

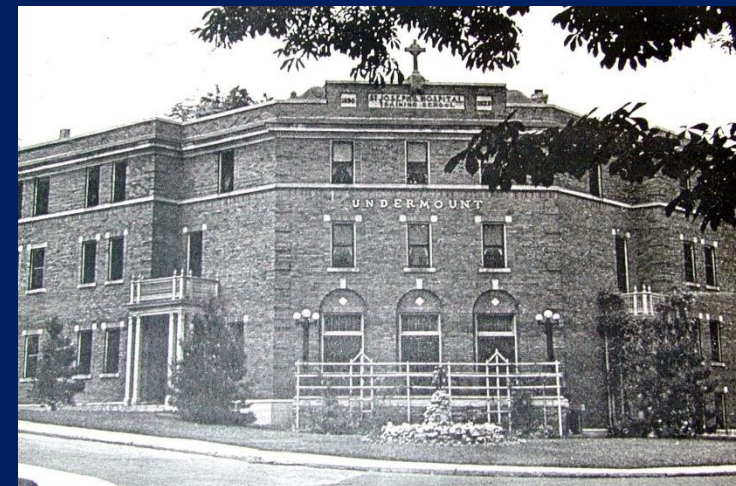


REUNION DAY 2025



INDIVIDUAL CLASS CELEBRATIONS

S.J.S.N.A.A.





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*All St. Joseph's School of Nursing Grads, St. Joseph's Campus of Mohawk
College Nursing Grads, Nursing Instructors, and Nursing Friends of the
St. Joseph's School of Nursing Alumnae*

ANNUAL REUNION DAY MASS and LUNCHEON

Thursday, May 22, 2025

at

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

Mass: 10:00 am Luncheon: 12:00 pm

Celebrating Anniversary Classes

Door Prizes – 50/50 Draw

Ticket Price is \$65.00

For ticket information, please contact: **Cathy** – Luncheon Coordinator at
reunionsjsnaa@gmail.com

All tickets **must** be purchased by **Thursday May 8, 2025**.



We were made aware on Friday May 16, 2025 that Michaelangelo's Banquet Centre had entered into receivership.

257 graduates and friends had planned to come to the Reunion Day Celebrations. Members were coming from Australia, England, California, Florida and distant parts of Canada.

The Alumnae Executive had an emergency meeting to decide how to proceed. We phoned several other facilities who we thought could handle our venue with the size of the group, food sensitivities, handicap accessible, and provide a space for mass. We were not successful.

We divided the classes among the executive members. We each had lists of people to email, phone etc about the cancellation.

Many classes decided to have smaller reunions.

The class of 1955 had 2 members registered for the Reunion Day Celebrations – to celebrate 80 Years as a St Joe's grad.

Lola Bott Timms (from Fonthill, Ont) had registered for Reunion Day. Unfortunately Lola was not able to meet with Vera & Maryanne.

*Vera Summers Braithwaite '55 travelled from Boca Raton, Florida.
She visited with her niece & Janny Bruyn & Kris Rogers were able to do an interview with her.
Vera Summers Braithwaite got together with Maryanne Dubois Graham.*



Maryanne Dubois Graham, Vera Summers Braithwaite



*LEFT TO RIGHT: Maryanne Dubois Graham, Colleen (Maryanne's daughter),
Laurie Summers (Vera's niece), Vera Summers Braithwaite*

*9 members of the class of 1958 met at the Lord Nelson in Burlington.
One of the ladies daughters joined them too. They try to meet a couple of times a
year plus the Reunion Day Luncheon.
Charlotte Judson Smart said it's a comfortable drive for all and good parking.
And the waiters say "We love St Joseph Nurses"*

*4 members of the class of 1961 registered for the Reunion Day Celebration.
2 members of the class of 1961 met at Swiss Chalet
Barbara Wright & Lindy (Carolyn) Fletcher Smith*

*Class of 1963 had 10 members registered for Reunion Day celebrations.
Class of 1963 had 13 members celebrate at the Innsville.*



*SEATED: Judy Blake Garner, Mary Kulawic Hildreth, Pat Iftody Vaillancourt, Teresa Labanowich Kawucha, Millie Lamanes Wunderlich, Ann Woods Hier
STANDING: Anita Kasouf Potter, Janice Gowland Peet, Anne Condon Hockey, Mardi Beth Loughheed Bullivant, Donna Mitchell Johnson, Mary Taborek, Ann Schwenker Roscoe
Charlene Scime Cruz & Marianne Stepanik were unable to attend,*



