

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE 2023

It was a grand day for a march and march we did. The temperature was 56 degrees, periods of clouds and sun, but more importantly – no snow or rain! Woo Hoo! 45 proud alumnae stepped off from East 45th street and we looked great. 5 alumnae in full uniform carried the banner and of course, our cap was the highlight. There were more people watching the parade this year as opposed to the past few years and it was great. We always get a warm welcome but this year the cheering went on and on from the time we started marching until we finished on 79th street. And we even made it on TV this year!

The NYC St Patrick's Day Parade Committee did a wonderful job of keeping the parade moving, with not too many large gaps between the marching contingents. Hours and hours of work go into organizing this parade and takes almost a year. Sean Lane, Parade Committee Chairman and Hilary Beirne, Chief Administrative Officer of the Parade Committee will take the weekend off but will start getting ready for next year's parade on Monday.

And a big thank you to the Richmond County Pipes for piping us up the avenue. This group has been leading us for several years and we've made plans to see them next year.



## THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



By Marilyn Lynaugh Strafer, '80

As your new incoming president, I am both humbled and honored to represent our esteemed association and will pledge to keep our members informed and engaged.

As my first order of business, I would like to give my sincere gratitude to outgoing President Joanne Billot, '75. Your leadership and loyalty to our Alumnae Association has allowed us to continue to keep our organization strong and active. Joanne will continue to serve as a director as immediate past president as well as a member of the Program Committee.

Stepping down from the Board are Directors-At-Large Mary Muehleck, '71 and Christine Colligan, '73. Mary will continue to serve our Association as a member of the Luncheon Committee. Christine will serve as co-chairperson for the 1973 Golden Anniversary Class at this year's luncheon. Thank you both for your years of valuable service on the Board.

I am pleased to announce the results of the recent Board elections. Susan Faggiani, '68 returns for a second term as Recording Secretary. Directors-At-Large will be Harriet McGreal, '69 and Barbara Woods, '72. I thank Mary Jane Blaney, '84 and Audrey Barnett, '72 for volunteering their service by running for a Board position.

Mark your calendars for the following events for 2023. Postcards will be mailed with information about the general meetings via Zoom.

- Wednesday, September 20th at 7:00PM (topic to be announced)
- Saturday, November 12th at 10:30AM  
93rd Annual Mass and Luncheon at St. Francis Xavier, RC Church, and the Manhattan Penthouse

All general and board meetings are conducted via video platform such as Zoom and in the next newsletter I will post an article on how to join meetings via this video interactive experience.

On Saturday, April 29th we hosted our Spring General meeting via Zoom, which was attended by 78 alumnus. The topic following a business update was a video presentation titled "St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing – 1892 to 1992 The First 100 Years". This was the highest attendance of a meeting in many years outside of the annual luncheons and everyone seemed to enjoy the walk down memory lane. If you missed the meeting, you may still view it as the link is posted on the SVH SON official FaceBook page. We will also work on posting the video on our website. If you are behind in submitting your dues it is still not

too late! Unfortunately, we can no longer continue to keep members who have not paid in two years on the roster. Membership will give you access to the Newsletters and preference for admission at the luncheon, as well as mailings on other events. No graduate will be denied membership due to financial hardship. Please help us to keep our Alumnae Association alive.

Like us on our official Facebook Page at St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing NYC where I post frequent updates and event schedules. Also, our website is [stvincentsschoolofnursingalums.org](http://stvincentsschoolofnursingalums.org).

And finally, we as a Board look forward to hearing from our members and encourage you to contact us with your thoughts for how we can best serve our membership. Our email address is [svhalums@gmail.com](mailto:svhalums@gmail.com).

## ATTENTION ALUMNI DUES

Once again we need to remind everyone to pay their ALUMNI DUES. As of this newsletter there are still over 200 members in arrears. If you have a issue just let Pat Costello know.

Thank you to everyone who continue to pay their dues and to those of you who generously over pay.

## CAPEs

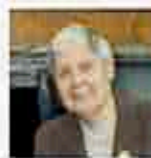
The Alumni Association is looking for Capes. Anyone wanting to move their cape along to another member who is looking for one please get in touch with Pat Costello at [pcostellosvh@gmail.com](mailto:pcostellosvh@gmail.com)

## CAPS

Our caps can be purchased from KAY's CAPs. They are \$24.50.

