



**REUNION DAY 2024**

**CLASS OF 1959**

**CELEBRATING 65 YEARS**



*Class of 1959 "juniors"*

*Class of 1959*

*Admitted August 29, 1956*

*Graduated May 27, 1959*

*67 Graduates*

*Graduation Ceremonies at Cathedral Girls High School*

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*-photos from Reunion Day celebrations*

*Special thanks to*

*Lorene Smith Martell and Darlene Barfoot Bateman  
for identifying their classmates  
and historical information .*



**NURSING EDUCATION STAFF**

*Standing: Marie MacDonald, Violet Jennings'38, Patricia Andreychuk'56, Lois Stewart'54  
Seated: Doreen Duncan'55, Jennie Vacola'54, Mary Boughner'48*



**STUDENT COUNCIL 1958**

*Marilyn Ray'58   Madeline Rowe'58   Carol Nichol'60   Thelma Brown'59  
President   Treasurer  
Absent: Eleanor Patzalek'59, Beverley Patterson'59 (Vice President)*

**Student Council Message**

On behalf of the Student's Council for 1957-58, we take this opportunity to thank all those who supported and aided our endeavours. A special thank-you to Sister St. James and her staff, for the lunches they helped us plan, to Miss Vacola and Miss Boughner for their guidance and to all those who supported their Councils efforts throughout the past year.

The yearbook staff, who also served as Council Members, would like to thank all those who contributed articles and pictures, who typed numerous articles and who spent countless, tedious hours doing layouts. We hope you enjoy the book.

M. ROWE & C. C. JUDSON.



**NURSING EDUCATION STAFF**

*Pauline Cramp Lepinskie'53, Mrs C Staples,  
Dorothy Harrod Rowe'45*



**YEARBOOK STAFF 1958**

*Charlotte Judson'58   Mildred O'Reilly'58   Pamela Smith'59   Linda Bergstrand'60  
Editor   Senior Reporter   Intermediate Reporter   Junior Reporter*

*"Our opportunities to do good are our talents."   C. Maher.*

In the above few words is contained a most interesting facet of the goal obtained through the past three years of study and work. Through the guidance of many, we the graduates of '58 have been able to develop talents for helping others.

Yet should we forget that the very essence of our vocation lies in the seizing of "our opportunities to do good", in an environment so alive with them, then we are surely misusing these talents.

It is the sincere hope of the editorial staff that our readers, in leafing through these pages in years to come, will not only stir up pleasant memories but will also renew the high hopes and ambitions they held at the time of their graduation.

**Charlotte Judson'58**  
*Editor*



*Mary Fama, Sophie Sclesinski,  
Ann Armstrong*



**“CAPS”**

*Back Row: Diane DeForest, Pat MacDonald, Carol Crafter, Loretta Accadia, Donna Pietracupa, Helena Cockburn, Rosemary Fox, Illa Horning, Eunice Biggs*

*Middle Row: Pat Henderson, Thelma Brown, Jenny Komar, Beth Melanson, Phyllis Harris, Joan DeLaFranier, Kathy Hickey, Donna Fraser*

*Front Row: Sylvia Ewert, Mary Fama, Rosemary Murray, Diane Lowe, Helen Laslo, Christine Guzda, Marie Brooks*

**Dress A Torch, Bank Clerk Saved**

A bank manager and an accountant were credited today with saving the life of a 16-year-old bank clerk, whose dress caught fire yesterday.

Dorothy Murray, of Hughson Street North is in good condition in St. Joseph's Hospital today, recovering from first and second degree burns she suffered yesterday.

A SPOKESMAN of the Bank of Commerce, at the corner of Locke and Herkimer Streets, said Miss Murray's nylon crinoline caught fire when she bent over a hot plate in the lunchroom of the bank.

Warren Aldgate, assistant accountant, said the girl came running up the stairs leading from the lunchroom to the main office. She was screaming and her dress was burning like a torch, he said.

MR. ALDGATE and A. E. Jenner, the bank manager were just coming down. They seized the girl and tore the burning dress away. They put out the flames with their hands.

Miss Murray was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital with first and second degree burns to her abdomen, thigh and arm.

Both the manager and the accountant suffered minor burns to hands and eyes.

**Pat MacDonald '59**



**ROOMMATES**

*Evelyn Krubinski, Dorothy Summers, Lorene Smith*



*Beverly Vicary, Nancy Wilson, Connie Skrok*



**Reunion Day 2019**

*Mary Piotrowski, Beverly Vicary, Phyllis Harris, Lorene Smith, Jenny Komar*



**CLASS OF 1959 "2<sup>nd</sup> Year"**

*1<sup>st</sup> Row: Marion Gibson, Darlene Barfoot, Donna Fraser, Rosemary Murray, Mary Fama, Marie Brooks, Phyllis Harris  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Loretta Accadia, Thelma Brown, Carol Crafter, Katherine Hickey, Dianne Lowe, Helen Laslo, Patricia MacDonald, Patricia Henderson  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Jenny Komar, Donna Pietracupa, Pamela Smith, Christina Guzda, Elizabeth Melanson, Joan DeLaFranier, Eunice Biggs, Diane deForest  
 4<sup>th</sup> Row: Sylvia Ewert, Illa Horning, Helena Cockburn, Helen Doyle, Sandra Pendakis, Evelyn Krubinski, Rosemary Fox*

SISTER M. AQUINAS

"Serenity with its most gracious air."

*Class of 1959*

*Sister M. Caroline  
 Sister M. Aquinas*

SISTER M. CAROLINE

"Bluebird singing a song of cheerfulness."

Sister Caroline Straus '59 celebrated her Golden Jubilee as a Sister of St. Joseph. Congratulations!

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Sister Caroline Straus '59 has retired from nursing, after thirty years of supervision and twenty-five years at St. Mary's Hospital in Kitchener. Sister is now working with Lifeline, the emergency response system designed to help people live independantly. Sister interviews, demonstrates and teaches the device and then installs the unit.

Sister Caroline finds that this is a very fulfilling and interesting new job, with no two days alike. Good luck in your new career Sister Caroline!

*Newsletter 1994*



**CLASS OF 1959**      "2nd year"

1<sup>st</sup> Row: Kathleen Sanderson, Maria Piotrowski, Joan McNamara, Yvonne Butson, Shelby Titian, Beverly Vicary, Joanna Natolochny  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Wilhelmine English, Patricia Auld, Irene Shepherdson, Dorothy Summers, Elizabeth Lysyk, Eleanor Garr, Lorene Smith  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Row: J. Scott, Nancy Wilson, Beverly Patterson, Angeline Vescio, Ann Ward, Ann Sawbridge, Rebecca Young, Vivian Weston  
 4<sup>th</sup> Row: Mary Louise Meneray, A. Sitak, Constance Skrok, Sandra Pendakis, Louise McArthur, Elizabeth Howe, Renee Visentin



Sister Edna   Sister Caroline '59  
 Sister Rita Wiggins '54   Sister Benigna  
 Picture taken in the gardens of Marygrove Nurses Residence  
 Sisters identified by Sister Maris Stella '56



Halloween  
 Diane Lowe, Connie Skrok,  
 Sister Virginia, Christine Guzda

# Student Council

Each month on the third Tuesday, the hospital auditorium was the scene of the General Student Council meetings. These were attended by the entire student body and were opened by President B. Patterson.

First the minutes of the previous months meeting were read and accepted followed by the adoption of the treasurer's report. New business was then brought up and discussed.

The students council was fortunate in acquiring through the year very fine guest speakers.

September 23, 1958 the guest speaker was Detective Sam Bird of the Hamilton Police Force. He gave us a very interesting outline of just what was found in "A Day in a Detective's Diary."

October 21, 1958 we were honoured to have as our guest speaker Mr. Kingsley Brown, a Press reporter at the Hamilton *Spectator* who spoke on "Current Events."

December 1, 1958, our guest speaker was Father Calaghan who gave an interesting and humorous commentary along with moving pictures on his "Trip to Lourdes."

January 20, 1959, Dr. Haggart from the pathology department of our own hospital spoke to us on "Special and Rare Case of the Liver." Accompanying his interesting talk he showed specimens of the case being discussed.

February 17, 1959, our guest speaker was Miss M. Rowe, who graduated from our training school in 1958. She spoke on "Her Trip and Experiences While Working in California."

March 23, 1959 our own Dr. F. Bowman gave us an interesting and informative talk on his experiences in the "Phillipines." Numerous slides taken by Dr. Bowman made the country more vivid.

April 15, 1959, Dr. Woodruff from the Ontario Hospital, Hamilton, Ontario spoke to us on that ever interesting subject, "Psychiatry."

We believe that our Student Council Year has been most successful and only hope that they continue to be in the future.



**Student Council 1959**  
**Seated: Nancy Wilson '59, Beverly Patterson '59, Gwendolyn Stockdale '60**  
**Standing: Isabel Kerr '60, Catherine Farrell '61, Judith LaPierre '60**

# President's Message

Beverly Patterson '59

Life is but a road with many twists and turns and each of us is given the right to choose the path he wishes to follow. Why then have we chosen such a difficult one?

We have probably all been asked at some time "What made you decide to be a nurse?" For some, perhaps it was a childhood dream or possibly a chosen profession, but for others I am sure it was truly a calling.

Many of us are nearing our goal, but for others, it is only the beginning.

Throughout our three years of training we have learned many skills, patience, understanding, humility and the ability to face reality. Reality comes to each of us in a different way, for some it is in the first birth witnessed, for others the harsh impact of reality is in the first real contact with death.

Our fondest memories of our days as student nurses, are of the many friends that we have made; such as the friendship formed in everyday "nurse-patient relationship;" casual fellow nurse friendships and ever the truly deep relationship of a friend who, knowing all your faults, loves and accepts you for what you are.

A nurse may be happy without a fortune, but she cannot be happy without a friend.

O' Lord give us courage to meet each new day with understanding to nurse the sick as true nurses, and an awareness of our need for You.

FEB 1959

# Admissions Up 2,000 At St. Joe's

Admissions to St. Joseph's Hospital increased from 20,036 in 1955 to 22,481 last year. Sister Mary Grace, hospital administrator, told the Women's Auxiliary that "five years ago our hospital services were considered adequate, today we are cramped for space."

**EMERGENCIES** treated at the hospital have also risen from 9,511 in 1955 to 13,716 last year.

Sister Mary Grace said the demand for space had "handicapped our workers and diminished efficiency."

**DESPITE** medical advances illness still remained to challenge the skill of the doctor and modern research methods she said.

"The calculated increase in years of life expectancy indicates that many stubborn diseases are yielding to the persistent efforts of works in medical science," she said.



Bridgidta Lindeman, nine, of 110 George Street, and Miss Nancy Wilson, get themselves in the Yuletide patient's



Thelma Brown '59



**PIZZA PARTY**  
**BACK ROW: Kathy Hickey, Jenny Komar, Beth Melanson, Sandra Hankin**  
**MIDDLE ROW: Evelyn Krubinski, Carol Crafter, Thelma Brown**  
**FRONT ROW: Pat Henderson**

Christmas 1958



### CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Have you ever looked for something to do that gives you a happy feeling, one that cannot be fully explained? Well, that feeling was certainly experienced by many on December 14, 1958. That day was planned for us to go to the House of Providence to sing Christmas Carols.

We received a hearty welcome by all, while parading through the corridors bringing happiness and joy to the jolly and friendly old people. Nearing the end of our parade, we were directed to the parlor, where not only were we entertained with goodies but had an added attraction. A very cheerful, old Irish chap sat and sang one song after another along with our accompaniment (whenever possible).

Not only did we sing out in Dundas, but we toured the hospital on Christmas bringing Christmas cheers to all the sick patients.

That feeling of which I previously wrote was indeed something that could not be expressed in words, but would have to be experienced. So next year when we are thinking about giving and receiving, let's not have "this joy" experienced by a few, but by all.

### CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

At our November student's council meeting, it was agreed upon that we should send out Christmas boxes to needy families in the city. Everyone contributed generously and on Christmas Eve hampers containing canned goods, fowl and Christmas cake were picked up and distributed by the social workers from the Catholic Welfare.

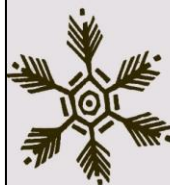
Later as many of us knelt at midnight mass, we said a silent prayer of thanks to our new born Saviour, for all the wonderful gifts and blessings He has bestowed upon us. It made us happy to know that in a small way we had made Christmas a little more bright for some of His less fortunate.



Written by Mary Piotrowski



Opening of Display Showcase 2005  
Nancy Wilson, Beverly Vicary, Angeline Vescio



Christmas



Angie Vescio, Rosemary Murray,  
Connie Skrok, Beth Melanson





**Educators 1959**

**Seated: Doreen Duncan '55, Patricia LaFlamme '57, Lois Stewart MacKenzie '54, Theresa Malone '56**  
**Standing: Mary Boughner '48, Betty McInnes '53, Marie MacDonald, Dorothy Harrod Rowe '45, Marie Andreychuk '54, Jennie Vacola '54, Violet Jennings '38**



**Nancy Wilson '59  
 Reunion Day 2019**

**Louise Demers joined the School of Nursing in August 1956  
 August of 1957 Louise entered the Sisters of St Joseph  
 July 16, 1958 she received her habit and the name of Sister Mary Michael  
 She later continued her nursing education and graduated with the class of 1962**

"Whatsoever He shall tell you, do ye". The class of 1959 has been very fortunate to have one of their fellow students do as God asked her to do. To give up the world — to follow Him.

Louise Demers had been contemplating the religious life for a number of years. In August of 1956 she came to St. Joseph's Hospital to train for a nurse. After finishing her first year of training, she realized that Our Lord wanted her to be a Sister; and that He wanted her then! August of 1957 she entered the Sisters of St. Joseph much to the joy and happiness of her family and friends. For what greater vocation could she choose than to be the follower of Christ as a Sister.

On July 16, 1958, she received her habit and the name of Sister Mary Michael and at present she is finishing her first year of the novitiate.

We the Students of St. Joseph's Hospital are very proud and honoured to say one of our students from the Class of '59 is serving God in the greatest of vocations. Sister Mary Michael will be remembered in our prayer often, and we ask God to shower on her, His choicest blessings and graces.



