



# St. Paul's Hospital *School of Nursing Alumni Newsletter 2020*

## *Message from the Editor*

Hello Alumni Members! Again, it has been my pleasure to prepare this 2020 newsletter for you! You will notice that the newsletter appears a little different than last year's model. We are trying to shorten and simplify the process. Should you have any suggestions after reading this version of the newsletter, please send your suggestions and ideas to me.

I received only one chapter report this year, and do not have a current list of chapter representatives. I look forward to hearing from all chapters, and their representatives in the coming year. If information is sent to me prior to December 31, 2020, I will include it in next year's newsletter.

*Lyn Swenson (Edwards '69)*

## *Prayer*

*God didn't promise days without pain,  
Laughter without sorrow,  
Or sun without rain...  
But He did promise strength for the day,  
Comfort for the tears,  
And light for the way.  
If God brings you to it,  
He will bring you through it.*

*Amen.*

# Message from the President

Warm greetings to fellow Alumni as we embark on 2020! Time does pass quickly when we realize that it is fifty years since the SPH Nursing School closed its doors to nursing students. When one walks through the residence there are still many fond memories harbouring within those walls. St. Paul's Nurses Alumni continue to be a part of the SPH community at large.

I will give you a brief summary of the activities that occurred over the past year. 2019 was an election year. As you can see, there are a fair number that are re-cycled to complete the slate of officers. The spirit of the Alumni remains vibrant as we welcome between 50 to 60 members at each meeting/social gathering.

The September meeting had 76 members come to renew friendships and to share what is happening in their lives. We had the pleasure of having a number of the 1969 class as they were celebrating their 50th Anniversary. That wasn't all. Eight members of the 1954 Class gathered to celebrate 65 years.

As the number of Alumni is decreasing, the Executive is monitoring the activities of the Alumni to strategically plan for the future and to have plans in place to permanently dismantle the Association. Each Standing Committee is evaluating its

role and offering ideas for restructuring. The Executive is in the beginning phase of this project and we will keep you posted. We welcome any suggestions from all alumni members. Just drop us a line.

The Newsletter and the Membership drive are the only ways we correspond with the membership and these assist in updating our information. Therefore we wish to maintain this part of the Association. Currently getting together to socialize is also an important aspect as well as visiting those who are not able to attend. Our focus is our members - to reach out to them and enjoy the company of our fellow Alumni. SPH Alumni continues to support the Hospital Foundation. This year we directed our donation to Hospice Care (Close To Home Campaign).

I wish to extend thanks and appreciation to those Alumni who volunteer countless hours to organize the Alumni activities and provide a service to those who aren't able to join us at meetings.

On behalf of the Executive we extend greetings to all Alumni, wishing you a healthy and peaceful 2020 filled with love and friendship.

*Monica Beavis (Cey '66)*

## St. Paul's Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association

### Officers and Conveners, 2020

President	Monica Beavis
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Secretary	Sharon McCallion
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Program/Social	Mary Humen Louise MacLeod Bernie Steckler
Newsletter	Lyn Swenson Lily Krause
Cards/Flowers	Cecilia Gursky
Visiting	Rose Normand Margo Bussiere
Welcoming/Membership	Reta Taylor Bernadette Steckler
Phoning	Carol Smandych
Scholarship	Joyce Lenz Agnes Valade
Archives	Marlene Davis Kay Turner
Honor Guard	Elaine Uhryniw

### *Welcoming and Membership*

Our Saskatoon Chapter of St. Paul's School of Nursing Alumni is alive and well. The average attendance at each of the three yearly meetings continues to be about 60.

Keeping in touch is very important. We could not keep our membership list current if it wasn't for the team effort of our collective group. Thank you for all the information you have communicated to me regarding address changes, email address changes, and the announcements of the passing of our nurses.

The payment of your membership fees is important. This past year our numbers of paid memberships are down with only about 250 received. Members often speak of the joy our annual newsletter brings. In order to continue the printing and distribution of this publication, we need your membership renewal support.

