



REUNION DAY 2021

CLASS OF 1941

CELEBRATING 80 YEARS

Graduation May 22, 1941



Left to right

GRADUATING CLASS

May 22, 1941

Anne Sponder Leona Johnson Helen Barry Shirley Beck Monica Walsh Marjorie Lowe Mary Aussem Jennie Lostracco Jackie Thompson Ethel Gilmour
Eileen Gardner Marguerite Swales Illa Jardine Mary Minnes Margaret Eano Mary Alice Lindsay Ariel Bird Marion Townsend June Rose Frances Stoneman
Michelina Pullano Elsie Hilbert Madeline Smith Myra McDougall Margaret Lottridge Irma Kellar Grace Scroogie Eleanor Quarry Frances O'Brien
Anne McNeilly Dora Maclin

Missing from graduation photo (listed on graduation program): Elsie Hilbert Margaret Pace Kathleen Sheppard

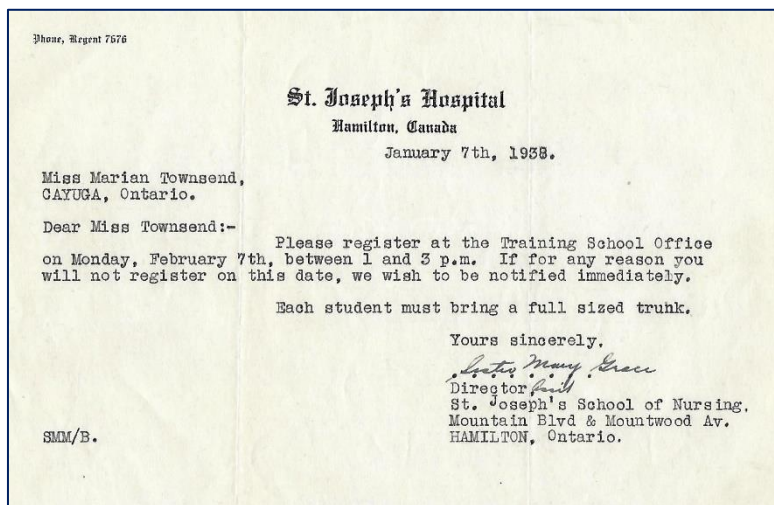


Marion Townsend '41

There were 32 graduates in the class of 1941.
Some information was obtained in an interview with Marion Townsend.
She recalled receiving a \$6 allowance each month. There was no pediatric nursing in the city.
St Joseph's hospital was affiliated with "Children's Hospital" in Detroit and student nurses did their 3 month pediatric affiliation there.
Students paid a registration fee of \$35 upon entry to the school which paid for books etc.
Students obtained their bibs and caps if they were successful after their probationary period.
They were also allowed to purchase their caps, which cost \$10.
Student blue uniform had long sleeves. Caps and cuffs had to be starched in the Chinese laundry on a regular basis.
Protestant students did not have to attend mass with the Catholics, but they had to kneel for morning prayers.
Students were on duty on the nursing units from 7am to 7pm with a 2 hour break during the day.
Classes were held after 7 pm.
Curfew for residence was 10 pm and there were 2 late passes a month.
3 students shared a room in Undermount Nurses Residence.
For entertainment, students went to a movie theatre paying 5 cents each to see the movie.
Graduation was held in Undermount classroom.
She paid \$5 for her nurses registration.



Marion Townsend '41



January 7, 1938
Letter from Sister Mary Grace,
Director St. Joseph's School of Nursing

Marion Townsend to register at the Training School Office
Monday February 7th between 1 and 3 pm

Each student must bring a full size trunk



Anne Sponder '41



Marion Townsend Clarice
 Anne Sponder Margaret Eano



Margaret Eano '41



Class of 1941 working nights

St. Joseph's Hospital

Hamilton, Canada

August 28th, 1937.

Miss Marion Townsend,
CAYUGA, Ontario.

Dear Miss Townsend:-

Your application to enter our School of Nursing on probation has been accepted. For February Class.

Enclosed you will find the form to be sent to Corbett-Cowley by November 15th. for your uniforms. It is necessary to be accurate in your measurements as these uniforms are semi-fitting.

