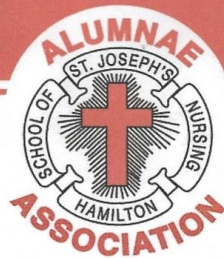


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Dear Nursing Colleagues,

Happy New Year, 2023, to all members from the Executive! We are hoping your holiday season was filled with lots of memories. The year 2022 passed very quickly! Covid is still with us, unfortunately, but with the vaccines and safe practices, the holiday season was able to be this past Christmas.

However, we are entering a new year still filled with some trepidation. But initial planning has begun for our Annual Reunion Day celebrations!

Our website, [www.sjsnaa.com](http://www.sjsnaa.com), is constantly being updated and many Anniversary Class power points have been added throughout this past year, thanks to Kristine Rogers '69, our website coordinator and Connie Prowse '69, our archivist. Please make sure you visit the website. You won't be disappointed!

## Donations

We are happy to accept a donation of **\$500.00** from the **Class of 1959** recently. All donations are gladly accepted including articles and items of interest from the School of Nursing, pictures, and posts of reunion gatherings.

The Alumnae continues to support various groups. We annually donate to St. Margaret Mary Parish, to their Luncheon Fund, and who kindly let us use articles from the church during our Reunion Day Mass.

We also donate to St. Joseph's Villa for client needs, Margaret's Place Hospice and to St. Joseph's Hospital and to the Library at St. Joseph's Hospital in support of our Archives.

## President's Message

Greetings to Alumnae members for the first newsletter of 2023. With the new year comes hope that we will be able to gather together on Thursday, May 25th 2023, for our Reunion Mass and Luncheon. Luncheon plans are just beginning and barring any unforeseen major Covid outbreaks, the goal is to restart our Annual Reunion Day Celebrations.

It will be so good to celebrate with all our Alumnae classes that have major anniversaries to acknowledge and to particularly acknowledge and honour the 50 year anniversary classes that we were unable to honour for three years - 1970, 1971A, 1971B and 1972. We now invite the class of 1973 to share in this honour. We are aware that there are additional classes that had significant anniversaries during the past three years and current year that also need to be recognized!

As you know from October's Newsletter, we had three executive members retire. I am pleased to introduce a new executive member, Jean Chalmers McGilchrist '72. She has joined us as a Luncheon Coordinator working with Kathy Jackson '73. It is so encouraging to know we have graduates that will

come forward to sustain St. Joseph's in Hamilton as one of the most active Schools of Nursing Alumnae in Canada!

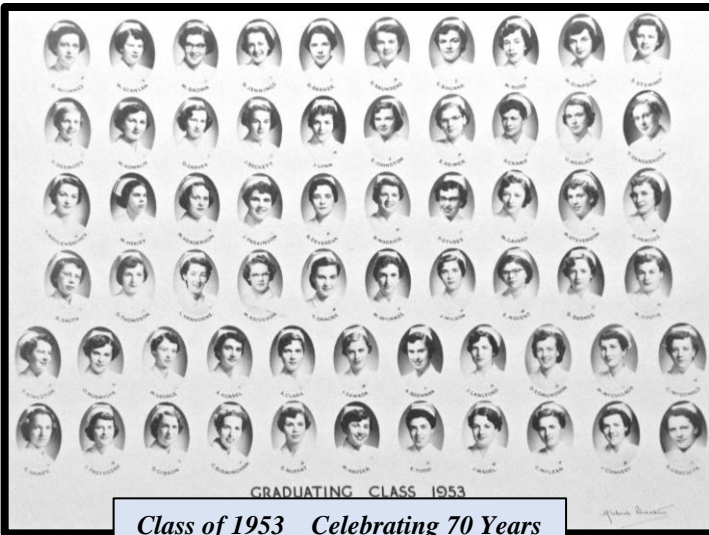
There are still positions to fill. Archive Coordinator, Vice President and Fund Raising Coordinator are vacant roles. I have a dual role as I also take on the Website Coordinator role. If anyone with "some" computer skills would like to take on the Website role, I would certainly welcome them to the executive. One does not need to be a computer whiz to take on the role.

Let us all pray to be together and celebrate our history as St. Joseph's Graduates again in May 2023. Until then, be well!

Your President,  
Kristine Rogers '69







*Class of 1953 Celebrating 70 Years*



*Class of 1958 Celebrating 65 Years*

## ANNIVERSARY CLASSES CELEBRATING in 2023

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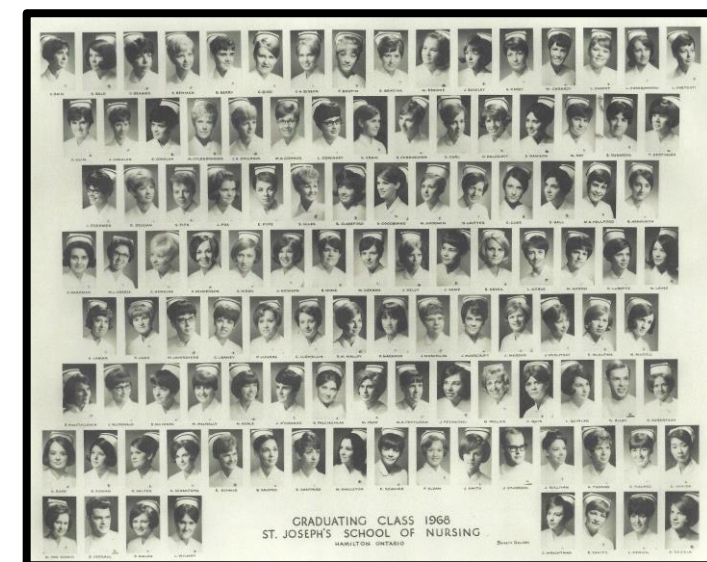
*Class of 1963 Celebrating 60 Years*

## Message to the Class of 1968...from Ellen Kenyon '68

The Class of 1968 will not be having any planned activities for our 55th Anniversary year. We do hope to see you at the Alumnae Reunion Day celebration, on Thursday May 25, 2023, at Michelangelo's Banquet Centre in Hamilton.



*Class of 1978 Celebrating 45 Years*



*Class of 1968 Celebrating 55 Years*

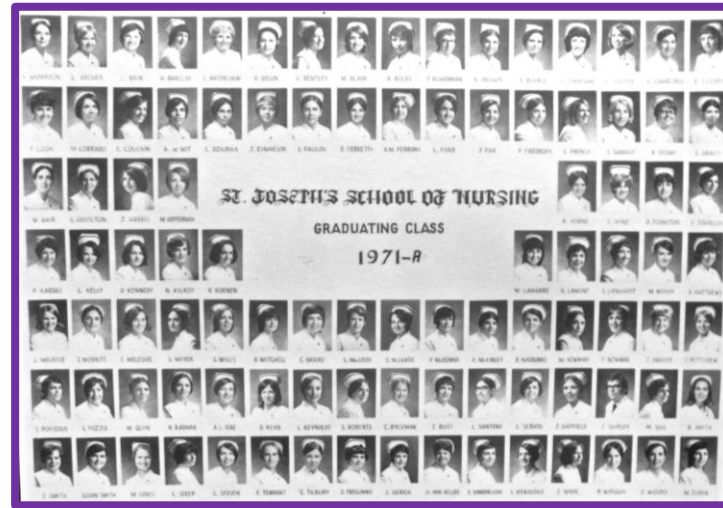


**REUNION...** an act of reuniting; the state of being reunited after a separation

a social gathering attended by members of a certain group of people who have not seen each other for some time



*Class of 1970*



*Class of 1971A*



*Class of 1971B*

## REUNION DAY 2023

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!**

**THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023  
MICHELANGELO'S BANQUET CENTRE  
1555 UPPER OTTAWA ST, HAMILTON**

We are very thankful to resume our annual tradition of celebrating Mass and a Luncheon to commemorate our graduation from St. Joseph's School of Nursing after a three year absence due to Covid. Details will follow in our April Newsletter and as well, will be posted on our website [www.sjsnaa.com](http://www.sjsnaa.com)