If you are planning a monumental 55th, 60th or? Class Anniversary Celebration and need help with contact information for your classmates, just let me know and I will do my best to assist you.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Reta Taylor (Watton '63)*

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### *Archives*

Hi Everyone! It has been a long, cold, very quiet winter, but spring is coming, I think! I'm very pleased with the addition of Kay Turner to the archives committee and for the computer help offered by Elaine Uhrniw.

We hope to get back to the inventory this spring. I want to organize the filing of the minutes and I noted that we are missing some of the minutes. If any of you have old minutes to get rid of, please call either Kay Turner or myself.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Marlene Davis (Welk '57)*  
*Kay Turner (Fitzmaurice '64)*



### *Home Visiting*

We had the pleasure to visit twelve SPH Alumni members who reside in care facilities. Each Alumni member visited was given a small gift from the Alumni. All expressed their appreciation for the visit in their own unique way...some having difficulty expressing themselves verbally, but the facial expressions, hand touch and smiles said it all.

If anyone knows of an Alumni member who is in a local care facility and would benefit from a visit, please advise me or any other SPH executive member.

Gratefully submitted,  
*RoseMarie Normand (Kiefer '67)*  
*Margo Bussiere (Fournier '63)*

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### *Scholarship*

There were a total of four enquiries and three applications received for the St. Paul's Hospital Nurses Alumni Scholarship for the year 2019. The monies available to be given out were:

- \$4000.00 SPH Nurses Alumni Scholarship

Scholarships were awarded to the following:

- **Lauren Gaudet**, granddaughter of Patricia Lyn Edwards '69 and Herbert James Lowe '69. Lauren receives a St. Paul's Nurses Alumni Scholarship of \$2000.00. She is in her 4th year SCBScN (Saskatchewan Collaborative Bachelor of Science Nursing) in Regina SK.
- **Elizabeth Wenzel**, granddaughter of Elaine Phillips '65. She receives a St. Paul's Nurses Alumni Scholarship of \$1000.00. Elizabeth is in her 2nd year of BScN at Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, ON.
- **Jessica Soenen**, granddaughter of Marlene Moker '58. She receives a St. Paul's Nurses Alumni Scholarship of \$1000.00. Jessica is in her 1st year BScN at University of Indianapolis, IN.

Congratulations to these young people. We wish them the best in their chosen profession!

I respectfully submit this report.

#### **Alumni Scholarship Committee**

*Joyce Lenz (Greve '59) Chairperson*  
*Agnes Valade (Kirchgesner '60)*



## Social Committee

Our gatherings are continuing three times a year. The executive members felt continuing the luncheon was a great way to further communicate with everyone.



We met on May 12th at All Saints Ukrainian Orthodox Parish for our annual meeting where your executive was inducted in our formal ceremony. There were 55 alumni present to enjoy the day.

In September we met at the Travelodge for a Sunday luncheon and anniversary celebration for two classes - 1959 & 1969. The alumni members who attended enjoyed a program of happy memories.

Our Christmas luncheon was at the WDM with 58 alumni enjoying the Christmas meeting. Our chosen charity this year was Sanctum, a place for women living with AIDS and their newborns.

We will be enjoying an authentic German luncheon at the German Cultural Centre on Tuesday, May 12th. Come and enjoy the friendship of your alumni sisters.

Respectfully,  
Mary Humen (Fedeyko '66)  
Louise MacLeod (Quintal '66)

## Honor Guard

The Honor Guard was privileged to serve on the following occasions in 2019:

1. Funeral Service for Walburga Brink (Eberl '53)
2. Mass of Christian Burial for Nadia Hawes (Yourchuk '46)
3. Funeral Mass for Lillian Boechler (Weninger '54)
4. Mass of Christian Burial for Theresa Herrick (Byblow '55)
5. Funeral Service for Mildred Locke (Mikkelborg '49) and
6. A Liturgy of the Word for Jean Mahoney '45.

Thank you to all those Alumni who participated and those who helped organize the Honor Guard.

We continue to have a good number in attendance. I encourage those reading this to join the Honor Guard if at all possible. Families are very appreciative of our attendance and find it meaningful. You can contact me if you need a cap or cape as there are some available from the Alumni Archives.

Elaine Uhryniw (Madson '61)

## Cards and Flowers

Potted lilies were sent to St. Paul's Hospital Chapel for Easter, and Poinsettia plants were sent for Christmas.



