



**REUNION DAY 2023**

**CLASS OF 1958**

**CELEBRATING 65 YEARS**

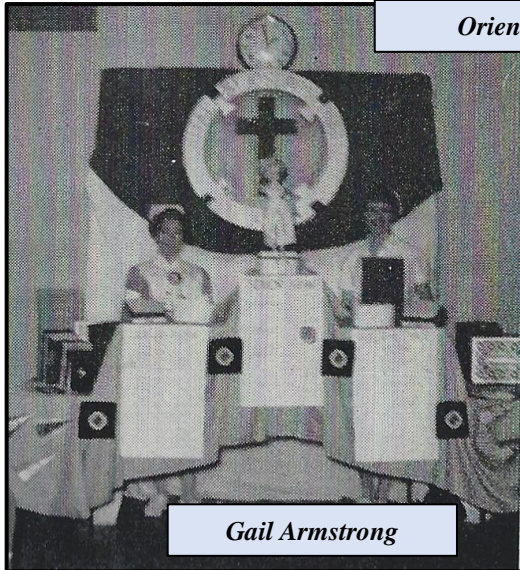
*Class of 1958*

*picture taken September 1955*

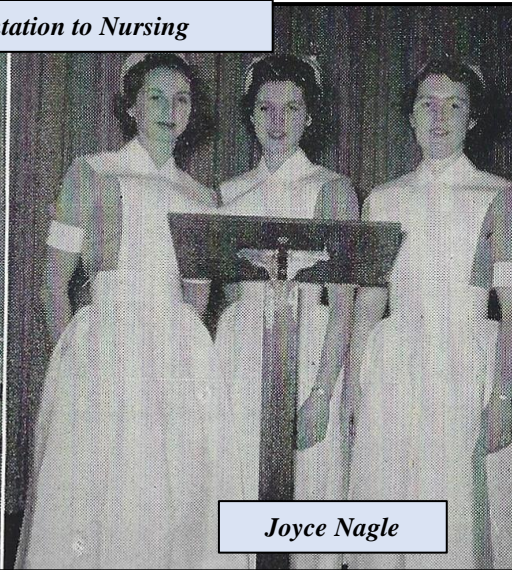




## Orientation to Nursing



*Gail Armstrong*



*Joyce Nagle*

Remember how you wondered before you came in training what it would be like, what you would study and what residence life would be like? Yes, of course, you do. And realizing this, the School of Nursing embarked this year on an "orientation to nursing" programme for district high school girls. This is a twofold plan. Starting in January, a group, including the Director of Nurses, or the Director of Nursing Education, a clinical instructor, a senior, intermediate and junior student visited Loretto Academy, Niagara Falls, Loretto Academy, Hamilton, Notre Dame, Waterdown and Cathedral High School, Hamilton. Each member of the group gave a short resume of their work, duties and studies. A question period followed. The groups were very well received and they enjoyed the experience as much as their audiences.

The second part of the programme was an "At Home" for the girls from the Hamilton high schools. On February 23rd, approximately 90 girls came to visit St. Joseph's. They were greeted by member of the junior class and shown to the auditorium where a movie depicting a day in the life of a student nurse was shown after a welcoming address by Sister Mary Virginia, Director of Nurses.

On display in the auditorium were several attractive posters concerning interesting points about nursing. These were drawn up by the intermediate nurses. Next on the agenda, was a tour of the hospital conducted by an instructor, senior and intermediate student. Following the tour a lunch was served in the auditorium by members of the senior class.

Both the visits and the at-home were thoroughly enjoyed by the students and their visitors. We felt that this programme not only evoked a greater interest in nursing but also a deeper pride in the students for their school and profession.



*Joyce Nagle*



*Sheila O'Day, Mary Cino, Elaine Martin, Florence Chowhan, Betty Watterson*



*Norma Partridge, Teresa Latcham, Charlotte Judson, Margaret McWilliam*



*Kristine Brock Rogers '69, Beverley Vannatter Peck '58*



*Sophia Sciesinski*



*Cheryl Gravelin McQueen '66, Isabel Kerr '60, Beverley Vannatter Peck '58*



*Teresa Latcham, Mary Lou Roth Reunion Day 1995*



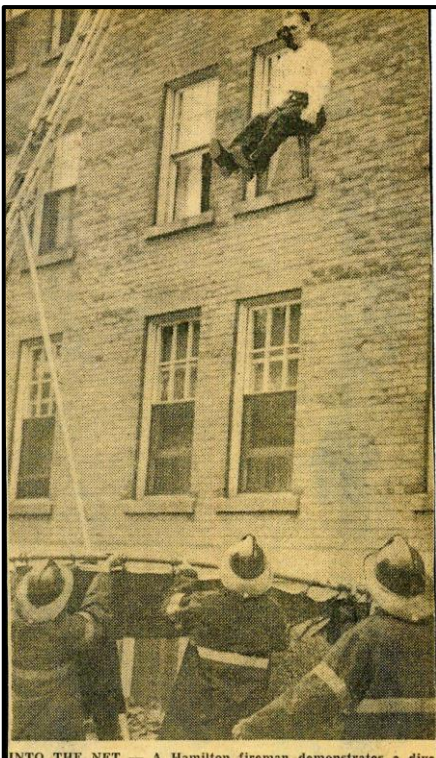
*Carol Mielko, Diane Huffman, Lorraine Groleau, Eva Reinhardt, Sally Robey, Carole Flaherty*





**Anna Dove Vera Delay'58**

**Helen Stepnik'56 Margaret Candler'56  
Dena Tonelli'57**



**Hospital Nurses Taught How To Act During Fire**

Firemen are paid to put out fires, but yesterday, some of them were paid to start some—several small ones—at a fire fighting demonstration held at St. Joseph's Hospital.

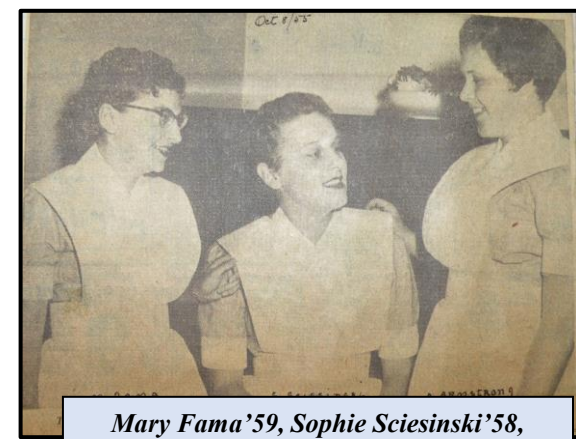
Over 150 nurses assembled at the rear of their living quarters, between John Street and James Street, and were shown, the correct way of using fire extinguishers and removing patients to safety, by a group of firemen, under the direction of A. E. Thompson, director of training for the Hamilton Fire Department.

The nurses were split into two groups. One group was being shown various carrying holds, while at the same time, the remainder were using fire extinguishers on small wood fires, with great enjoyment. The groups then interchanged, so that all the nurses received the full instruction.

The demonstration of what kind of fire extinguisher to use and how to use it, was very realistic, with clouds of choking billowing smoke rising from small wood fires. The nurses were shown on what type of fire to use the soda-acid extinguisher, and what will put out an oil or gasoline fire without the fear of it starting again.

On this type of fire, a chemical powder extinguisher is used which cuts off the oxygen and smothers the fire. Unlike a liquid extinguisher, the powder remains on top of any oil that may remain in a tank after the fire has been put out, and so stops any flash back from hot metal.

Many of the nurses successfully put out the wood and oil fires without difficulty, after the correct method had been explained and shown them by firemen.



**Mary Fama'59, Sophie Sciesinski'58,  
Ann Armstrong'58**



**Carol Mielko, Joan LaFortune, Sonya Wallace**



**Jacqueline Carthew '58**



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

**Mary Cino'58**  
**2005-2009 Mary served on the Nurses Alumnae Executive as a Member At Large**  
**2009-2018 Mary served on the Executive as the Newsletter Dispatcher**



**Mary Cino**



**Mary Cino'58, Katherine O'Sullivan McPhee'55  
Reunion Day 2008**



**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**





# **YEARBOOK STAFF**

**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**



**Beverley Vannatter Peck**



**Beverley Vannatter Peck '58**

**2003-2004** **Bev served on the Nurses Alumnae Executive as a Member At Large**  
**2004-2014** **Bev served on the Executive as the Treasurer**



**Norma Partridge, Diane Rundle, Margaret Simpson**



**Pat Michna** **Mary**  
**McAvella '64** **Cino '58**



**Mary Cino, Gail Armstrong, Alexandra Bodurka, Marilyn Ray, Edna Fester**



**Mary Anne Hogan, Diane Rundle, Margaret Hastings**



**Mary Lou Roth, Helen Reid, Loretta Salciccioli, Ruth Milne, Florence Schof, Diane Rundle, Eva Reinhardt**



# **Sister Mary Austin**

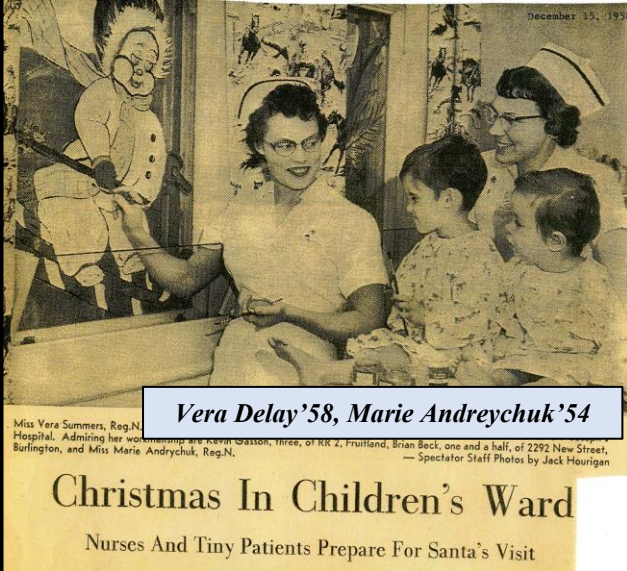
Not only did September '58 bring many new student faces to St. Joseph's Hamilton, but also a new Director of Nursing Education, Sr. Mary Austin. Sister is a graduate of our school and we hope that once again she will feel at home here. Before coming to Hamilton, Sister Mary Austin was Director of Nursing Education at St. Mary's in Kitchener. We all feel that St. Mary's loss is our gain, for her cheery smile and pleasant ways have endeared Sister Mary Austin, to our hearts already.

**C. JUDSON**



**Diane Huffman, Helen Mauro**

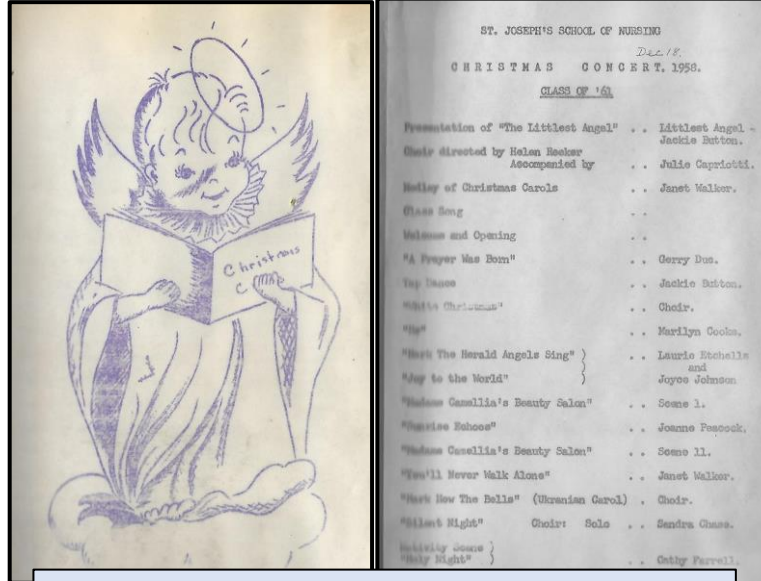




**Vera Delay '58, Marie Andrychuk '54**

## Christmas In Children's Ward

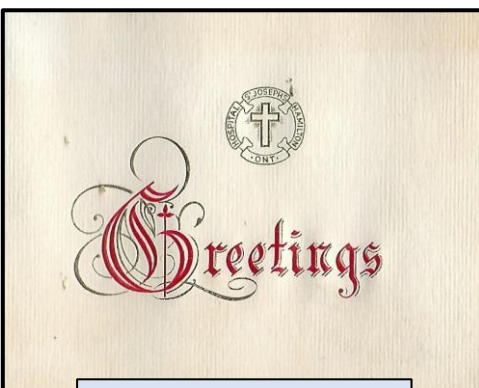
Nurses And Tiny Patients Prepare For Santa's Visit



**Student Nurses Christmas Concert December 18, 1958**  
Performed by the students of the class of 1961



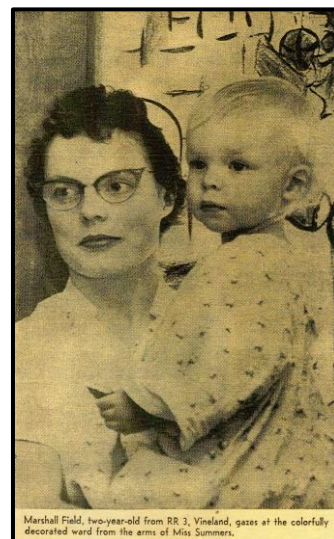
**Christmas 1958**



**Christmas Card 1958**

May the Faith and Hope and Promise  
On this joyous Christmas Day,  
Bring happiness to you and yours  
In every single way.

St. Joseph's Hospital  
School of Nursing  
Hamilton, Ontario.  
Dec. 25th. 1958



**Vera Delay '58**



**Mary Lou Roth, Teresa Latcham**



**Margaret Simpson '58, Muriel Simpson '51**  
**Jane Simpson '49**



**Elsie Sebo, Eva Reinhardt, Carol Flaherty**



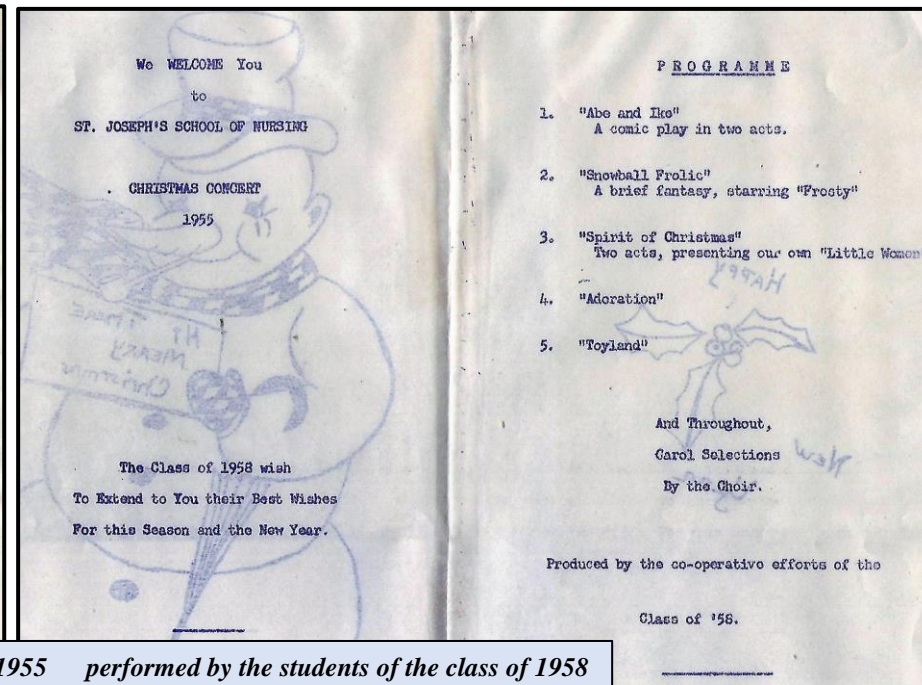
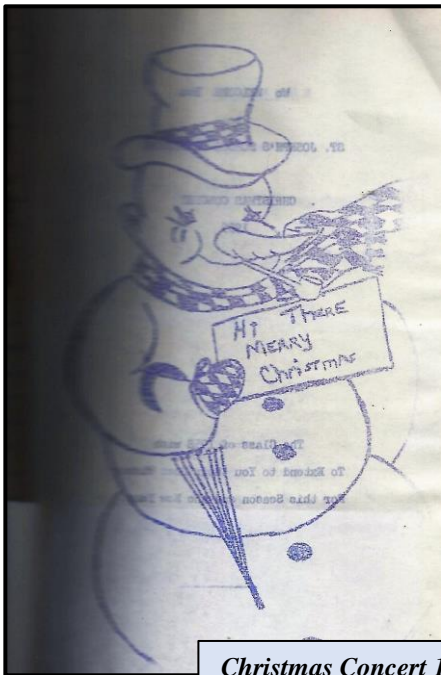
**Elsie Sebo, Shirley Rutter**