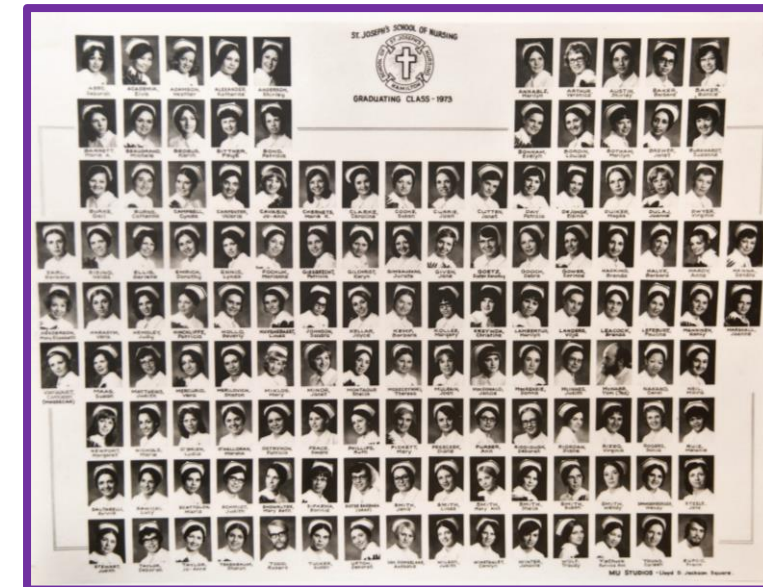
**Kathy Jackson '73 @ [sjsnaareunion@gmail.com](mailto:sjsnaareunion@gmail.com) and Jean McGilchrist '72 @ [jeanmcgilchrist@gmail.com](mailto:jeanmcgilchrist@gmail.com)** are the Luncheon Coordinators for Reunion Day 2023.

**Class Coordinators of the Special Anniversary Years**, please let us know who you are! Please contact **Linda Lipsitt '72 @ [lindalipsitt52@gmail.com](mailto:lindalipsitt52@gmail.com)**. or **905 389 3900**. I will make sure this information is passed on to the appropriate organizers.

There is also a call out for **VOLUNTEERS** to assist on Reunion Day. Your help will be greatly appreciated to make this long awaited celebration happen! Please contact **Linda Lipsitt '72 @ [lindalipsitt52@gmail.com](mailto:lindalipsitt52@gmail.com)** or **905 389 3900** if you would like to help out. "Many hands make less work" and in the past our volunteers were **invaluable** in making Reunion Day the successful and fulfilling event we have known it to be!



*Class of 1972*



*Class of 1973 Celebrating 50 Years*



POSITION	NAME
President	Kristine Rogers '69
Vice President	To Be Filled
Recording Secretary	Nancy March '72
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Luncheon Coordinator	Kathy Jackson '73
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Website Coordinator	Kristine Rogers '69
Raffle/Door Prize Coordinator	To Be Filled

## NOTE

We are still **in need of filling 3 positions on the Alumnae Executive**. If you have some time and a desire to keep our Alumnae going, please consider joining the Executive. We are always looking for fresh ideas. Please contact **any of the existing executive members** (as listed in this newsletter). Any of us would be happy to assist you and mentor anyone who expresses a desire to keep our Alumnae alive and strong!!

## Welcome to New Executive Member Jean Chalmers McGilchrist '72

Jean graduated from St. Joseph's School of Nursing in 1972. She worked at St. Michael's Hospital from 1972-1974 on medical-surgical units. In 1975, she started working at the Hamilton Psychiatric Hospital and was there until 2013. During this time, she worked full and part-time in several areas and programs. In 1991, she was part of a team implementing and participating in a new Acquired Brain Injury Unit until 2000, when it closed at HPH. She finished her career after dedicating 40 years to the service of nursing, working on the unit for those diagnosed with schizophrenia. Jean is married with two married daughters, two grandsons and one great-grandson. Her enjoyment in life has been with her family and friends. She has spent time travelling to many exciting destinations like India, Russia, Italy and the United Kingdom. Her hobbies include reading, quilting, water fit, yoga and walking. Jean says, "The skills and knowledge I learned at St. Joseph's School of Nursing supported me throughout my years working in the nursing profession. But even more important were the lifetime friendships I have shared with the women I met there!"

We welcome Jean in her role as Luncheon Coordinator along with Kathy Jackson '73.





## HONORARY MEMBERSHIP RECIPIENTS FOR 2023

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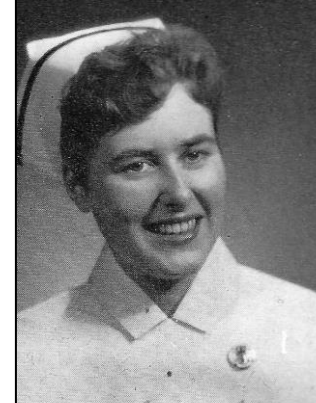
(2022) **Suzanne Neubauer Hayes '62**  
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**Virginia Rizzo '73**

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Honorary membership status is awarded for 25 years of continuous Alumnae membership. New Honorary members 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 2023 Reunion Day events, so that we will have your pin ready for you. If you are unable to attend and would like a designated member to pick it up for you, also let **Pat** know at 905-632-3111 or [duxburp@gmail.com](mailto:duxburp@gmail.com).



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**St. Joe's Grads Making a Difference**

**Nancy Manninen Jacko '73**

Nancy is a graduate pf St. Joseph's School of Nursing, Class of 1973 as well as a graduate from the University of Windsor. She worked in Critical Care and Public Health at the beginning of her career in the Hamilton and Toronto area. In 1980, Nancy joined the hospital system in North Bay where she held various management roles. Since 1997 until retirement, Nancy had been a member of the senior administrative team with responsibility for numerous clinical programs and participated in corporate planning and goal setting. She led the inaugural strategic planning process for the newly amalgamated North Bay Regional Health Centre and developed the first corporate score card for the organization. Nancy served on many hospital, local, LHIN and provincial Boards and committees such as a Family Health Team, the Ontario Hospital Association and the Canadian Military. She presented at various district, regional, provincial and international conferences on various topics related to health care. In 2011, Nancy was honoured to receive the Influential Women of Northern Ontario award for the Public Sector in recognition of her leadership in health care. She was also recognized in 2019 by the Canadian College of Health Leaders of North Eastern Ontario as a Difference Maker in the field of

Healthcare. In March 2020, she was awarded the Davedi Order of Merit for her contribution to healthcare in the community. Nancy retired from the North Bay regional Health Centre in December 2014 where she was Vice President and Chief Nursing Executive. On retirement, she managed a project with the North East LHIN implementing Quality Based Procedures across the region and also did private consulting. Nancy had a progressively varied career in healthcare spanning 43 years, including two hospital corporate amalgamations and the planning and moving to a new hospital in 2011. She led several initiatives to achieve operational and systemic efficiencies and processes for truly patient centered care. Nancy was also an active member of the community involved in various volunteer activities. She was the Chair of the Board of the North Bay Parry Sound District Public Health Unit and was a member of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine Board from 2016. She also sat on the Governance Committee and chaired the Nominations Relations Sub-Committee. Nancy returned to clinical practice during the pandemic to vaccinate members of her community as part of the public health team. Nancy always said nursing was "the best job in the world" as she prepared to celebrate her 50th year in the profession and graduation from St. Joseph's School of Nursing. Sadly, Nancy passed away untimely on November 30, 2022 at the age of 70, leaving behind her husband Bill, of 46 years, a daughter, Hilary (Mike) and 2 grandchildren, Camdin and Blakely, the loves of her life.



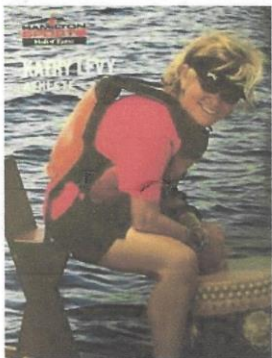
**Congratulations to Kathy Templeton Levy '74  
Inducted into the Hamilton Sports Hall of Fame in  
October 2022**

Kathy Templeton Levy '74 is the coach of the Hamilton Knot A Breast Dragon Boat paddling team, which she founded for breast cancer survivors. After 2 bouts of breast cancer herself, she was looking for the support that would help her work through her fear. A paddle team became the way for her to deal with it. In 1998 she took a leap of faith and borrowed a dragon boat from the local Hamilton area Chinese community. She had learned to paddle herself and then encourage breast cancer survivors, that, if she could do it so could they. They took 4 years to raise the money for their first boat, holding many fund-raising events to cover fees as they have no corporate sponsorship. Home base for the team is the Macassa Bay Yacht Club, who generously fixed up their original clubhouse for the team's use and built up the team's docks where they put their boats in the water. Although Knot a Breast wasn't intended to be a serious racing team, Kathy entered them in a competition early on and the women wanted to do it again and again. Kathy became a very good paddler but found she was even better at steering the 1,500 pound racing boat. The team went on to win numerous championships worldwide.