All students are to forward a certificate from physician stating they have been immunised against scarlet fever, diphtheria, Typhoid Fever, and smallpox, within the year.

Each student is to bring a good supply of underclothes and personal articles; four uniforms, 8 aprons, bath robe, and slippers; two pairs of comfortable white shoes, and a set of plain cutlery. White shoes and stockings will be worn all year. All articles of clothing are to be marked with full name in Cash's Woven Name tapes and you are to bring three dozen extra name tapes.

Uniform cape must be purchased on acceptance into the school at the end of probation term. Price \$10.00

There are no tuition fees. Each student deposits thirty-five dollars (\$35.00), on registration to cover the cost of text books, collars, cuffs, gowns, instruments, Etc.

You are to register at the Training School Office between February 1st. If, for any reason you will not register on this date, we wish to be notified by as soon as possible, so another student may be accepted in your place.

Yours very truly,

Sister Monica

Director,
St. Joseph's School of Nursing,
Cor. Mountain Blvd & Mountwood Av.
HAMILTON, Ontario.

Please forward us a letter of recommendation from your clergyman.

August 28, 1937

Letter from Sister Monica Director, St Joseph's School of Nursing

Marion Townsend application to enter School of Nursing on probation has been accepted for the February Class

Complete the form for uniforms with accurate measurements

Include certificate from physician with immunizations

Bring a supply of underclothing and personal articles

Bring 4 uniforms, 8 aprons, bath robe and slippers 2 pair of comfortable white shoes, a set of plain cutlery

All articles of clothing are to be marked with full name in woven name tape

Bring 3 dozen extra name tapes.

Uniform cape must be purchased on acceptance into the school at end of probation term. Price is \$10

There are no tuition fees.

Each student deposits \$35 on registration to cover the cost of text books, collars, cuffs, gowns instruments etc.

Please forward a letter of recommendation from your clergyman.

Frances O'Brien '41 Dr. G.S.Tull Irma Keller '41
Working in the O. R.



1942 Staff in Casa Maria
Alice Lindsay'41 Betty Brown'44



Frances O'Brien'41 Helen King'42
Loreen Leatherdale'43



Helen Frances Gerarda
Grightmire '45 O'Brien '41 Clark '44
Working in the O.R.



Class of 1941



Class of 1941



*Catherine Brown '43, Irma Keller '41
Lorraine Stewart '45, Betty Martin '43
Working in the O.R.*



Class of 1941



*Back row:
Frances O'Brien '41 Helen Kubilis '46 Dixie (Watts) Fletcher '47 Winnie Walker '47
Front row:
Barbara O'Brien '47 Donna (Devine) Gravis '46 Winnie Ayres Rankin '46
1949 -----O. R. staff in the John St building*



Class of 1941



*Front:
Ruth deMontmorency '45 Marion Ionson '45 Frances O'Brien '41 Katherine Dasher '45
Back:
Helen King Marcellus '42 Loreen Leatherdale '43 Catherine Boyle '44*

Graduation ceremonies held in Undermount Nurses Residence

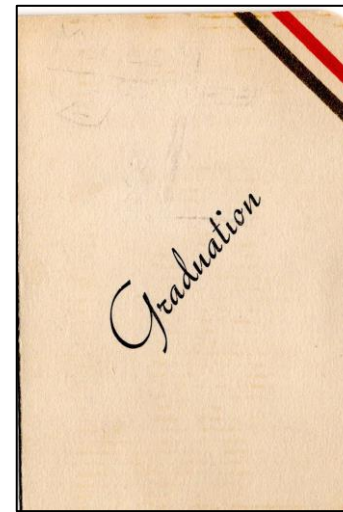
Dr Downes staff chairman presided.

Right Rev. Monseigneur Cassidy officiated at the presentation of diplomas and graduation pins.

There were 33 graduates in the class of 1941.

*World War 11 was raging in Europe, so much to the dismay of the graduates,
instead of the glorious Pomp and Circumstance March, the music for their procession was
"There will always be an England".*

They met in the garden for the reception.



