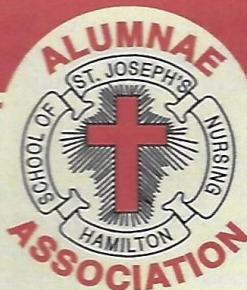


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Dear Nursing Colleagues

Well 2020 is upon us already! How fast did that last year go? The first newsletter of the New Year is an information newsletter.

It contains information about our next and upcoming Reunion Day. We have a "where" and a "when". But the time of the mass and luncheon will be confirmed in the April Newsletter.

We are also asking that the spokespersons/organizers for the Special Anniversary Year Celebrations please get in touch with our Luncheon Co-ordinators, **Kathy Jackson '73** @ sjsnaareunion@gmail.com OR **Teresa Maas '74** @ tmaas31@hotmail.com Please let them know who you are and if you have any questions, or need any information. Work has already begun organizing this special day.

Also we have a request out for Volunteers for our Reunion Day. Please email **Kathy or Teresa** if you are able to help out! Your help is INVALUABLE!!!
Also, if you will be submitting PICTURES of the special Anniversary Classes, please send them to **Janina Berenyi '65** at janinaberenyi65@gmail.com

More information will follow in our April Newsletter. Also further information will be posted on our website sjsnaa.com when it is available.

President's Message

Greetings Alumnae Members! A New Year is upon us. This is a time to reflect on the events of the past year and to look forward to the promise of things to come. As I look back, it is with mixed emotions. The Annual Alumnae Day and AGM in May was another success. Members celebrated and had the time to catch up and enjoy a lunch with classmates. 2019 had its sad events as well, with the passing of more graduates and the closing of the Sister's of St. Joseph's Convent in Dundas.

Our Archivists continue to catalogue memorabilia that come our way. Thank you to all who donated to the work of the Archivists. Donations to the archives assist in preserving items from our School of Nursing. For example, the framing of the class photo from 1919 was made possible through a donation. This large photo was on display at the May luncheon. The Executive is looking closely at

our funds and how we might contribute to a worthy cause. We are not a money-making body. The membership dues and the cost of the luncheon tickets fund the work of our Alumnae. We must be prudent moving forward to ensure the future of our Alumnae. In closing, I wish you all a healthy and prosperous New Year!

Your President, Kristine Brock Rogers '69

2020 Annual Reunion Day Mass and Luncheon Thursday May 21, 2020 at Michelangelo's

Class of 1950 celebrates 70 Years Class of 1965 celebrates 55 Years
Class of 1955 celebrates 65 Years Class of 1970 celebrates 50 Years
Class of 1960 celebrates 60 Years Class of 1975 celebrates 45 Years

Organizers of these special Anniversary Classes, please get in touch with our Luncheon Co-ordinators, **Kathy Jackson '73** @ sjsnaareunion@gmail.com or **Teresa Maas '74** @ tmaas31@hotmail.com

Honorary Membership Recipients for 2020

Congratulations to 9 Honorary Membership Recipients in 2020

Maureen Kirvan '67
Susan Cooke Lochbihler '73
Bernardine Barry Nelligan '50 (deferred from 2019)
Lorraine Page Nelson '64
Carolyn Field Olaski '62
Charlotte Sawyer Owen '66
Elva Zuccolin Polo '70
Mary Farrell Romeo '60
Barbara Brown Yakiwchuk '63

We are pleased to announce that we now have 237 Active Honorary Members. Honorary status is awarded for 25 years of continuous Alumnae membership. While Honorary members are still required to pay their yearly membership, they are awarded a beautiful gold pin at the Alumnae Luncheon in May, in recognition of their dedication to their Nursing Alumnae. Please let Membership Secretary, **PAT DUXBURY** know if you will be attending the 2020 Reunion Day events, so that we will



