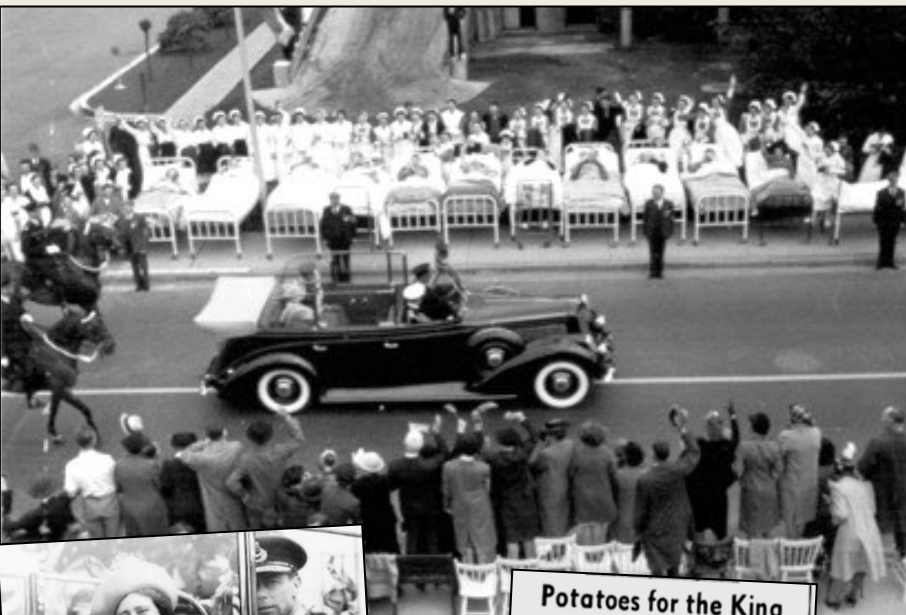




NEWSLETTER

Royalty, VGH and Memories

The recent death of Queen Elizabeth brings to mind memories and associations, whether in mind or in person, of the relationship we have had with British royalty. In Canada, the first royal visit of any British reigning monarch in



Three Babies Born As King and Queen Arrived
 Three new subjects arrived today as the King and Queen passed the General Hospital. They are two baby girls and one boy.
 Mrs. R. Rothery, 169 West Pender street and Mrs. W.

'Iron Lung' Patient To View Procession From Wheel Stretcher
 "Bob" the "boy in the iron lung" at the General Hospital saw the King and Queen when they passed along Twelfth Avenue, today.
 Propped up on a wheel stretcher, "Bob" viewed the procession from one of the sections reserved for the hospital.
 The young man, 21, who was brought to the hospital with infantile paralysis last June, had lived in the "iron lung" there ever since. He is now able to be out of it for three or four hours daily and is able to move his fingers slightly.

Potatoes for the King
 The first local new potatoes were dug Saturday to be used on the Royal menu today.
 They were shipped, 1200 pounds of them, to the warehouse of the B. C. Coast Vegetable Marketing Board by S. Pettifore, James Novelle and Alex. McDonald, all of Boundary Bay, B.C.

the 180 year history of Canada, was in June 1939. Queen Elizabeth came to this country with the King (George VI), in the days shortly before the outbreak of the Second World War.

After travelling on the royal train across Canada, the monarchs spent one full day in Vancouver before heading to Victoria. Such was the welcome, it was estimated that the population of Vancouver more than doubled on that day. Their Vancouver tour was extensive, passing VGH on 12th Avenue on the way to the official welcome at the new city hall. Thousands had assembled at the city hall, including a choir of 1,500 and a band of 75 musicians. The cavalcade resumed around Vancouver with designated

stops at areas of greatest concentration. The Scots in particular recognized and claimed Queen Elizabeth as their queen. Numerous pipe bands and Scottish dancers were performing en route as were many other ethnic performances. The brand new Vancouver Hotel was the stop for lunch, for the evening gala, and finally for sleep. In the morning they were off to Victoria for a large celebration in the province's capital. Classmate Anne Mitton (Lennox '54) remembers the cavalcade passing and stopping in front of her family. The King opened the car door and leaned out for a few moments before shutting it and moving on (was he sick or? her family speculated). As a seven-

year-old I was with my mother and brother, carrying flags, on 12th Avenue and Granville Street, having taken the streetcar along West Broadway. I remember being dressed in my "Sunday go to meeting" dress for the occasion, which in itself was *the* occasion for me.

During another Canadian tour in 1985, Queen Elizabeth, then the Queen Mother, stated in a speech: "It is now some 46 years since I first came to this country with the King, in those anxious days shortly before the outbreak of the Second World War. I shall always look back upon that visit with feelings of affection and happiness. I think I lost my heart to Canada and Canadians, and my feelings have not changed with the passage of time."



Thank you for your Donations

The Board of Directors extends a heartfelt thank you to the nearly 400 members who generously donated monies in 2022. The three funds received significant money which assists in the operation of the Association, the awarding of bursaries and the ongoing work of the Archivist and Archives Committee. If the donations are not required for projected needs, they will be invested with varying maturity dates so that interest is available if required. The donations for 2022 were:

Education Bursary Fund:	\$8451.01	Archive Development Fund:	\$6200.70
General:	\$8957.84	DAF (Third Party Donors):	\$4534.65
Memorial Book Donations:	\$965.00		
Total:	<u>\$29,109.20</u>		

Financial Report 2022

January 2022 the three bank accounts were merged and now only one account is associated with your Alumnae Association. Opening balance of this account was \$53,718.62

	Revenue	Expense	Investments	Matures
General Account	\$126,725.00 **	\$33,669.62	\$140,000.00	July 2024
Archive Fund			\$65,000.00	Dec.2023
Education Fund			\$76,934.00	Sept 2024

** Includes opening balance of merging the three accounts and all donations

The Spirit of the Luncheon **(To have a lunch? To have a tea? To do anything?)**

With the demise of the Annual Luncheon due to the Pandemic, the Board of Directors, is looking at ways to preserve its spirit. Many alumnae were saddened by the loss of an event which truly captured the history of the VGH School of Nursing.

The Board is reimagining the event through a different lens, given the increased costs, financial and physical, of organizing a luncheon for up to 270 grads each year. The average age of the Luncheon organizers was around 75!

If the goal is to have an annual Luncheon, then it was going to have to look different. The use of a private venue was looked at and it was decided this could be the way to go.

When the Bulletin was sent out, members were asked if they were interested in a Fall Function and would the preference be a tea or a lunch? Of the 500+ membership form returns, we have had 140+ people interested and it looks as though the lunch preference has won. There was also 40+ replies that said “we don’t care when it happens, just as long as something happens!”

Reasons for not attending a function were “poor health,” “too far to travel,” and “spousal illness,” — not surprising given that the age of our members is creeping up.

At the AGM in March there was further discussion regarding the potential venues and cost.

All the replies are not in yet but we have an idea of how the alumnae is looking forward to gathering and reconnecting, in order to nurture past friendships.

Please remember to renew your Annual Membership Fees (\$20.00) and to reply to the questions about the Fall Function.

Questions? vghson99@gmail.com or (604) 875-4111 ext. 62049

Thank you,

Suzanne Stothers,

Communications stothers1@shaw.ca

President Annual Report 2022

I have been writing annual reports for the Alumnae Association for over 20 years and am so thankful for the dedicated Board members who continue to maintain this vital organization for the benefit of the 700 members. Due to a number of factors, many volunteer-run organizations are having difficulty continuing their operations. That situation will also face us soon unless some of our members take on the leadership roles. The Board of Directors meets five times a year and also gathers for the Annual General Meeting in March. Each of the Directors manages an activity and the remainder of the work is carried out by Sue Goguen, our Executive Secretary/Treasurer and Naomi Constant, our Archivist. Anyone interested in considering helping is welcome to attend the AGM or the meetings on the 4th Thursday of March,

May, September, November, or January. Any Board member can also be contacted to discuss opportunities to serve.

The Annual General Meeting for 2022 was held via Zoom again to allow for members to join the meeting. If unable to attend this morning meeting, members will receive all of the annual reports in the annual Newsletter. In order to take advantage of a banking opportunity, the General, Archive, and Education accounts were combined which has resulted in reduced banking costs and ease in filing the CRA annual report. Donations for the three funds continue to be received, and all money received is eligible for tax receipts which are prepared throughout the year.

There was a positive response to the printed copy of the Newsletter being published in colour in 2022 for the first time. Those who receive the Newsletter online have been receiving the coloured copy for many years.

Sincere appreciation is extended to Trudy Phillips who has been recording the names of graduates in the Memorial Book for many years. The Memorial Book was created in 1959 by the Class of September 1954.

The Alumnae Association Board of Directors is continuing to assist classes celebrating their 50th and 60th Anniversaries and is also considering an opportunity for other graduates to gather on an annual basis.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy (McCutcheon) Murphy,
September, 1965.



Vice President Annual Report 2022

I continued to Volunteer vaccinating for COVID in January and February at the Vancouver Convention Centre.

