



**REUNION DAY 2023**

**CLASS OF 1963**

**CELEBRATING 60 YEARS**



*Sister Dolorosa*

**CLASS OF 1963**

**"JUNIORS"**

**FIRST ROW:** Arleen Gravelle, Mary Kulawic, Shirley Hopkins, M. Secord, Anne Schwenker, Mary Revell, Jacqueline Dawe, Carol Sweeney, Bonnie Richardson, Carleen Dopking

**SECOND ROW:** Corrie DeGelder, M. Donnelly, Patricia Link, Anita Matelis, Mildred Lamanes, Alexandra Wright, Joyce Callaghan, S. MacKinroy, Frances Szakacs, Charlene Scime, Margaret O'Neill, Janice Stuart

**THIRD ROW:** Ruth Pasquier, Dianne Morkin, Anita Kasouf, Ghislaine Dumas, Judith Blake, Barbara Hudecki, Phyllis Mancuso, Maureen Clushman, Anne Condon, Mary Graf, Eleanor McCarvel

**FOURTH ROW:** Jacqueline Casey, Barbara Peterson, Barbara Saunders, Mary Taborek, Carol Lane, Brenda LaPorte, S. Bedesky, Mudite Riss, Anne MacColl, Janet Johnson



**CLASS OF 1963 "JUNIORS"**

**FIRST ROW:** Karin Heimler, Dianne Thompson, Maureen Clushman, Carrol Clyde, Josephine Stutz, M. Howe, Theresa Labanowich, Carol Powers, Sylvia Evanik, Helen Bembenek  
**SECOND ROW:** Marilyn Ryan, Dorothy Hunchberger, Mary Iftody, Frances Szakacs, Paula Cherwaty, Maureen Curran, Anne Marie Camirand, Margaret Benz, Colette Ethier, Donna Daily, Mardi-Beth Lougheed  
**THIRD ROW:** Colleen Dyett, Kathy Moor, Carol Deakin, Barbara Brown, Jean Massecar, Carolyn Beaman, Donna Mitchell, Susan Hedley, Marilyn Murphy, Ruth Oliver, Elizabeth Woods, J. Essez  
**FOURTH ROW:** Linda Elliott, Lorna Nash, Carol Mendiuk, Carol McPherson, Barbara Burns, Barbara Peterson, Jean Pundius, Carole Ann Whelan, Barbara Milne, Marianne Stepanek, Dianna McRae

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During the evening a sing-song was enjoyed by all and when the weary eyes of the new students became drowsy, they were escorted upstairs to their new rooms by their "Big Sisters" and given that friendly word of advice, "try and get a good night's sleep because there is a busy day ahead of you tomorrow."

Mary Graf'63



Barb Hudecki'63 Isobel Farrell'62



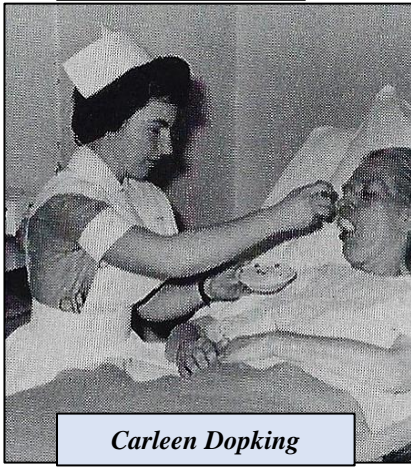
Carleen Dopking Jarrett Cheryl Gravelin McQueen'66



Judy Blake, Mary Kulawic, Estelle Misiaz



Mildred Lamanes with her Big Sister



Carleen Dopking



Anita Kasouf with her Big Sister



Lorna Nash Kinnear '63 Linda Elliott '63

*Halloween Party was held October 31<sup>st</sup>, 1960 in the auditorium. Sister Virginia attended and the Sisters of St Joseph judged the costumes. The class of 1963 provided entertainment and there were sing-songs and refreshments*

# HALLOWE'EN PARTY

October 31st, 1960, and all the spooks and their friends were out in full force in the auditorium, the class of '63's Spooky Hollow for the night. Even Sister Mary Virginia came attired for the occasion in her 'entirely practical' spectacles. The Sisters of St. Joseph proved to be very capable judges and chose various winners from the competitors who ranged from a Hamilton street cleaner to 'the devil' himself. The pre-clinical class of '63 provided the entertainment and Karen Heimler's imitations were greatly enjoyed by all, as were the sing-songs and refreshments.

Lorna Nash'63



Mary Buck'56, Mrs Donna Rowe, Mary Boughner'48

# CHRISTMAS CONCERT

"Home for Christmas". This thought reminds the class of '63 of their Christmas concert which was finally based on this theme after much discussion, indecision and meeting after meeting.

It seems that we practiced for aeons and changed things endlessly, but finally the night arrived, and ready or not the show began. The choir under the direction of Miss Lougheed began the concert with "Carol of the Bells" and "I'll be Home for Christmas."

Since our home had become residence, we used this as the setting for our skit. Two of the students just off duty struggled on to the stage and flopped on their beds. They were followed by other equally tired students. The group decided to relieve the Christmas Blues with a party and in the midst of their merriment, Sister Virginia appeared. In an effort to make the situation look innocent, the students managed to sing a dejected "Silent Night", but they were certainly not very successful.

Santa Claus came and requested a talent show in return for presents and when he left, he wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

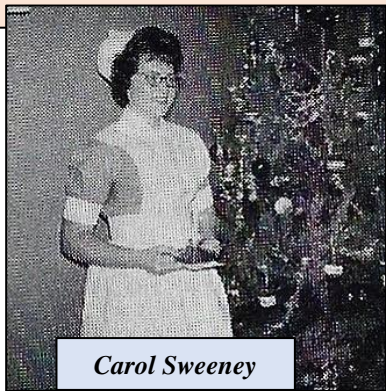
During the intermission and between sets, the choir sang several selections. Miss Lougheed chose the beautiful "Ave Maria" and Miss Link the Christmas Carol "O Holy Night" for their respective solos. Miss Hopkins provided piano accompaniment for the total production.

The finale was a nativity scene presented in silhouette. At the close the curtains were drawn back showing Mary, Joseph, Wise Men, Shepherds and the Baby Jesus in the manger - it was very effective.

As the concert closed the class of '63 sang a song of which they are very proud, their class song.

Perhaps this concert brought to the minds of the members of other classes memories of the time when they put on their own Christmas concert and we hope that they enjoyed our presentation as much as we enjoyed performing.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT 1960**  
*The concert began with the choir, under the direction of Mardi-Beth Lougheed '63. The choir sang "Carol of the Bells" and "I'll be Home for Christmas". The class then performed a skit, and then sang "Silent Night". Santa Claus came and requested a talent show in return for presents. The choir sang several selections. Shirley Hopkins provided piano accompaniment. The finale was a nativity scene As the concert closed the class of '63 sang their class song.*



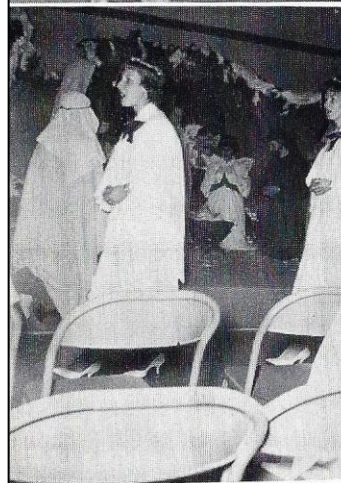
**Carol Sweeney**



**Barb Robertson**



**Barbara Mulholland '62,  
Marilyn Ryan '63**



**Peggy O'Neill, Jackie Casey,  
Barbara Brown**



**Donna Mitchell, Diane McRae, Shirley Smith, Judy Blake**



## CAPPING

*Sunday evening December 18, 1960 the class received their caps.*

*The whole school assembled in the Auditorium for the 1<sup>st</sup> evening Capping Ceremony in the history of the school. Together they recited the Jean Mance Pledge then one by one each member of the class moved forward to receive her cap from Sister Superior Sister St. Paul and Sister Virginia.*

*After each student had their cap in place, the senior students gave each of them a Florence Nightingale lamp and lit it with a taper. They then made their way to the chapel.*

*After returning to the auditorium, the intermediate class received their year pins and the senior class received their school ring. Each of these were presented by Sister Virginia.*

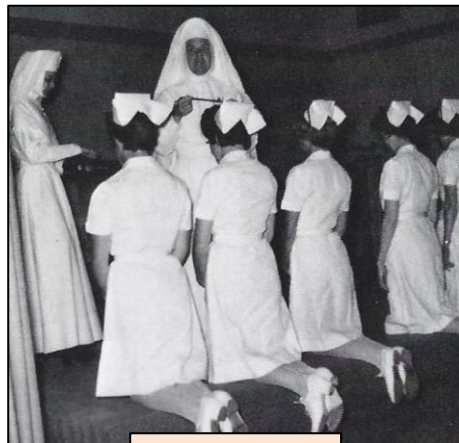
*The evening concluded with a social time with refreshments and a sing-song and congratulations from the seniors.*



*Corrie DeGelder, Karin Heimler, Theresa Labanowich, Dorothy Hunchberger, Mary Revell, Joyce Callaghan, Marie Howe*



*Paula Cherwaty, Carol Deakin*



*Sister Virginia*



CANDLELIGHT CEREMONY — First-year student nurses at St. Joseph's Hospital walk down the aisle in the hospital chapel Sunday after candlelight "capping" ceremony.

*December 18, 1960  
Carleen Dopking, Sylvia Evanik*

## CAPPING

The first big occasion for those of us in the class of 1963 occurred on the evening of Sunday, December 18th, 1960. We received our caps and this made us, finally, students of the school.

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After we had our caps in place, the senior students gave each of us a Florence Nightingale lamp and lit it with a taper. We then made our way to the chapel and the light from our candles and Father Beaudry's message made the service very impressive.

When we returned to the Auditorium, the intermediate class received their year pins and the senior class their school rings. Each of these was presented by Sister Virginia.

A social time with refreshments and a sing-song and the congratulations of our seniors in the school made us feel as if we really did belong.

*Jean Massecar '63*



*Millie Lamanes, Carol Clyde, Carol Powers, Kathy Moor, Arlene Gravelle, S. McEnroy*



**FRONT ROW:** Joyce Callaghan, Helen Bembenek, Sylvia Evanik  
**BACK ROW:** Carol Lane, Brenda LaPorte, Marianne Stepanek, Colleen Dyett



**Back Row:** Instructor, Earlene Milner'62, Instructor, Cathy Farrell'61, Carole Austin'61  
**Front Row:** Ruth Oliver, Instructor, Isobel Farrell'62



**Barb Hudecki Barlow '63**  
 with her mother  
**Leona Johnson Hudecki '41**



**YEARBOOK STAFF**  
**1<sup>st</sup> year**  
**Barb Mulholland'62, Peggy Gullett'61 – Editor,**  
**Shirley Hopkins'63, Connie Burns'61**



**NCIL 1<sup>st</sup> year**  
**Seated:** Cathy Farrell'61, Donna Tier'61 – President, Valerie Warne'61  
**Standing:** Barb Hudecki'63, Stephanie Gabriel'62, Mary Jessop'62, Lois Balfe'62  
**ABSENT:** Mary Ellen Reaume'61



**Carol Ann Whelan**



**Jean Pundius, Ann Schwenker**



**TEACHERS 1<sup>st</sup> year**  
**TOP ROW:** Mary Boughner'48, Mrs Rowe, Mrs Marie MacDonald, Jennie Vacola'54, Marie Andreychuk'54, Violet Jennings'38, Carrol Karsten'56  
**BOTTOM ROW:** Frances Ciancone'57, Irene McInnes DeCoste'56, Doreen Duncan'55, Pat LaFlamme Savelli'57, Lorraine Luca'57, Theresa Malone'56, Mary Buck'56

## MAY CROWNING

Our Blessed Virgin Mary was crowned in a beautiful ceremony that took place in our hospital chapel, May, 1961.

As the student nurses in their blue and white uniforms were moving slowly down the centre aisle toward the sanctuary filled with colourful flowers, they sang, "Bring Flowers of the Fairest".

In front of these nurses was a banner of Our Blessed Mother followed by Lois Balfe carrying a tiny crown of flowers which would soon be placed on the head of the Virgin Mary. A wreath of lilies to be put at our Lady's feet was held by Stephanie Gabriel.

In a single movement everyone present genuflected and Ruth Crabbe slowly went to the side altar to place the crown on Our Mother's head. While they returned to their seats the lovely hymn "On this Day" and "Queen of the May" rang out in the chapel, showing the effect this ceremony had on all present.

As the traditional hymns "Tantum Ergo" and "O Salutaris Hostia" were sung Father Beaudry offered Benediction. A short yet stirring ceremony made all realize how much Our Mother meant to us.

