



Kathy and Al Hartmann with the HBC Team

Missionary Work in Swaziland

Kathy Maldini Hartmann, Class of 1968, and her husband, Dr. Al Hartmann, a former resident and fellow at St. Vincent's, will make a presentation at the general alumnae meeting on September 27, 2014 to discuss their volunteerism with the poor and indigent of Swaziland. Since 2001 Kathy has been donating her services to the people of Swaziland, initially to address the HIV/AIDS pandemic, and now to build Home-Based Care (HBC) support teams. After his retirement in 2011, Al joined her and through his amazing support, they are both directly involved in teaching and patient care. They spend 6 months each year working in Swaziland at Good Shepherd Mission Hospital with the HBC teams, visiting those in need in the bush, bringing food, medical care and supplies to them.

The Kingdom of Swaziland is a small landlocked country in Southern Africa. The population of the country is just over 1 million with 78% of the population living in rural areas and 69% living below the poverty line. Swaziland has the highest HIV/AIDS and TB rates in the world, with co-infections a particular challenge. Approximately 80% of TB patients are co-infected with HIV. Poverty, lack of clean water, and poor nutrition add to this devastating situation.

Good Shepherd Mission Hospital is the regional hospital for the Lubombo area, providing care for approximately 210,000 of the poorest and sickest people in the country. Many patients live far from the hospital or clinic and are unable to access medical care in a timely manner. Good Shepherd has supported a Home-Based Care Team since 2001 in order to bring compassionate care to patients in their homesteads. Initially, it was created to serve those diagnosed with AIDS, but now it serves patients with many life-threatening illnesses.

Please join Kathy and Al on September 27th to hear more about their incredible work with the people of Swaziland.



General Alumnae Meeting

On May 15, 2014, Dr. Victor Keyloun, formerly an internist at SVH, made a presentation at the General Alumnae meeting and shared his journey from medicine to medical media entrepreneur to memoirist and novelist. After almost 20 years of private practice, Dr. Keyloun became a medical media entrepreneur, co-owning Consultants in Medical Education Inc. for 10 years, a company dedicated to developing educational materials for the pharmaceutical industry. When his wife Carol became ill with an atypical form of Parkinson's disease, he made the honorable decision to sell his company so he could care for her at home. In between visits with his wife to various physicians, Dr. Keyloun started to write, initially using remembered patients and their families as models for his stories, and eventually writing a memoir centered on his large Syrian family. He has also written and produced four plays and is currently working on his first screenplay.



Dr. Keyloun's book [Murder, Madness and St. Vincent's](#), is dedicated to the SVH nurses: "To my mentors and to the nurses who made St. Vincent's Hospital a world class institution." He recounts the story of a shooting by a prisoner in the Seton building in 1975. Most importantly, Dr. Keyloun talks about SVH nurses in the most glowing terms.

"The most important factor to St. Vincent's, apart from its fortunate location and superb teaching, was its nursing staff. It was the excellence of its nurses---truly the hospital's crown jewels---that distinguished St. Vincent's from all others.

...Every physician was witness at one time or another to the warmth and care delivered lovingly and lavishly by those nightingales. "

Thank you, Dr. Keyloun, for your many kind words and for your beautiful memories of our SVH graduates. Dr. Keyloun also authored [Dr. Good is Gone](#) and [A House by the Park](#), available through his website, www.victorkeyloun.com or through Amazon.com.

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Annual Alumnae Luncheon

The Annual SVH Alumnae Association luncheon will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2014 at the New York Marriott Downtown Hotel. The Class of 1964 will be honored as the Golden Jubilarians. Further information will be mailed to you shortly.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Once again the alumnae of St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing are invited to march in the 2015 St. Patrick's Day Parade, which will be held on Tuesday, March 17th. In recent years, attendance has been waning so please make every effort to attend this exciting event! Last year Lenox Hill Hospital, situated behind our contingent, had an impressive showing and they threaten to be moved up to our marching slot.

Show your commitment to our school and alums by planning to attend the parade in 2015. Details of when and where to meet will be posted on the SVH Alumnae website at:

<http://stvincentschoolofnursingalums.org/>.



Alumnae Association Dues

A sincere thanks to all who have paid their Alumnae Association dues and especially to those who have donated so generously to our organization.

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

Have you seen the new and improved SVH Alumnae website? Pat Caffrey has done an OUTSTANDING job with the site! Kudos Patty!! Please visit the site for review of Class Notes, Photo Gallery, SVH Shop, and more. Sweatshirts, hats & other memorabilia are still available

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TRANSCRIPTS:

Save for future reference!

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No alum shall be denied active membership because of inability to pay dues.

If you are notifying us of the death of an alum or relative, please include the name and address of those to whom the Mass Card should be sent. Send this information to Pat Holland Costello or SVHalum@gmail.com

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CLASS NOTES

Class of 1940

Rosemary Hannigan Sammon '68 shared a wonderful story about her daughter-in-law's grandmother, Frances Gertrude Howard Coletti '40.

