



ST. JOSEPH'S GRADS and NURSING FRIENDS of the ALUMNAE

ANNUAL REUNION DAY

Thursday May 26, 2016

ANNUAL REUNION DAY MASS and LUNCHEON

MICHELANGELO BANQUET CENTRE
1555 Upper Ottawa St., Hamilton, ON L8W 3E2

Time of Mass: 10:00 a.m. in the North Ball Room
Free coffee and punch available after mass. Cash bar opens at 11:30 a.m.

Time of Luncheon: 12:30 p.m. in the Centre & South Ball Rooms

Ticket Price is \$55.00

For ticket information, please contact:

Kathy – Luncheon Coordinator
sjsnaareunion@gmail.com

Final date for luncheon ticket purchase is Thursday, May 12, 2016

Those who need/wish to renew their membership may do so at the same time
when ordering luncheon tickets

**Reunion day was celebrated on Thursday May 26, 2016
at Michaelangelo Banquet Centre.**

Mass was celebrated in the North Ball Room at 10am

**Luncheon was set for 12:30 pm
in the combined Centre & South Ball Room**

Attendance was 377



**The Alumnae stationary is used
to send personal invitations
to invited guests**

**For example:
Sister Virginia
Sister Ann Marshall
Winnie Doyle
Kevin Smith**

St Joseph's School of Nursing Alumnae
Cordially invites you to its annual
Reunion Day
Thursday, May 26, 2016
Mass at 10:00 a.m.; Luncheon at 12:30 p.m.
Michelangelo Banquet Centre
1555 Upper Ottawa Street, Hamilton, Ontario L8W 3E2
R.S.V.P. by May 12 to
Cheryl McQueen, Alumnae President
905-628-5842 or crmcqueen@sympatico.ca
Please specify any special diet requirements or food allergies.

Pam Sefton Fisher '69 – Recording Secretary
 Pat Faulkner Duxbury '66 – Membership Secretary
 Kathy Alexander Jackson '73 – Luncheon Coordinator



Rose Dzugan '68 – Raffle Coordinator
 Ellen Shepperd Monkhouse '68



Welcome to
 Class of '66
 ALUMNAE
 ASSOCIATION



Krisitne Brock Rogers '69
 Website Coordinator



Sarah Blok '66
 Barb Molata '66
 Barb Hallam '66



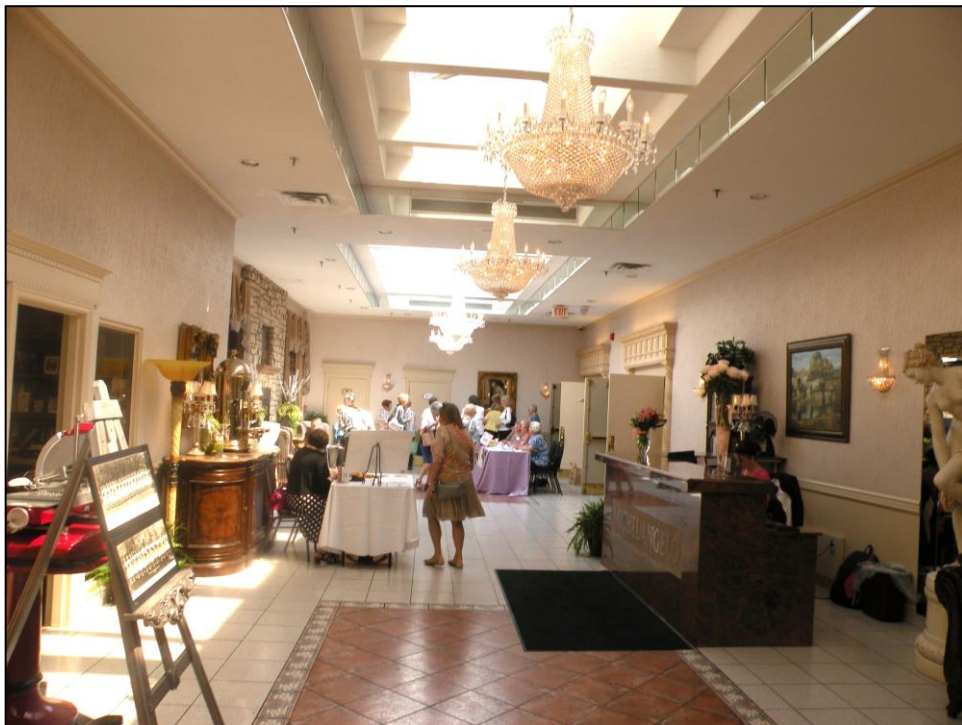
Jenny Smutniak McDermott '65
 Linda Bogoslawski Lipsitt '72