**(Louise Demers)  
 Sister Mary Michael '62**



**Written by Louise MacArthur**



**Connie Kowalski (Skrok '59) graduated from McMaster University in June, 1993, with a B.A. in Sociology. Congratulations!**

**Newsletter 1994**



**Reunion Day 2019**



**Christmas Concert 1959  
 Elizabeth Melanson, Connie Skrok, Sister Virginia Hanlon, Rosemary Murray, Joan McNamara**

*The Graduating Class of 1959 dedicated their yearbook to their classmate, Eleanor Patzalek*

TO ELEANOR

We, the graduating class of 1959, turn our hearts in loving memory to our friend and former classmate "Eleanor." It is with great pride and tender remembrance that we hereby dedicate our year book to her — and more important — to all that she represented.

Phillip Brooks once said, "It is not what stays in our memory, but what has passed into our character, that is the possession of our lives." Eleanor had much to offer each of us and may God in His mercy grant that each of us will benefit from her beautiful example.

In life, Eleanor loved in a great and generous way. How much more she will love us now in death, where she can better understand the very depths of all our needs. It is naturally with self remorse that we reflect upon the death of this our friend, but, we cannot help but realize the beauty and spiritual glory that accompanied that same death. Not four hours after Jesus, Himself had come to dwell in the very soul of Eleanor in the form of the Holy Eucharist — it pleased Him to have her repay that visit personally in the realms of His Heavenly home.

Oh, that God would grant to all of us the grace to depart To Him in such a glorious state!

Although we knew her only a few short years, it was evident to us that Eleanor's character possessed many sincere and wonderful qualities that seemed to set her apart from most of us. God alone could fully appreciate these qualities and it seems fitting that He chose to single her out and call her to Eternity.

In memory then of our dear friend and classmate we humbly bow our hearts and minds!

*Written by Pamela Smith '59*



*Eleanor Patzalek '59*



*Donna Fraser '59  
Reunion Day 2011*



*Yearbook Staff 1959  
Joanna Natolochny '59, Vivian Weston '59,  
Patricia Bertoni '60, Lorraine Etchells '61*

"ELEANOR"

I

I am here beside you,  
Talk to me my friend.  
Our times together have  
been many,  
And of such enjoyment for us.  
Do you remember?

II

Today you are so silent,  
You were never this way  
before,  
Perhaps I have offended you.  
No, I could not hurt you.  
You are beyond any human  
pain.  
Are you listening?

III

There is much that I must  
tell you,  
For I have been with your  
loved ones,  
And my heart is heavy for  
them.  
Will you not help?  
Do you not hear me?

IV

It seems so strange to see  
you this way,  
And yet I fear I cannot see  
you at all,  
True, I cannot see you.  
Why do you hide from me?  
Come and join me.  
Do you not see me?

V

Oh God! why must this be so?  
She will not come to me,  
She does not hear,  
And from her lips no sound.  
No sound save the whisper of  
winds in the trees.  
Trees that are but a blur  
through a vision of tears.

X

Night is coming,  
And with it come the darkness,  
But I do not fear,  
For soon the darkness will fade.  
Some day forever.  
And then I will be with you,  
But for now—  
Give me strength to understand Eleanor.

VI

Take these tears Lord,  
For she does not need them,  
Tears from me would be  
but selfish,  
For they fall for that which  
I have lost,  
Overlooking that which she  
has gained.

VII

My prayers are no longer  
direct,  
But through this friend  
Whom You have taken from me.  
She loved You more than  
life itself,  
And was so ready for Your  
call,  
Forgive me Lord, I do not  
understand.

VIII

Here at her grave,  
I had hoped it would be  
more clear,  
But I was wrong.  
So young you were my golden  
haired friend,  
And yet so old in so many  
ways,  
I am as a child beside you.

IX

This is the first time I  
have come to this place.  
A rose in hand, to lay at  
your feet.  
"Really now, how stupid"  
I hear you say.  
It is true, for you are  
not here.  
This place served only as a  
superficial resting ground,  
And now you are home again,  
Are you happy there?



*Written by Beverly Patterson '59*

Elizabeth Lysyk  
 Florence Visentin  
 Marie Brooks  
 Donna Fraser



*Affiliations . . . .*

Mountain Sanitorium

"Hey Kathy," I shouted, "Did you hear the good news?" "No!" answered Kathy, "What is it?" "We're going on affiliation up to the Mountain Sanitorium," I replied.

Yes T. B. affiliation — one glorious month doing entirely different Nursing care — or should I say — one month's vacation. It wasn't all vacation though, the objectives of the affiliation were numerous;

- i. To provide the student with fundamental knowledge concerning T.B., its treatment and control.
- ii. To develop, in the student, an understanding of the importance of personal health, patient education and precautions in preventing spread of this disease.
- iii. To give the student an opportunity to gain experience in nursing patients with a long term illness.
- iv. To acquaint the student nurse with the full meaning of rehabilitation, its value to the tuberculosis patient and the role of the nurse in this field.

Truly the objectives of this course were met and fulfilled by Miss K. Sanderson and myself from Nov. 23 to Dec. 23, 1958 — a most enjoyable month.



*Written by Donna Pietracupa*

PSYCHIATRIC AFFILIATION

In recalling the golden opportunities offered a young woman in her career as a nurse, I am compelled to think back to one of the most outstanding of these — the three months I spent as an affiliating student at the Ontario Hospital here in Hamilton. Those twelve weeks played a very significant part in my nursing education; for I was being introduced to a completely new aspect of nursing. The care of the mentally ill.

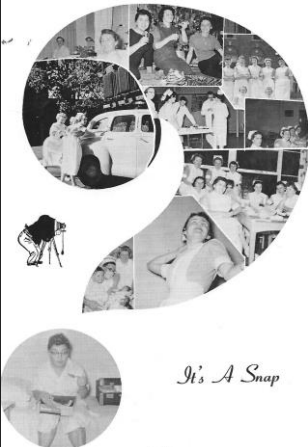
While this field of medicine is a relatively young one, the devoted staff at the Ontario Hospital have been endowed with the tremendous gifts of faith and perseverance and in this particular field of work, these traits are extremely invaluable in establishing a basis for communication between the withdrawn patient and his doctor. One cannot imagine the wonderful feeling of accomplishment achieved by these men, who after tedious hours of study and research, have been able to gain the confidence of a depressed patient.

In the short time my group was there, our whole outlook on psychiatry was altered. Now we who at one time may have been skeptical, are able to approach mental illness with a truly candid eye, free from prejudice.

I hope that future groups are able to benefit, as we did, from this memorable experience, and to continue to bring the rays of light and hope into the once darkened world of the mentally ill.



*Written by Sandra Pendakis*



*It's A Snap*



*Angie Vescio, Rosemary Murray,  
Connie Skrok*



*Eunice Biggs*



*Mary Lou Meneray, ? , Ann Sawbridge,, Renee Visentin, Rebecca Young  
Billy English, Trudy McCreight*



*Mary Fama*



*Mary Pietrowski*



*FRONT: Diane Lowe, Joanne Natolochny  
BACK: Rosemary Fox, Trudy McCreight, Donna Fraser, Irene Shepardson,  
Diane DeForest, Vivian Weston*



*Trudy McCreight*





**Reunion Day 2019**  
**Mary Lou Roth '58, Donna Fraser, Marie Brooks,**  
**Lorene Smith**

**Angela Vescio Holmes '59**  
*Following graduation she began a dedicated career in Paediatrics at Burnaby General Hospital in British Columbia. She then worked at the Niagara General Hospital. She spent the last 25 years of her career in long-term care at Valley Park Lodge in Niagara.*

*Angela built a beautiful home & family with her husband Bill. Together they have 2 sons and 2 grandchildren.*

*Angela passed away at age 83. Her husband made a general gift to St. Joe's to recognize his wife's long-term commitment to nursing care. In recognition of this meaningful gift, a Birthing Room within the Women's & Infants Unit will be named in Angela's honour.*



**Angela Vescio Holmes '59**



**BACK ROW:** Lorene Smith, Eunice Biggs, Patricia MacDonald, Evelyne Krubinski, Ann Sawbridge  
**FRONT ROW:** Jenny Komar, Sylvia Ewert, Marion McGlymont, Trudy McGreight, Irene Shepherdson, Sandra Pendakis, Shelby Titian

**MY LIFE WITH THE NURSES**

I came to stay with the students Labour Day weekend and a joy it was for me. I guess I should tell you something about myself. Born in England in 1950, I came to Canada to live and was christened Anastasia Hildegarde or Stacy for short. Lack-in a few parts such as shocks, springs, speedometers and signal lights made me unique among cars. Anyone getting in the car was always warned either take some gravel along or never to eat a large breakfast, just for your stomach's sake. The lazy boy chairs in the front added to the many comforts I offered, except for the driver's seat, which had a large rock behind it to hold it up. After all one must be able to see when driving.

My road trips varied from Guelph, Toronto, Barrie, Hagersville to Owen Sound. During the following weeks, I was the most popular person on the 3-11 p.m. shift,

At the crack of dawn with Trudy at the controls, Donna, the co-pilot and Helen, Louise, Rose Mary, Brooksie or Ann, the back seat drivers we started out. Destination unknown was the order of the day. Really, it wasn't that easy, the nurses usually had to push me down the Maternity hill and then if I was still stubborn, a car had to help me along the way. The girls had breakfast on route, while I had my quart of oil, Dominion Store Special at that.

My most humiliating experience was the day I moved Brooksie and Trudy to Undermount from Staff. It was terrible being stranded on St. Joseph's Boulevard. What must those other cars have thought? But, as usual one of my fellow autos came to the rescue. The day I had a flat tire was also dreadful. In the midst of all those professional people, I had to goof and there Brooksie was waiting for me to take her home for her day off. Needless to say, my eyes were downcast during the ordeal, but then we were out on the road raring to go.

Mr. Holland, the engineer made me feel more at ease when the starter was pressed and I actually went, by charging my battery. Betty H. once brought her radio along, due to my lack of one, but after all we could always sing. The radio wouldn't work anyway — ha! ha!

The back doors were one of my downfalls because you couldn't open them from the inside. Due to this fact, not only were the nurses but ladies and also gentlemen were riding in the front. Will I ever forget the back seat chorus chiming in with "Let me out of here." Eh! Donna P.

I went to church at St. Lawrence where I was warmly greeted by Father Robson and Father Cote. The girls had to push me two or three times to get there and occasionally again when leaving. This problem was solved by disconnecting my battery when we arrived back and connecting it up again in the morning. It sure made me feel better.

On Thanksgiving Weekend, I was returned to my previous owner after a month and a half of fun and laughs with the students. I passed on a month later of a cracked radiator.

Thank you Stacy for the many hours of enjoyment we had in your company. You will never be forgotten by us.



**Written by Donna Fraser**



Donna Fraser



*Senior - Intermediate Retreat*  
 Saturday November 16, 1958 - Saturday November 22, 1958

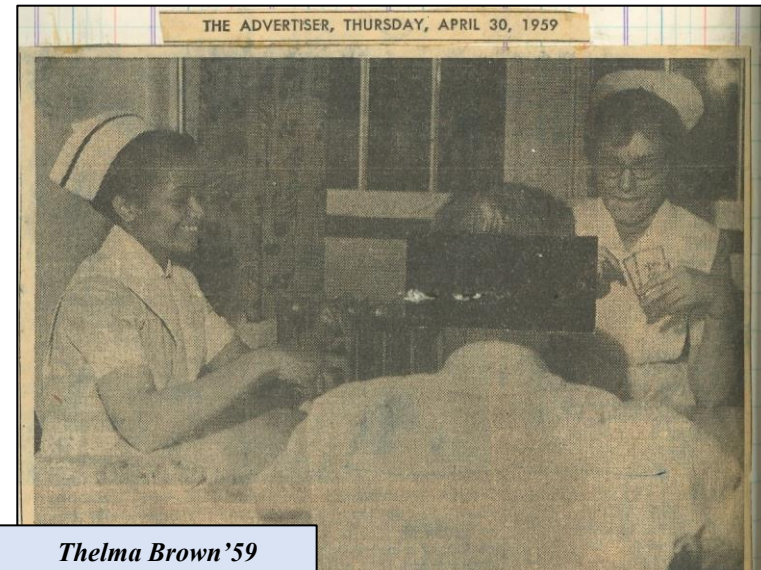
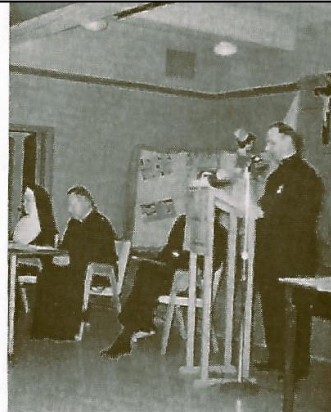
Saturday, November 16, 1958 to Saturday November 22, 1958 marked a week of prayer, meditation, conferences and silence for two groups of Intermediate and Senior students of our School of Nursing.

The retreat master was Father McGoldrick, C.S.Sp., whose conferences were an inspiration and guide to all the nurses toward a better understanding of their responsibilities to their profession, their religion, the world and themselves. Excellent council and guidance was also given to those who sought it by Father, who proved understanding and helpful in all matters.

Each day began with Morning Prayers followed by Mass and ended with Night Prayers, with the balance of the day being appropriately filled with Spiritual Concentration. The three days passed quickly and on Saturday, November 22 at 7:00 when the student nurses raised their right hand and solemnly renewed their baptismal vows, each was to some degree a better person for them.

The entire retreat ended with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and a farewell to Father McGoldrick who will be long remembered.

*Written by Vivian Weston '59*



**Thelma Brown '59**  
 PLEASANT WAIT in admission ward at the hospital, is made possible by student nurses Thelma Brown, from Hamilton and Chris Anderson, of Barrie, who play cribbage with patient. Upon arrival patients are given an immediate and thorough physical examination. Chest X-Rays are taken and a visit to the hospital, is a must. Hospital Superintendent, Dr. H. Moorhouse, says two-thirds of mental disorders stem from physical ailments and the sooner they are located the sooner treatment can begin.



*C - Day Vocation Day  
April 25, 1959*

On April 25, 1959, Catholic student nurses from St. Mary's Hospital, Kitchener, and St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, came to our hospital to commemorate C-Day—Vocation Day.