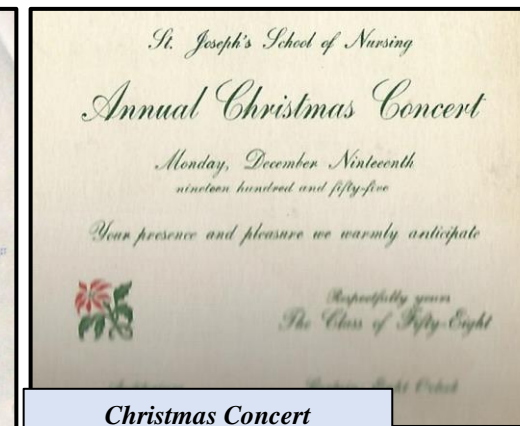
**Lorraine Groleau**

**Diane Rundle**





**Christmas Concert 1955** performed by the students of the class of 1958



**Christmas Concert**  
Monday December 19, 1955



**Vera Delay, Teresa Latcham**



**Teresa Latcham,  
Charlotte Judson,  
Elaine Martin**



**Margaret Simpson Rizzo '58, Cheryl Gravelin McQueen '66  
Betty Watterson, Sheila O'Day, Ann Reynolds, Marina Watts**



**Margaret Simpson  
Rizzo**



**Margaret Simpson**



**Madeline Rowe, Margaret Simpson,  
Betty Mosack,  
Joyce Nagle, Mary Harris**



**Sally Robey '58**



**Sally Robey**

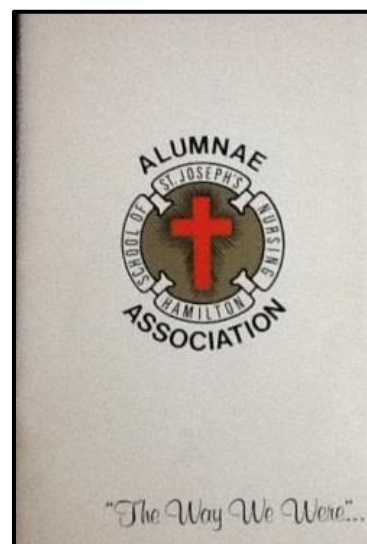
**Margaret Simpson Rizzo '58**  
1999-2000 Margaret served on the Nurses Alumnae Executive as a Member At Large  
2000-2002 Margaret served on the Executive as Newsletter Editor  
2002-2003 Margaret served on the Executive as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
2003-2005 Margaret served on the Executive as the President  
2005-5007 Margaret served on the Executive as the Past President

1961 Sally served on the Nurses Alumnae Executive as the corresponding secretary





*Ruth Milne, Sheila O'Day*



*The Way We Were  
Written in 1976 by Ruth Milne'58  
and Lois Stewart'54*

1962  
1963-1964  
1964-1965  
1965-1968  
1970-1973  
1976-1977  
1983-1989

*Ruth Milne'58*  
*Ruth served on the Nurses Alumnae Executive as the Corresponding Secretary*  
*Ruth served on the executive as the convenor of the Golden Book for Charity Project.*  
*Ruth served on the executive as the Prize Convenor*  
*Ruth served on the executive on the Advisory Board.*  
*Ruth served on the executive as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President*  
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*Ruth Milne*



*Ruth Milne'58  
Jean Laidlaw Webster Shepperd'37*



*Joan Robinson'57, Pearl Gilbertson'57,  
Vera Delay'58*

**STUDENT COUNCIL**  
*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.

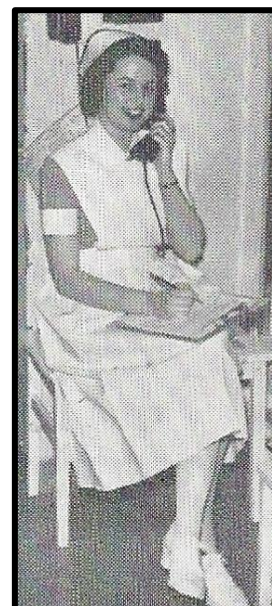
M. ROWE & C. C. JUDSON.



*Ann Reynolds, Marina Watts*



*Beverley Vannatter Peck'58*



*Margaret Simpson*



*Beverly Earl'57, Pat LaFlamme'57  
Ann Chambers'58, Teresa Latcham'58*



*Ann Armstrong, Mildred O'Reilly*



*Beverley Vannatter*



# ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL OF NURSING

## Nursing Procedure Record

Name MISS LATCHAM

Date of Entrance AUG. 30, 1955

| Routine Nursing                | Date         | Super-visor | Comments |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------|----------|
| Bed Making:                    |              |             |          |
| Closed                         | Dec. 7. 1955 | M. M. D.    |          |
| Occupied                       | Dec. 7. 1955 | M. M. D.    |          |
| Convalescent                   | Dec. 7. 1955 | M. M. D.    |          |
| Anaesthetic                    |              |             |          |
| Moving and lifting patients    | Dec. 7. 1955 | M. M. D.    |          |
| Feeding Patients               | Dec. 7. 1955 | M. M. D.    |          |
| Cleansing bath                 | Dec. 7. 1955 | M. M. D.    |          |
| Afternoon care                 | Dec. 7. 1955 | M. M. D.    |          |
| Admission of patients          | Dec. 7. 1955 | M. M. D.    |          |
| Care of clothing and valuables | Dec. 7. 1955 | M. M. D.    |          |
| Discharging patients           |              |             |          |
| Care of hair                   | Dec. 7. 1955 | M. M. D.    |          |
| Mouth hygiene                  | Dec. 7. 1955 | M. M. D.    |          |
| Collection of specimens        |              |             |          |
| Preparation of solutions       |              |             |          |
| Temp., Pulse, Resp.            | Dec. 7. 1955 | M. M. D.    |          |
| Blood pressure                 |              |             |          |
| Care and treatment of bed sore |              |             |          |
| Care after death               |              |             |          |

| Medical Nursing           | Date         | Super-visor | Comments |
|---------------------------|--------------|-------------|----------|
| Giving Medicines:         |              |             |          |
| Mouth                     |              |             |          |
| Inhalation                |              |             |          |
| Inunction                 |              |             |          |
| Hypodermic Injection:     |              |             |          |
| Intramuscular             | Dec. 7. 1955 | M. M. D.    |          |
| Subcutaneous              |              |             |          |
| Insulin                   |              |             |          |
| Counter-irritants:        |              |             |          |
| Linseed                   |              |             |          |
| Mustard                   |              |             |          |
| Stupes                    |              |             |          |
| Antiphlogistine           |              |             |          |
| Treatment, Packs & Baths: |              |             |          |
| Hot wet pack              |              |             |          |
| Cold wet pack             |              |             |          |
| Tepid sponge              |              |             |          |

### CLASS OF 1958 2<sup>nd</sup> Year

1<sup>ST</sup> ROW: S. Kingston, Jacqueline Carthew, Sophie Sciesinski, Marina Watts, Shirley Rutter, Margaret McWilliam, Gail Armstrong  
 2<sup>ND</sup> ROW: Louise Piva, Kathleen Sweeney, Sheila O'Day, Ann Armstrong, Mary Lou Roth, Diane Valliere, Beverley Vannatter, Mildred O'Reilly  
 3<sup>RD</sup> ROW: Wiesia Sciesinski, Joyce Nagle, Mary Armstrong, Loretta Salciccioli, Teresa Latcham, Elsie Sebo, Mary Firth, Charlotte Judson  
 4<sup>TH</sup> ROW: Eva Reinhardt, Ann Reynolds, Margaret Hastings, Marion McClymont '59, Marilyn Ray, Jean Farr



## Lourdes Day

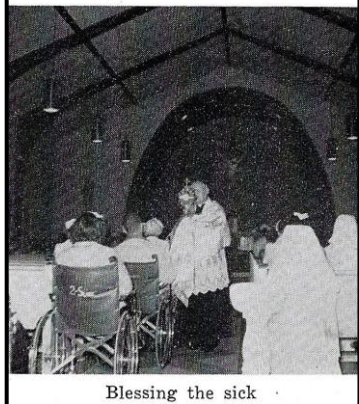
On February 18th, 1958, the feast of St. Bernadette Soubirous, we marked the opening of Lourdes Year. This is a year set aside in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes, who made a series of eighteen apparitions to St. Bernadette Soubirous one hundred years ago.

The chapel was beautifully decked with flowers as Reverend Father John Van Wezel S.C.J. the hospital chaplain, sung the high mass opening the year of devotion to Our Lady of Lourdes. Following the Mass, a day of Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament commenced. The Sisters of St. Joseph, Nurses and Student Nurses, and hospital personnel maintained the continuous recitation of the Holy Rosary throughout the day. To climax the day, we had an impressive candlelight procession by the student nurses followed by the Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and closing with Holy Benediction.

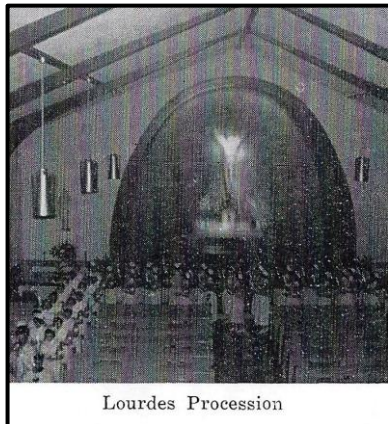
J. M. LAFORTUNE.

**February 18, 1958**

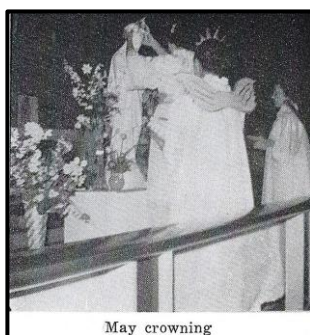
### LOURDES DAY



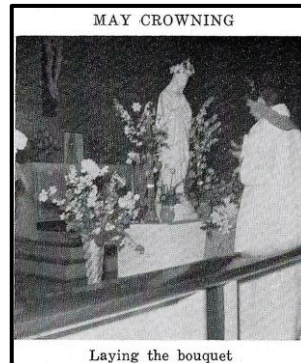
Blessing the sick



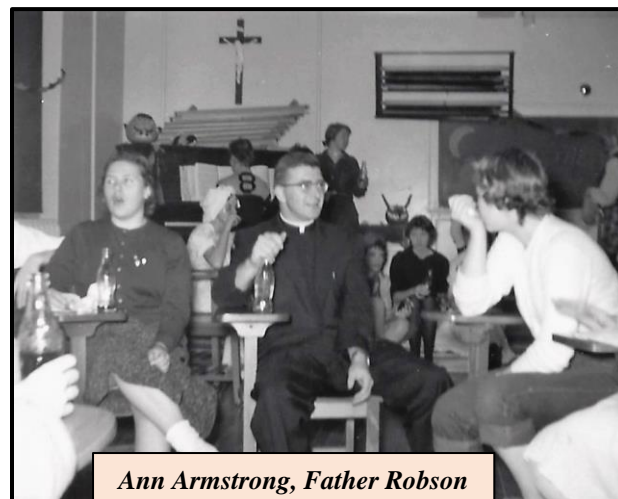
Lourdes Procession



May crowning



Laying the bouquet



Ann Armstrong, Father Robson

One of the most delightful traditions found in Catholic schools and also in many parishes is the annual May Crowning. May 16th was our Crowning Day here, and after a procession of students in uniform to the chapel, Benediction was sung and a beautifully decorated statue of our Lady was crowned with flowers by Diane Lowe.

The traditional bouquet of white lilies was laid at Our Lady's feet by Kathy Sanderson. After a sermon by Father John, the students recited the Act of Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In thus honouring Our Lady, we her children, give honour also to Her Divine Son. How pleased He must be at seeing the attention and love given to His Mother in Her month of May and especially on Crowning Day.

## May Crowning

**May 16, 1958**



Our Lady crowned



Ruth Milne, Corrine Corrigan,  
Eva Reinhardt



Betty Watterson, Kathleen Sweeney  
Reunion Day 1995

## Day of Recollection

**May 20, 1958 and May 21, 1958**

On May 20th and 21st this year, the graduating class, divided into two groups, made a Day of Recollection. Aided by the lectures given by Father J. McAsey, C.S.Sp., the graduates were able to spend a day reflecting with God over the past three years at St. Joseph's and the future years in distant fields. This was the first year that this opportunity presented itself and it is sincerely hoped by the graduates, who appreciated this chance to orientate themselves and their future with God, that it will become an annual event.



Madeline Rowe, Dianne Huffman, Jean Farr, Mary Cino, Beverly Vannatter,  
Mary Lou Roth, Dianne Rundle, Margaret Simpson

**Father Robson**



"Go ye therefore  
and teach  
all nations."

## Retreat

This year there were two retreats held at St. Josephs. On October 14, 15, 16th, Father D. McGoldrick, C.S.Sp. led the retreat for part of the senior class and the pre-clinical class. On Monday December ninth the second three-day retreat for the remaining seniors and the intermediate classes was commenced by Fr. R. Hudson, C.S.Sp.

To us, the retreat was a welcomed relief. It was some time apart from the every day busy life which the hospital offers, to spend a few closer hours in silence, listening to the Word of God. This was so eloquently expressed to us by our Retreat Master that we cannot deny the need for it in our world to-day.

True love of God, devotion to our Blessed Mother, daily Mass and frequent communion — these are the weapons against our satonic atmosphere.

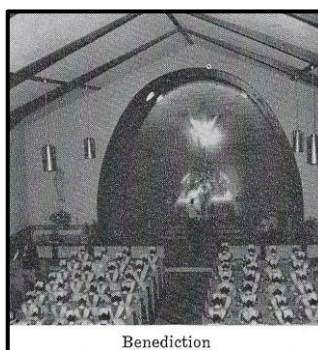
"God and His Blessed Mother will not be outdone in generosity." If we give humbly of ourselves and ignore materialism at its zenith to practice Purity, Charity, and Obedience in our everyday living as Catholic nurses, women, religious and future mothers.

Both Father Hudson and Father McGoldrick instilled in us ideals which we should carry always in our hearts and souls to help us reach our ultimate goal — Heaven.

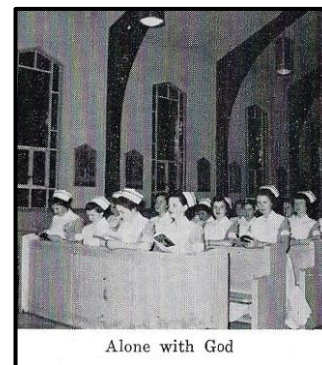
We, as a Student body, wish to express our sincere appreciation to the Sisters and staff, especially to Sister M. Virginia, and Sister M. Austin for making the retreats possible, (also for the tasty snacks enjoyed by all).

To Father McGoldrick and Father Hudson we extend our warmest thanks and appreciation for giving so freely of their valuable time on our behalf.

M. O'REILLY.



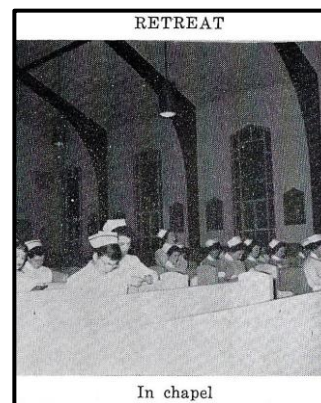
Benediction



Alone with God



Meditation



RETREAT

In chapel

## BLACK BAND DANCE '58

This, I think, is one of the most thrilling of all the dances any student nurse will ever attend. For us, it was our first big dance, and it was held in the Starlight Ballroom of Prudhomme's Garden Centre on August 23rd, 1957.

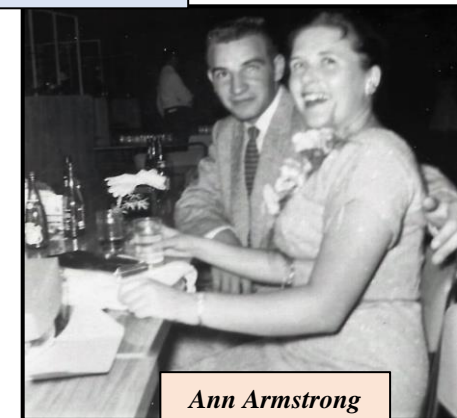
As we arose in the early A.M. our minds quickly by-passed the chores of the day. Nothing could make us tired that day! There were the last minute hair appointments, scurried 'phone calls and a mad rush for bath tubs. Anxious shrieks could be heard from us all. With problems like "hair a mess", "ruined nylons", and "borrowing materials", I'll never know how we ever arrived there at all. And we shall never forget the expression on the faces of other students who watched and wished that they too could go. Remember how we wore that same expression just a year back?

The dance went along very well and we all had a terrific time. Actually, it was the first time all our class went to a dance together. The closeness and privacy was certainly enjoyable.

How we hated to see the night end! But came 2 A.M. and as we reached the front door of Undermount, we realized our goal was coming closer. Onward up to the stairs we climbed, hoping there would be another time.

M. L. PIVA.

**Black Band Dance August 3, 1957**  
**Starlight Ballroom**  
**Prudhomme's Garden Centre**



Ann Armstrong



Joyce Nagle, Edna Fester

## ONTARIO HOSPITAL AFFILIATION

There is one three month period of these three years anticipated and hoped for more than any other service.