**Kathy Moor '63**



**Cheryl Gravelin McQueen '66, Marianne Stepanek '63**

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*Student nurses in their blue and white uniforms moved slowly down the centre aisle towards the sanctuary filled with beautiful flowers, singing "Bring flowers of the Fairest". In front of the nurses was a banner of Our Blessed Mother, followed by Lois Balfe '62 carrying a tiny crown of flowers to be placed on the head of the Virgin Mary. A wreath of lilies to be put at our Ladies feet was carried by Stephanie Gabriel '62. Ruth Crabbe '62 placed the crown on Our Mother's head.*

*Junior Retreat was held on October 18, 19, and 20<sup>th</sup> 1961.*

## JUNIOR RETREAT

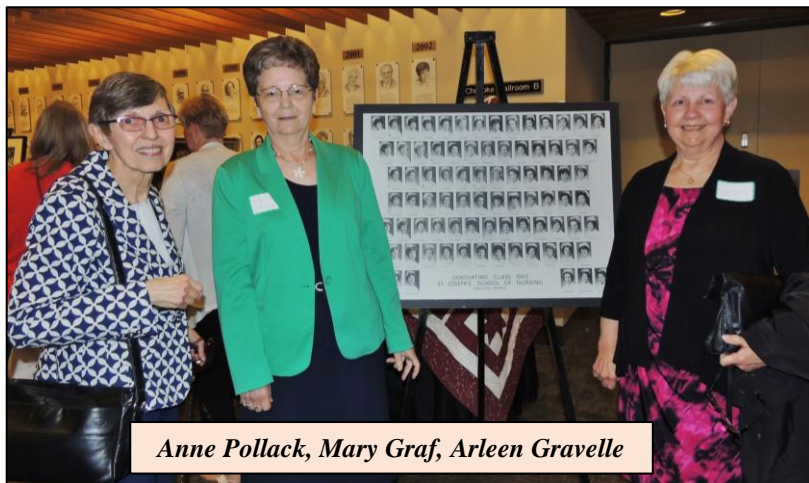
On October 18, 19 and 20th, the Preclinical students of St. Joseph's School of Nursing had a very inspiring retreat given by Father Johnston S. J.

He emphasized the idea of our only purpose in life, namely, to merit Heaven. Everything we do should be done for the honour and glory of God. We must try, as nurses, to see Christ in our patients. He also gave us the consoling thought of Our Lord "Whatever you do to one of these the least of My Children, you do unto Me."

Another idea he instilled in us was to look to our past life, our present life and particularly to the future. We should try to see our faults of the past and the present and make resolution for the future.

I am certain that we will all remember with pride the days of our first retreat in this school.

**Mary Graf '63**



**Anne Pollack, Mary Graf, Arleen Gravelle**

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE



*1<sup>st</sup> year*

**Marilyn Ryan '63, Joann Reuter '61 – Social Convenor,  
Lindy Fletcher '61, Susan Smith '62**

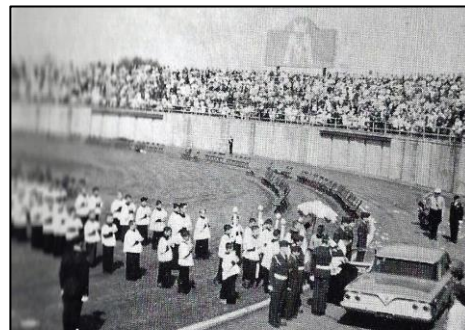


**Mary Graf, Carol Sweeney**

## MARIAN DAY

The thirteenth annual Marian Day was held May 28, 1961. Under bright blue skies, Roman Catholics crowded into Civic Stadium to publicly express their devotion and reverence for the Blessed Virgin Mary and ask her aid. The Catholic students of St. Joseph's School of Nursing were among the 25,000 that gathered for the occasion.

This year's theme was "Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us!" The program consisted of the living rosary formed by the Cathedral Girls' High School. The guest speaker was Archbishop Pocock of Toronto who said the audience that "Today in world that needs more than ever a divine understanding, we turn to Mary and ask her to bring peace to us, the only one who can set our feet on the path of social justice." Seven floats, depicting the seven steps to priesthood paraded across the field. Reverend F. F. Helling commented on the tableau. The crowning ceremony was performed by the Sisters of Mary Queen of Mercy. The music was provided by St. John's College.

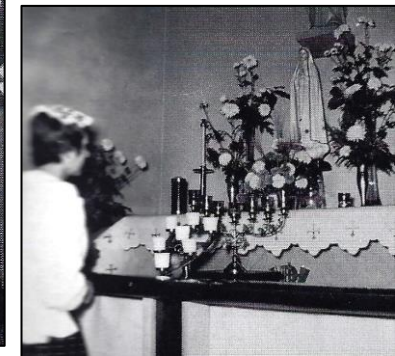
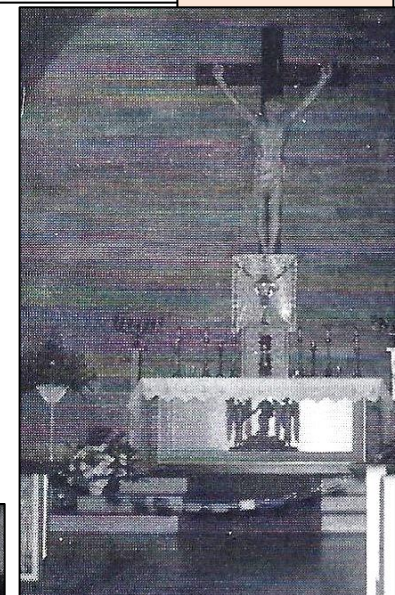


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**Janice Gowland, Ann Schwenker,  
Donna Mitchell**





**CLASS OF 1963**

**2<sup>nd</sup> year**

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**THIRD ROW:** Donna Mitchell, Marianne Stepanek, Ghislaine Dumas, Barbara Milne, Catherine Moor, Theresa Labanowich, Barbara Hudecki, Mary Graf, Elizabeth Woods, Mudite Riss, Janice Stuart, Anne Marie Camirand, Barbara Peterson, Carol Deakin, Barbara Brown, Patricia Link, Carol Sweeney, Carol McPherson, Corrie DeGelder, Maureen Curran, Jaqueline Casey, Mary Iftody, Susan Hedley

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**Sister Dolorosa**



### **S.U.M.O. 1<sup>st</sup> year**

**Standing:** Dale Robb '61, Josephine Stutz '63

**Seated:** Ann Waldron '61, Connie Burns '61



### **YEARBOOK COMMITTEE**

**SEATED:** Barb Mulholland '62 - Editor, Peggy Ball '62

Hilarie Cornell '62 - Picture Editor

**STANDING:** Shirley Hopkins '63, Sally Crawford '64



### **TEACHERS**

**2<sup>nd</sup> year**

**TOP ROW:** Sally Robey '58, Betty McInnes '53, Violet Jennings '38, Carrol Karsten '56, Mary Lepinskie '48

**FIRST ROW:** Loretta Salciccioli '58, Marie Andreychuk Yakimoff '54, Frances Ciancone '57, Doreen Duncan '55, C. Kowalski '54, Christine Guzda '59



### **STUDENT COUNCIL**

**TOP ROW:** Ruth Crabbe '62, Karen Goodbrand '64, Jacqueline Bartscher '64, Karin Heimler '63

**SEATED:** Lois Balfe '62, Pat Gilbert '62, Stephanie Gabriel '62 - President, Barb Hudecki '63, Janice Stuart '63



**Judy Blake, Mary Taborek, Carleen Dopking**



### **SPORTS COMMITTEE**

**Helen McKay '62, Isobel Farrell '62 - Chairman, Eleanor Carvel '63**



**Barbara Hudecki**



### **NURSING SERVICE**

**Diane Rundle '58, Mary Buck '56, Mary Boughner '48**



**S.U.M.O.**

*Margaret Lowes'62, Coleen Blair'62, L. Sherry*

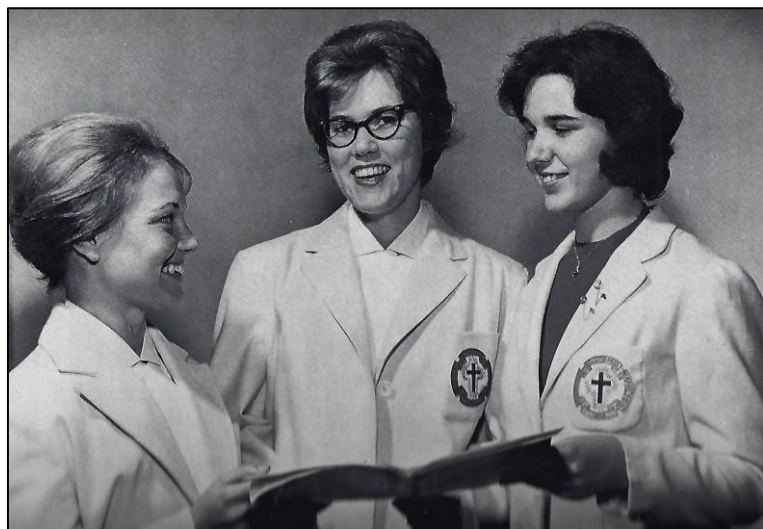
*ABSENT: Ruth Oliver'63*



**Our Choir**



*Carol Mendiuk, Jan Stuart, Linda Elliott, Phyllis Mancuso  
Annie Pollack, Alexandra Wright, Barb Hudecki*



**SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

*Sylvia Evanik'63, Susan Smith'62 – Chairman, Norma Bauslaugh'62,*

*ABSENT: Eleanor Grimm '64*



*Mary Taborek'63  
Cheryl Gravelin McQueen'66*



**TEACHERS**

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Anne LoSchiavo'56, Doreen Duncan'55, Carol Anne Vair'60, Marilyn Ray'58, Helen Mauro'58  
FIRST ROW: Frances Ciancone'57, Irene McInnis DeCoste'56, Carrol Karsten'56, Loretta Salciccioli'58,  
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*Marilyn Murphy, Anne Marie Camirand*



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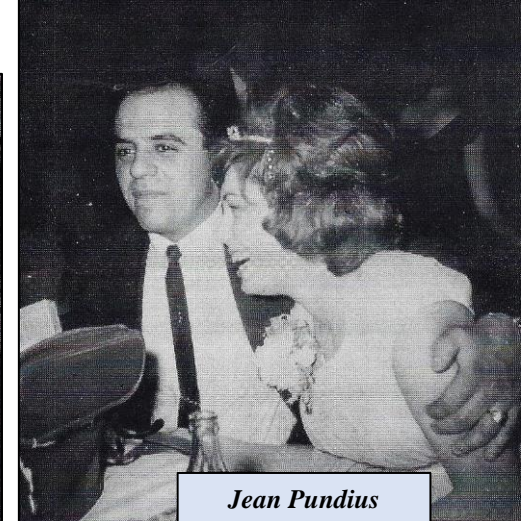


*Jean Pundius '63,  
Janina Muta Berenyi '65*

**RHAPSODY IN BLUE**



*Janet Johnson*



*Jean Pundius*



*Anne Marie Camirand, Marilyn Murphy*



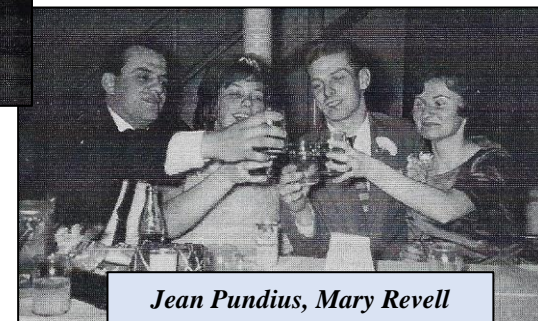
*Marianne Stepanek, Carol Powers*



*Carol Powers*



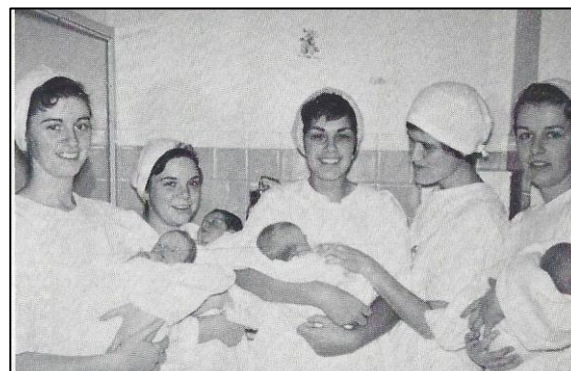
*Mary Revell*



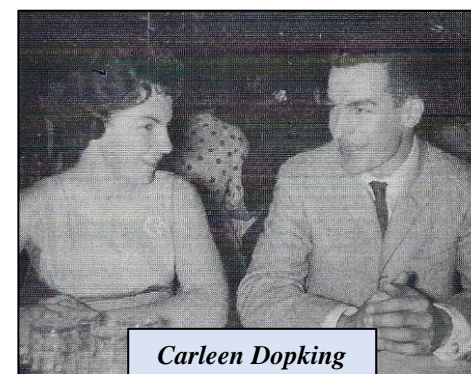
*Jean Pundius, Mary Revell*



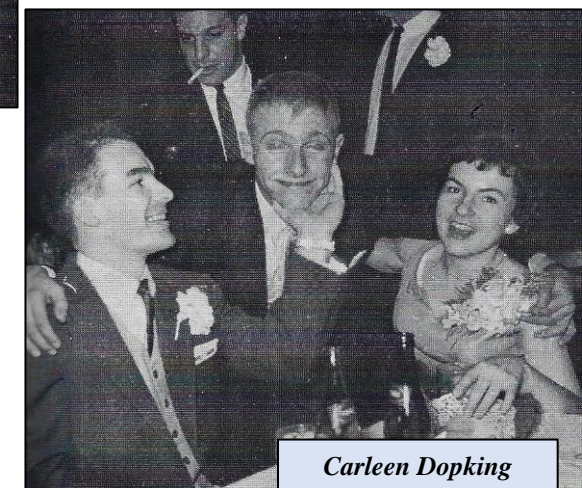
*Ruth McCluskey '62, Ann Woods, Barbara Burns, Donna Horne '62, Marilyn Murphy, Anne Marie Camirand, Instructor*