***LEFT SIDE: Ann Condon Hockey, Anne Schwenker Roscoe
RIGHT SIDE: Judy Blake Garner, Mary Kulawic Hildreth, Pat Iftody Vaillancourt,
Teresa Labanowich Kawucha, Millie Lamanes Wunderlich, Ann Woods Hier***



***LEFT SIDE: Mardi Beth Lougheed Bullivant, Janice Gowland Peet,
Anne Schwenker Roscoe, Ann Condon Hockey, Donna Mitchell Jackson, Anita Kasouf Potter
RIGHT SIDE: Judy Blake Garner, Mary Kulawic Hildreth***



***Mardi Beth Lougheed Bullivant, Janice Gowland Peet,
Anne Schwenker Roscoe***



Anne Condon Hockey, Donna Mitchell Jackson, Anita Kasouf Potter



Judy Blake Garner, Mary Kulawic Hildreth , Pat Iftody Vaillancourt



***Teresa Labanowich Kawucha, Millie Lamanes Wunderlich,
Ann Woods Hier***

*Class of 1965 celebrating 60 Years. The class had 25 people registered for Reunion Day Celebration.
32 classmates celebrated at Ye Olde Squire in Hamilton.*



FRONT ROW: Jenny Smutniak McDermott, Pat Dowling DiCiommo, Dorothy Battey Richardson, Sue Curry Pennington, Elaine Harper Bock, Janina Muta Berenyi, Helen Gadoury Strecker, Dana Peszat Longchamps, Loys Scott McElhone
SECOND ROW: Jeannine Heil Giavadoni, Kathy Graham Borden, Carole Holmes McFadden, Hazel Ferguson Minnett, Barb Kirchen Chapman, Judy Weiler Lumsden, Louise Portsmouth Sidorkowicz,
BACK ROW: Judy Almond - Best, Margaret Bald Zuliani, Ruby Montour Jacobs, Judy Blake Webb, Betty Rowley Ramming, Ann Barrett, Velma Andreychen Columbus, Edda Gris Engel, Sonja Vrba Klein, Nancy O'Brien Melnyk, Arlene Hayter Lawlor

The Reunion executive for the class of 1965 was Jeannine Giavadoni, Jenny McDermott, Barb Chapman, Helene Gadoury, Louise Sidorkowicz and Janina Berenyi.

We had a wonderful afternoon from 11 am to 5 pm. Master of Ceremonies was Jeannine Heil Giavadoni and she was on time & on schedule. Louise Sidorkowicz was giving out the tickets for the door prizes & Helene Gadoury looked after the name tags.

Velma Andreychen was responsible for ordering the cake, which turned out to be a multilayered rum cake. A thank you gift was given to Jeannine and a floral arrangement to Janina for their work in organizing the reunion.

It was an intimate afternoon with a lot of good food, door prizes and gifts for everyone. Door prizes were donated by Judy Almond, Louise Portsmouth, Janina Berenyi. Barb Kirchen Chapman had beautiful cookies made with Nursing emblems. They were made by her daughter.

The catering by the Squires restaurant was delicious and left overs were taken home. The rum cake that Velma ordered was delicious and many took home to families along with muffins & Swedish pastries.

With the money that we had saved in the bank since 2020, we were able to buy gifts for everyone. Any money that is left over will be given to Jeannine for the Sisters of her Margaret Mary Parish to feed the poor. Janina asked if everyone was still interested in a fall dinner reunion at the Mandarin & everyone wanted this to take place.

by Janina Muta Berenyi



*Edda Gris Engel, Janina Muta Berenyi,
Louise Portsmouth Sidorkowicz, Brenda Got Westlake*



*Barbara Kirchen Chapman,
Elaine Cimek Vyrostocka*



Ann Barrett, Betty Rowley Ramming

Class of 1965 celebrated their 60th Anniversary on Friday May 23rd. at Ye Olde Squire with great food, many memories, great displays of memorabilia, and tributes to our deceased classmates.

We had 7 door prizes and a gift for all 32 classmates with money that had been sitting in the bank from when we were shut down in 2020 for our 55th due to COVID.