During the year, I attended the Alumnae meetings at the Hospital. I assisted with the annual delivery of flowers to our identified older graduates, many of whom are in independent living or care facilities.

Additionally as the Vice President of the Alumnae I chaired the Nominations Committee and presented the new Board of Directors at the AGM in March 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Raikes-Tindle



REMINDER

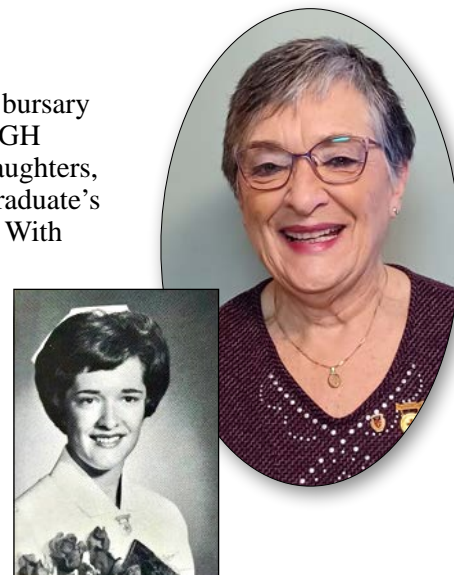
When using e-transfer for your membership fees and donations, please ensure that your membership form is sent to the office to ensure your contact information is correct and that you have taken part in any surveys.

Education Committee Report 2022

The Education Committee is very pleased with the continued interest in our bursary program. A descendant of a grad of the VGH/SON Diploma program or UBC/VGH Collaborative Degree program is eligible to apply for a bursary. This includes daughters, sons, grandchildren, nieces, or nephews. Required proof is a photocopy of the graduate's diploma and/or a letter of explanation including the relationship to the graduate. With thanks to the overwhelming generosity of Alumnae members our funds continue to increase, and we are able to offer larger bursaries depending on the category. We have received letters of thanks and appreciation from the students for the generous support of the Alumnae Association. It is encouraging to watch these young women entering the nursing profession with passion and enthusiasm and looking forward to an exciting career. We wish them all the best as they work hard to complete their schooling.

We are also pleased to offer funds to VGH/SON Diploma grads and UBC/VGH Collaborative Degree Program grads to assist with continuing education, conferences, and workshops.

In 2022 we had twelve applications for bursary awards. There was one UBC/VGH Collaborative Degree Program grad and eleven descendants of VGH grads. This year we were pleased to award a total of \$15,900.00 to the bursary applicants.



A. Harvey/Cain Endowment Fund. (Margaret [Dorset, 1929] Harvey & Dorothy Cain, sister)

Descendant	VGH sponsoring Grad	
Jenna Anderson	Susan Patzelt	Feb.'88
Elise Bouwer	Christine McAskill	Sept.'56
Abbey Ferreira	Heather Abbey	Feb.'90
Holly McDonald	Bonnie Spearing	Sept.'57

B. The Eileen(Lewis) Johnston Memorial Fund

Descendant	VGH sponsoring Grad	
Carolyn Hicks	Roberta Iallonardo	Sept.'79

C. VGH/SON Alumnae Association Education Funds

Descendant	VGH sponsoring Grad	
Jenna Anderson	Susan Patzelt	Feb.'88
Carolyn Hicks	Roberta Iallonardo	Sept.'79
Allison Hills	Susan Forrest	Feb.'88
MorganMcCartney	Luauna MacAlpine	Feb.'91
Sydney Robinson	Jean Donaldson	Feb.'56
Larissa Shumuk	Ann England	Sept.'76

The Inez (Fox-Sept.'55) Mowat Memorial Bursary. (VGHSONAA)

The 2022 recipient is a VGH/UBC Collaborative Degree Program Grad
Sonia Bonato – 1993

The Edith Mary (McCallan) Cork Memorial Bursary (VGHSONAA)

The 2022 recipient	VGH sponsoring Grad	
Venevieve Vadnais	Monique Benoit	Feb.'87

The Education Committee would like to thank the many individuals who made generous donations to the Bursary Program in 2022. This helps immensely to facilitate presenting bursary awards to all eligible applicants. Donations were received from classmates requesting a deceased classmate's name be entered into the Memorial Book, from families donating in memory of a loved one, and general donations from people interested in assisting students in their nursing education.

Education Committee Report 2022 - continued

For the 2023 bursary year, the committee will welcome applications from:

1. Graduates from the VGH/SON Diploma program
2. Graduates from the UBC/VGH Collaborative Nursing Program
3. Descendants of graduates from the above programs

Please be sure to check out the information on our website (www.vghnursingschoolalumnae.com) and link to “*Bursaries*” OR inquiries and request for application forms can be made by phoning the Alumnae Office at 604-875-4111 – local 62049 (please leave a message).

Deadline for applications is September 30 of the current year.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan (Dunbar) Kerr, Sept.’65, Chair, Education Committee

Friendship Committee Report 2022

We are breathing a sense of relief from COVID, while still maintaining safety. We were able to resume the annual floral deliveries and visits in 2022.

We could not have done this without our volunteers who we would like to thank. They include **Charlotte Cronin, Judy Reid, Ginny Taylor, and Kim Beaudry** for Vancouver Island. Those in the Lower Mainland include **Kathy Murphy, Sue Kerr, Joan Kerr, Lynne Dunbar, Gail McKay, and Mary Raikes-Tindle**. Christmas cards & special birthdays were acknowledged by **Roberta Tottle**.

Please let the office know of obits, get well cards, special birthdays, etc. Please include addresses if known, so that cards may be sent.

We will soon be compiling our floral list for 2023. Please let us know of someone we may have missed, or someone new to add to our list.

Respectfully submitted

Diane Parker / Lorna Hoare

Co-Chairs Friendship Committee

Roberta Tottle Committee Member



Thank you to Myrna Braun and Pat Sexsmith



In recognition of the more than 11 years that Myrna and Pat led the Annual Luncheon Committee, they were honoured at a lunch in 2022. The detailed planning to coordinate the venue, caterer, invited and honoured guests, photographer, volunteers, displays, programmes, and table decorations was carried out with finesse. The many hours in preparation ensured that the classes celebrating their 50th and 60th anniversaries were able to celebrate their memories and renew friendships. Thank you to Myrna and Pat for your excellent work in making these luncheons so successful.

Hello from your Executive Secretary & Treasurer Spring 2023

I hope all of you stayed healthy in 2022 in spite of the ever changing variants of the COVID virus!



This past year, I have continued with my various Alumnae duties at the office and my focus continues on digital record keeping. This has helped the general office routines become easier to manage. Many enquiries from members now are easily found on the computer. Still occasional trial and error, but it certainly keeps your brain sharp!



The “Family Graduate” list is complete with the current information I have available to me. To date I have on record more than 50 VGH grads who were descendants/relatives of VGH grads. I want to thank Norma Guttormsson, your previous Executive Secretary, for getting this started. If you can think of any additions, please let me know.

Your Alumnae has been fortunate to be listed with 4 different DAF (Donor Advised Funds) - those are Benevity, GiveWise Foundation, Canada Helps, and PayPal. Direct deposit to our account has been set up for the donations handled through these “donation management organizations.”

As we learn to accept and live with all these viruses nowadays, it’s nice to see that classes are starting to plan reunions again. We were thrilled to provide funding to those few classes who applied for their 50th and 60th Anniversary Celebrations. If you have any queries about reunion planning, don’t hesitate to contact the office.

This year the question posed to you on the Membership form “are you interested in a fall function?” has had a positive response thus far. We will keep our members posted on the plans in the near future.

The 2022 tax receipt issuance is complete. Receipts were sent to new members, renewing members and to all those who very kindly and generously donated. We had a tremendous response this past year. A huge heartfelt thanks to all of you for your donations!

The introduction of an “e-transfer” option to pay has been a huge success! *PLEASE & THANK YOU*, we would like remind all those who chose to e-transfer, we still do need the membership form filled out and returned: you can do it on-line, through our website, or you can mail back the form you received in early January.

Both the 2022 Financial Report and the 2022 Donation Record are included in the Newsletter for your reference.

Please find it in your hearts to keep your connection to your VGH nursing school by supporting your Alumnae. I wish you good health going forward and enjoy 2023!

Contact us: VGH SON Alumnae Association 855 W12th Ave. Vancouver, BC V5Z 1M9
604 875 4111 ext. 62049 If you want to visit, please call ahead and we can meet. We are in the Heather Pavilion - South entrance, first two blue doors on your left.

Cheers,

Sue Goguen (Gammon) Feb’75

Archival Photo Project

One of the projects the Archive Committee is working on is to have the many, many digital archival photos in our data base available and searchable on line.

This process was started last year and we are excited to report the first of the photos have now been uploaded. We are hoping to continue with this project so that the general public will be able to use the photos for research as well as enjoyment..

Many thanks to those who have contributed to our archival fund. Your donations have made this project feasible.