Jim Shipley '71A – over the years Jim has donated needlepoint works of our nurses residences



Pam Sefton Fisher '69 – Registration





Rose Dzugan '68
Master of Ceremonies





57 Members of the Class of 1966 – Celebrating 50 Years – Lining up to be piped into the Dining Room





Michael Cuffe









CLASS OF 1966 - Celebrating 50 Years





**Winnifred Walker '47
Eileen Hunter '47
Theresa Lobsinger '45**



**Theresa Lobsinger '45
Marjorie Almas '43**



**Sister Ann Marshall '56
Dorothy Gleed Marshall '46
Donna Devine Gravis '46**



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Winnifred Walker '47
Eileen Hunter '47**



**Alva Greenslade '49
Jane Simpson '49**



1954



Carol Karsten '56
Irene MacInnis DeCoste '56



Dorothy Gleed Marshall '46
Donna Devine Gravis '46



Eva Neal Staneff '51
Muriel Simpson Murphy '51
Louise Meyer Ormond '51











Class of 1967 with Sister Ann Marshall





Class of 1971A



**Jane Clayton Ross '76
gave the Opening Grace**



Honorary Members received Pins



**6 Alumnae members were to
receive "Honorary pins"**

**Patricia Conroy Braine '71A
Doreen Cowan '61
Mary Jane Bews Donaldson '65
Julia Hewitt Mumedian '66
Carolyn Fletcher Smith '61
Maureen Heffernan Smith '71A**





Tribute to Karen Wilson Martin '69
by
Sister Ann Marshall '56

Alumnae Reunion Luncheon, 2016

It is a distinct privilege to laud a most remarkable woman loved and cherished by every alumnae present and past. How this opportunity became mine is one of life's mysteries. In spite of that I am humbled to represent our Alumnae on this occasion.

Baby Karen was welcomed by proud parents, Grace and Earl, living in the town of Hagersville. I'm certain when they held this precious daughter they had wondrous dreams for her future. And if they were with us this afternoon they could see how many lives this much loved woman has impacted in her quiet, caring, and personal way.

Each of us has experience Karen's special gift of compassionate concern. It is her signature quality that she shares daily with others. Along with a tender heart, Karen is the memory keeper of the Alumnae; she knows each one by name, class, and their seating preferences at any Alumnae event.

Karen graduated from St. Joseph's School of Nursing in 1969 and worked for two years in the Emergency department at St. Joes. 1971 Karen joined the staff in the Learning Resource Center at the School of Nursing while studying towards a degree which she earned in 1979. In 1975 Karen joined the Faculty of Nursing, Mohawk Campus, and taught for 9 years on the Brantford Campus returning to the Chedoke Campus 'til retirement.

Karen has served the Alumnae Executive in many roles and is retiring after 30 - out of the ordinary - years of devoted and unstinting service. Since we won't let her go, the Alumnae has created the position of Consultant to the Alumnae, and Karen is the first person to hold this position.

Karen you ARE the best and number one in our hearts; your greatest admirer, Doug, agrees. Thank you, and God bless you in every way every day.