*Marilyn Murphy, Janice Gowland, Phyllis Mancuso, Madeline Rowe '58, Marilyn Ryan*



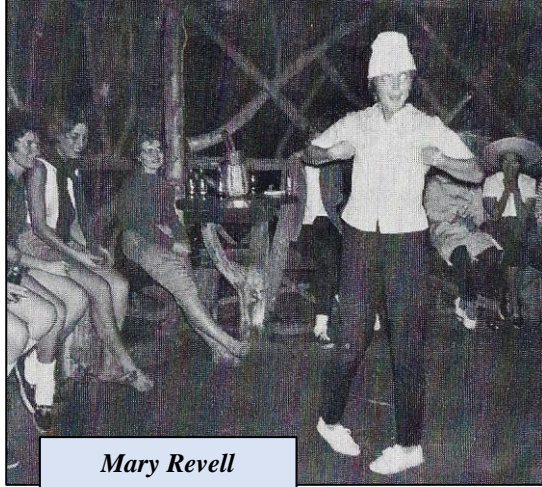
*Carleen Dopking*



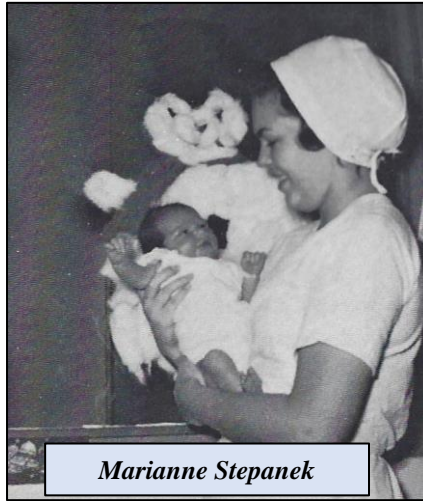
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*Frances Szakacs*



*Mary Revell*



*Marianne Stepanek*

**PSYCHIATRIC AFFILIATION**  
*This affiliation was for 3 months at the Ontario Hospital.  
 Our education was not limited to psychiatry. We became skilled at scrabble, rummy, bowling and badminton, mainly due to the competition from the patients.  
 We realized more than ever that nursing serves the needs of the mind and spirit as well as the body.*

## Psychiatric Affiliation

It was there in black and white-I was going to the Ontario Hospital for my three months psychiatric affiliation. Suddenly I was filled with emotions of fear, curiosity, apprehension and anxiety.

What would it be like up there? Locked doors, mentally ill patients, insulin therapy, leucotomies, and electro-convulsive therapy-a whole new concept of nursing.

Our education was not limited to psychiatry, for we became quite skilled at scrabble, rummy, bowling and badminton-mainly due to the unanticipated competition we received from the patients.

At times it was very discouraging to see people who were unable to respond or cope with life, spending their years under conditions that are less than ideal. But at the same time it was encouraging to see daily improvement and discharges in the less acute cases.

Now our fear and curiosity has been banished and our whole outlook on psychiatry has been altered, and we realize more than ever that nursing serves the needs of the mind and spirit as well as the body.

Now that our short stay is over we can look back and see that our experience at the Ontario Hospital will be of inestimable value to us. In our role as health teacher we can help the public to adapt a mature attitude and to eradicate the stigma attached to mental illness.

*Donna Mitchell '63*



*Piper Michael Cuffe, Judy Blake,  
 Mary Taborek, Marianne Stepanek*



*Linda Elliott, Barb Robertson, Janice Stuart,  
 Jackie Casey, Mary Secord, Mardi-Beth Loughheed,  
 Anne MacColl, Ann-Marie Camirand,  
 Carleen Dopking, Jean Massecar*



*Mildred Lamanes, Barb Hudecki, Ruth Oliver, Joyce  
 Callaghan, Donna Mitchell, Anita Kazouf, Carleen Dopking*



*Pat Iftody, affiliates x2, Mary Taborek*





*Sister Virginia Hanlon '45  
Director of Nursing*



*Joan Mason '58  
Director of Education*

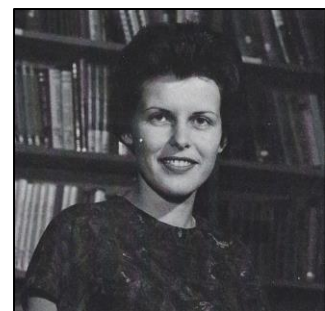


**SOCIAL COMMITTEE**  
*Sylvia Evanik '63, Anita Matelis '63 – Chairman, Patricia Farrell '65*

*Rhapsody in Blue was held February 1, 1963. Each month a dance was held at the residence including a Christmas Dance.  
In May, Red Rose Ball was the 1<sup>st</sup> social function to be held in the new gymnasium in Fontbonne Hall*



*Estelle Misiarz, Donna Mitchell, Theresa Labanowich,  
Paula Cherwaty, Anita Kasouf, Joyce Callahan*



*Mrs. J. Barnes  
Librarian, Fontbonne*



*Irene MacInnis DeCoste '56*



*Janice Gowland, Maureen Clushman*



**NURSING SERVICE**  
*Dale Field '62, Diane Rundle '58, M Boughner '48, Mary Lepinskie '48*



*Joan LaFortune Mason '58, Marianna Stepanek,  
Barb Hudecki*



**INSTRUCTORS**  
*SEATED: Theresa Malone '56, Sister Maris Stella '56, Frances Ciancone '57  
STANDING: Mrs. Meehan, Carol Anne Vair '60, Betty McInnes '53, Doreen Duncan '55,  
Christine Guzda '59, Marie Andreychuk Yakimoff '54, Isabel Kerr '60,  
Carrol Karsten '56, Violet Jennings '38, Patricia McCabe '60, Betty Maloney '62*



### **YEARBOOK STAFF 3<sup>rd</sup> year**

**FRONT ROW:** Brenda LaPorte '63, Shirley Hopkins '63 – Editor, Judith Gray '64 – Assistant Editor  
**BACK ROW:** Diane McRae '63 – Photographer, Donna Sabo '65, Marilyn Murphy '63 – Photographer, Jeannine Heil '65  
**ABSENT:** Lynda Murphy '64



### **S.U.M.O.**

**Sharlene Duc '64, Barbara Saunders '63 - Chairman, Ruth Oliver '63, Carole Reichheld '64**  
*In the spring of 1963, SUMO moved to the 7<sup>th</sup> floor, Fontbonne Hall*

## **Student Council**

The responsibilities and functions of our committee encircle the wants and needs of the Student Body.

This year, much attention has been focused on Fontbonne Hall. With the formation of this beautifully comfortable new residence, has come, and is yet to come, a greater student population. As numbers increase, so increases the hazard of losing unity. Thus, one of our aims for this year is to increase School Spirit, which in turn brings about unity.

We have worked together on Bake Sales, are now planning a chocolate Sale to help Missionary work in South America, and have social functions such as the Red Rose Ball, all of which provide common interests for students and tend to unite them as a body.

Our second aim is to help furnish our recreation room by donating profits from our various functions to the cause.

The change of residence has necessitated alteration, reinforcement, and addition to previous regulations. This new set of rules has been compiled over a series of executive meetings.



### **SPORTS COMMITTEE**

**Jeanne Sarjeant '64, Marilyn Ryan '63 – Chairman, Sandra Eedy '65**

*Extracurricular activities for the student body included bowling, bridge, swimming and golf.*



**Mary Kulawic, Paula Cherwaty, Pat Iftody, Carol Lane, Anita Kasouf, Mildred Lamanes**  
*Reunion Day 2018*

## **STUDENT COUNCIL**

*The responsibilities and functions of our committee encircle the wants and needs of the student body. This year much attention has been focused on Fontbonne Hall. With the formation of this beautifully comfortable new residence, has come and is yet to come, a greater student population. As numbers increase, so increases the hazard of losing unity. Thus one of our aims for this year is to increase School Spirit, which in turn bring unity.*

*We have worked together on Bake Sales, are now planning a chocolate Sale to help Missionary work in South America and have social functions all of which provide common interests for students and tend to unite them as a body. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> aim is to help furnish our recreation room by donating profits from our various function to the cause. The change of residence has necessitated alteration, reinforcement and addition to previous regulations.*



**Carleen Dopking Jarrett '63, Shirley Anne Wray '55, Mary Taborek '63**



### **STUDENT COUNCIL 3<sup>rd</sup> year**

**FRONT ROW:** Dorothy Hunchberger '63 – Secretary, Janice Stuart '63 – Vice President, Barbara Hudecki '63 – President, Marianne Stepanek '63  
**BACK ROW:** Gloria Delcol '64 – Treasurer, Carolyn Crown '64 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Arlene Hayter '65, Irene Sokol '64

# Black Band Dance

Music, laughter, singing and celebration announced the beginning of our senior year at St. Joseph's.

The music was provided by "Al and Jim Rolls", who provided a wide variety of old time modern tunes. Old friends, new acquaintances, and moments to remember will be recalled by all through the years.

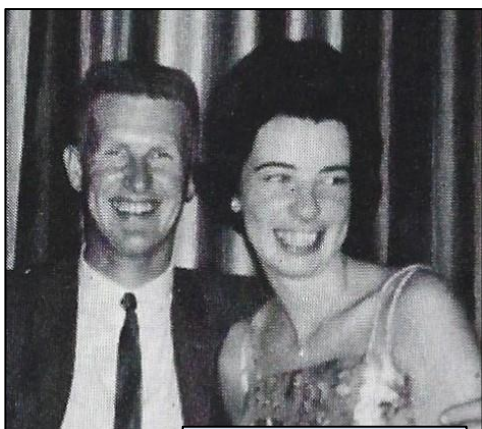
Students and their dates offered a toast to the coming year, as Miss LaFortune, our class advisor, presented us with an anniversary cake.

Many thanks to Miss Robey, Miss Vair, Miss LaFortune and their escorts for joining in our song and dance.

Barbara Saunders '63



Linda Elliott, Zan Wright



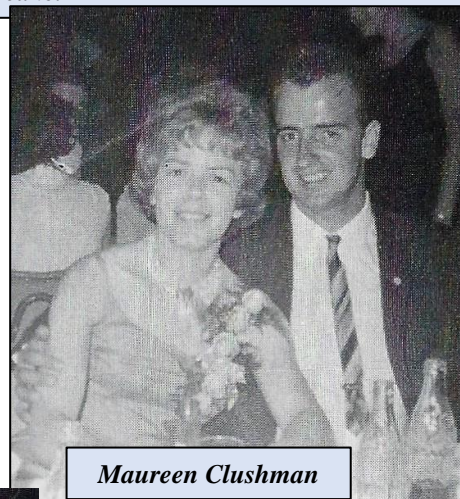
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## BLACK BAND DANCE

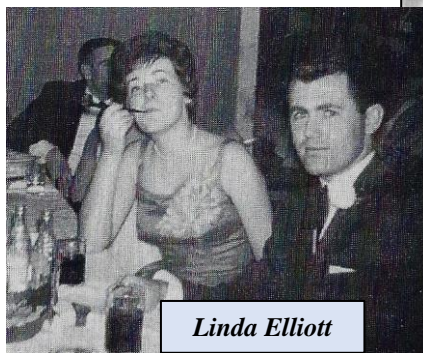
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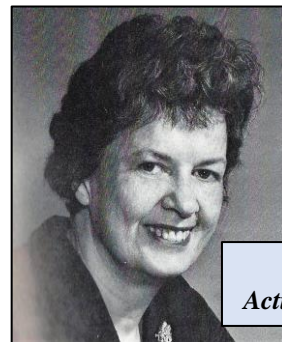
Theresa Labanowich



Maureen Clushman



Linda Elliott



Miss M. McKenna  
Activities Director, Fontbonne



## H.S.N.A. "Hamilton Student Nurses Association"

A new association of the 3 school of nursing in Hamilton – McMaster, Hamilton Civic and St Joseph's. Its main objective is to promote unity and fellowship among these schools of nursing.

There are 4 representatives from each school of nursing.

Mary Beaudoin '64 (S.J.H.H.), Corinne Jackson '64 (S.J.H.H.), L. Terrio (H.G.H.), J. James (H.G.G.) P. Preece (Mac), Miss Kurschke (Advisor), C. Philp (Mac), J. Radforth (Mac), Linda Bodkin '65 (S.J.H.H.), Anita Matelis '63 (S.J.H.H.)

## INTERMEDIATE – SENIOR RETREAT

The annual intermediate – senior retreat was conducted un the spiritual guidance of Rev. Father McCarthy.

Marilyn Murphy '63

## Intermediate - Senior Retreat

The Annual Intermediate - Senior Retreat was conducted this year under the spiritual guidance of Rev. Fr. McCarthy. The participating students spent three worthwhile days in silent prayer and meditation.