Nomination Committee Report 2023

The Board of Directors

Officers

President: Kathy Murphy
Vice President: Mary Raikes-Tindle
Recording Secretary: Lynne Dunbar
Executive Secretary/ Treasurer: Sue Goguen

Committee Chairs

Archives: Barb Kissuras
Education: Joan Kerr
Friendship: Lorna Hoare and Diane Parker-
Co-Chairs
Membership: Sue Kerr
Communications: Suzanne Stothers

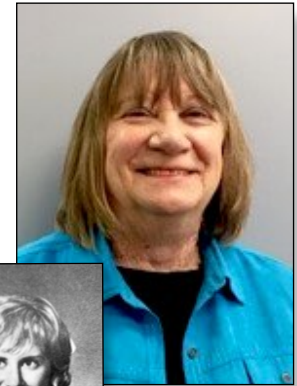
Submitted by:
Mary Raikes-Tindle

Archive Committee Report 2022

The Archive Committee is pleased to be able to offer tours once again. We are also pleased that work has begun on a researcher-friendly, search-oriented digital presentation of material held in the archives. Our sincere appreciation goes to our Archivist **Naomi Constant** who continues to guide us with the accession of donated items and the deaccessioning of duplications as well as responding to requests.

Arlene Vanderhoeven is now the leader of the Window Display Team. Other members of this team are **Norma Guttormsson, Janie Birkeland, spares Kathy Murphy, Marg Shugg, and Kim Beaudry**. These members continue to provide interesting displays in the Alumnae Association windows in the Pattison Pavilion. **Karen Armitage** and **Betty Kirkwood** retired from the Archives committee this year. Remaining members are **Denise MacMartin, Marg Shugg, and Mary Watt**. The dedication of the members of the Window Display Team and Archive Committee is sincerely appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Kissuras Feb.'66
 Chair Archive Committee



Note from the Archivist:

The goal of the archival and museum collection is to collect, preserve, and display artifacts and archival material relating to the history of the Vancouver General Hospital School of Nursing for the period 1899-1998.

The material is available to the general public through research, exhibitions, loans and educational programming.

The public may access the material in the collection by appointment by contacting the Archivist at vghsonarchives.99@gmail.com or by calling 604-875-4111 (local 62049).

Information is also available on the VGH School of Nursing Alumnae Association website at vghnursingschoolalumnae.com

We welcome visitors and donation of nursing school related items such as documents, photographs and pins.

Archive display cases

We urgently need volunteers to help with the displays in the VGH School of Nursing Archival display cases located in the Jim Pattison Pavilion.

Since the start of COVID, the display has only been changed three times a year, but we would like to change that to four or five times as it was pre-COVID, but we need more volunteers to make this happen. We work in pairs, and the commitment is only one day a year. Please contact the VGH SON Alumnae office if you are interested in volunteering your time to assist with this.

The Archive display committee current members are **Norma Guttormsson '58,**



Janie Birkeland '60, Arlene Vanderhoeven '89, and spares Kathy Murphy '65, Marg Shugg '54, and Kim Beaudry '80

Norma and Arlene added a mannequin to the TB / Paediatric display last week, and had several people stop and say how much they enjoyed seeing them added back into the display. Many thanks to Naomi for her assistance in providing the artifacts to help fill each of the displays. These displays allow visitors, patients, and staff to see the history of the hospital, VGH School of Nursing, as well as other important and interesting historical medical facts and information. **Arlene Vanderhoeven**

Celebrate the Memories

Funding is now available for 50th and 60th reunions.

Moving forward into the fourth year of the Pandemic, we are reminded of many important events in our lives we have postponed, cancelled, or have had to look at them differently.

The annual May Luncheon was the highlight of the VGH School of Nursing Alumnae Association and for those who attended it was a time for reunions, laughter and renewal of friendships. The venue accommodated a large group, up to 265 grads of varying ages and abilities.

The main purpose of the event was to celebrate with the grads who had graduated 50 or 60 years ago. There was also acknowledgment of those who had graduated 70 years ago! Cancelling the luncheon was a difficult decision for the Board of Directors, but it became clear that we couldn't plan any future events due to the Pandemic, increasing food costs, serving staff costs and issues with the venue.

The Board wanted to encourage classes to continue with celebrating 50/60 years since graduation. We decided to encourage their reunions by assisting with funds initially as a "pilot" project for the 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963 classes. These classes were the ones most immediately affected by the cancellation of the luncheons, and we wanted to see how this would work and if there was interest in the plan.

Two class representatives can apply for funding through the Alumnae Association office. The funding amounts are \$500.00 for the 50-year grads and \$250.00 for the 60-year grads. There has been interest in this funding and as of February 13, 2023, 5 out of a possible 16 classes have accessed funding and they are;

Sept. '71 -celebrated their 50th on Sept 13-15, 2022 at Harrison Hot Springs with 2 dinners, **Gillian Raphael** and **Judy Reid** are the class reps.

Sept. '72 -celebrated their 50th at the Pinnacle on Sept. 23 & 24, 2022. **Donna Brett** and **Barbara Sims** are the class reps.

Sept. '73 -have applied for funding for their 50th. They have decided on a catered lunch at Barbara Coghlan's house on Sept. 13, 2023. Class reps are **Barbara Coghlan (Sutherland)** and **Denise MacMartin**.

Sept. '62 –celebrated their 60th with a variety of venues. Shaughnessy Restaurant at Van Dusen gardens for Happy Hour, followed by a dinner at Pat Sexsmith's, brunch at Granville Island Hotel and a closing dinner at the Arbutus club. **Pat Sexsmith** and **Myrna Braun** are the class reps.

Feb. '63 -is planning their 60th in Sidney, BC - Sept. 11-13, 2023. **Brenda Kelsey** is the class representative. There have been inquiries from other classes which are being processed at this time.

For those planning an upcoming event, please have **only 2** designated class reps, who are current members of the Alumnae (\$ 20.00/yr.), contact the office for an application form.

If you are in the class of '60, '61, '62, '63, '70, '71, '72 or '73 and missed out on funding for your celebration, please

contact the office as you may be eligible for "retroactive" funds.

We look forward to hearing from you to share highlights and photos of your 50 and /or 60-year celebrations!

Please provide a short write up and photos of your event as we would like to submit them to the Newsletter to share as we "Celebrate the Memories".

Office contact: vghson99@gmail.com or 604 875 4111 ext.62049.

Suzanne Stothers, Communications



Reunions

September '57 Greetings to the Executive and to our fellow Alumnae Association members.

In early 2022, after a hiatus of nearly three years, our classmates of September 1957 were delighted to catch up with each other over lunch at a local golf club.

Though it was nearly 65 years since graduation, those three years of shared residence living made for strong bonds. We've enjoyed many reunions over the years, including local ones with hotel stays as well as some memorable ones abroad. Classmates have hosted us in Toronto, Philadelphia, Australia, and Bath, England. We've also enjoyed cruises to Alaska and around the Hawaiian Islands.

It takes a captain and crew to steer any ship and we acknowledge the great efforts of **Lerae Brigden, Thelma Kilburn, and Peggy Hamilton** for their dedication in keeping us updated with the news and whereabouts of our classmates. Over the years they became our own "tour operators," sending notices, collecting fees, and making reservations. We're grateful to them and to all the others who spontaneously hosted those pot-luck lunches when out of town classmates visited.

We are planning to gather for lunch at **Shaughnessy Restaurant in Van Dusen Gardens on Wednesday, May 10.** Classmates wishing to attend should contact **Arden Kidd - ardenvkidd@gmail.com** by May 1st or at 604-731-7123.

February '59 class mini reunion was held at Pat Day Sinclair's house in South Surrey on May 19, 2022. Nine classmates attended: **Eileen Depeel, Barbara Schroter, Ann Slind, Frances Russell, Janet Sims, Glenda Porter, Kathleen Thune, Helen Virgo, and Pat Sinclair.**

Submitted by: **Pat Sinclair**



September '59 Fourteen members from the class of Sept. '59 gathered in August for a mini-reunion at a classmate's home in Delta, with one person coming from as far away as Mexico and another from Washington State. Although a couple of us managed to get lost, we all eventually arrived and enjoyed a delicious meal and an

afternoon of reminiscing about training days and catching up on everyone's news since our last get-together. Everyone had a great time! We are already planning to do it again next year and start the organizing for our 65th anniversary in 2024. Sadly, three more members of our class have passed away this past year. We will miss them.

Submitted by **Frances Loughton**



Pictured in the back row from left to right: **Thelma (Fisher) Kilburn, Joyce (Sebryk) Roberts, Chris (Buchanan) Knight, Judy (Markstrom) Langstaff, Fran (Johnson) Dye, Bonnie (Spearing) Yarmak, June (Nemis) Cocking, Lerae (Parrot) Brigden,**

Front row: **Alma (Hammer) Jones, Dawn (Kirschke) Church, Arden (Gardner) Kidd, and Sharie (Tikinoff) Vigouret.**



Reunions

February '59 Mini reunion held on Sept. 29, 2022.