Sympathy cards were sent to twenty-four Alumni Members or families of Alumni Members upon the death of an Alumni Member or death of a family member of an Alumnus.

"Thinking of You/Get Well" cards were sent to two Alumni Members.

Thank you to everyone that notified us regarding the hospitalization of an Alumni Member, the death of a Member, or the death of a spouse, child or parent of an Alumni Member.

Please continue to notify Cecilia Gursky either by phone or Email.

Cecilia Gursky (Scherman '66)

## Newsletter

Please continue to send us your Chapter information and contact information as we look forward to hearing from you!



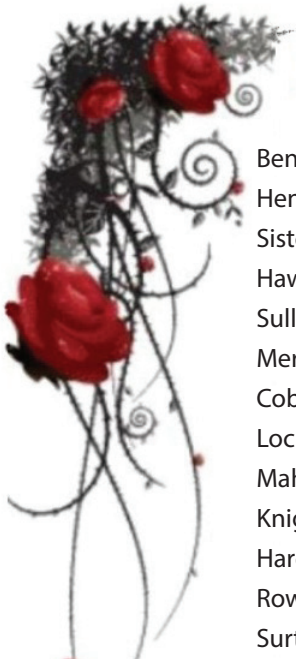
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Stamps.....	\$ 450.00
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Lyn Swenson (Edwards '69)

**Our Motto**  
"In Alinimis Perfectio"

**Our Colours**  
**Garnet and Gold**

# In Memoriam



Bentley, Frances	1942 (Seabrook)	Linwood, Marjorie	1953B
Henriette, Martha	1944	Beochler, Lillian	1954A (Weninger)
Sister Simone Mageau	1945A	Herrick, Theresa	1955A (Byblow)
Hawes, Nadia	1946A (Yourchuk)	Gryschuk, Lorraine	1956A (Willett)
Sully, Glynn	1946B (Reynolds)	LaFreniere, Ida	1958B (Knutson)
Meraw, Kathleen	1947A (Coflin)	Schroeder, Joan	1958A (McLeod)
Coborne, Jeanne	1948B Poitras)	Topp, Eleanor (Cherry)	1959A (Cheredaryk)
Locke, Mildred (Mikky)	1949A (Mikkelborg)	Beauchesne, Rosemarie	1959A (Schwab)
Mahoney, Jean	1949A	Ryhorski, Lillian	1959B (Badduke)
Knight, Mabel	1950B (Graves)	LeClaire, Therese	1960B (Sister L'Heureux)
Hardie, Lucy	1951B (Kischuk)	Dekteroff, Ellenor	1961B Neufeld)
Rowles, Dorothy	1952A	Hartman, Ann	1961B (McKewon)
Surtel, Vonda	1952B (Nalepa)	Cleveland, Elaine	1962B (Morton)
Strelloff, Pat	1952B (McFayden)	Daniels, Mary	1964 (Ries)
Akeson, Rosemarie	1953A (O'Byrne)	Olafson, Joanne	1964
Glenna, Vigrass	1953A (Graham)	Porter, Betty	1964 (Puype)
Brink, Walburga	1953A (Eberl)		

Submitted by:  
*Reta Taylor (Watton '63A)*



## Edmonton Report

Hello from Edmonton. Our Chapter met twice in 2019 for a catered lunch held at Edna Nichols' condo located in downtown Edmonton. The condo has a lovely view of the river valley! In June we had 12 attend and in October we had 10. Our numbers are diminishing, but we do enjoy reminiscing, sharing and laughing heartily! There are endless stories amongst us! We try to support each other through all the times of our lives, either good or not so good!!

Some of us attended various commemorative celebrations in Saskatoon; the Class of '69 (the last class) had a wonderful time.

The Class of '64 held a lovely 55 year lunch celebration, which several of our members attended and it was very special. We are always grateful to our Saskatoon hosts!!

Our Chapter plans to gather in 2020, again at Edna Nichols condo.

The dates are May 6th and October 7th, (a slight change). If any Alumni are in the area, you are welcome to attend.