His excellency, Bishop Ryan began the ceremonies of the day with the celebration of Holy Mass in our hospital chapel. In opening the morning session, Sister Mary Virginia as Sister Chairman of the day welcomed the visiting students. Father Carlo Bianchi of Cathedral Girls' High School then spoke on vocations in general, and in particular, married and single vocations. Bishop Ryan, in following, also gave a very interesting and informative talk. Our chaplain, Father John Van Wezel and Father Angus Macdougall were guest speakers of the afternoon, discussing callings to the religious life. After an active discussion period, the students toured St. Joseph's convent and brought the day to a close by attending benediction in the beautiful modern chapel.

*Written by Helen Doyle '59*



## CROWNING OF OUR LADY

*Crowning of our Lady  
May 15, 1959*

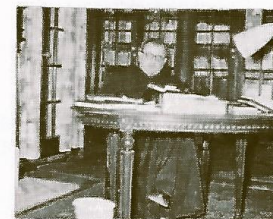
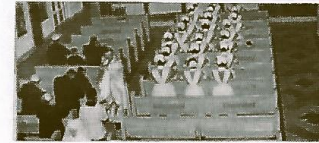
On May 15, 1959, to the beautiful strains of "Mary, We Crown Thee," the students of St. Joseph's took part in the annual crowning of "Our Lady" in the hospital chapel.

The chapel was beautifully decked with spring flowers, and the statue of Our Lady stood near the communion railing. Miss J. Lapierre placed a crown of flowers on her head and Miss K. Smith placed a bouquet of lilies at her feet.

The procession and crowning was followed by "Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament" officiated by Father John Van Wezel, our hospital chaplain.

The ceremony in honour of "Our Lady" closed with the withdrawal of the procession, singing "Tis' the Month of Our Mother."

## Our Lady



*Retreat*

**CANADIAN NURSES' ASSOCIATION FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 1958**

Sunday morning at 7:00 A.M., we departed from Hamilton en route to Ottawa to attend the week-long conferences of the Canadian Nurses' Association celebrating its fiftieth anniversary. We arrived in Ottawa at 2:00 P.M. very excited, but also a little weary. At 4:00 P.M., Miss Trena Hunter, President of the C.N.A. laid a wreath at the National War Memorial. Church services were held at 7:00 P.M., at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church and at St. Matthew's Anglican Church. Sunday night we retired quite early in preparation for the forthcoming events.

**MONDAY, JUNE 23, 1958**

Early Monday morning we registered and received our convention pins, name tickets and programme for the week. The convention was officially opened by the Right Honourable John Diefenbaker speaking on the progress made by nurses in the last fifty years. His Worship George H. Nelms, Mayor of Ottawa, welcomed the nurses to the convention and the city. Following the opening, Miss Daisy Bridges, General Secretary of International Council of Nursurs gave the keynote address, and chose as her topic "The Patient, The Present and Progress". In the afternoon, Miss Trena Hunter gave the presidents address. "Cavalcade in White" a pageant portraying the story of nursing in Canada from the arrival of the Ursuline and Augustinian Sisters in Quebec in 1639 to modern-day nursing was presented to a capacity filled audience.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 1958**

The morning session was titled "The Chairman Presents". The chairman of each committee told of her work, and some of her problems. Tuesday afternoon, the session was "Nursing in the Wold Today and in the Future" with two guest speakers, Miss Agnes Ohlson, President of International Council of Nurses and Miss Lyle Creelman, Chief of Nursing Service of World Health Organization. Tuesday evening the Students of Ottawa Civic Hospital were hostesses to the visiting students.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 1958**

An accident prevention session entitled "An Ounce of Magic" was discussed by Chairman, Mr. Gordon Hawkins, who is the Associate Director, Canadian Association for Adult Education and his panel. The causes and preventive measures were presented and discussed. This session was very interesting and enjoyed by all present. Wednesday afternoon, we were the guests of Mr. Quinto Martini, Member of Parliament for Hamilton East, at the Parliament Buildings. Sitting in on a session of the House of Commons, touring the Parliament Buildings, taking pictures of the Honourable John Diefenbaker and having our pictures taken with the Honourable Ellen Fairclough, as well as Mr. Martini, was very exciting and to us an unusual, memorable occasion. In the evening, we had dinner and attended a movie with our host.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 1958**

"Nursing in the News" set the day's programme off to a good start. A panel discussed the expansion of the "Canadian Nurse" from 5,000 subscription copies in 1949 to 40,000 copies in 1958 under the Chairmanship of Sister Mary Felicitas. Mr. R. McDonald, Member of Parliament for Hamilton South entertained us at lunch at the Parliament Buildings. An address by the Honourable J. Waldo Montieth, Minister of National Health and Welfare was the opening address for the P.M. "New Horizons" a mental health session was discussed by Chairman, Dr. A. W. MacLeod, Assistant Director, Mental Hygiene Institute, Montreal and his panel composed of a student nurse, head nurse, director of nurses, assistant professor of a university, sociologist, an industrial nurse, psychiatric nursing specialist and an administrator of a hospital. It was emphasized that Psychiatry should not be referred to as a specialty but an important part in all nursing.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 1958.**

The morning session had as its topic "Guidelines for the Futurre". Miss Helen Mussallem, Director of Pilot Project on Accreditation for Schools of Nursing was Chairman. Friday evening drew to a close the 50th Anniversary Meeting of the Canadian Nurses' Association.

Attending this convention has been one of the greatest and most impressive experiences of our lives and has given us a much clearer view of the role played by the C.N.A. We extend our grateful appreciation to the School of Nursing for the opportunity and to the students for electing us to go. This will always remain a highlight in our training.

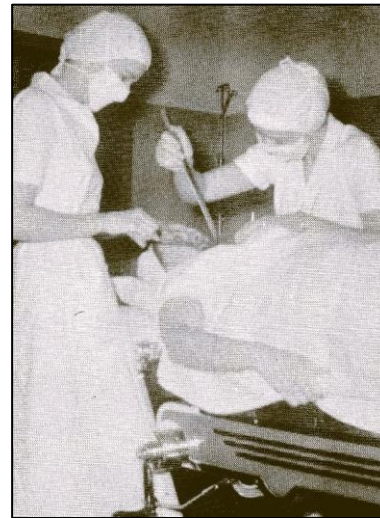
**Canadian Nurses Association 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention, Ottawa  
Sunday June 22, 1958 – Friday June 27, 1958**



**Darlene Barfoot '59**



**Beverly Wight '60**



**Paediatrics  
Helen Doyle, Betty Lysyk, Lorene Smith, Evelyn Krubinski, Jenny Komar**



**Connie Skrok, Dr Spicuzza & baby  
This picture was hanging in his office for many years.**



**Ann Sawbridge, Gertrude McClymont, Staff R.N.**

**Written by Darlene Barfoot '59 & Beverly Wight '60**

# OUR BLACK BAND DAY

*Black Band Day July 30, 1958*

It was July 30 at 3:45 and the Intermediate Class of 1959 waited in the auditorium. It was a big day and each waited excited and a little anxious to receive their Black Band.

The Black Band, that little piece of black velvet ribbon which makes you feel that it all has been worthwhile.

Sister Mary Grace spoke to the class and Sister Mary Virginia and Sister Mary Austin helped her to present the bands as the nurses knelt before them. The moment was at hand.

The Senior Class of 1959 filed happily to the cafeteria where Sister St. James and her staff honoured them with a lovely supper in celebration of the occasion.



*Katherine Hickey, Jenny Komar, Patricia MacDonald, Phyllis Harris, Nancy Wilson*



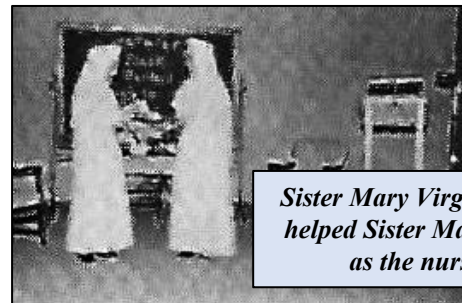
*LEFT SIDE: Helena Cockburn, RIGHT SIDE: Patricia Henderson, Ann Ward, Dorothy Summers, Thelma Brown*



*Evelyn Krubinski, Marie Brooks, Lorene Smith, Betty Howe, Eunice Biggs  
FRONT ROW: Ann Sitak, Wilhelmina English, Dorothy Summers, Patricia MacDonald  
"On stairway at Marygrove Residence"*



*LEFT SIDE: Ann Sitak  
RIGHT SIDE: Patricia Henderson, Ann Ward, Dorothy Summers, Elisabeth Lysyk, Thelma Brown, Sandra Pendakis*



*Sister Mary Virginia and Sister Mary Austin helped Sister Mary Grace present the bands as the nurses knelt before them.*



*Reunion Day 2019  
Donna Fraser, Constance Skrok, Beverly Vicary, Lorene Smith  
"Florence" the teddy bear was made by Lorene Smith for a class draw.*



Marygrove was built in 1869 at the corner of James Street South and St. Joseph's Drive. The hospital purchased Marygrove on September 15, 1947, for use as a nurses' residence. In 1960 it was demolished when construction of the new surgical building began.



*Kitchen gathering at Marygrove*  
**Back Row:** Wilhemine English, Marie Brooks, Pat MacDonald, Evelyn Krubinski, Lorene Smith, Dorothy Summers, Florence Visentin  
**Front Row:** Rebecca Young, Mrs Yollop (Housemother), Betty Howe



*Mary Meneray '59*



*Donna Pietracupa, Patricia Henderson*



*Rear view of Marygrove with statue*



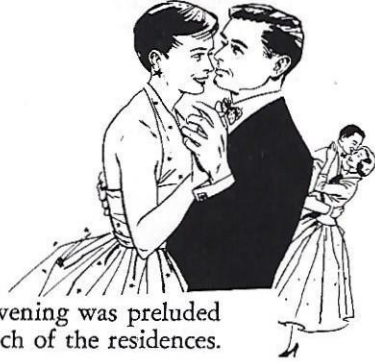
*Marygrove*

**THE BLACK BAND DANCE .**

*Black Band Dance August 1, 1958  
Prudhommes Orchestra of Ron Metcalfe*

We had our "Bands" three day and this August 1st, 1958 was to be the climax. The tickets read:

St. Joseph's Hospital  
Black Band Dance  
Class of "59"  
Prudhommes's Starlite Ballroom  
Friday, August 1st, 1958



At the early hour of 7:00 p.m. the excitement of the coming evening was precluded by a rush for the tub, rustle of crinolines and general mayhem in each of the residences.

At 8:30 the door bell began to ring and the Prince Charming of that particular evening presented himself. Each nurse put on her calmest expression and most sophisticated walk and descended the steps. The whirlwind evening began. To Undermount to be greeted by Sister Mary Austin, then to Prudhommes's to spend four glorious hours dancing to the Orchestra of Ron Metcalfe.

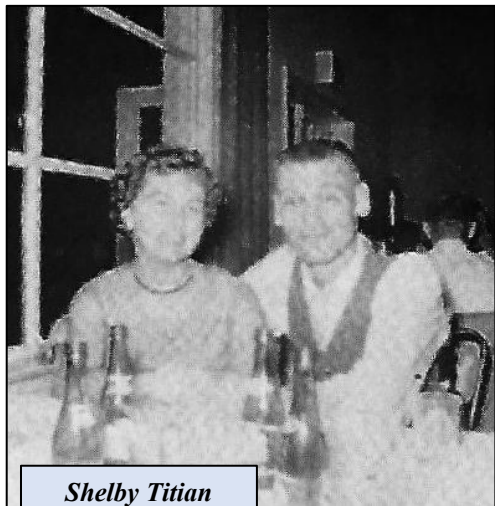
Then again to Undermount at 2:00 a.m. to say goodnight and wonder how quickly the four hours had fled and to have this evening, so long anticipated, left to memories dreams, and a topic of chatter when someone mentions "do you remember?"

Our Black Band Dance — Class of "59,"



*On the Steps of Marygrove Residence (up)  
Wilhemine English, Lorene Smith, Donna Fraser,  
Marie Brooks, Beverly Patterson, Patricia MacDonald*

*(top steps down)  
Betty Howe, Shelby Titian, Ann Sitak,  
Evelyn Krubinski*



*Shelby Titian*



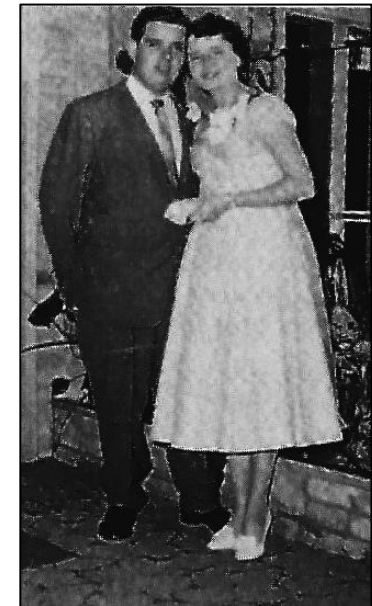
*Wilhemina English*



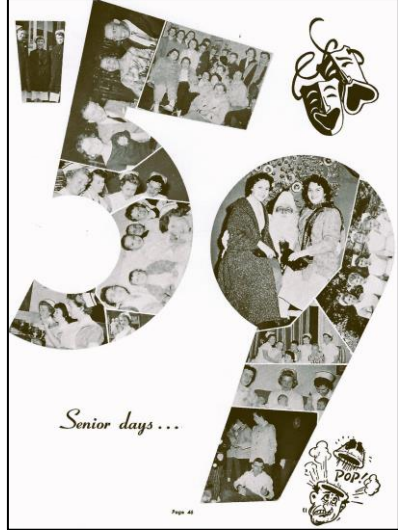
*Renee Visentin*



*Rosemary Murray, Angeline Vescio,  
Constance Skrok*



*Thomas Martell & Lorene Smith*



*Gertrude McCreight, Donna Fraser, Rosemary Fox, Evelyn Krubinski*



*Gertrude McCreight, Donna Fraser, Rosemary Fox*



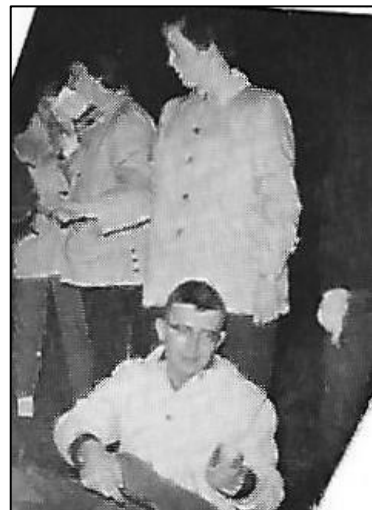
*BACK ROW: Lorene Smith, Dianne Lowe, Rosemary Murray, Evelyn Krubinski, Mary Fama, Dorothy Summers, Kathleen Sanderson, Katherine Hickey, Renee Visentin  
SITTING: Rosemary Murray, Constance Skrok, Marie Brooks, Phyllis Harris, Louise McArthur, Nancy Wilson  
FRONT: Illa Horning, Thelma brown*



