

ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING



Alumnae Association Newsletter

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THE 90TH ANNUAL ALUMNAE MASS AND LUNCHEON



On Saturday November 9, 2019 the class of 1969 celebrated their golden anniversary with forty-five of their classmates, along with the class of 1994, who celebrated their silver anniversary. It was a wonderful day!

The day started with Mass at St. Francis Xavier Church. The Church was beautiful as always and the Mass, so special with participation from both anniversary years on the altar. The celebrant, Fr. Sam Sawyer

SJ and his homily were so poignant. Thank you Sue Faggiani for coordinating the Mass it was amazing.

After Mass we walked two blocks to the Manhattan Penthouse for our luncheon. Due to space constraints we were limited to 210 people. As a result seating for the first time was on a first come first serve basis. However, since the Mass was held away from the luncheon location many alums who could not get tickets to the luncheon came to the Mass and then got together with their classmates afterwards.

As this was a new endeavor the Alumnae Association had some breath holding moments. However, the venue, the staff and the food proved to meet and exceed everyone's expectations. Next year we will be back. The 91st Annual Alumni Mass and Luncheon will be held on **Saturday November 7, 2020.**



Silver Anniversary celebrants at St. Francis Xavier Church

Along with new beginnings the 50th anniversary class gave their remarks along with a slide show put to music current for the time they were students. It was terrific! Unfortunately you had to be there to appreciate the feeling of camaraderie and pride that was in the room.

Now here are the remarks from Peg McCue Correa, class of 1969.

Good Morning, I want to acknowledge and honor Sister Miriam Kevin.

Sister Kevin, you tolerated and endured your time spent with the Class of 1969.

And today we also acknowledge and celebrate the proud graduates of St. Vincent's Hospital



School of Nursing, the Class of 1969, this, our 50 year Anniversary. It began on Friday the 13th, June, 1969 when we received our pins from Cardinal Terence Cooke at St. Patrick's Cathedral. On that day we became part of the legacy and history of St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing, New York City, which began 127 years ago, in 1892.

And, thank you to the Reunion Team who worked to put this gathering together: Carolyn Chiusano, Harriet McGreal, Janice Bossone, Mary Farrell, Pam Noonan, Elise Ognibene, Donna Pecoraro, and Margaret Ann Troy,

The time we were in school, the years of 1966 through 1969, this time begs to be placed in context in the midst of what was happening in the world. Those years were among the most turbulent and contentious in the US history.

Foremost were the protests against the Vietnam War and living in the Village placed us in the middle of peace marches, candlelight vigils in Washington Square Park ---students were marching in the streets, moving into university buildings, taking them over and occupying them. At 158 West 12th Street, although we lived in prime protest territory, we were sheltered. It also helped that early in our Freshman Year we carried 16 subjects, from Communication Skills to Physics to Inorganic Chemistry. So, our protests included beating our curfews, our escape route was through the ER, where we managed to elude our housemother's vigilant eyes.

Junior Year, the 9th Floor, broke the rules of dormitory living. Nightly we hung a bed sheet that named ex-boyfriends and soon to be ex-boyfriends. And our penalty was to forfeit dorm life for two weeks and in exchange we commuted from home to class and duty.

Senior Year an anonymous student editor created our own underground newspaper which mysteriously appeared in the mailboxes. The editor called herself Atla Pendleton. The paper reported on our instructors, their comings and goings and gave us a peek at their social life. Also in Senior Year we rented the Maritime Building and organized a hugely successful Beer Bash, in spite of the fact that Sister Robert hated our flyers that proclaimed "Beer Bash" and she insisted we change them to "Maritime Mixer". (We borrowed our instructors cars and drove to Manhattan College, St. Peters, St Francis, and Fordham to promote this undertaking, Joan Caruana regained her normal vital signs when her new VW beetle was returned unscathed.)

Reflecting back on those years and when we consider our tender ages of 18, 19, 20, we lived two lives. We possessed an abundance of energy and hopes and aspirations, along with our share of apprehensions. Our lives, the ones as typical 18, 19, 20 year olds, expressed themselves in visits to McCoys, The Red Garter, The Stone Jug Pub, we were determined to create a social life. And, if you did have a date, the Beau Parlor was yours for the taking. Our other life was when we channeled that energy and exuberance and commitment