Front Row. *Pat Gorwill, Carol Saunders, Pat Sinclair, Marie Froese.*
 Back Row: *Barbara Schroter, Elaine Kelley, Amanda Brown, Glenda Porter, Eileen Depeel*
 Submitted by: *Pat Sinclair*

September '72 recently celebrated our fiftieth reunion at the Pinnacle Hotel at the Pier in North Vancouver. We lucked into a terrific weekend weather-wise. A good time was had by the thirty of us who attended the two day event. Most of the faces were recognizable, although there was some discussion as to whether we would require name tags for our next event. We are already looking forward to our next gathering, but have decided that we won't wait for another five years. Reunion extraordinaire!

Donna Brett



September '62 60th reunion.

Thinking of you all as this special anniversary has taken place. Eighteen of us were able to gather in Vancouver to celebrate this occasion, to reminisce, and to reconnect after a long absence.

Due to COVID, the annual lunches have not taken place for the past three years. We met on Sept. 23 at the Alumnae Office which was the

original Emergency in Heather Pavilion to tour the archives and to hear an update from Kathy Murphy, President of the VGH Nursing Alumnae on changes present and future for the hospital, followed by the tour.

We moved on to Van Dusen Gardens where a few of us visited the garden and the rest of us joined in for Happy Hour and Dinner in the Shaughnessy Restaurant. We had two tables of eight, and we managed to change seats a couple of times so that we could connect to more people. Thanks go to our waiter, who as it turned out had a mother who was a nurse. He managed to keep a sense of humour in spite of the revolving seating.

Saturday morning, Sept 24 we met at the Granville Island Hotel for brunch. It was a lovely sunny morning and much enjoyed by all. Then Louanne had an open house at her lovely condo in Yaletown. It is a short ride by water taxi from Granville Island. At 4:00 p.m. we met at **Pat Sexsmith's** for drinks and appetizers which was followed by a farewell dinner at the Arbutus Club.

We lit a candle for our departed classmates (17) at Pat's home, and Gerda led us in a time of remembrance. We committed to making sure that all of the departed had their names in the VGH Nurses Memorial book. The names are entered by a calligrapher. The cost is by donation and the money is donated to the bursary fund. We have a small amount in the bank left over from previous reunions and we decided this money will be used for this purpose. Thanks to Sheila for managing this money over the years.

Also thanks to Sharon for updating the class contact list. If you should move or change emails please contact Sharon at sbaxter1@telus.net. This is our only way to keep in touch with you

We wish you all well. Keep in touch. It is great to hear from you.

The Reunion Committee; **Sharon Baxter, Myrna Braun, Louanne Labbe, Barbara Groundwater, Pat Sexsmith**



September '71 A small but enthusiastic group met at Harrison Hot Springs for two nights this past week to celebrate 50 years since our graduation from VGH (51 actually but delayed due to COVID). We enjoyed eating, walking and soaking in the hot pools together...lots of laughs! It was wonderful to reconnect with our classmates and to share stories of the past and the present. Our history has resulted in a lifelong bond. One of the highlights was having our class valedictorian read her speech from graduation night...it was very nostalgic and emotional. We've come a long way since those days! We look forward to meeting again in a couple of years. Thank you to the Alumnae for your support. I hope you will enjoy the attached photos!



September 1972 recently celebrated our 50th reunion at the Pinnacle Hotel at the Pier in North Vancouver. We lucked into a terrific weekend weather-wise. A good time was had by the thirty of us who attended the two-day event. Most of the faces were recognizable, although there was some discussion as to whether we would require name tags for our next event. We are already looking forward to our next gathering, but have decided that we won't wait for another five years.

February '74 held their 48th anniversary reunion in Victoria September 7-9. The weather was perfect, and the program prepared by the organizers was wonderful. Twenty classmates attended. The reunion started on Wednesday, Sept 7 with dinner at the Old Spaghetti Factory where we reminisced about the many happy times at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Gastown and remembered the much lower cost of the meals back then.

Thursday morning was informal visiting, and then a hired bus delivered everyone directly to Butchart Gardens in the early afternoon. The gardens were beautiful and the walk through the lovely floral displays was enjoyed by all. The bus brought everyone back to Victoria in time for dinner at the Bard and Banker, a pub in an old bank in downtown Victoria. We had an area set aside just for our class, and it was a lively evening. Friday morning was free and we all met at the Empress Hotel for Afternoon Tea. In celebration of the Queen's 70th anniversary and - just for fun - we were asked to wear dresses, hats and gloves please. The fancier the better. The hats were fabulous and the outfits drew the attention and smiles from other diners. The group also drew the attention of a photographer from the *Globe and Mail* who asked what the occasion was and then offered to take group photos. What a nice guy! Unfortunately the photos did not make the newspaper, but he was kind enough to pass the photos on to us. Great memories. The evening and the reunion ended with a potluck dinner at the hotel and as always, there was never a lull in the conversation. Many thanks to **Brenda**

Heatherington, Pam Rorie, and Susan Fisher for organizing another great reunion. Unfortunately Sue was not able to attend due to COVID, but we knew she was there in spirit.

Plans are underway for our 50th anniversary reunion in Vancouver in September 2024.

Submitted by **Kathie Gibbs Thompson**.

Kathie is the contact person for the Feb. '74 class. She can be reached at: vghefeb74@gmail.com



The Registered Nurses Foundation



The Registered Nurses Foundation has been providing bursaries since 1979 to RNs and RN students through the RNFBC Endowment of \$5,000,000. In 2022, two hundred and seventy four Bursaries were awarded worth \$276,000. More information about available bursaries can be found at www.rnfbc.ca.

New in 2022: Some RNFBC Bursaries are open to students in LPN and RPN programmes and to nurses enrolled in some specialty/certificate programmes offered through BCCNM and CNA.

The Vancouver General Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae Bursary was created in 1984 from donations from the Alumnae Association, former graduates, and from the proceeds of the sale of the VGH Manor. The funding is available for students enrolled in baccalaureate nursing programmes, graduates of a basic programme, the UBC/VGH Collaborative programme, and for descendants of graduates of these programmes. When all suitable candidates have received awards and there is still funding available, candidates holding the basic criteria can be considered by the RNFBC Bursary Committee if they are permanent residents of British Columbia and have graduated from a BC School of Nursing.

In 2022, the VGH School of Nursing Alumnae Bursaries were given to 25 students and graduates. The 25 thank you notes from the winners indicated sincere appreciation for the award and often tell of why nursing was chosen as a career.

Permission to publish portions of some of the thank you letters was granted.



To the donors of VGH SoN Bursary thank you for your gracious donation to RNFBC.

My name is **Brittany Williams** and I am a second year student at the University of Northern British Columbia in the Master of Science in Nursing Family Nurse Practitioner program. My grandmother who just celebrated her 95th birthday graduated from the VGH SoN in January of 1951 and continued to work at VGH for the majority of her career. My grandmother met my grandfather while in the VGH SoN. He was an orderly at the hospital, and they were happily married for 67 years. This bursary is extra special given the sentimental connection and sadly losing my grandfather last summer.

Graduate studies were something I have always desired to complete but chose to work in the nursing field for almost a decade before identifying the path I wanted to pursue. In the last twenty-four months I have been presented with various roles throughout my workplace at British Columbia's Childrens Hospital, all in which provided new and exciting challenges. As some of my recent roles have encompassed leadership and education I have interacted less with patients, something I have truly missed. I feel the role of a Family Nurse Practitioner incorporates education, leadership, and most importantly patient care. I entered the field of nursing because I am compelled to help those in need, and truly feel the MScN-FNP program can further add to my passion of patient care at an advanced nursing capacity.

The majority of my nursing practice has been that of a paediatric emergency room nurse, which has provided a concrete foundation for nursing assessment, health promotion, and education to the paediatric population and their families. As a front-line health care worker, I have recognized the need for increased access to primary care providers, as the emergency department is often used for non-urgent concerns, which can cause overcrowding and further impacting the overall quality and continuity of patient care. I believe Family Nurse Practitioners have the ability to develop continuous caring relationships by working collaboratively with their patients to best achieve one's health goals. BCCH has allowed me the opportunity to work alongside nurse practitioners in different capacities, highlighting a holistic approach to patient care, development of long-term patient relationships, use of critical thinking skills, and further health promotion.

I am excited to embark on this new chapter of my nursing career and cannot thank you enough for providing the funds to do so.

Sincerely,

Brittany Williams

To the donors of the Vancouver General SoN Alumnae Association,

I am a third-year Ph.D. in Nursing student at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan. I am very grateful for the bursary provided through RNFBC. As I am working toward my proposal defence and comprehensive exams, this money will exponentially help move my research forward and achieve my academic goals. I hope to reciprocate one day by supporting future nurses and becoming a mentor.



It is with my deepest gratitude that I accept this generous bursary. The legacy of VGH has been an important part of my family. My maternal grandmother Christine Lynette Halvorson (née Munro), graduated in the VGH class of 1957, and her daughter (my mother), Nancy Knox (née Halvorson), graduated in the class of 1986. I grew up hearing stories about their time at VGH; my grandmother’s best friend from her class and my mother’s best friend from her class became mine and my sisters’ chosen aunts; I wore the nursing hat and cape they proudly kept. This bursary allows me to hold an honorary continuation of my family’s legacy at VGH. Thank you for creating the Vancouver General SoN Alumnae Association Bursary and supporting my academic goals and career.

