



ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION
OF THE SCHOOL OF NURSING

THE HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN

The following abbreviated timeline through 108 years of history was prepared from the minutes of the Alumnae Association Executive Meetings and Annual General Meeting Minutes. You will notice that although much was being done by Alumnae members, this is not necessarily reflected in this timeline. Stories of the Alumnae and their involvement in world events can be found in the articles written for the *Alumnae News*, the newsletter of the Association since 1937. Some of these articles can be found on the website and copies of the newsletter are available in the Archives at SickKids.

Since the Association's inception in 1903, dramatic changes have taken place in the World- wars fought, diseases conquered, new technologies developed so that progress was possible on all fronts. Health care itself has evolved to the point that our practices today might well be unrecognizable to our early graduates.

In the early years, Alumnae meetings brought friends together socially and through lectures and presentations by medical staff provided what we now call post-basic or continuing education for nurses. Eventually this function was assumed by other associations and colleges. However, far-sighted graduates from the beginning clearly recognized the need for continuing education for nurses. They established ongoing support in the form of scholarships and bursaries. The Florence J Potts Scholarship in particular was given regularly from 1922 onward. This is mentioned specifically here as it was decided to create a separate link to F.J. Potts recipients rather than include their names in this timeline.

.... and so our timeline begins.....

1903 - 1905 **First President – Jennie Smedley, Class of 1892** (Go to the About Us /Our Alumnae Association section for a link to a list of Alumnae Presidents)

1903

- ***The Alumnae Association of the Training School of The Hospital for Sick Children*** (HSC) was formed and held its first meeting on November 13, 1903. Meetings were held on the second Saturday of each month.
- Alumnae heard “instructive addresses” from medical staff and discussed articles of interest to nurses.

1904

- Having a central registry of nurses was seen as a priority and Ella Sheppard (1895) was appointed the first representative of HSC to meet with representatives of other schools. The *Central Registry* became an assured fact.

1905

- The *Sick Benefit Association* was formed to assist members of the Alumnae if they became sick or had an accident.

1906 **President – Josephine Hamilton, Class of 1888** (first graduate, Hospital for Sick Children, School of Nursing)

- A cookbook entitled *Invalid Cookery* was published to raise funds for *Sick Benefit Fund*.

1907 **President – Grace Gowans, Class of 1902**

1908 **President – Maude Barnard, Class of 1898**

- Josephine Hamilton, Class of 88, was the first representative sent to the *National Association of Trained Nurses convention* in Ottawa.

- The *Graduate Nurses' Club* was formed

1909 **President – Lina (Rogers) Struthers, Class of 1894**

- The *Graduate Nurses' Club* changed its name to *The Heather Club*. Members worked for the prevention of tuberculosis among children and to provide milk and other necessities for needy families by making layettes and other pieces of handwork.

1912

- Responsibility of *The Heather Club* was assumed by a chapter of the *Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire (IODE)*. Josephine Hamilton (1888) was the first President of the chapter.

1913-15 **President – Leta Teeter, Class of 1906**

- First membership dues of \$10 were paid to join the *National Association of Trained Nurses* (later became the Canadian Nurses Association) to send delegates to the annual convention.
- First membership dues of \$10 were paid to join the *Ontario Graduate Nurses Association* (later became the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario)

1916 -18 **President – Ella Jamieson, Class of 1896**

- The Constitution and Bylaws were first adopted by the Alumnae Association

1919-20 **President – Alice Grindlay, Class of 1914**

1921-22 **President – Marion (Starr) Storey, Class of 1917**

- **The Florence J. Potts Scholarship** (\$350) was instituted in 1922 in honour of Florence Potts, an outstanding Hospital Superintendent, nursing administrator and teacher at HSC from 1913 – 1922. She successfully guided the Hospital and the School of Nursing through changing and challenging times. The scholarship was given annually to a graduate nurse for continuing education.

(NOTE: Over the years, the sum was increased. In 1984, this scholarship became a bursary and was awarded to an RN with at least one year nursing experience for full-time study in the field of healthcare, at a college or university. Although preference was given to HSC graduates, the bursary was also offered to members of the hospital nursing staff. Go to the About Us /Our Alumnae Association section for a link to a list of Florence J. Potts Scholarship recipients).

1923 **President – Jessie Farquarson, Class of 1916**

1924 **President – Marion (Starr) Storey, Class of 1917**

- First annual dinner held in 1927

1925-27 **President – Marion (Starr) Langford, Class of 1917**

1928 **President – Hazel Hughes, Class of 1922**

- Annual Dinner held in the nurses' residence on June 11th.

1929 **President – Janet (Anderson) Boyer, Class of 1914**

1930-32 **President – Anzonetta (Hames) Atkinson, Class of 1917**

1930

- Annual Dinner held in the Royal York Hotel.