Following daily mass, we attended several conferences with Father in between which we said the Rosary, Stations of the Cross, and had spare moments to rest, read spiritual material or visit with Father.

The retreat ended with Benediction after which we renewed our Baptismal Vows and received the Papal Blessing.

For many of us this will be our last retreat at St. Joseph's and Father McCarthy succeeded in leaving us with several inspiring thoughts, one of which was that there are two roads of life - one is paved with thorns but at death we earn the rose; the other is paved with roses and at death we earn the thorns.

With this last thought we say - Many Thanks, to Fr. McCarthy for much food for thought and for a wonderfully inspiring retreat.

Marilyn Murphy '63



Sister Patricia Hanlon '50, Barb Hudecki '63,  
Arleen Gravelle '63



Estelle Misiarz, Eleanor McCarvel,  
Anne Schwenker



Estelle Misiarz, Annie Pollock,  
Marietta Pupo '64



*Marg Benz, Modite Riss, Ann Woods*



*Marilyn Murphy, Diane McRae, Joan LaFortune '58, Carol Powers, Dorothy Hunchberger*



*Diane McRae, Karin Heimler, Marianne Stepanik, Carol Powers, Dorothy Hunchberger, Shirley Smith, Ruth Oliver, Carol Mendiuk, Dianne Morkin*



*Anne Marie Camirand, Mardi Beth Loughheed, Barbara Peterson, Bonnie Richardson*



*Bonnie Richardson, Anne Condon, Lorna Nash, Karin Heimler*



*Theresa Lebanowich, Sylvia Evanik*



*Phyllis Mancuso, Jackie Dawe, Carol Powers, Anita Matelis, Judy Essex, Anne MacColl, Dorothy Hunchberger*



*Front Left: Barb Saunders, Anita Matelis, Ruth Oliver, Marianne Stepanik  
Front right: Phyllis Mancuso, Jan Stuart, Mudite Riss*

**BLACK BANDS**  
*August 22, 1962 the class of '63 received their black bands. They received their black velvet ribbons at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Following the ceremony they proceeded to the cafeteria for a specially prepared meal*

## Black Bands

A long awaited, and never-to-be-forgotten day for the class of '63 - the day we received our black bands - August 22.

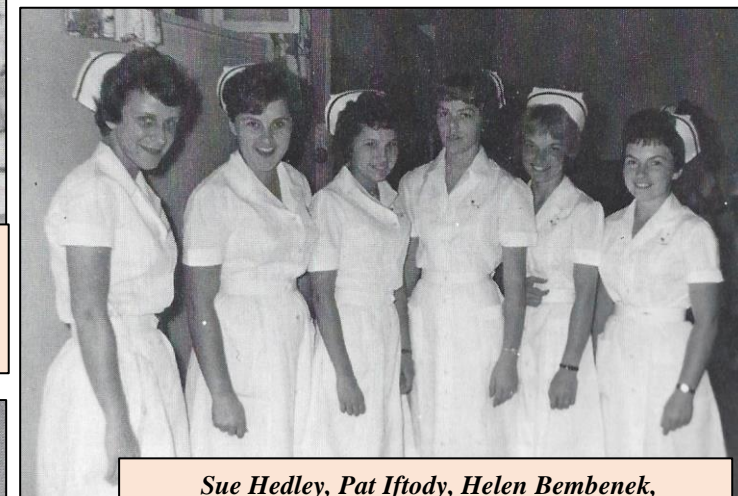
It was at 4 o'clock that we were presented with our black velvet ribbons. Not long ago we were kneeling on the same platform to receive our caps. Two thirds of our training was finished and suddenly we realized how much closer we were to being a registered nurse.

tered nurse.

Following the ceremony, we proceeded to the cafeteria for a specially prepared meal.

As we left the cafeteria, our heads held high, we were aware that new responsibilities lay ahead, because we now were -- SENIORS.

Thank You, Sister M. Virginia !



*Sue Hedley, Pat Iftody, Helen Bembenek, Corrie DeGelder, Sylvia Evanik, Carleen Dopking*



*Barb Milne, Ruth Pasquier, Paula Cherwaty*

The annual Chrysanthemum Ball was held November 9, 1963, in the Crystal Ballroom at the Royal Connaught. As all souvenir hunters will remember, the theme, Autumn Leaves, was carried out with miniature trees laden with rust, gold and red bows. The Wally Mack Orchestra played a well-assorted variety of music. It seemed that his twists were most favoured.

The Class of '63 made a record in their attendance. The students could not but help feel the atmosphere of acceptance created by the alumnae.

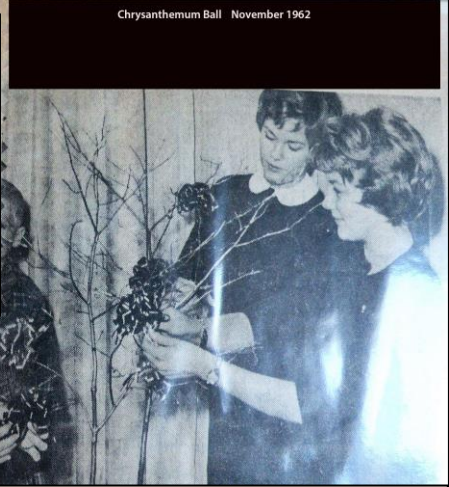
From everything said in residence since the dance, fact has it that every student who was able to attend this dance, had an extremely good time.

And so the Class of '63 says "Many thanks Alumnae, we enjoyed ourselves thoroughly".

Mardi-Beth Lougheed'63

**CHRYSANTHEMUM BALL**  
*The ball was sponsored by the St Joseph's Nurses Alumnae.  
The theme of Autumn Leaves was carried out with miniature  
trees laden with rust, gold and red bows.*

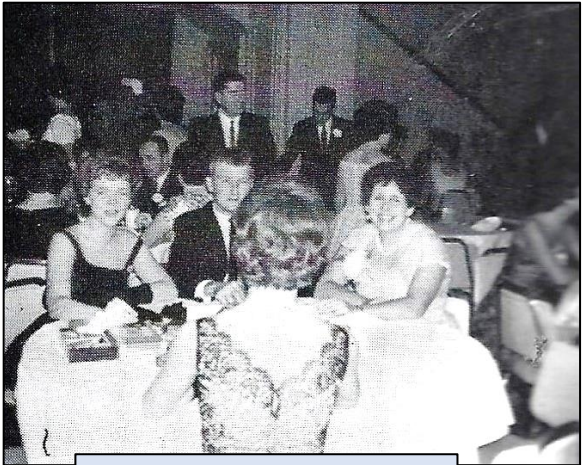
**Coming Events**  
ST JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL Nurses' Alumnae Chrysanthemum Ball — Theme "Autumn Leaves" — Friday, November 9, 1962 in the Crystal Ballroom, Connaught Hotel. Dancing 9 to 1 to Wally Mack's Orchestra. Tickets \$4.00 per couple. Dress Formal and Semi-Formal. Please purchase corsages at the door.



**Nurses Alumnae Chrysanthemum Ball**  
**November 9, 1962**  
**Crystal Ballroom, Connaught Hotel**  
**Theme is "Autumn Leaves"**  
**Dancing 9pm to 1am to Wally Mack's Orchestra**  
**\$4 per couple      Formal / Semi Formal**



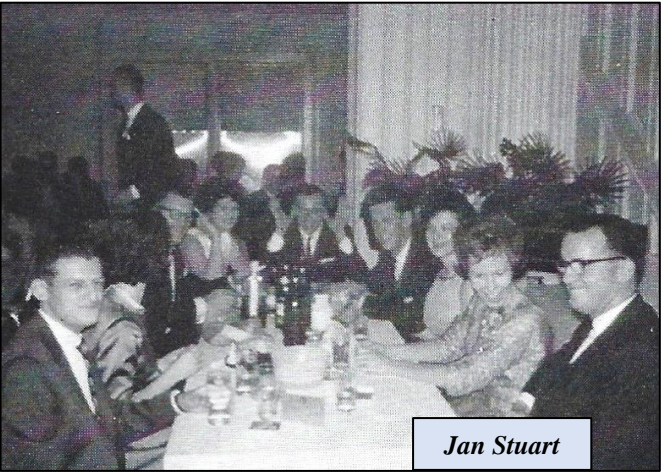
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Marg Benz, Mary Revell



Mudite Riss, Barb Peterson



Barb Hudecki'63, Cheryl Gravelin McQueen'66



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Janice Gowland Peet '63  
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Cheryl Gravelin McQueen'66



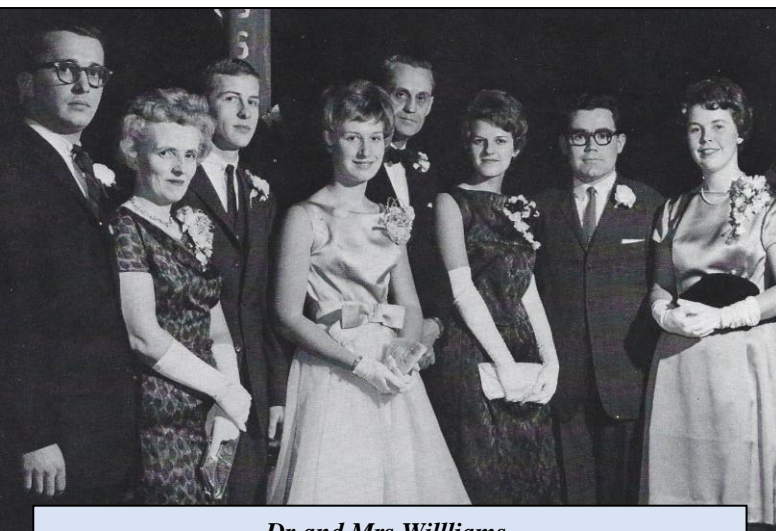
**BACK:** Pat Iftody, Ann Condon, Mary Taborek, Frances Szakas, Estelle Misiarz,  
Judy Blake  
**FRONT:** Carleen Dopking, Mary Kulawick, Anne Schwenker, Arleen Gravelle

The Crystal Ballroom of the Royal Connaught Hotel was the scene of the 4th annual Rhapsody in Blue on February 1st, 1963. We met our escorts in Fontbonne Hall, the new residence, which added greatly to the enchantment of the evening.

As we entered the ballroom we were received by Dr. & Mrs. Williams, Miss B. Hudecki and Mr. Ross Barlow, Miss Anita Matelis and Mr. Douglas Biggar and Miss C. Vair and Mr. D. Hayes.

A Blue and Silver night formed the theme for the beautiful decorations. The strains of music from the Ron Metcalfe Orchestra under the direction of Ron Simpson invited us to dance. At one a.m. the anticipated evening ended as the tired and happy couples left with many treasured memories of a wonderful evening.

Joyce Callaghan '63



*Dr and Mrs Williams,  
Barb Hudecki '63, Anita Matelis '63, Carol Anne Vair '60*

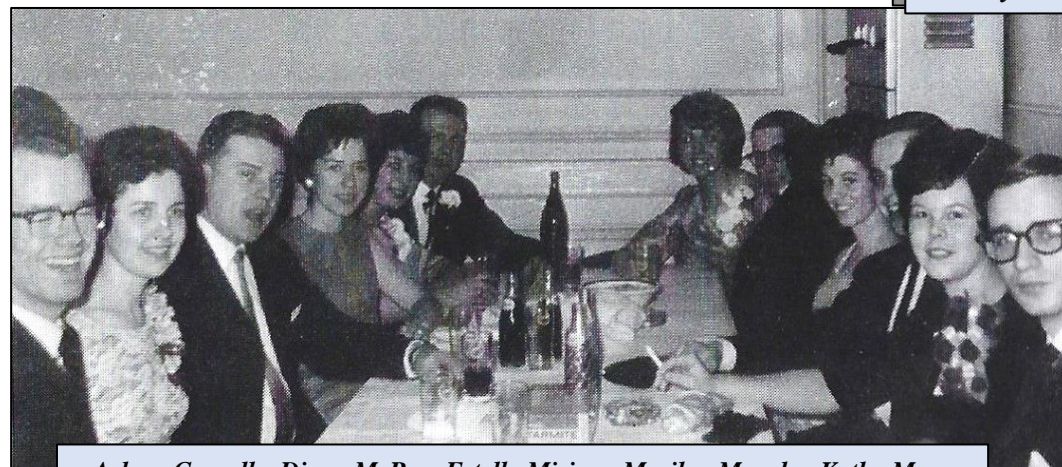
*Rhapsody In Blue February 1, 1963  
The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Rhapsody in Blue was held in the Crystal Ballroom of the Royal Connaught Hotel. A blue and silver night formed the theme for the beautiful decorations. Music was provided by the Ron Metcalfe Orchestra*



*Kathy Moor, Marilyn Murphy, Diane McRae,  
Annie Pollock, Estelle Misiarz*



*Marilyn Murphy, Diane McRae*



*Arleen Gravelle, Diane McRae, Estelle Misiarz, Marilyn Murphy, Kathy Moor*



*Patricia Mendiuk '66,  
Mary Taborek '63*

*Estelle Misiarz, Pat Link*

*Marilyn Murphy*

*Shirley Smith*

*Sylvia Evanik  
Marilyn Murphy*

*Theresa Lebanowich*

*Marilyn Murphy*

*Barb Robertson*

*Joyce Callaghan*

# Mother - Father - Daughter Banquet

The annual Mother-Father-daughter Banquet was set in the Sheraton Room of the Royal Connaught Hotel.