October Class 1941
Leona Johnson

*Wishing you Every Success
Oct. 7 1941
Leona Johnson*

*Joy- That will linger the long
year through;*

*Wisdom- To guide you in all
you do;*

*Friends- Who are treasured, and
tried, and true;*

*May the Giver of Gifts Grant
These to you.*





The Sisters of St. Joseph
and the Graduating Class of 1941

St. Joseph's Hospital

School of Nursing

cordially invite you to be present

at the

Graduation Exercises

Thursday afternoon, May the twenty-second
at three o'clock, D.S.T.

"Undermount"
Hamilton, Ontario



Leona Johnson '41 Dr John Tilden Frances O'Brien '41

Graduating Exercises

St. Joseph's Hospital
School of Nursing

Nurses' Residence
"Undermount"

3 p.m.

Thursday, May 22nd

1941

Programme

Chairman

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

Presentation of Diplomas and Pins by

HIS EXCELLENCY

MOST REVEREND JOSEPH F. RYAN, D.D.

Addresses to Graduating Class

HIS WORSHIP
MAYOR MORRISON

HONOURABLE HAROLD J. KIRBY, K.C.
Minister of Health,
Toronto, Ont.

HIS EXCELLENCY
MOST REVEREND JOSEPH F. RYAN, D.D.

Presentation of Prizes.

Nurses Enter on Career At Most Important Period

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Hamilton, May 22 (Staff). — Never in the history of the world did humanity need the services of nurses more than at the present time, Mayor William Morrison told the graduating class of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing this afternoon. He congratulated the young women upon the successful completion of their course and said there was no profession which offered greater opportunities for service than that which they had chosen.

Right Rev. Monsignor G. L. Cassidy, representing the Bishop of Hamilton, complimented the nurses and officiated at the presentation of diplomas and pins. Dr. W. P. Downes, staff chairman, presided. The program was held at "Undermount," the nurses' residence. Special prizes were presented by the donors or their representatives.

Winners of special awards included: General proficiency prize by Dr. L. L. Playfair, to Miss Ariel Bird, Glanford Station; bedside nursing, by Dr. F. Woodhall, to Miss Jennie Lostracco, Welland; surgical nursing, by Dr. John R.

Parry, to Miss Marian Townsend Cayuga; medical nursing, by Dr. William P. Downes, to Miss Ann Sponder, Port Colborne; professional ethics, by Dr. H. J. Sullivan, to Miss Alice Lindsay, Simcoe; nursing and examination in preventive medicine, by Dr. A. C. Martin, to Miss Michelina Pullan, Niagara Falls, Ont.

Obstetrical nursing prize, by Dr. A. A. Cauley, to Miss Helen Barry, Guelph. Gynecological nursing, by Dr. William Jamieson, to Miss Leona Johnson, Brantford. Nursing eye, ear, nose and throat, by Dr. W. L. Crewson and Dr. H. W. Whytock, to Miss Shirley Bech, Hagersville. Clinical pathology, by Dr. John Tilden, to Miss Kathleen Sheppard, Burlington. Public health nursing, in memory of the late Dr. James Roberts, given by Mrs. James Roberts, to Miss Margaret Pace, Simcoe.

Other members of the graduating class were:

Misses Mary Aussem, Hamilton; Margaret Eano, Peterborough; Eileen Gardner, Niagara Falls, Ont.; Ethel Gilmour, Galt; Elsie Hilbert, Greensville; Illa Jardine, Hespeler; Irma Keller, Hamilton; Margaret Lottridge, Stoney Creek; Marjorie Lowe, Stratford; Myra MacDougall, Smithville; Doris Maclin, Hamilton; Mary Minnes, Hamilton; Anne McNeilly, Port Dover; Frances O'Brien, Peterborough; Eleanor Quarry, Burlington; June Marie Ross, Hamilton; Grace Scroggie, Toronto; Madeline Smith, Hamilton; Frances Stoneman, Caledonia; Marguerite Swales, Hamilton; Jacqueline Thomson, Grimsby, and Monica Walsh, Jarvis.