It was a lovely successful afternoon and everyone went home happy. *by Jeannine Heil Giavadoni*



Janina Muta Berenyi, Kathryn Graham, Jeannine Heil Giavadoni

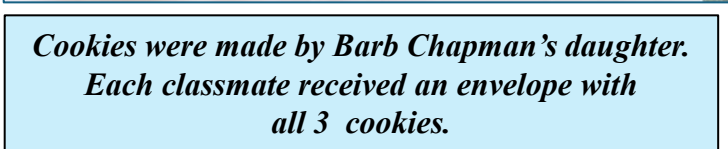
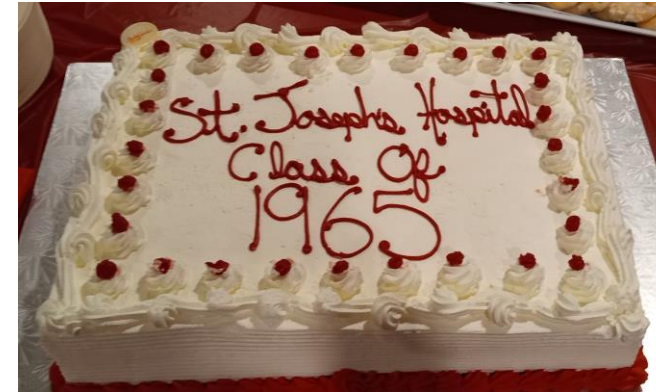


Elaine Harper Bock



Louise Sidorkoqicz Portsmouth, Barbara Kirchen Chapman, & daughters of Brenda Goit Westlake







*Jenny Smutniak McDermott, Janina Muta Berenyi,
Jeannine Heil Giavadoni, Brenda Goit Westlake*



Judy Weiler Lumsden



Kathryn Graham, Velma Andreychen Columbus



*Janina Muta Berenyi,
Margaret Bald Zuliani*



Louise Sidorkowicz Portsmouth, Barb Kirchen Chapman, Brenda Goit Westlake & her daughters





*Sonja Vrba Klein, Nancy O'Brien Melnyk,
Barb Kirchen Chapman*



*Louise Portsmouth Sidorkewicz
Jeannine Heil Giavedoni*



*Jenny Smutniak McDermott
Ruby Montour Jacobs*



Loya Scott McElhone, Jeannine Heil Giavadoni



*Jeannine Heil Giavadoni , Velma Andreychen Columbus, Brenda Goit Westlake,
Jenny Smutniak McDermott, Helene Gadoury Strecker*



*Nancy O'Brien Melnyk, Sonja Vrba Klein,
Janina Muta Berenyi, Margaret Bald Zuliani*



Ruby Montour Jacobs, Judith Almond Best



***Jenny Smutniak
McDermott***



Jeannine Heil Giavadoni



***Hazel Ferguson Minnett, Velma Andreychen Columbus
Barbara Kirchen Chapman***



Dana Peszat Longchamps



Barb Kirchen Chapman, Brenda Goit Westlake & her daughters, Velma Andreychen Columbus

The class of 1967 had 19 members registered for the Reunion Day Celebration.



*Heather Sefton Walters, Sharon Thibert Turner,
Linda Wilkenson Phillips, Dana Ditmar Walters*

*The class of 1968 had 7 members registered for the Reunion Day Celebration.
4 members celebrated at the Plank Restaurant in Hamilton*



Louise Quinlan Renwick, Judy Smith Flaherty, Ellen Zavitz Kenyon, Helena Labatte McNeil

*Class of 1969 had 11 people registered for Reunion day Celebrations.
Class of 1969 had 12 members celebrate at Southcote 53*



***LEFT SIDE: Kristine Brock Rogers, Karen Wilson Martin, Kathy Ditner Alderson, Janny Scholten Bruyn, Barb VanSickle Patterson, Shirley Dunlop Davies
RIGHT SIDE: Ida Holtrop Porteous, Linda Davies Castle, Jennifer Granton Holk, Mickey McHugh Asrami, Nancy Payne Ross
Laura DiNardo Golini attended & is absent from photo.***



*Class of 1970 had 18 members registered for Reunion Day Celebrations.
20 members of the class of 1970 celebrated at Fern Resort in Orillia.*