"Going on affiliation" means three months of five-day weeks, countless late leaves, residence freedom plus, plus!, sharing experiences and "beefs" with fellow affiliates. It is "shower day" twice a week in a steam-filled room, rummy, scrabble, badminton and movies. It means assisting with insulin, largactil and electro-convulsive therapy; observing psychotherapy — in progress all day every day with the irreplaceable "O.T." department — where activity and the creation of interest is considered to be the essence of psychiatric nursing care.

It means discouragement to see hundreds of people who fail to respond, living caricatures of personality, spending their years under conditions that are still less than ideal. Yet there is pure wonder and encouragement to observe daily improvement and the eventual discharge of more hundreds of acute cases.

And there is more!

Whether or not the work has been a pleasant experience for you, you begin to realize towards the final weeks, just what it has given you.

You have gained comprehension of the words "mental illness"; fear and curiosity have been banished by understanding of this phenomenon; and the importance of mental hygiene has impressed itself on your thought.

After affiliation, you will speak with respect and sympathy for the afflicted, and conviction of the need for progress and research in the mental health field. You will have new knowledge and feeling that has developed almost unfelt, but for which the cause of public health education has a deep need.

A. CHAMBERS.



Mary Cino'58, Diane Valliere'58,  
Mary Zahn'57, Madeline Rowe'58



Mary Armstrong, Mary Firth, Jacqueline Carthew,  
Edna Fester, Ann Armstrong, Diane Valliere

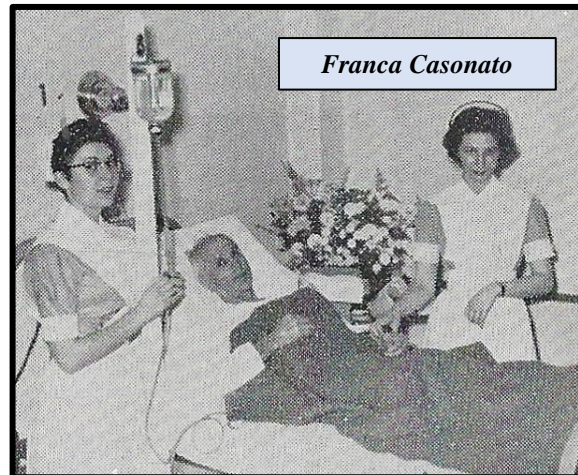
**October 14, 15, 16 - Retreat for part of the senior class and the juniors**

**December 9 - second 3 day retreat for the remaining seniors and the intermediate classes**





*Madeline Rowe, Elaine Martin*



*Franca Casonato*



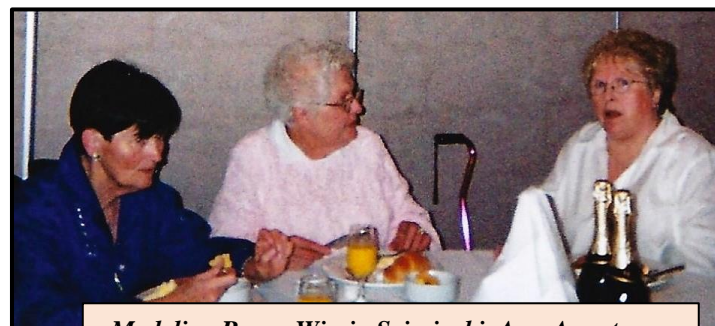
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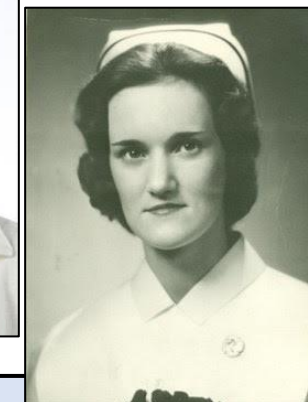
*Left to Right: Cheryl McQueen '66  
Diane Valliere Losier '58, Helen Mauro Robinson '58  
Sr. Virginia Hanlon '45, Mary Cino '58*



*Derek McNally, Margaret Simpson Rizzo '58,  
Janina Muta Berenyi '65*



*Madeline Rowe, Wiesia Sciesinski, Ann Armstrong*



*Shirley Rutter Crozier 1958  
Taking part in a special night for hairstylists in 2009.  
Published in the Hamilton Spectator*



*Ann Reynolds, Marina Watts, Beverly Vannatter*

*A pension plan covering the payroll employees will be introduced by St Joseph's Hospital May 1, 1958  
The plan is being introduced at hospitals run by  
The Sisters of St Joseph at Guelph, Kitchener, Brantford and Hamilton.*

*Published in the Hamilton Spectator April 1958*

*Shirley Rutter was born in Cobourg Ontario.  
During her student days she was a member of the Canadian Naval Reserve and for a time served on the Canadian aircraft carrier, HMS Bonaventure.  
She is a graduate of St Joseph's School of Nursing, class of 1958.  
She worked in the Emergency Department at St Joseph's Hospital Hamilton and then in the community with family physician Dr Vincent Rudnick.  
Nurse practitioners first came about in the province in the early 1970's and Shirley graduated from McMaster's program in 1973.  
She was a member of the school's second graduating class, when only McMaster and Western University offered the program. She was one of the first nurse practitioners in Ontario. She worked as a nurse practitioner at the McMaster University Medical Centre.  
In 1980 she was appointed Assistant Clinical Professor in the Department of Family Medicine at McMaster University.*

APRIL 30/58

### Pension Plan Set For Staff At St. Joseph's

A pension plan covering 11 payroll employees will be introduced by St. Joseph's Hospital, it was announced today.

The plan is being introduced simultaneously on May 1 at hospitals run by Sisters of St Joseph at Guelph, Kitchener, Brantford and Hamilton.

The Hamilton hospital's share of the plan will be \$28,000 in the first year.

A SISTER said today that about 104 employees will be eligible for the first year of the plan. Contributions for past service will be met by the hospital.

"The unsound argument of a hospital which usually operates in the red and cannot afford a pension plan is no longer an accepted hospital policy," she said.



**Prior to the graduation exercise the graduates made a Day of Recollection in the hospital chapel. Another pre-graduation exercise was a Red Rose Ball sponsored by the junior and intermediate students. Highlight of this social affair was the election of the Red Rose Queen by the student nurses on the basis of best all – round student.**

**67 nurses were graduates in the class of 1958. Graduation exercises were held on Wednesday May 28<sup>th</sup> 1958 in the Auditorium at Cathedral Girls High School.**

**Dr W. P. Downes, chief of medical staff was chairman of the event.**

**Diplomas and pins were presented by Rt. Rev. J. F. Hinchey.**

**Guest speaker was Joseph M. Pigott, Chairman of the Hospital Advisory Board.**

**Other speakers included Controller Leslie Parker,**

**Dr C. L. Bates, President of the Hamilton Academy of Medicine and D. C. Gaskin.**

**Joyce Nagle was the class valedictorian.**



**Marilyn Ray 1958 Red Rose Queen  
Attendants Madeline Rowe '58 and Gail Armstrong '58**

## Red Rose Ball

"A rose by any other name would smell as sweet" — but not as sweet as those at the Red Rose Ball! May 21st was the evening set for the annual dance given by the students for the graduating class. The graduates on entering the flower-bedecked auditorium, were each presented with a red rose. At approximately ten-thirty p.m. the gay dancing was interrupted to crown the Queen! She was chosen from the graduating class according to her popularity, personality, school spirit, and nursing ability and no better choice could have been made than Marilyn "Dee" Ray. What a charming picture Marilyn made — being crowned by Norma Bell, last years queen, and flanked by her attendants and runners up Madeline Rowe and Gail Armstrong. To say that the Ball was an outstanding success would be the understatement of the year. Thank-you intermediates and juniors!



**Diane Huffman, Madeline Rowe, Marilyn Ray,  
Shirley Rutter, Jean Farr**



**Eva Reinhardt, Marion McClyment,  
Sally Robey**



**Sheila O'Day, Ann Reynolds**

## SANITORIUM AFFILIATION

During our training we had the opportunity of spending one month at the Mountain Sanatorium.

It is interesting to note that the Sanatorium was opened in 1906 and had, at one time, 750 patients, plus a long waiting list. Today, of the seven buildings, only four contain approximately 445 patients, which is a great indication of the decrease in tuberculosis during the past 10—15 years. This is due to the discovery of the newer drugs PAS, Streptomycin and Isoniazid.

The affiliation was divided between class lectures and ward experience. Some were fortunate enough to witness a bronchoscopic examination and a demonstration of the expansion and contraction of a pair of human lungs with the use of oxygen and carbon dioxide. Seeing x-rays of the different areas in the human body where tuberculosis can lodge — lungs, kidneys, bones and joints and following through individual case histories from admission x-rays to discharge x-rays proved to be most interesting.

Most of the patients now hospitalized here are Eskimos and Indians. Their cultures and customs are indeed in itself an education. They are such a happy and affectionate group of people, and adjust quickly to our civilization. The Eskimos are very talented at soap-stone carving and making parkas and slippers. The Indians still retain their known skills in wood-carving and bead embroidery.

The spacious grounds, beautiful scenery, clear crisp air, cheerful attitude of the patients, plus the warm friendliness of the staff make the Sanatorium truly live up to its nickname of "The Ivory Tower."

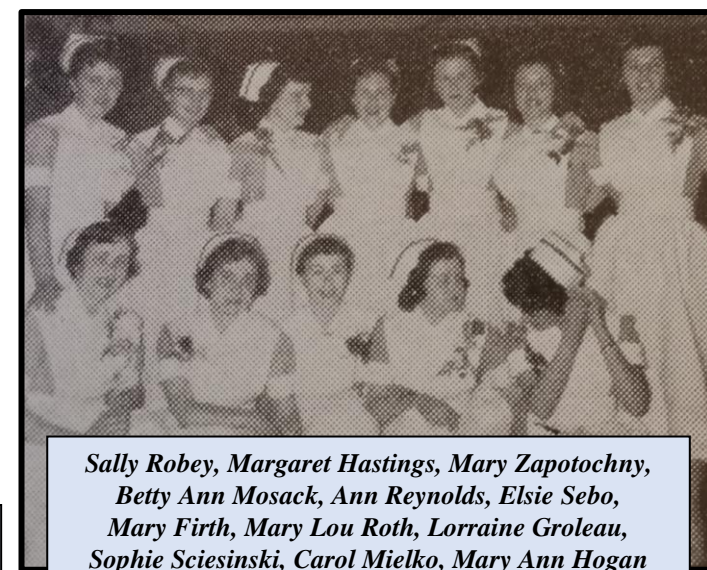
BETTY F. WATTERSON.



**Shirley Anne Wray '55, Beverley Vannatter '58,  
Margaret Simpson '58, Mary Cino '58**



**Red Rose Queen 1957 Norma Bell  
places the crown on Marilyn Ray 1958 Red Rose Queen**



**Sally Robey, Margaret Hastings, Mary Zapotochny,  
Betty Ann Mosack, Ann Reynolds, Elsie Sebo,  
Mary Firth, Mary Lou Roth, Lorraine Groleau,  
Sophie Sciesinski, Carol Mielko, Mary Ann Hogan**



## Graduation Tea

It was 7:15 P.M. on Wednesday evening, May 14th, when the '58 Graduates, dressed in their new spring finery, assembled in the Reception Room. We then proceeded to the Senior Nurses' Residence of the Hamilton General Hospital where we were the guests of the Haldimand-Wentworth Chapter of the R.N.A.O. Mrs. Murphy, President of the Chapter, conducted the meeting and welcomed the graduates of the Hamilton General, McMaster University and ourselves. Mrs. Yates, the assistant City Solicitor, spoke to us on "The growth and development of Hamilton."

After the most interesting talk, we enjoyed delicious refreshments. At this time, we were able to meet the other graduates and share with them the excitement of graduation festivities. It was a most enjoyable evening and we are grateful indeed to the Haldimand-Wentworth Chapter of the R.N.A.O. for this opportunity.

RUTH MILNE.



Mrs. R. Murphy.  
Pres. District  
Chapter, R.N.A.O.  
& Mrs. E. Yates  
Deputy City  
Solicitor



Audrey Bull '54

Dean McDowell &  
A. Bull, Former Pupil



Ruth Milne, Helen Mauro, Diane Huffman, Margaret Simpson, Mary Cino,  
Jean Farr, Teresa Latcham, Sheila O'Day, Diane Valliere, Mary Lou Roth



Franca Casonato



Lois Stewart '54  
President Nurses Alumnae

Miss L. Stewart  
Pres. S. J. H. Alumnae  
& Dean E. McDowell,  
Guest Speaker



Margaret Simpson Rizzo '58 Muriel Simpson Murphy '51 Jane Simpson O'Brien '49



Madeline Rowe



Lois Stewart '54, Diane Rundle '58

## Graduation Banquet

Date: May 7, 1958.

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: Royal Connaught Hotel.

Present: Class of '58 and alumnae members.

Awaiting us when we arrived in the dining room was a delicious dinner, capably served. Beside each gradute's plate was a pleasant surprise — her graduation ring!

Following the dinner Miss Audrey Bul, clinical instructor, introduced the guest speaker, Dean E. McDowell of the University of Western Ontario. Miss McDowell entranced the audience with an instructive and witty lecture on varied nursing careers.

Miss Elaine Martin, Class of '58, spoke a word of thanks for the graduates. The doorprizes, annually donated by The Tuck Shop, were won by Miss Florence Chowhan and Miss Elsie Sebo.

M. WATTS.



Lorraine Groleau, Sheila O'Day,  
Margaret Hastings



Mary Cino, Mildred O'Reilly, Lorraine Groleau,  
Diane Valliere, Carol Mielko, Alexandra Bodurka,  
Marilyn Ray, Marion Faunt





GRADUATING CLASS 1958  
ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL OF NURSING  
HAMILTON ONTARIO

The Sisters of St. Joseph  
and the Graduating Class of  
nineteen hundred and ~~forty-eight~~ <sup>fifty-eight</sup>

# St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing

cordially invite you to be present at the

## Graduation Exercises

~~Thursday~~ <sup>Friday</sup> Wednesday afternoon, May twenty-eighth

at three o'clock

Auditorium, Cathedral Girls' High School

Main Street East, at Grant Avenue

Hamilton

Reception to  
follow

Admission  
by ticket only

## GRADUATION

Wednesday May 28, 1958  
3 pm

Cathedral Girls High School Auditorium



**MASS  
AND  
BREAKFAST**

It was just 5:30 A.M. when one of our classmates made the rounds in Undermount ringing the hand bell. This was our long-awaited graduation day. Everyone was hustling about getting into their well-mended blue uniform with fresh bib, apron and cap. Then we sallied forth to the auditorium to line up in the same fashion as we would follow in the P.M. As we entered the chapel, the simplicity of the beautifully decorated altar seemed to touch us deeply, on this, our graduation morn. Father John proceeded with the celebration of Holy Mass while the choir joyously rendered hymns in honour of Our Lady in this her month of May. Following Mass, Father John extended his congratulations to the entire class.

Then to breakfast! The tables beautifully decorated in our school colours with flowers of yellow and red, were also set with individual place cards accompanied by navy leather identification holders with our name and hospital engraved in gold letters on the front. All students received either silver chains and medals or ballpoint pens. Sister Mary Grace then extended her congratulations to the entire class. After breakfast, which was delightfully served to us by the Kitchen Staff, we began our many toasts which included, Sister Mary Virginia, Sister Mary Austin, Sister St. James, and the Kitchen Staff plus various other toasts to individuals in the great class of '58.