Go to [info@kayscap.com](mailto:info@kayscap.com) or phone 516 791-8500.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY SISTER MIRIAM KEVIN



Sister Miriam Kevin is now living at The College of Mount St. Vincent, 6301 Riverdale Avenue, Bronx, NY, 10471. Sister recently celebrated her 95th birthday and would love to hear from everyone.

## CLASS NOTES

### Class of 1968:

It's 55 years this year. Where does the time go. Lets try to get together at the luncheon this year!!! Think about it! More information to come.

This past March Bernadette Fleming Hemmer '68 was inducted into the St. Thomas Aquinas College Hall of Fame. This honor is given to alumni who exemplify the schools motto "To enlighten the mind through truth". Congratulation Bernadette!

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Kathleen Maldini Hartman sent a update from Eswatini.  
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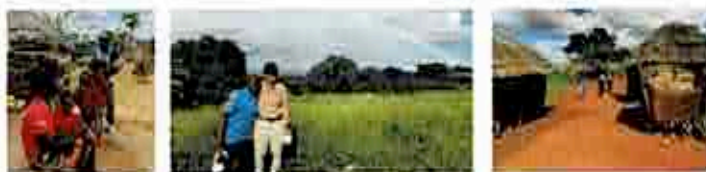
We have been trying to update you on our time here since February. Internet service has been very poor. The

needs of the people are many and your support has made it possible for many interventions that have helped the poor and sick.

We hope this email reaches you and assures you of the amazing impact you have on the lives of the Swazi people.

We are all very grateful,

Al & Kathleen Maldini Hartman, the Home Based Palliative Care Team and the Swazi people.



#### **Class of 1973:**

**ATTENTION!!** It may be hard to believe, but 2023 is the 50th anniversary of our graduation from SVH School of Nursing!

As many of you know, the anniversary classes are celebrated at the annual Alumnae Association luncheon in November. The date this year will be November 11, 2023, so please put that on your calendars. A group of Class of 1973 alumni is beginning to organize and plan for our reunion, we're hoping it will be our biggest turnout yet. We'd like to know who thinks they are likely to attend and if you would be interested in helping in some way.

Some things to think about.... Classmates, you can contact about coming to the luncheon, jotting down memories, popular songs of those years, anecdotes and stories of your time at SVH, gathering photos to send to the committee (no originals, make copies, label and send those to the committee). Whether you think you will be attending the luncheon or not, please send us your most recent contact information. If you are interested in helping with the organizing or just want more information, please contact:

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If you need to mail physical items email Chris for her address.

Lookin forward to hearing from many of you soon!!

## **CLASS NOTES:**

Please keep in touch with us by sending us your class year and email address to [SVHalum@gmail.com](mailto:SVHalum@gmail.com). Alum frequently request information about their classmates, particularly to reconnect for reunions.

## **WEBSITE:**

Please visit the site for review of Class Notes, Photo Gallery, SVH Shop, and more.

[stvincentschoolofnursingalums.org](http://stvincentschoolofnursingalums.org)

## **TRANSCRIPTS:**

### **Save for future reference!**

Please note that effective immediately, requests for transcripts and education verification must be submitted in writing and require a \$20 processing fee. Mail requests to:

Transcripts  
Sisters of Charity of New York  
6301 Riverdale Avenue  
Bronx, New York 10471-1093

### **Please include the following information:**

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Year of Graduation

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Allow up to two weeks for the receipt of information

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Edna Dunnery '53

Mary Moore '55

Mary Alicia Wibbelsman '57

Patricia Mahoney Shurina '60

Suzanne Warenski Rosario '66

Florence Casella Lund '69

Edward Wilinski , husband of Diane Symkowski Wilinski '62

James Cassidy, husband of Joan Catherine Walsh Cassidy '64

Michael Murphy, husband of Irene McGeehan Murphy '64

Thomas Sheller, husband of Karen Slensky Sheller '68

Ernest Lund Jr., husband of Florence Capella Lund '69

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