1931

- Annual Dinner held at the Royal York on June 30, 1932
- The Constitution and Bylaws were revised at a General Meeting April 11.
- Annual Dinner held in Eaton's Round Room on June 6

1933 **President – Nora Moore, Class of 1911**

- School of Nursing calendar stated of the Alumnae Association: "Its object is to keep the graduates in friendly touch with each other and their Alma Mater and further, to maintain the very highest standard of professional nursing."

1934 **President - Marion (Starr) Langford, Class of 1917**

1935 **President - Jean (Millar) Strachan, Class of 1920**

1936 **President – Jean (Griffin) Russell, Class of 1924**

1937-38 **President - Jean Masten, Class of 1930**

1937

- *The Alumnae News* made its debut as the result of the energy and inspiration of a committee of four: Marion (Starr) Langford (1917), Helen (Drummond) James (1916), Hazel Hughes (1922), and Jean Masten (1930).

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(Note: Despite early trials and tribulations, The Alumnae News became an important way for members to stay connected, learn about marriages, births, deaths and travels, achievements in nursing and at the hospital. Articles gave a unique perspective on nursing at HSC, progress in the field of medicine, reflections on world events that had a profound impact on the graduates of the hospital. Copies of the Alumnae News are available for all to see in the Archives at SickKids)

1938

- 15 Christmas baskets, each containing a complete Christmas dinner, were distributed.

1939 **President – Marguerite Waddell, Class of 1919**

- Women's Auxiliary of HSC grew out of the efforts of the Alumnae Association. Members met on the first Monday of each month and sewed layettes for the infants

1940 **President – Bessie (Ambler) Chadwick, Class of 1922**

1941 **President – Jean (Griffin) Russell, Class of 1924**

1942 **President – Margaret (Murray) MacKenzie, Class of 1938**

- 350 graduates live in the Toronto area. However, only 149 are paid members of the Alumnae Association

1943 **President – Eleanor (Newberry) Keith, Class of 1925**

1944 **President - Frances (Boyd) Dalziel, Class of 1941**

1945 – 46 **President – Muriel (Tilson) Clifford, Class of 1938**

1947 – 48 **President – Drena (Birkett) Aberhart/Elder, Class of 1938**

1949 – 50 **President – Nancy (Toy) Doase, Class of 1944**

1950

- The Constitution and Bylaws were revised Sept 26, 1950.

1951 **President – Nora (Boult) Welch, Class of 1939**

- When the new hospital opened at 555 University Ave, many members of the public wanted to visit. Alumnae volunteers, recruited to act as tour guides, conducted 75 tours.

1952 **President – Betty (Forbes) Land, Class of 1946**

1953 **President – Joan (Pope) Wensley, Class of 1948**

1954 – 56 **President – Helen (Howe) Junkin, Class of 1926**

1954

- The Hospital asked the Alumnae for help in conveying children with cancer to and from Toronto General Hospital for radiation therapy. Members of the Alumnae formed the **Conveyance Committee** and assumed responsibility for accompanying the children and orderlies to TGH.
- A special **Alumnae award** was introduced to be given to a student nurse in her graduating year who was outstanding in her nursing practice and her involvement in the school itself. The first nurse to receive the award was Marilyn (Scruton) Medlock (1954).

1956

- The special Alumnae award was divided into two \$25 prizes to be offered in the intermediate year: one for General Proficiency and the other for Highest Standing in Practice of Nursing.
- A special and memorable event was added to the graduation festivities when the Alumnae Association began to host the **Mother and Daughter Tea** the day before graduation.
- Two of the stained glass windows were donated in honour of four pioneer nurses responsible for establishing the School of Nursing: Hannah J. Cody, Sarah Annie Kinder, Louise C. Brent and Florence J. Potts.
- **Alumnae Scholarship** awarded to Lorna Donaghy (1955)
- **Alumnae prizes** to Lynn Anderson and June Barber (1954)
- By this time there were 1700 graduates from the School of Nursing and the Alumnae Association was actively looking for new members to join.

1957 – 58 **President – Katherine (Lea) McLean, Class of 1936**

1957

- Two bursaries were created as a result of two bequests from former graduates. The Association received \$3,000 from the estates of Anne (Blair) Shuttleworth, (1897). The full amount was invested and the interest was used to assist student nurses. The

Alumnae Executive provided \$150 per annum to two graduating nurses. The **Anne Blair Shuttleworth Bursary** was presented each year at graduation until 1974.