T. LATCHAM.



*Madeline Rowe*

**CLASS OF '58**

**CHS**



*Vera Delay, Kathleen Sweeney, Mary Lou Roth, Lorraine Groleau*



*Class of 1958*



*Marilyn Ray, Madeline Rowe, Corrine Corrigan,  
Gail Armstrong, Shirley Rutter*



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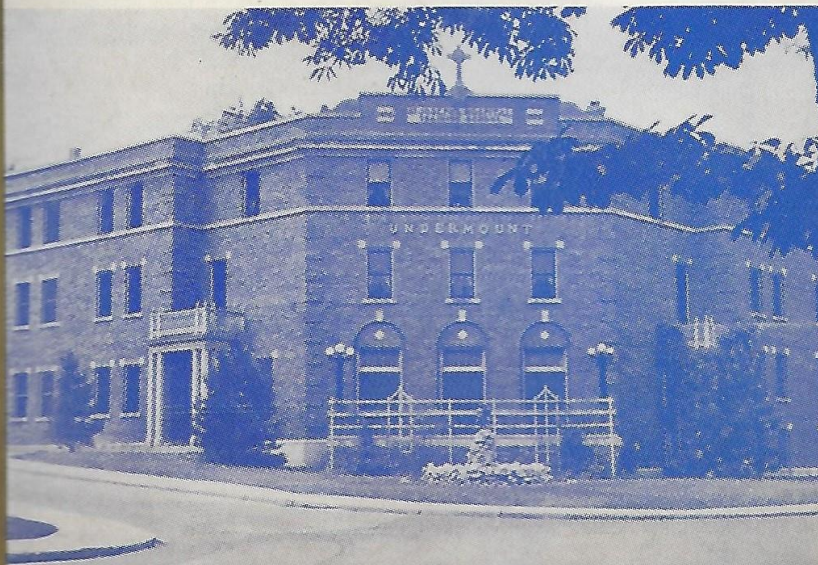
# ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

## School of Nursing

Auditorium, Cathedral Girls High School

WEDNESDAY, MAY TWENTY-EIGHTH



### THE LIST OF GRADUATES

follows: Miss Dianne Breckenridge, Miss Anne Chambers, Miss Mary Cino, Miss Lorraine Groleau, Miss Mary Harris, Miss Diane Huffman, Miss Janet Langdon, Miss Carol Mielko, Miss Joan Montgomery, Miss Sheila O'Day, Miss Marilyn Ray, Miss Sally Robey, Miss Eva Reinhardt, Miss Madeline Rowe, Miss Diane Rundle, Miss Shirley Rutter, Miss Loretta Saliccioli, Miss Elsie Sebo, Miss Kathleen Sweeney, Miss Beverley Vannatter and Miss Marina Watts, all of Hamilton; Miss Ann Armstrong, Miss Marion Faunt, Miss Carol Ann Flaherty, Miss Charlotte Judson, Miss Teresa Latcham, Miss Elaine Martin.

all of Niagara Falls, Ont.; Miss Franca Casonato, Miss Iole Casonato, Miss Jean Farr, Miss Margaret Simpson, all of Welland; Miss Alexandra Bodurka, Miss Edna Fester, Miss Diane Valliere, Miss Mary Zapotochny, all of St. Catharines; Miss Gail Armstrong, Galt; Miss Mary Armstrong, Cayuga; Miss Sheila Brown, Mount Hope; Miss Doris Brunning, Chippawa; Miss Jacqueline Carthew, Port Colborne; Miss Florence Chowhan, Miss Joyce Nagle, both of Brantford; Miss Corinne Corrigan, Stoney Creek; Miss Vera Delay, Grimsby; Miss Judy Easson, Fruitland; Miss Mary Firth, Miss Betty Watterson, Waterdown; Miss Margaret Hastings, Miss Mary Anne Hogan, Burlington; Miss Eva Ifody, Fenwick; Miss Joan LaFortune, Miss Betty Ann Mosack, both of Preston; Miss Helen Mauro, Miss Helen Reid, Hagersville; Miss Janice Miller, Oshweken; Miss Ruth Milne, Port Nelson; Miss Patricia Misener, Miss Norma Partridge, Miss Florence Shoff, all of Simcoe; Miss Margaret McWilliam, Ancaster; Miss Mildred O'Reilly, Montreal, P.Q.; Miss Mary Louise Piva, Reserve Mines, N.S.; Miss Carolyn Poulin, Vineland; Miss Anne Reynolds, Miss Mary Lou Roth, both of Guelph; Miss Sophie Sciesinski, Miss Wiesla Sciesinski, both of Fenwick.

It is of special interest to note that three of the graduates are daughters of former graduates from this school of nursing: Miss Groleau, Miss Hastings and Miss O'Day. Also, Miss Simpson is the third member of her family to graduate from this school.

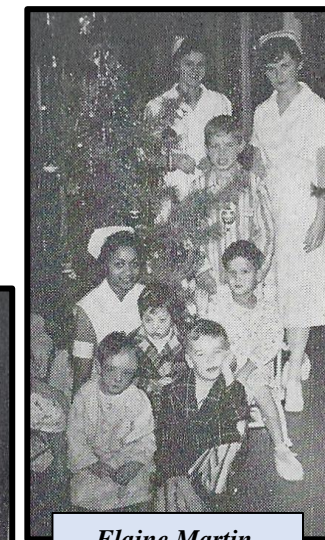
# Graduating Class 1958



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|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| ANN ARMSTRONG       | Niagara Falls, Ont.  | JANICE MILLER       | Oshweken, Ont.       |
| GAIL ARMSTRONG      | Galt, Ont.           | RUTH MILNE          | Port Nelson, Ont.    |
| MARY ARMSTRONG      | Cayuga, Ont.         | PATRICIA MISENER    | Simcoe, Ont.         |
| ALEXANDRA BODURKA   | St. Catharines, Ont. | JOAN MONTGOMERY     | Hamilton, Ont.       |
| DIANNE BRECKENRIDGE | Hamilton, Ont.       | BETTY ANN MOSACK    | Preston, Ont.        |
| SHEILA BROWN        | Mount Hope, Ont.     | MARGARET McWILLIAM  | Ancaster, Ont.       |
| DORIS BRUNNING      | Chippawa, Ont.       | JOYCE NAGLE         | Brantford, Ont.      |
| FRANCA CASONATO     | Welland, Ont.        | SHEILA O'DAY        | Hamilton, Ont.       |
| IOLE CASONATO       | Welland, Ont.        | MILDRED O'REILLY    | Montreal, Que.       |
| JACQUELINE CARTHEW  | Port Colborne, Ont.  | NORMA PARTRIDGE     | Simcoe, Ont.         |
| ANNE CHAMBERS       | Hamilton, Ont.       | MARY LOUISE PIVA    | Reserve Mines, N.S.  |
| FLORENCE CHOWHAN    | Brantford, Ont.      | CAROLYN POULIN      | Vineland, Ont.       |
| MARY CINO           | Hamilton, Ont.       | MARILYN RAY         | Hamilton, Ont.       |
| CORRINE CORRIGAN    | Stoney Creek, Ont.   | HELEN REID          | Hagersville, Ont.    |
| VERA DELAY          | Grimsby, Ont.        | EVA REINHARDT       | Hamilton, Ont.       |
| JUDY EASSON         | Fruitland, Ont.      | ANNE REYNOLDS       | Guelph, Ont.         |
| JEAN FARR           | Welland, Ont.        | SALLY ROBEY         | Hamilton, Ont.       |
| MARION FAUNT        | Niagara Falls, Ont.  | MARY LOU ROTH       | Guelph, Ont.         |
| MARY FIRTH          | Waterdown, Ont.      | MADLINE ROWE        | Hamilton, Ont.       |
| EDNA FESTER         | St. Catharines, Ont. | DIANE RUNDLE        | Hamilton, Ont.       |
| CAROL ANN FLAHERTY  | Niagara Falls, Ont.  | SHIRLEY RUTTER      | Hamilton, Ont.       |
| LORRAINE GROLEAU    | Hamilton, Ont.       | LORETTA SALCICCIOLI | Hamilton, Ont.       |
| MARY HARRIS         | Hamilton, Ont.       | SOPHIE SCIESINSKI   | Fenwick, Ont.        |
| MARGARET HASTINGS   | Burlington, Ont.     | WIESIA SCIESINSKI   | Fenwick, Ont.        |
| MARY ANNE HOGAN     | Burlington, Ont.     | ELSIE SEBO          | Hamilton, Ont.       |
| DIANE HUFFMAN       | Hamilton, Ont.       | FLORENCE SHOFF      | Simcoe, Ont.         |
| EVA IFTODY          | Fenwick, Ont.        | MARGARET SIMPSON    | Welland, Ont.        |
| CHARLOTTE JUDSON    | Niagara Falls, Ont.  | KATHLEEN SWEENEY    | Hamilton, Ont.       |
| JOAN LA FORTUNE     | Preston, Ont.        | DIANE VALLIERE      | St. Catharines, Ont. |
| JANET LANGDON       | Hamilton, Ont.       | BEVERLEY VANNATTER  | Hamilton, Ont.       |
| TERESA LATCHAM      | Port Dalhousie, Ont. | BETTY WATTERSON     | Waterdown, Ont.      |
| ELAINE MARTIN       | Niagara Falls, Ont.  | MARINA WATTS        | Hamilton, Ont.       |
| HELEN MAURO         | Hagersville, Ont.    | MARY ZAPOTOCHNY     | St. Catharines, Ont. |
| CAROL MIELKO        | Hamilton, Ont.       |                     |                      |



# School Of Nursing



*Mary Cino*



Sister Bonaventure, you were the inspiration, guide and educator for us, the student nurses, over a period of seven years. You equipped us academically, spiritually and professionally to enable us to obtain successfully our purpose in life, to be part of a noble profession and to conduct ourselves accordingly when caring for the sick and needy — our brothers and sisters in Christ.

May we assure you that your efforts have not fallen by the wayside and been trodden under foot, but rather that they have fallen on good ground and will yield their fruit.

With sincere and heartfelt gratitude we, the graduating class of '58, say thank you, and hope that your girls at St. Joseph's in Brantford share our appreciation for you.

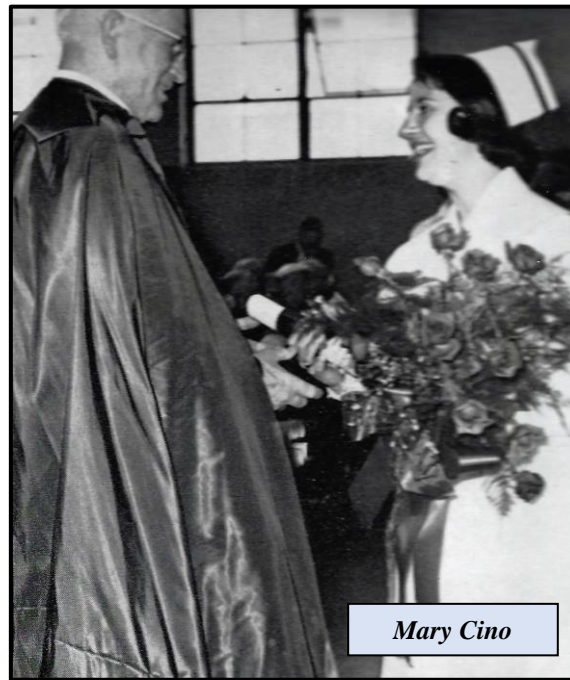
E. REINHARDT



44th GRADUATION EXERCISES 1958  
 St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton, Ont.  
**SCHOOL OF NURSING**  
 AUDITORIUM, CATHEDRAL GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL  
 WEDNESDAY, MAY TWENTY-EIGHTH

*Programme*  
*Opening Prayer*

ORGAN *Organist—Mrs. G. L. Burjaw, A.T.C.M.* O CANADA  
 CHAIRMAN  
 W. P. Downes, B.A., M.D.C.M. . . . . Chief of Staff  
 Valedictory . . . . . Joyce Nagle  
 PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS and PINS by  
 The Rt. Reverend J. F. Hinchey, D.P., V.G., P.P.  
 GREETINGS TO THE GRADUATING CLASS  
 Controller Leslie Parker, Board of Control  
 C. L. Bates, M.D.  
 President of the Hamilton Academy of Medicine  
 D. C. Gaskin  
 Member of the Hospital Advisory Board  
 J. M. Pigott, K.C.S.G., C.B.E.  
 Chairman of the Hospital Advisory Board  
*Presentation of Awards*  
 God Save The Queen



Mary Cino



Shirley Rutter Charlotte Judson Vera Delay

THURSDAY MAY 29 1958  
 44th Graduating Ceremonies  
**Happiness Lies In Servi**  
**Speaker Tells St. Joseph**

The only real happiness to be found in this world is in serving and providing happiness to others, Mr. J. M. Pigott, chairman of St. Joseph's Hospital advisory board, told the graduating class of the Hospital's school of nursing yesterday afternoon.

Parents, relatives and friends filled the auditorium of the Cathedral Girls High School to capacity for the ceremonies.

The graduation program began with the traditional procession of graduating nurses, their arms laden with red roses, to the front of the auditorium.

Chairman for the occasion was Dr. W. P. Downes, chief of staff at St. Joseph's hos-

maintained our alma mater's high standards throughout the land . . ."

The science of nursing she described as "like a fine fabric made up of many threads, some of them as old as the human race, and others frequently changing for greater beauty and strength."

"The education which we have received imposes certain obligations," she continued. "Gratitude" must go to the parents who gave "inspiration and generosity to our youthful days . . . courage and constancy to our womanhood."

GRATITUDE was due the sisters, she said, for "inspiring us with their charitableness and religious fervor"; to the doctors who gave "instructions

*Graduation exercises for the class of 1958 were held in the auditorium at Cathedral Girls High School. The graduation program began with the traditional procession of graduating nurses, their arms laden with red roses to the front of the auditorium.*

*Dr W.P. Downes, chief of staff at St Joseph's Hospital was the chairman for the occasion. The Rt. Rev J.F. Hinchey presented diplomas and graduation pins.*

*Mr. J.M. Pigott, chairman of the St Joseph's Hospital advisory board told the graduating class of the Hospital's school of Nursing "the only real happiness to be found in this world is in service and providing happiness to others.*

*Joyce Nagle was valedictorian for the graduates and called on all graduates to "live up to the ideals which have maintained our alma mater's high standards throughout the land". "God had a purpose when He made a graduate nurse" she concluded. He gave her a head to know, hands with which to serve and a heart that she might love.*

*Greetings, best wishes and congratulations were also brought to the graduating class by Controller Leslie Parker, Board of control; Dr C.L. Bates from the Hamilton Academy of Medicine and Mr D.C. Gaskin a member of the hospital advisory board.*

*After the presentation of prizes, awards and diplomas, graduates, their families and friends mingled at a reception in the School cafeteria.*



Shirley Rutter





*Joyce Nagle Gail Armstrong*



*Judy Easson, Florence Chowhan,  
Lorraine Groleau*

# V A L E D I C T O R Y

In this beautiful springtime of the year when schools are graduating the fruits of their labours, we too, are numbered with the happy ones, rejoicing in our graduation day. This occasion marks the end of our testing years and the commencement of the work we have chosen to follow.

Let us analyse briefly these past years to see what meaning our nursing course implies. It is a process of educating the potential nurse to become an actual one, and to become a responsible and useful citizen. The knowledge, skill and spirit which are used reflect "the art of nursing".

The facts and principles which are basic to arriving at sound judgment in nursing, represent the "science of nursing". This useful service is like a fine fabric made up of many threads, some of them as old as the human race, and others frequently changing for greater beauty and strength.

Nursing has developed from trial and error efforts in caring for the suffering, to a profession, based on scientific principles and advancement. Leaders in this field have been solicitors to preserve and cherish the ancient hallmarks of nursing — compassion and understanding.

The education which we have received imposes certain obligations. One of these is gratitude to those who have made our training possible. We must not pass up this opportunity of publicly acknowledging our gratitude. In the first place we turn to our parents from whom we received our basic concepts and precepts. Numerous factors contribute to make us think and act the way we do. Though we all have a common nature, we each have an individual personality. We are results of heredity and environment, and who provides us with both? — our parents. We stand to-day to take our place in the world as graduate nurses primarily because our parents through kindness and many sacrifices have made possible the attainment of our goal. They have given inspiration and generosity to our youthful days, courage and constancy to our womanhood. For these we express deep gratitude and hope your pride in us this graduation day will repay you at least in a small way.

To the Sisters, who have not only opened our minds to stores of knowledge, but opened our hearts with their unceasing and untiring works, inspiring us with their charity and religious fervour, we offer our sincerest thanks.

To our doctors, who have given generously of their time for our instructions, enlightenment and care during our illnesses, we express our appreciation.

Last, but not least, we pay tribute to our instructors and graduate staff, for their great contribution to our advancement. What patience, tolerance and perseverance you have exemplified. Emerson must have thought of teachers when he wrote "the reward of a thing well done is to have done it".

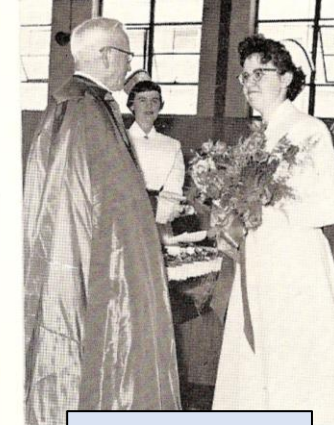
Now that we have reflected, let us look forward with courage to our new field of endeavour. We have been given much and now we will be expected to give much in return. Just what is expected of the graduate of a Catholic School of Nursing? It would be impossible to discuss all the characteristics desirable in a graduate, so we have selected only three. Christian schools of nursing are the messengers of Christ — and Christ is the message of every Christian. Therefore, a graduate of St. Joseph's School of Nursing should (1) be happy and enthusiastic about her work in nursing, (2) be a woman who is truly an artist in nursing, and (3) understand the true meaning of success. Men were made to work just as surely as birds were made to fly. God had a purpose when he made a graduate nurse, and because of that purpose, He gave her a head and hands and a heart; a head that she might know, hands that she might serve and a heart that she might love. Woman is made to love, to give herself in personal, devoted service, and can only be truly happy when she is fulfilling this.

Let us always remember these ideals which have maintained our alma mater's high standards throughout the land, and confidently go forth with our lamps filled with the oil of Faith and holding aloft the flame of compassionate service. Then truly we will live up to this closing paraphrase of the Cantic of Cantic's lines on the ten virgins — "Thy name, oh nurse, is as oil poured out. Mankind loves thee exceedingly."

JOYCE DAGLE



*Kathleen Sweeney*



*Mary Armstrong*



*Corrine Corrigan*



*Teresa Latcham*



*Marilyn Ray*



*Iole Casanato*



*Charlotte Judson*



*Eva Iftody*



*Mary Ann Hogan*





Miss C. Judson

Miss S. Robey

Miss J. LaFortune

## Merit Special Nursing Prizes

Prizes are to be presented to several graduate and graduating nurses and nurses in training, when the annual graduation exercises of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing are held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Cathedral Girls' High School.

