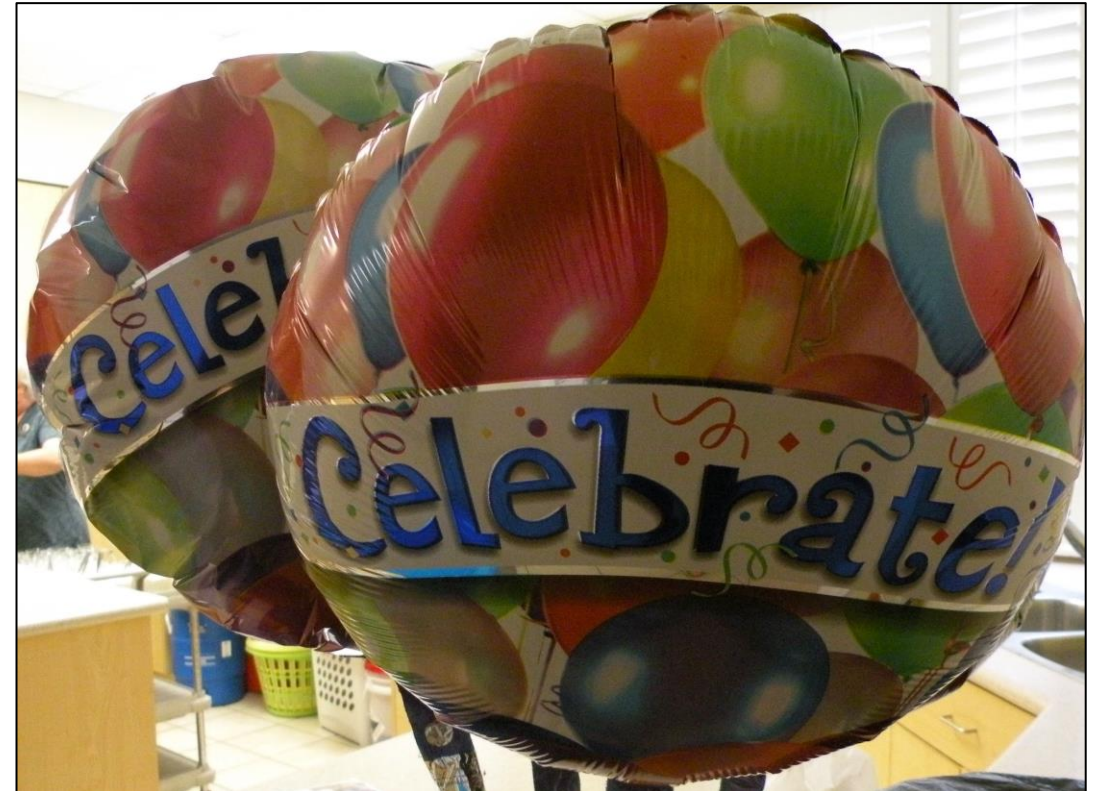
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*The Alumnae held a 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tea on September 19, 2015  
as part of the 100 year Celebration of the S.J.S.N.A.A.*



*This presentation contains pages published in the Alumnae newsletter  
plus pictures taken during the afternoon Tea.*





100th Anniversary Alumnae Autumn Tea  
Greetings on behalf of the Executive of St. Joseph's School of Nursing  
Alumnae Association  
Karen Wilson Martin '69

Good afternoon

My name is Karen Martin and on behalf of the executive of St. Joseph's School of Nursing Alumnae Association, I would like to warmly welcome you to this very special occasion - the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the alumnae association. I doubt that Miss Ella Kelly and her colleagues Jean

Morin and Ada Egan were thinking of that when they established the alumnae in 1915 and yet, here we are, one hundred years later and still going strong.

I have been advised to be bright, be brief and be gone and I plan to do that so you can spend the time visiting. Thank you for the advice—Sister Virginia.