In 2010, Knot a Breast won the International Breast Cancer Dragon Boat Challenge, defeating 73 teams from around the world. That success resulted in Levy being asked to join the Canadian National Dragon Boat team in Germany for the World Championships where she steered the Women's Grand Masters Boat and the Grand Masters Mixed Boat to Gold Medals. The Knot a Breast team has continued to have success and last year, after a 2 year layoff because of Covid, they won the 2022 World Cup Crew Championships in Sarasota, Florida. Kathy describes the members as a floating support group. "Our focus may be dragon boating, but we are also attuned to the individual needs and the collective fear of our teammates. We know that we are all in the same boat...but with the strength of each other, we are not alone." The sport is an inspiration to their families who have bonded and support each other. A large number help at practices and races and some have even learned to steer.

Kathy is an inspiring speaker. "Our dragon boat team is full of passion, pride and determination. We have each other to share our joy, hope, excitement, fear and sorrow with. Although this disease has and continues to ravage our lives in so many ways, my crew mates and I have come to realize that when we get out on the water and stroke together, strive to compete and to live, for a brief moment in time, all other concerns are gone; we are alive and we have won." "We do have fun...a boat load...all the time" If you know of someone who might be looking for an alternative support system for dealing with breast cancer, please have them check out our website [www.knotabreast.net](http://www.knotabreast.net)

Congratulations Kathy for all you have done for so many!





# Colleen Young Williams '73

Looking back on an almost 50 year career inspired me to ponder how I got here...of course, my education at St. Joe's had a big hand in that! How did I get there though? I do remember setting a goal, very early on, during my high school days, to be a family practice nurse. This goal was primarily inspired by the two nurses who worked in my family doctor's office, one of whom was a graduate of St. Joseph's School of Nursing herself! The idea of being involved with families from birth to death was very appealing and I knew that no two days would ever be the same. (I was so right!) However, I had to get the school part over with. After being accepted by 3 or 4 schools, it all came down to the cap! St. Joe's had the best one and the rest is history!

My time at St. Joe's proved to be the best grounding for my future career that I could have ever hoped for, cap or not! Solid values and work ethic were instilled in us. I never had any doubts that following the tenets of my education would serve my patients the best way possible. Of course the friendships I formed, that stand to this day, and the treasure trove of memories created throughout my time in Fontbonne Hall and Undermount are pure gold.



I began my career at North York General Hospital on the Post-Partum Unit and went on to work for an agency where I was exposed to many options. My last assignment with that agency was to a family practice where my goals were finally validated. I have spent the majority of my career working in family practice settings in the Toronto and Vancouver areas. I know that my care has had a direct impact on patient outcomes and I have developed a great number of lifetime friendships with the people I have worked with over the decades. My last full time position found me tasked with establishing roles for RN's and NP's in a large family practice setting. By the end, these roles were well and truly entrenched. I tried retirement, but the first attempt didn't last. I have spent the past year helping with COVID clinics and working with Public Health with their school immunization program. We'll see if my second attempt at retiring is successful! However, my career has been gratifying...all thanks to a cap!



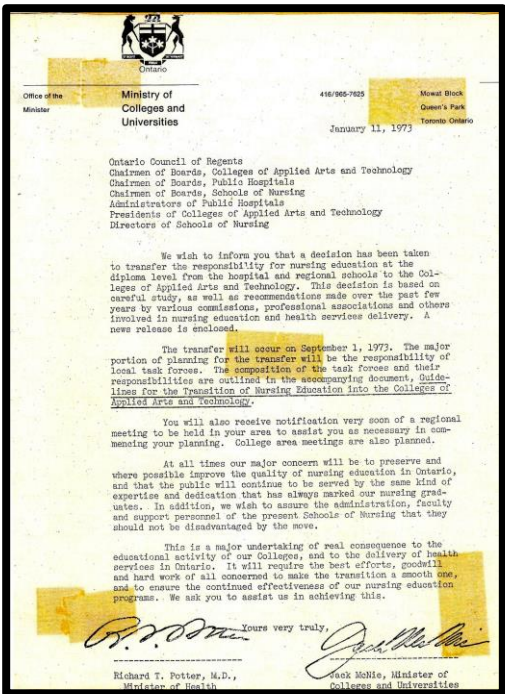
## Did You Know? (facts from the history of the School of Nursing)

In 1956, ward assignments for students were reduced from 12 hours to 8 hours. This was initiated with the Class of 1958

In 1963, Fontbonne Hall opened as the Student Nurses' residence. First year students were still housed in Undermount.

In the 1960's, the emphasis on nursing education shifted to acquiring theory before undertaking the practice. The School of Nursing was held in high regard and it was an innovative school for self-directed learning. National and international visitors visited to see how it was implemented.

In 1973, the Ministry of Colleges and Universities issued a decision to move diploma nursing programs from hospitals to community colleges. The transfer occurred on September 1, 1973. Graduation for the Class of 1973 was the **last nursing graduation under the auspices of St. Joseph's Hospital**. Graduates of this class received their diplomas and pins from St. Joseph's School of Nursing and this Spring 2023, they will celebrate their 50th Year Anniversary.

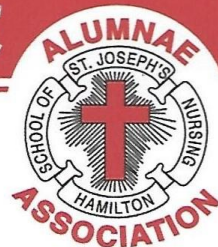


Fontbonne Nurses Residence 1963

*Transfer of the responsibility for nursing education at the diploma level from the hospital and regional schools to the Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology will occur on September 1, 1973*



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Dear Nursing Colleagues

Spring has sprung! We, the Executive, hope that everyone weathered the winter well and that everyone is anticipating all that will be happening in May this year! After such a long hiatus, we are looking forward to renewing acquaintances and celebrating on Thursday May 25th, 2023! Included in the newsletter is the Reunion Day flyer with all the information regarding the venue, times and how to get tickets. I also remind you that **tickets** for Reunion Day 2023 **need to be purchased by Thursday May 11, 2023!**

Also, **group photos** of the celebrating classes of **1970, 1971A, 1971B, 1972 and 1973**, will be taken in the **Bellagio Room** (where Mass will be held), as soon as Mass is completed (around 11:00 am). We would ask that members not attending mass, arrive by that time (11:00 am) in order to participate.

As always, I invite you to visit our website, [www.sjsnaa.com](http://www.sjsnaa.com). You will also find the Reunion Day details there. Also, have a look for the presentations that have been created by Connie Prowse '69, our Archives Coordinator. Connie has done an amazing job creating these presentations, as well as adding more information about our history at the School of Nursing. I look forward to seeing everyone attending Reunion Day 2023!

## “Alma Mater”

The term “Alma Mater” refers to the institution from which a person has graduated. Traditionally at our Reunion Day celebration, it has been a graduate celebrating a 50th Year Anniversary who toasts the Alma Mater. Since we have had several classes who celebrated their 50th Anniversary during the last three years of Covid, namely 1970, 1971A, 1971B and 1972 and with the cancellations of the past 3 Reunion Days, we did not have a toast to the Alma Mater by a member celebrating a 50th Year Anniversary. This year we will continue to have a 50th Anniversary Graduate from 1973, who will deliver the toast to our “Alma Mater”, St. Joseph's School of Nursing.



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*All St. Joseph's School of Nursing Grads, St. Joseph's Campus of Mohawk College  
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## ANNUAL REUNION DAY MASS and LUNCHEON Thursday, May 25, 2023

at  
Michelangelo Banquet Centre  
1555 Upper Ottawa St., Hamilton ON L8W 3E2

**Time of Mass:** 10:00 a.m.  
Celebrant: Monsignor Ted Slaman

**Time of Luncheon:** 12:00 p.m.  
**Ticket Price is \$65.00**

For ticket information, please contact: Kathy – Luncheon Coordinator  
[sjsnaareunion@gmail.com](mailto:sjsnaareunion@gmail.com)

All tickets **must** be purchased by **Thursday May 11, 2023**



## President's Message

As I write this message, Spring is just over a week away and will have arrived by the time you receive this newsletter. Spring brings the promise of renewed life as trees blossom and gardens begin to bloom. This Spring brings the additional renewal of our Reunion Day Celebrations.