Maureen Kirvan '67



*Susan Cooke
Lochbihler '73*



*Lorraine Page
Nelson '64*



*Carolyn field
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Owen '66*



*Elva Zuccolin
Polo '70*



*Mary Farrell
Romeo '60*



*Barbara Brown
Yakiwchuk '63*

Mary Haley Class of '42

Mary Haley Tilden was a graduate of St. Joseph's School of Nursing in 1942. She attended her 75th Anniversary at the Reunion Luncheon in May of 2017 with her niece. She was the most "senior" graduate present and enjoyed looking back at her rewarding career in a variety of nursing roles in the Hamilton area. Mary's niece was at the Archives table and saw a photo album from the 30's and 40's. She recognized Mary and her classmates. She took the album to show Mary and Mary recognized herself, classmates and even her husband. The smile on her face was priceless. Sadly Mary passed away Oct 27, 2017 in her 98th year.



Patricia LaFlamme Savelli '57 Mary Haley Tilden '42 Marie Andrychuk Yakimoff '54



Dorothy Duncan '44 Mary Haley '42



Mary Haley Tilden '42 Theresa Lobsinger Walsh '45

Winnifred Walker Class of '47

Winnie Walker from the Simcoe area, entered St. Joseph's School of Nursing in 1943. She completed her Pediatric Affiliation at Children's Hospital in Detroit Michigan in 1945. She graduated from St. Joseph's School of Nursing on May 28, 1947 and was awarded a prize for Surgical Nursing and Examination. After graduation, she returned home and worked for a short time as a staff nurse at Norfolk General Hospital. In 1949, she completed a 9 month Post Graduate course in Operating Room Nursing at University Hospital in New York. She then came back to St. Joseph's in Hamilton and worked in the Operating Room in the John St. building. She worked in the Operating Room from 1950-1977 when she retired. She became the O.R. Head Nurse in 1963 when the new Operating Room opened in the Mary Grace Wing. During her career, Winnie saw many changes in the OR and in Surgery itself, from sterilization procedures, the institution of a Medical Device Reprocessing Area, to "air conditioned" OR's. She instituted the Specialty Charge Nurse positions in the OR. After retirement, in the 1980's, Winnie worked as a First Aid Nurse for several years and later in the 1990's, she worked in the local museum in her community.



Winnifred Walker '47 "capped"



Winnie Walker '47 Eva Neal Staneff '51 at Winnie's Retirement Tea 1977



Betty Holmes '47 Winnifred Walker '47 Graduation Day May 28, 1947 at Undermount before going to the Basilica



Winnie Walker '47 O.R. Head Nurse Sister Mary Daniel '47 O.R. Manager Eva Neal Staneff '51 O.R. Head Nurse

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Dear Nursing Colleagues

Spring has finally arrived! And with it MANY CHANGES in our daily living! This edition of our newsletter has been written for the second time to reflect changes that had to be made. Our Annual Reunion Day Mass and Luncheon that was to take place May 21, 2020 has now been cancelled due to the Covid-19 global crisis. Many thanks to our Luncheon Coordinators, Kathy Jackson '73 and Teresa Maas '74 for all their hard work in organizing this special day and then having to cancel everything. It was NOT an easy decision, but the RIGHT decision given the circumstances surrounding Physical Distancing and Isolation and keeping our population, our medical personnel, including our frontline nurses and our first responders safe. This has to be our priority today!

Please look for future newsletters with more information regarding the next Annual Reunion Day Mass and Luncheon. We will do our best to keep everyone informed. Also please check our website www.sjsnaa.com!

Many thanks to those of you who volunteered to help on that day! We look forward to having your dedication for next year's Reunion Day!

Our website is up and running with so much more! There has been a lot of work done by our President, Kristine Rogers '69 and she has diligently added a LOT of information to the Photo Gallery and website. Please have a look at it! This keeps the History of our Alumnae alive! Our Archivists, Janina Berenyi '65 and Connie Prowse '69 have also been doing a lot of work for the website, getting the Photo Gallery pictures organized, catalogued and refreshed (along with Barb Boles Davis '66) and have collected a lot of information about the beginnings of St. Joseph's Hospital and the School of Nursing! The work these ladies are doing is nothing less than incredible!

Be safe everyone and stay healthy!

