

Alumnae Association B. G. H. School of Nursing Newsletter – 2011

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2010 was a year of accomplishment for our Alumnae. Our updated Constitution was approved. Associate members now enjoy all privileges of the Alumnae. The Executive thanks Helen Grey (57) for her excellent work as our social coordinator for several years. We welcome Donalda Lockhart to this position. We also thank Harriet Marsh (Remembrance) for the year, and than Shirley Jones for accepting this position. We welcome Sharon (Irwin '66) Mackie as 2nd Vice President, and thank Margaret Harper for serving as 1st Vice President last year. The Alumnae continues to be active throughout the year, and we encourage you to attend, and bring a nursing friend. Your continued support and friendship helps our Alumnae to thrive. May we be "blest be the tie that binds."

As always



Gail (Hannah '63) Easton

2011 EXECUTIVE



Back Row (L-R) President **Gail (Hannah '63) Easton**; Treasurer **Marian (York '61) Turnham**, Quiet Room **Shirley (Dunham '60) Powers** 2nd Vice President/Telephone Committee **Sharon (Irwin '66) Mackie**, Recording Secretary - **Linda (Todd '71A) Poole**; Past President /Nomination Committee **Shirley (White '57) Jones** -

Front Row (L-R): Membership **Patricia (Larocque '66) Young** Archives Historian **Ruth (Maud '50) Jones**
1st Vice President **Diane (Frizell '67) Besley** Social and Publicity **Donalda (Bates '52) Lockhart**
Missing : **Shirley Shenton ('74)** Corresponding Secretary

This year as is our tradition we pay special honour to those graduates celebrating their 60th and 50th reunions. At the same time we recognize classes returning for their 5 year reunion. Many graduates come every year to celebrate with them, renew friendships and share memories of their nursing experience. We encourage membership to come and enjoy the reunion weekend festivities. The following pages show the graduation pictures of the class of 1951 and 1961.

Class of 1951



Back row (L-R) Winnifred (Myers) Schachtler, Pauline (Cheetham) Smith, Mary Louise (Kelly) Morris*, Helen (Hutton) Scheels, Nancy (McCarey) Beacock, Joyce (Smith) Templin, Elaine (Wood) Gardam, Faye (Ritchie) Lyon*, Donna (Warren) Bradney*, Ruby (Holliwel) Reynolds*

Front Row(L-R) Marion (Kane) Blakely*, Leona (Fulford) Schreiber-Mason, Nellie (Evans) Duncan, Ruth (Carbery) Webster* Instructor, G.E.Gibson* Assistant Director of Nursing Service, V.J. Preston* Director of Nursing, R. G. Murray *Assistant Director Nursing Service, Ruth (Henry) Lowery, Lois (Robertson) Healey, Mary Lou (Buttars) Stoddard
*Deceased

Class of 1961



Back row (L-R) Winnifred Ouder Kirk *, Marian (York) Turnham, Corrine (Poapst) Gardner, Doris Cledgett, Carol (McCann) Pattermore, Gloria (Furness) Stolze, Shirley (Sly) Mainse

Front Row (L-R) Willa (McFarlane) Zufelt, Mary (Leacock) Godkin, Dawna (Stringer) Brownell, V. J. Preston* Director of Nursing, V. Lindaberry* Assistant Director of Nursing Education, Marlene (Gilligan) McMartin*, Gail (Blair) Leeman, Margaret Ann (Fisher) Thomas
*Deceased

MEMBERSHIP

Paid up membership in 2010 was 271, which includes 2 honorary and 14 Associate members. Dues are \$10.00 annually to remain in good standing, attend Alumnae functions, and receive the newsletter. Any inquiries re membership can be directed to the membership co-ordinator whose name and address is listed on the remittance form.

DECEASED MEMBERS

It is with the deepest regret we report the deaths of 17 members.