Planning is well underway for the May 25th Reunion Day Mass and Luncheon.

The Class of 1973 is celebrating their 50th Anniversary and we will also acknowledge those classes that missed celebrating their 50th Anniversary with the Alumnae during the past three years.

I encourage you to visit our website at [www.sjsnaa.com](http://www.sjsnaa.com) for ticket purchase information for the Mass and Luncheon to be celebrated. While you are on the website, explore the various pages showing our rich history and previous celebrations. Many of these items have been created and posted during the past three years. Your Executive has continued with the work of the Alumnae and the website.

I hope to see many of you in May at our Reunion Day Celebration!

Your President, Kristine Rogers '69

## Volunteers Needed...

We are still seeking volunteers to help out on Reunion Day. If you can lend a hand, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact **Kathy Jackson, Jean McGilchrist, Pat Duxbury, or Linda Lipsitt**. All our contact information is included on the **Executive Contact List** in this newsletter. We are hoping to compile a list of volunteers ahead of time in order to have our day run smoothly. **"Many hands make less work."**

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## Special Anniversary Classes celebrating in 2023

Please contact the following Class Representatives for Reunion Activities

Class of '58, celebrating 65 years- Madeline "Maddie" Rowe  
([madeline.rowe@sympatico.ca](mailto:madeline.rowe@sympatico.ca) or 905-627-4725)

Class of '63, celebrating 60 years- Janice Gowland Peet  
(905-662-2364)

Class of '68, celebrating 55 years- Judith Smith Flaherty  
([judithflaherty3@gmail.com](mailto:judithflaherty3@gmail.com) or 289-439-0787)

Class of '73, celebrating 50 years- Michele Beaugard Mann  
([michelemann@gmail.com](mailto:michelemann@gmail.com) or 416-763-5067)

Class of '78, celebrating 45 years- Cindy Croft Knoflook  
([knoflookcindy@gmail.com](mailto:knoflookcindy@gmail.com) or 905-648-2858  
or  
Debbie Sheehan Gaddy (who lives in Alabama)  
([debbie3990@yahoo.com](mailto:debbie3990@yahoo.com) or 334-318-4543 )



# St. Joe's Grads Making a Difference

## Marilyn Ruth Annable ElBestawi '73

I was raised on a 100 acre dairy farm in Grimsby ON. where there were a few of us and not a lot of money for non-essentials. I credit this upbringing with my knack for innovation and seeing things in a different way. My interview prior to being accepted at St. Joseph's School of Nursing was intimidating. I told the interviewers that "I wanted to cure cancer". Clearly from the start I had the impression that nurses could do anything! It was a happy day when I received my acceptance letter.

My two years of "training" was full of hard work and meeting new friends and it was a proud day for my family and friends when I graduated.

It seems impossible now that I was hired to St Joseph's Coronary Care Unit on the seventh floor. We had a six week intense orientation, learning to read monitors, perfect CPR and manage cardiac patients. I learned so much during this time from my new colleagues and particularly the physicians. I recall being treated similarly to a medical student during rounds with Dr. Bill Goldberg, who expected you to respond to his questions. These opportunities provided not only a great learning experience but was also a confidence booster!

After ten years on Coronary Care, I decided to return to school. Not sure what I wanted to do with my career, I took a general Bachelor of Science degree at University of Guelph and finished it at the University of Waterloo. At this point, I got married and moved to Mississauga. I was fortunate to get a casual position in the ICU at Queensway General in Etobicoke. After hours there were no on-site medical staff other than the ER physician. I moved to part-time, then full-time and after three years, I was hired as Nurse Manager of one of the surgical units. There were so many new experiences in quality initiatives, staff hiring, managing performances, complaints management, communications and trouble shooting. My job expanded from a 23 bed unit to a 56 bed unit. With a colleague, we undertook a new initiative that we called "The Ortho Express", which was a new way of managing hip fracture patients. Our program won the City of Etobicoke Award for Business Excellence, Innovative Category. Following that, I was appointed Director of Surgery and later Vice President Inpatient and Ambulatory Services until 1998. During my "Queensway days", I completed my Certified Health Executive designation with the Canadian College of Health Leaders. Once my role at Queensway General ended, I completed my Master's degree in Health Administration, while working part-time at Halton Healthcare in Oakville, working as a consultant to the Vice President of Nursing and the Vice president of Human Resources. My role was to assist in the transition to the newly established multi-site facility.

Following my Master's degree, I was hired as Program Director for Critical Care and Medicine, including base operations, at Cambridge Memorial Hospital. Unfortunately,



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Honorary membership status is awarded for 25 years of continuous Alumnae membership. New Honorary members 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 2023 Reunion Day events, so that we will have your pin ready for you. If you are unable to attend and would like a designated member to pick it up for you, also let **Pat** know at **905-632-3111** or [duxburp@gmail.com](mailto:duxburp@gmail.com).

## Dr. Arthur Shimizu

Dr. "Art" Shimizu was a Professor of Clinical Medicine at McMaster University, specializing in Nephrology. He was pivotal in the development of St. Joseph's Kidney and Urinary Program. He was founder and leader in the Department of Nephrology and he was appointed head of the first chronic dialysis unit in Ontario at St. Joseph's in Hamilton in 1967.

He was a pioneer in the field of Kidney Transplant and Dialysis. He laid the foundation for the innovative patient centred regional dialysis program which continues to grow at St. Joseph's.

He was largely responsible for the advancement of Kidney Care in the Niagara Region as well and was instrumental in the development of medical education both pre and post-graduate in the region. He taught many who are practicing world wide.

He empathized for the less fortunate and he set an example for everyone that touched his life. He was known as an outstanding physician, clinician and researcher. Many of us will remember him as a "little guy" in his white lab coat, who raced around and had a great patient bedside manner and was always with his entourage of students, etc....Dr. Shimizu passed away on October 20, 2022, at the age of 93, after a prolonged illness.







## Executive Committee Expression of Interest Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Executive Committee Position of Interest: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have internet? Y or N

Have you reviewed the role description for the position of interest?

Y or N

Do you have any past experience pertinent to the position of interest?

Y or N

Please give a brief explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete and contact the current SJSNAA President. Contact Information is provided in this newsletter.

POSITION	NAME
President	Kristine Rogers '69
Vice President	To Be Filled
Recording Secretary	Nancy March '72
Treasurer	Patricia O'Neill '74
Membership Secretary	Pat Duxbury '66
Newsletter Editor/ Dispatcher	Linda Lipsitt '72
Mass Coordinator	Judy Cleary '67
Mass Coordinator	Diane Poehlman '71B
Archives Coordinator	Connie Prowse '69
Archives Coordinator	To Be Filled
Luncheon Coordinator	Kathy Jackson '73
Luncheon Coordinator	Jean McGilchrist '72
Website Coordinator	Kristine Rogers '69
Raffle/Door Prize Coordinator	To Be Filled

## Still In Search Of...

The Executive is still looking to fill three positions that have been vacated. If you are interested in joining the Executive, please fill out the **"Expression of Interest"** form, included in this newsletter, and contact Kristine Rogers '69, our current President. Her contact information is on the Contact List, also included in this newsletter. If you would like to see our Alumnae remain alive and active, enjoy reading the Newsletters and look forward to attending Reunion Day celebrations, please consider joining our Executive. Any member of the Executive would be willing to mentor someone interested. Please feel free to contact anyone one of us on the Executive for any questions.

Currently we are recruiting for:

1. Vice President
2. Archives Coordinator (one of two)
3. Fund Raising Coordinator

## Membership Renewals

If you have received a **Membership Renewal/Application Form** with your newsletter, **this means your Active Membership is ending and this will be your Final newsletter.** For Membership or Renewals, please contact Pat Duxbury @ [duxburp@gmail.com](mailto:duxburp@gmail.com) or 905-632-3111.

The directions for renewing are at the bottom of the Membership/Renewal Form. Please send a cheque made out to **S.J.S.N.A.A.** to Pat Duxbury with a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you would like a membership card.