Sincerely,
Lisa Knox



To the donors of the Vancouver General SoN Alumnae Association Bursary:

I am a second-year student in the BSN Nursing Program at Langara College. I am very grateful for the bursary provided through RNFBC.

My goal is to specify in the mental health area in the future after I graduate from my program and obtain my RN license. During my clinical, my clients’ encouragement and support motivate me to do better. I particularly enjoy how broad the nursing career could be to help clients in physical, emotional and psychosocial aspects and improve their well-being. As a mother of two young children and a full-time student at the same time, financial struggle is an obstacle in my life, so the money is very helpful. Therefore, your donation means a lot to me and encourages me to persevere in my commitment to nursing. Vancouver General SoN Alumnae Association Bursary is a generous gift from VGH graduates dedicating



themselves to the nursing profession. I greatly appreciate the gift, and after I have graduated, I will also support future nurses. Thank you again for creating the Vancouver General SoN Alumnae Association

Bursary. I am very grateful for this precious gift and affirmation.

Sincerely,
Adele Tsao

Bursary Winners 2022

Courtney Albert	University of Victoria
Abigail Green	University of British Columbia Okanagan
Brittany Williams	University of Northern BC
Emily Proctor	Vancouver Island University
Ahmad Zahir	University of British Columbia Okanagan
Meaghan Macleod	BC Institute of Technology
Meghan Goertzen	Selkirk College
Benjamin Ferguson	Kwantlen Polytechnic University
Emma Siegmund	University of British Columbia Vancouver
Joellen Ponsica	Langara College
Gerwin Legaspi	University of British Columbia Vancouver
Lisa Knox	University of British Columbia Okanagan
Reilly Kearns	University of British Columbia Okanagan
Laura Brace	Vancouver Island University
Madison Friesen	University of Northern BC
Adele Tsao	Langara College
Kennedie Maidment	Athabasca University
Isabella Officer	University of British Columbia Okanagan
Jason Dollevoet	University of British Columbia Okanagan
Ainsley Macdonald	University of British Columbia Okanagan
Erin Clearie	Trinity Western University
Kelsey Vu	Langara College
Amy Stewart	Selkirk College
Victor Chan	Langara College
Justine Alexa Borje	Langara College

Dear VGH School of Nursing Alumnae Association.

My name is Erin Clearie, and I am a recipient of the VGH School of Nursing Alumnae Association Bursary for 2022. Thank you to the VGH SoN Alumnae Association for their generosity in hosting this bursary. I applied for this bursary because I am the daughter of a VGH SoN Alumni. My mother, Audrey Clearie (maiden name, Morwood-Clark) was a graduate of VGH SoN in February 1980. She went on to have a fantastic 33-year career as an RN, up until her passing in 2013. Many of her nursing school friends attended her celebration of life, a testament to the close bonds that were formed during their time at VGH SoN.



As you may know, I have followed in my mothers' footsteps and become a nurse myself. I am a Registered Psychiatric Nurse, having obtained a Bachelor of Science in Psychiatric Nursing from Douglas College in 2015. In 2020, I decided to continue my education through the Master of Science in Nursing program with Trinity Western University (TWU), with a focus in Nursing Leadership. I am approximately two thirds of the way through the program, and I hope to have completed my studies by mid-2024. I am grateful for this bursary as it will provide me with financial assistance towards the cost of my studies, which are costly at the graduate level.

Throughout my career I have worked in various areas of community mental health. During these years I have found myself getting frustrated due to systemic issues such as nursing shortages, physician shortages, limitations in legislation, etc. Instead of complaining about this, I decided to further my education to hopefully become a change-maker of these challenges. TWU was my choice of school because of their fantastic Nursing Healthcare Policy course, which sets it apart from other schools. I recently completed this course, which included a one-week residency in Ottawa. We had the opportunity to attend Question Period at the House of Commons, where many important healthcare issues were discussed. Seeing the discussion and decision-making in progress lit my heart on fire and inspired me to work towards a career in healthcare policy making. I think my mother would be proud.

Thank you again to the VGH SoN Alumnae Association for this generous bursary. Also, thank you to the Registered Nurses Foundation of BC for hosting the bursary program for students like myself to access.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season.

Erin Clearie



Dear Vancouver General SoN Alumnae Association Donors

My Name is Benjamin Ferguson, a second year (fourth term) nursing student enrolled in KPU's BSN-AE program. I am writing to you today thank you for your generous donation to myself and the other nursing students in BC. This fall I was awarded the Vancouver General SoN Alumnae Association Bursary through the RNFBC, and I cannot begin to tell you what a huge difference this will make my life this term. As you can imagine, an accelerated nursing program can be very busy. Between papers assignments, clinical, and other commitments, I find my self stretched very thin to get everything done. As such, I am only able to work a few hours a week at my part-time coaching job. This generous bursary will enable me to continue putting the majority of my time and attention into my studies and allow me to relax and worry less about my finances.

I believe that I have a duty to our community to put my full effort into my studies as it will result in better health outcomes for my clients.

That's to say, your generous donation will have a ripple effect that not only helps me excel in my studies, but also benefits the health of members of our shared

community. Your kindness and support does not go unnoticed, and you have my sincere gratitude.

All the best,

Benjamin Ferguson





To the donors of the Vancouver General SoN Alumnae Association bursary.

Hello, my name is Jason Dollevoet. I am currently in my first year of nursing at UBC Okanagan. I cannot begin to express my gratitude for this bursary. Studying full-time has presented many financial challenges for my family and me, so this money will help us greatly, and I have to thank you again. Receiving this bursary makes me want to work even harder toward my goal! It is very encouraging to know that I have people from around the province who are supporting me. The main thing that inspires me and what drives me is my parents; both of them are nurses and have always had very high expectations for me and have done so much for me throughout my life, so I want to make them proud by completing this nursing course and then be able to pay them back in the future.

My parents are also why I went into nursing; they always go on about how great and rewarding the job is and how they say it made such a difference in the individuals they cared for. That made me want to follow in their footsteps because I knew I always wanted to pursue a career where I could make a difference in the community. Reading about the bursary, I saw that the VGH training school engaged in a merger with UBC in the past, which makes me feel as if I share something with past nursing students at UBC, and I find that to be very inspiring.

Thank you again for creating the Vancouver General SoN Alumnae Association bursary. I am very thankful to receive it.

Sincerely, **Jason Dollevoet**

Dear Vancouver General SoN Alumnae Association:



Thank you for your very generous bursary through RNFBC. I have been an oncology nurse for 26 years, having graduated from UBC/VGH school of nursing in 1996. I have seen firsthand the distress my patients experience often during end of life diagnosis and shifts to palliative focus. I have often felt there needs to be greater research and action to ease the transition and provide greater comfort in all aspects of the patient experience (physical and spiritual). Recently, I have been introduced to the exciting new field of using psychedelic medicine to help patients in existential distress. There is exciting and very promising results in the research done within this emerging field.

I have enrolled in a brand new graduate level program through Vancouver Island University focusing on psychedelic assisted therapies and have hopes of one day using this to assist in the palliative and end of life patient population. Thank you so very much for contributing to my endeavour and helping make this care possible, in the future, through the bursary provided through RNFBC.

Sincerely,

Laura Brace,

RN BSN, Patient Care Co-ordinator Leukemia/BMT Program, BC



Education Committee

I am writing you to express my deepest gratitude for being selected as a 2022 Bursary Recipient.



I am currently in the second year for of the part time Nurse Practitioner program through UNBC. I continue to gain a wide breath of knowledge and I am looking forward to beginning my clinical placement in September of 2023.

On a personal note, receiving this bursary was extra special to share with my Grandma. She graduated from the VGH School of Nursing in 1957 and has always been supportive of my nursing journey.

The extra support is always meaningful as I continue with my education, work as an RN in an urgent and primary care centre and care for my two boys. While the time and financial commitments have been challenging, I have grown as a healthcare professional and a person.

I am hopeful that as a Nurse Practitioner I can be a part of the positive changes happening in our healthcare system.

Thank you again,
Holly McDonald

It is with much gratitude that I write to you as the recipient of The Inez (Fox-Sept'55) Mowat Memorial Bursary.

I graduated from the UBC/VGH School of Nursing in 1993 and worked most of my career as a Public Health Nurse. I have always been passionate about breastfeeding and in 1998 I earned a certification with the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners. Last year, I accepted a two-year temporary new role at BC Children's Hospital as a Lactation Consultant.

I have developed a partnership with the Cardiac Care Clinic and the Palate and Craniofacial team and started connecting with families prenatally to provide education and anticipatory guidance in meeting their feeding goals when it is identified that a baby will be born with a Congenital Heart defect or a Craniofacial defect.