As our parents entered the room, each Mother received a corsage and each Father, a carnation, a small expression of our gratitude to them.

Father Beaudry lead us in grace. This was followed by a delicious turkey dinner.

Mr. Wm. Foley, our guest speaker, gave an inspiring address on "The Citizen's Role in the Community". He stressed the need for community and citizens to work hand-in-hand.

This "kick-off" to our graduation festivities was a real "touch-down".

**Marilyn Ryan '63**



**Barb Hudecki '63, Toni Corrado '66**

## MOTHER - FATHER - DAUGHTER BANQUET

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*Mr. Wm Foley was the guest speaker.*



**Head Table: Marilyn Ryan, Barb Hudecki**



**Janice Gowland**



**Colleen Dyett Mercuri, Helen Bembenek Samuels, Sylvia Evanik Boyko, Carol McPherson Muir attending 20 year reunion**



Twenty  
years  
later

Colleen Murcuri of Grimsby, Helen Samuels of Peterborough, Sylvia Boyko of Dundas and Carol Muir of Hamilton (top, as they appear today) were among the girls of '63, fresh out of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing. The four classmates last posed for a photo (left) on their graduation May 23, 1963. The four were attending their 20-year class reunion this week.

# Red Rose Ball

A perfect ending to a perfect day. May 17, 1963, the Class of '63 - uniform dance --- The Red Rose Ball. This year, the Red Rose Ball was the first dance held in the gymnasium of our new residence.

As we entered the gaily decorated gymnasium, a red rose was pinned on our bibs by the intermediate students. Dancing commenced at 8:30 p.m., to the music of the Ron Bentley Orchestra.

Everyone was waiting for the bewitching hour of 10:00 p.m., when the crowning of the Red Rose Queen would take place. Chosen by the graduating class was a very surprised and lovely Diane McRae, who had Carol McPherson and Sylvia Evanik as her princesses.

Dancing continued until 12 midnight, at which time everyone agreed that they had a marvellous time.

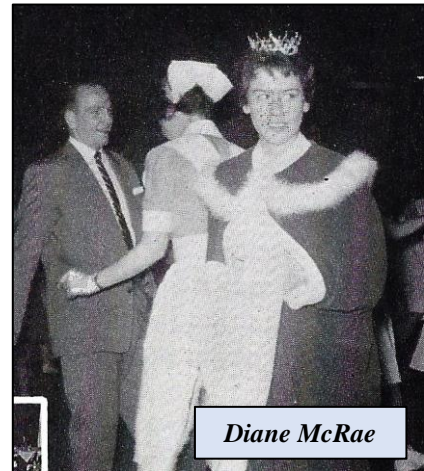
Many thanks to the Class of '64 and the Class of '65 for making the evening a memorable one

Ann Woods '63

## RED ROSE BALL

*The Red Rose Ball, the class of '63 - uniform dance- was held on May 17, 1963. It was the 1<sup>st</sup> dance to be held in the gymnasium of the new residence. The ball was organized by the class of 1964 and 1965.*

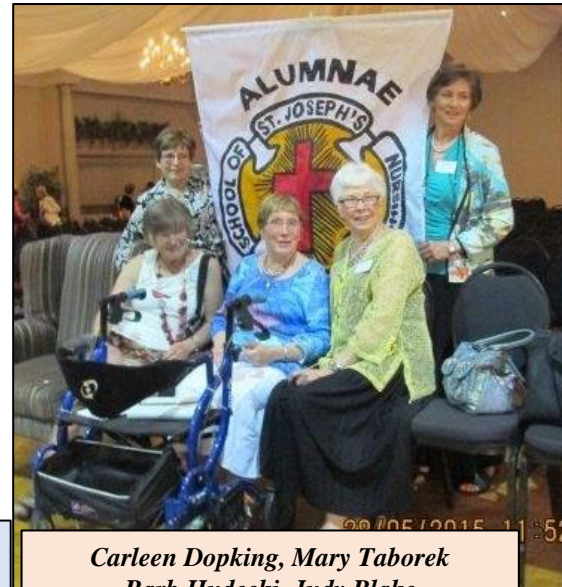
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Diane McRae



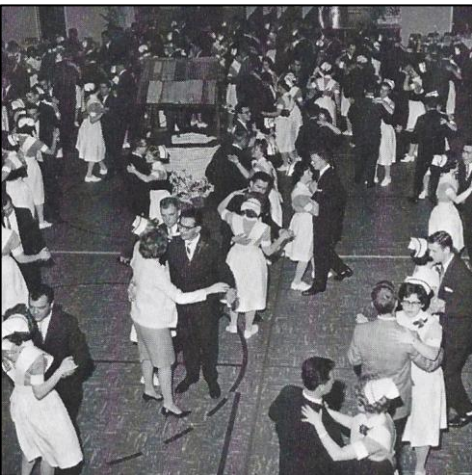
Front row: Sylvia Evanik, Diane McRae, Helen Bembenek  
Back Row: Joyce Callahan, Shirley Hopkins, Carol Lane, Colleen Dyett



Carleen Dopking, Mary Taborek  
Barb Hudecki, Judy Blake



Lois Balfe '62, last year's Queen, crowning Diane McRae '63  
Carol McPherson and Sylvia Evanik are her princesses.



## R.N.A.O. Tea

May 15, 1963. Graduating classes of the nursing schools of Hamilton Civic Hospital, McMaster University and St. Joseph's Hospital were the guests of the Registered Nurse's Association of Ontario, District # 4, in our new gymnasium at Fontbonne Hall.

Miss Watts, speaker for the evening, talked to us on the College of Nurses. Much enthusiasm was shown by graduates - old and new, on the new two year programme and a general elevation of nursing standards in general.

A short business meeting followed, at which Miss S. Wray and Mr. T. Supple, both from St. Joseph's Hospital, spoke on their recent trip to the annual R. N. A. O. Meeting in Toronto.

To close a very informative evening, refreshments were served.

Dianne Thompson '63

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Janina Muta '65, Marianne Stepanik, Jackie Casey, Marilyn Ryan

*Ann Woods, Mudite Riss, Barb Brown,  
Ruth Pasquier, Bonnie Richardson*

*Millie Lamanes, Ruth Oliver,  
Donna Horne '62*

*Carol Deakin*

*Theresa Labanowich '63, Sister Eileen*

*Anne Marie Camirand,  
Carol Powers, Anita Matelis*

*Sister Dolorosa*

*Mary Graf*

*Diane McRae, Jackie Dawe,  
Millie Lamanes, Ruth Oliver*

*Marilyn Ryan, Barb Hudecki, Mary Taborek,  
Carleen Dopking, Brenda LaPorte*

*Jackie Dawe, Barb Robertson*

*Marilyn Murphy, Barb Richardson,  
Kathy Moor*

*Sister Mary Daniel '47,  
Mary Taborek '63*

*Ann Woods, Linda Elliott,  
Theresa Lebanowich*

*Carole Ann Whelan, Colleen Dyett,  
Marilyn Murphy, Sylvia Evanik*

*Diane McRae, Marilyn Murphy*

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McPherson, Estelle Misiarz,  
Kathy Moor*

*Marg Benz, Mudite Riss*



*Janina Muta Berenyi'65, Mary Taborek'63, Derek McNally,  
Anne Conden'63, Barb Hallam'66, Sara Blok Muys'66*



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### *A Moment In Time*

*this print was signed by the artist, inside the glass frame & also on the outside for a class member. The frame is "hunter green" in colour. There also is a plaque attached to the frame stating "In memory of the class of 1963".*

*The picture was donated in 2003 for their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*



*Linda Elliott,  
Barb Hudecki*

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Charlene Scime*

*Arlene Gravelle  
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Marianne Stepanek*

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**Graduation**  
**Wednesday May 22, 1963**  
**3 p.m.**  
**Cathedral Girls High School Auditorium**



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AUDITORIUM CATHEDRAL GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

Wednesday, May 22nd, 1963

# Graduation Day

Sounds of laughter and excited voices echoed up and down the halls of Fontbonne Hall. The eve of GRADUATION DAY had come at last! From the time that we had finished ward duty, we had been rushing about, doing the many things that HAD to be done before the Big Day.

After uniforms had been picked up, all neatly arranged by the house-mothers in the large classroom, we met to-gether with Sister M. Virginia on the "roof", and presented to her a statuette of Our Lady of the World.

During the next few hours, we attempted sleep, but like as not, recalled happenings of the past three years. Sleep did not come easily this night!

In the dawn of May 22, 1963, we arose very early and donned our very best blue and white uniforms. After assembling, we proceeded to the chapel, where mass was conducted by Reverend Father May.

Following mass, we proceeded to the cafeteria, where a special table had been prepared for us. At each place setting was a place-card and a gift from the Sisters of St. Joseph. Bouquets of flowers - red and gold - decorated the tables.

At 1:00 p.m., very promptly, we assembled at the front entrance and ascended into buses which transported us to Cathedral High School. Upon arrival, we put on our bibs and aprons in the library, and each member of our class received a large spray of red roses.

A short time later, we filed slowly down the centre aisle to the tune of "Land of Hope and Glory", played on the organ by Mrs. Burjaw. Hearts beat faster and tears came to the eyes as we slowly ascended the stairs of the stage.

With unsteady feet we descended these same stairs to be presented with our pins and diplomas by the Most Reverend J. F. Ryan, Bishop of Hamilton, Sister M. St. Paul and Sister M. Virginia.

After a short address by Reverend J. A. Mattice, our guest speaker, awards were presented to members of our school for general proficiency.

Several moments later, the programme ended with the playing of "God Save the Queen."

Thus ended our Graduation Day, the end of our term as students; the beginning as graduates of St. Joseph's School of Nursing, Hamilton.

**Graduation Breakfast**  
**Left: Pat Iftody, Shirley Smith, Anita Matelis, Kathy Moor**  
**Right: Carol Mendiuk, Dorothy Hunchberger**



**Mary Taborek,**



**Marie Andreychuk Yakimoff'54**  
**Carleen Dopking Jarrett'63**



**Mary Kulawic, Estelle Misiarz, Anne Condon, Colleen Dyett**



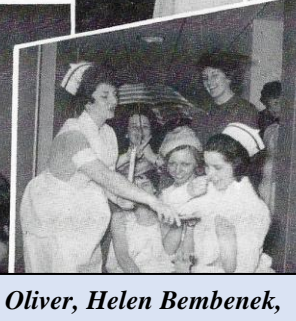
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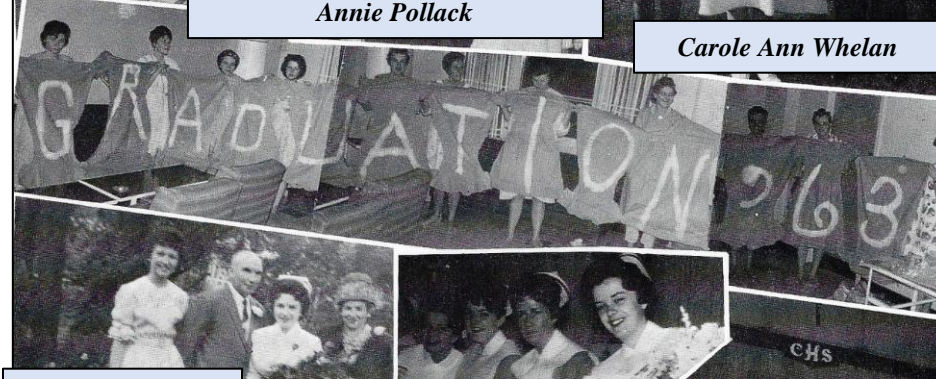
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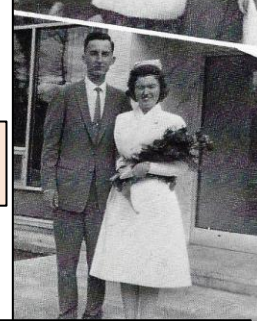
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**Anne Schwenker**



**Marilyn Ryan**



**Karin Heimler,**  
**Marilyn Ryan,**  
**Barb Robertson,**  
**Jan Stuart**

## ALUMNAE BANQUET

*May 8, 1963, the graduating class of 1963 was the guest of honour of the St Joseph's School of Nursing Alumnae. The Annual Reunion Dinner was held in the Crystal Room at the Sheraton Connaught Hotel. A delicious meal was served. Dr. I. Laird was the guest speaker. A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the 1<sup>st</sup> graduating class of our school. The evening closed with a short business meeting.*

## Alumnae Honor Students

Laughter and its emotional and physical causes and effects, was the subject of a talk given here by Miss Isabel Laird, of Queen's University, Kingston, recently.

Miss Laird was addressing 83 members of the graduating class of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing and members of the St. Joseph's Hospital Nurses' Alumnae Association. The class members were guests of the association at its annual dinner meeting, held in the Royal Connaught Hotel.

IN A TOAST to the class, alumnae president Mrs. Russell R. Fletcher said, "As time goes on and many of you retire to become homemakers and mothers, not even then can you be separated from your professional family. And because of the public image of nurses, which is usually good, we must always conduct ourselves professionally, even when we think we are off duty."