Ruth (Lawford) Humphry (1943)

Alison Tett (Associate)

Rachel Hansen (1972)

Faye (White) Bell (1954)

Elizabeth (McQuigge) Donavon (1963)

Gwendolyne (Norval) Merkley (1944)

Corienne (Hyndman) Wilson (1944)

Dorothy (Barrett) Maberly (1943)

Evelyn (Preston) Glendenning (1941)

Gwen (McLean) Warner (1954)

Emma (Hummel) Irvine (1944)

Mary Louise (Kelly) Morris (1951)

Anne (Christy) Wing (1928)

Catherine (Graham) Taylor (1955)

Doris (Morrow) Noonan (1949)

Bernice (Knapp) Smith (1953)

Nora (Throop) Henderson (1949)

Gail Easton presents a \$500 donation to Bruce Wylie at the 2010 Palliative Care Telethon in memory of deceased members.



DONATIONS

We thank the membership for their generosity.

Last year we received \$4157.50 in donations, and \$125.00 to the Memorial Fund.

Donations at the Christmas party in lieu of a gift exchange allowed us to donate \$195.00 to the Harvest Sharing and \$195.00 to the Salvation Army.

Thank you to members of the Alumnae who visited "Shut Ins" in Brockville and Smiths Falls with home baking at Christmas time.

BURSARIES

Again this year we were able to give \$300.00 bursaries to graduating students at 3 Brockville High Schools who will be pursuing education in the nursing field.

REMBRANCE

A wreath was laid in memory of members who served overseas on Remembrance Day 2010 by the Alumnae.

VICTORIAN TEA

In 2010, the Brockville General Hospital marked 125 years of service to the community. As part of their celebrations of this milestone and the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the Alumnae Association hosted a Victorian Tea in the hospital auditorium on May 12th for all nurses in the area.

For over 80 years the nursing school has been an integral part of the hospital producing 1,189 graduates. The training school operated at B.G.H. from 1983 until 1974 when the program was moved to St. Lawrence College.



The tea, resplendent with china cups, silver tea services and three large decorated cakes was attended by over 125 current and former nurses as well as many members of B.G.H. staff. A PowerPoint presentation of nursing throughout the years as well as a display of nursing graduation pins and framed pictures from the Archives were viewed by guests.

ARCHIVES

The archives were originally located on the 3rd floor of the Comstock Residence. It was established by Joyce Beattie Reynolds(48) and Glenna Hutchinson Laforty(54). After the demolition in 2001, it was relocated to the McDougall Building. Anne Ross Empey(53) and her husband Keith spent many hours organizing & updating scrap books, photo albums, and various memorabilia. Graduation photos were restored and some were hung in the foyer at BGH forming our own “Wall of Fame.” Many graduation diplomas, pins, caps, capes, and uniforms of various eras, have been donated by families of deceased graduates. Photos of activities are maintained, and will be preserved in protective albums. The archives are on a video disc which can be viewed at Alumnae functions.

Photos in the BGH foyer are changed to display the graduation pictures of the classes returning for reunion.



Highlights of 2010

Kay Devlin(1940) receives flowers from Diane Besley in recognition 70th anniversary at the Coffee Party



Harriet Marsh presents honorary membership to classmate Barbara Warren in recognition of dedicated service to alumnae executive



Class of '68 at Coffee Party



Clowns entertain at March potluck supper



Class of 1950 piped to head table by Piper Miller

Highlights of 2010



Class of 1950



Shirley Jones displays keepsakes she makes for the head tables. Her creations are quite elaborate, dressed in traditional uniform, cap, sewn bodices & gathered skirts, bandage scissors and school pins. They are treasures appreciated by the graduates celebrating their 60 and 50 reunion.