They will be given to those who have won them for special skills and aptitudes in the nursing art, after the address to the graduates by Mr. J. M. Pigott, chairman of the hospital advisory board.

Those winning the awards are:

Miss Margaret Roth, Reg. N., class '57 — scholarship for post-graduate study in nursing education, given by St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary, and presented by Mrs. C. V. Pickett.

Miss Mary Buck, Reg. N., Class '56 — scholarship for post-graduate study in nursing education, given by St. Joseph's Hospital Alumnae, and presented by Miss Lois Stewart.

Miss Joan LaFortune and Miss Sally Robey — two scholarships for post-graduate study in nursing education, given by St. Joseph's Hospital Medical Staff, and presented by Mrs. F. B. Hamilton and Mrs. H. R. McAlister.

Miss Charlotte Judson — prize for general proficiency, Senior Year, given in memory of the Dr. Orton James Newell, and presented by Mrs. O. J. Newell.

Miss Donna Fraser — prize for highest standing in theory,



Miss M. Buck

Miss M. Roth  
—Photos by Hubert Beckett

Intermediate Year, given by the 67th University Battery Chapter, I.O.D.E., and presented by Mrs. A. E. Skelton.  
Miss Carol Nicol — prize for

highest standing in theory, Junior Year, given by Margaret Gage Burkholder Chapter, I.O.D.E., and presented by Mrs. Gladys Fairey.

### 67 Nurses graduated in the class of 1958

**Chairman for the ceremony was Dr W.P. Downes, chief of medical staff.**

**Class valedictorian was Joyce Nagle**

**Diplomas and pins were presented by Rt. Rev. J. F. Hinchey**

**Prior to the graduation exercises the graduates made a Day of Reconciliation in the hospital chapel.**

**Another pre-graduation exercise was a Red Rose Ball sponsored by the junior and intermediate students.**

Her attendants were Miss Gail Armstrong and Miss Madeline Rowe.

## Awards

Scholarship for Post-Graduate Study in Nursing Education

Given by St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary.

Presented by Mrs. C. V. Pickett.

MARGARET ROTH, Reg. N., 1957

Scholarship for Post-Graduate Study in Nursing Education

Given by St. Joseph's Hospital Alumnae.

Presented by Miss Lois Stewart.

MARY BUCK, Reg. N., 1956

Two Scholarships for Post-Graduate Study in Nursing Education

Given by St. Joseph's Hospital Medical Staff.

Presented by Mrs. F. B. Hamilton.

JOAN LA FORTUNE

Presented by Mrs. H. R. McAlister.

SALLY ROBEY

Prize for General Proficiency—Senior Year

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

Presented by Mrs. O. J. Newell.

CHARLOTTE JUDSON

Prize for Highest Standing in Theory—Intermediate Year

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

Presented by Mrs. A. E. Skelton.

DONNA FRASER

Prize for Highest Standing in Theory—Junior Year

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

Presented by Mrs. Gladys Fairey.

CAROL NICHOL

## 67 Nurses in Class

# Diplomas, Awards Presented At St. Joseph's Graduation

HAMILTON—Sixty-seven young ladies comprised the 44th graduation class of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing. Chairman for the colorful ceremony held in the auditorium of Cathedral Girls' High School was Dr. W. P. Downes, chief of medical staff. Class valedictorian was Miss Joyce Nagle, Brantford.

DIPLOMAS AND PINS were presented by Rt. Rev. J. F. Hinchey, V.G. Guest speaker was Joseph M. Pigott, K.C.S.G. Other

WINNERS OF AWARDS presented at the graduation ceremony include: scholarship for post-graduate study in nursing education, given by St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary, presented by Mrs. C. V. Pickett—Miss Margaret Roth; scholarship for post-graduate study in nursing education, given by St. Joseph's Hospital Alumnae, presented by Miss Lois Stewart—Miss Mary Buck; two scholarships for post-graduate study in nursing education, given by the hospital medical staff: Miss Joan LaFortune, presented by Mrs. F. B. Hamilton; Miss Sally Robey, presented by Mrs. H. R. McAlister; prize for general proficiency — senior year, presented by Mrs. O. J. Newell — Miss Charlotte Judson; prize for highest standing in theory — intermediate year, presented by Mrs. A. E. Skelton, IODE — Miss Donna Fraser; prize for highest standing in theory — junior year, presented by Mrs. Gladys Fairey, IODE — Miss Carol Nichol.



## Awards

Scholarship for Post-Graduate Study in Nursing Education

Given by St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary.

Presented by Mrs. C. V. Pickett.

MARGARET ROTH, Reg. N., 1957

Scholarship for Post-Graduate Study in Nursing Education

Given by St. Joseph's Hospital Alumnae.

Presented by Miss Lois Stewart.

MARY BUCK, Reg. N., 1956

Two Scholarships for Post-Graduate Study in Nursing Education

Given by St. Joseph's Hospital Medical Staff.

Presented by Mrs. F. B. Hamilton.

JOAN LA FORTUNE

Presented by Mrs. H. R. McAlister.

SALLY ROBEY

Prize for General Proficiency—Senior Year

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

Presented by Mrs. O. J. Newell.

CHARLOTTE JUDSON

Prize for Highest Standing in Theory—Intermediate Year

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

Presented by Mrs. A. E. Skelton.

DONNA FRASER

Prize for Highest Standing in Theory—Junior Year

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

Presented by Mrs. Gladys Fairey.

CAROL NICHOL





Three mothers attending the graduation of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, at the Cathedral High School on Wednesday afternoon, had also quite a sisterly feeling for their daughters as new graduates, for they had also graduated from the same school.

Here, mothers and daughters, from left are — Mrs. Francis J. Groleau and daughter, Lorraine; Mrs. Maurice J. Hastings of Burlington, and daughter, Margaret; Mrs. Joseph J. O'Day and daughter, Sheila.

**Fay Clark Groleau '31 & her daughter Lorraine Groleau '58**  
**Margaret Hastings '58 and her mother Mary Ruff Hastings '32**  
**Mabel Clifford O'Day '28 and her daughter Sheila O'Day '58**

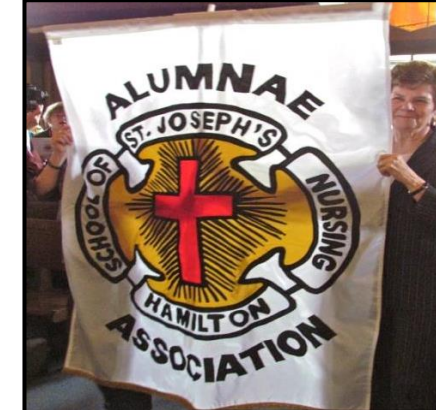


**Graduation 1958-----Mothers and their Daughters**

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| <b>Lorraine Groleau '58</b> | <b>Fay Clark Groleau '31</b> | <b>Mary Ruff Hastings '32</b> | <b>Margaret Hastings '58</b> | <b>Mabel Clifford O'Day '28</b> | <b>Sheila O'Day '58</b> |
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**Ann Armstrong**



**Beverley Vannatter Peck '58**



## Nursing Awards

Receiving special awards at the 44th graduation exercises of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, Hamilton, were: left to right — Miss Mary Buck, Miss Margaret Roth, Miss Joan LaFortune and Miss Sally Robey, recipients of

education; far right is Miss Charlotte Judson, winner of the prize for general proficiency in the senior year. Sixty-seven graduates made up this year's class. The colorful ceremony was held in Cathedral Girls' High School.

**Mary Buck '56, Margaret Roth '57, Joan LaFortune '58, Sally Robey '58, Charlotte Judson '58**



**Mary Cino '58 Beverley Vannatter '58**



**Ida Green 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Ruth Milne '58**



**Margaret Simpson Rizzo '58**

## PRIZE WINNERS 1958

**Margaret Roth Reg. N '57**  
**Mary Buck Reg. N. '56**

**Scholarship for Post Graduate Study in Nursing Education**  
**Scholarship for Post Graduate Study in Nursing Education**

**Joan LaFortune '58**  
**Sally Robey '58**  
**Charlotte Judson '58**

**Scholarship for Post Graduate Study in Nursing Education**  
**Scholarship for Post Graduate Study in Nursing Education**  
**Prize for General Proficiency - Senior Year**

**Donna Fraser '59**  
**Carol Nichol '60**

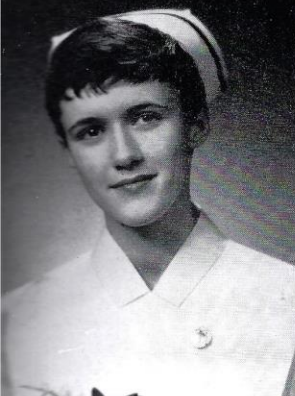
**Prize for Highest Standing in Theory – Intermediate Year**  
**Prize for Highest Standing in theory – Junior Year**





**A. ARMSTRONG**  
 "Eat, drink and be merry  
 For tomorrow we diet!"  
*Theme Song:*  
 Faraway Places.  
*Ambition:*  
 To speak German.  
*Probable Destination:*  
 Hawaii.

**Ann Armstrong**



**C. ARMSTRONG**  
 "Dark of hair and flashing eyes  
 That flirty look she can't disguise!"  
*Theme Song:*  
 Beyond the Blue Horizon.  
*Pet Peeve:*  
 Staying in.  
*Favorite Pasting:*  
 Going out.  
*Probable Destination:*  
 Co-owner of resort near Bala.

**Gail Armstrong**



**M. ARMSTRONG**  
 "A comrade bright and full of glee  
 Who dares to laugh out loud and free!"  
*Theme Song:*  
 Home on the Range.  
*Pet Peeve:*  
 3—11.  
*Probable Destination:*  
 Cayuga Memorial.

**Mary Armstrong**



**A. BODURKA**  
 "Her kindly eyes and twinkling smile  
 Proclaim to all a friend worthwhile!"  
*Theme Song:*  
 "Stolat!"  
*Favourite Pastime:*  
 Riding in banana trucks.  
*Probable Destination:*  
 Caribbean nurse.

**Alexandra Bodurka**



**D. BRECKENRIDGE**  
 "On wards quiet and demure  
 Outside — well, don't be too sure!"  
*Theme Song:*  
 "Can you spare a dime?"  
*Favourite Pastime:*  
 Going "downtown!"  
*Probable Destination:*  
 Babysitting for Sheila.

**Dianne Breckenridge**



**S. BROWN**  
 "Life is grand when Allan is on hand."  
*Theme Song:*  
 Flying High.  
*Favourite Pastime:*  
 Keeping an eye on Brecky.  
*Probable Destination:*  
 "Chamber" maid.

**Sheila Brown**



**Janina Muta Berenyi '65,  
 Beverly Vannatter Peck '58**



**2014  
 Beverly Shynal Greenwood '70  
 & Margaret Simpson Rizzo '58**



**D. BRUNNING**  
 "To dye or not to dye  
 That is the question."  
*Favourite Saying:*  
 "Ch, Lou!"  
*Pet Peeve:*  
 Dried up cherries.  
*Probable Destination:*  
 Chippawa Memorial.

**Doris Brunning**



**J. CARTHEW**  
 "Tall, pale and interesting."  
*Theme Song:*  
 "My mind's made up."  
*Ambition:*  
 Nurse for Dominion Store  
 personnel.  
*Destination:*  
 Co-owner of groceteria.

**Jacqueline Carthew**



**F. CASONATO**  
 "Quiet you say, well look again  
 There's mischief behind that little  
 [grin.]"  
*Favourite Pastime:*  
 Riding rails to Welland.  
*Ambition:*  
 Psychiatric Nurse.  
*Probable Destination:*  
 Head Nurse, Ward 9.

**Franca Casonato**



**I. CASONATO**  
 "I may be tiny and wee  
 But don't argue with me."  
*Theme Song:*  
 "Dark Eyes."  
*Ambition:*  
 Psychiatric Nurse.  
*Probable Destination:*  
 Head Nurse, Ward 1.

**Iola Casonato**



**A. CHAMBERS**  
 "I believe in no man's opinion  
 I have some of my own."  
*Theme Song:*  
 "Rolling Home."  
*Favourite Pastime:*  
 Rolling her own.  
*Pet Peeve:*  
 People who smoke tailor mades.

**Anne Chambers**



**F. CLOWHAN**  
 "A laughing smile, a helping hand  
 She'll make a hit in any land."  
*Theme Song:*  
 California, here I come.  
*Favourite Pastime:*  
 Travelling Bridesmaid  
*Probable Destination:*  
 California

**Florence Chowhan**





Mary Cino

M. G. CINO  
 "She's just a little lady with lots  
 [of pep]  
 The best little pal we've ever met."  
*Favorite Pastime:*  
 Sleeping in.  
*Pet Peeve:*  
 Losing overnights for favourite  
 pastime.  
*Theme Song:*  
 "Spaghetti Rag."

J. EASSON  
 "Those who think her quiet  
 Have not seen the twinkle in her eye."  
*Theme Song:*  
 "Faraway, Places."  
*Pet Peeve:*  
 Tall people.  
*Ambition:*  
 To be taller.



Judy Easson

C. CORRIGAN  
 "Sparkling black eyes, a friendly smile  
 To stop at her room is really  
 [worthwhile]."  
*Theme Song:*  
 "Jimmy m'boy."  
*Favourite Pastime:*  
 Poultrices.  
*Pet Peeve:*  
 Styes.

M. FAUNT  
 "She's just as good as the best of us  
 And just as bad as the rest of us."  
*Favourite Pastime:*  
 Frenching beds.  
*Probable Destination:*  
 French chambermaid.  
*Theme Song:*  
 "Don't turn your back on me."



Corrine Corrigan

V. DELAY  
 "Blonde hair, blue eyes and smile  
 [so sweet]  
 Wherever you meet her, she's  
 [always neat]."  
*Theme Song:*  
 Blue Velvet.  
*Favourite Pastime:*  
 Out with Piva.  
*Probable Destination:*  
 Operator.

J. FARR  
 "Two blue eyes — a saucy curl  
 Teasing ways — what a girl."  
*Theme Song:*  
 "Five foot two."  
*Pastime:*  
 Telling jokes.  
*Pet Peeve:*  
 Green lights on the way home.



Vera Delay



Marion Faunt



Jean Farr



Mary Cino '58, Cathy Ray Therrien '65,  
Pat Dowling DiCiommo '65



Ruth Milne



Mary Firth

M. FIRTH  
 "Quiet and calm  
 Efficient and true."  
*Theme Song:*  
 "Waltz me around again, Walter."  
*Pastime:*  
 Dressing up.  
*Probable Destination:*  
 School of Nursing Instructor.

L. GROLEAU  
 "A blush is a beautiful thing  
 But sometimes inconvenient."  
*Pastime:*  
 Giggling.  
*Ambition:*  
 To be serious.  
*Favourite Saying:*  
 "Hi" (softly).



Lorraine Groleau

E. FESTER  
 "I keep free and ready for action  
 Should there be any."  
*Favourite Saying:*  
 Censored.  
*Ambition:*  
 To be tanned.  
*Pastime:*  
 Sitting in sun.

M. HARRIS  
 "What no men in heaven? I'll stay  
 [here]."  
*Pastime:*  
 Nursing Roger.  
*Saying:*  
 "I must clean my room."  
*Ambition:*  
 Visiting nurse.



Edna Fester

C. A. FLAHERTY  
 "She can laugh and she can smile  
 And scatter sunshine all the while."  
*Theme Song:*  
 Brown Eyes.  
*Ambition:*  
 To gain weight.  
*Pastime:*  
 Eating.

M. HASTINGS  
 "Stay awake when necessary  
 but sleep if possible."  
*Theme Song:*  
 "Carmen".  
*Pastime:*  
 Bridge.  
*Ambition:*  
 To teach her classmates the finer  
 points of Bridge.



Carol Ann Flaherty



Mary Harris



Margaret Hastings





**M. A. HOGAN**  
 She's nice and natural  
 "Cause she's naturally nice."

*Saying:*  
 "DO you really think so?"

*Ambition:*  
 University.

*Probable Destination:*  
 Selling Peanuts for Jim.

**C. JUDSON**  
 Laughing, joking, singing, squacking,  
 Expert in the art of talking.

*Theme Song:*  
 "Swiss Alpine Song."

*Ambition:*  
 Weekend commuter to Montreal.

*Saying:*  
 "Where's Maddie?"



**Charlotte Judson**



**D. HUFFMAN**  
 "Has a pleasing personality,  
 Makes a worthy friend."

*Theme Song:*  
 Johnny m'boy.

*Pastime:*  
 Getting ready for the Big Day.

*Probable Destination:*  
 Home nurse.

**J. LAFORTUNE**  
 Very determined in every way,  
 Yet still takes time out to play.

*Theme Song:*  
 "College Days."

*Pastime:*  
 Men.

*Probable Destination:*  
 Clinical Instructor on "B" Floor.



**Joan LaFortune**



**E. IFTODY**  
 "A zest for living  
 A talent for friendship."

*Theme Song:*  
 Down on the farm.