*Evelyn Krubinski  
Marion McClymont  
Helena Cockburn*



*Phyllis Harris, Constance Skrok on Paeds*



*Evelyn Krubinski, Louise McArthur  
SITTING: Gordon Robson*



*Constance Skrok, Thelma Brown & escorts*



*Constance Skrok, Rosemary Murray  
with Santa*



*Joan McNamara, Angie Vescio, Louise McArthur  
Darlene Barfoot, Loretta Accadia*



*Yvonne Butson, Sandra Pendekis*



*Ann Ward, Patricia Henderson, Renee Visentin,  
Louise McArthur, Joan McNamara*



*Donna Fraser, Marie Brooks*



*BACK ROW: Dianne deForest, Carol Crafter, Loretta Accadia, Donna Pietracupa, Helena Cockburn, Rosemary Fox, Illa Horning, Eunice Biggs  
MIDDLE ROW: Patricia Henderson, Thelma Brown, Jenny Komar, Elizabeth Melanson, Phyllis Harris, Joan DelaFranier, Constance Skrok, Donna Fraser  
FRONT ROW: Sylvia Ewert, Mary Fama, Rosemary Murray, Dianne Lowe, Helen Laslo, Kathleen Sanderson, Nancy Wilson, Marie Brooks*

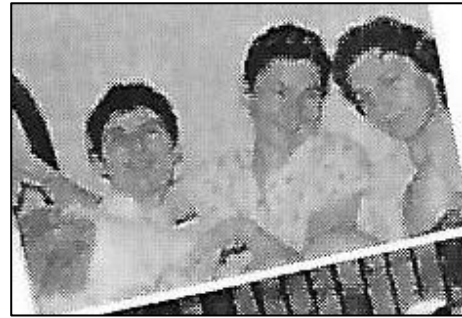


*Ann Sawbridge, Marion McClymont, Mrs Henderson (Head Nurse)*



**BACK ROW:** Marion Gibson, Elizabeth Melanson, Rosemary Murray, Christine Guzda, Sylvia Ewert, Lorene Smith  
**FRONT SITTING:** Donna Fraser, Gertrude McCreight

**BACK ROW:** Betty Howe, Patricia Henderson, Vivian Weston  
**FRONT ROW:** Christine Guzman, Donna Fraser, Pamela Smith



Sandra Pendakis, Elizabeth Lysyk, Christine Guzda



Gertrude McCreight  
 Louise McArthur



**MARYGROVE RESIDENCE**  
**TOP:** Mary Louise Meneray, Marie Brooks, Darlene Barfoot  
**MIDDLE:** Christine Guzda, Lorene Smith, Piano Player, Gertrude McCreight  
**FRONT:** Pamela Smith, Evelyn Krubinski  
**ON TOP OF PIANO:** Dianne Lowe



Marie Brooks, Lorene Smith, Gertrude McCreight, Dorothy Summers, Marion Gibson, Rebecca Young



Marion McClymont



Ann Sawbridge



**AT DUNDURN CASTLE**  
 Lorene Smith, Louise McArthur, Shelby Titain, Gertrude McCreight, Ann Sitak

ACTIVITY - Dancing



TIME - 9:00 to 12:00  
 PLACE - Undermount Class Room  
 EQUIPMENT - Dancing shoes and good music

September - AUTUMN SWIRL  
 October - HARVEST HOP  
 November - SNOWFLAKE WHIRL  
 January - JANUARY JUMP  
 April - SPRING SWING

Rhumba

Jive

Waltz

Samba

Stroll

Tango

Cha, Cha, Cha

Rock n' Roll

Bunny Hop

Mambo

The Music

Fox-Trot

**A heartfelt thank you**

With heartfelt gratitude to Connie Skrok Donlon '59 for her donation of the beautiful lladro student nurse figurine to our archives. It is proudly displayed in our showcase in the foyer of St. Joseph's Healthcare for all to see. Thank you for your generous gift.



*Mary Zahn Byrne '57, Joan Robinson '57, Kathleen McLeod '57, Sandra Pendakis '59, Marie Andreychuk Yakimoff '54 Alumnae Tea 2015*



*Connie Skrok '59*



*Reunion Day 2016  
 Beverly Vicary, Evelyn Krubinski, Donna Fraser, Lorene Smith, Janice Scott, Constance Skrok, Angeline Vescio, Joan McNamara*

February 15 to February 22, 1959, St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing played host to young women from Hamilton and district looking to nursing as their career.

Sister Mary Austin and student groups also visited schools in the vicinity to bring to the high school students as vivid a picture as possible of a nurses life in the hospital environment.

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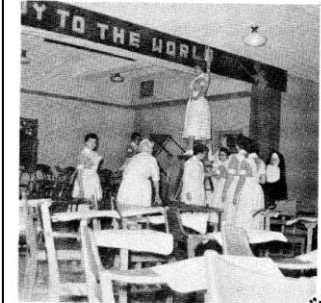
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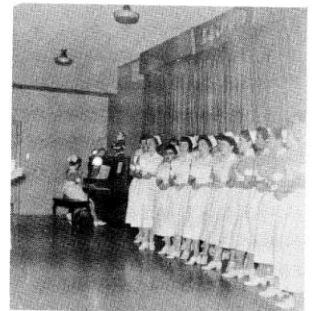
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Eunice Biggs



## RED ROSE BALL

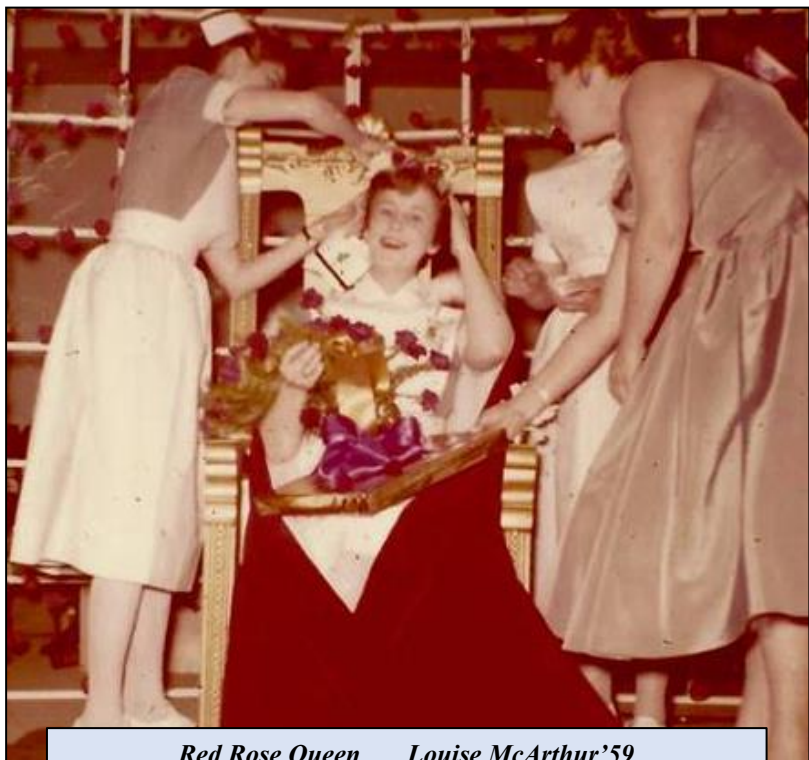
The aroma of roses and lilacs drifted into the corridor where the honoured guests "The Class of '59" pinned roses on their escorts and their escorts vainly tried to return the compliment. The delightful music of Chris Lovett's Orchestra reached the ears and further added to the invitation to come in.

The invitation answered, nurses and escorts entered into the beautifully decorated auditorium and were met by the receiving line of Sister M. Virginia, Dr. and Mrs. Hudecki, Dr. and Mrs. McHarg and Miss Kerr and Dr. Houston.

At 10:15, the music stopped and the crowd gathered. It was time to crown the Queen. Chosen by the entire student body, by means of voting, Miss Louise MacArthur proved a radiant, surprised and excited Queen, who adequately filled the requirements of nursing ability, school spirit, personality and popularity. Her attendants, Miss Helen Doyle and Miss Mary Lou Meneray, flanked the Queen as she sat on the throne.

Thanks to the "Class of 1960" and "Class of 1961," May 20, 1959, our Red Rose Ball, will be a memory not soon forgotten.

*Red Rose Ball  
May 20, 1959*



*Red Rose Queen Louise MacArthur '59  
Attendants Helen Doyle '59 and Mary Lou Meneray '59*



*Irene Shephardson, Betty Lysyk,  
Diane DeForest, Sandra Pendekas*



*Sylvia Ewert, Rosemary Murray*



*Marilyn Ray '58 Red Rose Queen  
Louise MacArthur '59 Red Rose Queen*



*Louise MacArthur (sitting)  
Mary Louise Meneray (standing to her right)*



*Chosen Queen of the Red Rose Ball — the annual dance of St. Joseph's School of Nursing graduating class of 1958. (The young man is Louise MacArthur '59.)*  
*Red Rose Queen  
Madeline Rowe '58 with  
Louise MacArthur '59*



*Evelyn Krubinski*

*Red Rose Ball  
May 20, 1959*

*Shelby Titian*

*Sandra Pendakis, Eleanor Garr & escorts*

*Mary Louise Meneray*

*Darlene Barfoot, Louise McArthur*

*Louise McArthur*

*Sandra Pendakis*

*Rebecca Young*

*Sandra Pendakis, Vivian Weston, Shelby Titian*



*Louise McArthur '59  
with her daughter and her granddaughter  
Reunion Day 2019*

## GRADUATION TEA

On Tuesday evening, May 12, 1959, the graduating classes from Hamilton General Hospital, McMaster University and St. Joseph's were the guests of the Haldemand-Wentworth Chapter of R.N.A.O.

The meeting, conducted by Mrs. Fouteaux, was held in the auditorium of our hospital. A highlight of the evening was a panel discussion, moderated by Sister M. Ursula. Their topic was "My Chosen Career".

This was followed by an enjoyable social hour which gave us an opportunity to meet the other graduates.

We are indeed grateful to the Wentworth Chapter of the R.N.A.O. for such an enjoyable evening.



*Written by Eunice Biggs*



*Mother Daughter Graduation Tea Class of 1959*

*Front row: Pat MacDonald, Evelyn Krubinski, Beverly Vicary, Mary Piotrowski, Phyllis Harris, Donna Fraser, Mary Fama, Marie Brooks, Marion Gibson, Connie Skrok, Nancy Wilson, Illa Horning, Vivian Weston*

## GRADUATION BANQUET

Three years of waiting were now coming to a close, with the beginning of Graduation Festivities—The long awaited Alumnae Banquet. The graduating class in their best finery left Undermount Residence at 6:00 p.m. to be greeted at the Royal Connaught by the Alumnae.

After entering the Crystal Ballroom, we discovered to our delight along with our place cards, our graduation rings.

Mrs. MacKenzie, the alumnae president, greeted the graduating class and expressed her wish for our success and happiness in the future.

Miss Louise McArthur responded on behalf of the graduating class and expressed her wish that we would carry on the fine tradition of the alumnae.

Bob Galloway and Roy Meehan, of the Tuck Shop, donated their annual gifts of a steam iron and a wrist watch which were won by Illa Horning and Wilhemena English.

The evening of May 6, 1959 will be a most memorable one for the '59 graduates.



*Written by Mary Fama*

*May 6, 1959  
Crystal Ballroom, Royal Connaught Hotel  
Sponsored by the Nurses Alumnae*



*Going to the Alumnae Dinner  
Dorothy Summers, Marion McClymont, Ann Sawbridge, Pat Henderson, Ann Ward, Mary Lou Meneray, Eunice Biggs, Pat Auld,  
Joan DeLaFranier, Lorene Smith, Rebecca Young, Beverly Vicary, Christine Guzda, Mary Fama*

# FATHER - MOTHER - DAUGHTER BANQUET

*Wednesday April 29, 1959 Crystal Ballroom, Royal Connaught Hotel*

On Wednesday, April 29, 1959, our graduation festivities began with the first of an annual occasion in honour of our parents.

After presenting our parents with corsages and boutonnières, we all proceeded to the Crystall Ballroom of the Royal Connaught Hotel, where we entered a gaily lighted room and were served a very delicious meal.

Following dinner an Introduction of "Head Table" was made and preceding this, the toast to our parents was made by Miss N. Wilson. The response was made by Mr. W. English.

Our guest speaker, Mr. James Trimble, coach of the Hamilton Tiger Cats, was introduced by Miss B. Patterson and thanked by Miss N. Wilson.

All in all this banquet was very eventful and my only wish to all our parents is that, "God will bless you and reward you."



*Written by Wilhelmine English*

# St. Joseph's Proposing \$5,000,000 Expansion

1959

Overcrowded and urgently needing funds, St. Joseph's Hospital has been advised by a hospital standards commission to speed-up expansion plans which, it was learned today, amount to \$5,000,000.

Plans, not yet in the detailed planning stage, are for a 200-bed addition to the hospital.

Old sections of the hospital would be razed in preparation for expansion of the 560-bed unit.

"We don't know where we are going to get the money from — which is one of the things holding us up," a St. Joseph's spokesman said today.

A recommendation that the expansion program should be expedited — "to relieve the overcrowding noted in the hospital" — came from the Joint Commission on Accreditation.