# You're Invited



## Are you a Mohawk College Retiree? Save the Date

Mohawk College warmly invites our retirees to connect with past colleagues and current staff, and to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our **Health Sciences programs**.

**Tuesday May 9, 2023  
10:30 am - 2:15 pm  
Mohawk College, Fennell Campus  
Lunch and parking will be provided**

This event is open to all retirees, and we will be having a special celebration to recognize the **50th Anniversary of our Health Sciences programs**.

For those interested, tours will be arranged to our Institute of Applied Health Sciences Campus, after the luncheon. Transportation to this campus from the Fennell Campus will be provided.

**If you are interested in attending please contact**  
[mohawk.events@mohawkcollege.ca](mailto:mohawk.events@mohawkcollege.ca)

A formal invitation and RSVP will be sent out in April.

We are collecting photos from your time at Mohawk College. If you have any we can include as part of a presentation, please connect with  
Kate Kemp at [kkempkk65@gmail.com](mailto:kkempkk65@gmail.com).

**Deadline for submissions for our October 2023 Newsletter is October 1, 2023**

I apologize for any errors or omissions. Please contact me for notifications at [lindalipsitt52@gmail.com](mailto:lindalipsitt52@gmail.com) or 905-389-3900

## Maureen Ann Arbour Radigan '57

Maureen was a proud graduate of St. Joseph's School of Nursing, class of 1957. Maureen was actively involved with the school of nursing as editor of the nursing paper and for many years with the Alumnae. Some of her proudest achievements were those where she felt she had made a contribution to an individual's life. A few of her other accomplishments include advocating for full government funding of Catholic Education in Ontario, supporting the implementation of the Block Parent Plan in Hamilton, and actively serving as elected School Board Trustee on the Hamilton Catholic School Board for over 10 years. Never being idle, Maureen became a real estate agent after stepping down as trustee. Maureen's lifelong involvement in politics led her to an appointment as Returning Officer for Hamilton Mountain, followed by being named Chief Returning Officer for Central Ontario. Inspired by her love of art and education, she returned to school while also a semi-retired realtor. She earned a Certificate of Art History from

McMaster University which she immediately put to use volunteering as a docent for the Hamilton Art Gallery. She consistently supported a number of charitable organizations. Most dear to her heart were the St. John's Soup Kitchen (Kitchener) and the Good Shepherd (Hamilton) where she also volunteered. Her love of travel bloomed in the '50's with her European adventures during a nursing placement in London England. Together with Tom, she had many wonderful vacations around the world. One very special trip was visiting Ireland, where Tom retraced his roots and Maureen re-lived her kiss of the Blarney Stone. In later years they went on many cruises and when the grandchildren came along, so did many more unforgettable



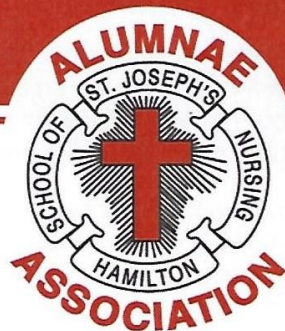
family trips.

Maureen passed away on July 2, 2022, in her 87th year, on her 62nd wedding anniversary to her beloved husband, the late Thomas Radigan. She was proud mother of 4 children and 7 grandchildren.





# ALUMNAE



# IN ACTION

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October 2023

Dear Nursing Colleagues

The Summer of 2023 is now a memory! We, the Executive, hope that all members were able to enjoy the past few months with whatever activities were planned. The Executive enjoyed a break over the Summer after a very busy Winter and Spring, culminating in a very successful return of our Annual Reunion Day last May 25th! We were very pleased to see so many members attending, especially after several years of cancellations due to the pandemic. And by the sounds of laughter and conversation, it looked like everyone was enjoying the day!

Hopefully we capture some of these moments in this newsletter and that you enjoy reading about it and seeing some of the many wonderful pictures taken by our two photographers, Samantha "Sam" and Josie. **Many more detailed pictures and highlights will be located on our website [www.sjsnaa.com](http://www.sjsnaa.com) soon, so please be sure to have a look!**

We were also very lucky to have had so many volunteers help out to make the day the success that it was!

So a big THANK YOU goes out to everyone!

As of September, we are back at it, keeping the members informed of what's happening and starting our planning for this coming year's events. We also welcome a new member to our Executive, Janny Scholten Bruyn '69, who takes one of the roles of Archive Coordinator.

Sadly we have received the resignation of Diane Bendia Poehlman '71B from her role as one of the Mass Coordinators, after many years serving on the Executive in several different roles. We thank Diane and wish her well for the future!



Class of 1968 Celebrating 55 Years  
Lillian Chetcuti Bonitatibus, Judy Smith Flaherty, Ellen Zavitz Kenyon,  
Carole Wrightman Lunn, Barb Rowan Gietz, Louise Quinlan Renwick,  
Shirley McInnes Gibson, Ellen Sheppard Monkhouse, Helena LaBatte McNeil



Class of 1968  
Ellen Sheppard Monkhouse, Helena LaBatte McNeil, Barbara DeNardis McDonald,  
Lillian Chetcuti Bonitatibus, Judith Smith Flaherty, Ellen Zavitz Kenyon,  
Carole Wrightman Lunn, Barb Rowan Gietz, Louise Quinlan Renwick, Shirley McInnes Gibson

The class of 1968 had 19 members attending the reunion day celebrations.

RAFFLE PRIZES  
Volunteers Jane Clayton Ross '76  
Ellen Sheppard Monkhouse '68



Donated Grad Pins & Year Pins



Class of 1968  
Judy Marcellus Aspden, Eleanor McAlpine Parsons, Brian Verrall, Mary Laing Marcella,  
Mary Anne Pettigrew Conway, Julia Morden Claus, Susan Coholan Oliver,  
Marilyn Day Fazio, Jean McDonald Jarvis



Class of 1968  
Brian Verrall, Mary Laing Marcella, Mary Anne Pettigrew Conway, Julia Morden Claus,  
Susan Coholan Oliver, Marilyn Day Fazio, Jean McDonald Jarvis, Judy Marcellus Aspden,  
Eleanor McAlpine Parsons



Class of 1957  
Marie Garlow, Irene Field Monas,  
Joan Robinson Phillips, Patricia LaFlamme Savelli



Class of 1959  
Constance Skrok, Beverly Vicary, Joan McNamara, Rosemary Murray,  
Eleanor Garr, Sandra Pendakis, Evelyn Krubinski, Nancy Wilson



Judy Sherman Cleary '67  
Mass Coordinator



Volunteers for Archives  
Nancy O'Brien Melnyk '65  
Sonja Vrba Klein '65



Class of 1974  
Brenda Lumsden Johanson, Veronika Kapsvary Loughton,  
Mary Heusar Pierce, Brenda Sabo Banks, Marie Renee Dube Reid,  
Donna Ireland Bain, Amy Clayton, Keti Ruskai, Teresa Maas



Class of 1961  
Connie Burns Carson, Doreen Cowan, Lorraine Eichells Paul, Barbara Warren Wright,  
Lindy Fletcher Smith, Rose Anne McSloy, Marilyn Todd Purvis



Class of 1965  
Louise Portsmouth Sidorkewicz,  
Jeannine Heil Giavedoni,  
Dorothy Battey Richardson



## President's Message

As our annual year runs July through June, this is the first President's report of the '23-'24 season. Last season ended with the very successful Reunion Day '23! After an absence of reunion celebrations due to Covid, everyone was ready to celebrate and catch up with colleagues. I want to thank all of you who came and made the reunion an Alumnae Day to remember! The smiles on the

faces of the classes cheering and parading around the dining hall was an unforgettable Alumnae memory. The enthusiasm was amazing and heartwarming to watch!

Your Alumnae Executive is working hard to keep that spirit alive. A lot of time and energy goes into making our reunions successful and to ensure our members have an enjoyable time. We need your support! There are vacancies on the executive waiting for your name. Let's keep the momentum going, encouraging classmates to join the Alumnae and/or take on a more active role so we can keep the Annual Reunions the great events they can be!

Keep well!  
Kristine

## Donations

We have been fortunate to receive several monetary donations to the Alumnae.