In a review of the association's activities during the past year, Mrs. Fletcher said the group had presented a record player and television set to the new nurses residence, Fontbonne Hall, and some furniture for the recreation room.

They collected \$1,500, half of the money needed to bring an African student nurse to St. Joseph's by September.

Alumnae members assisted with the public tours when the new hospital opened.

ASSOCIATION officers for 1963-64 are: Mrs. Fletcher, president; Mrs. M. J. Hastings, Mrs. Thomas Radigan, and Mrs. A. A. Lyall, vice-presidents; Mrs. L. R. Towler, secretary; Mrs. John Campbell, treasurer; Mrs. E. E. Blackwell, membership secretary.

**1963 Graduation Dinner**  
**Guest Speaker Isabel Laird MA, B.Ed**  
**, Assistant Professor of Psychology**  
**Queen's University**

## GRADUATION 1963

**Alumnae President:**  
**Mrs Russell Fletcher (Ila Dixie Watts '47)**

**Vice Presidents:**  
**Mrs Maurice Hastings (Mary Ruf '32)**  
**Mrs Thomas Radigan (Maureen Arbour '57)**  
**Mrs Angus Lyall (Patricia Fletcher '52)**

**Secretary:**  
**Mrs Lloyd Towler (Katherine Clark '47)**

**Treasurer:**  
**Mrs John Campbell (Ada Burkholder '47)**

**Membership Secretary:**  
**Mrs Ernest Blackwell (Margaret Eano '41)**

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MAY 8 — St. Joseph's Hospital Nurses' Alumnae Assoc. of Hamilton — Reunion Graduation Dinner — Crystal Ballroom, Sheraton Connaught Hotel, Hamilton, 6.30 p.m. — Guest Speaker, Miss Isabel M. Laird, MA, B.Ed., Assistant Professor of Psychology at Queen's University — Tickets \$3.75.



**Mary Taborek '63**  
**Mass Coordinator 2011 - 2018**



**Marianne Stepanek, Bonnie Richardson Nixon, Brenda LaPorte Richter**

## 500 Attend Reception For Nurses

HAMILTON — Approximately 500 guests were received at the Sheraton Connaught Hotel on May 8 for the annual reunion graduation dinner honoring the 1963 graduates of the St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing. Mrs. Russell R. Fletcher received the guests at the dinner sponsored by the St. Joseph's Hospital Nurses' Alumnae Association.

Head table guests included the guest speaker, Miss Isabel M. Laird of Queen's University, Kingston; Mrs. Fletcher, Miss Shirley Ann Wray, Mrs. R. C. Newman, Mrs. Alistair Rumbles, Mrs. H. A. Callaghan, Mrs. Donald Muir, Mrs. B. L. Markle, Mrs. Thomas Radigan, Mrs. Angus Lyall, Mrs. Lloyd Towler, Mrs. Ernest Blackwell, Mrs. John Campbell and Mrs. Maurice Hastings.

Out of town guests were present from as far away as San Francisco, California, and Cleveland, Ohio.



## Valedictorian

Service to mankind is a primary function of nurses and the reason for the nursing profession. Today, we graduates have been called upon to join with many others in providing this service based on human needs and to maintain the highest standards and practices of our profession.

As we step into the pathway of our new profession, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to many persons for their support and interest.

First, we thank you, our parents, our very first teachers who have made this important day a reality by your constant direction and encouragement. We will forever keep a warm place in our hearts especially for you.

We will remember in our prayers, all the Sisters of St. Joseph, for their inspiring example and their dedication to the sick. We would like to thank them, publicly, for our new modern school of nursing and residence - Fontbonne Hall, which is dedicated to, and named after the foundress of their order, Mother St. John Fontbonne.

And finally, we would like to thank our doctors, instructors, nurses and all other members of staff for their understanding and willingness to help us during the past three years.

Nursing is indeed a rewarding profession. The reward we have received is not counted in dollars and cents, but in the feeling of accomplishment in having helped someone else. Each nurse who assumes the responsibility of ministering to the sick grows and develops within herself assuming more and greater responsibilities which will have a direct and unlimited significance in nursing and in the welfare of all people.

As professional nurses we will adhere to the Christian ideals and teachings of this school. We ask God to help us that we may never fail those patients who need our love and care each day.

A nurse must have a dedication to service and definite goal in mind. The goal of a nurse can best be described in these words of Bishop Fulton J. Sheen: "There is more happiness in rejoicing in the good of others, than in rejoicing in our own good. The receiver rejoices in his good; the giver in the joy of others and to such comes the peace nothing in the world can give."

Jacqueline C. Casey

# Programme

OPENING PRAYER  
Reverend J. May, S.A.C.

ORGAN ----- O CANADA  
Organist—Mrs. G. L. Burjaw, A.T.C.M.

CHAIRMAN  
A. J. Liston, M.D. ----- Chief of the Medical Staff  
Valedictory ----- Jacqueline Casey

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS AND PINS BY  
The Most Reverend J. F. Ryan, D.D., J.C.D., Bishop of Hamilton

GREETINGS TO THE GRADUATING CLASS  
His Worship Mayor Victor L. Copps

E. L. DUBOIS, K.C.S.S., K.M.  
Chairman of the Hospital Advisory Board

REVEREND J. A. MATTICE, P.P.  
GUEST SPEAKER

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN



Marilyn Murphy McInnes, Diane McRae Russell,  
Annie Pollack Starr, Marianne Stepanek



Marianne Stepanek



Mary Taborek

## At Graduation

### Nurses Receive Awards

The presentation of scholarships and prizes will highlight the 49th graduation exercises of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, at Cathedral Girls' High School tomorrow.

A SCHOLARSHIP for post-graduate study in nursing service administration, given by St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary, has been won by Miss Shirley Smith, of Hamilton.

Mrs. H. W. Ford, auxiliary president, will make the presentation.

Two scholarships will be given by the hospital's medical staff for post-graduate study.

One, in nursing service administration, will be presented to Miss Barbara Hudecki, of Hamilton, by Mrs. W. M. Goldberg.

The other, in nursing education, will be presented to Miss Carol Powers, of Preston, by Mrs. S. E. O'Brien.

Miss Marianne Stepanek, of Hamilton, will receive a prize for general proficiency in the senior year.

The prize is given by Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Newell, in memory of the late Dr. Orton James Newell, and will be presented by Master Stephen Newell.

A PRIZE for general proficiency in the intermediate year, given by 67th University Battery Chapter, I.O.D.E. and presented by Mrs. A. E. Skelton, will be awarded to Miss Marietta Pupo, of Wel-

land.

A prize for general pro-



S. SMITH



B. HUDECKI



C. POWERS



M. STEPANEK

—Beckett photos

iciency in the junior year, will be presented by Mrs. C. Thomas Lowe to Miss Lucy Kaminskas, of Hamilton.

## PRIZE WINNERS 1963

Shirley Smith  
Barbara Hudecki  
Carol Powers  
Marianne Stepanik

Marietta Pupo '64  
Lucy Kaminskas '65

Scholarship for post graduate study in nursing service administration  
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Scholarship for post graduate study in nursing education  
Prize for General Proficiency in senior Year

Prize for General Proficiency in Intermediate Year  
Prize for General Proficiency in Junior Year

Given by St Joseph Hospital Auxiliary  
Given by St Joseph Hospital Medical Staff  
Given by St Joseph Hospital Medical Staff  
Given by Dr O.J. Newell

Given by 67<sup>th</sup> University Battery Chapter, I.O.D.E.  
Given by Margaret Gage Burkholder Chapter, I.O.D.E.

## Awards

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Given by St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary  
Presented by Mrs. H. W. Ford  
SHIRLEY SMITH

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(1) In Nursing Service Administration  
Presented by Mrs. W. M. Goldberg  
BARBARA HUDECKI

(2) In Nursing Education  
Presented by Mrs. S. E. O'Brien  
CAROL POWERS

PRIZE for General Proficiency—Senior Year  
Given in Memory of the late Dr. Orton James Newell  
By Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Newell  
Presented by Master Stephen Newell  
MARIANNE STEPANEK

PRIZE for General Proficiency—Intermediate Year  
Given by the 67th University Battery Chapter, I.O.D.E.  
Presented by Mrs. A. E. Skelton  
MARIETTA PUPO

PRIZE for General Proficiency—Junior Year  
Given by Margaret Gage Burkholder Chapter, I.O.D.E.  
Presented by Mrs. C. Thomas Lowe  
LUCY KAMINSKAS

## Graduating Class 1963

SISTER M. DOLOROSA, C.S.J.,  
Hamilton, Ontario

CAROLYN BEAMAN, Kirkland Lake, Ontario

HELEN BEMBENEK, Hamilton, Ontario

MARGARET BENZ, Springville, New York

JUDITH BLAKE, Hamilton, Ontario

BARBARA BROWN, Hamilton, Ontario

BARBARA BURNS,  
Crowland Township, Ontario

JOYCE CALLAGHAN, St. Thomas, Ontario

ANNE MARIE CAMIRAND,  
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

JACQUELINE CASEY, Burlington, Ontario

PAULA CHERWATY, St. Williams, Ontario

MAUREEN CLUSHMAN, Hamilton, Ontario

CARROL CLYDE, Simcoe, Ontario

ANNE CONDON, St. Catharines, Ontario

MAUREEN CURRAN, Hamilton, Ontario

DONNA DAILEY, Hamilton, Ontario

JACQUELINE DAWE, Acton, Ontario

CAROLE DEAKIN, Hamilton, Ontario

CORRIE DEGELDER, Burlington, Ontario

CARLEEN DOPKING, Dundas, Ontario

GISLAINE DUMAS, Hamilton, Ontario

COLLEEN DYETT, Hamilton, Ontario

LINDA ELLIOTT, Niagara Falls, Ontario

COLETTE ETHIER, Kirkland Lake, Ontario

SYLVIA EVANIK, Hamilton, Ontario

JANICE GOWLAND, Hamilton, Ontario

MARY GRAFF, Chepstow, Ontario

ARLEEN GRAVELLE, Dundas, Ontario

SUSAN HEDLEY, Burlington, Ontario

KAREN HEIMLER, Kitchener, Ontario

SHIRLEY HOPKINS, Burlington, Ontario

BARBARA HUDECKI, Hamilton, Ontario

DOROTHY HUNCHBERGER,  
Niagara Falls, Ontario

MARY IFTODY, Fenwick, Ontario

JANET JOHNSON, St. Catharines, Ontario

MARY KULAWIC, Beamsville, Ontario

TERESA LABANOWICH, Hamilton, Ontario

MILDRED LAMANES, Hamilton, Ontario

CAROL LANE, Hamilton, Ontario

BRENDA LAPORTE, Renfrew, Ontario

PATRICIA LINK, Callander, Ontario

MARDI-BETH LOUGHEED,  
Hagersville, Ontario

ANNE MacCOLL, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

PHYLLIS MANCUSO, Niagara Falls, Ontario

JEAN MASSECAR, Waterford, Ontario

ANITA MATELIS, Delhi, Ontario

CAROL MENDIUK, Hamilton, Ontario

BARBARA MILNE, Burlington, Ontario

ESTELLE MISIARZ, Winona, Ontario

DONNA MITCHELL, Dundas, Ontario

CATHERINE MOOR, Beamsville, Ontario

DIANNE MORKIN, Ancaster, Ontario

MARILYN MURPHY, Ancaster, Ontario

ELEANOR McCARVELL, London, Ontario

CAROL McPHERSON, Dunwville, Ontario

DIANE McRAE, Hamilton, Ontario

LORNA NASH, Burlington, Ontario

RUTH OLIVER, Waterdown, Ontario

PEGGY O'NEILL, Horning Mills, Ontario

RUTH PASQUIER, Waterdown, Ontario

BARBARA PETERSON, Niagara Falls, Ontario

ANNIE POLLACK, St. Williams, Ontario

CAROL POWERS, Preston, Ontario

JEAN PUNDIUS, Hamilton, Ontario

MARY REVELL, Niagara Falls, Ontario

BONNIE RICHARDSON, Oakville, Ontario

MUDITE RISS, Hamilton, Ontario

BARBARA ROBERTSON,  
Niagara Falls, Ontario

MARILYN RYAN, London, Ontario

BARBARA SAUNDERS, Galt, Ontario

ANNE SCHWENKER, St. Catharines, Ontario

CHARLENE SCIME, Hamilton, Ontario

SHIRLEY ANN SMITH, Hamilton, Ontario

MARIANNE STEPANEK, Hamilton, Ontario

JANICE STUART, Streetsville, Ontario

JOSEPHINE STUTZ, Wainfleet, Ontario

CAROL SWEENEY, St. Catharines, Ontario

FRANCES SZAKACS, Welland, Ontario

MARY TABOREK, Crystal Falls, Ontario

DIANNE THOMPSON, Port Colborne

CAROLE ANN WHELAN, Burlington, Ontario

ELIZABETH WOODS, Burlington, Ontario

ZAN WRIGHT, Vinemount, Ontario

# Graduation Dance

Friday, May 24 - at last!

We've waited for three years for our Graduation Ball - and it was well worth it.