Class of 1960



Church Reception at St. Paul's Anglican Church



Magician performs at Christmas Dinner

“Blest Be The Tie That Binds”

A bit of history submitted by Jean Ward (1959)

One of our most enduring hymns, “Blest Be The Tie That Binds”, was written by John Fawcett in 1782. He was born to poor parents in Yorkshire in 1740 and at the age of sixteen, became a Christian. Aged twenty-six, the young man was ordained as a Baptist minister and accepted a call to serve a small impoverished congregation at Wainsgate.

After spending several years there on a meager salary, Fawcett was given the opportunity to take over a large church in London. However, on the day of their scheduled departure, he and his wife could not bear to leave their congregation; they unpacked and stayed.

Fawcett continued his ministry to the people of Wainsgate for more than fifty years and remained there until he died on 25th July, 1817. This man truly understood the meaning of brotherly love and the beautiful tie that binds us to one another.

Friendship Book by Frances Gay

SOCIAL EVENTS FOR 2011

Meetings are held the second Monday of the month, alternating months with the reunion in June.

Jan 10 th	Annual Meeting at Bethel Christian Church 1:30pm
Mar 14 th	Pot Luck & Regular Meeting at Executive Water Street 12:30pm
May 9 th	Regular Meeting Johnstown United Church 1:30pm
June 4 th & 5 th	Reunion Weekend
Sept 12 th	BBQ followed by regular meeting Jones Cottage Graham Lake 12:00pm
Nov 14 th	Regular meeting 3 Apple Street Common Room (Anne Empey) 1:30
Dec 8 th	Christmas Dinner at C J Banquet Hall 6:00pm

Upcoming Anniversary

2013 will be the 90th anniversary of the BGH School of Nursing. Any suggestions and comments from our members will be appreciated.

REUNION WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

Coffee Party and Dinner will be held at C J Banquet Hall

Coffee Party Saturday June 4th, 10:00am to 12:00pm (Compliments of Alumnae) Members only.

Reunion Dinner Saturday June 4th 5 PM Social Time

6 PM Sit Down Dinner

\$30.00 per person

Please advise C J's if special diet needs required.

Church Service June 5th Bethel Christian Reformed Church 10:00AM

Refreshments following service.

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR TICKET BY MAY 27TH.

TICKETS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AFTER THIS DATE.

EMAIL ADDRESS FOR ALUMNAE www.bgh-on.ca/nursingalumnae.htm

EMAIL MARY ELLEN BURKE FOR MEETING INFORMATION theburkes@cogeco.ca

The 2011 Newsletter was made possible by the following Alumnae members:

Pat (Larocque 66) Young, Shirley (White 57) Jones, Ruth (Maud 50) Jones, Donalda (Bates 52) Lockhart, Diane (Frizell 67) Besley

**ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION
BGH SCHOOL OF NURSING**

Please *complete and forward* to Membership Convenor:

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Brockville, ON K6V 3J6

Telephone: 613-342-2414
email: peteryoung@hotmail.com

Name: _____ **Maiden Name:** _____

Address: _____ **Graduation Year** _____

_____ **Telephone:** _____

Email address: _____

Alumnae Membership Fee (\$10.00) _____

Already Pd? _____

EVENTS

Coffee Party: Saturday, June 4th 10:00 AM to 12 Noon Will Attend (circle) YES or NO
(Compliments of Alumnae)

Reunion Dinner: Saturday, June 4th **Single Ticket(\$30.00)** \$ _____
(Social time 5:00 PM. Dinner 6:00 PM)

Member & Guest(\$60.00) \$ _____

Church Service Sunday, June 5th at 10:00AM Will Attend (circle) YES or NO
Refreshments following

*PLEASE NOTE THAT DINNER TICKETS
WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AFTER MAY 27th, NOR AT THE DOOR!*

Donation to Alumnae (Optional) \$ _____

Total remittance attached \$ _____

Cheque or Money Order should be made payable to BGH NURSES' ALUMNAE
(NO POST-DATED CHEQUES ACCEPTED)

PLEASE ENCLOSE A SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE

Thank You

FEBRUARY 2011