Pat Andreychuk Winter Sept. '56 donated \$300.00 U.S. in memory of her sister Marie Andreychuk Yakimoff '54

Class of 1973 donated \$530.00

Class of 71A and 71B donated \$150.00 in memory of deceased classmates

Robyn Innes Hill '78 donated \$200.00

Dana Peszat Longchamps '65 donated \$100.00

Vera Summers Braithwaite, Sept.'55 donated \$100.00

The Class of 1978 donated \$400.00 to the Suicide Prevention Community Council of Hamilton on behalf of their class and the Alumnae



**Kristine Brock Rogers '69**  
Alumnae President



**Honorary Pins Recipients**  
(Helma Mitchell '71B picking up for) Jeannie Granich Thompson '64, Dana Dimars Walters '67, Patricia Ifody Vaillancourt '63, Robyn Innes Hill '78, Velma Andreychen Columbus '65, Lorraine Groleau Richardson '58, Carolyn Field Olaski '62, Virginia Rizzo '73, Suzanne Neubauer Hayes '62, Judy Schmidt Sloan '73, Terrianne Dowhaniuk Hotrum '78, Judy Flynn Skarratt '62



**Names of Honorary Members**



**Janet Huson Cote '67**  
gave the closing Grace

**Helen Walsh Cran '57** was unable to attend the reunion today. She will be receiving her Honorary Pin by mail.



**Items donated by graduates include**  
Candy Dish with lid - St Joseph's School of Nursing logo  
Mugs with St. Joseph's School of Nursing logo  
The Nurse - Lladro



**Collection of note books by Violet Bassindale '34**



**Lunch was delicious!**



**Charlene Scime Cruz '63**  
**Connie Beamer Prowse '69** - Archives Coordinator

**Eileen Hunter Kelly '47**  
Eldest Attendee



**Class of 1975**  
Anita Purnalis Pitts, Mary Colangelo Stodolak, Natasha DeSilva Charles, Margaret Gauthier, Eileen O'Halloran Bain



**Class of 1973 Celebrating 50 Years Roll Call**



**Membership Table**  
Pat Faulkner Duxbury '66 Membership Coordinator  
Barb Hallam '66 Volunteer



**Pat O'Neill '74, (Treasurer), Karin Dearness, (Director Library Services - St. Joseph's Healthcare), Kristine Brock Rogers '69 (President), Jean Chalmers McGilchrist '72 (Luncheon Coordinator), Linda Bogoslawski Lipsitt '72 (Newsletter Editor), Nancy English March '72 (Recording Secretary), Sister Patricia Valeriotte '70**



**Class of 1962**  
Shirley Newman Davies, Joan Newman Hunter, Sally Inch McConnell



## Toast To The Alma Mater by Suzanne Burkhardt Mate '73

I'm not sure who put my name forward to do this...I guess they didn't know that my last speech was many years ago at a send off to my favourite Girls Guides as they moved on to Pathfinders...I cried through the whole thing! I hope this won't be a repeat of that day.

It really is an honour to be here today. As you well know, there were many "Covid" years when we couldn't gather and those classes celebrating their 50th reunion during those years were unable to be up here to tell their stories. The last year we physically celebrated was 2019. The alumnae executive made the decision that the class that was actually celebrating 50 years should do the toast. So to the classes of 1970, 1971A and 1971B, as well as 1972, I salute you and wish one of you was up here instead of me!

Kathy Alexander suggested that I go to the alumnae website for ideas for this toast. Thank you Kathy! I highly recommend every one of you do the same...what a labour of love! I discovered things I didn't know about the classes who are being honoured this year.

For example, the class of 1970 was the last class to have their graduation at Fontbonne auditorium. Both the 1970 and 1971A classes were part of the 2+1 program where there were 2 years of classroom work and related clinical experience and then the third year was an intern or practical year with a class held once a week.

Those in the 1971B class were the first students in the 2 year program and those graduating in 1972 were the second!

The grads of 1973 began a new self directed 2 year program. Sister Ann Marshall, the School of Nursing Director in 1971 said, "We found most students, by working at their own speed, learned faster than ever before." We all remember carrels, SAS, GAS, objective tests and the learning resource centre. We were also the last class to graduate under the auspices of St. Joseph's Hospital.

We were prepared well by St. Joseph's School of Nursing even though we were ONLY TWO YEAR GRADS. Our instructors had worked hard on that new program and they weren't going to let it - or us fail!

No matter the length or type of program, when we left St. Joe's as graduates we had the ability to give excellent nursing care physically, mentally and emotionally. I know we are all proud to say we are graduates of St. Joseph's School of Nursing.

Sister Virginia Hanlon had it right..."we are forever a St. Joe's grad". I truly believe that St. Joe's taught us to care and share, with people everywhere. Whether it was because of the screening process for applicants or the instructors or the method of teaching...we left our alma mater with the desire to help and over the years, we have done so throughout the world.

And because change is constant, I would like to make one small change today...I propose 2 toasts. So don't empty your glass with the first one!

With the classes of '70, 71A and 71B, 72, 73 and ALL the 3,450 graduates of St. Joseph's School of Nursing, please share a toast to all the hard working alumnae team who work so hard to keep us coming back for more! Thank you. - To the Alumnae!

And to the instructors, administrators, support staff AND our Alma Mater, we toast you! To St.Joe's!!



Kathy Alexander Jackson '73  
Luncheon Coordinator



Jim Shipley '71A, Anne Roscoe '63, Camilla Mingle '71B



Kristine Brock Rogers '69  
Alumnae President



Class of 1965  
Doreen Echells, Kelly, Nancy O'Brien McLaugh, Sanja Vrba Klein, Edda Gris Engel, Lucy Kaminskas Brock, Velma Andreychen Columbus, Judy Farwell Zarazun, Patricia Dowling DiCiommo



Class of 1976  
Jane Clayton Ross, Josie Romano Witte, Rosemary Adili Hobson, Christa Rybak Parsons, Marylou Twiss Lawlor, Brenda Hickey Nelles, Cheryl Cusseau Ferguson, Julie Bostock Blaskovich, Debbie Levy Hamann, Janet Long



Class of 1978  
Standing: Cindy Craft Knofflock, Elaine Halinda Brinkman, Kathy Blackburn Leger, Betty Ann Back Mammoletti, Jeanne Jamieson Satton, Gail Papple, Donna Lovelady Barber, Hilda Maksimovich Dube, Jeannie Kozluk Gallen, Judy Voys Motley, JoAnn Jadwiga Sykula Misinski, Lorraine Sister Mars, Trish Anthony Blackwood, Terrienne Dowhanik Hotrum, Terry McGark  
Front Row: Linda Tonin Mills, Elaine McInnis Chiarelli, Debbie Holmes Maki, Nancy Russell Gruenwald



Class of 1963 Celebrating 60 Years  
BACK ROW: Marilyn Murphy McInnes, Dianna McRae Russell, Anne Condon Hockey, Pat Ifody Vaillancourt, Anne Schwenker Roscoe, Marianne Stepanek, Judy Blake Garner, Charlene Scime Cruz  
FRONT ROW: Mildred Lamanes Wunderlich, Arlene Gravelle Gaspar, Jackie Dawe Yundt, Karin Heimler Schertzer, Ann Woods Hier, Estelle Misiraz Sobkowich, Mary Kulawic Hildreth, Mary Taborek, Donna Mitchell Jackson



Class of 1963  
Pat Ifody Vaillancourt, Mildred Lamanes Wunderlich, Anne Schwenker Roscoe



Class of 1963  
Mary Taborek, Charlene Scime Cruz



Class of 1963  
Charlene Scime Cruz, Donna Mitchell Jackson, Bonnie Richardson Nixon, Jackie Dawe Yundt, Pat Ifody Vaillancourt, Mildred Lamanes Wunderlich, Ann Schwenker Roscoe, Marianne Stepanek, Arlene Gravelle Gaspar



"CAPPING"  
Class of 1963  
and the  
Florence Nightingale Lamp



A Moment in Time  
donated by the Class of 1963  
on their 50th Reunion



### President's Message

*It was good to celebrate with all our Alumnae Classes that have major anniversaries to acknowledge and to particularly acknowledge and honour the 50 year Anniversary Classes that we were unable to honour for the past 3 years due to Covid-19...1970,1971A, 1971B, 1972. We now invite the class of 1973 to share this honour.*

*There are additional classes that have had significant anniversaries during the past 3 years and this current year that also needed to be recognized. Today we have 417 people in attendance.*