As we entered through the front door of the Brant Inn, we were greeted by other new graduates, all radiant in their gorgeous gowns of various colours.

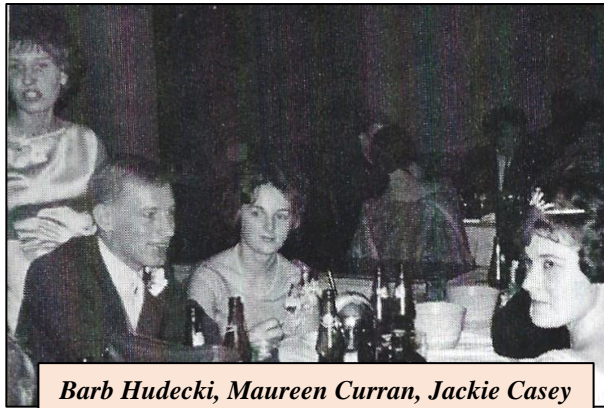
The medical staff, along with the new graduates, all appeared to enjoy the music supplied by the orchestra of Wally Mack.

Graduates of '63 were seated to the left of the ballroom, at tables set aside for us. Cigarettes, matches and programmes were very generously donated.

I am sure that our class will never forget this very important occasion in our lives.

Many thanks to the St. Joseph's Alumnae for this most memorable evening.

*Shirley Hopkins '63*



*Barb Hudecki, Maureen Curran, Jackie Casey*



*Jeannie Pundius*

## GRADUATION DANCE

*Graduation dance was held on Friday May 24, 1963.*

*The dance was held at the Brant Inn and sponsored by the St Joseph's School of Nursing Alumnae.*

*The evening was convened by Helen Crotty Glinka '56.*

*Graduates of '63 were seated to the left of the ballroom and the music was supplied by Wally Mack Orchestra. Cigarettes, matches and programmes were generously donated. The price was \$4.00 per couple.*



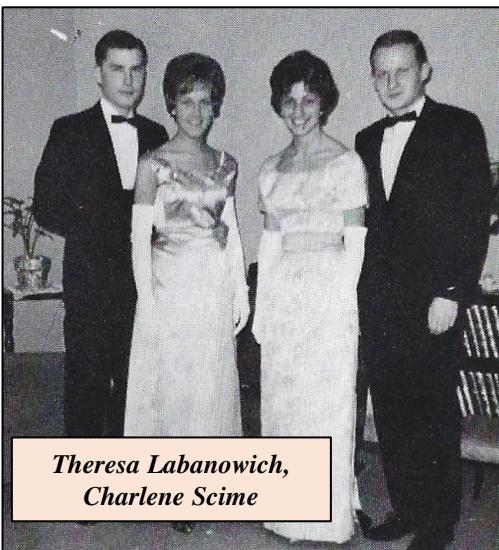
*Ruth Pasquier, Carol Deakin, Maureen Clushman, Barb Brown, Carrol Clyde*



*Carleen Dopking*



*Helen Bembeneck*



*Theresa Labanowich, Charlene Scime*



*Jean Pundius was a graduate of St Joseph's School of Nursing in the class of 1963. Following her nursing career Jeannie decided to pursue her love of classical music and received a diploma in music from Mohawk College, then a Bachelor of Arts degree in music from McMaster University. She was the principal bassoonist for Symphony Hamilton and played with various other orchestras over the years. She was an avid bridge player, member of the Red Hat Society and Ancaster Gardening Club.*

*1969 - 1970*

*Jean served on the St Joseph's Nurses Alumnae Executive as the prize convenor*

# A Day To Remember

Thursday, October 18, 1962: What an occasion for the Sisters of St. Joseph: an addition to St. Joseph's Hospital was opened.

For many years it was known that more beds were needed to care for the sick in Hamilton and the surrounding district. However beds were not enough. There would have to be new equipment and new ideas to keep up with the ever increasing modern world.

The cost of such a project was stupendous. Yet the Sisters were not daunted. \$9,000,000 required to complete this dream was raised by government and municipal grants along with the contributions from the citizens of Hamilton.

The 400 bed addition designed by Prock & Prock and built by Pigott Construction Limited serves all fields of hospital administration. New operating rooms, admitting and emergency departments together with dietary facilities use new designs in automation to lessen and simplify hospital methods and medical care. The patient care areas on 3rd to 7th floor use intercom systems to allow conversation between patients and the nurse. Cross contamination has been cut down to a minimum by having cupboards in each room for sterile supplies and another cupboard for dirty supplies. All these conveniences will enable the nurse to spend more time with her patients and increase the nursing care each receives.

Not only are working areas improved but teaching rooms for doctors and nurses have been included. The new laboratory with sections devoted to each branch of pathology contains classrooms and museum to aid the staff to learn more about pathology in all fields.

All these and more innovations are combined in an eight storey building made of sand-lime brick with contrasting blue glazed brick panes.

Through this addition officially a ceremony highlighted by addresses from Mr. Joseph M. Pigott, Mayor Lloyd Jackson, Right Rev. J. A. O'Brien O.P.V.G., and The Honourable John P. Robarts Q.C., Premier of Ontario were heard. A guard of honour formed by the student nurses directed the dignitaries to the main doors where a gold key was presented to J. Pigott and the new wing was announced officially opened.

Today we can say "Thank-You" to the Sisters of St. Joseph for what they have done. They have served Hamilton since 1852 ever increasing their services to the community. St. Joseph's Hospital stands as a symbol of skillful and compassionate service to the sick.

Cathy Moor'63

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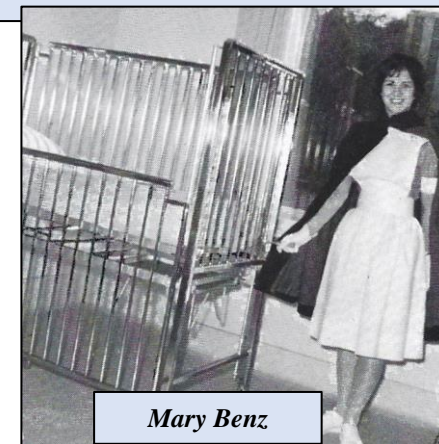
Opening Ceremonies included addresses from Joseph Pigott (Pigott Construction), Mayor Lloyd D Jackson, Right Rev. J. A. O'Brien, and the Honourable John P. Robarts, Premier of Ontario



Carol Saunders



Mary Grace Wing



Mary Benz



Tours of the new hospital were conducted by the students.



Mary Taborek'63, Carol Mielko'58



A guard of honour formed by the student nurses directed the dignitaries to the main doors where a gold key was presented to Mr Pigott and the new wing was announced officially opened.

**October 18, 1962**

*Sister Mary Grace Wing was officially opened by Premier John P. Roberts.*

*The key to the new building was presented by J. M. Pigott chairman of St Joseph's lay advisory board.*

*The postmaster - general Mrs. Ellen Fairclough brought greetings from Prime Minister John Diefenbaker and the Honourable J. Waldo Monteith minister of National Health and Welfare.*

*Cathedral Girls High School Band provided music for the event.*



**Barb Saunders**



**Janet Johnson**



Flanked by student nurses are Ontario Premier John Roberts, Alvin R. Prack, of Prack and Prack, architects of the building, and J. M. Pigott, whose firm built the new St. Joseph's Hospital and who is chairman of the hospital advisory board.



**Concetta Savino '57,  
Carol McPherson '63**



**Carleen Dopking, Donna Jackson, Janice Gowland, Paula Cherwaty**



**Carol Powers**



**Instructor, Mary Taborek**



**Official opening of the Mary Grace Wing October 18, 1962**  
**Premier John Roberts    Mother Alacoque Hayes    Sister St. Paul Lardie    Mayor Lloyd Jackson    William Scully    Postmaster-General Ellen Fairclough**

## ***Our New Home - Fontbonne Hall***

This year of 1963, we have seen the opening of our new residence - Fontbonne Hall. This building is named after the founder of the St. Joseph Order - Mother St. John Fontbonne.

The history of St. Joseph's School of Nursing begins with the opening of St. Joseph's Hospital in 1890, after urgent requests and appeals of medical men and citizens of Hamilton.

That year, in June, St. Joseph's opened with a bed capacity of twenty-five, under the capable direction of Mother Phillip. The people of Hamilton of all denominations showed their approval.

Since the opening of St. Joseph's Hospital in 1890, nursing has undergone many changes. In those days the hospital possessed few labour - saving devices. No personal sacrifice was felt too great for these pioneer Sisters, to whom is due, in a large measure, the success of those who have followed in their footsteps.

In 1911, due to the growth of the hospital, the Sisters decided to open a school for lay nurses. So numerous were the applications for St. Joseph's School in Guelph, which was under the direction of Sisters Leo and Martina, that some of these ladies were referred to Hamilton. In September of that year, the first students were enrolled. The nurses' residence at the time was the Adam Brown residence, the site of Undermount.

Their uniform, the traditional blue and white, was identical with that of to-day, with the exception of the collar, and other modifications necessary to befit the times. All uniforms were made at home, according to specifications. The cap of the school was given as soon as the probationer was deemed worthy of it. Hours of duty were long, but having that true spirit of service to others, upon which nursing was based, they felt the one hour off duty permitted for rest and recreation was a privilege. Lectures were given after duty hours, by Doctors Balfe, Olmstead, Edgar and Sullivan, who gave freely of their time for the benefit of the student nurses.

January, 1915, found the first group of nurses ready for graduation. Instead of the traditional May day, the ground was covered with a great white blanket of snow. The impressive and elaborate ceremony took place in the lecture hall amidst prominent members of Hamilton clergy, laity and medical professions. Huge bouquets of pink roses were presented to the graduates. After the ceremony, the nurses returned to duty, and to their patients.

In 1920, plans were made by the government for registration of nurses. This was the signal for extensive improvements in all schools that hoped to be accredited. In the same year, work commenced on Undermount Residence. Student enrollment at this time numbered 50.

Later, as enrollment increased, it was deemed necessary to add the extra residences of Marygrove and Oakbank. Staff Residence was built for the occupancy of graduate staff in the hospital.

Several years ago, with the imminent increase in student enrollment, the Sisters of St. Joseph started to plan the construction of our new residence. At this time, Staff and Marygrove Residences were demolished in order to leave room for the new hospital addition.

Construction began in the spring of 1961, and by early 1963, in February, the residence was ready for occupancy. Many thanks to our architects Prack and Prack, and to our builder Mr. Piggott.

Moving day was set for February, although the Junior Class had been having lectures in the new classrooms for several days.

At this time, the Most Reverend J. F. Ryan, Bishop of Hamilton, bestowed his blessing on our new residence. This was truly a day to remember.

***VOX OMNIUM 1963***

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***January 1915 was the 1<sup>st</sup> nurses' graduation. Huge bouquets of pink roses were presented to the graduates.***

***1920 the government planned for registration of nurses. Student enrollment at this time was 50. Undermount Nurses Residence opened November 28, 1922***

***Enrollment increased.***

***1947, Oakbank and Marygrove residence were purchased. Parham staff residence was built for the occupancy of graduate staff in the hospital.***

***Student enrollment continued to increase. The Sisters of St Joseph started to plan the construction of a new nurses residence. Marygrove, Oakbank and Parham residences were demolished. Construction began in the spring of 1961 and the residence was ready for occupancy in February 1963.***

***Most Reverend J.F. Ryan, the Bishop of Hamilton bestowed his blessing on our new building.***



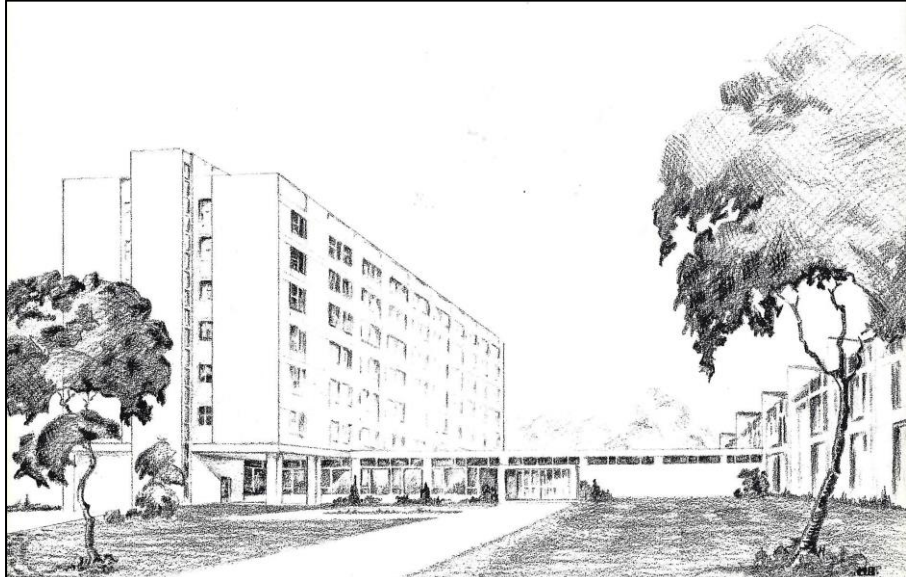
***Inside one of the lounges***



***Welcoming Bishop Ryan to the new Fontbonne Nurses Residence***



***Student nurses provided a Guard of Honour for Bishop Ryan.***



**Fontbonne Hall Residence was opened in 1963**  
**The building was named after the founder of the St Joseph Order – Mother St John Fontbonne**

**It is an 8 storey building. The exterior is blue and gray brick with marble trim. In front is a large lawn with many shrubs, light standards lining the main driveway and flower gardens.**

**1<sup>st</sup> floor had classrooms, offices for administrative staff, a fully equipped laboratory for scientific experiments, and a large library covering all fields of medicine and nursing.**  
**Front entrance was on James St. South with a waiting room for friends and visitors.**  
**Switchboard was located near the front entrance with communications to each room in the residence.**  
**Large gymnasium s located to the south of the 1<sup>st</sup> floor for use by the students for sports and meetings.**

**Floors 2, 3, and 4 had private rooms and were occupied by the senior students.**  
**Floors 5, 6 and 7 had double rooms and were occupied by the second year students**  
**Each of these floors had 2 larger rooms for student council executive or for visiting guests.**

**On each floor there was a lounge and a fully equipped kitchen**  
**The roof was divided into games and T.V. area.**  
**A television and stereo had been donated by the Alumnae.**



Fontbonne Hall is a tall building - eight stories in height. The exterior is of blue and grey brick with marble trim. In front, a large lawn with shrubs dotting it, light standards lining the main driveway and the flower-studded gardens make it the picture of a truly beautiful residence.