1958

- Alumnae Association now had 564 members.
- **Grandmothers Fund** initiated
- Alumnae Association sponsored a cultural programme for student nurses. This was organized through the Student Council with guidance and support from the Alumnae and Women's Auxiliary.
- **General Proficiency** - Sandra Kenyon (1959F)
- **Highest Standing Award** - Judith Westaway (1959F)

1959 **President – Nancy (Ecclestone) LeGris, Class of 1943**

- The objectives of the Alumnae Association remained the promotion of unity and good fellowship among the graduates of the school; the advancement of the interests of the School of Nursing and the professional and educational advance of nursing.
- Bursary Award Fund established
- **General Proficiency** – Norma Staples (1960F)
- **Highest Standing** – Evelyn Arnoldi (1960S)

1960 – 61 **President – Veronica (Shantz) Philips, Class of 1953**

1960

- **General Proficiency** - Judith Biggar (1961)
- **Highest Standing** - Betty Caufield (1960)
- (John Law appointed Director of hospital)
- (Students started going to Bancroft Outpost Hospital)
- (Opening of new nurses residence – 180 Elizabeth Street- Nov 17)

1961

- A stained glass window was dedicated to Jean Masten (1930). Its inscription read "*To the Glory of God and in Tribute to Jean I Masten, Director of Nurses 1939 – 61. Given by Alumnae Association, School of Nursing* "
- **75th Anniversary of School of Nursing** held on September 28 & 29 – gala celebration – held in the Crystal Ballroom – King Edward Hotel. Phyllis Norton (1938F) presented a skit entitled "*1886 and All That*" – 541 guests attended.
- **50th Anniversary Luncheon and Garden Party** held at Thistle town.

- **General Proficiency** - Renee Thomson (1962)
- **Highest Standing** - Deanne Colley (1962)
- The Association now had 652 paid members. Annual membership of \$2.00 was due each October. If payment lapsed, your name was removed from the membership list after two years. A life membership cost \$25.00
- (Elsbeth Geiger – appointed Director of Nursing Services)

1962 **President – Gladys (Fletcher) Martyn, Class of 1951**

- **Florence J. Potts Scholarship** for post graduate nursing continuing education became fully endowed. *Please see link under About Us/Our Alumnae Association for Potts Scholarship winners through the years.*
- (School of Nursing now required successful completion of Grade 13 with a 60% average in order to enter the school)
- **General Proficiency** - Elizabeth Coombs (1963)
- **Highest Standing** - Nancy Bradshaw (1963)
- (Miriam Gibson (1926S) retired after 37 years)

1963 – 64 **President - June (Ferron) McGreal, Class of 1956**

1963

- The Constitution and Bylaws were revised on January 15, 1963
- A second stained glass window was presented by the Alumnae in honour of Jean I Masten (1930) who had retired as Director of Nurses in 1961, having held the position since 1939. This window is in the chapel on the second floor of the Atrium.
- In September a new service to the hospital began. Thirty-five members volunteered to spend at least 2 hours each month in direct patient care. Marilyn King (1956F) led the group as they provided routine bathing and feeding and accompanied patients to various departments. They wore 'cheery' yellow uniforms with their hospital caps and pins.
- For the first time Graduation was held in the Fall instead of the Spring.
- Alumnae prizes went to Susanne Newman and Nancy Atkinson (1964)
- HSC Alumnae Chapter was organized in Vancouver – by Lillian (Calberry) Chalmers (1948) and Jenny (Hover) Rush (1950)

1964

- Alumnae provided special awards to recognize Alumnae members who had made

outstanding contributions to the Association, to nursing and to the hospital. A pin incorporating the letters HSC in a diamond-shaped setting was presented to: Matilda Fitzgerald (1914), Mabel St. John (1920), Alice Boxill (1923), Marjorie Russell (1923), Mary (Shuttleworth) Raymond (1924), Helen (Howe) Junkin (1926), Vyvienne (Smith) Code-Smith (1950), and Veronica (Shantz) Phillips (1953)

- Ottawa Chapter organized by Carol (Henderson) Gibson (1957)
- Halifax Chapter started by Carolyn (Cormack) MacDonald (1960)
- London Chapter started by Eileen (McKee) Murray (1956)
- **General Proficiency** - Pamela Daniel (1965)
- **Highest Standing** - Nancy Ostrander (1965)
- (*Opening of new Gerrard Street Wing*)

1965 – 66 **President – Marjorie Russell, Class of 1923**

1965

- **General Proficiency** - Anne Debus (1966)
- **Highest Standing** - Lynda Fallis (1966)
- \$1280 was pledged to hospital campaign
- Donation was made to Hospital Health Services Department for taxis and to be used at the discretion of the staff.
- **St Lucia Project** - St. Jude's Hospital, Vieux Fort, St Lucia, British West Indies. Members gathered new and used equipment, surgical supplies, diapers, towels, wash cloths, etc to help establish and equip a paediatric ward on an old hospital base used by US Services during the war.