President's Message

Hello Everyone! This second version of the President's Report for the Spring Newsletter is one that I deeply regret having to write! COVID-19 is world wide and we are mandated to not be in large groups, for fear of contracting and spreading this virus! It is with regret that your executive has decided that we must cancel the Annual Reunion Mass and Luncheon of the St. Joseph's School of Nursing Alumnae Association. This is not a decision we have made

lightly! We know the disappointment of all our graduates, especially those looking forward to celebrating their "special years" with friends and classmates. As graduates are now predominantly in the "elderly or golden years" classification and this virus is more susceptible to our age groupings, cancellation seemed the prudent action to take. Having a room of 325 or more golden girls and boys is definitely against current Health Department recommendations. Graduates from around the world who would have attended need to be informed before travel arrangements are made. Of course today, many travel arrangements for pleasure have already been cancelled!

Requests for luncheon tickets had been arriving and to date, no cheques were cashed. Can we postpone the reunion to the Fall? Will life be normalized by then? We are not able to answer those questions at this time. The most prudent decision is to wait until next May and hope that physical distancing restrictions have been lifted and life returns to normal! When we have our next Reunion Day, we will celebrate the classes that missed their Anniversary Celebrations this year!

"These are exceptional circumstances calling for exceptional measures" to quote Justin Trudeau.

Be well,
Your President, Kristine Rogers '69



Special Celebration Classes

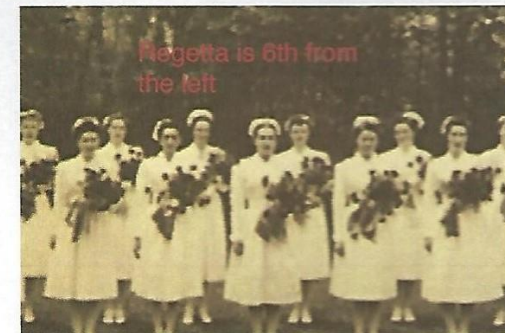
Please note, we still want to mention our classes celebrating, although quietly, their special anniversary years!

REUNION DAY 2020

ANNIVERSARY YEARS CELEBRATION	1915 – 1935
CELEBRATING 80 YEAR ANNIVERSARY	CLASS of 1940
CELEBRATING 75 YEAR ANNIVERSARY	CLASS of 1945
CELEBRATING 70 YEAR ANNIVERSARY	CLASS of 1950
CELEBRATING 65 YEAR ANNIVERSARY	CLASS of 1955
CELEBRATING 60 YEAR ANNIVERSARY	CLASS of 1960
CELEBRATING 55 YEAR ANNIVERSARY	CLASS of 1965
CELEBRATING 50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY	CLASS of 1970
CELEBRATING 45 YEAR ANNIVERSARY	CLASS of 1975