**BUT IN GRANTING** accreditation for the next three years the commission observed that St. Joseph's was to be commended for "maintaining standards deserving of accreditation and for your constant effort to improve the quality of patient care."

St. Joseph's spokesman said that accreditation "to physicians and the community alike is like a sterling mark on silver." It is a symbol which guarantees that the hospital measures up to high standards of operation in every major respect.

**IN ITS REPORT** the commission also emphasized the importance of patients' current records being completed within 24-48 hours of admission.

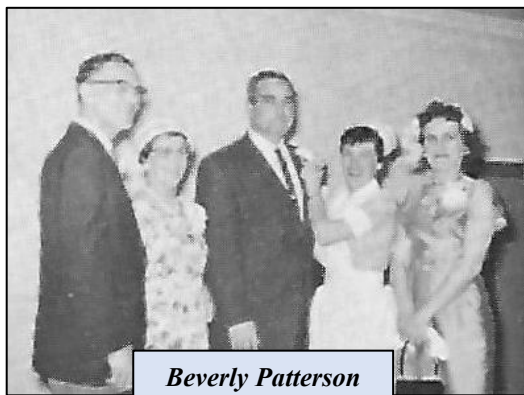
Preliminary plans for the hospital development program have been found unsatisfactory and are back on the drawing boards. All facilities would be enlarged, particularly laboratories, physiotherapy and accounting departments. The beds to be added would be only for medi-



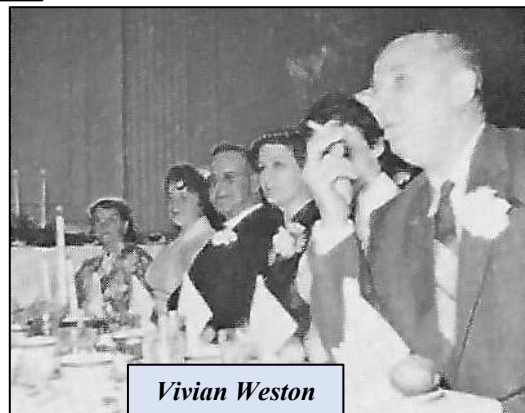
*Nancy Wilson*



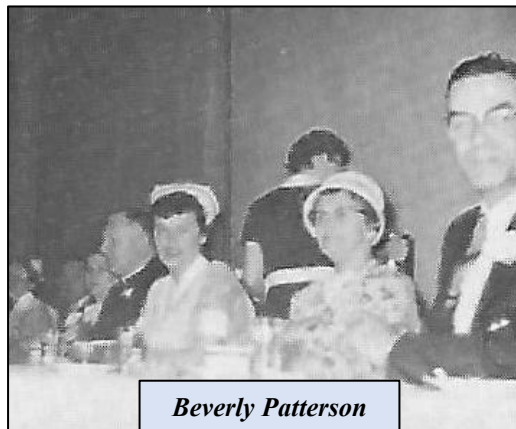
*Shelby Titian, Betty Howe*



*Beverly Patterson*



*Vivian Weston*



*Beverly Patterson*



*Yvonne Butson*



## GRADUATION MASS AND BREAKFAST

The morning of May 27, 1959 was here at last. Sleepy heads, who usually have to be called six times, woke with no help on this day of days.

It was 5:30 a.m., the excited bustle was intermingled with the crisp rustle of fresh bibs and aprons, as the graduates of the day prepared themselves for Mass.

As the entire class entered the chapel, you could feel that this was no ordinary day, there was not the heavy eyelids usually present, but, there was an unexplainable something, that could only be felt.

The chapel was beautiful in its simple way. The Sisters' choir, so often heard before, sounded almost celestial this morning and "The Graduation Hymn" held such meaning for us. The Mass was being said for us by Father John and during it he spoke to us of our career that lay before us and the three years that lay behind us.

Following Mass we entered the cafeteria to find the tables together in banquet style all gaily decorated with bouquets of flowers in the school colours. Accompanying the place card with our names on it was a large box, with school ribbons on it and a leather, gold engraved identification wallet.

The cafeteria staff served a most delicious breakfast after which we sang the "Old Sentimental Songs" and opened those boxes. In each was a beautiful cup and saucer, each different from the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Our thanks to all that made the beginning of this day so perfect and to Sister St. James and her staff for the lovely breakfast.



*Class of 1959 After Mass  
Carol Crafter, Diane Lowe, Lorene Smith, Father Gordon Robson, Betty Howe, Evelyn Krubinski,  
Louise McArthur, Pat MacDonald*

## *Burlington Girls Among St. Joseph's Nursing Graduates*



BURLINGTON NURSES . . . It was a happy day for 60 young ladies of St. Joseph's School of

*Sandra Pendakis, Anne Sawbridge, Wilhemine English, Dianne deForest*

## DAYS OF RECOLLECTION

With the thrills and excitement of Graduation Day rapidly approaching, we students sincerely appreciate a day of quiet solitude to contemplate our last three years in training and plan for our futures.

Under the guidance of Reverend Malcolm Daniel, O.F.M. Conj., May sixteenth and seventeenth, our Days of Reflection, were days that were exempt from the bustle of every-day living, in order to spend this time alone in prayer with God. The day commenced with Holy Mass, celebrated by Father Malcolm in our hospital chapel.

Conferences, spiritual reading and question periods followed. Benediction, sung by the Sisters brought to a close a perfect day.

*Written by Helen Doyle '59*



R. N. A. O. BANQUET

On November 4th, 1958 the Registered Nurse's Association of Ontario, District 4, held their annual dinner at Prudhommes' Garden Center, Vineland, Ontario.

After the dinner, Mrs. Anne Sengbusch, Dean of the School of Nursing, University of Buffalo, who was the guest speaker, addressed the members. In her speech, she stressed that nurses were striving to seek a better means of service both to their fellow colleagues and the public, through public health, industrial nursing and school nursing.

She was particularly interested in the practice of the student nurse, and stated that they should have the best possible educational background available to them. This would enable them to cope with the problems that they might encounter when they graduate into the full service.

The latter part of the meeting was allotted to business, followed by adjournment.



Loreen Smith



Marie Hughes

MESSAGE FROM C.N.A. PRESIDENT

As President of the Canadian Nurses' Association, I am pleased to send greetings to the graduating class of St. Joseph's School of Nursing, Hamilton.

As you embark on your nursing career, I should like to commend to you the Watchword of the Canadian Nurses' Association — "FAITH". This beautiful word — so full of meaning — includes fidelity to one's promises, allegiance to one's duty and trust in God.

With these guiding principles you may step forward to a full and useful life in your chosen profession.

Alice Girard, R.N., M.A.,  
President,  
Canadian Nurses' Association.



Left: Mary Fama, Sylvia Ewert, Wilhemenia English  
Right: Pat Henderson, Phyllis Harris, Christine Guzda



Trudy McCreight, Beverly Vicary, Dorothy Summers, Donna Fraser,  
Marie Brooks, Helen Laslo, Evelyn Krubinski



Left: Mary Piotrowski, Helen Doyle, Illa Horning, Helena Cockburn  
Right: Rebecca Young, Helen Laslo



Louise McArthur



Mary Lou Meneray, Betty Howe

# GRADUATION DAY

It was 3:00 and the noise of getting ready was a haze in your mind, as was almost everything else. "What hand were you supposed to carry your roses in?" "Who's name was the cue for us to stand?" "Oh!!! I can't remember the words to O' Canada."

The strains of "Pomp and Circumstance", the graduation theme reached through the fog and you were on your way down the aisle of the crowded auditorium. Your stomach turned a somersault or two, there was a sudden chill of excitement ascending your spine and the inevitable tight feeling in your chest made you wonder where the next breath was coming from. You were smiling into a sea of faces, turned to watch you, hunting for the reassuring face of "Mum and Dad". Then, they were gone. "Was that a tear in Mum's eye"?

As if by some miracle you were on stage and the opening ceremonies were over. It was time for pins and diplomas.

There's your best Buddy, your confidante, your listener, your consoler for three years, receiving her diploma. Despite your promise not to, a little tear trickles from the corner of your eye. "Thank goodness, I didn't wear mascara."

Then it was your turn. Down the steps you went on jellied knees, so proud, praying you wouldn't trip. Your diploma was in your hand, your pin was on your bib and once again you were seated in your place. How, you can't remember.

Then it was over — you walked off the stage to the reception hall.

"Hey, Mum and Dad — here I am."



*Yvonne Butson, Trudy McCreight*



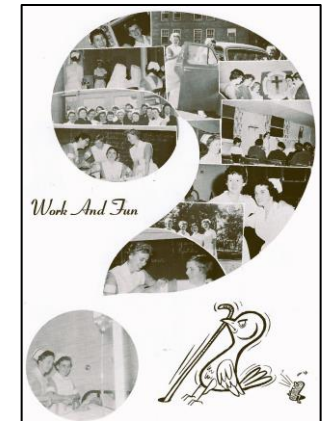
*Pat Auld, Trudy McCreight, Donna Fraser, Marion McClymont, Nancy Wilson, Rebecca Young*



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*Work And Fun*



*Vivian Weston*



*Donna Fraser*



*Angie Vescio*



*Betty Howe, Darlene Barfoot*

# OVER THE RAINBOW BALL

*Over the Rainbow Ball May 29, 1959  
Graduation Formal sponsored by the St Joseph's Alumni  
Crystal Ballroom, Royal Connaught Hotel  
Ron Wickens Orchestra 9 pm - 1 am*

Graduation had been two days passed. The month of May 1959, the glorious month of Our Lady and graduation was almost over.

It was the 29th, the day of our Graduation Formal, given to us by the St. Joseph's Alumni. This was to be the climax of one glorious month of parties and pleasures before we started to study for the ominous registration exams.

The wall of the Crystal Ballroom of the Royal Connaught Hotel reflected the prisms of the chandeliers. At 9:00 p. m. the music of Ron Wickens Orchestra began and scarcely ceased until 1:00 a.m., when sore footed and weary, radiant and happy, everyone departed to residence.

And, so to bed to think. It had been a wonderful month. Thanks to the sisters, the staff, the alumni and the students, everything had ran so smoothly for us. It will be a time of our lives never to be forgotten.

"How can we ever repay you?"



*Pat Auld, Marion McClyment*



*Donna Fraser*



*Marion McClyment, Helen Cockburn, Donna Fraser, Helen Doyle*



*Angie Vescio, Mary Pietrowski*



*Lorene Smith, Donna Fraser, Rebecca Young*



*Helena Cockburn, Evelyn Krubinski, Rosemary Fox*

# 45th Graduation Exercises

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL

HAMILTON — ONTARIO

School of Nursing



AUDITORIUM, CATHEDRAL GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27th, 1959

**GRADUATION**  
 Wednesday May 27, 1959  
 Auditorium  
 Cathedral girls High School



GRADUATING CLASS 1959  
 ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL OF NURSING  
 HAMILTON ONTARIO

# Programme

## OPENING PRAYER

*Reverend J. B. Ryan, P.P.*

ORGAN - - - - - O CANADA

*Organist - Mrs. G. L. Burjaw, A.T.C.M.*

## CHAIRMAN

*W. P. Downes, B.A., M.D.C.M.* - - - - - *Chief of Staff*

*Valedictory* - - - - - *Pamela Smith*

## PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS AND PINS BY

*The Rt. Reverend J. A. O'Brien, D.P., P.P.*

## GREETINGS TO THE GRADUATING CLASS

*His Worship Mayor L. D. Jackson*

**H. V. RENSHAW, M.D.**

*President of The Hamilton Academy of Medicine*

**J. M. PIGOTT, K.C.S.G., C.B.E.**

*Chairman of the Hospital Advisory Board*

**GLADYS J. SHARPE, B.S., R.R.C.**

*Director, Nursing Consulting Service,  
Ontario Hospital Service Commission*

## PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

**GOD SAVE THE QUEEN**

# Valedictorian

This is our day—indeed a Happy Day! The joy of this hour of achievement grows deeper and richer as we prepare to share it with you.

Our own feelings are mixed to-day. We have looked forward to this day of triumph for so long. Now that it has come and we face the thought of leaving our school and our companions and of accepting responsibility in our profession, our high courage fails a little. Beneath this, however, there is great pride in having achieved a goal.

I wish we could share with you some of our memories of the three years now ended, of events insignificant enough to others, perhaps, but leaving an indelible impression on the personalities and characters of each of us. Of these, perhaps, our first experience on the hospital wards left the strongest impression. Then came the day when we received our crowns of pre-clinical accomplishment—OUR CAPS. During our second year we gained confidence along with our BLACK BANDS, and from then on, we were nurses and we knew the taste of responsibility.

In our younger years, we looked with awe and admiration at the nurse, seeing in her strength and courage, and an understanding compassion for the sick to whom she devoted her skill. To-day I think we all feel that we might do well to return to this earlier concept of the nurse, and continue to model ourselves on the ideal which she then represented to us.

Yes, for three years we have been working toward a goal. To-day it is reached, but the challenge remains, the restless anticipation for what lies ahead. Which of the many opportunities now open to us shall we choose to devote our abilities? We have often been told that nursing is restricted only by needs of a suffering humanity, so no matter which field we decide upon, there will be a place for the skills we have acquired and the devotion which every true nurse must have for the sick.

Valediction means farewell. The class of '59 had a foretaste of this in February of this year, when our friend and classmate, the golden-haired Eleanor, graduated with full honours to the company of God's friends in Paradise. We trust she is happy to-day and she will obtain for us some of the fine qualities of heart and mind which keep her memory fresh and her inspiration lasting.

We have saved to the last, for the sake of emphasis, our expressions of appreciation to those who have helped guide and form us during these past three years: The Sisters who showed their devotion and interest in guiding us to become the nurses and women of the future; the Instructors and Graduate Staff who trained us in nursing arts; the Doctors who shared with us their knowledge and experience; to all of these we say with sincere gratitude: "Thank you for your efforts."

To our parents, whose willing sacrifices and deep understanding have never failed us; without your encouragement and faith in us, we could never have reached this goal; without your love and guidance throughout our lives, we could never have developed the strength of character that is essentially a part of a good nurse. May our paths be so guided that we will grow increasingly more worthy of your efforts and your love, and always be a source of pride and credit to you.