During the last year, I have been working hard to create a culture that values human milk feeding and sees the parent and baby as a dyad (rather than just focusing on the baby). My goal is to empower parents and provide family-centered care. I tell almost all the mothers that I provide care to that their milk is "medicine for your baby" as it is full of immunity protecting the child. I also often say to parents that their body is an "intervention that stabilizes your baby" as we know that skin-to-skin contact and cuddling deregulates the stress response. I have provided education sessions to students, nurses, doctors and care aids. I have also tried to influence policy to better support a developmental care model, one that embraces the parent as the center of care and helps to create a healing environment for hospitalized infants and their families.



As with any opportunity that is rewarding, there are often challenges to overcome. Working with hospitalized infants and children is and will continue to be a humbling journey. There was a steep learning curve as I had never worked as a pediatric nurse. I am also often navigating the emotional aspects of helping families during such a sensitive and vulnerable time in their life.

Thank you again for your generosity. This bursary has allowed me to further my education and keep up to date in the field of lactation.

With gratitude,

Sonia Bonato (VGH/UBC) 1993

Education Committee

Dear Vancouver General Hospital Alumnae Association,

I am writing to express my gratitude for the bursary I have received to aide in my nursing education. I am extremely thankful for the generosity of those who are supporting the future nurses and healthcare professionals. This financial support has helped with the switch from College of the Rockies to Vancouver Island University as I strive to diversify my education and seek out a well-rounded educational experience and focus on directing my studies in paediatrics and neonatal care. This bursary will help support my courses as well as specialty courses to focus on this area of expertise. I plan on pursuing courses on acute care of newborns and children as well as courses surrounding perinatal care. I take inspiration from my lovely mother who has been supportive throughout my journey in nursing school. I practice taking initiative, teamwork, and kindness as these are all aspects my mother has demonstrated throughout her career and I have taken many valuable lessons from her experience. She has always been there to listen to my stories, help me gain learning experiences from my clinical practice, and encourage me through tough times. I appreciate all she has done for me and I am thankful I was raised by such an inspirational and caring woman.

I am extremely grateful for this opportunity and this bursary is contributing to helping me achieve my educational goals through nursing school and beyond.

Thank you for your generosity.

Jenna Anderson



VGH School of Nursing Alumnae Building Society/Association Fund

February In 2002, the VGH School of Nursing Alumnae Building Society/ Association Endowment Fund was created to promote life-long learning for nurses. This fund is managed by the VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation and funding is awarded annually to nurses at the Vancouver General Hospital, UBC Hospital, GF Strong Rehabilitation Centre and Vancouver Community Health Services.

The awards dispersed in 2022 were: 38 Bursary winners and funding was also provided for 10 In- house unit and programme needs. These were: Acquired Brain injuries, Acute Medicine, GI Medicine, Leukemia/Blood and Marrow Transplant, Neurosciences Unit, Perioperative Care Unit, Post Anaesthesia Care Unit, Tertiary Mental Health and Substance Abuse.



Reunions

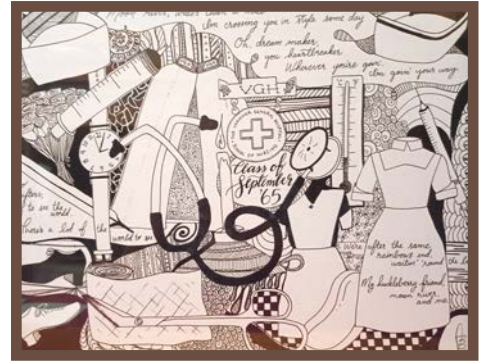
September '65

The Class of September 1965 has postponed their 55th Anniversary several times in order to cope with the pandemic. Finally there was a window when we could gather in August 2022 so several sailed and drove to the home of **Joan (Dunbar) Kerr** in Maple Ridge. Of course the conversation just picked up where we left off at our 50th Anniversary as we caught up with our news and received some appropriate gifts from Joan. Each member of the Reunion Committee was presented with a Sept.'65 Doodle Art picture.

The 55th +3 Anniversary is now scheduled for **September 12-14, 2023** at The Galiano Inn and Spa.

February '75

At last, Feb.'75 is celebrating an anniversary! "45+3" at Harrison Hot Springs, **June 20-22, 2023**. Contact is Sue Goguen at goguens@shaw.ca



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Honorary Members

Mrs. Matilda Bara	Mrs. Naomi Constant
Mr. Charlie Etchell	Mr. D.E. McTaggart
Anita Petersen	Jens Petersen
Mrs. Sheila J. Rankin Zerr	

Life Members

Sharon Baxter (Francis) '62	Janie Birkeland (Schwab) '66
Vivian Blake (Jackson) '50	Myrna Braun (Wagstaff) '62
Norma Guttormsson (Scobie) '58	Lorna Hoare (Snider) '66
Joan Kerr (Dunbar) '65	Sheila Kirk (Poersch) '61
Gail McKay (Glanville) '62	Elizabeth Kirkwood (Miles) '53
Kathleen Murphy (McCutcheon) '65	Diane Parker (Sjerne) '68
Trudy Phillips (Smith) '53	Mary Raikes-Tindle '65
Kay Raisbeck '54	Betty-Anne Rogers '57
Nancy Semke (Bouzovetsky) '57	Pat Sexsmith (Kay) '62
Margaret Shugg '54	Jean Tsuyuki (Lyons) '57
Ethel Warbinek (McIntyre) '56	Mary Watt (MacKinnon) '54

EDUCATION BURSARY APPLICATION

Bursary applicants can submit online applications in 2023 as an option.

This will reduce the stress in sending documents by mail to meet the September 30 deadline.

Archives could use your help! Please reply.

VGH School of Nursing Memorial Book

The Memorial Book was created in 1959 by the class of September 1954 in honour of **Helga Thordarson**, a classmate. Requested by classmates, family or friends, the graduate's name is entered in the book with the year of graduation, year of death, and the name or names of those making the request. The pages are decorated, and **Trudy Phillips** (Class of February 1953) was the calligrapher until 2022.



A donation of \$15 is suggested which is used to support bursaries for VGH graduates or their descendants. To honour the graduate, contact the Alumnae Office (604-875-4111 extension 62049) to obtain the form. After completing the form, it is returned to the Alumnae Office along with the cheque payable to the VGH School of Nursing Alumnae Association (memo: Education Fund)

As the two Memorial Books have not been displayed to the members attending the luncheon in the last two years, the names recorded for 2022 are included at this time. It is to be noted that although the graduate may have passed away at an earlier date, the recording of the name is completed when the nomination is submitted.

Thank you to Trudy Phillips

For the past twenty years, Trudy Phillips, from the Class of 1953, has recorded the names of former graduates of the VGH School of Nursing in the Memorial Book. During this time, there were 485 names recorded. The first name recorded was Mary Richmond, the former Director Nursing at the Vancouver General Hospital.

The Memorial Books had been brought to the annual luncheons in May so that those attending could view them. As the luncheons will no longer be held, it was decided that the books should remain in the Alumnae Association office so that

those touring the area could view them. The members of the VGH School of Nursing Alumnae Association sincerely appreciate the many years that Trudy recorded the names.



2022 Memorial Book Entries

<i>Year of Death</i>	<i>Current Name</i>	<i>Given Name</i>	<i>Grad Name</i>	<i>Grad M/Y</i>
2022	Ablett	Carole	Hamilton	Feb-65
2019	Armstrong	Penelope	Oldham	Sep-62
2022	Atkins	Maureen	Worobec	Feb-71
2003	Balzer	Bertha	Loewen	Sep-62
2008	Bishop	Helen	Barker	Sep-62
2022	Bradshaw	Joyce	Cooper	Feb-53
2022	Brasfield	Mahri-Annah	Miekle	Sep-66
2022	Brown	Joan	Davis	Sep-56
2022	Burkinshaw	Sylvia	Campbell	Feb-59
1980	Cooper	Marilyn	Bradley	Sep-62
2015	Cowan	Wendy	Grove	Sep-62
2019	Crouse	Lorraine	Bennett	Sep-53
2019	Cumming	Robin	Stalker	Sep-62
2020	Desaulniers	Barbara	Symonds	Sep-54
2009	Eliot	Ann	Tullidge	Sep-62
2022	Fast	Helen	Fast	Sep-56
1996	Fellowes	Mary	Gilmour	Sep-62
			Fellowes	Sep-62
2021	Hancock	Anne	MacQuarrie	Sep-55
2005	Hanson	Maureen	Pritchard	Sep-62
unknown	Hayes	Joyce	Kent	Sep-62
2011	Large	Gerry	Watson	Sep-62
2022	Leask	Ruth	Castle	Feb-62
2021	Lister	Shirley-Mae	Benson	UBC 56
2019	MacKenzie	Arlene	Morin	Sep-62
2013	McCrae	Faye	McCrae	Sep-62
2017	McKitrick	Lynda	Barton	Sep-62
2022	McOrmand	May Elizabeth	Waters	Sep-57
2022	Murphy	Joan	MacQuarrie	Sep-57
2022	Rae	Diane	Darbey	UBC 56
2014	Schmidt	Marilyn	McKay	Sep-62
2022	Schwieger	Donna	Watson	Sep-69
2022	Sgambati	Louise	McGavin	Sep-55
2022	Swierstra	Mary Ann	Wilcox	Sep-57
2008	Thomas	Jaquiline	Young	Sep-62
2021	Walls	Anne	Moan	Sep-69
2022	Woodbury	Vivian Patricia	Wilson	Sep-45
2022	Wynne	Charlotte	Wynne	Sep-65

