

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

We are back!!!! This year was the 260<sup>th</sup> 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.





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## SPRING 2022 ZOOM GENERAL MEETING

On April 30<sup>th</sup>, 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, Jackie 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](mailto:svhalum@gmail.com) or Betsy at [balcnm@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:svhalum@gmail.com).

**Luncheon Committee** Chairperson (Marilyn Lynaugh Strafer, '80) stated that plans for the 92<sup>nd</sup> annual Alumnae Luncheon is on track for November 12<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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**Nominating Committee** All Board positions are currently filled. However, the need for a Chair of the Nominating Committee was announced. Since Board and General Alumnae meetings are now held on Zoom, participants were encouraged to consider assuming a role in the Association and spreading the word to their friends.

**Website** The website looks great and contains the pictures from the 2021 luncheon. Please go to <https://www.stvincentsschoolofnursingalums.org/> for current alumni information and memories.

**Program Committee** Alumnae President Joanne Billott, '75 reported that Nancy Rooney is available to discuss tobacco secession at the September 2022 general alumnae meeting.

Members were encouraged to submit names of speakers and topics of interest to the Board for future general meetings.

**New Business** The Sisters of Charity annual benefit gala will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2022. The Board authorized a \$5,000 donation to the Sisters of Charity.

Betsy Arnold-Leahy, '78 and Sister Karen Helfenstein, SC, '66 mentioned charities that are accepting donations to support efforts to help the Ukraine people. These include the Transatlantic American Relief Foundation and the Daughters of Charity and they shared links with participants.

- Transatlantic American Relief Foundation:  
<https://tamrf.org/> or <https://tamrf.org/current-projects/>
- The Daughters of Charity via The Sisters of Charity:  
The Sisters of Charity Development Office  
6301 Riverdale Avenue Bronx, NY 10471

**Participants were reminded that the final Mass at St. Vincent's Hospital's St Elizabeth Ann Seton**

**Chapel was celebrated for the Alumnae Association exactly 12 years ago today.**

At the conclusion of the Zoom meeting, a short Zoom poll was conducted on topics that the Board wanted to clarify with members. Here are the questions and the results of the poll.

- 1) When would a Zoom General Meeting be more convenient?
  - a) Weekend (Saturday) midday = 10
  - b) Weekday evening = 14
- 2) Which format would you like to see future general meetings? (Some respondents selected more than one choice).
  - a) Zoom only = 14
  - b) In-person in NYC = 1
  - c) Hybrid of Zoom and In-person NYC = 11
- 3) Would you be interested in joining the SVH Board or a Committee?
  - a) Yes = 5 (Several respondents were current Board members)
  - b) No = 11
  - c) Comments = 8 (There was a glitch with this section and comments could not be viewed)
- 4) What topics would you enjoy at future general meetings?

There were no comments received.
- 5) Should the SVH Alumnae Association make a financial donation to the Ukrainian relief organizations discussed in the meeting today?
  - a) Yes = 23
  - b) No = 0
  - c) Comments = 1
  - i) I'd rather give a donation to the Sisters of Charity & let them pass it on to Ukraine. But have we given special donations in the past? I don't want to set a precedent.

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If anyone would like to add their voice to the above poll responses or for comments, please contact Patricia Costello at [pcostellosvh@gmail.com](mailto:pcostellosvh@gmail.com) or mail to: 28 Cowdrey Street Warwick, NY 10990

*Please consider joining us for the next Zoom meeting and keep up to date with our activities as well as network with fellow alumnae. Our next general meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:00PM. Look for meeting information on our website and official FaceBook page (St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing NYC). A post card mailing with the Zoom log on information will be sent to all active alumnae in August.*

## SISTERS OF CHARITY OF NEW YORK SPRING BENEFIT

After a two year hiatus The Sisters of Charity "One Mission, Many Hearts" Spring Benefit Was held at Chelsea Piers. The benefit was attended by nearly 400 friends of the Sisters and raised over \$ 225,000 to help sustain their ministries.



The event also honored two benefactors of the Sisters of Charity, the late Dr. Christopher Mills and his family and Jerry Costello and his family for their tireless dedication to and participation in the many ministries of The Sisters Of Charity of New York.

Some familiar faces attended the event.



## ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Below you will find the members of the Association who have made themselves available for the following positions in the Alumnae Association. Since there were no other people interested in running the following positions have been filled by the names listed below.