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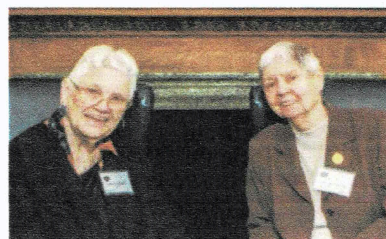
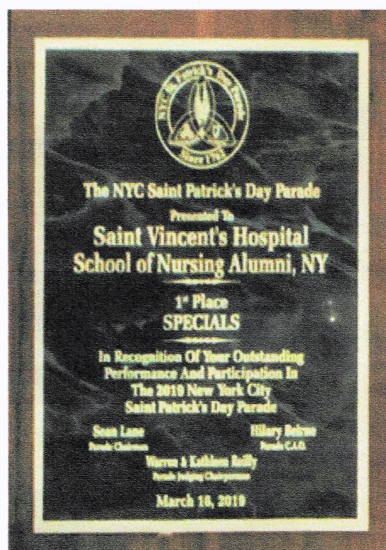


when we walked into that Hospital, onto St. Joseph's, St. Lawrence and St. Therese. During Junior Year, you knew who was working shift and nights when you entered the cafeteria and saw fellow classmates eating, dressed in their raincoats.

Here today are classmates who have traveled from California, Washington State, Wisconsin, Georgia, Florida, Delaware, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, this is a testament to friendship. It is a tribute to the challenges and responsibilities we shared at the tender ages of 18, 19 and 20.

Our student years showed us life at its most ordinary, also all in it that is extraordinary And unbeknownst to us, at the time, this gave us sustenance to weather whatever came our way over these past 50 years.

So, we take our place among those graduates who came before us and after us, we are all a part of the legacy of St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center School of Nursing.



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FALL GENERAL ALUMNAE MEETING SEPTEMBER 21, 2019 20 WASHINGTON SQUARE NORTH, NYC

The fall general meeting was held on September 21, 2019. However, due to a death in the family our speaker Adrianna Trigiani had to cancel. Please keep your fingers crossed that we can schedule her to come to one of our meetings in the near future.

The next general meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2020. Speaker to be announced.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE



The New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee again presented to St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing a plaque for Outstanding Performance And Participation in the Specials group category in the 2019 New

York City Saint Patrick's Day Parade. This time it was 1st place !! Maureen Heitmann '61 is pictured with the Plaque which was presented at the Alumnae Luncheon this year.

This year St. Patrick's Day falls on a Tuesday. Hope to see you there.

ATTENTION ALUMNI

It's that time of year again. Pay your dues when you return your ballot on or

before February 16, 2020 to stay in good standing with your Alumnae Association.

SAVE THE DATE

The Annual Sisters of Charity Spring Benefit at Chelsea Piers will be held on May 14, 2020 for 6pm to 9pm. This year the Sisters plan to posthumously honor Dr. Christopher Mills .

Tickets will be available soon. For more information contact Karen Helfenstein, SC, Director of Sponsorship Services, khelfenstein@scny.org

CLASS NOTES

Class of 1948:



Theresa Boutillier '48 with her classmates circa 1946. Sent to us by her son Henry Singer

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Class of 1960

Judy Ruckstuhl wants to remind her classmates that this year we will be celebrating our 60th. Lets get together and celebrate at the Annual Alumni Luncheon

Class of 1970

Ellen Lavelle Conant & Dee Dee Fitzpatrick Gingeras want to hear from their classmate to start preparing for their 50th reunion. Please send your contact information to Dee Dee **dgingeras@mac.com** or 760- 815 -3802, Ellen **emconant@yahoo.com** or 781-293-3501

Class of 1976

Sister Maureen Bernius would like to hear from her classmates. Her contact information is as follows: Sr.Maureen Bernius, 125 Oakland Street, Wellesley, Mass. 02481

Class of 1995

We need to hear from you! This is your 25th. Time to catch up with old friends, network and enjoy a wonderful afternoon. Please contact Marilyn Strafer at **marilynstrafer@gmail.com**

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 and tee shirts 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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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:

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Dr. John Soscia, Husband of Mary Leibman Soscia '64

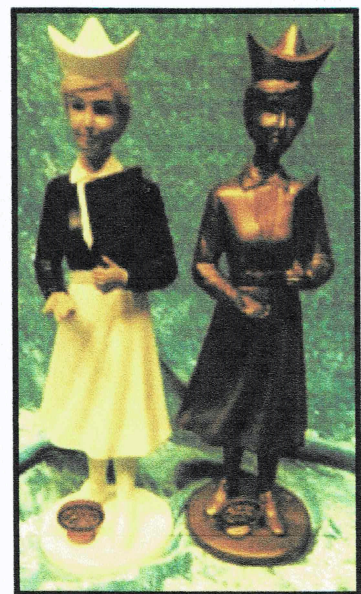
The Editors are happy to report that Elizabeth Miller Young '47 is alive and well.
We regret the error .

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, in color or metallic bronze, are available for \$25.00 plus shipping and handling of \$15.00. Please order from:

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