FRONT ROW: Susan Merritt, Ann Fuller Northcott

SECOND ROW: Gerri McManamy Galassi, Beverly Shynal Greenwood, Margaret Reynolds Leatham, Audrey Malcolm Copeland, Judy Heaney Ferguson, Patricia O'Brien Ruffell, Barb Mollineaux Howe, Joyce Martin Jackson, Judy Parsons Harris

THIRD ROW: Daphne Smith, Maryann Vasko Yeo, Jane Hardy Schott, Wendy McKenzie Farkas, Lynne Nicholas Edwards, Marnin Faulds Lloyd, Pat Kardas, Marlene Smith Goyette, Elva Zuccolin Polo



*Pat Kardas, Audrey Malcolm Copeland, Ann Fuller Northcott,
Lynn Nicholls Edwards, Marnin Faulds Lloyd*



*14 members of the Class of 1971B met at
Industria Pizzeria on Hamilton Mountain*



*Kathleen Connelly Jackson, Cathy Zarazun Nurmi Smith,
Judy McPhail Sparks*



*Meredith Loynahan Martin, Camilla Poupore Mingle,
June Ann Quagliarello, Diane Bendia Poehlman*



*Oldyna Gioberti Terrana, Isobell Hilditch Blake,
Linda Sahaghan Mlot, Carol Jenner MacMillan*

CLASS OF 1973 had 9 members registered for Reunion Day Celebrations.



STANDING: Moire Neil Brown '73, Connie Beamer Prowse '69,
Kathy Alexander Jackson '73, Judy Schmidt Sloan '73
SEATED: Bonnie Baker Leuser '73, Barbara Baker Jardine '73

Celebrated With The Class Of 1975



The West Coast Group met on Tuesday May 27, 2025

LEFT TO RIGHT: Colleen Young Williams, Susan Smith Frizzo,
Carol Nakano, Ted McNabb, Joanne Winter Parker

*Class of 1974 had 18 members registered for Reunion day celebrations.
Class of 1974 had 16 members celebrating at State and Main*



***BACK ROW: Pat O'Neill, Pat Greer Simpson, Amy Clayton, Ketí Ruskai, Nora Parent Southon,
Flora Marinelli Miller, Mary Heuser Pearce, Pat Blackburn, Sharon Dowling Fulcher,
Mary Dubiel Mancini, Teresa Maas
FRONT ROW: Brenda Lumsden Johanson, Donna Ireland Bain, Brenda Sabo Banks,
Renee Dube Reed, Mary Meurrans Mens***



Amy Clayton, Mary Heuser Pearce, Ketí Ruskai



Flora Marinelli Miller, Pat Greer Simpson



Keti Ruskai, Mary Meurrans Mens, Nora Parent Southon, Sharon Dowling Fulcher, Pat Blackburn, Mary Dubiel Mancini