1966

- Second shipment of supplies sent to St. Jude's Hospital, including wash basins, emesis basins, urinals, bed pans, and used nursing textbooks.
- (Miss Geiger appointed Assistant Director of the Hospital as well as Director of Nursing and Education. This was the second time a dual role was taken on by a nurse. Kathleen Panton (1910) was an Assistant Superintendent of the hospital as well a Superintendent of nurses between 1921 and 1928.)
- **General Proficiency** - Eleanor Brackenridge (1967)
- **Highest Standing** - Judith Cole (1967)
- Toronto West started a chapter at Thorncrest Village Club.

1967 – 68 **President – Joan Mansell, Class of 1953**

1967

- Alumnae Centennial project was to increase capital in the Scholarship Fund to have \$1,000 available for awards each year
- AGM held Jan 31 in Elizabeth McMaster House with 17 members present
- **General Proficiency** - Rose Brubacher (1968)
- **Highest Standing** - Georgia Angelotti (1968)

1968

- A gift of \$1,000 was given by members to the nursing film library in memory of Mary Hally (1896)
- The graduation dance was sponsored for the first time. It was held at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club. Silver spoons were presented to each graduate.
- **General Proficiency** – Candice Metcalfe (1969)
- **Highest Standing** - Patricia Goetz (1969)

1969 – 70 **President – Nancy (Nash) Hall, Class of 1953**

1969

- **General Proficiency** - Patricia MacPhee (1970)
- **Highest Standing** - Linda Frank (1970)

1970

- (Internship year started for 3rd year students (2 + 1). Students were paid \$325 per month and had to provide their own accommodations.)

1971 – 72 **President – Ruth (Duncan) McCamus, Class of 1959**

1972

- *History of the School of Nursing* was written by Hilda Rolstin (1943) for the Alumnae Association. It was dedicated to the graduates of the School of Nursing.
- AGM held Oct. 3

1973 – 74 **President – Margaret (Gourlay) Spahn, Class of 1948S**

1973

- The Constitution and Bylaws were revised on May 29

1974

(NOTE: The last class of student nurses graduated from the Hospital for Sick Children School of Nursing. Training and education for nurses was moved to the community colleges and universities by government mandate. HSC nursing program was moved

to Ryerson University.)

- AGM held at Elizabeth McMaster House with 32 members present.
- Total membership: 695
- **Florence Potts Scholarship** was awarded for the last time.
- Ann Blair Shuttleworth Bursary and Florence Potts Scholarship funds moved to the Hospital to be used by the Nursing Education Department. Preference for both awards was to be given to HSC graduates and then to any nurse who worked at the hospital and would be returning.
- The future of the Alumnae was a serious concern due to an apparent lack of interest and limited capital funds.
- **Ann Blair Shuttleworth bursary** awarded to 2nd year Ryerson student – Catherine Messenger
- Money sent to St. Lucia to buy Christmas toys.

1975 – 76 President – Thelma May, Class of 1945

1975

- AGM held in February with 41 members present.
- Total membership 682 out of 2617 graduates.
- Nurses graduating from Ryerson in Class of 1975 were invited to become HSC School of Nursing Alumnae members
- Constitution and Bylaws revised
- Jean I Masten Fund moved to the Hospital for administration
- Retiring presidents received alumnae pins
- A second general meeting was held on October 21 with 31 members present:

1976

- Keys goals of the Alumnae Association: maintain source of funding, increase memberships, groom members for Executive positions.
- \$33,000 transferred to the Hospital for administration.
- (At this time the Women's Auxiliary managed the archives).
- Some discussions on having a museum.

1977 – 80 President – Elizabeth Morrow, Class of 1952

1977

- Spring Tea held in May with Executive members providing the food.
- AGM held October 18 - speaker was Mrs. Betty Youson – “*Genetic Counselling: The Role of the Nurse*”
- (Hilda Walsh, RN retired.)
- First year that the Hospital hosted the **50th Anniversary luncheon** for the Class of 1927.

1978

- The Constitution and Bylaws were revised at the AGM on January 24.
- **75th Anniversary of the Alumnae Association** was celebrated on May 12 with nearly 600 graduates in attendance.
- The first **Jean I Masten Lecture** was held at the same celebration. Guest lecturer was Honorable Margaret Birch, the Provincial Secretary for Social Development. A silver spoon from Birks with HSC logo given in thanks.
- Alumnae fiscal year changed to end of September
- Fifty dollars sent to St. Lucia for Christmas gifts

1979

- (John Ross Memorial stained glass window was moved to the newly renovated library.)
- (**Family Information Centre** opened with Ruth McCamus (1959) in charge)
- AGM held October 30 – annual dues were \$3.00

1981 – 83 **President – Anne (Herbert) Brown, Class of 1973**

1982

- A gift of \$200 to the Family Information Centre, \$200 to Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario and \$200 to the Canadian Foundation for the Study of Infant Death.
- Alumnae Bursary Fund and Benevolent Funds set up
- **Jean I Masten Lecture** held May 14 – Dr. Shirley Stinson was the speaker. – 200 attended.
- AGM held October 26 in Elizabeth McMaster House with 30 members present. Total membership: 824
- Christmas luncheon held on November 18