*Class of 1970 celebrating 53 Years*

**BACK ROW:** Jane Hardy Schott, Darlene Saunders Dochstader, Marnie Best Beaudoin, Sister Patricia Valeriotte (formerly Sister Eleanor Ann), Wendy McKenzie Farkas, Judy Haney Ferguson, Daphne Smith, Elva Zuccolin Polo, Patricia Linton Arghittu, Meron Pascoe Boldt  
**FRONT ROW:** Pauline Feniuk Kniaziew, Barbara Molineux Howe, Judi Jennings Green, Gerri McManamy, Patricia Minor White, Marlene Smith Goette, Christel Zerwinski Robertson, Beverly Shynal Greenwood, Judy Parsons Harris, Margaret Reynolds Leatham



*Honorary Pins Recipients*

*(Helma Mitchell '71B picking up for) Jeannie Granich Thompson '64, Dana Ditmars Walters '67, Patricia Ifody Vaillancourt '63, Robyn Innes Hill '78, Velma Andreyechen Columbus '65, Lorraine Groleau Richardson '58, Carolyn Field Olaski '62, Virginia Rizzo '73, Suzanne Neubauer Hayes '62, Judy Schmidt Sloan '73, Terrianne Dowhaniuk Hotrum '78, Judy Flynn Skarratt '62*



**Records of Honorary Members**

### Janny Scholten Bruyn '69

As a new grad I worked on 5 Surgical at St.Joesph's Hospital until the inception of the Renal Transplant Unit, where, under the tutelage of Dr. Peter Knight, we nurses set up the unit for our first patients. We were often "relocated" when there were no transplant patients, which meant we were required to work on any unit where help was needed. This could get pretty tense, but made for a lively and very broad experience!



After the birth of my son in 1973, I left St. Joe's and worked at West Haldimand General Hospital, a wonderful community hospital. My experience there was Medical, Surgical, and Pediatrics. However I missed the teaching experience and returned to St. Joe's in 1977 and worked on Pediatrics for 7 years (in 2 terms). I also worked in Community Nursing and was on the Palliative Team at VON.

In 1989, because of attrition on Pediatrics, I made a big transition to work on Liaison at St. Joe's, a Short Stay Psychiatric Unit. This was a huge learning curve but very rewarding! Liaison closed in 2007 and this time I went to Forensic Psychiatry at the Center for Mountain Health at West 5th. This was my last hospital employment because it was time to stop doing shift work. From 2009 to 2014, until I retired I was employed part time for VON, working in Flu and Health Clinics and Employee Health.

My husband and I have 4 children between us and 9 grandchildren...four amazing and wonderful families. We also have our dog, Frida (a golden retriever/shih tzu cross...don't ask) and our cat Cosmo. We enjoy organizing cycling vacations in Europe (if interested, we are always looking for cycling buddies). I am currently writing a children's book based on a puppet play I wrote and produced when my children were in preschool. Other than that, I'm retired and find it takes a week to do what I once did in my limited spare time!

I would like to thank our present and past Alumnae Executive for their dedication and hard work and I hope to contribute to keep our vital tradition alive!!!



Janny has recently joined the Alumnae Executive as an Archive Coordinator along with Connie Beamer Prowse '69





*Class of 1971 A Celebrating 52 Years*

**FRONT ROW:** Margaret Sones McFarlane, Lorna Archer Quinn, Pauline Cook Scott, Susan Vanderlaan Hancock, Noreen Kilroy Otter, Ann Louise Rae Arsenault, Eleanor Hynes Walsted, Barbara Narbonne Dwyer, Barbara Boles Hagens, Judy Bowerman Lade  
**MIDDLE ROW:** Darlene Read Florence, Margaret Blair Warden, Patricia McKenna Gerth, Susan Smith Roudliffe, Sheila Faulds Pether, Donna Kennedy Woods, Karen Horne Murphy, Ann Marie Ferroni Fritch, Christine Dziurka Bonta, Judy Einarson Santone, Maggie Corrado Shipman, Marilyn Quinn Prowse, Kathy Steep Playfair, Maureen Heffernan Smith, Luba Melrose Komer, Susan Porteous Seager, Denise Ferretti Massey, Lori Batenchuk Grube  
**BACK ROW:** Gail Charlton Pinelli, Alice deWit Van Dyke, Katherine Kelly Jolly, Jim Shipley, Wendy Hair Kelly, Joyce Parker Alexander, Jackie Wade, Penny Freeborn Doan, Jackie Harris Frame, Susan Meyer Brown



*Eileen Hunter Kelly '47 picked the winning ticket for the 50/50 draw. The winner was Francie Lewis Palmer '71B winning \$897.50*



*Eileen Hunter Kelly '47 is the oldest living member of our Alumnae*



*Flowers Needlepoint  
 Donated by Jim Shipley '71A  
 Won by Barb Hallam '66*



## Prize Winners Reunion Day 2023



### Door Prize

Set of 3 Needlepoints (donated by Jim Shipley '71A) won by Carolyn Poulin Crowley '58

### Draw Prizes

"Fox" Needlepoint (donated by Jim Shipley '71A) won by Pat Ryder Small '67

"Flowers" Needlepoint (donated by Jim Shipley '71A) won by Barb Hallam '66

"Blue" Abstract (donated by Pauline Feniuk Kniaziew '70) won by Heather Sefton Waters '67

"Green" Abstract (donated by Pauline Feniuk Kniaziew '70) won by Cheryl Custeau Ferguson '76

Hat, Scarf and Silver Necklace won by Marlene Smith Goette '70

Purse and Change Purse won by Janet Parsons Grantham '72

Ring won by Susan Porteous '71A

Umbrella and Gardening Set won by Janet Dally Eberhardt '67

Sunglasses won by Judy Sherman Cleary '67

Sunglasses won by Marilyn Quinn Prowse '71A

### 50/50 Draw

Total amount purchased **\$1,795.00**

Winner Amount **\$897.00** won by

Francie Lewis Palmer '71B



**Congratulations to ALL Winners!!! Thank you for supporting your Alumnae!!!**







*Class of 1971 B Celebrating 52 Years*

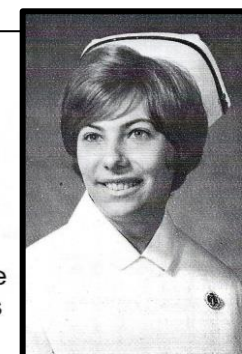
**BACK ROW:** Rosemary Feher Howard, Jackie Baines Adamson, Louise Bissonette Chick, Ann Crawford Patti, Cathy Kargus Todd, Francie Lewis Palmer  
**MIDDLE ROW:** Jackie Van Egmond Malda, Linda Sahagian Mlot, Wendy Lane Boles, Karen Gamelin Pearce, Kathleen Kinney Banks, Cathy Nurmi Smith, Janice Jenter James, Helma Mitchell, Kate Connelly Jackson, Carol Jenner MacMillan, Shannon Cruickshank Langford  
**FRONT ROW:** Susan Moore Button, Linda Wilson Epp, Camilla Poupore Mingle, Diane Bendia Poehlman, Carol Oldfield Pynn, June Ann Quagliarello, Judy McPhail Sparks, Linda Dymont MacDougall, Oldyna Gioberti Terrana, Shirley Moore Lanza



*Carolyn Crowley Poulin '58 won the door prize.... a set of 3 needlepoints donated by Jim Shipley '71A*



*Sister Patricia Valeriotte '70 gave Opening Grace*



## Diane Bendia Poehlman '71B

After graduation Diane worked on Nephrology at St. Joseph's Hospital for 8 years. She then worked at Chedoke Hospital for 4 years as a Casual Relief Nurse. Diane spent 30 years after that working in the office of Dr. B. Alton as an Office Nurse.

Diane joined the Alumnae Executive as Treasurer in 1998-99. She then became Membership Coordinator. While on the Executive as Membership Coordinator, Diane and her husband printed and mailed out the newsletters to Alumnae members. She spent 14 years with the Executive during this time.

Diane rejoined the Executive 6 years ago as Mass Coordinator along with Judy Cleary '67.

Diane has also used her talent in music, playing piano for the Annual Reunion Day Mass for the last 24 years...since 1999!

We the Executive, wish Diane well with her decision to step down at this time and hope she enjoys time with her family and friends. We thank her very much for her dedication and commitment to keeping our Alumnae alive and active!