Sharon Dowling Fulcher, Pat Blackburn



Pat O'Neill, Flora Marinelli Miller, Pat Greer Simpson



Renee Dube Reed, Brenda Sabo Banks, Teresa Maas, Donna Ireland Bain



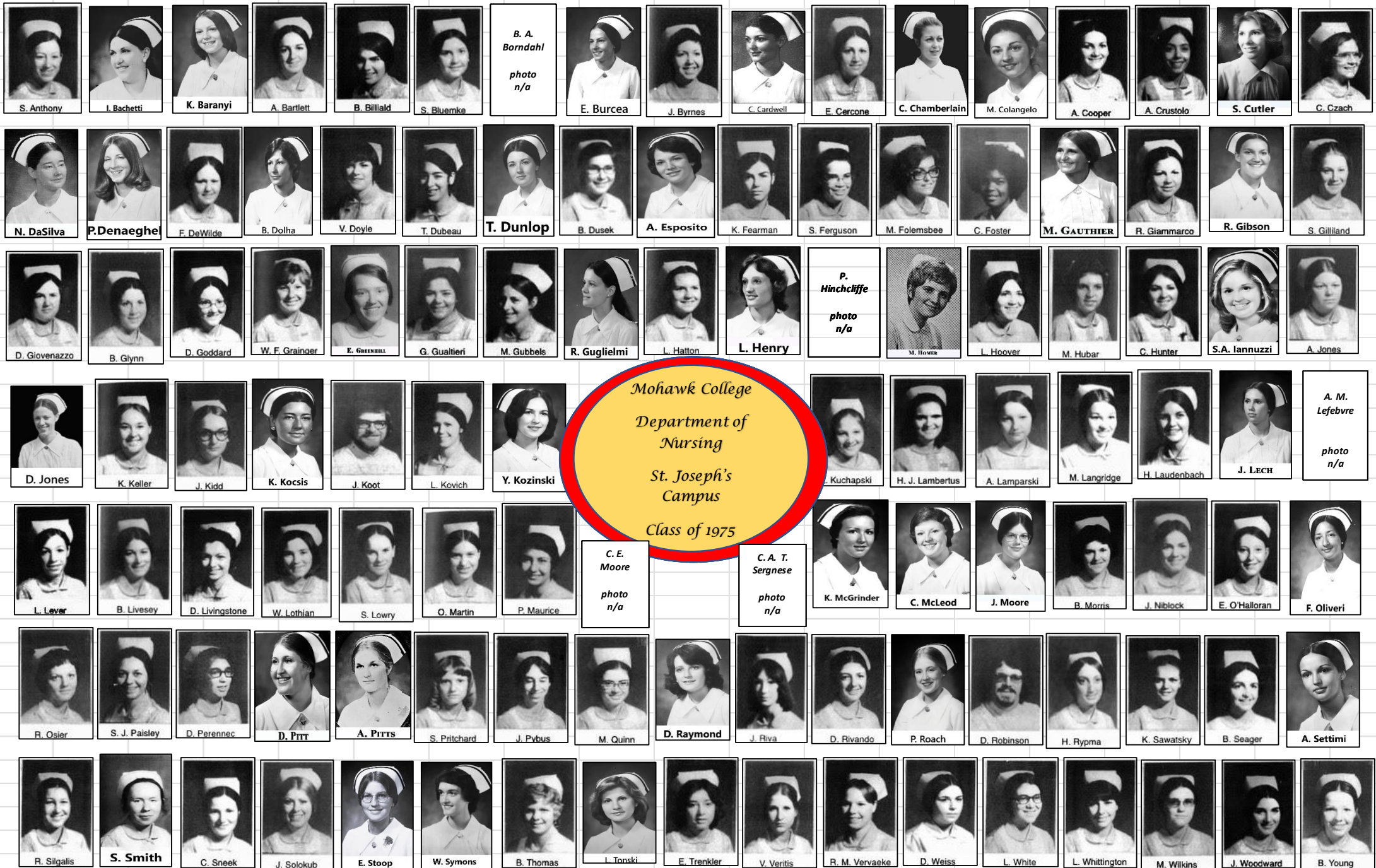
Donna Ireland Bain, Brenda Lumsden Johanson

*The Class of 1975 had 29 members registered to attend Reunion day celebrations.
 Class of 1975 had 30 members attend to celebrate at Knights of Columbus Hall.
 There were 4 members from the class of 1973, 2 members from the class of 1976 and 2 members of the S.J.S.N.A.A. executive.*



FRONT ROW: Rita Guglielmi Tolosi, Kathy McGrinder Noon, Janice Moore Frayne, Anna Esposito MacPherson, Pat Denaeghel Sharp, Margaret Gauthier, Natasha da Silva Charles, Bev Morris Faught, Lydia Tonski Morrow

STANDING: Ivana Bachetti Wilson, Eileen O'Halloran Bain, Mary Colangelo Stodolak, Terry Dunlop Lumb, Janice Lech Dusek, Brenda Dohla, Emilia Burcea Kosiuk, Elly Stoop, Catherine Chamberlain Feduck Brule, Yvonne Kozinski Van Leckveld, Debra Pitt Re, Diane Raymond Killick, Daphne Jones Brine, Brenda Dusek, Sigi Bluemke Vinson, Ann Marie Settimi Vecchi, Shelley Cutler Forsyth, Anita Pitts, Francine Oliveri Sakalauskas, Cathy McLeod Bennett