Karen's "Thank You" to
St. Joseph's School of Nursing Alumnae

"A sincere thank you to the St. Joseph's School of Nursing Alumnae Executive for recognition of my participation in the Annual Reunion Day events over the years, which occurred at this year's reunion day luncheon. I appreciated the thoughtful tribute by Sister Ann Marshall (also known by some as Sister Maris Stella) and the beautiful red roses as well as emails and well wishes. Isabel Kerr and I thought we had the best job ever for our Reunion Day as we had the opportunity to meet so many of our graduates."

Who would imagine that over 400 graduates from St. Joseph's would continue to meet annually for mass and lunch even though there has not been a grad since 1978. Thank you for the wonderful memories."

Karen

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Karen Wilson Martin '69 – Retiring as Luncheon Coordinator (1981 – 2014)





A Gift of Gratitude to Jim Shipley '71A
from
St. Joseph's School of Nursing Alumnae Association
by
Cheryl Gravelin McQueen '66

"For many many years, Jim has annually donated beautiful needlepoints and cross stitches to the Alumnae to be raffled off on our Reunion Day with the proceeds going to our Alumnae. Grads line up to purchase these tickets in hopes of winning one of your masterpieces.

This year is no different. Jim has donated 3 needlepoints: one to the Alumnae to be raffled off, one to the classes celebrating their 45 anniversary:

- Class of '71A to be raffled off ONLY to the class of '71A,
- Class of '71B to be raffled off ONLY to the class of '71B.

It's Jim's way of celebrating their combined 45 years as graduates of St. Joe's. Not only has Jim done that, but ALL proceeds from all 3 raffles are being donated to the Alumnae.

On behalf of St. Joseph's School of Nursing Alumnae Association, I want to thank you Jim for everything you have done and present you with our token of appreciation."



Jim's "Thank You Letter"
to
St. Joseph's School of Nursing Alumnae

"Dear Cheryl

I want to thank you, the Executive and the members of St. Joseph's School of Nursing Alumnae for the mantle clock.

I was not expecting this honour. Every time I look at this gift of gratitude, I cherish it even more.

Thanks
Jim Shipley '71A."





Toast to the Alma Mater
by
Pat Faulkner Duxbury '66

It is my pleasure to give the toast to St. Joseph's School of Nursing on behalf of the 50 year Class of 1966.

The setting today is very different than when we graduated and were welcomed into this Alumnae Association with a very proper Mother-daughter tea. We wore hats, dresses, nylons and ate delicate sandwiches while alumnae members, wearing gloves, poured tea from a silver tea service. After graduation, we were invited yearly to the Chrysanthemum Ball, the formal Alumnae Association dance.

We all share wonderful memories of our days as student nurses and we thank our Alumnae Association for providing the means to allow us to reconnect with friends and witness the ongoing success of our alumnae members.

50 years ago my class were seniors and now we are seniors again! When we came into nursing, our adolescence was definitely challenged. We were to live, study and work with complete strangers but these strangers quickly became our family. We learned to share so much, whether it be uniforms, study notes or a ready supply of blind dates. We worked hard to diligently practice new skills such as injection technique, creatively injecting oranges with vodka and piercing each other's ears!

Living in residence, rules were strict: 10:00 pm curfews, the need to sign in and out every time one left the building, as well as late night impromptu meetings in a classroom with the Director of Nursing to deal with problems in residence. Everything from the fear and anxiety being caused by playing with the Ouija board to who replaced the sugar bowls with salt in the Nursing Office staff kitchen, that we shared while living in Undermount.

Through all of this, we grew together and learned that a job can only be accomplished well with the full support of our family or the community in which we work. But raising a family requires exceptional teachers and these were in abundance. Looking around the room today, I see many of the classroom and clinical teachers and staff nurses who inspired us and prepared us for going out into the world and living the overwhelming "life of experience."

Thank you for teaching us 3 wonderful lessons: maturity, responsibility and team work. Together, arm in arm, we have worked to make a difference for the health of all people, whether it be in the clinical settings of the hospital, the local community, the classroom, in service to the poor of the world or in the board room helping shape policy.

