

HIP HIP HOORAY FOR THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

We are back!!!! This year was the 260th marching of the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade. It was held on Thursday, March 17 in damp, rainy weather.

Twenty—two Alums gathered together to march up Fifth Avenue.

Enjoy the pictures.





Patience, Fortitude, Perseverance



SPRING 2022 ZOOM GENERAL MEETING

On April 30th, 2022, we had 34 Alumnae join us for our second Zoom General Meeting. We had members from all over the country log on and there were happy virtual reunions from classmates who were together again after years apart. After a short business meeting was our keynote speaker. We heard an excellent presentation from Jacqueline Burke Wilhelmsen, NP '74. Jackie was the former Assistant Nurse Manager of Smith 5 and the Enteral & Nutritional Support Nurse Practitioner at SVH.

Jackie discussed Nutritional Support and highlighted her years of working with Dr. Chris Mills.

Dr. Mills developed a legacy of excellence in his care and treatment of critically ill patients who required proactive, nutritional support for postoperative healing. He developed algorithms for nutritional assessments for tube feedings and parental nutrition and created a home TPN program for patients with short gut syndrome, malabsorption syndrome, gastroparesis, cystic fibrosis, cancers, and AIDS.

Jackie's presentation outlined the history of alternate nutrition. It touched on the role that Dr. Mills and St. Vincent's Hospital played over the years in advancing the practice of enteral and parenteral nutrition. She spoke fondly of her years working directly with Dr. Mills and her lecture gave details on the many individual types of nutritional alternatives available today based on diagnosis and physiologic needs of the patient.

Jackie's high-quality presentation was reminiscent of the lectures we attended as students at St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing. The Board of Directors would like to thank Jackie for sharing her expertise as everyone enjoyed an afternoon of education and socializing.

THE BUSINESS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

Secretary/Treasurer (Patricia Holland Costello, '66) reported the following membership statistics as of 4/30/22:

- 739 current, paid members
- 255 members who paid in 2021 but not in 2022
- 89 members who last paid in 2020 and are scheduled to be dropped from the Association, but after discussion, and in consideration of the pandemic, the Board decided to maintain their membership until next year.
- The treasury figures were discussed as well as some of the letters Pat has received from Alumnae or families since January.

Health and Welfare Committee Chairperson Betsy Arnold-Lahey, '78 gave an update. To report the death of a classmate or family member, please submit notices to svhalum@gmail.com or Betsy at balcnm@gmail.com.

Newsletter Committee chaired by Maureen Garrett McElhinney '68 and Bernadette Fleming Hemmer '68 stated that the next newsletter was currently being put together with a goal of publishing in May and will include St. Patrick's Day Parade photos. Articles and information can be sent to svhalum@gmail.com.

Luncheon Committee Chairperson (Marilyn Lynaugh Strafer, '80) stated that plans for the 92nd annual Alumnae Luncheon is on track for November 12th, 2022, at the Manhattan Penthouse. Susan Faggiani, '68 reported that Mass will again be offered at The Church of St Francis Xavier. Former SVH physicians have expressed an interest in joining us at the Mass. The luncheon will be offered only for the nursing alumnae so the committee will explore starting the Mass earlier to allow for socializing after church but before the luncheon begins.

Faith, Hope and Charity