Marguerite Swale '41

1941



PRIZE-WINNERS—At the graduating exercises of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing to-morrow afternoon, presentation of prizes will be an interesting part of the program. Above are pictured the nurses who have been awarded prizes. In the centre is Miss Ariel Bird, Glanford Station, who is the winner of the prize for general proficiency, given by L. L. Playfair, M.D., F.R.C.S. (E). In the top row, left to right, are: Miss Shirley Beck, Hagersville, who has been awarded the prize for examination and nursing in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, given by W. L. Crewson, M.D.C.M., and H. W. Whytock, M.B., F.R.C.S. (E); Miss Kathleen Sheppard, Burlington, prize for clinical pathology, given by John Tilden, M.D.; Miss Michelina Pullano, Niagara Falls, Ont., prize for nursing and examination in preventive medicine, given by A. C. Martin, M.B.; Miss Marian Townsend, Cayuga, prize for surgical nursing and examination, given by John R. Parry, B.A., M.B., F.R.C.S. (C); Miss Anne Sponder, Port Colborne, prize for medical nursing and examination, given by William P. Downes, B.A., M.D.C.M. Second row, left, Miss Helen Barry, Guelph, prize for obstetrical nursing and examination, given by A. A. Cauley, M.D.C.M.; right, Miss Jennie Lostracco, Welland, prize for efficiency in bedside nursing, given by F. Woodhall, M.B. Bottom row, left, Miss Leona Johnson, Brantford, prize for gynecological nursing and examination, given by William Jamieson, M.D.C.M.; right, Miss Alice Lindsay, Simcoe, prize for professional ethics, given by H. J. Sullivan, M.D.C.M. Miss Margaret Pace, whose picture was not available, is the winner of the prize for public health nursing, given in memory of the late Dr. James Roberts by Mrs. James Roberts.

—Photos by Hubert Beckett.



PRIZE WINNERS 1941

TOP ROW

left to right
Shirley Beck
Kathleen Sheppard
Michelina Pullano
Marian Townsend
Anne Sponder

examination and nursing in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat
clinical pathology
nursing and examination in preventive medicine
surgical nursing and examination
medical nursing and examination

MIDDLE ROW

left to right
Helen Barry
Ariel Bird
Jennie Lostracco

obstetrical nursing and examination
general proficiency
efficiency in bedside nursing