To accomplish this work You have entrusted to us, Dear Lord, give us understanding that we may act with kindness towards our patients; wisdom that we may do what is best for them; strength that we may comfort them, and above all else, CHARITY—that we may love them, and in loving them, serve You best in this our nursing profession.

Pamela Smith



**Pamela Smith**



**Pamela Smith  
Valedictorian**



**Loretta Accadia, Thelma Brown, Lorene Smith, Louise McArthur**

# Awards

**SCHOLARSHIP for Post-Graduate Study in Nursing Education**

Given by St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary.

Presented by Mrs. C. V. Pickett.

MADLINE ROWE, Reg. N. 1958

**SCHOLARSHIP for Post-Graduate Study in Nursing Education**

Given by St. Joseph's Hospital Nurses Alumnae.

Presented by Mrs. Murdoch MacKenzie.

DIANE RUNDLE, Reg. N. 1958

**SCHOLARSHIP for Post-Graduate Study in Nursing Education**

Given by St. Joseph's Hospital Medical Staff.

Presented by Mrs. G. Alan Lane.

CHRISTINA GUZDA

**PRIZE for Efficiency in Bedside Nursing**

Given in Memory of the late Eleanor Patzalek - Class of '59, by her parents Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Patzalek.

Presented by Mrs. Henry Stevens.

MARIA PIOTROWSKI

**PRIZE for General Proficiency— Senior Year**

Given in Memory of the late Dr. Orton James Newell.

Presented by Mrs. O. J. Newell

HELEN DOYLE

**PRIZE for General Proficiency— Intermediate Year**

Given by the 67th University Battery Chapter, I.O.D.E.

Presented by Mrs. G. A. Blanshard

CAROL NICHOL

**PRIZE for General Proficiency— Junior Year**

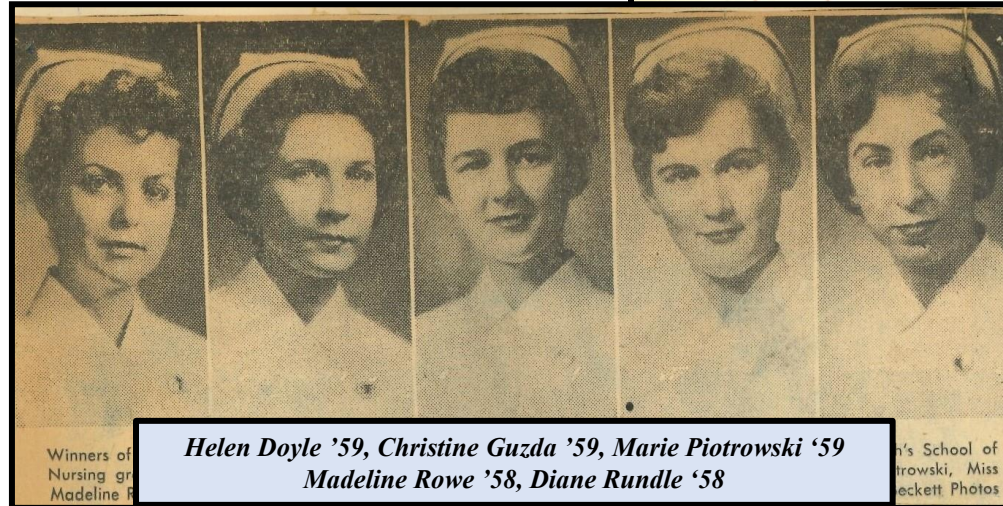
Given by Margaret Gage Burkholder Chapter, I.O.D.E.

Presented by Mrs. R. M. Kerr.

DONNA TIER



Marie Piotrowski '59, Helen Doyle '59, Christine Guzda '59



Winners of Nursing g Madeline

Helen Doyle '59, Christine Guzda '59, Marie Piotrowski '59 Madeline Rowe '58, Diane Rundle '58

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Pamela Smith, Thelma Brown



Lorene Smith, Evelyn Krubinski, Dorothy Summer

## St. Joseph's Graduation Occasion Of Prize Giving

Three members of this year's graduating class at St. Joseph's School of Nursing will receive prizes tomorrow afternoon, at the annual graduation exercises in the Cathedral Girls High School auditorium.

Other awards go to two of last year's graduates, and to students in the junior and intermediate year.

Awards being presented are: Scholarship for post-graduate study in nursing education — given by St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary, and presented by Mrs. C. V. Pickett, to Miss Madeline Rowe, Reg. N., 1958.

Scholarship for post-graduate study in nursing education — given by St. Joseph's Hospital Alumnae, and presented by Mrs. Murdoch MacKenzie to Miss Diane Rundle, Reg. N., 1958.

Scholarship for post-graduate study in nursing education — given by St. Joseph's Hospital Medical Staff, and presented by Mrs. G. Alan Lane to Miss Christina Guzda.

Prize for efficiency in bedside nursing — given in memory of the late Eleanor Patzalek — Class of '59 by her parents Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Patzalek, and presented by Mrs. Henry Stevens to Miss Maria Piotrowski.

Prize for general proficiency, Senior Year — given in memory of the late Dr. Orton James Newell, and presented by Mrs. O. J. Newell to Miss Helen Doyle.

Prize for general proficiency, Intermediate Year — given by the 67th University Battery Chapter, IODE, and presented by Mrs. G. A. Blanshard to Miss Carol Nichol.

Prize for general proficiency, Junior Year — Given by Margaret Gage Burkholder Chapter, IODE, and presented by Mrs. R. M. Kerr to Miss Donna Tier.

GRADUATION DAY May 27, 1959



## Graduating Class 1959

- LORETTA ACCADIA  
Hamilton, Ont.
- PATRICIA AULD  
Dundas, Ont.
- DARLENE BARFOOT  
Tara, Ont.
- EUNICE BIGGS  
Stoney Creek, Ont.
- MARIE BROOKS  
Hagersville, Ont.
- THELMA BROWN  
Hamilton, Ont.
- YVONNE BUTSON  
Meaford, Ont.
- HELENA COCKBURN  
St. Catharines, Ont.
- CAROL CRAFTER  
Fonthill, Ont.
- DIANE DeFOREST  
Aldershot, Ont.
- JOAN DeLaFRANIER  
Brantford, Ont.
- HELEN DOYLE  
Chapleau, Ont.
- WILHELMINE ENGLISH  
Aldershot, Ont.
- SYLVIA EWERT  
St. Catharines, Ont.
- MARY FAMA  
Dundas, Ont.
- ROSEMARY FOX  
Warton, Ont.
- DONNA FRASER  
Guelph, Ont.
- ELEANOR GARR  
Hamilton, Ont.
- MARION GIBSON  
Dundas, Ont.
- CHRISTINA GUZDA  
Welland, Ont.
- PHYLLIS HARRIS  
Freelton, Ont.
- PATRICIA HENDERSON  
Winona, Ont.
- KATHERINE HICKEY  
Owen Sound, Ont.
- ILLA HORNING  
Stoney Creek, Ont.
- ELIZABETH HOWE  
Simcoe, Ont.
- JENNY KOMAR  
St. Catharines, Ont.
- EVELYN KRUBINSKI  
Waterford, Ont.
- HELEN LASLO  
Hamilton, Ont.
- DIANNE LOWE  
Owen Sound, Ont.
- ELIZABETH LYSYK  
Edmonton, Alberta.
- PATRICIA MacDONALD  
Simcoe, Ont.
- ELIZABETH MELANSON  
Milton, Ont.
- MARY LOUISE MENERAY  
Lion's Head, Ont.
- ROSEMARY MURRAY  
LaSalette, Ont.
- LOUISE McARTHUR  
Owen Sound, Ont.
- MARION McCLYMONT  
Hamilton, Ont.
- GERTRUDE McCREIGHT  
Thessalon, Ont.
- JOAN McNAMARA  
Burlington, Ont.
- JOANNA NATOLOCHNY  
Elmvale, Ont.
- BEVERLY PATTERSON  
Ancaster, Ont.
- SANDRA PENDAKIS  
Burlington, Ont.
- DONNA PIETRACUPA  
Merritton, Ont.
- MARIA PIOTROWSKI  
Hamilton, Ont.
- KATHLEEN SANDERSON  
Hamilton, Ont.
- ANNE SAWBRIDGE  
Burlington, Ont.
- IRENE SHEPHERDSON  
Hamilton, Ont.
- CONSTANCE SKROK  
Hamilton, Ont.
- LORENE SMITH  
Manitoulin Island, Ont.
- PAMELA SMITH  
Burlington, Ont.
- DOROTHY SUMMERS  
Dunnville, Ont.
- SHELBY TITIAN  
Hamilton, Ont.
- ANGELINE VESCIO  
Niagara Falls, Ont.
- BEVERLY VICARY  
Welland, Ontario
- RENEE VISENTIN  
Niagara Falls Ont.
- ANN WARD  
Hamilton, Ont.
- VIVIAN WESTON  
Chippawa, Ont.
- NANCY WILSON  
Merritton, Ont.
- REBECCA YOUNG  
Hagersville, Ont.
- SISTER M. CAROLINE  
Hamilton, Ont.
- SISTER M. AQUINAS  
Hamilton, Ont.



*Graduation Dance Class of 1959  
Dianne DeForest, Patricia MacDonald, Elizabeth Howe,  
Shelby Titian, Christine Guzda*

*Pictures submitted by Elizabeth Howe Frieri '59*

*This article was published in the 1957 Vox Omnium*

In 1957, after a lifetime of dedication to his profession and his religion, Dr. William P. Downes, received from the Most Rev. J. F. Ryan at a ceremony held in the Cathedral of Christ the King, the distinguished honor conferred on him by the late Holy Father Pius XII, The Order of St. Sylvester. Here at St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, we know in a personal way the devotion and loyalty which prompted His Holiness to bestow this great honor.

Since receiving his M.D. degree in 1917, Dr. Downes has been an active member of our staff. He was the first interne and the first medical teacher for student nurses. In 1926, he started preparing student nurses for their coming Registration examinations. For many years he was in charge of the nursing school health programme. During this time he gave the students their regular physical examinations and was on call at any time in case of emergency. Dr. Downes served as Secretary of the Hospital Medical staff from 1923 until he was elected Chairman of the Executive Staff in 1930. When the hospital services were subdivided in 1949, he became the first Chief of Staffs, a position he still maintains by unanimous agreement. At present, he is Chairman of the Record committee, the Medical Advisory Committee, and the School of Nursing Committee, and is an active member of the Tissue and Joint Conference Committees.

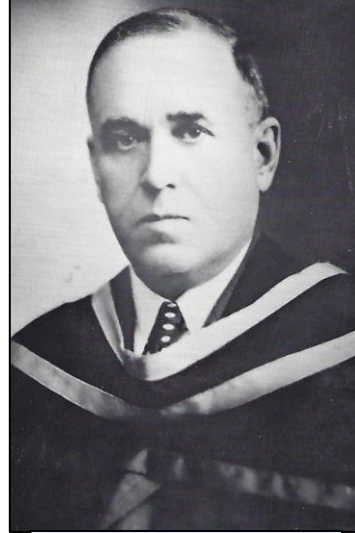
Throughout his life, his chief interest has been education. He graduated from the Ontario College of Education in Toronto, and received his B.A. degree from Queens University in 1915. A really, true educator, today Dr. Downes continues to keep abreast of all the new developments and trends in education in the various schools, colleges and universities. He is an avid reader and a brilliant conversationalist, blessed with a fabulous memory he frequently quotes at length passages from the Classics.

In 1929 he did post graduate work in Obstetrics in New York, and from 1924 to 1931 he worked in Europe studying Surgery in Glasgow, General Medicine in London, and Internal Medicine, specializing in Heart Diseases in Vienna. He has also completed several post graduate courses in Pediatrics at the University of Toronto Medical School under Dr. Allen Brown, the noted Pediatrician.

While teaching classes here at St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing he met Myrtle Leitch, daughter of Dr. Harold Leitch (dentist). She was a pretty and charming student preparing for her Registration examinations. They were married in the Cathedral of Christ the King by his very good friend, the late Archbishop McNally in 1936. Dr. Downes pride in his profession is equalled only by his pride in his family and his son William. At 17, William seems to be following in his father's footsteps. In grade 13 at Cathedral High School, he is a good student and an active member of the student body, he currently writes the school's weekly column for the Hamilton Spectator.

Dr. Downes neither smokes nor drinks — a good habit which he credits to his Methodist training while he was teaching school in his early twenties in a strictly Methodist community. After eight years of teaching in both elementary and secondary schools, he made the momentous decision to leave the field of education and make his career in the medical profession.

St. Joseph's Hospital and the School of Nursing can not fully repay Dr. Downes for his never failing devotion and loyalty; we take this opportunity to publicly express our gratitude for his many years of truly dedicated service.



*Dr William Downes*



1959

*Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip visit Hamilton*



*Phyllis Harris '59*

Phyllis Vranesh (Harris '59), Redondo Beach, California, was selected as Employee of the month for September 1991 at Daniel Freeman Hospital where she works in the Outpatient Department.

*Newsletter 1992*

# Dry Run for Disaster Staged at Hospital

From the Hamilton Bureau of The Globe and Mail

Hamilton, Oct. 23 — Sixty-five casualties of an unnamed disaster flooded through the emergency receiving room of St. Joseph's Hospital this afternoon as the hospital went through a grim rehearsal of potential tragedy.

A dry run of an elaborate disaster plan drawn up last spring was staged with student nurses doubling for injured, burned and dead.

Key to the plan was the use of the Protestant Church of the Ascension across Charlton Ave. from Catholic St. Joseph's, which was loaned by church authorities for the purpose.

The hospital's disaster plan is designed to deal with the possibility a single massive industrial accident such as a train or an airplane crash, than with the remote possibility of a nuclear bombing.

Today, young nurses were admitted to the emergency receiving room in the church. The condition of each was diagnosed by one of a team of doctors.

The walking wounded were sent to a first aid station at one side of the entrance door, while the seriously hurt were sent to an initial treatment room which in normal times is a lecture room of the church.

Others were diverted to the church gym for resuscitation; in an actual emergency they would receive blood transfusions, oxygen and drugs before being removed to the hospital across the street.