1983

- 3 bursaries of \$1500 each were awarded
- Constitution changes – fees for Annual membership \$3.00 per year and a Life membership for \$35.00
- (Plans were underway to tear down the Elizabeth McMaster nursing residence in order to make way for the new hospital on Elizabeth Street.)
- AGM held at Elizabeth McMaster House on October 25 with 23 members present

1984 – 86 **President – Carolyn (Weir) Hitchinson, Class of 1970**

1984

- The Constitution and Bylaws were revised on October 23, 1984 at the Annual General Meeting held at the Elmwood Club.
- A legacy in excess of \$35,000 came from the estate of Audrey Backus. This bequest was used to create the **Audrey Backus Bursary for Part-Time Studies**. Miss Backus was a long time resident of Toronto and left one-third of her estate to the Alumnae Association. This bursary was given to a graduate who had been a member of the Alumnae for two years and who was pursuing a degree in the field of healthcare.
- AGM held at Elmwood Club with 32 members present. Total 925
- **Audrey Backus Bursary** - Diane Vosburgh (1969) and Marilyn Booth (1970).
- The Florence J. Potts scholarship for continuing education became the **Florence J. Potts Bursary**. It was awarded to an RN with at least one-year nursing experience for full-time study in the field of healthcare at a college or university. Preference was given to HSC graduate but was awarded to HSC nurses as well. This bursary was administered by the Hospital.

1985

- AGM held at the Elmwood Club October 22.
- **Alumnae Bursaries** to Donalda Parkes (1960) and Elizabeth Huggan-Smith (1969)
- Christmas Luncheon moved to the Delta Chelsea.
- **Audrey Backus Bursary** - Barbara Sherk (1968)
- Two research projects (\$2,000 each) were given to Rebecca Frank – *“The Effect of Music on Children receiving Chemo”* and to Eleanor Pask (1959) for *“The Impact on a Family with an Infant on an Apnea Monitor”*
- Life Membership fee changed from \$35 to \$60. Annual fee changed from \$3.00 to \$6.00.

1986 – 87 **President – Elizabeth (Breen) Walker, Class of 1974**

1986

- **100th Anniversary of the School of Nursing** was held October 25 at the Hilton Harbour Castle – 806 graduates attended.
- Christmas Luncheon held November 16 at the Delta Chelsea.
- Members of the Alumnae pledged \$100,000 to the HSC Capital Campaign.

1987

- (Elizabeth McMaster House torn down in preparation for the construction of the new hospital. Bricks were sold to help raise funds)
- AGM was held on October 27 at the University Women's Club with 23 members present. Total membership: 982
- Three Alumnae bursaries awarded.

1988 – 89 **President – Beverly (McRae) McMurchy, Class of 1960**

1988

- **Jean I Masten Lecture** was held on June 4 - Speaker – Dean Dr. Alice Baumgart
- AGM held December at the Westbury Hotel with 50 members present. For the first time, the Annual General Meeting and the Christmas Luncheon were combined.
- Membership fee increased to \$75 for a Life Membership and \$10 for Annual Membership. Total membership: Life members 873: Annual 62
- Hospital held the **50th Anniversary luncheon** for the Class of 1938
- Task force set up for long term planning – ultimate goal to turn funds over to the Hospital

1989

- AGM December 2 at the Westbury Hotel - 62 members present.
- Five Alumnae bursaries awarded
- Hospital held **50th Anniversary luncheon** for Class of 1939

1990 – 91 **President – Nancy (Leek) Peters, Class of 1964**

1990

- **Jean I Masten Lecture** was held on May 12 – Helen Thomas (1964) – Speaker – *“Nurses Role and the Impact of Health Care in Canada”*
- AGM and Luncheon held December 1 at the Westin Hotel – 113 members present.

- **The Benevolent Fund changed** its name to “**Connections**” to better reflect the nature of the outreach and scope of the activities enabling ‘connection’ with members who might benefit. Three key Executive members who carried the responsibility of caring for and connecting with the members were: Jeanette Gillespie, 1935S , Barbara Fleming, 1952 and Betty (Caufield) Martin, 1960
- Hospital held the **50th Anniversary luncheon** for the Class 1940 in October

1991

- AGM and Luncheon held on Nov 23 at the Delta Chelsea with 112 members present.
- Hospital held **50th Anniversary lunch** for Class of 1941
- (The nursing archives, managed by the Women’s Auxiliary, were incorporated into the Hospital)
- \$4,000 in bursaries awarded.