## FYI

Many of you may be wondering why the Piper played Maple Leaf Forever instead of O Canada after the classes were piped in on Reunion Day. The Piper, being a professional musician, explained that all the notes for O Canada cannot be reached on the bagpipes and since he is a perfectionist, he preferred to play Maple Leaf Forever.



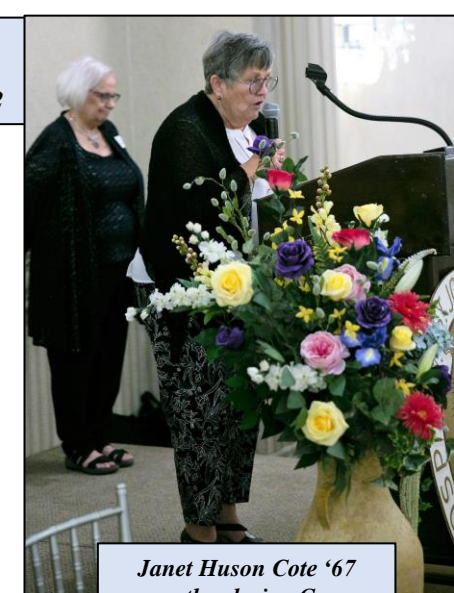


*Class of 1972 Celebrating 51 years*

**BACK ROW:** Rosina Cerone DiCioccio, Patricia Kline Hussack, Judy Brown Ludlow, Sheila Todd Maggio, Charlotte Smith Stanshaw, Elaine Poirier Deroo, Patricia Saunders Hodges, Janet Van Dame Deroo, Diane Latowicz Balog, Jenni Douglas Loucks  
**MIDDLE ROW:** Janet Parsons Grantham, Linda Bogoslawski Lipsitt, Arlene Otterman Carron, Beverly Rundle Popovic, Janice Burwell Cairnie, Susan Winer Smith, Patricia Hendry Klus, Brenda Tossell Brouwers, Annette O'Donnell Sabourini, Marianne Scota Rohide  
**FRONT ROW:** Barbara Morrison Seager, Edith Augstman, Susan Volterman Hemberger, Maureen Deehan Timmins, Rena DeBoer Hania, Margaret O'Donnell Obermeyer, Sylvia Boucher Malloy, Marilyn Spencer Stewart, Nancy English March, Jean Chalmers McGilchrist



*Masters of Ceremony  
Linda Bogoslawski Lipsitt '72  
Jean Chalmers McGilchrist '72*



*Janet Huson Cote '67  
gave the closing Grace*



## Thank You, to our Many Volunteers!!!

Your help with Reunion Day was so appreciated!!

Donna Bain '74	Gerri McManamy '70
Margaret Blair '71A	Ellen Monkhouse '68
Janny Bryun '69	Francie Palmer '71B
Moira Neil Brown '73	Cathy Playfair '71A
Amy Clayton '74	Diane Poehlman '71B
Jeannine Giavedoni '65	Ida Porteous '69
Barbara Hallam '66	Marilyn Ray '58
Sonja Klein '65	Renee Reid '74
Pauline Knieziew '70	Marianne Rohde '72
Margaret Leatham '70	Anne Roscoe '63
Teresa Maas '74	Jane Ross '76
Denise Massey '71A	Jim Shipley '71A
Nancy Melnyk '65	Cathy Smith '71B
Camilla Mingle '71B	Margaret Somerville '62
Linda Mlot '71B	Sister Pat Valeriote '70



At this time, we would also like to thank Dana, Jen, and Sal from Michelangelo Banquet Centre for all their help during Reunion Day Planning and on Reunion Day.

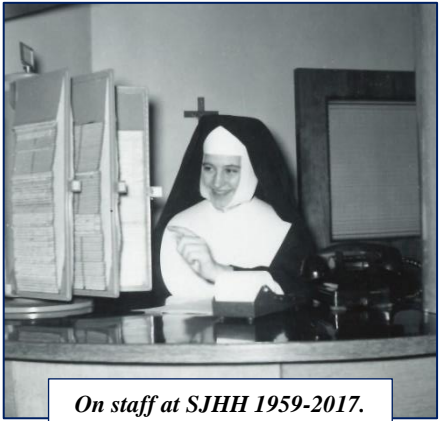
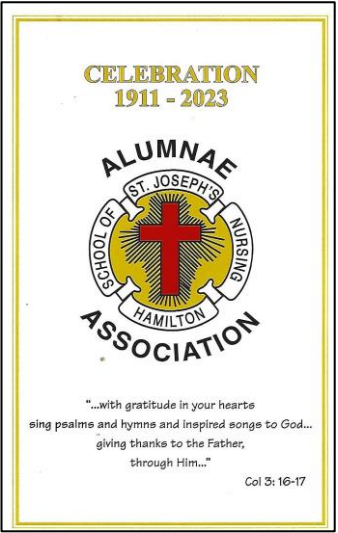


*Class of 1973 Celebrating 50 Years*

**BACK ROW:** Valerie Carpenter Halliwell, Suzanne Burkhardt Mate, Patricia Day Hachey, Colleen Young Williams, Wendy Forgrave Spangenberg, Joyce Kellar Grohn, Judy Hemsley Guidolin, Virginia Rizzo, Ann vanDomselaar Bartlett, Moire Neil Brown, Joan Mulrain Gregory, Darlene Ellis Fawcett  
**MIDDLE ROW:** Kathy Alexander Jackson, Lucy Sawicki Caron, Ruth Phillips Burns, Michele Beaugrand Mann, Marilyn Annable Elbestawi, Gail Burke, Patricia YipChuck Wright, Linda Huyghebaert Grant, Margaret Newport, Barbara Kemp Sharpe, Maria Stanziani Scatolon, Patricia Giesbrecht Fullerton, Janne MacDonald Grant  
**FRONT ROW:** Barbara Baker Jardine, Elva Academia Mendoza, Susan Maas Humphrey, Marie Barrett, Sharon Tenenbaum Pitto, Bonnie Baker Leuser, Judy Schmidt Sloan, Jo-Anne Taylor Mrezar, Susan Smith Frizzo, Judy McInnes Sauder, Judy Wilson Ersser, Evelyn Bonham Culshaw



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Vice President	To Be Filled
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Mass Coordinator	To Be Filled
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Archives Coordinator	Janny Bruyn '69
Luncheon Coordinator	Kathy Jackson '73
Luncheon Coordinator	Jean McGilchrist '72
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On staff at SJHH 1959-2017.  
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Urgent Request

As you have read in the President's Message in this newsletter edition, we have had vacancies occur on the Executive Team over the last year. **We are appealing to the membership to help us fill these vacancies.** It is a time consuming effort to organize and hold an event such as Reunion Day every year! We need your help to keep this **very important and popular event happening.** Many members of the Executive have devoted several years in several roles, often doing more than one role at a time. If you can find some time to devote to keeping our Alumnae alive and active, we would sure appreciate the help. You can contact anyone on the Contact List (included in this newsletter) and we can help and/or mentor you. Also feel free to contact any one of us to ask questions. We meet once a month (if necessary), the last Monday of the month from September to June. The summer months are free. Exceptions can be made throughout the year to accommodate vacations and or unexpected events that may occur. Please consider helping out. We want to keep our Alumnae going!!!

Sympathy To

The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph on the loss of Sister Giovanni Finoro, who passed away July 13, 2023.

"For 27 years, Sister Giovanni ministered at St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton, in a variety of managerial positions, including the Business Office, Admissions Department, Switchboard and General Information. Upon her retirement, her love and commitment to St. Joseph's Hospital remained strong. She returned to volunteer at the information desk where her warmth and gracious disposition were always evident. In Sister Giovanni's lifelong ministry, she and her dear friend Sister Patricia Hanlon recognized the importance of maintaining relationships with hospital staff. They provided pastoral outreach to employees by visiting them in their homes, hospitals, nursing homes and funeral homes. Together they were true witnesses of love and compassion which helped to sustain people during their most difficult times. This caring and love were also extended to their sisters in community through phone calls, greetings and sending small gifts on special occasions. Sister Giovanni will be remembered for her kindness, gracious disposition and the gratitude she expressed for the care she was given during her final years."

(from [GuelphToday.com](#))

Many of us who worked at St Joe's will remember Sister Giovanni'