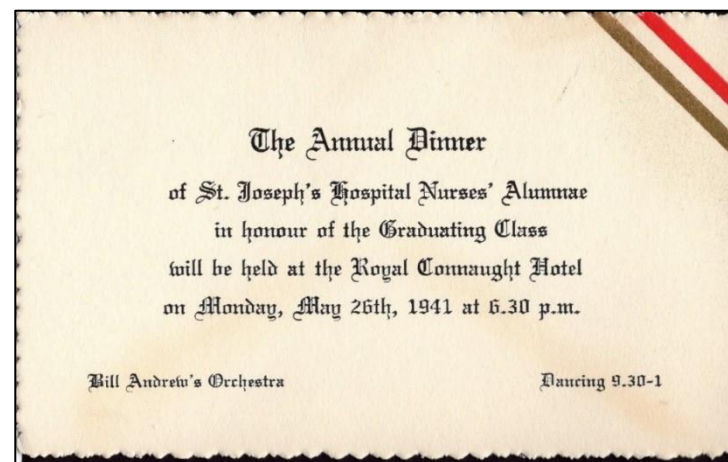
BOTTOM ROW

left to right
Leona Johnson
Alice Lindsay

gynecological nursing and examination
professional ethics

Photo not available: Margaret Pace

public health nursing



Marion Townsend '41 Ethel Gilmour '41

Programme

- Prize for General Proficiency
Given by L. L. Playfair, M.D., F.R.C.S. (E.)
Presented by Mrs. Playfair. MISS ARIEL BIRD
- Prize for Efficiency in Bedside Nursing
Given by F. Woodhall, M.B.
Presented by Mrs. Woodhall. MISS JENNIE LOSTRACCO
- Prize for Surgical Nursing and Examination
Given by John R. Parry, B.A., M.B., F.R.C.S. (C.)
Presented by Miss Rosa Parry. MISS MARIAN TOWNSEND
- Prize for Medical Nursing and Examination
Given by Wm. P. Downes, B.A., M.D.C.M.
Presented by Mrs. Wm. P. Downes. MISS ANNE SPONDER
- Prize for Professional Ethics
Given by H. J. Sullivan, M.D.C.M.
Presented by Mrs. H. J. Sullivan. MISS ALICE LINDSAY
- Prize for Nursing and Examination in Preventive Medicine
Given by A. C. Martin, M.B.
Presented by Mrs. A. C. Martin. MISS MICHELINA PULLANO
- Prize for Obstetrical Nursing and Examination
Given by A. A. Cauley, M.D.C.M.
Presented by Mrs. Cauley. MISS HELEN BARRY
- Prize for Gynecological Nursing and Examination
Given by Wm. Jamieson, M.D.C.M.
Presented by Mrs. Wm. Jamieson. MISS LEONA JOHNSON
- Prize for Examination and Nursing in Diseases of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat
Given by W. L. Crewson, M.D.C.M., and
H. W. Whytock, M.B., F.R.C.S. (E.)
Presented by Mrs. H. W. Whytock. MISS SHIRLEY BECK
- Prize for Clinical Pathology
Given by John Tilden, M.D.
Presented by his mother, Mrs. Isabelle Tilden. MISS KATHLEEN SHEPPARD
- Prize for Public Health Nursing
Given in memory of the late Dr. Jas. Roberts by
Mrs. Jas. Roberts.
To be presented by his son, Lewellyn Roberts. MISS MARGARET PACE
- GOD SAVE THE KING

February Class 1941

Miss Townsend

*Joy-That will linger the long
year through:*

*Wisdom-To guide you in all
you do:*

*Friends-Who are treasured, and
tried, and true:*

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Feb 1941-1941



Jennie Lastracca '41



Marion Townsend 1941

The Graduating Class
of St. Joseph's School of Nursing
requests the pleasure of your company
at their
Graduation Dance
on Thursday, May the sixteenth
nineteen hundred and forty

"Undermount"
8.30 p.m.

Graduates of 1941

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| MISS MARY AUSSEM,
HAMILTON, ONTARIO | MISS DORA MACLIN,
HAMILTON, ONTARIO |
| MISS HELEN BARRY,
GUELPH, ONTARIO | MISS MARY MINNES,
HAMILTON, ONTARIO |
| MISS SHIRLEY BECK,
HAGERSVILLE, ONTARIO | MISS ANNE MCNEILLY,
PORT DOVER, ONTARIO |
| MISS ARIEL BIRD,
GLANFORD STATION, ONTARIO | MISS FRANCES O'BRIEN,
PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO |
| MISS MARGARET EANO,
PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO | MISS MARGARET PACE,
SIMCOE, ONTARIO |
| MISS EILEEN GARDNER,
NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO | MISS MICHELINA PULLANO,
NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO |
| MISS ETHEL GILMOUR,
GALT, ONTARIO | MISS ELEANOR QUARRY,
BURLINGTON, ONTARIO |
| MISS ELSIE HILBERT,
GREENSVILLE, ONTARIO | MISS JUNE MARIE ROSS,
HAMILTON, ONTARIO |
| MISS ILLA JARDINE,
HESPELER, ONTARIO | MISS GRACE SCROGGIE,
TORONTO, ONTARIO |
| MISS LEONA JOHNSON,
BRANTFORD, ONTARIO | MISS KATHLEEN SHEPPARD,
BURLINGTON, ONTARIO |
| MISS IRMA KELLER,
HAMILTON, ONTARIO | MISS MADELINE SMITH,
HAMILTON, ONTARIO |
| MISS ALICE LINDSAY,
SIMCOE, ONTARIO | MISS ANNE SPONDER,
PORT COLBOURNE, ONTARIO |
| MISS JENNIE LOSTRACCO,
WELLAND, ONTARIO | MISS FRANCES STONEMAN,
CALEDONIA, ONTARIO |
| MISS MARGARET LOTTRIDGE,
STONEY CREEK, ONTARIO | MISS MARGUERITE SWALES,
HAMILTON, ONTARIO |
| MISS MARJORIE LOWE,
STRATFORD, ONTARIO | MISS JACQUELINE THOMSON,
GRIMSBY, ONTARIO |
| MISS MYRA MACDOUGALL,
SMITHVILLE, ONTARIO | MISS MARIAN TOWNSEND
CAYUGA, ONTARIO |
| MISS MONICA WALSH,
JARVIS, ONTARIO | |