1992 – 95 **President – Heather (Newburn) Tuckey, Class of 1962**

1992

- The membership raised \$109,000 in support of the Hospital's Capital Campaign for the new hospital on Elizabeth St. A special plaque recognizing this gift is placed on the Wall of Donors in the Atrium. (Note: The Hospital for Sick Children is now officially also known as SickKids – a name affectionately used for the hospital for most of its existence)
- **Jean I Masten Lecture** held in May with Speaker – Ellie Pask – “*Ethical Issues in Health Care: Changing Essence of Nursing*” – 60 graduates attended.
- **Bursary recipients** : Susan Bell RN (1973) and Paula Milo RN
- The *Alumnae News* had been published and sent to members once or twice a year from 1937 onward. In 1992 a Newsletter Committee was formed, consisting of an editor, coordinator and one other member. Ellie Pask (1959) became editor.

1992

- AGM and Luncheon was held on November 28 at the Delta Chelsea with 110 present.
- Hospital hosted **50th Anniversary lunch** for Class of 49 – 12 graduates attended.
- Membership database was created with 768 Life Members – a representative from each class was identified.

1993

- AGM and Luncheon held on November 28 at the Delta Chelsea with 55 members at the AGM and 110 present at the luncheon.

- A trophy was presented to the class with the most members present at the Annual General Meeting and Christmas Luncheon. The first year winner was the Class of 1949.
- **Bursaries awarded to:** Christine Foster RN (1973) and Sheila Rowe RN (1964).

1994

- The Constitution and Bylaws were revised at the Annual General Meeting on November 26, 1994.
- HSC grad pins were appraised at \$300.
- Class of 1968 donated \$500 to bursary fund.
- **Bursaries awarded to** Mary Lyn McMaster RN, Dorothy Forbes RN (1970), Colleen Kearney RN (1970) and Sheila Rowe RN (1964)
- AGM and Luncheon held at the Delta Chelsea with 66 members present for the AGM and 95 for lunch.
- Graduates of the **Class of 1975**, who began their training at HSC and graduated from Ryerson University, were welcomed as members.

1995

- **Jean I Masten Lecture** held May 6 – Speaker – Denise Avard, Executive Director, Canadian Institute Child Health.
- The Hospital hosted the **50th Anniversary luncheon** for the Class of 1945 in October
- HSC mugs were purchased as gifts for 50th Anniversary grads.
- AGM held November 25 with 56 members present and 121 for luncheon.
- Suggestion made to combine the Jean I Masten lecture with the AGM due to poor attendance at the lecture.
- **Bursaries awarded to:** Sheila (Cameron) Rowe (1964) and Dorothy Forbes RN (1970).

1996 – 97 **President – Johanne (Graydon) Brannan, Class of 1964**

- Questionnaires were sent to the membership asking for ideas for Alumnae projects. Eighty seven were returned and suggestions included support of kids help line and cataloging Alumnae memorabilia.
- AGM and Luncheon held at Delta Chelsea. 70 attended the meeting and 142 came for lunch
- **Two bursaries awarded:** Colleen Kearney RN (1970) and Dorothy Forbes RN (1970).

1997

- Jean I Masten lecture held in May – Jean Reeder was speaker – Topic: Children’s Network and Centre of Excellence – 60 attended.
- **The Signy Hildur Eaton Chair in Paediatric Nursing Research** was established. This was the first paediatric chair in Canada and was made possible through a generous philanthropic gift of \$2 million from the Eaton family. In addition, the HSC Alumnae members contributed over \$50,000 towards funding the Chair.
- The concept of welcoming **Honorary Members** to the Alumnae was first introduced to members. Nurses who are not HSC graduates who have made outstanding contributions to nursing, the care of children and families and to the Hospital could be nominated for Alumnae membership.
- \$1500 was donated to Kids Helpline and Breakfast program.
- AGM held November 22 at the Delta Chelsea Inn with 70 attending the AGM and 140 attending the lunch. Dr. Jean Reeder, Chief of Nursing was guest speaker.
- Bursaries were changed to Grants
- **Grant awarded** to Dorothy Forbes RN (1970)
- **Helen Palmer RN** became the first Honorary Member of the Alumnae

1998 – 99 **President – Linda (Buckby) Feldman, Class of 1967**

1998

- \$1,000 given for two pictures presented to the **Centre of Nursing** in recognition of Audrey Backus, Anne Blair Shuttleworth and Florence Potts.
- **Anne Evans RN, MHSc** became an Honorary Member of the Alumnae
- **Two grants awarded:** Carol Thompson RN (1972A), and Anne Marie Stein RN.
- (The first **Grace Evelyn Simpson Reeves – Excellence in Nursing Practice Awards Program** was held on May 12.)
- **50th Anniversary Luncheon** held for Classes of 1929 – 31 on September 18 in the Garden Patio at the Hospital
- AGM and luncheon held on November 21 at the Delta Chelsea with 58 present at the AGM and 100 for lunch.
- Total membership: 1259