Tribute to a Very Special SVH Graduate

It's a small world! Little did I know 46 years ago when I graduated from SVH that the grandmother-in-law of our second son would have passed through the same halls of our beloved nursing school and hospital. What a thrill to discover, just a few years ago during our first conversation, that Fran Howard Coletti was a fellow SVH graduate! I felt an instant bond with this lady in spite of the 28-year gap in our graduations years.

"Grandma Fran" has an incredible warm and friendly face that matches her disposition, and a twinkle in her 95-year old blue eyes! Frances Gertrude Howard Coletti met her husband, Dr. Jeff Coletti while she was in nursing school and he was doing his residency. On June 28, 1941, the year after Fran graduated from SVH, Dr. Coletti and Fran were married. Fran left SVH to work at Nassau Hospital in Mineola, N.Y., now Winthrop University Hospital, as an O.R. Nurse and Dr. Coletti had a private practice at their home office on Long Island.

Coincidentally, I worked in that hospital in the early 1970s and left when our first child was born there.

Fran was president many times and treasurer frequently, as needed, for the Nassau County Medical Society Auxiliary for over forty years. Fran and Jeff had five children, all of whom have done very well in their fields. Though Dr. Coletti has since passed away, Fran enjoys their eleven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Fran turned 95 years young on June 2, 2014. My husband and I were privileged to attend her birthday celebration, and were delighted to present her with a new SVH nurse's cap! Nurse Fran surprised us when she revealed she still had her original cap!

Congratulations Fran, and may God bless you on your 95th Birthday! We thank Him and you for your beautiful spirit!

Class of 1947

Blanche Marie Myers McCabe graduated from SVH in 1947. She married in 1948 and has 12 children. She lived in Brooklyn, Huntington, NY, then moved to Dix Hills, NY. Blanche retired in 1988 from Community Hospital Western Suffolk as Assistant Head Nurse in Maternity.

Class of 1964

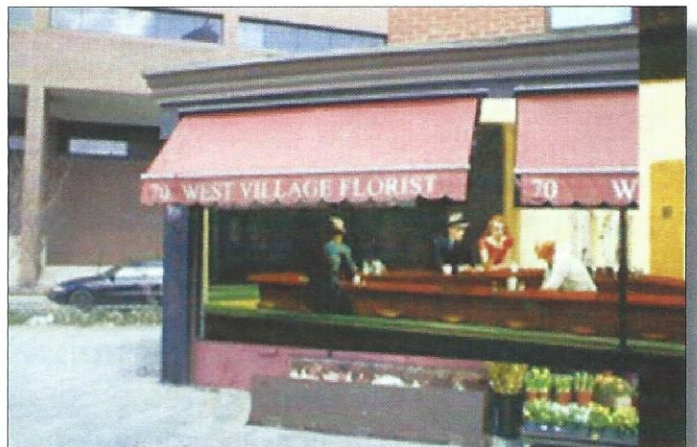
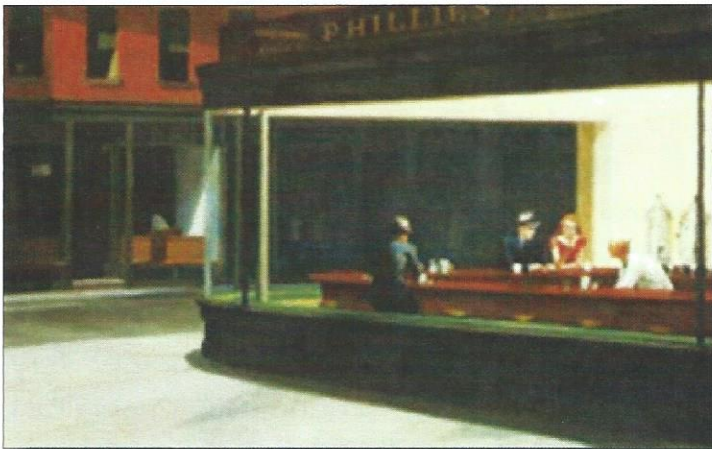
The Class of 1964 will celebrate their 50th Reunion at the Alumnae Luncheon in November. For information about the reunion, please contact Mary Jane Koch at mjkoch7@gmail.com.

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A Walk Down Memory Lane.....

Do you remember the corner of West 11th Street and Greenwich Avenue, across the street from the entrance to the Seton Building? Back in the day, it was a nurse's residence and some say the inspiration for Edward Hopper's famous painting, Nighthawks. See for yourself.



Lower Right: SVH Link Building in the Background, location of the former Seton Building

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JULY 14, 2014

An E.R., Not a Hospital, Is Set to Open at St. Vincent's Site

(The following article is excerpted from an article that appeared in the New York Times on July 14, 2014.)

By KATE TAYLOR

The shiplike building on Seventh Avenue that used to house part of St. Vincent's Hospital is reopening in the coming days as a stand-alone emergency room and medical care center.

Residents of the West Village will soon see something unusual arriving at the shiplike building on Seventh Avenue that used to house part of St. Vincent's Hospital: ambulances.