On behalf of all of the graduates of St. Joseph's School of Nursing, we honour the dedication and commitment of the Sisters of St. Joseph and the many, many graduates who have worked tirelessly on behalf of our alma mater.

Please raise your glass in a toast to our alma mater:

"to St. Joseph's School of Nursing"



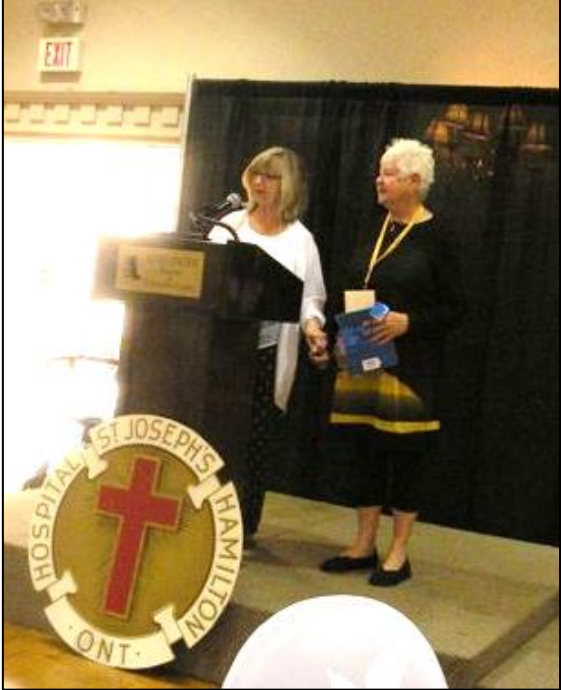
**Toast to the Alma Mater was given by
Patricia Faulkner Duxbury '66**



Sister Ann Marshall '56 gave the closing Grace

Reunion Day Luncheon 2016					
DOOR PRIZES		GRADUATE NAME		CLASS	
1	\$100	Eileen Kelly		1947	
2	\$100	Marg Vandenburg		1957	
3	\$100	Mary Anne Roudy		1977	
4	\$100	June Guagliaro		1971B	
5	\$100	Elly Stoop		1975	
HIGH ROLLER PRIZES					
1	\$250	Lindy Smith Fletcher -		1961	
2	\$250	Mary Farrell Romeo		1960	
3	Ice wine and glass ice bucket	Sheila Todd Maggio		1972	
4	Dom Perignon Champagne	Lorraine Smith Martell		1959	
5	Japanese Kimono	Wendy Farkas		1970	
6	Coach Bag	Darlene Fawcett Ellis		1973	
7	Original Oil Painting	Nancy Leitch Harnischferer		1955	
8	Needlework by Jim Shipley	Jenny Smutniak McDermott		1965	
RAFFLE PRIZES					
1	Oval, gold serving tray	Carol Oldfield Pynn		1971B	
2	2 toss pillows	Carleen Dopking Jarrett		1963	
3	summer hat and scarf	Judy Dundas Stefnitz		1960	
4	oven mitts and kitchen towels	Kay Close Varga		1955	
5	blender	Lindy Smith Fletcher		1961	
6	high end grill pan	Dana Ditmars Walters		1967	
7	3 tier glass server	Doreen Hailewyn Hodnett		1955	
8	Italian ceramic tray	Doreen Hailewyn Hodnett		1955	
9	4 magnolia theme placemats and coasters	Marilyn Ellis Neal		1962	
10	fine soaps and handtowels	Isobel Farrell Gisborn		1962	
11	fine soaps and handtowels	Brenda Drysdale Kelly		1964	
12	fine soaps and handtowels	Selma Ramfry Jeffrey		1952	
13	pizza stone and cutter	Linda Phillips Wilkinson		1967	
14	tablecloth, 6 placemats and napkins	Audrey Bull Pickard		1954	
15	cold pack carry all	Kay Close Varga		1955	
50 / 50 DRAW	\$722.50	Eva Reinhart		1958	

Lindy Smith Fletcher '61 donated her prize winnings to the Alumnae
Mary Farrell Romeo '60 donated her prize winning to the Hospital Foundation



Evaluation - Reunion Day May 26, 2016

45 evaluations

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1. How did you hear about this Reunion dinner?