1999

- **Jean I Masten Lecture** held on May 25 – Speaker – Ellie Pask (1959) – “*Caring Across Cultures – Nursing for every Millennium*”
- **50th Anniversary Luncheon** held Sept 15
- AGM held November 20 at Delta Chelsea with 74 members present at AGM and 110 for lunch.
- **Voirrey Broe, RN and Barbara (Trembley) Fox RN** became Honorary Members
- **Grant awarded** to Barbara Anne Sherk-Somol (1968)

2000 – 06 **President – Jeff (Legate) Bamford, Class of 1967**

2000

- **(125 Anniversary of the Hospital)** – Celebrations were held on April 3)
- **50th Anniversary Luncheon** for Class of 50 was held on May 25 at the Hospital. Roses were given to each graduate for the first time.
- (Dr. Bonnie Stevens, RN PhD became the inaugural holder of the **Signy Hildur Eaton Chair in Paediatric Nursing Research.**)
- **Judy Young RN, MScN, MA and Jean Reeder RN, PhD** became Honorary Members.
- **Bursaries awarded to:** Nancy Slater RN (1974), Judy Watson RN, Lisa Pearlman RN and Nozlin Hirji RN
- Received \$25,000 from the estate of Evelyn (Headrick) Leef (1929)
- AGM held November 18 – Dr. Bonnie Stevens was the speaker – discussed research into alleviation of children’s pain and improving quality of life for infants and children.
- (Dr. Janet Rush – appointed Chief of Nursing)

2001

- **Jean I Masten Lecture** held in March – speaker was Louise Harvey BN, RN, MHA – “*Canada’s Children – What Makes them healthy – or not?*” - 60 attended.
- Started visioning about what the future of the Alumnae Association should be. Discussed leaving a legacy.
- AGM and luncheon held on November 17 at the Delta Chelsea. Dr. Janet Rush was guest speaker – 116 attended.
- **Pat Fyvie RN, ET** became an Honorary Member.

2002

- Grants were increased to \$1500 each.
- **Grants awarded to:** Betty Phin (1967) and Mona Koldsgoord, RN
- ***Ruth Duncan McCamus Award*** was created to recognize a SickKids nurse who demonstrates Excellence in Family Centred Care. Ruth was a special HSC nurse. Her contribution to nursing practice and education at HSC spanned over thirty years, as did her involvement with the Alumnae, including two years a president. Ruth's family established an award in her memory and they directed the Executive to offer this award to a paediatric nurse who has shown outstanding commitment to the care of children and families at HSC. The recipient must be a full or part-time HSC nurse who is undertaking undergraduate or graduate studies in nursing at the time of the award. **The first recipient was Anne Gallo RN.** Anne was a staff nurse in the Poison Information Centre.
- ***50th Anniversary Luncheon*** was held in September.
- AGM and Luncheon held in November. Guest Speaker was **Mary Jo Haddad, Chief Nursing Officer** at the Hospital

2003

- ***Ruth Duncan McCamus Award*** given to Irena Hozjah, RN who works in the Facial Reconstruction Programme at SickKids.
- ***50th Anniversary Luncheon*** held on September 25.
- ***Jean I Masten Lecture*** was held on September 22 – Speaker was Abbyann Lynch – “*All Trained in the Code of Ethics*”
- **Grants given** to Heather Halpenney (1964) and Natasha Brownregg RN.
- AGM and ***100th Anniversary*** of the Alumnae held on November 22 at the Delta Chelsea with 270 in attendance.
- (Elizabeth Uleryk became the director of the Archives. She began working with the Executive to preserve nursing history and memorabilia)

2004

- ***Ruth Duncan McCamus Award*** presented to Sylvanna Oppedisano RN
- **Grants given** to Kim Shaddock RN and Lisa Potter RN.
- ***50th Anniversary Luncheon*** held October 15
- AGM and luncheon held November 20 – **Margaret Keatings, Chief Nurse Executive** was guest speaker.

- The revised Constitution and Bylaws were presented and approved at the Annual General Meeting held on November 20, 2004
- First year the AGM and Luncheon were held together, rather than the AGM beforehand. The average attendance jumped to about 125 that year.
- **Marcia Frank RN** became an Honorary Member.

2005

- **Jean I Masten Lecture** was held in March – Speaker was Kate McPherson – Topic: “*Current Research on Canadian Military History*”
- **Ruth Duncan McCamus Award** given to Leanne Michalofsky RN
- **Grants given to** Angelique Benoit RN and Mon Ping Chiang RN
- AGM and Luncheon held on November 19.
- **Irene Elliot RN** became an honorary member.