VGH Family Graduates

Years ago Norma Guttormsson set out on a mission to compile a list of VGH SON Family Graduates. I picked up the torch a few years ago and have carried on. We are sharing those names we have received thus far.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any names to add. Thank you, **Sue Goguen (Gammon) Feb'75**

<u>Current Name</u>	<u>Grad Name/Yr.</u>	<u>Relation</u>	<u>Current Name</u>	<u>Grad Name/Yr.</u>	<u>Relation</u>
Evelyn Chambers Helen Chambers	Blackhall Jan-43 Chambers Sept-68	Mother (decd) Daughter	Ruth Olacke Leslie Beetles	Arthur Jan.-39 Olacke Sept-68	Mother Daughter
Lucille Clark Laura Clark-MacDonnell	Parker Sept-53 Clark Feb28	Mother Daughter	Bernice Edgar Mary Lou Moody	Currie Sept-35 Edgar Sept 78	Mother Daughter
Adelaide Hutchins Christy Casidy	McLean Feb 53 Hutchins	Mother (decd) Daughter	Lois Chambers Lenore DuGas	Hughs Jan-52 Chambers Sept-78	Mother Daughter
Alice McLelan Patricia Richards	Humble Sept-51 Humble Feb 65	Aunt Niece	Eleanor Johnson Nancy Wright	Ginter Jan-52 Johnson Feb-87	Mother Daughter
Jean Morrey Barbara Morrey	Elliot Sept-49 Morrey Feb-83	Mother Daughter	Winifred Stevenson Gail Dill	Sutherland Sept-33 Stevenson Sept 644	Mother Daughter
Gertrude Philips Susan Hannah	Smith Feb-53 Phillips	Mother Daughter	Lynn Walters Sylvia Blanchard	Stevenson Feb-68 Stevenson Sept-77	Daughter Daughter
Ethel Boyle Marion Boyle Kathleen Boyle	Routley Sept 21 Boyle 49 UBC Boyle -1950	Mother Daughter Daughter (decd)	Esther MacMillan Jean lewis	Duff 1913 MacMillan Jan-40	Mother (decd) Daughter(decd)
Ann Henschel Susan Adams	Christie Feb-53 Adams Feb-80	Mother Daughter	Connie Reichelt Leah Reichelt Janis Yelland	Gillitt Sept-58 Reichelt Sept-86 Cochrill Sept-83	Mother & in law Daughter Daughter in law
Yvonne Francis Sharon Baxter	Daniel Jan-35 Francis Sept-52	Mother Daughter	Edith Cork Robert Tottle	McCallan Jan-36 Cork Sept-65	Mother Daughter
Kay Dempster Susan Calvert	Dempster Feb-53 Calvert Feb-83	Mother Daughter	Barbara O'Donovan Lynn O'Donovan	Siver Sept-58 Sept -89	Mother Daughter
Margaret Carpenter Janet Fleming	Sutherland UBC-31 Carpenter. AUBC-59	Mother (decd) Daughter	Phyllis Davies Dianne Worsford	Rowe UBC-43 Hayward Sept-68	Aunt Niece
Berry Laurie Jill Mackay	Sherwood Sept-50 Laurie Feb-84	Mother	Freda Price Francis Ogilvie Arlene Richardson	Lewis 1927 Lewis Jan-40 Johnson Sept-58	Sister Sister Niece
Daphne Walstrom Wendy Walstrom	Jan-47 Walstrom Sept-70	Mother Daughter	Kathleen Cowtan Elaine Campbell	Radcliffe Sept-49 Radcliffe Set-50	Sister (decd) Sister
Zella Skilling Inez Mowat Erin Collis	Doraty 1922 Fox Sept-55 Skilling Sept-81	Parental Gmother Mother Gmother/Daughter	Grace Osborne Edna Osbourne	Osbourne Sept-50 Osbourne Sept-53	Sister (decd) Sister (decd)
Marjorie McLaren Catherine Jamieson	Denton Jan.-37 MacLaren Feb-75	Mother Daughter	Daryl Achtem Helen Mark	Giegerich UBC-58 Giegerich Feb-64	Sister Sister (decd)
Anna Lou Watt Sheila Eliott	Dundas Jan-37 Watt Feb-62	Mother (decd) Daughter	Dorothy Baldwin Jean Wright	Hobbs UBC-58 Hobbs Sept-62	Sister Sister
Lila Burnett Mary Lou Galbraith	Crane 1924 Burnett Feb-56	Mother (decd) Daughter	Dorothy Curror Beverly Nolan	Billings Sept-57 Nolan Sept-58	Cousin Cousin
Dorothy Wakely Avis Muir	Cowan Sept-38 Wakely Sept 68	Mother Daughter	Violet Addison Nancy Semke	Bouzovetsky Feb-55 Bouzovetsky Feb-57	Sister Sister
Sheila Dempster Susan Calvert	Calvert Feb-53 Calvert Feb-83	Mother Daughter			

<u>Current Name</u>	<u>Grad Name/Yr.</u>	<u>Relation</u>	<u>Current Name</u>	<u>Grad Name/Yr.</u>	<u>Relation</u>
Margaret Wildman	McCutcheon Jan-35	Aunt	Susan Kerr	Cathcart Feb-69	Sister
Kathleen Murphy	McCutcheon Sept 65	Niece	Beverly Beveridge	Cathcart Feb-74	Sister
Barbara Estey	Verchere Feb-69	Cousin of KM	Linda Hargrave	Ravenhill Set-64	Cousin (decd)
Valerie Gibbons	Bruce Sept-81	Niece of KM	Ann Arnett	Hargrave Sept-60	Cousin

Correspondence

Virginia Rutherford (Doyle '46)



Virginia's nephew, in a note two years ago thanking the Association for an orchid that arrived for his aunt and again last year her niece, **Rita Rawstron (Rutherford '57)** told us that Virginia wanted to tell us that the orchid was blooming again.

Virginia is 102 "alive and kicking, and as good as she was 30 years ago. She has many memories of her days as a student."

Her first experience as a student was in the big open men's ward. She found it very challenging and was beginning to think nursing wasn't for her. "Someone was going to heave up so I brought two basins." **Dorothy Rutherford (Thomson '57)** who became her sister in law and was in the same class said "what did you bring two for Doyle? Is one for yourself?" The Supervisor would come and line up all the wheels on the beds in the big ward so they were facing the same way.

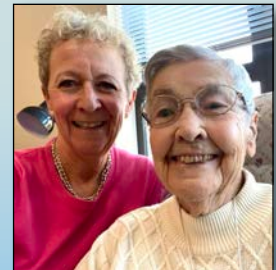
"Miss Palliser was the Director of Nursing. It was her first year and everyone loved her.

Apparently the one before was Miss Fairley and she was tough and strict. Anne Cavers was the excellent anatomy instructor, but she was strict. She had a couple of quotes, "once a nurse, always a nurse," and "the door swings both ways." The war was on, and we got paid \$25 as a staff student during the last nine months because of the war effort. We had to pay for breakage. We boiled the nipples for the babies in an aluminum pot. Someone got in big trouble as the pot boiled dry. Aluminum was so scarce because of the war and pots were scarce."

Upon graduation, Virginia won The Glen Campbell Award for nursing excellence in the diseases of the eye (exam score 97%). Dorothy won an award in operating room excellence. Barbara Schoons was valedictorian. Other awards went to Pauline Woodward, and Mickey Schnell (Price). One hundred and seven nurses received diplomas and prizes.

After graduation Virginia took a year off to tour Canada with her mum, then she worked in the Private Pavilion, general medicine. She was engaged in 1948 and married the following year.

Special thanks to Vivian for your story and photos and to Rita Rawstron for recording it for us.



Family Graduates



Top: Aunt, Margt. Wildman (McClutcheon '35)
 Lt: Niece, Kathleen Murphy (McCutcheon '65)
 Rt: Cousin of K.M., Barbara Estey (Verchere '69)
 Bottom: Niece of K.M., Valerie Gibbons (Bruce '81)

Dear Alumnae,

In September 1966 I began my VGH SON training. Even after 56 years I remember how smart and professional the senior students looked in their uniforms. I remember the 1967 seniors **Carol Mead, Linda Jones, Diane Baldwin, and Eleanor Filby.**

I remember the Matrons at the switchboard front desk in the Residence. **Miss Kynock, Miss Andrew, and Mrs Ryzak** were very kind.

We were proud of our blue uniforms, white bib aprons, caps, white nylons, and sensible 1966 shoes. Clean and starched uniforms were picked up from the basement laundry packaged in a neat bundle. I am thankful for the three years at VGH SON from 1966 to 1969.

The VGH Alumnae Association is very important. Times have changed but nursing is still a noble profession.