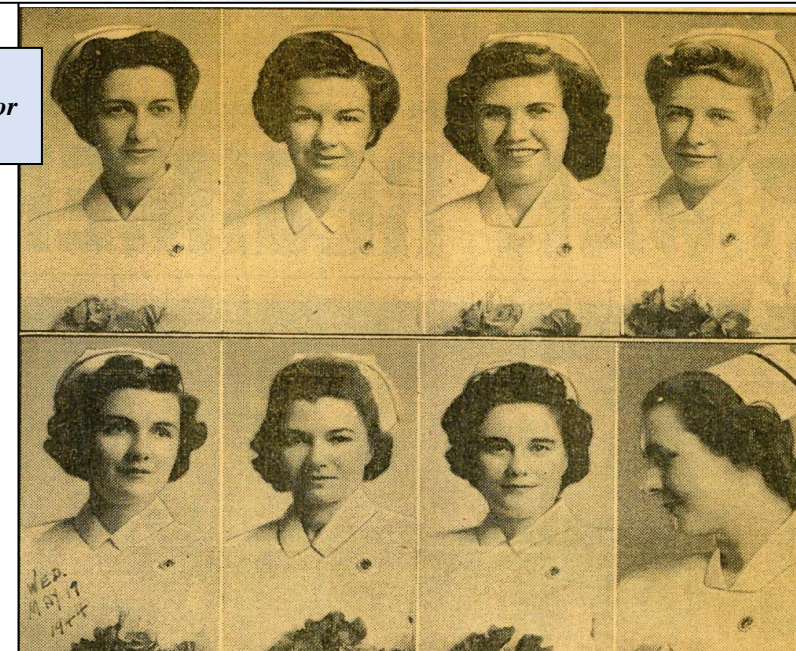
Celebration

Regetta (Fisher) Hardwick '44 celebrated her 100th birthday on January 4, 2020. She was born in Niagara Falls, ON, to a family of eight girls and four boys. Regetta entered St. Joseph's School of Nursing in Hamilton in 1941. On her graduation on May 17, 1944, she received the Maternity and Obstetrics Award. Following her graduation, she returned home to Niagara Falls and in 1945 began working for her brother, Dr. Samuel A. Fisher, a respected family physician and surgeon, at the Fisher Clinic. She worked there for 30 years until she and her oldest brother, Dr. Fisher, retired in 1975. Regetta lives in a Nursing Home with her sister, Margurite in Niagara Falls. Regetta will celebrate her 76th year as a Graduate of St. Joseph's School Nursing.



Graduation 1944

Regetta Fisher was awarded the prize for obstetrical nursing and examination



Retirement Announcement

At this time, the Executive and the Alumnae would like to congratulate Winnie Doyle, Executive Vice President Clinical Operations and Chief Nursing Executive on her upcoming retirement on June 30, 2020, after 37 years of dedicated and distinguished service at St. Joseph's Healthcare, Hamilton ON. Winnie has been most supportive of our Nursing Alumnae.

Winnie joined St Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton in 1983 and has held many roles, including, Staff Nurse, Inpatient Psychiatry, Nursing Management, Vice president Mental Health and Addictions, Vice President Clinical Programs & Chief Nursing Executive, Senior Vice President, Acute and Chronic Disease Management, and Interim President. We would all like to wish her good health and a long happy retirement!



Reunion Day 2000



Reunion Day 2007



Reunion Day 2014



Reunion Day 2011



Reunion Day 2013



*Hospital Tea celebrating 100 years
St Joseph's School of Nursing 2011*

Thank You from Winnie Doyle

As you will recall from the April 2020 Newsletter, Winnie Doyle, Executive Vice President Clinical Operations and Chief Nursing Executive, retired this past June! She was a great supporter of our Alumnae and attended many of our Reunion Day Luncheons and was a very eloquent guest speaker. Here is her message to the Alumnae:

"Dear Kris and members of the Alumnae Association,

Firstly, I apologize for sending an email but given the current situation with Covid I thought it would be most efficient and safe.

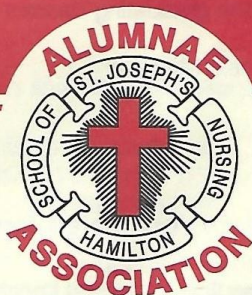
I can't tell you how touched I was to receive the absolutely glorious bouquet of flowers from the Alumnae. I have never received flowers more beautiful. Your thoughtfulness and generosity meant a lot to me. The spirit and comradery of the Association never failed to impress me along with your deep love of Nursing and support for each other. Over my years as CNE I felt blessed to be invited to your Annual Dinners, Luncheons and celebrations. I retire with many memories I will cherish and with great pride that I was part of St Joe's for a period. Thank you for contributing to that enjoyable file in my brain. If there is anything I can do in the future to support the Alumnae, please let me know.

Again, sincere thanks,

Winnie"



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Dear Nursing Colleagues

It's been many months now that this Corona Virus has plagued us. We, the Executive of the Alumnae Association, hope that all members are healthy and safe. It has been difficult for many to maintain Social Distancing and to stay at home, unable to visit with family, friends and loved ones. As the restrictions have eased up to Stage 3, especially here in Canada, some of the difficulties are getting better but we must not be complacent in our everyday lives yet. The summer has past and we are now into the beautiful colourful fall season. Flu season is just around the corner...