*Pastime:*  
 Bargain hunting.

*Saying:*  
 Holy Cow!

**J. LANGDON**  
 "Coke is the staff of life."

*Theme Song:*  
 "Send them to Langdons!"

*Pastime:*  
 Driving that new car.

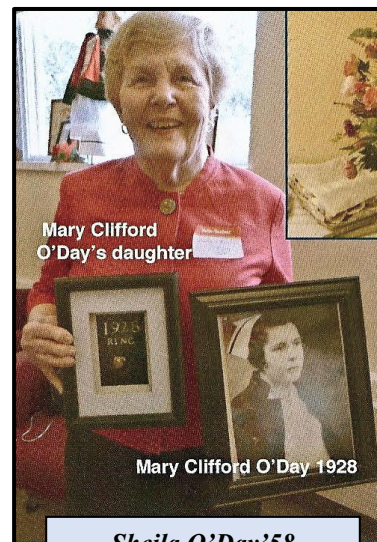
*Probable Destination:*  
 Driving that old realible Ford.



**Janet Langdon**



**Ann Reynolds**



**Sheila O'Day '58**



**Teresa Latcham**

**T. LATCHAM**  
 "I only hope the future sends  
 A little more than I can spend."

*Theme Song:*  
 "Tiptoe Thru the Tulips."

*Pastime:*  
 Paying her accounts.

*Ambition:*  
 Paid in full.

**C. MIELKO**  
 "She laughs and we all laugh  
 [with her.]"

*Theme Song:*  
 "Come away with me in my  
 Mercury."

*Favourite Saying:*  
 "Oh! he's a honey."

*Pet Peeve:*  
 Interference.



**Carol Mielko**



**Elaine Martin**

**E. MARTIN**  
 "She smiles on many and loves but  
 [one.]"

*Theme Song:*  
 "Gina".

*Ambition:*  
 To study law.

*Probable Destination:*  
 Prison nurse.

**J. MILLER**  
 "Shy and demure she seems to be  
 Still I'm not sure we all agree."

*Theme Song:*  
 "The Football."

*Favourite Saying:*  
 You know what?

*Pet Peeve:*  
 Being hurried.



**Janice Miller**



**Helen Mauro**

**H. MAURO**  
 "Quick, witty and full of fun,  
 She always there when there's work  
 [to be done.]"

*Pastime:*  
 "Those med. students."

*Ambition:*  
 Windsor.

*Probable Destination:*  
 Cayuga Memorial.

**R. MILNE**  
 "Whenever I feel the urge to work  
 I lie down 'til the feeling passes."

*Theme Song:*  
 "Ro-de-do-do."

*Pastime:*  
 Dinner parties.

*Ambition:*  
 To know more about steel.



**Ruth Milne**





Patricia Misener

**P. MISENER**  
 "Speech is silver, silence golden  
 I didn't want to be rich anyway."  
*Theme Song:*  
 You can be sure if its Westing-  
 house.  
*Ambition:*  
 Year round tan.  
*Probable Destination:*  
 Florida.

**M. McWILLIAM**  
 "Ready and willing when works to  
 Never absent whenever there's fun."  
*Favourite Saying:*  
 Where's Ann?  
*Pet Peeve:*  
 Working days.  
*Probable Destination:*  
 Touring U.S. with Ann.



Margaret McWilliam

**J. MONTGOMERY**  
 "Why hurry girls?  
 The world wasn't made in a day."  
*Theme Song:*  
 When my gold hair turns to brown  
 again.  
*Pet Peeve:*  
 400 Gyn.  
*Favourite Saying:*  
 What's your hurry?



Joan Montgomery

**J. NAGLE**  
 "Bright as the sun in the sky  
 Joyce's ambitions point high."  
*Pet Peeve:*  
 Going steady.  
*Favourite Pastime:*  
 Weakening to Pet Peeve.  
*Ambition:*  
 Visiting nurse for Hamilton.



Joyce Nagle

**E. MOSACK**  
 "A heart that is tender, a mind that  
 A hand that is gentle, thoughts deep  
 [is free, [as the sea."  
*Favourite Saying:*  
 Gee, I don't know!  
*Favourite Pastime:*  
 Riding in red convertibles.  
*Ambition:*  
 Getting her M.R.S. degree.



Betty Ann Mosack

**S. O'DAY**  
 "The early bird can have the worm  
 I'd rather sleep."  
*Theme Song:*  
 Slowpoke.  
*Favourite Saying:*  
 Gerry says, Gerry says...  
*Ambition:*  
 To become an O'Reilly.  
*Probable Destination:*  
 Living happily everafter.



Sheila O'Day



Pat Yipchuck '73, Margaret Simpson '58,  
Ellen Zavitz '68, Lois Renwick '68



Madeline Rowe, Marilyn Ray



Mildred O'Reilly

**M. O'REILLY**  
 "Sleep thou mistress of us all,  
 I have heard thy gracious call."  
*Theme Song:*  
 Vive la difference!  
*Favourite Saying:*  
 If Art and Tom call...  
*Pet Peeve:*  
 Not living it up.

**C. POULIN**  
 "Expert in the art of horsemanship  
 With Little Imp she'll win the  
 championship."  
*Theme Song:*  
 Back in the saddle again.  
*Favourite Pastime:*  
 Picking winners.  
*Probable Destination:*  
 High Society.



Carolyn Poulin

**N. PARTRIDGE**  
 "You know I say just what I think  
 And I say just nothing more or less."  
*Favourite Pastime:*  
 Hair coloring by Per & Am.  
*Ambition:*  
 T.C.A.  
*Probable Destination:*  
 Non-scheduled flights.



Norma Partridge

**M. RAY**  
 "A Queen yesterday — A Queen today  
 A Queen forever."  
*Theme Song:*  
 Bewitched.  
*Ambition:*  
 California.  
*Probable Destination:*  
 Apt. with Maddie.



Marilyn Ray

**M. L. PIVA**  
 "Though she treats them in the  
 That a child does with her toys, [manner  
 Yet this fickle little pickle, [report?  
 Would be lost without her boys." [good sport."  
*Theme Song:*  
 Green Eyes.  
*Favourite Pastime:*  
 Riding in the white-blue open  
 Buick.  
*Probable Destination:*  
 Bell Telephone operator.



Mary Louise Piva

**H. REID**  
 "She is just what she is, what better  
 A girl, a student, a friend, a [report?  
 Theme Song:  
 There'll be a hot time in the old  
 town tonight.  
*Favourite Pastime:*  
 Jarvis hoedowns.  
*Probable Destination:*



Helen Reid





**E. REINHARDT**  
 "Poise with a sparkling personality."  
*Theme Song:*  
 Letters.  
*Ambition:*  
 To be a permanent "electrical" fixture.  
*Probable Destination:*  
 Faraway places with Jake.

**M. L. ROTH**  
 "Full of rascality  
 Sweet personality."  
*Theme Song:*  
 We're having a party!  
*Favourite Saying:*  
 Hello boys!!  
*Probable Destination:*  
 Guelph via Barton.



**A. REYNOLDS**  
 "Dark brown hair and flashing eyes  
 A little devil in an angel's [disguise]."  
*Theme Song:*  
 I'm walkin' with Mr. McGoo.  
*Favourite Pastime:*  
 Singing?... in the bathtub.  
*Favourite Saying:*  
 Oh! Allan...

**M. ROWE**  
 "When nothing has a place  
 Nothing is out of place."  
*Theme Song:*  
 I'm just wild about Alan.  
*Favourite Saying:*  
 Let's go home Juddy!  
*Probable Destination:*  
 Cedars of Lebanon.



**S. ROBEY**  
 "Happy am I, from care I'm free  
 Oh! why aren't they all content [like me]."  
*Theme Song:*  
 School days.  
*Favourite Saying:*  
 Aw-woe!!!  
*Probable Destination:*  
 Roaming the Western campus.

**D. RUNDLE**  
 "Quick way, a joker too  
 Diane's dull hours are but few."  
*Theme Song:*  
 Strawberry curl.  
*Favourite Saying:*  
 I don't think so ... because.  
*Probable Destination:*  
 Windsorway.



**Margaret Simpson '58, Derek McNally**



**Marjorie Tregunno '43 Mary Cino '58 Beverly Shynal Greenwood '70**



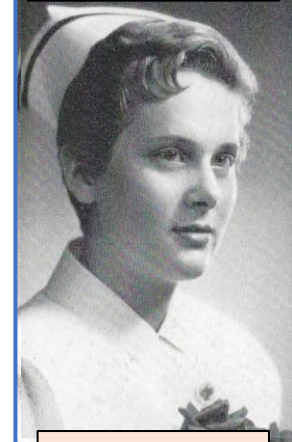
**S. RUTTER**  
 "A zest for living  
 A talent for friendship."  
*Theme Song:*  
 I'll be down to get you in a TR 3.  
*Favourite Pastime:*  
 Watching Paul's beat.  
*Probable Destination:*  
 Convening the Policemen's ball.

**W. SCIESINSKI**  
 "Not too serious, not too gay,  
 But an ideal girl in every way."  
*Theme Song:*  
 "I'm going to wash that man right out of my hair."  
*Favourite Saying:*  
 Oh! You're kiddin'.  
*Favourite Pastime:*  
 Planning the next move.



**L. SALCICIOLI**  
 "Wit and wisdom go together  
 Our Loretta will have them forever."  
*Favourite Pastime:*  
 Cultivating her voice.  
*Favourite Saying:*  
 C'mon here, I want to tell you something.  
*Probable Destination:*  
 West.

**E. SEBO**  
 "A pleasing smile, a blushing face  
 In every heart she found a place."  
*Theme Song:*  
 Cry me a river.  
*Favourite Pastime:*  
 Reading.  
*Probable Destination:*  
 T.O.



**S. SCIESINSKI**  
 "For this is wisdom to love and live  
 And take what fate the gods may [give]."  
*Theme Song:*  
 Don't cry, Joe!!  
*Favourite Pastime:*  
 Rotating?  
*Probable Destination:*  
 T.K.O.'S.

**A. SHOFF**  
 "Carefree, gay and fancy free  
 Our Anne possesses all three."  
*Theme Song:*  
 Give me one dozen red roses.  
*Favourite Pastime:*  
 Dancing at Casa Loma.  
*Probable Destination:*  
 Nursing roses.



**Florence Shoff**

**Eva Reinhardt**

**Mary Lou Roth**

**Shirley Rutter**

**Wiesia Sciesinski**

**Ann Reynolds**

**Madeline Rowe**

**Loretta Salciccioli**

**Elsie Sebo**

**Sally Robey**

**Diane Rundle**

**Sophie Sciesinski**





**M. SIMPSON**  
 "O bed! O bed! delicious bed!  
 That heaven upon earth to the  
 [weary head.]"

**Theme Song:**  
 Wedding Bells.

**Favourite Pastime:**  
 'Phoning Kingston.

**Ambition:**  
 Doctor's wife.

**B. WATTERSON**

Skilled in method  
 Resolved in action."

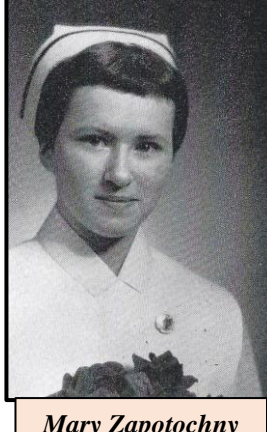
**Theme Song:**  
 "Diamonds are a girl's best friend."

**Favourite Pastime:**  
 Writing short epistles.

**Probable Destination:**  
 ????



**Betty Watterson**



**Mary Zapotochny**

**M. ZAPOTOCHNY**  
 "Life can be beautiful."  
**Theme Song:**  
 The Quiet Man.  
**Favourite Pastime:**  
 Blind Dates.  
**Probable Destination:**  
 Nursing Herbs.



**Carol Mielko '58**



**K. SWEENEY**  
 "A student by day  
 A mystery by night."

**Theme Song:**  
 "I didn't know what time it was."

**Favourite Pastime:**  
 Out in the Studiebaker.

**Probable Destination:**  
 Married to said owner.

**M. WATTS**

"Strong in will  
 Rich in wisdom."

**Favourite Saying:**  
 Hiya! (In the Marina Fashion).

**Favourite Pastime:**  
 Out with Norm.

**Ambition:**  
 Housewife.  
**Ambition:**  
 Housewife.



**Marian Watts**



**D. VALLIERE**  
 "All merry, witty and gay  
 In our hearts forever she'll stay."

**Theme Song:**  
 Hula-ha!!

**Favourite Pastime:**  
 One to many!!

**Probable Destination:**  
 Loving her neighbor.

**B. VANNATTER**

"With gentle, yet prevailing force  
 Intent upon her destined course."

**Theme Song:**  
 Johnny my boy!!

**Pet Peeve:**  
 Colds.

**Probable Destination:**  
 Dundas resident.



**Beverley Vannatter**

**Diane Valliere**

**Carol Mielko Andrews '58**

**Carol lost her graduation ring in 1965. She had taken her children  
 to the Ice Capades in Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto.**

**A man who lived in Newfoundland had found the ring in 1972.  
 The ring had a nursing crest and St Joseph's Hospital Hamilton  
 1958 inscribed on the front. C. Meilko was scrolled on the back in  
 fancy lettering.**

**A cousin of the man's wife had a similar ring.  
 They used the internet to find an e-mail address for  
 St Joseph's Hospital in Hamilton.**

**A Public relations manager spoke to the nursing system manager  
 Joan Mason.**

**Joan LaFortune Mason also graduated in 1958  
 and was a classmate of Carol Mielko.**

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# **Nurse's lost grad ring found 32 years later on the Rock**

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For years, Hamilton's Carol Andrews has been hoping the ring she lost in 1965 would somehow find its way back to her.

And it has. But although she lost it in Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto, it has turned up in Newfoundland.

Pat Decker came upon it in 1972, and his long search for the owner ended yesterday.

Andrews rarely wore the ring she proudly earned when she graduated from St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing in 1958. But on the day she took her kids to see the Ice Capades, she decided to wear her ring. And it was there she lost it.

"I never really had closure with that ring," said Andrews, 59.

Every once in a while, flipping through the pages of her alumni bulletin or at a reunion, she would get a pang in her heart and think to herself, "Ah, I wish I hadn't lost that ring."

## **Replica**

About 15 years ago, she tried, unsuccessfully, to have the ring replicated at Birks where the original was bought.

But Andrews, who remarried just two weeks ago, needn't have worried about trying to make a copy — the original had fallen into the right hands.

Decker of Loon Bay Nfld., found the ring on the ground outside a dance hall in Whitley Bay Nfld.

How the ring made it from the Gardens in Toronto to Newfoundland is anybody's guess.

Two years ago, Decker, 41, enlisted the help of his sister and brother-in-law to find the owners. They had friends in Hamilton look through some yearbooks, but the search led nowhere.

The ring had a nursing crest and St. Joseph's Hospital Hamilton 1958 inscribed on the front. Andrews' maiden name, C. Mielko, was scrolled on the back in fancy lettering that Decker couldn't quite make out.

The search for the owner resumed when Decker spotted a similar ring on his wife's cousin, Marilyn MacGillivray.

MacGillivray's husband, Robert, of Grand Falls-Windsor Nfld., decided to help Decker find the ring's owner.

"(Decker) sort of felt bad, you could see that," said Robert MacGillivray. "He said, 'you know (the ring) probably meant a lot to someone.'"

MacGillivray got on the Internet and finally managed to find an e-mail address for St. Joseph's Hospital in Hamilton.

When public relations assistant Alison Toupitch got the message, she phoned a nursing graduate who offhandedly mentioned the inquiry to nursing system manager Joan Mason.



Carol Andrews, left, and Joan Mason, both graduates of St. Joseph's School of Nursing in 1958, look at Joan's graduation ring. Ted Swinford, The Spectator

scribes on the front. Andrews' maiden name, C. Mielko, was scrolled on the back in fancy lettering that Decker couldn't quite make out.

But the coincidences don't stop there. Just last week, Andrews read a story in Leaves magazine about a nurse who lost and then found her school pin after a year and a half.

Again, Andrews, who works at Hamilton Psychiatric Hospital, was reminded of her ring.

"These people who found it, I think it's just wonderful that they have tried to find me," she said.

Andrews would love to get into her car and drive to Newfoundland to retrieve her ring and thank Decker in person.

But that's not possible, so she's going to ask a friend who frequently travels to Newfoundland to get the ring for her.

Now that she's found it, Andrews doesn't want to take any chances. "I don't want to get it couriered — I'm afraid of that."