At this time, we would like to recognize the order of the Sisters of St. Joseph who established the School of Nursing in 1911. Here with us today are:

Sister Virginia Hanlon '45 who worked as a nursing educator and administrator in Hamilton, Kitchener and Guelph and then, was part of the administrative staff at St. Joseph's Villa. We know of her significant impact by the response from past students to a recent article written by the Hamilton Spectator's Jeff Mahoney. Also, she was the Sister Liaison, providing guidance to the alumnae executive for many years. She is our go-to-person when we can't find someone. She maintains contact with so many graduates that if she doesn't know where the graduate is, she knows someone who does. I can't tell you how many times I have contacted her with inquiries and I can't think of a time when she didn't or couldn't find the answer. Thank you Sister Virginia.

Sister Patricia Hanlon '50 was an emergency room nurse before becoming director of the school of nursing in Guelph. It was also the same time that Sister Virginia was director of the school in Hamilton, so the Hanlon sisters were unique in their sisterly contribution. From 1964 -1980 she was in charge of the direct formation programme for new sisters after which she worked in pastoral care in the spiritual care department of St. Joseph's Hospital. You can still meet up with her volunteering pastoral care at St. Joe's and visiting family members of grateful graduates. Thank you Sister Patricia.

After working as a nurse and then supervisor, Sister Ann Marshall '56 earned her BScN and became a nurse educator. Subsequently, she became an assistant director and then director of the school of nursing at St. Joseph's, leading the faculty as they developed a radical change in nursing education to a more self-directed, independent approach to learning. But this was just the beginning. Subsequently, she was elected General Superior of the Sisters of St. Joseph and then, she became a missionary in Annotto Bay, Jamaica - a place not on the Michelin Guide for A-list resorts. For many years, she and Sister Katrina and then, Sister Nancy Sullivan made a significant impact in education and health care at this needy Jamaican location. At this time, you will find Sister Anne still volunteering at inner city Hamilton schools, initially assisting with reading but now, helping them cope with day-to-day challenges by teaching meditation. Thank you Sister Ann.

Sister Susan Kerrigan '71A (White River) initially worked at St. Joseph's Villa and then with Saint Elizabeth Nurses and Correctional Services. Currently, she is working in White River on the north shore of Lake Superior with First Nations people. We are pleased that you were able to come today before leaving for home tomorrow. Thank you Sister Susan.

Unfortunately, Sister Margaret Ann Hazelton '44 (Toronto), Sister Eileen Morrissey '56 (sister of Notre Dame Watertown), Sister Caroline Straus '59 (Hamilton St. Joseph's Convent), Sister Patricia Valerie '70 (Kitchener) and Sister Rita Bohnert '70 (Hamilton - Good Shepherd) are unable to be with us today.

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We have identified Sister Virginia and Sister Ann as Directors of the School of Nursing. At this time, we also remember past directors from 1940 to 1973 - Sister Mary Grace Stevens '34, Sister Ursula Barry '37, Sister Bonaventure Fagan and Sister Joan O'Sullivan '43 as well as Virginia Frere from 1973-1978. All of these women played a significant role in the evolution of the school of nursing and nursing.

I would like all alumnae presidents to please come to the front of the room. We would like to express our sincere appreciation to each of you for your time and commitment to this alumnae of almost 3500 graduates. Running of graduation teas, Chrysanthemum balls, dessert bridge and euchres and fashion shows to mention a few, raised funds to assist needy students and provide equipment to the school of nursing and residences when the school still existed. The alumnae participated in the sponsorship of Claribel Marchi '66 of Nigeria and made donations to local charities such as the United Way, Out of the Cold and St. Joseph's Villa - all of these have been part of your mandate. Your dedication has resulted in an ongoing membership of 600 (as of today) and in recent years, attendance of over 400 at the annual reunions day mass and luncheon. Thank you for all you have done.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge all of you. Without your ongoing participation, we would not have been able to sustain our alumnae through this past one hundred years. Thank you.

We received greetings from Linds Haslam-Stroud '77 and president of ONA, the Ontario Nurses Association. Unfortunately, she is out of the province today but sent best wishes to the alumnae on this special occasion. She is running for re-election one last time.

Thank you to Maureen Radigan who lent us her tea ups for the celebration.

It is wonderful to see our most senior members present today: Mary Haley Tilden '42, Sister Virginia Hanlon '45 and Teresa Lobsinger Walsh '45.

