



89TH ANNUAL MASS AND LUNCHEON



On Saturday, November 10, 2018 the 89th Annual St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Mass & Luncheon was held at the New York Marriott Financial Center Hotel. One hundred and ninety five Alums were in attendance. The class of 1968 proudly celebrated their Golden Jubilee with 48 fellow classmates. The class of 1958 had 28 alums celebrating and reconnecting with their fellow classmates. Fr. Frank Mulvaney CSSR, from Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Brooklyn, N.Y. was the celebrant.

This year, the 50th year class of 1968, chose to donate to three charities in honor of their class. The Charities chosen were, The Sisters of Charity, The St. Vincent's Hospital School Of Nursing Alumni Association, and The Catholic Medical Mission Board, Hartmann Home-based Care Swaziland .

Betty Bishop McCaffrey, president of the class of 1968, spoke on behalf of her class. Here are some of her remarks.

Fifty years ago on June 10th 1968, 128 newly graduated nurses celebrated on the steps of St. Patrick's Cathedral. Our dream had come true, we were not just nurses we were St. Vincent's Nurses!

The world was caught up in the turmoil of the 60's when we became Probies in September of 1965. Almost immediately we encountered some unique circumstances. During the East Coast Black Out (exactly 50 years ago last night) we helped light the wards with our flashlights. Just two months later we dealt with the 12 Day NYC Transit Strike. Some of us moved out of our rooms into the



Martin Payne to provide accommodations for the regular staff. We also helped by working shift & nights until it was over. Not bad for Probies!

After capping on May 21st., we trudged through Psych, Medicine, Surgery, and OB/GYN. Our time was filled with classes, rotating through various units and sometimes relieving our stress at McCoy's and other Village establishments.

During our Senior Year we were introduced to a newly created 5 month course, Senior Comprehensive Nursing. Everything we hadn't learned yet was part of that course!

Tragic circumstances (Robert Kennedy's assassination) surrounded our graduation which was postponed for his funeral at St. Patrick's.

Eventually, we did get to celebrate on those steps.

We are grateful to the Sisters of Charity who were always at the helm, to our wonderful and at times intimidating instructors and to the young women we studied and played with many of whom became lifelong friends. We are here today sharing the many roads we've traveled, having spread our gifts, talents and knowledge across many Nursing specialities and beyond. Some of these specialities were just developing when we left St. Vincent's and now many of us have advanced degrees.

We've stamped each moment of the past 50 years with those unique markings that have made us who we are . Quoting from our very special yearbook "Markings", "For all that has been thanks; to all that shall be yes".

Pictures from the luncheon can be viewed on The St. Vincent's Website - stvincentschoolofnursingalums.org or on Facebook on the St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing page or at newyorknewlyweds.smugmug.com/St-Vincents-Alumni-2018



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FALL GENERAL MEETING

On Saturday, September 22, 2018, Nancy Sayegh-Rooney, RN, a Certified Tobacco Termination Specialist spoke to us about her unique role as Nurse Navigator at Richmond University Medical Center, Staten Island, N.Y.

Nancy informed us that Staten Island has the highest rate of smokers in the five boroughs as well as highest rate of Lung Cancer & deaths due to Lung Cancer.

The national standard for all smokers & former smokers is to have a low dose cat scan annually and Nancy facilitates this for the people on Staten Island along with offering tobacco cessation classes for those who are in need of them.

Great advances have been made in the treatment of Lung Cancer and it currently has a 90% cure rate if identified early.

Additionally, Nancy now goes into the middle and high schools on Staten Island instructing the students about the dangers of E-Cigarettes. E-Cigarettes have four times the amount of nicotine in them compared to cigarettes. Hopefully the education Nancy is providing to our young adults will make a difference!

Thank you Nancy for sharing your knowledge with us!

SVH ALUM MEET ADRIANA TRIGIANI... AGAIN!

On November 27, 2018, a group of SVH Alumnae attended a dinner and book signing at Dyker Beach Golf Club in Brooklyn NY to meet Adriana Trigiani, celebrated novelist, TV writer, and comedian. For nearly 2 hours, Adriana regaled the crowd with hysterical stories of

growing up as one of 7 children in a large Italian family, sharing vignettes of love, loss, and the women in her life that served as models of commitment, hard work, and a strong work ethic.