Newsletter #30 Website #2 Classmate #13 **Other** - last year's luncheon,
- our tradition

2. Did the Reunion Day meet your expectations?

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Met expectations **all but one** Somewhat met expectations Did not meet expectations

3. Please rate your experiences of this day

Very Good Good Fair

Directions to Michelangelo's Banquet Centre 211 3 1

Other: map very blurry, above & beyond, excellent, very much +++

Time of Mass at 10:30 am all but 5 5

Other: Later if possible especially for travellers. 9 people suggested 10:30.

Time of Luncheon at 12:30 pm all but 5 5

Other: 2 asked for lunch served at 12:00. Five asked for lunch at 12:30 with Mass starting at 10:30

Sufficient time between Mass & luncheon all but 4 2

Other: 5 said too much time between.

Information for your Class dinner seating all but 8 0

Other: Class year up where table # is and table # where class year is X 1.
Two classes of 6, sharing a table, suggested 10/table only. It was too crowded.

Banquet Centre features: **Very Good Good Fair**

Parking space all but 7 0

Other: Need more disabled X 1

Seating area in rotunda 15 6 4

Other: More outdoor chairs X 1. "Not" X 1

Setup for Mass 24 2 0

Other: Could we please have chairs spaced more apart? Availability of coffee prior to Mass an excellent idea.



There were 4 forms on each table

Treasurers Report
Membership Report
Application Forms for positions on the Alumnae
And
Evaluation Forms for the Reunion Day

Very Good Good Fair

Food - Menu 22 1 1

Other: Food delicious - tiny suggestion: smaller meat serving + small serving of their famous pasta. Too much food X 1 table. Vary the menu from year to year X 1 table.

- Quality 22 3 1

Other: 1 table only said salad was wilted but otherwise all very good.

Vegetarian meal was much better than last year.

- Service 25 0 0

Other: Wait staff asked if there were food allergies or special meals needed.

Comments: Overall, the comments were overwhelmingly positive. The majority of last year's suggestions appear to be successfully implemented.

"Thank you to all for your hard work to make this a special day." Michelangelo's is a beautiful place - let's keep coming here. The setting is perfect." "Lovely place, good parking, superb, excellent, well done, carry on." "Committee did a great job and appreciated by all at our table. Thank you, thank you, thank you!" "Loved the name tags." "This was a wonderful reunion. I am so proud to have been art of this celebration. So many wonderful, caring, talented & dedicated organizing committee members. Thank you thousands."

Suggestions:

Raffle & Other Tickets: Raffle gifts this year were very nice. However, table needs more promotion/visibility. In previous years, information was provided at or near registration desk. I bought 50/50 tickets but not aware of white tickets. Prize tickets (other than door prizes) need to be advertised better. Many were unaware they were available. ? placement.

Front Reception Desk: disorganized and unprepared.

Roll Call: not necessary. Takes up too much time.

Reports on Tables: Suggest we email financial and membership reports - more time to visit.

Class Photos: Steps up to the altar too steep for many people to ascend for taking pictures.

Lunch ticket prices: Suggest we charge more for non-members.

Table Balloons: Balloons on the table were so high that our table and others around us could not view the winning prize numbers posted on the screen. (Kathy will assess how high table displays can be to provide visibility & we have already notified the organizer of next year's 50 year group that this will be communicated to them in advance of luncheon.)

General: Inclusion of glossy inserts with newsletters that contain the same information that is already in the body of the newsletter seems repetitive at best and an unnecessary use of funds at worse. We are encouraged to have our newsletters via email and to donate where we can but this would also be a welcome step to save funds. Wish there was an area where we could have gotten together as a class - other than dining table.