In closing I would be remiss in not thanking Central Presbyterian Church for opening its doors for today's celebration. Charlton Avenue has neighbours second to none in these two historic institutions. Thank you.

At this time I would ask Sister Ann Marshall to bring greetings on behalf of the Sister of St. Joseph



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Sister Susan Kerrigan '71A, Sister Patricia Hanlon '50, Sister Ann Marshall '56, Sister Virginia Hanlon '45

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100th Anniversary Alumnae Autumn Tea  
Greetings on behalf of the Sisters  
Sister Ann Marshall '56 C.S.J.

Good afternoon dear colleagues, graduates and St. Joe's family.

As any family knows it is the parents who grow and strengthen the bonds of unity, pride and solidarity in the members who make up that unique community.

This same understanding of the role of the community, as the life blood nourishing the organism, is reflected in all living beings from the humblest creature to the self-reflective human.

In our case, the Alumnae is charged with this responsibility and it has carried this mandate down the years as privilege, with pride and pizzas.

Now Karen Martin's note indicated that greetings were to be bright, be brief and be gone. A familiar quote from our snappy Sister Virginia who made the front page of the Spec look good. And what more can one say about this icon, but thank you Sister Virginia for being vintage Virginia.

If I am to be brief, Karen, I shouldn't have gone down memory lane with Cheryl McQueen's commemorative 2011 calendar full of goodies from Janina Berenyi's faithful historical jottings.

In reading it I had to muse, **where** did the Sisters find \$10,000 in 1890 to purchase and open a 25 bed hospital. They had only arrived in Hamilton with 4 Sisters a short 38 years before, and already had opened our first hospital in Guelph in 1861.

And **where** did the Sisters get the audacity and courage to establish our first school of Nursing in 1911?

And **where** did that small group of determined, underpaid Alumnae find \$1,000.00 to furnish the living room in Undercount Residence in 1922? Like all families these visionary women wanted something more for those who would come after them.

Then in 1960 Sister Joan O'Sullivan accepted our first male students, how proud we were, and then she did the unthinkable by accepting a third year, recently blind student, a transfer from another school, and graduated her with that year's class, helping that young woman to realize an impossible dream.

All of us can recall responding to life's challenges over the years from the well of compassion and love within. That love of God which is alive in our hearts and urging us to feats of valour. Love we come to realize is not a feeling but a **choice**. A choice of self-giving, which transcends the ego in the interest of another. You could say Love is a verb.

Growing in this kind of love is a life process, often painful but rewarding, and it is the foundation that was first laid by our parents, and then at St. Joe's by our teachers, friends and especially by the patients we served in sunny weather during personal hurricanes.

Treasure these precious memories, share them and live the lessons learned, because they are treasured memories that make our weary world more compassionate and welcoming. Because we are forever a St. Joe's Grad.

Thank you and keep up the tradition.

Sister Ann Marshall







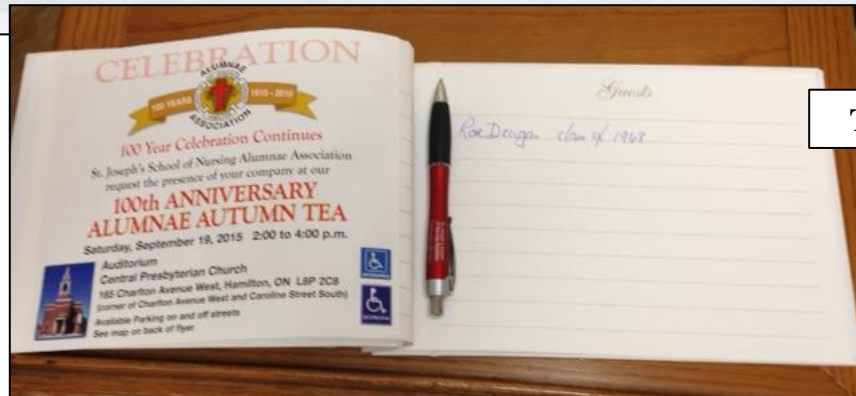




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The Guest Book





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