There has not been a lot happening on the Alumnae scene as yet. We have been having a few "Zoom" meetings trying to keep up our work for the Association. We have a tentative date for our next Reunion Day Mass and Luncheon and we will keep you all informed as we go along. There will be a lot to celebrate this coming May, if all goes well.

There has been a LOT of work done on our website, www.sjsnaa.com, so please have a look at the hard work accomplished. Thanks to Kristine Rogers '69, our President, and to our Archivists, Connie Prowse '69 and Janina Berenyi '65 for all their effort in updating and continuing to keep the website active...no easy task! It contains so much information about our School of Nursing History and Heritage, Class Photos, the Photo Gallery, and Events, past and upcoming, waiting for your perusal. There are Interviews with Sister Ann, Sister Virginia, Isabel Kerr, and Virginia Frere. There is transcribed history for Sister Joan as well. If you click on the "History" section on the website, there is a dropdown and "Interviews" appears. There are directions to follow.

President's Message

I hope everyone has had a safe summer! We are definitely experiencing changes in our social lives with wearing masks, safe distancing and social bubbles. Unable to have the Alumnae Reunion this year was a great disappointment for the Executive. We thrive on the energy and excitement that all of you bring to each and every reunion! However, we should be thankful that our federal and provincial leaders are providing guidelines for our safety based on sound evidence.

There has been work done by the executive members over the summer. Our Terms of Reference are under revision. Also, many items have been added to our website (sjsnaa.com)! You can view pictures of the luncheons and the mass celebrations from recent years. Most importantly, to recognize the classes that have had "milestones" in 2020, there are collections of class photos on the "Anniversary Years" page. We wanted to recognize your special year! Next May, we hope to

celebrate the 50 Year Anniversaries of the graduating classes of 1970 and 1971 A and 1971 B together.

Please stay safe and hope to see you next May!

Your President,
Kristine Rogers '69

Donations Received

There were donations to the Alumnae this year, despite the cancellation of our Reunion Day celebrations. The Alumnae appreciates any and all donations. Among those donations were:

The September Class of 1955, donated \$2017.00 on behalf of the "deceased members" of their class. As requested, the money was sent to the Mohawk Foundation to provide a bursary for a nursing student with proven financial need. It was given to a student entering first year of the bridging program from Registered Practical Nursing to BScN. (RN degree program)

Ruth Pasquier '63 donated \$1963.00

Jim Shipley '71A from Edmonton, has donated \$40.00. Jim will also be donating his framed needlepoint picture(s) for the Raffle Table at the Reunion Day in May 2021.

Sister Patricia Hanlon

Patricia Hanlon was born on June 14, 1929, in Guelph ON. She was the 4th daughter of James and Katherine Hanlon. She spent much of her childhood as a Girl Guide. She graduated from Loretto Academy in Guelph in 1947. She entered St. Joseph's School of Nursing and graduated in the Class of 1950. She received a scholarship for post graduate studies in nursing education. She entered the CSJ as a Noviciate in 1951. She continued her studies in 1955 and earned her diploma in Nursing Education/Hospital Administration. In 1955, she worked at St. Joseph's Hospital in Guelph as a Pediatric teacher and Director of the School of Nursing. She then earned her BScN. from the University of Ottawa and pursued Economics at McMaster University in Hamilton. During this time, she held various nursing and management positions at both St. Joseph's Hospital in Guelph and Hamilton. At St. Joseph's in Hamilton she became the Supervisor of the Emergency Department. In 1968, she became involved in the Congregational Formation Program, serving as Director of Formation. In 1981, Sister Patricia returned to St. Joseph's Hospital in Hamilton and joined the Pastoral Care Team. She continued to provide pastoral/palliative care to the patients in the Clinical Teaching Unit and the hospital until her retirement in 2017. Throughout those years she took on an extensive telephone ministry. The staff of CTU held a surprise 80th birthday party and officially unveiled the new Sister Patricia Hanlon Quiet Room, named in her honour of her many years of dedication and contributions to her patients and fellow staff at St. Joseph's Healthcare. Sister Patricia retired at the end of 2017, having given 70 years of service. In Sister Patricia's retirement, she continued to volunteer in Pastoral Outreach to hospitals, nursing homes, funeral homes and beyond. In the fall of 2019, she was welcomed, along with other Hamilton Sisters into the St. Joseph Residence in London ON. She entered Eternal Life on April 24, 2020, in her 69th year as a Sister of St. Joseph. Sister Patricia was a woman of prayer and faith. She possessed that rare combination of professional competence, personal compassion and humility.