**Joan LaFortune '58**

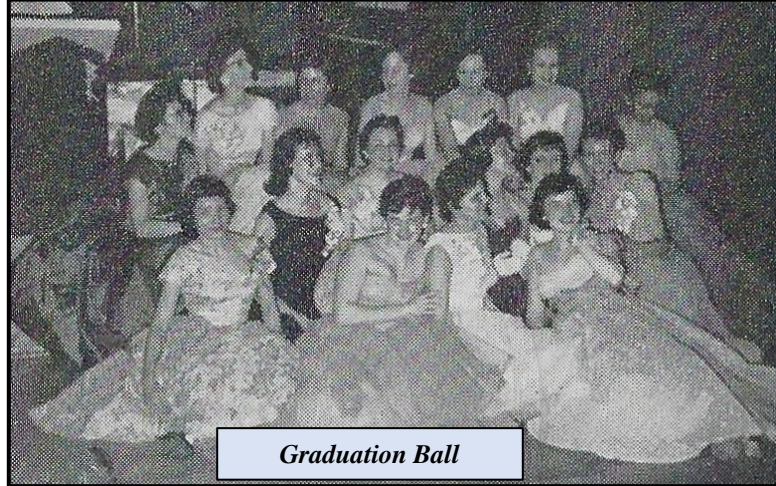
**Joan LaFortune '58**

**1968** Joan served on the Nurses Alumnae Executive as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
**1969 - 1970** Joan served as President of the Nurses Alumnae  
**1970 - 1972** Joan served on the executive as the Past President  
**1972 - 1973** Joan served on the executive as the Executive Secretary  
**1973 - 1975** Joan served as the Membership secretary

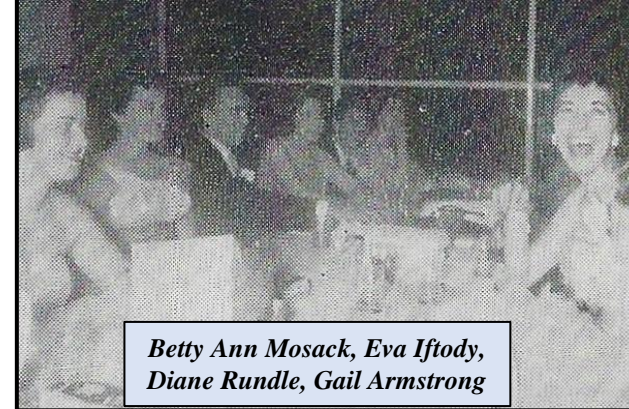




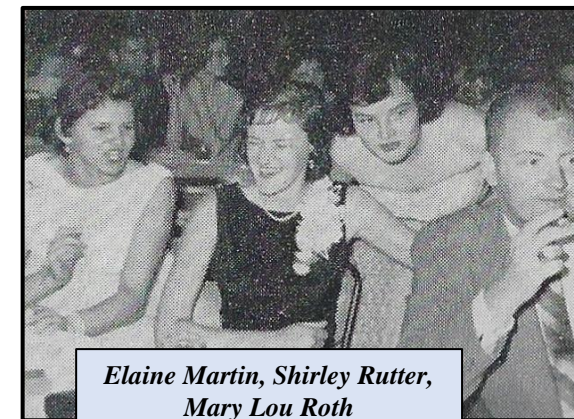
*Charlotte Judson*



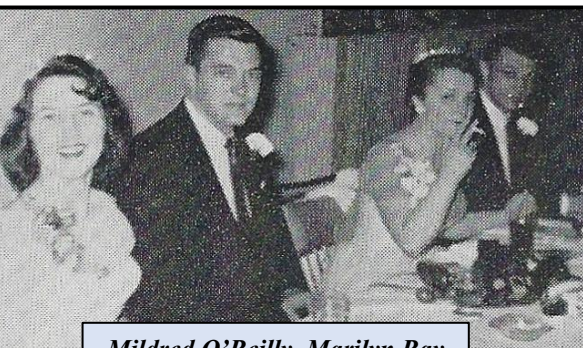
*Graduation Ball*



*Betty Ann Mosack, Eva Iftody,  
Diane Rundle, Gail Armstrong*



*Elaine Martin, Shirley Rutter,  
Mary Lou Roth*



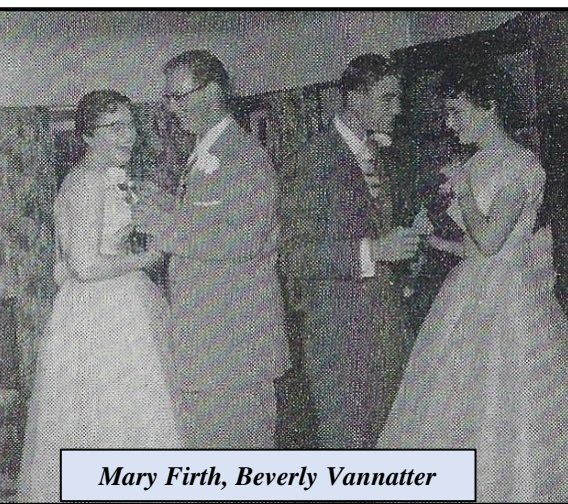
*Mildred O'Reilly, Marilyn Ray*

*Graduation Ball    Class of 1958  
May 30<sup>th</sup>, 1958  
Starlight Ballroom    Prudhommes Garden Centre  
Bruce Littlejohn Orchestra*

*Midway through the evening, the orchestra played the Graduation Song.  
All the graduates received silver coffee spoons, wrapped in the school colours  
of gold and red. Each table had books of matches engraved with the event  
and the date.*



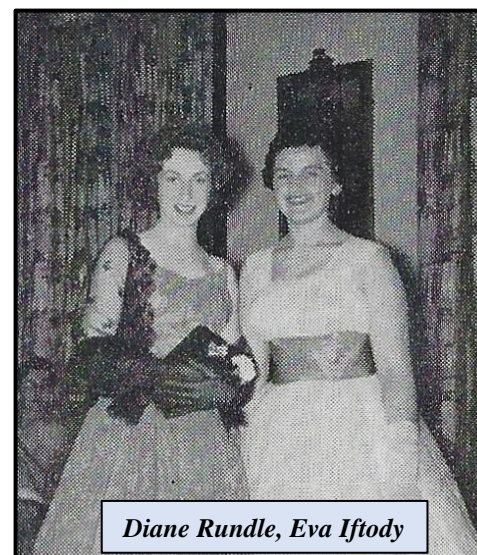
*Sister Ann Marshall'56, Joan LaFortune'58, Margaret Simpson'58, Helen Mauro'58*



*Mary Firth, Beverly Vannatter*



*Mary Firth, Marina Watts,  
Beverley Vannatter*



*Diane Rundle, Eva Iftody*



*Madeline Rowe*



*Teresa Latcham*



SEATING PLAN - SAVE FIRST 5 ROWS BOTH SIDES

1st Row Left Side - From Centre Aisle OUT:

Mons. Hinchey, Fr. Mattice, Dr. Downes,  
Mrs Downes, Controller Parker, Mrs Parker,  
Mr. Pigott, Mrs Pigott, Mr. Pickett, Mrs Pickett  
Mr. Gaskin, Mrs Gaskin, Dr. C.L. Bates,  
Mrs Bates, Mrs Lepinskie, Mrs MacDonald.

2nd Row Left Side - Front Centre Aisle OUT:

Mrs Skelton (I.O.D.E) and Friend,  
Mrs Fairey (I.O.D.E) and Friend,  
(Hosp. Advisory Board - Mr. F. Keen,  
Mr. E.B. Eastburn, Mr. G. Levinson, Mr. J.V. Young,  
Mr. E.L. Dubois, Insp. Howard Moreau,  
Mr. G. Sullivan, Miss Molly Hennessey).

3rd Row Left Side - From Centre Aisle OUT:

Miss Firth (Photographer), Miss Visentin (to  
assist photographer); St. Elizabeth; V.O.N:  
McMaster University, Hamilton Gen. Hospital.

1st Row Right Side - Front Centre Aisle OUT:

4 Sisters, leave 1 chair, Dr. Hamilton, Mrs  
Hamilton, Dr. McAllister, Mrs McAllister,  
Miss L. Stewart, Mrs Gordon Burjaw.

2nd Row Right Side - Centre Aisle OUT:

Mrs O.J. Newell, Friend, Dr. Newell, Mrs Newell.

2nd Row - On Rt. Side at South end to receive prizes:

Miss Donna Fraser (Int. student), Miss Carol  
Nichol (Junr. student), Miss Mary Buck,  
Miss Margaret Roth.

3rd Row Right Side - Centre Aisle OUT:

Ontario Hospital; Sanatorium; Niagara Gen. Hosp;  
St. Catharines Gen. Hosp; Brantford Gen. Hospital.

4th and 5th ROWS - FOR CLERGYMEN, VISITING SISTERS,  
DOCTORS, ETC.

NOTE -

Please be tactful but firm with guests. All  
must present an Admit Card. However, all  
doctors and wives and Clergymen are not to be  
questioned.

During the Graduation Exercises Miss Vacola and  
Miss Boughner will please remain at the back  
of the Auditorium for the entire ceremony, and  
send an "S.O.S" to Mrs Lepinskie at the front  
of the Auditorium, any time during the exercises  
that you are unable to detect what is going on  
at the front.

At the conclusion of the programme, Dr. Downes  
will ask the audience to proceed to the  
Cafeteria for the reception in the following  
order -

The front half of the audience are to use the  
exit at the front of the auditorium to the right;  
the back half of the group to use the exit at  
the back of the auditorium.

Immediately prior to "The Queen" being sung,  
Misses Jennings, M. Sullivan, Lockhart and Bull  
will proceed to the left exit at the front of  
the auditorium, and Misses Lepinskie, Walker,  
George and McMahon to the right front exit of  
the auditorium, and form a bodyguard so that  
the Graduates and Dignitaries may proceed to  
the Cafeteria without interference from the  
audience.

Mrs Lepinskie and Miss Stewart will please be  
at the front of the auditorium promptly at  
3 o'clock to usher the dignitaries to their  
respective places. Mrs MacDonald, Misses Boughner,  
Duncan, Vacola, Andreychuk and White please usher  
the guests in the back section of the audience to  
the Cafeteria for the reception. Mrs MacDonald  
and Miss Boughner will please look after the  
representatives from the Press. Mrs Lepinskie to  
remain with Dr. Downes throughout the ceremony;  
Mrs MacDonald to hand the diplomas to Mons.  
Hinchey. Mrs Rowe and Miss McInnis to remain  
with Graduates. ALL USHERS PLEASE ATTEND  
RECEPTION. "Thank You".

USHERS - GRADUATION, May 28th/58

Mrs P. Lepinskie (Dr. Downes), Miss L. Stewart,  
Miss M. Boughner, Miss D. Duncan, Miss A. Bull,  
Miss V. Jennings, Miss M. Lockhart, Mrs M.  
MacDonald, Miss S. McMahon, Miss J. Vacola,  
Miss M. Sullivan, Miss M. Lepinskie, Miss W.  
Walker, Miss M.M. George, Miss M. Andreychuk,  
Miss M.L. White.

Front Door (Back of Auditorium)

Misses: V. Jennings  
M. Sullivan  
Mrs M. MacDonald  
L.M. White  
M. Andreychuk

Side Door

Misses: M. Lockhart  
M. Lepinskie  
W. Walker  
M.M. George  
S. McMahon

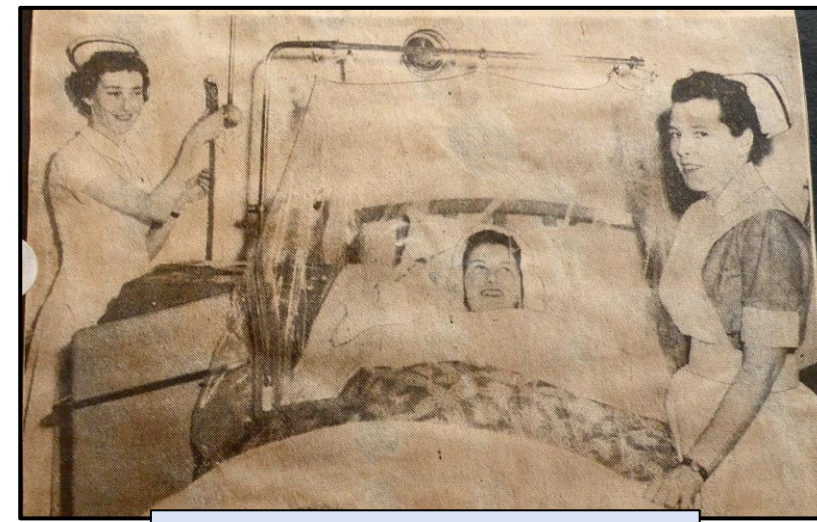
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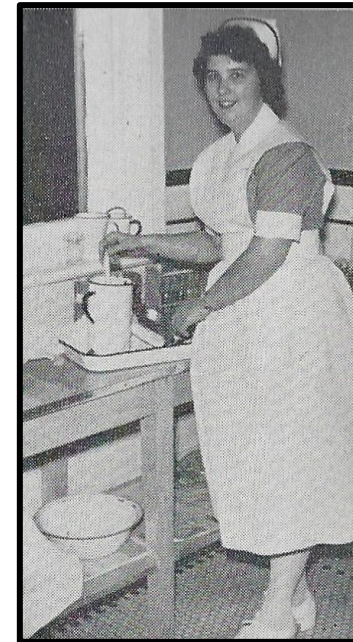
Side Door - To Collect Admit Cards:

Misses: M. Boughner, A. Bull





*Mary Broughner '48, Teresa Latcham '58*



*Marion Faunt*



*Pat LaFlamme '57, Teresa Latcham '58  
working nights on C-floor April 1957*



*A disaster plan which would empty St Joseph's Hospital of regular patients and provide beds within 4 hours for 258 disaster victims has been adopted by the Sisters of St Joseph.*

*"The plan would be used in the event of an atomic attack" said Sister Mary Grace, superintendent of the hospital "but we are chiefly concerned with the possibility of a civilian catastrophe. It could come from a hurricane, a serious train wreck, or an industrial explosion. Some aspects of the plan are co-ordinated with civil defense but the hospital is prepared to stand on its own feet. Published in the Hamilton Spectator April 1958*



*Cheryl Gravelin McQueen '66, Helen Mauro Robinson '58, Charlotte Judson Smart '58*



*Helen Mauro, Corrine Corrigan, Marina Watts*



*Margaret Simpson*

## *April 21-1958* **Would Clear Hospital Within Four Hours**

Hamilton, April 21 (Staff)—A disaster plan which would empty St. Joseph's Hospital of regular patients and provide beds within four hours for 258 disaster victims has been adopted by the Sisters of St. Joseph.

The plan, which would provide emergency accommodation for an additional 250 victims after the four-hour period, involves evacuating 90 per cent of the regular patients from the 500-bed hospital.

"The plan would be used in the event of an atomic attack," said Sister Mary Grace, superintendent of the hospital, "but we are chiefly concerned with the possibility of a civilian catastrophe. It could come from a hurricane, a serious train wreck, or an industrial explosion."

While some aspects of the plan are co-ordinated with civil defense, the hospital is prepared to stand on its own feet when confronted with a major emergency, the sister said.

The sprawling Church of the Ascension on Charlton Ave just north of the hospital, is the key to the disaster plan.

Church officials have turned over the entire building to the hospital to be used as a receiving and immediate treatment centre. Duplicate keys to the church are contained in a locked despatch box in the hospital under the supervision of a senior sister of the order.

The first phase of the plan calls for commencement of evacuation immediately word of the disaster and its extent is received. During the past year checking has shown an average of 258 bed patients could be moved to other quarters without seriously affecting the conditions.

These—all capable of work-

most of the patient. nity wards—will be bus, car and cab. Meanwhile, an elaborate call system will have been set in motion, key persons called outside the hospital will be responsible for phoning other personnel, ranging from surgical specialists to cleaning women. Within an hour it is expected that 500 personnel in all departments can be told to report for duty.

The hospital's 200 nurses already have been told in their lectures they can expect only blood, sweat and tears, if called in on the disaster plan. Their shift will last as long as the emergency does.

Across the street, medical teams of doctors and nurses will be setting up in the church.

There, plans call for a circular routing of casualties as they come, with the stress laid on a smooth flow of the injured to the emptying hospital beds across Charlton Ave.

A medical team at the receiving door will split the stream, directing first-aid cases in one direction and those requiring serious treatment, and the dead, in another.

The gymnasium of the church will be used as a reuscitation room; the Sunday school auditorium as a treatment centre. A basement Sunday school room will be taken over by first-aid teams. A tiny lecture room will become an information centre.

A team of girls working under the hospital's information officer, Sister Cleophas, will move into the auditorium of Undermount Nurses' Residence, south of Mountain Blvd.

Their task will be to record the name and all available information on each disaster victim as it reaches them by runner from the church. A complete record of all patients evacuated from the hospital and their destinations also will be kept.

Special facilities for the press and the clergy will be set up beside the information centre.

It is expected that within 15 minutes of a victim being admitted to the casualty station, his identity and a tentative assessment of his injuries will be available to relatives at the information centre.

The second phase of the plan is being worked out in conjunction with the civil defense authorities. At present, it calls for 250 stretcher beds within the first 24 hours. These will be disposed in corridors, and in the many tunnels that run beneath the hospital. Emergency medical kits, drugs and other supplies already are being stockpiled.

Volunteer workers will be needed. The sisters are investigating the possibility of enlisting the fathers and brothers of the nurses in training at the hospital, so they could be included in the initial call-up of the nurses themselves.