### VICE PRESIDENT

**Marie Brady '66.** Upon graduation from St. Vincent's I worked at SVH for thirty years

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in various areas: Eye, OR, Med-Surg Clinic , Surgical administration and multidisciplinary endoscopy. While at SVH I obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Health Care, a Master's in Public Administration, and a Law Degree. In 1996 I was hired by the City of New York to manage and advance the Home Care Services, Medicaid managed care, Lombardi and some Children services. I retired from the city service as a Deputy Commissioner in 2012, but 2014 became a consultant for a private company that was developing and implementing state-wide program for managed care services. I finally retired in November 2021 but will be a volunteer at St. Francis Hospital, Roslyn, NY. I have been actively involved with the Alumnae Association for many years in different capacities and feel it is important to maintain the Association for as long as we can.

#### **BOARD of DIRECTORS**

**Maureen Heitmann** A graduate of St. Vincent's School of Nursing , graduating in 1961. I started my nursing career that September on the St. Lawrence Ward of St. Vincent's Hospital. I was a staff nurse, assistant head nurse, head nurse, staff per denim, and nursing instructor on St. Lawrence until the Ward building closed in 1985. I joined the SVH School of Nursing Faculty in 1984 and taught medical- surgical nursing there for 15 years until the School closed in 1999. I then joined the the nursing faculty at the College of Mount St. Vincent in 2000. I retired from CMSV in 2019. Many of you also know me as the coordinator of the St. Patrick's Day Parade, which I have been doing since 1987. I married Joseph Heitmann in 1968 and have a wonderful family: two children and three grandchildren. I have been an active member of the alumni Association and a board member in various positions over many years.

**Margaret Berg** Graduated from SVH in 1986 and worked at St. Vincent's for 14 years on Coleman 15 East, Spellman 8, and Cronin 9 as assistant nurse manager.

I moved to Ireland for 5 years where I also have my nursing license. I obtained my BSN 2014 from Chamberlain College School of Nursing. For the past 11 years I have work at Mount Sinai , South Nassau Hospital. I am currently working as Case Manager. I have CCM certification.

**To All Members, Please note that all Board and General meetings have been on Zoom for the past 2 years and we think will be continuing in the future. This opens up participation at meetings and as officers for all members, no matter where you live. WE WELCOME ALL INTERESTED PARTIES.**

#### **UKRAINE RELIEF FUNDS**

We have received inquiries regarding where to donate to help the people of Ukraine.

Here are two organizations that were suggested by our board members.

Betsy Arnold Leahy '78 works with a physician who is from Ukraine and has been sending medical supplies through a group called Trans-Atlantic Relief Foundation . Here is the link <https://tamrf.org/>

Chris Colligan '73 lives in NYC and she recommends The Veselka , a Ukraine restaurant located at 144 Second Avenue. They have many different ways to support Ukraine. Go to [www.veselka.com](http://www.veselka.com)

#### **CLASS NOTES**

**Class of 1972:**

Audrey Sierocki Barnett writes:

Ladies this is our 50th Anniversary . Can we put together a group that can organize our REUNION???. I am willing to assist so PLEASE contact me. My email is [barnettaudrey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:barnettaudrey@sbcglobal.net) . My phone number is 1 203 426 3419

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## Class of 1968:

Kathleen Maldini Hartman writes:

Sanibonani (Greetings) From Eswatini,

We returned in January and have been working with the Home Based Palliative Care Team to try to meet the needs of rural patients. So much progress has been undermined due to COVID. But the HB Team has persisted and work hard to bring medical help, food, medication and palliative care symptom management in spite of so many roadblocks. Your generosity make this possible. The team has now moved to a larger office where patients can be seen with more dignity and the team can work more efficiently. Thanks to your donations we have been able to help fund this project.

Our gratitude cannot be measured, but the appreciation of patients who benefit from interventions that affect the care they receive and the comfort they so deserve, is overwhelming.

Happy Easter,

Kathleen and Al



## CLASS NOTES:

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

## WEBSITE:

Please visit the site for review of Class Notes, Photo Gallery, SVH Shop, and more.

[stvincentsschoolofnursingalums.org](http://stvincentsschoolofnursingalums.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:

Transcripts:  
Sisters of Charity of New York  
6301 Riverdale Avenue  
Bronx, New York 10471-1093

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Allow up to two weeks for the receipt of information

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Patricia Hourihan Hoffman '55, sister of Margaret Hourihan Stefano '59

Ann Boland Luliano '58

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Eileen Morgan Horan '61

Mary Farrell Rogers '62

Barbara Marshall Pascarella '65

Barbara Barauskas McAuley '66

Alyssa Clarke, daughter of Ellen Murphy Clarke '58

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Per Ellingsen, husband of Bernadette Pisani Ellingsen '71

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