Therese Hamilton Petrie '64, Maureen Garrett McElhinney '68, Susan Faggiani '68, Adriana, Maureen Whalen '79 & Mary Sullivan Whalen '80

Adriana is well known for her warmth and generosity, her quick wit and comedic delivery, her enthusiasm, energy and most of all, love of family. She introduced her new book, *Tony's Wife*, set in the 1940s big band era.

During the course of the evening, Adriana reiterated her respect for nurses and her personal experience with the nurses who cared for her dying Mother in 2016. In *Tony's Wife*, she used Mary Sullivan Whalen '80 as her role model for one of the characters in the book.

Adriana is a strong advocate for women, committed to ensuring they are recognized, supported, and treated as equals. To read more about Adriana, access her web site at <http://adrianatrigiani.com/home/>

By Susan L. Faggiani, '68

CLASS NOTES

Class of 1958

Eleanor deNeufville wrote:

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Garden State Chapter of The American Society of Pain Management Nursing.

Class of 1984

The class of 1984 is planning a 35 year reunion. Please send your contact information to Lauren Trezzi Garin at laurentrezz@gmail.com or Mary Jane Blaney at mjb013199@yahoo.com

NEW YEAR, NEW BEGINNINGS

In 2018, the SVH Alumnae Board published an article in this newsletter detailing the financial concerns within the Association. A significant financial drain on the Association treasury each year is the escalating cost of the Alumnae Luncheon. So after discussion at Board meetings, followed by creative searching of event venues in NYC, the Board is happy to officially announce that we have contracted with a new location for the 2019 luncheon.



The Manhattan Penthouse, located at 80 Fifth Avenue (corner of West 14th Street) will host the 2019 Annual Alumnae Luncheon on Saturday, November 9, 2019. A mass will be held at 10:30AM at the Church of St. Francis Xavier on West 16th Street between 5th and 6th Avenues prior to the luncheon.

The Penthouse is an elegant setting



featuring 360° views of Manhattan. It is centrally located in NYC with easy access to taxis, MTA buses and subways, and discounted parking in the neighborhood. Within walking distance of Union Square, reservations can be made at the W Hotel at East 18th Street and Park Avenue South or at other local hotels for those planning a weekend adventure in NYC!

The cost of the luncheon this year will include a cocktail hour, full dinner, and open bar throughout the luncheon. Full details will be circulated to the Alumnae at a later date.

Hope you enjoyed a sneak peek of our new party venue!

ATTENTION ALL SVH ALUMNAE

To stay in good standing you must pay your dues in the beginning of the year. This means when you receive your dues envelope in January you need to pay them in January. If you do not pay your dues by the end of January you will be taken off the mailing list. You should have received your dues envelope with your ballot and notice of the next General Meeting.

NOTE: If it is a financial hardship for

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anyone to pay \$50.00 dues, please contact Pat Costello @ 845-544-2675 or 28 Cowdrey St. , Warwick, NY, 10990 or pcostellosvh@gmail.com.

According to our By-laws dues should be paid in January in order to stay in good standing, please make every attempt to do so.

NOTICE

Pursuant to Article XIV Amendment in the St. Vincent's Hospital Alumnae Association By-Laws, the Board of Directors hereby proposes

TO ELIMINATE THE JANUARY ASSOCIATION MEETING.

The Annual meeting will continue to be held in September , and the regular meetings will be held in May and November.

The vote on this proposal will occur at the May meeting to be held on May 18, 2019.

R.I.P

Josephine Veronica Dillon-Mosely

NEW ROCHELLE - Josephine Veronica Dillon-Mosely, a longtime resident of New Rochelle, died on November 1, 2018. She was 81.

Josephine was born on March 20, 1937 in Brooklyn, NY to the late Daniel and Dorothy (Ferrington) Dillon. Josephine was the first African American woman to graduate from St. Vincent Hospital Nursing School in Manhattan. She worked as a private duty Registered Nurse for many years at the then Sound Shore Medical Center and Greenwich Hospital, Connecticut. Josephine received her Masters degree from Iona College and also worked as a family counselor at Pelham Children's Center.



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.

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:

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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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Mary Ann DiMaria Donohue '67
Linda Marco '70

Daniel F. Sullivan, Husband of Mary Kenny Sullivan '53
James Cavanaugh, Husband of Betty Lynam Cavanaugh '59
Jack Kennedy MD, Husband of Charline Foley Kennedy '59
Patricia Marie Imbrosciano, Daughter of Kathleen Reilly Imbrosciano '62
John J. Laleggio MD, Husband of Joanne Esposito Laleggio '72

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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