2006 – 2011 **President – Julie (Ayling) McLean-Squires, Class of 1967**

2006

- The Alumnae received another significant donation of \$46,000 from the estate of Dorothy (Pound) Leonard, (1936S). This endowment allowed the Alumnae to continue to award annual bursaries of \$1500 each fall to a nurse who applies and is continuing in her/his education. The recipient is chosen by the Executive based on the criteria established for the bursary.
- A donation of \$1,000 was made to the Archives.
- **Ruth Duncan McCamus Award** presented to Carrie Heffernan RN
- **Grants given to** Lisa Fowler RN and Andrea Laing RN
- AGM, Jean I Masten and luncheon held on November 18 – Elizabeth Uleryk, Library and Archives, was the guest speaker and discussed the Archives at the Hospital.

2007

- **Ruth Duncan McCamus Award** presented to Leonette Georges RN at the Nursing Excellence Awards in May.
- **Maria Györössy-Csepregy Kluge Award:** The Kluge family established this annual award in Maria’s name. Maria was a graduate of the Class of Spring '56. The award will be presented each year at the Nursing Excellence Awards in May. Daniela Naccaroto, RN, was the first recipient.
- Miss Hilda Rolstin (1943) passed away and one of the bursaries awarded each year was then named in her honour, the **Hilda Rolstin Memorial Bursary**. Sally Kimpson

RN was the first recipient in the fall of 2007.

- The second grant was given to Nancy Slater RN.
- AGM and luncheon was held on November 17
- Strategic planning process was started in Fall 2007; Karon West, Class 1967, an outside business consultant helped us to look at the future of the Alumnae as an organization

2008

- An Ad hoc subcommittee was established to develop a Strategic Plan
- Membership-wide survey was distributed in October
- **Ruth Duncan McCamus Award** was presented to Sandra Matusiak RN
- **Maria Györössy-Csepreghy Kluge Award** was presented to Sandra Oliver-Homewood RN
- **Hilda Rolstin Memorial Bursary** was given to Shaun Barrett RN
- The **second alumnae grant** was given to Allison Loh-Kondyles RN
- AGM and Luncheon was held on November 22 – Speaker - Jeff Bamford (1967) spoke of her Uganda Trip for *“Sleeping Children Around the World”*
- **Anne Martin and Karen Breen-Reid RN** became Honorary Members

2009

- **Ruth Duncan McCamus Award** was presented to Karen Fleming RN
- **Hilda Rolstin Memorial Bursary** was given to Tessa Gresley-Jones RN
- One of our Honorary Members, Barbara (Trembley) Fox passed away. Donations came in from her students, friends and family to honour her. The second bursary given out each fall was renamed the **Barbara Fox Memorial Bursary**. The first recipient was Chantelle Vankoughnet, RN.
- AGM, **Jean I Masten Lecture** and Luncheon was held on November 14 at the Delta Chelsea – Speaker - Pam Hubley, Associate Chief Nursing Practice, The Centre for Nursing – Topic: *“Nursing at SickKids – Challenging, Exciting, Innovative”*.
- **Strategic Planning Recommendations** presented at the AGM, included the recommendation that the formal structure of the Alumnae Association be moved forward from 2020 to 2012.
 - Continue annual functions including scholarships, bursaries, newsletters and AGM through 2011
 - Celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the School of Nursing in 2011
 - Continue to hold 50th Anniversary Luncheons at SickKids (hosted by the Hospital) and class reunions as planned by individual classes.

- The construction of an Alumnae Association Website was suggested to the Executive

2010

- **Ruth Duncan McCamus Award** presented to Natalie D'Amato RN. Natalie is the primary care nurse for patients being assessed for liver, bowel and lung transplants. She is completing her Master of Science in Nursing Degree.
- **50th Anniversary Luncheon** hosted by the Nursing Office was held in September for the Class of 60 – 37 attended.
- **Hilda Rolstin Memorial Bursary** was given to Kimie Soriano RN. Kimie enrolled at University of Toronto to obtain her Master's of Science in Community Health (MScCH)
- **Barbara Fox Memorial Bursary** – given to Tara McKeown RN. Tara enrolled in a Master of Nursing, Nurse Practitioner Field (child stream focus) at U of T.
- AGM and Luncheon held on November 13 and the official website www.hscnursingalumnae.org of the Alumnae Association was introduced to positive reviews.
- Purpose of the website is to continue and promote connection between graduates and to provide a venue for sharing stories, upcoming events and other news from the Hospital and Alumnae membership.

2011

- **Ruth Duncan McCamus Award** to be awarded on May 12, 2011
- **Barbara Fox and Hilda Rolstin Memorial Bursaries** will be given for the last time in September 2011. The remaining amounts will be transferred into the Alumnae Association Endowment Fund.

2011– 13 **President – Carolyn (Weir) Hitchinson, Class of 1970**