Four years after St. Vincent's closed, the hulking white building, between West 12th and West 13th Streets, is reopening in the coming days, not as a hospital, but as a free-standing emergency room.

"We've given back the community the No. 1 thing we think the community needed the most when St. Vincent's Hospital closed," said Dr. Warren B. Licht, the medical affairs director for the new emergency room,

which will be run by the North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System.

The new E.R., however, is part of a trend that has as much to do with a hospital's bottom line as it does with providing acute care.

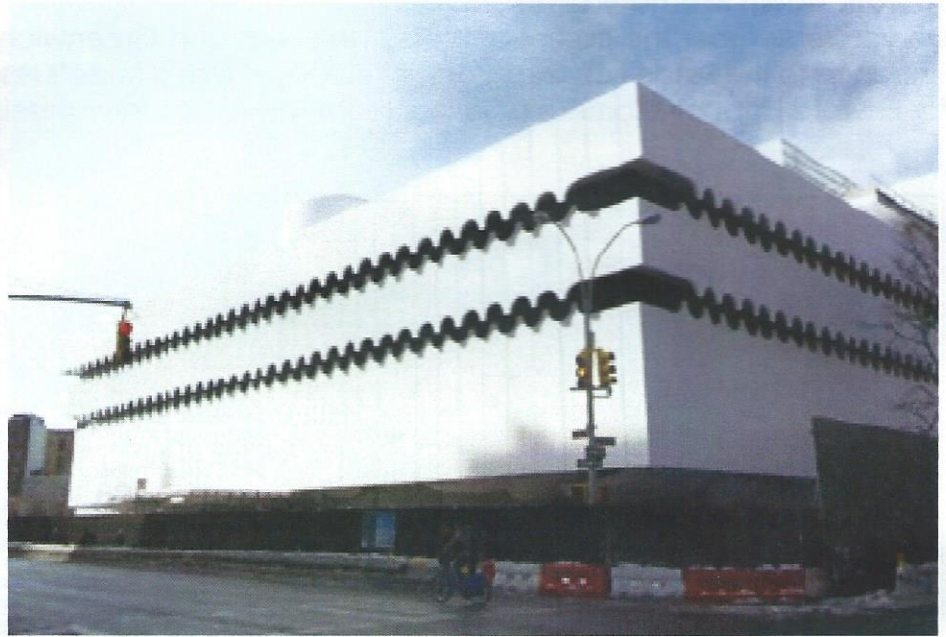
Free-standing emergency rooms — which are distinct from urgent care centers, which treat non-life-threatening illnesses and injuries at low cost — have sprouted up around the country in recent years, driven by competition to capture lucrative markets, like the neighborhoods around Greenwich Village.

Operators of free-standing emergency rooms, like the new Lenox Hill HealthPlex in the West Village, say they fill

an important void in areas without full hospitals.

They can bring in significant revenue, since they are allowed to charge the same high fees that hospitals charge while having lower overhead. And, since half of admissions come from the emergency room, free-standing E.R.s can funnel patient business to their parent hospitals.

"These hospitals need to keep their beds filled, and they need to have patients who have need for their very high-technology services like heart surgery and brain surgery and transplants," said Dr. John W. Rowe, a professor at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health and former chief executive officer of



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both Aetna and Mount Sinai Hospital.

He added: "What you're seeing in New York, now that a couple of hospitals have closed, is a kind of scramble for that territory."

Since St. Vincent's closed, residents of the West Village and Chelsea have had to go either across town to Mount Sinai Beth Israel, Bellevue Hospital Center or NYU Langone, or up to Mount Sinai Roosevelt on 10th Avenue and 58th Street. (Other than Bellevue, a public hospital, all those are run by the North Shore system's competitors.)

There are two critical-care rooms, a self-contained "forensic unit" with its own unmarked entrance for sexual assault victims, a CT scanner and X-ray machines. A lab downstairs can perform the 60 most common tests. The six-story building will eventually include other outpatient services, like an ambulatory surgery suite.

"The care that saves your life is the care you get immediately," Dr. Cruzen said. "If you have a bad infection, it's how quickly you get antibiotics that make the difference whether you live

or die, not how quickly you get to a bed upstairs."

Arthur Z. Schwartz, a local Democratic district leader who brought an unsuccessful suit to force the state to build a full-service hospital in the neighborhood, said that the HealthPlex "looks like a magnificent facility" but that he worried about its inability to treat the most acute cases.

"All it's going to be capable of doing is attempting to stabilize someone while they stick them back in an ambulance and ship them off to a hospital," he said.

Student Nurse Statues

Interested in a statue of an SVH student nurse, right down to the bandage scissors carried in her apron and the crease in her cap. These 8.5" statues, colored in metallic bronze, are available for \$25.00 plus shipping and handling of \$15.00. Please order from:



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CORRECTIONS:

Patricia Moran O'Sullivan '55, not Marian O'Sullivan
Kathleen McManus Kehoe '60 not '57

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Meeting Notice

Date: September 27, 2014

Place: Convent of the Sisters of Charity, 20 Washington Square North

Time: 12 Noon

Topic: House Calls in Swaziland

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