Meanwhile, in the nurses' residence near the hospital a team of typists and telephone operators were set up to correlate information fed in from the emergency centre.

As each casualty was admitted and identified, the information was phoned to the information team. Mock relatives called in today to be given the condition of kin admitted to the hospital.

The information service is considered a keystone to the disaster plan. Hospital authorities pointed out that in a real emergency, friends and relatives of those injured could be expected to flood into the hospital, impeding treatment and handling of the injured.

Under the disaster plan no one, without official authorization, will be allowed in the treatment area. However, information on casualties will be available, from the information centre, within 30 minutes after a patient's admission.

Part of the plan includes a mass exodus from the hospital of persons capable of being moved. This morning, the entire medical staff of the hospital toured wards, designating for rehearsal purposes those patients who could be taken out of the hospital to free beds for disaster victims.

J. C. Chalklin, personnel manager of the hospital who directed the operation, called it a complete success, but added that some problems had shown up which had not been anticipated.

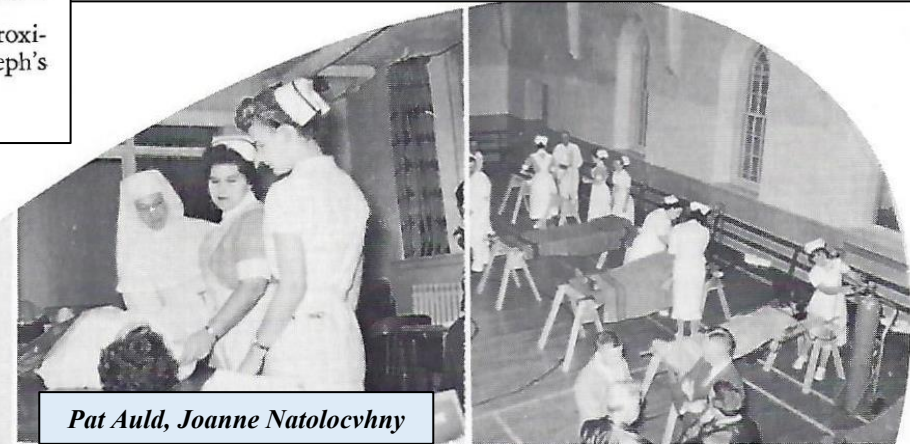
Last fall, the students of St. Joseph's Hospital participated in a disaster programme designed to discover how efficient the hospital staff would be in the event of a major disaster.

The Pre-clinical Class of '61 acted as the "patients" and could be seen walking with crutches and a small tag around their neck stating that they had lacerations to both legs, while others had only been badly bruised or had a broken arm. The less fortunate "patients" were D.O.A. (dead on arrival) and were carried on stretchers into the Church of the Ascension where they had time for a short nap while lying in the temporary morgue. The difficulty in this case was that it was terribly hard to keep from laughing or falling off the stretchers which were carried by the orderlies. The hospital house-keeping staff did the all important job of running errands to different parts of the main hospital or over to Information at Undermount which was efficiently manned by the office staff.

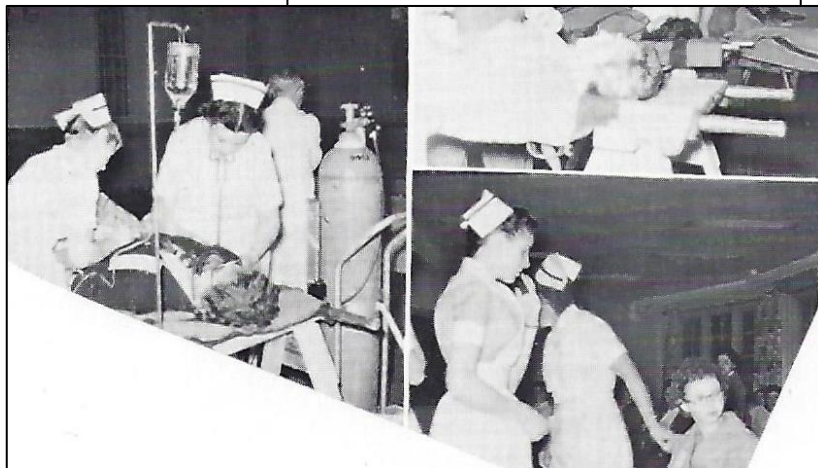
In the Church of the Ascension the injured were examined by doctors, assisted by the Senior and Intermediate students. The more severely injured were admitted directly to the hospital which had been theoretically cleared of all movable patients. The whole practice enjoyed much publicity with credit for this being given to the reporters present.

The effort was thought to be a tremendous success as it was completed in approximately two hours and it proved that in the time of an emergency the entire St. Joseph's Hospital staff is a very efficient team.

*The Disaster Program*



*Pat Auld, Joanne Natolovchny*



February 2, 1959  
 Graduation Ceremonies of the Ontario Society of Radiographers  
 (Central Section), held for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in Ontario  
 at St Joseph's Hospital



Dr. J. G. Stapleton representing the Canadian Association of Radiologists, presents certificates to Miss Patricia Casa, Miss Margaret Costie, and Miss Clara Spatazzo

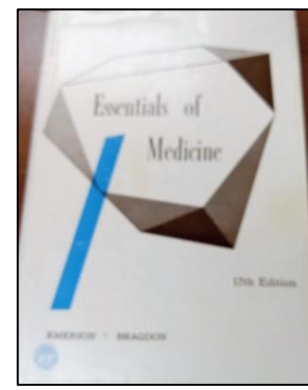
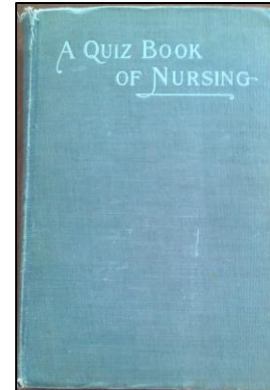
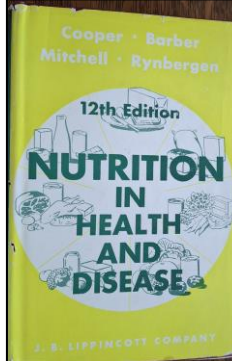
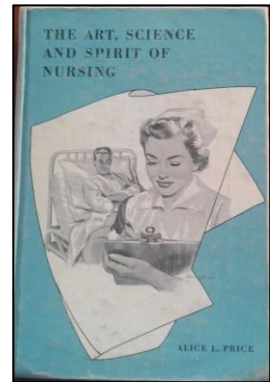
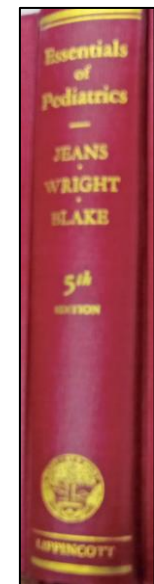
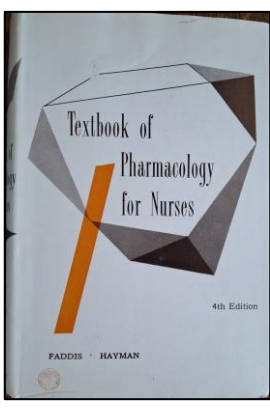
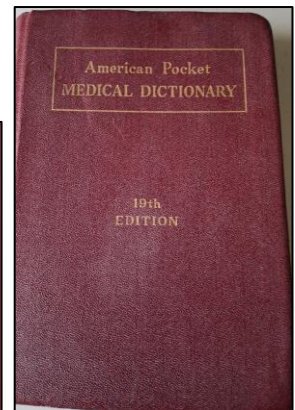
Beverly Vicary and Evelyn Krubinski  
 donated their textbooks to the Alumnae Archives



Beverly Vicary



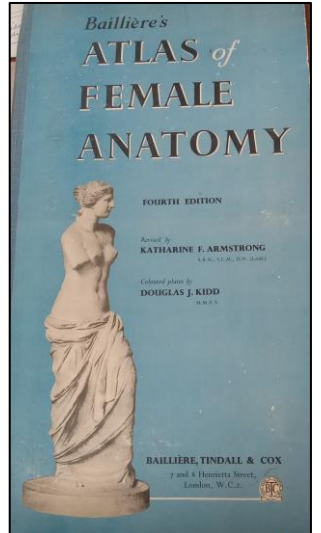
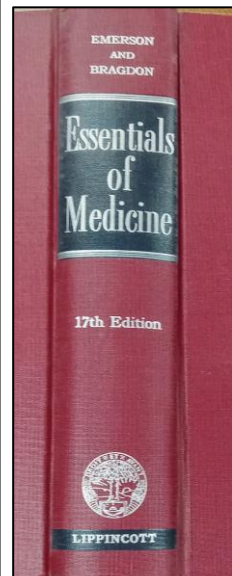
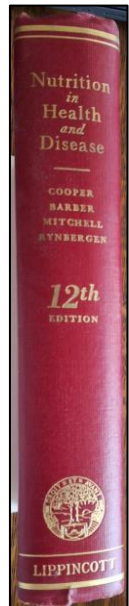
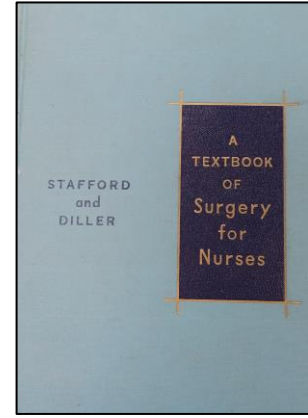
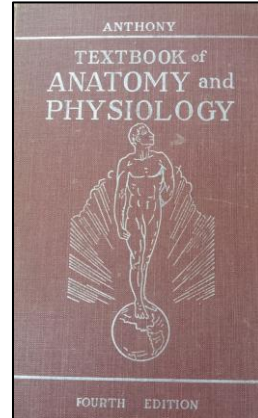
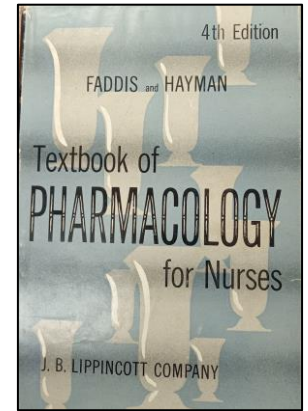
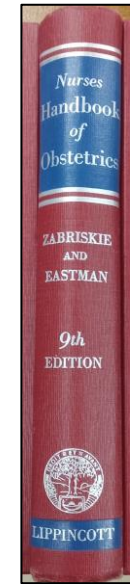
Evelyn Krubinski



Miss Carol Holmes

FEBRUARY 2 1959

Miss Carol Holmes (left) proudly holds her certificate at the graduation ceremonies of the Ontario Society of Radiographers (Central Section), held for the first time in Ontario on Friday at St. Joseph's Hospital. Below, Dr J. G. Stapleton, representing the Canadian Association of Radiologists, presents certificates to (from left) Miss Patricia Casa, Miss Margaret Costie and Miss Clara Spatazzo.



Spectator

# Bargaining Rights Sought At Hospital

The National Union of Public Employees applied today for bargaining rights at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Business agent Doug McEntee said the application covered all members of the staff except nurses, sisters, and doctors, to a total of about 400 persons.

THE UNION already is bargaining agent at the Hamilton General Hospital besides the Nora-Frances Henderson and Mount Hamilton Hospitals and Macassa Lodge.

Mr. McEntee said he foresaw only amicable relations with St. Joseph's authorities as "the Roman Catholic Church has been most progressive in its labor relations."

THE UNION WILL seek the same agreement at St. Joseph's as it already has at the General. This would involve a reduction from the existing 48 hour week

for most employees to 40 hours generally higher pay, and improvements in holidays, vacations, and sick benefits.

The union also aimed to establish the five-day week instead of the present six-day week worked by most St. Joseph's employees.

Two representatives from the 42,000-member Canadian union's Ottawa office, Williac Acton and Patrick O'Keefe, assisted Mr. McEntee in the organization drive which preceded the application to the Ontario Labor Relations Board.

The board will now set a date for a hearing.

## St. Joseph's, Hamilton A "Model Employer"

St. Joseph's Hospital in Hamilton, Ont., was praised as a model employer at the conclusion of recent negotiations with the National Union of Public Employees, which resulted in wage increases and notable fringe benefits.

The two-year contract between St. Joseph's Hospital and Local 167, Hamilton Municipal Employees' Association, NUPE, provided immediate weekly salary boosts of \$6.00 to \$14.00. A lump sum across-the-board payment of \$65.00 was made to all employees with a minimum of one year's seniority. Those with less than a year's service received proportionate lesser amounts. A mid-term general increase of \$2.00 weekly will be paid from Nov. 30, 1960.

For all but one classification, the work-week was reduced to 40 hours, from 44,

JAN. 1959

THE ONTARIO Labor Relations Board held a hearing Monday on an application by the National Union of Public Service Employees for bargaining rights at St. Joseph's Hospital.

The application was not opposed by the hospital authorities, although many employees appeared, some on their own behalf and others representing the laboratory, X-ray department, and office groups.

The physiotherapists were represented by a lawyer asking for exemption of that group from the bargaining unit, but in fact the union had not meant to include them anyway.

The board is sending an examiner in to check who should and should not be in the bargaining unit and another hearing is expected later, possibly in January.

Jan 12<sup>th</sup> Union Examiner Mr. J.R. Anderson began interviews with employees which continued for 2 days at Marygrove Library

Oct 1958 On or about October 1st the members of the National Union workers began to canvas our employees for membership in their organization. Each employee was visited at their homes and have received lengthy letters every day.

November 10, 1958 Notice in Spectator filed in clippings 400 Employees involved in Bargaining Rights Sought at St. Joseph's Hospital by the National Union of Public Employees

November 30 Union Contract signed today today with the National Union of Public Employees Local 7861. (See October 1958) also paper clippings Contract on file in office signed by Mr. J. Chalchlin who is the Personnel Director

C.U.P.E.

40 hour work week  
\$65 raise for 2 years

45 or 46 hours. Engineers, previously on 46-hour week, obtained a 44-hour week.

Fringe benefits included contributions to hospital and medical insurance and vacation and sick leave improvements. St. Joseph's Hospital agreed to pay half the cost of employee's premiums to the Ontario Hospital Plan and the Physicians' Services Incorporated "brown" plan. Sick leave was increased and made cumulative for the first time. Henceforth employees will be entitled to two weeks' paid vacation after a year's service and three weeks, after 15 years. The agreement also included an overtime clause.