The first floor is compromised mainly of classrooms and offices for administrative staff. There is also a fully equipped laboratory, in which scientific experiments may be carried out. A large library with a very great assortment of volumes dealing with all fields of medicine and nursing, are at the disposal of all the nursing students.

The entrance of our new residence is on the James St. side, where one is ushered into a luxurious waiting room, handsomely decorated. The switchboard is located at the rear of this area, with communications to each room in the residence.

A large gymnasium to the south of the first floor, has been built for use by the students for such activities as sports and meetings.

The next six floors compromise the living quarters for the student body. There are private rooms on the first three floors, while the last three have double rooms. On each floor, there are two larger rooms set aside for Student Council Executive or for visiting guests.

On each floor, there is a lounge, where students may spend their spare time, chatting. Off this room, there is a fully equipped kitchen, where one may prepare the inevitable cup of coffee.

The "roof" is divided into games and T. V. areas. This is for use of all three classes. A T. V. set and stereo have been very generously donated to us by the Alumnae. Many pleasant hours after duty are spent here.

Our thanks to the Sisters of St. Joseph for our beautiful new home.



**Mrs McKenna with 2 students**



**Colleen Dyett, Janice Gowland, Judy Blake Anne Schwenker, Donna Jackson**

## Spring Bridge

HAMILTON — The St. Joseph's Hospital Alumnae Association held a Spring Bridge and Euchre in the hospital auditorium on March 18. Motifs of St. Patrick's Day decorated the hall.

Rev. Sister M. St. Paul, superior of the hospital, Mrs. Russell Fletcher, president of the Alumnae, and Mrs. Robert Robinson, convener, welcomed the guests.

Assisting at the Smorgasbord Dessert table were: Mrs. Ralph Farrell, Mrs. Mary Harris, Mrs. Richard Newman, Mrs. Char-

**March 1963**

**Alumnae bought a Hi-fi record player and television for the new nursing residence to be placed in the 8<sup>th</sup> floor recreational area.**  
**Dessert Bridge party was held - \$1.00 admission.**



CLASS OF 1963

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

REUNION DAY 2013



Cheryl Gravelin McQueen'66, Mary Taborek'63,  
Lucy Parkinson Adams'60, Marianne Stepanek'63



Barbara was a graduate from St Joseph School of Nursing in the class of 1963.

She was given an award for post-graduate study in nursing administration

She continued to study at U of T before returning as Head Nurse in the Emergency Department at St Joseph's Hospital in Hamilton.

Barbara later worked for 15 years as a Cancer Information Specialist for the Canadian Cancer Society. She also served as a volunteer for St Ann's in Ancaster and found a true passion for the RCIA program, sponsoring a number of new Catholics along the way.



Josephine Stutz, Mildred Lamanes



Sylvia Evanik

Barbara Hudecki Barlow Class of 1963

*The Alumnae has meant the world to me. The Mass and the dinner have been a bright light in my life since graduating in 1963. Every year I try to get out to this function, because it gives me such a feeling of pride, that I wouldn't miss it for anything. The Mass has always been the greatest part of the day. Sister Mary Virginia welcomes us with open arms, and such a good sense of humour. The Priest that the Alumnae invites to say the Mass, has always been very Interesting and inspiring. The music and the songs during the mass are so uplifting. Every year the delicious menu, the draws and prizes, the speeches and roll call are so much fun. I look forward to seeing my classmates, every year---some of them, every five years---most of them. I love seeing and talking with my nurse educators, and nurses from all the years that I have gotten to know and love, from going to Alumnae day. The older I get, the more I enjoy and appreciate this day.*

*The Alumnae is made up of a sisterhood of kind, caring, and compassionate nurses, both male and female. On no other day, have I been made aware of this fact, than last year's Alumnae day (2014). I was diagnosed with a rare neurological disease, for which there is no cure (MSA-P). I received such warmth, caring, and compassion from every nurse, every class...every minute. They offered help, they offered hope, and they offered prayers. I would like to sincerely thank all the nurses, who served in any capacity, both in the past as well as in the present, for all their hard work and dedication to our Alumnae. They have always done a sensational job.*

*Thank you St. Joseph's School of Nursing Alumnae and a big HAPPY 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY  
AND GOD BLESS YOU AND GOD BLESS ISABEL KERR.*

Barbara Barlow Class of '63



**TOAST to the ALMA MATER**  
by  
**Donna Jackson (speaker #1) & Judy Garner (speaker #2)**  
**Class of 1963**

Good evening Sister, Special Guests, Fellow Alumnae



**Donna Mitchell Jackson, Judy Blake Garner**

Speaker One: First we must thank the Alumnae Association Executive Committee for organizing this special evening.  
Speaker Two: They do it year after year and it never gets old.  
Speaker One: Sometimes we might convulse the St. Joseph's School of Nursing with the Alumnae Association. But they are separate entities who worked together to give us the best training experience possible.  
Speaker Two: Our years at St. Joseph's opened our eyes hearts, and doors that we walked through together hand in hand.  
Speaker One: On August 31, 1960 we were welcomed into the school by our seniors at a reception on the lawn of Undermount. Later after the formalities, they showed us to our rooms.  
Speaker Two: Two or three total strangers were thrown into one room.  
Speaker One: Then the door slammed shut behind us.  
Speaker Two: Someone famously coined the phrase: "The door that let you in will let you out."  
Speaker One: Do you suppose that someone was naive enough not to know that the same was true for the windows of Undermount and Parham?  
Speaker Two: Remember Undermount? Below the two floors of dorm rooms there was a tiny kitchen at the foot of the stairs where tea and toast were always available.  
Speaker One: With a hifi in the waiting room where only the music of Mantovani and Lawrence Welk were allowed.  
Speaker Two: In the probation period, there were strict rules regarding uniforms and personal appearance. We wore starched bibs and apron, stiff collars, cuffs and belts, soes with Cuban heels and capes.  
Speaker One: We were the picture of youthful beauty, except our hair could not touch our collars.  
Speaker Two: Who knew that shoe laces were useful for more than tying your shoes?  
Speaker One: That they were to become part of our intimate apparel? And they had to be washed after each shift?  
Speaker Two: Our days started very early with roll call at 6:00 a.m. at the chapel.  
Speaker One: Mass for the Catholics. First to breakfast for the non-Catholics.  
Speaker Two: but to get to the chapel we had to pass through "the tunnel". If you took a wrong turn you could get lost in that tunnel and end up in the furnace room. It was like going stright to hell.  
Speaker One: If you were lucky enough to be living at Parham you just had to step out the front door and croos the street. Crossing John Street was never a problem. If traffic didn't stop at the sight of the uniform, a little flash of leg would do the trick.  
Speaker Two: The first text book we studied was "The Art, Science and Spirit of Nursing".  
Speaker One: The words "economy of time, effort and materials" were drilled into our little heads.  
Speaker Two: Who is this room does not to this day still mitre the corners of their bed sheets?  
Speaker One: In our intermediate year we were capped, pinned, put on shifts and given way too much responsibility for our tender years.  
Speaker Two: We learned valuable lessons: 1. about the difference between the laundry chute and the bed pan hopper. 2. that chasing bats on B floor was part of the job 3. that you could be called back to the ward, no matter how exhausted you were, if you had dared to leave a task undone.  
Speaker One: There is still an unsolved mystery about a beef brisket that disappeared from the diet kitchen about that time.  
Speaker Two: Next with black band on our caps, we marched into our senior year.  
Speaker One: There were big changes happening at St. Joe's during our intermediate and senior years. In October 1962 the eight story Charlton Wing was opened with 400 beds and state of the art technology in all the clinical areas.  
Speaker One: The opening was attended by many local and provincial dignitaries. It was our class that made up the guard of honour and served as guides.  
Speaker One: By then hemlines were up and heels were down.



**Anita Matelis**



**Anita Kasouf, Pat Iftody, Josephine Stutz**

should have reached \$12.00 a month but never did.  
Speaker One: Back then you could hav BBQ Chicken on a bun with fries for abt \$1.50 at the Chicken Roost.  
Speaker Two: The movie Psycho was a big hit that year. After seeing it, some o.s.s were afraid to take a shower alone for months.  
Speaker One: There were many events leading up to Graduation in the Spring of 1963.  
Speaker Two: In February we moved into our new home, Fontbonne Hall, where for the first time we were all under one roof and most of us had private rooms. Fontbonne had a large gymnasium that at various times was used for sports, meetings and special functions.  
Speaker One: We held our Red Rose Ball in that room on May 17, 1963. It was a "uniform dance". It was like being confined to residence set to music.  
Speaker Two: Miss Diane McRaie was our Red Rose Queen and Misses Carol McPherson and Sylvia Evanik were her princesses.  
Speaker One: That dance and many others over the years were generously sponsored by the Alumnae Association.  
Speaker Two: In those pre dee-jay days, someone had to pay for those big bands we loved to dance to. We just didn't realize where the money was coming from.  
Speaker One: There was the command appearance for everyone who wasn't on shift, to attend, in full uniform, the Alumnae Banquet held at the Royal Connaught Hotel on May the 8th.  
Speaker Two: Ditto for the Mother, Father Daughter Banquet.  
Speaker One: The RNAO reception that brought us together with the graduating class from the Hamilton General Hospital on May 15 to explain to us the benefits of membership.  
Speaker Two: Before we knew it, it was Graduation Day, May 22, 1963.  
Speaker One: A day that started so hopefully with Mass and a special breakfast in the new cafeteria.  
Speaker Two: Then the hammer came down. Seems the hijinks of the night before had made the news and the powers that be were not amused.  
Speaker One: The day progressed on schedule: the crisp new white uniforms, the bus ride down to Cathedral Girls High School, the procession into the auditorium, the Oaths, the Blessings, the pictures, the after-parties with family and friends.  
Speaker Two: The confinement to residence when we returned to duty the following week.  
Speaker One: It was all part of our transformation from know-it-all high school seniors, through lowest of the low probationers to the lofty heights of graduate nurses.  
Speaker Two: We solemnly remember our classmates: Maureen Curran, Judy Essex, Collette Ethier, Phyllis Mancuso, Carol Powers, Jean Pundius, Barb Robertson and Barb Sauders, all who didn't live to see thie golden anniversary. God be with them.  
Speaker Two: Bugt the hospital and the school of nursing also underwent majoy changes.  
Speaker One: When the Charlton wing opened, the hospital's motto was "it is an honour to serve the sick". That motto was posted near the elevators in the new entrance, for all to see. The patients, their visitor and the hospital staff knew that it was what St. Joseph's stood for.  
Speaker Two: Little by little the Sisters lost control of the hospital. In 1960 a Board of Directors was put in place and for the first time a non-religious was in charge.  
Speaker One: In 1965 a regional health care system came into effect. St. Joseph's lost Maternity but gained a Chest and Allergyt Clinic, a Nephrology Unit, Toxicology and Emergencyt Psychiatry.  
Speaker Two: Through all the changes the Sisters held the Board of Trustees to the principle of exemplary health care with an emphasis on spiritual and emotional needs.  
Speaker One: What made St. Joseph's different was the establishment of the Pastoral Service and Palliative Care.  
Speaker Two: Now St. Joseph's is folded into the Hamilton Health care Services, with five campuses across the city.  
Speaker One: The motto while still in the same place in the entrance, has changed to reflect a broader mission. It now reads "It is an honour to serve the community".  
Speaker Two: Next time you are in the foyer, look up and be proud.  
Speaker One: So while the hospital as we knew it no longer exists and the School of Nursing is gone, what we have left is this Alumnae Association. It has carried on and held us all together through the metamorphosis.  
Speaker Two: I fear we may not have appreciated at the time that the Alumnae Association was a very dynamic group who supported the students throught it all.  
Speaker One: Today we should all be members of this group. There is no other like it. Unfortunately, it too is doomed to extinction. So while we can, let's get behind them and return the favour.  
Speaker Two: Please rise, raise a glass and toast our Alma Mater.  
Speaker One: To our Alma Mater, Cheers!





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