*Pat Choma (Scherman '60)*  
*Edna Nichols (Northridge '64)*



## Class Reunions



Our **Class of '59B** (Saskatoon Branch) enjoyed a wonderful 60th Anniversary Celebration at Agar's Corner.

*Back row - left to right:  
Connie Gutwin, Annette Hunks/  
Frie, Dian Walsh, Charlotte  
Rosenberg, Joyce Lenz*

*Front row - left to right:  
Gloria Lynch, Phyllis Unrau,  
Kay Wiebe*

On November 10 our **Graduating Class of 1964** met for a luncheon at Mano's restaurant in Saskatoon. The planning group decided that as we are all getting older, why not celebrate a 55 year reunion. Our graduating class numbered 64; unfortunately we have lost some to poor health, and death and with some we have just lost contact. Invitations were sent to all of our remaining classmates. Thank you to the alumni for providing us with the email addresses and mailing addresses. We were very excited with the number of affirmative replies we received. Because of the cold weather that day, we were thrilled to be able to connect with the 15 beautiful women that braved the weather. They came from Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton and all the places in between. At each table setting there was wine, chocolates and a paper SPH cap with a black band. On display was a real grad uniform, cape and cap along with other memorabilia from the years that we spent living together. As we told our stories, there was much laughter, great memories and some tears. To those that were unable to attend, we missed you and wish you well.



*Back row - left to right:  
Carol Baillie (Nordstrom), KayTurner (Fitzmaurice), Jean Beattie (McDiarmid), Diane Heath (Hoberg), Loraine Schultz  
(Christopherson), Hildegard Martin (Boscher), Iris Grychowski (Broski)*

*Front row - left to right:  
Edna Nichols (Northridge), Elaine Diedrich (Gnadt), Donna Tremblay (Zbitnoff), Sylvia Malloy (Derbowka),  
Lois Ludwick (Gillen)*

## *Class Reunions cont'd.*

### **Class of '69**

This picture was taken during our tour of the residence. This area, which was our beautiful parlour, is now an office space.



*Back row - left to right:*

*Brenda Reve (Macala), Edith Schultz (Baranecki), Wendy Warner (Haubrich), Bonnie Smith (Hamstad) hiding, Lois Polachic (Neufeld), Judy Junor (Nijman), Audrey Steiret (Borschneck), Eizabeth Albers, Pat Bell (Dewarle), Corine Hounjet (Dubois), Maralyn Belanger (Lalonde),*

*Front row - left to right:*

*Carol Chouinard (Sander), Barb Camire (Green), Lyn Swenson (Edwards), Joanne Boddy (Wasykiw), Sr. Olive MacInnis, Eileen Banda (Scopic), Judy Toth, Iris Keindel (Nesdole), and Carol Smandych (Nosyk)*

The reunion was held September 13, 14, and 15, 2019. Twenty eight of our class were able to attend. The weekend was action packed! We had a class party at the home of Judy and Don Junor Friday evening. There was a pot luck supper and lots of laughter as we renewed old friendships. On Saturday, we began the day with a tour of our old residence, followed by a small memorial service in the hospital Chapple, for those in our class who are no longer with us. Saturday evening was spent on the river in the Prairie Lily. The dinner menu was excellent, the company divine and the tour was much too short! Sunday brought a luncheon with St. Paul's Alumni at the Travelodge hotel. We received a rose tribute, which is a tradition for the Alumni.

It was a heart-warming reunion filled with laughter, tears, hugs, and much conversation! It was truly a highlight of 2019! To those of you who were unable to attend...we missed you!!

*Never be afraid to try something new.  
Remember, amateurs built the arc...  
Professionals built the Titanic.*

*"Fear makes strangers of people  
who would be friends."*

*- Shirley Maclaine*



# 2020 Alumni Membership Renewal 2020



As Alumni of S.P.H. School of Nursing, we encourage you to be in good standing by maintaining your membership in our Alumni Association. Please complete the form and mail a cheque for \$20.00 to:

**St. Paul's Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association**  
c/o Diane Neufeld  
734 Wilkinson Way  
Saskatoon SK S7N 3L5

Name.....

Maiden Name ..... Graduation Year.....

Address .....

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**All cancelled cheques will be your only receipt as our mailing costs are becoming prohibitive.**

