

Our Annual Reunion Day Mass and Luncheon that was to take place May 21, 2020 has now been cancelled due to the Covid-19 global crisis.



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

ANNUAL REUNION DAY MASS and LUNCHEON **Thursday, May 21, 2020**

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

Time of Mass: 10:00 a.m.
Celebrant: Father Ron Hodara

Time of Luncheon: 12:00 noon
Ticket Price is \$60.00

For ticket information, please contact: Kathy – Luncheon Coordinator
sjsnaareunion@gmail.com

All tickets must be purchased by **Thursday May 7, 2020**

President's Message

Hello Everyone!

This second version of the President's Report for the Spring Newsletter is one that I deeply regret having to write!

***COVID-19 is world wide and we are mandated to not be in large groups,
or fear of contracting and spreading this virus!***

It is with regret that your executive has decided that we must cancel the Annual Reunion Mass and Luncheon of the St. Joseph's School of Nursing Alumnae Association.

This is not a decision we have made lightly!

We know the disappointment of all our graduates, especially those looking forward to celebrating their "special years" with friends and classmates.

As graduates who are now predominantly in the "elderly or golden years" classification and this virus is more susceptible to our age groupings, cancellation seemed the prudent action to take.

Having a room of 325 or more golden girls and boys is definitely against current Health Department recommendations.

Graduates from around the world who would have attended need to be informed before travel arrangements are made.

Of course today, many travel arrangements for pleasure have already been cancelled!

Requests for luncheon tickets had been arriving and to date, no cheques were cashed.

Can we postpone the reunion to the Fall? Will life be normalized by then?

We are not able to answer those questions at this time.

The most prudent decision is to wait until next May and hope that physical distancing restrictions have been lifted and life returns to normal!

When we have our next Reunion Day, we will celebrate the classes that missed their

Anniversary Celebrations this year!

"These are exceptional circumstances calling for exceptional measures" to quote Justin Trudeau.

***Be well,
Your President, Kristine Rogers '69***

Many thanks to our Luncheon Coordinators, Kathy Jackson '73 and Teresa Maas '74 for all their hard work in organizing this special day and then having to cancel everything.

It was NOT an easy decision, but the RIGHT decision given the circumstances surrounding Physical Distancing and Isolation and keeping our population, our medical personnel, including our frontline nurses and our first responders safe.

This has to be our priority today!

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ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL OF NURSING
ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF
ANNUAL REUNION DAY LUNCHEON

CANCELLED

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Tickets: \$60.00 REFUNDS UP TO MAY 7, 2020

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Honorary Membership Recipients for 2020 Congratulations to 9 Honorary Membership Recipients in 2020

Maureen Kirvan '67

defer to 2021

Susan Cooke Lochbihler '73

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Bernardine Barry Nelligan '50 (deferred from 2019)

defer to 2021

Lorraine Page Nelson '64

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Carolyn Field Olaski '62

defer to 2021

Elva Zuccolin Polo '70

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Charlotte Sawyer Owen '66

defer to 2021

Mary Farrell Romeo '60

mail

Barbara Brown Yakiwchuk '63

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We are pleased to announce that we now have 237 Active Honorary Members.

Honorary status is awarded for 25 years of continuous Alumnae membership.

While Honorary members are still required to pay their yearly membership, they are awarded a beautiful gold pin at the Alumnae Luncheon in May, in recognition of their dedication to their Nursing Alumnae.



Our website is up and running with so much more!

There has been a lot of work done by our President, Kristine Rogers '69 and she has diligently added a LOT of information to the Photo Gallery and website. Please have a look at it!

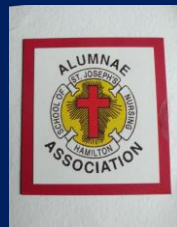
This keeps the History of our Alumnae alive!

Our Archivists, Janina Berenyi '65 and Connie Prowse '69 have also been doing a lot of work for the website, getting the Photo Gallery pictures organized, catalogued and refreshed (along with Barb Boles Davis '66) and have collected a lot of information about the beginnings of St. Joseph's Hospital and the School of Nursing!

The work these ladies are doing is nothing less than incredible! Be safe everyone and stay healthy!

*The archivists have prepared powerpoint presentations for each of the anniversary classes.
They have been sent to the "contact person" of each class to be circulated to the rest of the class members.*

*Anniversary Classes 1915 - 1935 ppt
Class of 1940 - celebrating 80 years ppt
Class of 1945 - celebrating 75 years ppt
Class of 1950 - celebrating 70 years ppt
Class of 1955 - celebrating 65 years ppt
Class of 1960 - celebrating 60 years ppt
Class of 1965 - celebrating 55 years ppt
Class of 1970 - celebrating 50 years ppt
Class of 1975 - celebrating 45 years ppt*



REUNION DAY 2020

ANNIVERSARY YEARS CELEBRATION