Undermount
School of Nursing

1941

Reunion pictures class of 1941
Pictures submitted by Marion Townsend '41 and Leona Johnson '41



Left to right REUNION February Class of 1941
Rop Row: Mary Shirley Marion Ethel
 Minnes Beck Townsend Gilmour
2nd Row: Marjorie Lowe Ariel Bird
Front Row: Margaret Eano Mary Aussem



Left to right REUNION Class of 1941 Celebrating 25 years
Top Row: Marion Shirley Doris Mary Marjorie Ariel Ethel
 Townsend Beck Maclin Minnes Lowe Bird Gilmour
2nd Row: Monika Margaret Mary Michelina
 Walsh Eano Aussem Pullano
Front Row:



Celebrating 25 years





Doris Bunker'39 Irene Murray'19 Ethel Gilmour'41



Eileen Gardner'41 Doris Macklin'41



Anne Andrychuk 1940



Myra MacDougal'41 Mary Lottridge'41



Mary Haley'42



Mary Haley'42 Margaret Peart '44





Anne Sponder '41 Ethel Gilmour '41



Mary Haley '42 Marg Enos '41



Doris Butler '41



*Photo identified as Anne Sponder '41 "Mama Lee"
Margaret Lottridge Marjorie Butler Ethel Gilmour*



*Back row: Anne Sponder Marion Townsend
Front row: Margaret Eano*



Mary Minnes



*Margaret
Eano*

Class of 1941 Celebrating 50 years at the Officers Club

*Marion Townsend (top left 2nd row)
Anne Sponder Margaret Eano*





Sister Mary Austin Reding '43



*Back row:
Marion Townsend*



Mary Minnes Ann Sponder Margaret Eano



Sister Camilla Russell '26 Sister Cordula McNamara '28

Reunion Day 1986



Frances Stoneman '41 on her 100th birthday



Dressed in footman's livery, Mr. Jack Vander Veen (left) adds to the gaiety of the occasion as he shows Mrs. Stanley Hudecki and Dr. Hudecki to their table at the Chrysanthemum Ball of St. Joseph's Hospital Nurses' Alumnae Association at Fischer's Hotel last evening.



*Chrysanthemum Ball 1961 ---- Theme was "Cinderella"
Leona Johnson Hudecki '41 and her husband Dr Stanley Hudecki orthopedic surgeon*

May 6 1977

Dear Karen -

Enclosed please find
cheque for \$140.00. &
4 tickets to Annual Reunion
dinner June 6/1977.

Those attending are -

Marjorie (Love) Butler - Class '41
Margaret (Lottridge) Hill - Class '41
Myra (McDaugel) McKerracher - Class '41
Leona (Johnson) Hudecki Class '41

Now about that Karen,
56 years ago on May 22, 1941,
we marched down the aisle
in our crisp white uniforms
and bouquets of red roses

Letter written by Leona Johnson '41
to Karen Martin '69 Dinner coordinator



Leona Johnson Hudecki '41 served on the executive of the
Nurses Alumnae

1942 she was on "Dance Committee"

1942 she was the "Canadian Nurse Representative"

1943 she was the "Treasurer"

1944 - 1945 she was the 8th President of the Alumnae

1947 she was the "Representative to the RNAO"

While she was the President
she initiated the "roll call" at reunion dinners.



Leona Johnson Hudecki '41 celebrating 70 years

2: The aisle was in Undermount
and I believe (?) there were
(34) of us.

The war (WW II) was
raging in Europe, so, much
to our dismay in place of
the glorious Pomp & Circumstance
March, that we had dreamed
about, the strains of
"There'll always be an England."
filled the auditorium.

It was a beautiful May
day to match the beaming
faces of the newly graduated
young ladies and their happy
friends & families. We met
in the lovely garden behind
Undermount for the reception.

Thanks for listening -
Leona (Hudecki)



Leona Johnson Hudecki '41
Sister Virginia Hanlon '45



Leona Johnson Hudecki '41
with her daughter Barbara Hudecki Barlow '63

REUNION DAY 2016



To the Grads of '46 and '41

For those who were able to attend the Reunion Day Events but were unable to stay for the photos; and to those who were unable to attend the Reunion Day Events:

Happy 70th and 75th Anniversaries.