The contract covers nursing assistants, orderlies, dietary, housekeeping, laundry and engineering staff of St. Joseph's Hospital.

The NUPE representative, Mr. Pat O'Keefe, said the negotiations were carried out on an extremely high level in the best traditions of collective bargaining. Similar praise was expressed at a meeting of the Hamilton Labour Council, which represents all trade unions in the area.



Donna Fraser donated several articles to the Alumnae Archives.



Porcelain candy dish with lid



Lifetime member pin & Grad pin



Undermount Plate



Grad Uniform with apron & cap



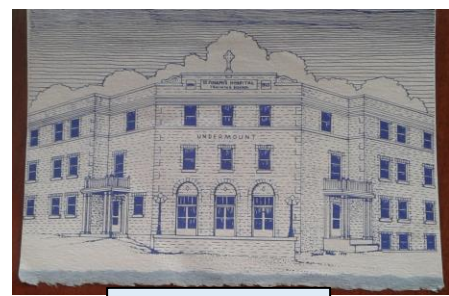
School of Nursing mug



St Joseph's Hospital Guelph



Etched Glass S.J.S.N.A.A. 60th Anniversary



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**SIGN CONTRACT** Dec 2 1959  
**St. Joseph's Staff Gets \$6-\$14 Boost**

Salary increases ranging from \$6 to \$14 a week will take effect immediately as a result of a contract signed today between St. Joseph's Hospital and the National Union of Public Employees.

Wages now vary from a minimum of \$37 a week for a ward aide to \$76 a week for a head chef as a result of the new agreement.

The lowest rate previously was the ward aide rate of \$30 a week, with the head chef receiving maximum pay of \$74 a week. Other increases varied according to classification.

**THE TWO-YEAR** agreement involves about 370 employees who are members of Local 786, Hamilton Municipal Employees Association, NUPE.

The agreement includes \$65 retroactive pay for all employees with one year's service. Those with less than a year will receive retroactive pay according to their service.

Work weeks which formerly were set up on a 46, 45 or 44-hour basis have been reduced to a standard 40 hours a week, except for one classification. Engineers will now work a 44-hour week instead of the former 46.

**THE LOWEST-PAID** woman employee covered by the agreement will receive an immediate increase of \$7 a week; the lowest paid man, \$6.08. Other increases go as high as \$14. There will be an additional \$2 a week across-the-board Nov. 30, 1960.

Affected by the agreement are nursing assistants, orderlies, dietary, housekeeping, laundry and engineering staff.

**FRINGE BENEFITS** include an increased sick leave allowance and, for the first time, employees will be able to accumulate sick leave.

The hospital will contribute 50 per cent of the premium of the Ontario Hospital Plan and Physician Services Incorporated brown plan.

An overtime clause and improved vacations were included in the agreement. Employees will have two weeks' vacation with pay after one year's service and three weeks after 15 years.

NUPE national representative, Pat O'Keefe, said the negotiations were carried out on an extremely high level in the best traditions of collective bargaining.

"St. Joseph's Hospital has made a step in the right direction," he added.

J. C. CHALKLIN, St. Joseph's personnel director, said certain benefits had been planned some time ago, but were delayed while the Ontario Labor Relations Board studied the nature of the bargaining unit.

"This accounts in part for the quick settlement and the increase granted," he said.

Negotiations opened Oct. 16 and agreement was reached after three meetings were held.

**Increase For Nurses Approved**

Salary increases ranging from \$2 to \$17 a week for registered nurses and nursing supervisors have been approved by Hamilton General Hospital board of governors.

Approval of the new rates is now needed from the Ontario Hospital Services Commission, which will foot the bill.

And although it no longer provides operating funds, the board of control will also give its opinion on the proposed scale.

Over 500 registered nurses are employed by HGH.

**BIGGEST PROPOSED** increase is for supervisors and instructors, which would raise their top pay from \$85.50 to \$103.50.

The board of governors proposes to pay first-year graduate nurses \$52 a week, compared with the existing rate of \$60.

New top rate for a general duty nurse would be \$79.50 — an increase of \$4.50.

**OTHER recommended rates:**

- Assistant head nurses: starting \$64 rising to \$74, compared with \$65 to \$71.
- Head nurses: \$68 rising to \$77.50, compared with \$65 to \$73.
- Supervisors and instructors: \$85.50 rising to \$103.50, compared with \$78 to \$86.50.
- Supervisors and instructors (one year post-graduate nursing): \$80.50 to \$96.50, compared with \$71 to \$79.50.

The board also approved a four per cent salary increase for heads and deputies at the hospital, with a further three per cent boost next year.

**December 2, 1959**  
**NURSES Raise of \$2 / week**  
**Top Salary \$103.50 / week**

# Call Hospitals 'Depressed Industry' In Union's Bid For Wages

Sept 11/59

Hospital wages in Hamilton have risen little better than half as much as the earnings of other city workers over the last 10 years, a conciliation board was told today, and nearly all hospital wages are below subsistence levels.

These statements were made by the Hamilton Municipal Employees Association, arguing for wage boosts ranging from \$8 to \$26 a week for some 1,100 employees of the three general hospitals.

**THE UNION'S** brief opened the hearing of a three-man board on a contract renewal dispute affecting employees of the Hamilton General, Mount Hamilton, and Nora-Frances Henderson hospitals.

The board is headed by Magistrate J. A. Hanrahan of Windsor, with Judge Beamer Hopkins nominated by the union and D. R. McCahill nominated by the hospital board of governors acting on behalf of the city.

The whole hospital "industry" must be labelled a "depressed industry", the union said.

The average weekly wage and salary in Hamilton had risen 76 per cent in the last 10 years from \$46.65 to \$81.87.

**HOSPITAL WAGES** had risen as little as 34.7 per cent for some classifications, the union said.

On the basis of the Toronto Welfare Council's "A guide to family spending" of 1952, the present minimum income for a family should be \$61.44 a week the brief said.

But some male employees of the hospitals got as low as \$41 a week and "the starting salary for over 95 per cent of the male employees is below the minimum welfare standard."

"Your board will be fully cognizant of the corporation's position after having concluded collective agreements with three other Hamilton civic unions, of being requested to grant increases in excess of those already granted these other unions."

The brief refers to what it terms "the only comparable hospital in the Hamilton area" — namely, St. Joseph's — where, it claims the wages and fringe benefits are much lower than those received by employees of the Hamilton General Hospitals.

**"AS AN INDICATION** of the wide spread in wages and fringe benefits enjoyed by employees of the Hamilton General Hospitals, compared to those of St. Joseph's Hospital employees, we would point out that the Ontario Hospital Commission makes contributions for each standard ward patient as follows:

"Hamilton General Hospital, \$20.05; St. Joseph's Hospital, \$16.50."

# Say Hospital Staff Here Province's Highest Paid

Employees of Hamilton General Hospitals were among the highest paid hospital workers in the province, the conciliation board was told by the city representatives.

"In fact, these hospitals are the undisputed leaders in pay, hours of work and fringe benefits," the city brief claims.

**REPRESENTING** the board of governors of the Hamilton General Hospitals and the city at the conciliation board hearings are Frank S. Weatherston, Q.C. acting city solicitor, John Longworth, personnel director and Arthur F. Gillespie, deputy personnel director.

The brief refers to "the preferred position of employees of the Hamilton General Hospitals in the matters of wages and fringe benefits" and states that the union's demands "are neither equitable nor justified".

**"WE SUGGEST** to your board that the union should take a more realistic view of the wage settlement granted to other hospitals compared with those granted to similar Hamilton

## TOAST TO THE ALMA MATER

by  
Lorene (Smith) Martell Class of 1959

Good evening Reverend Sisters, Guest of Honour, Fellow Alumnae Members and Graduates of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing.

It gives me great pleasure to present the toast to our Alma Mater on behalf of my classmates of 1959. During the time we have spent together, yesterday and today, I have heard everyone say, "50 years? I can't believe it; where has the time gone?"

Fifty years ago, we were those young ones, coming into this Alumnae Dinner. At that time, we commented "look at those older ladies". Now we are "those older ladies!"

On May 27<sup>th</sup>, 1959 we attended our graduation ceremonies. How exciting we were wearing those long sleeved dresses, very stiff, starched bib and apron, our new cap, with a black band, and new shoes with Cuban heels. We were carrying a beautiful bouquet of red roses.

Our friends and relatives had come from far and near. Most of us didn't choose this career because of the great working hours, the pay or the working conditions. How many of us had any insight into what was involved in becoming a nurse? I think we had a desire to provide a unique brand of care and giving to the sick.

Those first days at Undermount Residence were a real transition period. We were away from home and family. For me, it was a long way from my little community on Manitoulin Island, with our 25 bed Red Cross Hospital, to this big city of Hamilton and this large Hospital of St. Joseph's.

We had new rules, new people to live with and a totally new aspect of life. We had to adapt to an assigned room mate, large bath rooms down the hall, a general T.V. room, one phone at either end of the corridor, the line up in the cafeteria, of which seniority counted and many other changes.

Some of the popular songs at that time were:

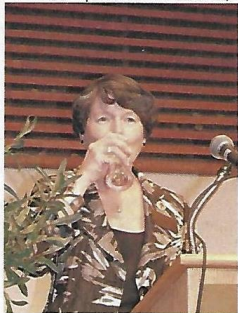
Fats Domino's "Blueberry Hill",  
The Platter's "My Prayer"  
and  
The Four Lad's "Moments to Remember."

We have spent time reminiscing about the good/old, bad/old days, many of which didn't seem that good at the time. Now we look back and are reminded how much we became bonded together during those three years of residence life. We became a family who laughed, cried, studied and worked together.

There have been many adventures, challenges, joys and sorrows in the career of Nursing. We learned by experience, examples, hard work and listening to our teachers, fellow classmates and patients.

This dinner tonight is the climax of what has been a Beautiful Day. It has been very exciting to spend this precious time with fellow classmates, some who we see fairly often, others whom we have not seen for a longer time. We have spent time remembering those who were unable to attend this special occasion, and especially our 11 Classmates who have died.

Please rise with me and toast our Alma Mater: "St. Joes"



*Connie Skrok, Angie Vescio, Beverly Vicary, Lorene Smith, Nancy Wilson, Donna Fraser, Rosemary Fox  
Reunion Day 2011*



*Reunion Day 2019  
Constance Skrok, Jenny Komar, Janice Scott*



*Janina Muta Berenyi '65, Evelyn Krubinski '59  
Reunion Day 2019*



*Class of 1959 Celebrating 50 Years Reunion Day 2009*

*Ann Ward, Jenny Komar, Dianne Lowe, Donna Pietracupa, Shelby Titian, Dianne DeForest, Katherine Hickey, Mary Piotrowski, Evelyn Krubinski, Sandra Pendakis, Vivian Weston, Eleanor Garr, Joanna Natolochny, Irene Shepardson, Donna Fraser, Janice Scott, Eunice Biggs, Marie Brooks, Constance Skrok, Angeline Vescio, Nancy Wilson, Christine Guzda, Rosemary Murray, Joan McNamara, Darlene Barfoot, Kathleen Sanderson*  
*SITTING: Helen Lazlo, Patricia Henderson, Beverly Vicary, Lorene Smith*



*Reunion Day 2012  
Nancy Wilson, Constance Skrok, Lorene Smith*

*Class of 1959 Celebrating 55 Years Reunion Day 2014  
STANDING: Nancy Wilson, Evelyn Krubinski, Constance Skrok, Beverly Vicary, Eunice Biggs, Kathleen Sanderson, Sandra Pendakis  
SITTING: Lorene Smith, Donna Fraser, Angeline Vescio, Rosemary Murray, Louise McArthur*



*Bench in the Sister's Spiritual Garden donated by the class of 1959  
In Memory of Joan Henderson '59*

Attention all Classmates from the Class of 1959

Our **55th Reunion Day** for Celebration Mass and Luncheon is Friday May 30th, 2014. Please keep this date available, and watch for a letter of dates and activities. Hope everyone will be able to attend.

From your Class Coordinator Lorene Smith Martell '59

*Newsletter 2014*



*Class of 1959 Celebrating 60 Years Reunion Day 2019*

*LEFT SIDE: Evelyn Krubinski, Constance Skrok, Sandra Pendakis, Nancy Wilson, Jenny Komar*

*LEFT IN FRONT; Rosemary Murray, Eleanor Garr, Janicee Scott, Joanna Natolochny*

*RIGHT SIDE: Mary Piotrowski, Lorene Smith, Irene Sheperdson, Marie Brooks, Beverly Vicary, Donna Pietracupa, Phyllis Harris, Donna Fraser, Joan McNamara*

On behalf of the Class of '59, an engraved Holy Water container and sprinkler was presented to the Alumnae and the Hospital Chapel. This was used at the Liturgy of Thanksgiving on Reunion Day and will be used at future Reunions. This was presented as a memorium to all deceased classmates of the Class of 1959.

*Newsletter 1994*





*Class of 1959 Reunion Day 2023  
 Constance Skrok, Beverly Vicary, Joan McNamara, Rosemary Murray, Eleanor Garr,  
 Sandra Pendakis, Evelyn Krubinski, Nancy Wilson*



*Class of 1959 celebrating 65 years 8 members present Reunion Day 2024  
 Beverly Vicary Haist, Lorene Smith Martell, Evelyn Krubinski Elsie, Betty Howe Frieri, Nancy Wilson Kalin,  
 Janice Scott Ellis, Eleanor Garr Summerfield, Illa Horning Maher*



*Beverly Vicary Haist,  
 Grandson of Illa Horning Maher*



*Class of 1959 Mass Reunion Day 2024*

*Material in this presentation was gathered from several sources:  
 --Vox Omnium Yearbook 1959  
 --newspaper articles in the Hamilton Spectator  
 -Alumnae Minutes & articles from the archives at the Motherhouse  
 -photos from reunion day celebrations*

*Special thanks to  
 Lorene Smith Martell and Darlene Barfoot Bateman  
 for identifying their classmates.*



*Beverly Vicary Haist, Evelyn Krubinski Elsie,  
 Lorene Smith Martell*