S. Anthony

I. Bachetti

K. Baranyi

A. Bartlett

B. Billald

S. Bluemke

B. A. Borndahl
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E. Burcea

J. Byrnes

C. Cardwell

E. Carcone

C. Chamberlain

M. Colangelo

A. Cooper

A. Crustolo

S. Cutler

C. Czach

N. DaSilva

P. Denaeghel

F. DeWilde

B. Dolha

V. Doyle

T. Dubeau

T. Dunlop

B. Dusek

A. Esposito

K. Fearman

S. Ferguson

M. Folemsbee

C. Foster

M. GAUTHIER

R. Giammarco

R. Gibson

S. Gilliland

D. Giovenazzo

B. Glynn

D. Goddard

W. F. Granger

E. GREENHILL

G. Gualtieri

M. Gubbels

R. Guglielmi

L. Hatton

L. Henry

P. Hinchcliffe
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M. Horner

L. Hoover

M. Hubar

C. Hunter

S.A. Iannuzzi

A. Jones

D. Jones

K. Keller

J. Kidd

K. Kocsis

J. Koot

L. Kovich

Y. Kozinski

C. E. Moore
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C. A. T. Sergnese
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K. McGrinder

H. J. Lambertus

A. Lamparski

M. Langridge

H. Laudenbach

J. Lech

A. M. Lefebvre
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F. Oliveri

L. Lever

B. Livesey

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W. Lothian

S. Lowry

O. Martin

P. Maurice

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K. McGrinder

C. McLeod

J. Moore

B. Morris

J. Niblock

E. O'Halloran

F. Oliveri

R. Osier

S. J. Paisley

D. Perennec

D. Pitt

A. Pitts

S. Pritchard

J. Pybus

M. Quinn

D. Raymond

J. Riva

D. Rivando

P. Roach

D. Robinson

H. Rypma

K. Sawatsky

B. Seager

A. Settimi

R. Silgalis

S. Smith

C. Sneek

J. Solokub

E. Stoop

W. Symons

B. Thomas

I. Tonski

E. Trenkler

V. Veritis

R. M. Vervaeke

D. Weiss

L. White

L. Whittington

M. Wilkins

J. Woodward

B. Young

Mohawk College
Department of
Nursing
St. Joseph's
Campus
Class of 1975



STANDING: Terry Dunlop Lumb, Sigi Bluemke Vinson,
Ann Marie Settimi, Pat Denaeghel Sharp
SEATED: Anita Pitts, Natasha DaSilva Charles, Margaret Gauthier



**Natasha da Silva
Charles**



Ivana Bachetti Wilson



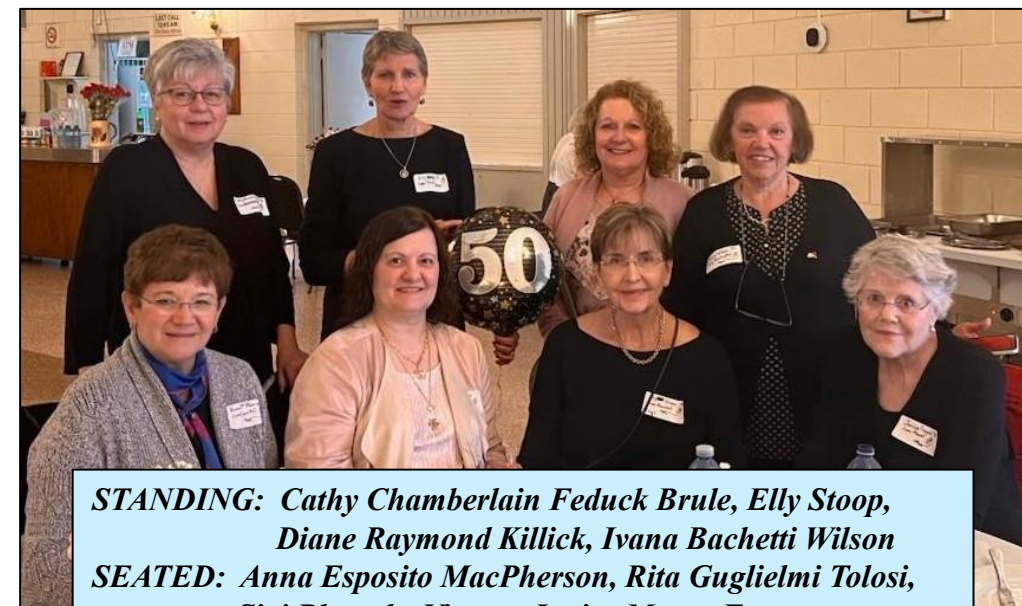
STANDING: Lydia Tonski Morrow, Debra Pitt Re,
Bev Morris Faught, Kathy McLeod Bennett
SEATED: Janice Lech Dusek, Brenda Dusek ,
Yvonne Kozinski VanLankveld



