

## Membership Report 2022

The total paid membership for 2022 was 625. In addition, there were 47 Special Alums, 7 Honorary and 17 Life Members for a total of 689 active members.

Of those 625 paid members 343 donated on top of the \$20 membership fee. The new form makes it easier to donate to General, Archives or Education fund. Also, now a tax receipt is issued for the total amount.

Most our members are from the 1950's and 1960's and nearly all of the Board members are from the 1960's classes.

In 2019 we began the practice of mailing personalized letters to all member of the 50 year classes. This has resulted in four or five new members each year which is hopeful for our future.

For those of you who are current members and receive the Newsletter, please encourage others from your class to join or renew their membership.

The benefits of membership are numerous. The many hard-working volunteers keep our organization vibrant. Historical items are acquired and maintained by the Archives committee. The Annual Newsletter contains information about events that have taken place and special achievements of our Alums. Flowers and cards are sent to shut-ins or those recovering from illness or surgery and sympathy cards are sent to families of deceased graduates. Descendants of graduates who are members can apply for educational bursaries of up to \$1000 per year for pursuing education in the field of nursing. A database of the over 8000 graduates from our School of Nursing is maintained. If you know of any changes of address or of any deaths of your classmates, please forward that information to the Alumnae office.

I was a member of the Alumnae during my working years but did not participate in any activities. One day I bumped into a friend I'd known for years through OR nursing but didn't realize she was a VGH grad. She was on the Board and invited me to come and see what it was all about.

I started helping with membership and after a couple of years became the Membership Director.

This is an invitation to anyone who is thinking about becoming involved to act upon it. Many doors are opened. Respectfully submitted,

***Sue (Cathcart) Kerr F'69***

***Membership Director***



## Reunion-

**VGH Class of Sept'67** enjoyed a 55th reunion at Loon Lake, Maple Ridge, BC.