



SPECIAL EDITION ST. PATRICK'S DAY 2016

What a day to be Irish!! Thursday, March 17, 2016 was one of the most beautiful days in many years for a parade. The temperature soared to 66° and 77 committed and dedicated SVH Alumnae gathered to show their commitment to the memory of our school and our hospital.



As happens in any lasting friendship, we all picked up where we left off the last time we were together and shared our nostalgic stories in this tightly woven sisterhood. We were fortunate to have a Pipe and Drum band from Staten Island in front of us as we waited to step off and they didn't disappoint as they practiced their music and shared some rousing songs about nurses with us. The crowds loved seeing us and several thanked us from the sidelines for our dedication in caring for them. An antiterrorism police officer visited us, as requested by his mother, a graduate of the Class

of '56, proving he is still obedient to her!

Those of us who knew and loved Pat Sullivan Ford '68, who lost her battle with breast cancer just 6 days before the parade, marched in her honor. Patti LOVED St. Patrick's Day and she and her husband Mike,



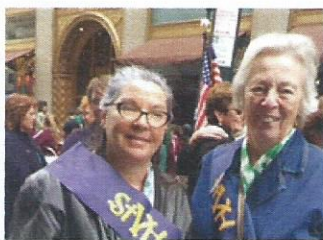
along with their daughter Keira and her husband Kevin, always attended the parade whenever they could. Patti's beloved roommates from SVH eulogized her at the funeral and remembered so many good times, most especially St. Patrick's Day.

"Thankfully, all of us have Patti stories to hold close to our hearts..... The Ford's legendary Saint Patrick's Day parties that went on forever and Patti's oh so popular corned beef and cabbage recipe, desired by all.

Many people believe that we are born with a finite number of breaths to take here on earth. We believe, that Patricia Ann Ford used hers well and has now graduated to the next phase of her life with God's blessing.

She faced life head on and her message to all of us is...have hope, be strong, laugh loud, play hard, live in the moment, smile often and dream big. Remember, you are loved and never-never give up."

Enjoy these pictures and memories.....



Student Nurse Statues

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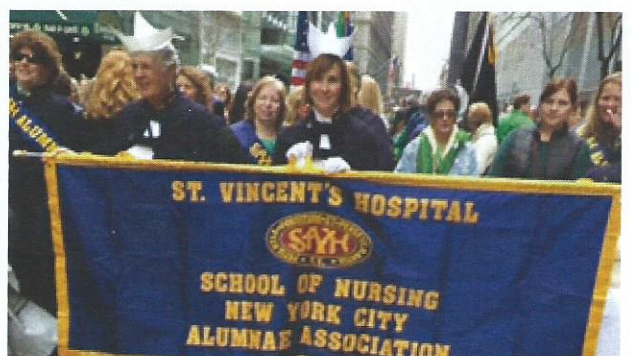
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GENERAL ALUMNAE MEETING

On January 30, 2016 Claudia A. Beck, PhD, ANP-BC, Class of '78, presented an interesting discussion at the General Alumnae meeting "Transformational Healthcare Reform: Care Coordination at the Forefront." She provided us with the following summary:

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 is changing how Medicare and Medicaid providers are paid. There is a new focus on prevention inside the health system and in communities, to include the introduction of care coordination efforts in traditional Medicare and expansion of it in Medicaid. Dr. Beck provided an overview of the current state of healthcare spending, noting that the U.S. health care system is 1/6 of our economy, with chronic illness accounting for 84% of healthcare costs. The value of care coordination in high-risk populations has demonstrated positive outcomes to include reductions in emergency and inpatient utilization along with improvements in quality of care and overall patient satisfaction. Both Federal and State reforms are supporting health care transformation to include the development and promotion of Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) aimed at fee-for-service Medicare patients. Medicaid redesign in New York State is developing special projects through the NYS Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment Program (DSRIP) targeted at improving care for vulnerable Medicaid recipients. The Triple AIM framework developed by the Institute for Healthcare Improvement serves as the framework for this paradigm shift focused on improving the patient experience of care, improving the health of populations, and reducing the per capita cost of health care. Dr. Beck's concluded her presentation with two case studies to elucidate the role and impact that care coordination can make in the lives of our most vulnerable patients.

Thank you, Dr. Beck, for such an informative presentation in this era of confusing healthcare models.

CLASS NOTES:

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

WEBSITE:

Sweatshirts, hats, and other memorabilia are still available at the SVH Shop. Please visit the site for review of Class Notes, Photo Gallery, SVH Shop, and more.

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CLASS NOTES

Class of 1957

After reading the Winter 2016 newsletter, Pat Haerer Kelleher wrote to us to share a similar experience to that of Anne Marie O'Brien, whose 2010 letter to the New York Times regarding the closing of St. Vincent's was republished in our newsletter. Back in 2009, an article was published in the Paterson Diocese paper, *The Beacon*, entitled "Fight Secular Trends, Base Ministry on Love, Healthcare Leaders Urge." The article described Brother Daniel P. Sulmasy's experience of "unfeeling bureaucracy" while hospitalized at St. Vincent's. Like Anne Marie, Pat was spurred on to refute Brother Sulmasy's claims. As published in *The Beacon* a few weeks after the original article, Pat wrote:

As a graduate registered professional nurse trained at St. Vincent's, I can confidently attest to the fact that we were trained with a great emphasis on our roles as "handmaids of the Divine Physician." All patients, regardless of race, color, creed, and economic status, were treated with respect, dignity, and yes, love.

I'm sure Brother Sulmasy did not mean to infer that care is routinely given "unloving" at St. Vincent's, but unfortunately his words did not make that clear. I feel that he has unintentionally given St. Vincent's a very unfair, underserved reputation.

I have always been proud to say, "I am a St. Vincent's graduate" and will continue to do so.

Thanks for sharing this with us, Pat.

Class of 1962

Michelle Leclerc O'Neill PhD, RN has dedicated her book, *Smart Beginnings/Easy Preventions*, to Ann Campion Stewart, RN, former supervisor of OB/GYN at SVH. In her dedication, Michelle writes:

Mrs. Stewart had the intuition to change the way newborns were handled throughout the United States and removed from the mothers and isolated in a nursery. It was she who created rooming in so that the mother and infant could maintain the bond established in utero and so the baby could feel safe and secure and be cared for by mother. "Twas a little bit of heaven came out from the sky one day," and now you've returned alas not to your Ireland but, I hope, to that little bit of heaven you brought to all who knew you. With the greatest of memories this book celebrates you."

Class of 1968

With the passing of Pat Sullivan Ford, who frequently organized class events for us, we are looking for volunteers to begin planning for our 50th reunion in 2018. Anyone interested in joining the Planning Committee can reach out to one of the Editors at svhalum@gmail.com

REMINDERS....

Have you paid your annual dues? Please send your check to Mrs. Patricia Holland Costello, 28 Cowdrey Street, Warwick, New York 10990.

Please send us your news so we can keep the Class Notes going!

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If anyone would like to volunteer in the leadership of the Alumnae Association, please contact our President, Joanne Billott, at auntjen16@verizon.net.

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Dr. Robert Biondi, husband of Susan Hungerford Biondi '65 and SVH pediatrician
Katherine O'Connor, mother of Margaret O'Connor Sheehan '83
Katherine O'Connor '86

We've done it again! Two members of the Class of '62, **Suzanne Brenner Caffrey** and **Susan Richmond Addy**, are alive and well. We sincerely apologize for this error.

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