Sincerely from **Beryl MacLean nee Murray** class of Sept 1969.

Correspondence

Three 1952-53 photos were sent by **Anne Mitten (Lennox UBC '55)** reminding us that before the Children's Hospital on 12th Avenue was completely finished, part of the basement of the residence was used as a temporary children's ward. The students were allowed to take the patients out to the back of the residence for a bit of fresh air. One student, (unnamed), remembers well, shortly after arriving for 11:00 p.m. duty became violently ill with the D's and V's. There was nothing to do but to leave the ward

shorthanded. Reporting to the matron, and hoping for a quick run to the facilities and then to bed, their word was to take the tunnel to the Private Pavilion, on Oak street, and be admitted there. That long dark trek, at night, was not for the faint of heart.



*Anne Mitten
(Lennox UBC '55)*

? '56

*Ruth Carlisle
(Haupt Sept '54)*

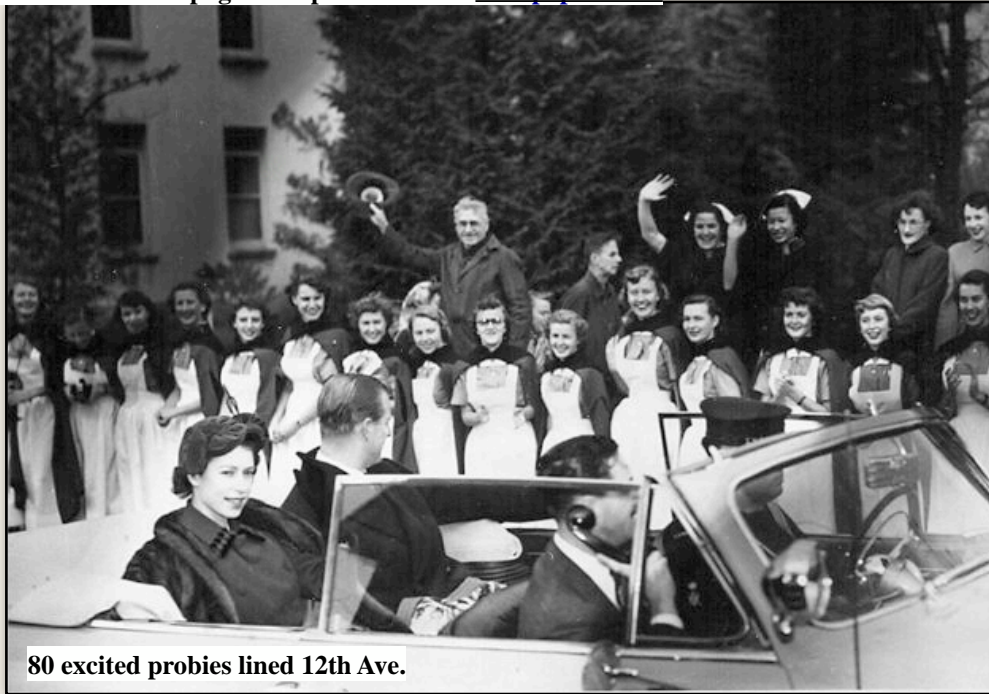
In Memoriam 2022

But not forgotten



Class	Current Name	First Name	Name at Graduation
Jan-44	Balderston	Ivy	Phillips
Sept-45	Woodbury	Vivian	Wilson
Jan-47	Walstrom	Daphne	Gwilliam
Sept-47	Hansen	Hazel	Rogers
Sept-51	Cavanaugh	Lorelie	Lang
Sept-51	Cave	Jean Anne	Rutherford
1952	Hudson	Arden	Myers
Sept-52	Hooper	Shirley	Maclacan
UBC-52	Trenaman	Doreen	Forret
Feb-53	Bradshaw	Joyce	Cooper
UBC'54	Davies	Joan	Kingsbury
Feb-54	Welsh	Shirley	Slater
Feb-54	Yoder	Vivienne	Duff
Feb 55	von Chance-		
	Stutler	Shirley	Asselstine
UBC-55	Ross	Linda	Reeve
Sept-55	Sgambati	Louise	McGavin
Sept-56	Brown	Joan	Davis
UBC-56	Hart	Freda	Wilcock
UBC-56	Rae	Diane	Darbey
Sept-57	McOrmand	May Eliz.	Waters
Sept-57	Murphy	Joan	MacQuarrie
Sept-57	Swierstra	Mary Ann	Wilcox
UBC-57	Carle	Rita	Larsen
Sept-58	O'Donovan	Barbara Jean	Silver
Feb-59	Burkinshaw	Sylvia	Campbell
Sept-59	Cooper	Marilyn	Miller
Sept-59	Hale	Barbara	Woolison
Sept-59	Yamanouchi	Tomie	Nishizaki
Feb-60	Bassett	Marlene	Murdoch
Sept-61	Newton	Sharon	McBride
Feb-62	Braithwaite	Rose	Yampolsky
Feb-62	Leask	Ruth	Castle
Sept-63	Graham	Sylvia	Cronin
Feb-64	Kruger	Joyce	Kruger
Sept-64	Hargrave	Linda	Ravenhill
Feb-65	Ablett	Carole	Hamilton
Sept-65	Wynne	Charlotte	Wynne
Feb-66	Morrison-Swain	Marion	Morrison
Sept-66	Brasfield	Mahri Annah	Meikle
Sept-69	Schwieger	Donna	Watson
Sept-70	Goldstein	Gail	Whitley
Feb-71	Atkins	Maureen	Worobec
Feb-85	Toovey	Elizabeth	Toovey

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80 excited probies lined 12th Ave.

Program

Saturday

10 a.m.—Royal party arrives at CPR depot, inspected by guard of honor on Cordova.

10.30—By limousine, at eight mph west on Cordova, south on Granville, west on Hastings, south on Burrard and east on Twelfth to City Hall.

11.00—Met by mayor at Twelfth avenue entrance to City Hall. Ceremony on north grounds of the hall.

11.30—Leave City Hall, north on Cambie and over Cambie bridge, north on Beatty, west on Georgia to Hornby, circles Hotel Vancouver to Burrard entrance.

Chef Scarabelli cooked roast crown of lamb—lamb again—for the King and Queen when they visited Vancouver and stayed in the Royal Suite back in 1939. He was glad the Princess and the Duke had 45 minutes for the civic lunch. The King and Queen, he remembered, had only 20. "The poor King," said Chef Scarabelli, "he had to eat so fast."

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Flags and handkerchiefs fluttered in a flickering haze of color. The King and Queen, gazing down upon a vast expanse of smiles, seemed to share in the great thrill which passed like some electric impulse through the surging mass. The crowd, assembled in front of the plaza steps, was alive and happy, fused with excitement and loyalty. Their cheering and shouting, mingled with cries of "Long Live the Queen" and "God Bless the King," continued until Joshua Boyer, president of the Muslims' Union, stepped in front of the huge ensemble of 1500 singers and seventy-five instrumentalists massed below the canopy, faced Their Majesties, and raised his baton for the National Anthem. 1939

In 1951 Princess Elizabeth, Duchess of Edinburgh, along with her husband, Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh, made their first royal tour of Canada. They visited every province including Newfoundland, the newest, on behalf of her ailing father. They arriving in Vancouver by royal train on Saturday Oct. 20. At the station and along the parade route and at every stop they were greeted by hoards of admirers.

The crowd were enchanted by a "beautiful young princess and her handsome prince." They spent a busy day and evening ending with a gala at the Hotel Vancouver. On Sunday morning they attended a church service at St. Andrew's Wesley before boarding the ship to Victoria.

Oct 20th was a cold, overcast day with forecast of rain. The whole Sept '54 probie class, who were in class learning how to take temperatures that Saturday, were lined up for "hours" (with capes open), before the cavalcade passed along 12th Avenue going toward City Hall. By the time they event was over they were "perished." They resumed their temperature-taking exercise when they got back to class. All reported sub normal temperatures!

Another VGH connection to the royal trip: Mayor Telford broke his right arm and went to VGH to get a splint on his "hand shaking" arm. He had been demonstrating what the lacrosse players should do when the royal couple entered the building to watch the Saturday night game. Both royal visits were huge successes for the royal establishment and for the predominantly British population the time. Individual visits from royal family members have generally been of a working nature. Later royal family visits have been very successful but have not had a VGH presence.

TOUR TANGLE COULD DELAY YOUR CARRIER

Home deliveries of The Vancouver Sun may be a little late Saturday because of the traffic arrangements for the royal tour. Carrier boys, who will be handling one of the biggest-ever issues, will make the deliveries as early as possible.

"I'm going to do my best to shake," the mayor said today. "After all, the mayor of Canada's third largest city should do his best to see the party is welcome in the usual manner."

The accident happened as the mayor was demonstrating what lacrosse players should do when the royal couple enters the building to watch a game Saturday night. He didn't mean they should fall and break their arms!

By nature, Canadians are somewhat undemonstrative; on this supreme occasion their loyalty to their sovereigns has echoed round a listening and fear-ridden world.

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