*Sister Virginia Hanlon '45
Sister Patricia Hanlon '50*

CTU Quiet Room recently named in honour of beloved Sister

Sister Patricia was born on June 14th, 1929 in Guelph, Ontario. The fourth daughter of James and Katherine Hanlon, young Patricia spent much of her childhood as a girl guide. In 1947, she graduated from Loretto Academy in Guelph, the only student in her class to complete grade 13. With a deep compassion for wanting to help people, that same year she registered at St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, graduating in 1950. Always feeling "the call of the Lord", Sister Patricia decided to become a nun and in 1951, entered St. Joseph's Community, Hamilton, a predominantly nursing order.

With a scholarship that she received upon graduation, she returned to her studies and in 1955 earned a diploma in Nursing Education/Hospital Administration. Over the next decade, Sister Patricia continued her studies, earning her BScN from the University of Ottawa and pursuing Economics at McMaster University. During this time, Sister Patricia held various nursing and management positions at both St. Joseph's Hospital in Guelph and Hamilton.



and fellow St. Joe's colleagues. If that wasn't surprise enough, the staff of CTU officially unveiled the new Sister Patricia Hanlon Quiet Room, named in honour of her many years of dedication and contributions to her patients and fellow staff at St. Joseph's Healthcare.

"St. Joe's is very blessed to have Sister Patricia as part of our family," says Donna Johnson, Nurse Manager, CTU and MAU. "We are forever grateful for the endless prayers, for the caring, compassion, and support that she provides for all of us."

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*Sister Patricia Hanlon '50
Alumnae Tea 2015*

Request From Sister Ann Marshall to Members of the Alumnae

This is a request to the Alumnae. Since 2015 the Sisters of St. Joseph and lay interested persons have responded to the refugee crisis around the world. This committee of dedicated men and women have sponsored several families who are now integrated into the Canadian way of life. Presently some of the members have had to withdraw from the committee for personal reasons and that is the reason for this request. Would you kindly ask if there might be interested alumnae members who would like to join the Sisters in sponsoring refugees to Canada? As you would suspect refugees come with myriad health problems and that is why a nurse is a valuable member of the committee.

Sisters of St Joseph Core Refugee Committee - Nurses' Role

The goal of the medical personnel on the Refugee Committee is to build confidence and support refugees to become independent in managing their health.

Activities

- Appointments with Dentist
- Immunization update necessary before enrolling in school
- Medical assessment and screening for infections
- Help new arrivals navigate medical system

Translators always necessary even though the person may have some English ability.

We have connections with Health clinics that cater to refugees.

Two nurses are optimum so they have someone to consult and share the work load which during the first month after arrival can be heavy.

The interested nurse hopefully will live in or around Hamilton for easy access to the program.

Ann Marshall CSJ

P.S.

I wish to assure interested retired nurses that there is no need to be registered to serve on this committee. The only requirement is Police Clearance for Vulnerable Persons. We are seeking a former nurse's considered opinion when discussing a concern of a refugee. Our previous nurse has retired and was well into her 70's. She was invaluable.

The meetings prior to COVID were on the third Tuesday of each month at 1 pm at the Good Shepherd Center on King St. in Hamilton.

Contact information for Sister Ann Marshall can be available on request.



*Sister Joan O'Sullivan '43
Sister Patricia Hanlon '50*

*Sister Virginia Hanlon '45
Sister Patricia Hanlon '50
Sister Mary Austin '43
(their cousin)*



*Sister Patricia Hanlon '50
Reunion Day 2013*