**Sandra Forster (friend), Emilia Burcea Kosiuk,
Eileen O'Halloran Bain, Shelley Cutler Forsyth**



Yvonne Kozinski Van Lankveld



STANDING: Cathy Chamberlain Feduck Brule, Elly Stoop,
Diane Raymond Killick, Ivana Bachetti Wilson
SEATED: Anna Esposito MacPherson, Rita Guglielmi Tolosi,
Sigi Bluemke Vinson, Janice Moore Frayne



**Margaret Gauthier, Natasha da Silva Charles,
Terry Dunlop Lumb**



**Janice Lech Dusek
Toast to the Alma Mater
Class of 1975**



**Ann Marie Settimi Vecchi
Ivana Bachetti Wilson
with flowers sent by the Alumnae**



**STANDING: Julie Bostock Blaskivish '76, Daphne Jones Brine,
Brenda Dohla, Mary Colangelo Stodolak
SEATED: Christa Rybak Parsons '76, Kathy McGrinder Noon,
Francine Olivieri Sakalauskas**



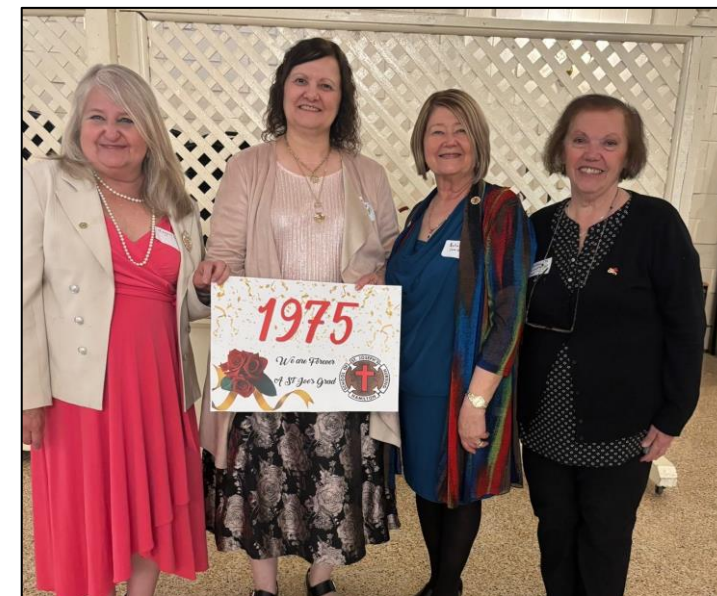
**Ann Marie Settimi Vecchi
Ivana Bachetti Wilson**



**Kathy Alexander Jackson '73
President S.J.S.N.A.A.**



**Floral Arrangement
sent by the Class of 1974**



**Margaret Gauthier, Rita Guglielmi Talosi,
Natasha da Silva Charles, Ivana Bachetti Wilson**

Toasting the Alma Mater – Class of 1975

This I know...

It is my great privilege and honour to speak to you today and to offer a toast to our 1975 nursing class.

As I contemplated what I would say today, I began to recall the many fun and challenging times we experienced during our years in nursing school. I also found myself reflecting on the many changes our profession has undergone over the past five decades.

Looking back to the day we all began at St. Joseph’s School of Nursing—52 years ago—we were so young, naive, excited, and very nervous. All those new faces, so keen and eager to learn, to grow, and to become part of a profession.

This I know — we are a group of courageous, brilliant individuals who walked through the doors of St. Joseph’s School of Nursing and proudly graduated from Mohawk College in 1975. Each of us has made a meaningful difference in the lives of those we’ve cared for along the way.

Just look at how quickly we adapted and found an alternative venue for our celebration—proof of our resilience and resourcefulness. A heartfelt thank-you to Margaret and Natasha for their incredible efforts in securing this venue and personally reaching out to each of us to ensure this celebration could take place!

Between 1975 and 2025, the nursing profession has undergone remarkable transformation. We’ve witnessed the rise of advanced practice roles, a growing emphasis on evidence-based practice, and a stronger focus on health equity and person-centered care. Additionally, there has been a growing integration of technology in nursing practice and the phenomenal rise of nursing research over this time.

The bedside nurse of today has a most powerful role in supporting health care and without the frontline nurse, the health care system would crumble!