Beginning this summer each team involved will undergo intensive rehearsals. A full-scale rehearsal is scheduled for



Bio Sketch of Marilyn A. Ray, Class of 1958



I, Marilyn Anne "Dee" Ray, RN, BSN, MSN, MA (Anthro), PhD, CTN-A, FSfAA, FAAN, FESPCH (hon) am a Professor Emeritus and Adjunct Professor at Florida Atlantic University, Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing, Boca Raton, Florida, USA.

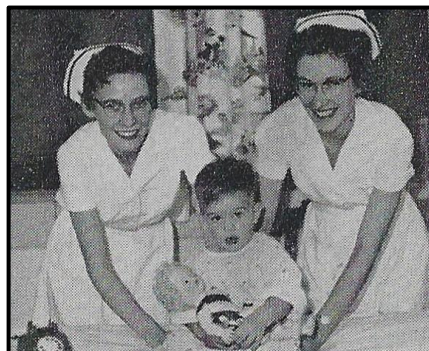
I wish to thank my classmates and President Cheryl McQueen for this honour to share my story of nursing since graduating from St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing in 1958. I was born in Hamilton, Ontario and became a student nurse at St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing in 1955.

My roommate and friend for three years was Diane Valliere Losier. I was selected as the Red Rose Queen with my classmates Maddie Rowe and Gail Armstrong Bjornsen at graduation in 1958. In late fall of the same year a group of us went to Los Angeles, California and worked at UCLA Medical Center where we were introduced to interesting areas of practice. Many other classmates joined us. Some stayed and many went home.

I decided to stay in the United States and return to school as encouraged earlier by Sister Virginia Hanlon. By the grace of God, my personal life and professional career was full of many opportunities and challenges. I got my Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in Nursing from the University of Colorado, Denver, Colorado, graduating in 1968 and 1969 respectively. I was a mentee of the late Dr. Madeleine Leininger, the first nurse-anthropologist, and founder of Transcultural Nursing, and after teaching in California and also the Nurse Practitioner Program at McMaster University, I became Leininger's first student in transcultural nursing acquiring my Doctor of Philosophy degree at the University of Utah in 1981. My research on contemporary nursing culture facilitated the discovery of the Theory of Bureaucratic Caring, the interrelationship and synthesis of caring as spiritual, ethical and humanistic and the hospital culture/context as political, economic, technological, legal and sociocultural. In 1979, I met and married my late husband, James L. Droesbeke, an accountant. I was a faculty member at the University of Colorado with Dr. Jean Watson advancing "caring as the essence of nursing." I was recruited to Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida in 1989 where I have remained and have held the positions of Eminent Scholar and Professor in caring science, education, administration, and research. I guess you can say, I love nursing, caring science, and teaching. I am a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing (FAAN), and certified as an Advanced Transcultural Nurse (CTN-A). After becoming a United States' citizen, I had a parallel career and served in the United States Air Force Reserve Nurse Corps (USAFR, NC) for 32 years in the field of aerospace nursing. I have written books, the latest, "Transcultural Caring Dynamics in Nursing and Health Care." My Archives of Caring are housed in the Museum at the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing, Florida Atlantic University. I love to come home to Canada and visit with my friends and family and extended families-- Michael (Windsor), Pat (Montreal), Mary (Burlington), Cathy (a graduate of St. Joseph School of Nursing, Class of 1965, Peterborough), and Loretta (Hamilton). I enjoy visiting McMaster University, Faculty of Nursing and have set up an award, Excellence in Nurse Practitioner Education and Practice for nurse practitioner students or faculty. I am especially excited about celebrating with my classmates our 60th anniversary of graduation from our esteemed St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing this coming May 2018. I believe that SJH School of Nursing through education and service provided me with a solid foundation for advancing holistic caring as the essence of nursing.



Marilyn Ray



Mary McWilliam, Anne Chambers



Ruth Milne, Sister Virginia, Jean Farr, Ann Armstrong, Alexandra Bodurka, Teresa Latcham, Mary Lou Roth, Madeline Rowe, Shirley Rutter



Kathleen Sweeney, Ann Reynolds, Mary Armstrong, Carolyn Poulin, Sally Robey, Diane Valliere, Elaine Martin, Marilyn Ray, Mary Cino, Jacqueline Carthew, Carol Ann Flaherty



Bev Peck '58 Pam Fisher '69 Sara Blok '66 Karen Martin '69 Mary Cino '58  
Around The Bay Road Race 2011



Joan Farr, Teresa Latcham, Diane Valliere, Mary Lou Roth



# Never forgot that baby

Woman abandoned as infant reunited with nurse



Loretta Mascia, left, reunites with Joanne Mercer, the baby she held in her arms 50 years ago.



PAUL WILSON'S STREETBEAT

Company's coming and Loretta Mascia has worked herself into a state of high excitement. Her guest is someone she hasn't seen in a long time and she wants everything to be just right.

In the Italian kitchen down the stairs of her west Mountain home, she's putting the finishing touches on a light lunch – homemade sausage, spring rolls, salmon, lots of cheeses. Husband Emilio is setting out the white wine and grappa. "Something like this doesn't happen every day," he says, and remembers when he first heard the story. It was late in 1959 and he had just started going out with Loretta. He went by her house on Kenilworth South and there in the front hallway was a framed black-and-white picture, a glossy from The Spectator.

It was Loretta, holding an infant. "What's this?" Emilio asked. And Loretta told him about the baby found wrapped in a blanket in a pew at the back of St. Joseph's Church on Locke Street on a Sunday afternoon, Feb. 8, 1959. A young woman had called the priest and said, "There's a baby in the church." Then she hung up. The child was rushed to St. Joseph's Hospital and determined to be in excellent health. She was thought to be about a week old. Loretta was a new nurse then.

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# An emotional reunion, 50 years on

Continued from A1 And it was she who held the baby when a Spectator photographer came by. A plea went out for the mother to come forward. She did not.

A couple of weeks back, StreetBeat had a 50-years-ago story about the incident. We ran the old nurse-and-baby picture and talked to Loretta, now 73, mother of three.

She had never forgotten that time. "I still always wonder what became of this little girl. Who took her in? Where is she now?"

And last week we carried the story that answered those questions. The baby had stepped into the light.

Joanne Mercer told how she discovered the truth when she was 13. She described growing up with adoptive parents who "did their best."

She told of leaving Hamilton at 18. There were two marriages, but they did not last. Joanne earned three degrees, the final one in nursing.

And now she works for Toronto Public Health. She loves the work, because you can make a difference. "Sometimes," she said, "it's just a smile or a small kindness. It can be such a simple thing."

She has her own copy of the newspaper picture. Joanne was happy the nurse remembered her. She wanted to see her.

So on this morning, while Loretta in Hamilton is fussing over homemade sausage, Joanne in Toronto is buying flowers before her trip.

She tells the florist it's for someone she doesn't really know. "The last time I saw her," she explains, "was 50 years ago."

The person behind the counter wants to know more. Joanne pulls out the old newspaper story. "Wow," says the florist, and puts together a delicate blend of pink roses and carnations.

It's five minutes after one. Loretta opens the front door, looks down the street. No one coming yet, so one more time she checks on things downstairs.

Then a knock. In an instant, Loretta and Joanne are in each others' arms. "Oh, you're beautiful," Loretta says. "I'm shaking."

"I am too," Joanne says. She hands Loretta the flowers. "Thank you for looking after me."

"Thank you for coming to our house," Loretta says. "This is your house now." More hugs. They're on the sofa and Loretta

pulls out pictures of her own. Here she is on the Safety Patrol, at Communion, in Grade 8 at St. Francis with Doreen Moroz, the childhood friend who has accompanied her here today. Loretta has three bright-eyed grandchildren here at the table too. They've come to see the 50-year-old baby.

There are toasts to Joanne, toasts to Loretta. There is, however, one person missing.

"I would still love to meet my mother," Joanne says. Loretta takes her arm. "She left you carefully bundled up in that church," she says. "She loved you dearly."

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Loretta Salciccioli, a nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital, holds a little baby girl found on Sunday near the baptismal font in St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church. The little tot is well and healthy at the hospital.



Loretta Salciccioli '58

# Thanks Mom, wherever you are

Woman left as baby in church 50 years ago would still like to meet her mother



PAUL WILSON'S STREETBEAT

Joanne Mercer spent her 50th birthday alone. She wasn't sad or feeling sorry for herself. It was just a day she had to get through.

Birthdays had always been strange because she didn't know exactly when hers was. The authorities had chosen a birthdate for her – Jan. 27, 1959.

So in her small apartment in a Toronto highrise, Joanne watched her 50th pass on by. Thirteen days later, she decided to pull out her special binder, the one she got when volunteering in the Dominican Republic.

From it, she took the old clipping. Yes, it was 50 years to the day since her picture had appeared in The Spectator, a baby in the arms of a nurse.

No one knew Joanne's name then. She was found on a Sunday afternoon on a pew at the back of St. Joseph's Church on Locke Street.

Joanne read the old story one more time that morning, then put the scrapbook away. Later in the day she got a call from an aunt in Hamilton about an

item in The Spectator. Joanne went to the Spec website, clicked on StreetBeat and saw that she had made the paper again.

The piece explained that the mystery baby was found well-clothed and thriving. There had been a call to the priest from a young woman who said, "There's a baby in the church," and hung up.

The baby was taken to St. Joseph's hospital and officials pleaded for the mother to come forward. She didn't.

That's where last week's story left off. We didn't know what happened after that. Now Joanne will tell us.

From hospital, she was placed in a foster home for about eight months. Then a Hamilton couple who had seen that picture in the paper adopted her.

Of them, Joanne says "they did their best." When she was eight, they told her she was adopted. "It was fine," Joanne says. "It meant nothing to me. I just went back outside and played."

Her parents did not tell her the part about being left in a church. She found that out at 13, when she discovered the clipping in a drawer.

"I never told my parents I knew. But I thought about that woman, and how she had gone through a horrible experience. I wondered if she had anybody or if she was all alone. I was young, but I was a deep-thinker."

Joanne did well in school, got the



SPECIAL TO THE HAMILTON SPECTATOR Joanne Mercer's story first appeared in The Spectator 50 years ago.

highest awards in Girl Guides and one year was Miss Safety Patrol. But she was glad to get out on her own at 18. She first got a degree in Applied Sciences, then another in Commerce in 1985.

She went on to work at companies like Xerox and Apple. She did well because she cared about her clients.

One day in the early '80s, on the

spur of the moment, she visited St. Joseph's church. They showed her the place where she was found. They told her she was baptized that very day, with a Latin name. About seven years ago there were changes in Joanne's life. She had been downsized at work and was into her second marriage. Like the first, it eventually ended in divorce. There were no children and

that was by choice. Joanne looked for a fresh start, went to a career counsellor. They told her she would make a good nurse. She had never considered that, but went on to earn her nursing degree in 2007.

Since then she's been working for the Toronto public health department. It's a job where she feels she makes a difference. "Sometimes it's just a smile or a small kindness. It can be such a simple thing."

She is grateful for her mid-life rebirth. With no family history, she is careful about her health. She has all the tests, eats right, works out every day.

She does not go to church, Catholic or otherwise. She tries to live by the words from Gandhi that appear at the bottom of her e-mails: "We must be the change we want to see in the world."

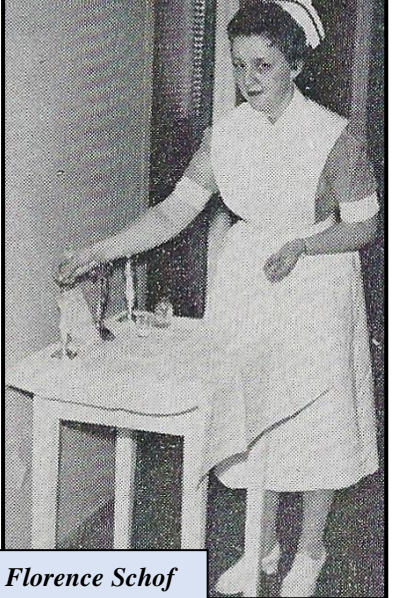
Many years ago, Joanne tried to find her mother. But there were no clues to go on.

Perhaps mother is reading this today. "I would like to tell her 'Thank you,' Joanne says.

"I appreciate what you went through to bring me into this world."

"I would love to meet you and say, 'Ah, so that's where I got my hazel eyes. That's where I got my dimples.'"

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Florence Schof



Beverley Vannatter '58, Marie Andreychuk Yakimoff '54



Thelma Jenkins '31, Margaret Simpson Rizzo '58

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The baby was found on a pew at the back of St Joseph's Church on Locke Street. She was taken to St Joseph's Hospital. The authorities chose a birthdate for her....January 27, 1959 and gave her the name Joanne. She was placed in a foster home for about 8 months before being adopted. At 18 she got a degree in Applied Sciences and then another degree in Commerce in 1985. She later went on to earn her nursing degree in 2007. 50 years later she got to meet Loretta, the nurse in the picture holding her as an infant.



Lorraine Groleau





*Reunion Day 2008*

*Class of 1958*

*Celebrating 50 Years*

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- newspaper articles in the Hamilton Spectator*
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- photos from reunion day celebrations*

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Mary Lou Roth, Diane Valliere, Mary Cino, Jean Farr, Sheila O'Day,*



*Diane Rundle*



*Helen Mauro, Iola Casonato*



*Ruth Milne'58, Pat LaFlamme'57  
Maureen Arbour'57, Mary Haley'42, Theresa Lobsinger'45*



### TOAST TO THE ALMA MATER

By Charlotte (Judson) Smart '58

It is my honour this evening, as a member of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Class, to propose the toast to our Alma Mater.

Fifty years ago my classmates and I attended our first Alumnae Dinner. For some of you it has been more than fifty. Some of you have been coming an incredible 71 years since graduation. For others, your anniversaries are fewer. Little did any of know what lay ahead in terms of our professional and personal lives.

And little did we know that we would return to this event as often as possible to celebrate that special bond that unites us all.

We all share similar memories of the 3 years in our lives when we evolved from eager, naïve, recent high school graduates, into newly minted, confident and to be truthful, somewhat scared new graduates.

If we were to tell our children or our grand-children of our "training days" – 12 hour shifts, 10:30 p.m. curfews, classes and ward-work combined, they would presume that we actually trained in Victorian Times.

Similarly, if we were to tell present day nurses that patients received a daily bed bath, and an evening back rub, they would be sure we nursed alongside Florence Nightingale.

It is interesting to note that hand-washing as an infection control measure has been re-discovered.

Yes, the nursing profession has changed over time, but the tradition of nursing – to serve, to alleviate pain and suffering, to support the ill and their families remains the basis of the many facets of the profession today.

All the Reunion Day Events, the Mass, the Dinner, the individual class luncheons, breakfasts etc. stir up memories of the good/old – bad/old days.

Some of these memories included, as I was reminded at lunch today, that our Class of '58 was considered quite radical, since we had a lawyer on hand to strengthen our campaign to abolish 12 hour shifts!

And as we reminisce, we also remember with fondness our classmates, instructors and the Sisters of St. Joseph who are no longer with us.

The guiding principles we all learned as students of St. Joseph School of Nursing remain a part of our daily lives – and as long as this is so- St. Joseph's School of Nursing lives on.

Please stand and raise your glass to our Alma Mater – St. Joes.



*Charlotte Judson  
Smart '58*



*Diane Rundle, Shirley Rutter, Carol Flaherty,  
Marina Watts, Helen Mauro*



*Mary Cino, Madeline Rowe,  
Vera Delay, Lorraine Groleau*

### *Charlotte Judson '58*

*1966 – 1967 Charlotte served on the Nurses Alumnae Executive as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and as Special Events Convenor*

*1968 Charlotte served as President of the Nurses Alumnae*

*1969-1970 Charlotte served as Past-President of the Nurses Alumnae*

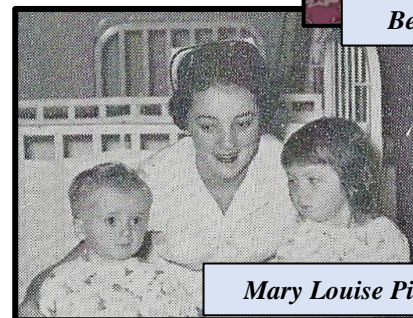
*1970-1972 Charlotte served as President of the Nurses Alumnae*



*Jacqueline Carthew,  
Mildred O'Reilly*



*Corinne Corrigan,  
Beverly Vannatter*



*Mary Louise Piva*



*Wiesia Sciesinski,  
Elaine Martin*



*Vera Delay*



*Diane Lintack, Beverly Vannatter, Joan Farr, Teresa Latchem, Mary Lou Roth,  
Diane Valliere, Madeline Rowe, Ruth Milne,*



CLASS OF 1958

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS



**FRONT ROW:** Carol Mielko, Charlotte Judson, Carol Flaherty, Sheila O'Day, Mary Cino, Eva Reinhardt, Carolyn Poulin, Joan LaFortune, Beverley Vannatter  
**BACK ROW:** Dianne Breckenridge, Margaret Simpson, Diane Huffman, Madeline Rowe, Mary Lou Roth, Diane Rundle, Sally Robey, Jean Farr, Ruth Milne, Elaine Martin, Diane Valliere, Teresa Latchan, Mary Anne Hogan, Jacqueline Carthew, Corrine Corrigan, Mildred O'Reilly