Over the decades, we’ve faced immense challenges including the downsizing of nursing in the 90’s—HIV, SARS, COVID-19, and the ongoing opioid epidemic have all devastated our communities and deeply affected our profession. Many of our colleagues have been stretched to their limits, yet continued to provide unwavering care during those incredibly difficult times..

As nurses, we are united by a profound commitment to serve those in need and to ensure that every individual we care for receives the compassion, dignity, and quality of care they deserve—delivered through the strength of our knowledge and the tenderness of our hands

WE are ever present!

Today, we gather to renew our school friendships, reflect on our careers, and revisit the memories of our time at St. Joe’s—with just a touch of excitement as we reconnect and reminisce.

Now, 50 years since our graduation, we look back with pride at all we’ve accomplished and the lives we’ve touched.

- Did we achieve the goals we once set for ourselves?
- Did we find our place in the areas of nursing we had envisioned?
- Did we practice with confidence, compassion, and purpose?
- Did we use our knowledge and passion to influence the world around us?

These are powerful questions—because no matter how we each answer them, one thing is certain: our impact has been real, and it continues to echo through the generations we've inspired.

Today, it is our time to celebrate both our individual and collective accomplishments—remembering that we have supported not only our patients but society as a whole.

So, let us raise our glasses and celebrate ourselves—as well as our many friends and colleagues—on this wonderful day!



Janice Lech Dusek





A Special Cake ----- Delicious



*Sigi Bluemke Vinson brought her Graduation Pin & Year Pin.
The grad pin cost \$55 and the year pin cost \$10 in 1975*



*Sigi also brought a St Joseph's School of Nursing charm.
They were sold on Reunion Day 1976*

Frances Harold

From: "Frances Harold" <frances.harold@sympatico.ca>
To: "Cheryl McQueen" <mcqueen@bereavement.net>
Sent: Friday, April 07, 2006 10:43 AM
Subject: Frances Report 2.doc

RE: ALUMNAE MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

PROPOSAL: To bring nursing graduates from St.Joseph's School of Nursing Campus.....years '75 thru '78 to full alumnae membership eligibility (Active).

HISTORY: In late '73 nurses' education was transferred from hospitals to community colleges. As a result the students from class of '75 having already been accepted into St.J.S.N were then graduated from Mohawk College.
All classes were held at St.J.S.N and they studied the leading edge curriculum related to self-directed learning that St.Joe's had started in '71.
The classes of '76, '77, '78 were accepted into St. Joe's campus of Mohawk College And were educated at St .Joe's but studied the new Mohawk College curriculum.
All of their clinical experience (except maybe Psychiatry) took place at St .Joe's school / hospital

After '78 the nursing education program was transferred to Chedoke location.

ALUMNAE MEMBERSHIP DEFINITION: (please refer to constitution or website)

- 1; Active member
- 2; Life member
- 3; Associate member.

At some time the alumnae executive committee voted to restrict all St.J.S.N. grads from '75 on to be eligible for associate membership only.
As well only graduates from St.J.S.N can serve on the executive committee according to The constitution.

PURPOSE: To give these grads appropriate recognition.
This is a group,who because of their sensitivity to being given this lower status, declined (many) to even apply for membership.
These four classes represent quite a few hundred members.....younger ..and possibly could be our future executive.
What better way to keep our alumnae alive.

VOTE: I respectively propose therefore that all St.J.S.N grads from classes...'75, '76,'77, and '78 be granted eligibility for active alumnae membership.

Frances Harold '46

Passed by Alumnae Executive April 12, 2006

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Classes of 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978 were granted eligibility for active alumnae membership.



Shelley Cutler '75 with Frances & Rosemary Ruffing '46

Rosemary was her mother.

Frances was her aunt who started the proposal for the class of 1975 – 1978 to be “active” members of the Alumnae

*Margaret Gauthier & Natasha da Silva Charles
Margaret secured the Columbus Hall for their Celebration.*



BACK ROW: Emilia Burcea Kosiuk, Sigi Bluemke Vinson, Diane Raymond Killick, Pat Denaeghel Sharp, Ann Marie Settimi Vecchi, Anita Pitts, Terry Dunlop Lumb, Janice Lech Dusek, Lydia Tonski Morrow, Mary Colangelo Stodolak, Kathy McGrinder Noon, Bev Morris Faught
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STANDING: Moire Neil Brown '73, Connie Beamer Prowse '69, Kathy Alexander Jackson '73, Judy Schmidt Sloan '73
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