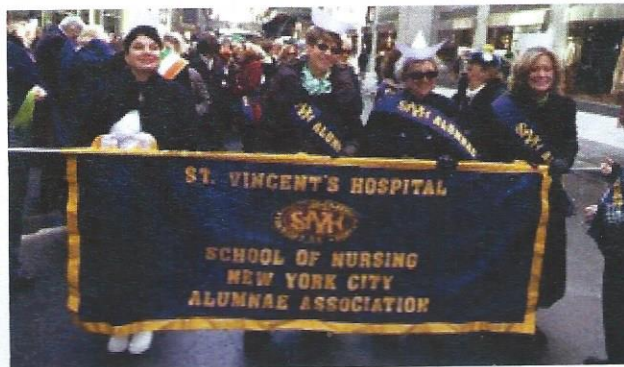




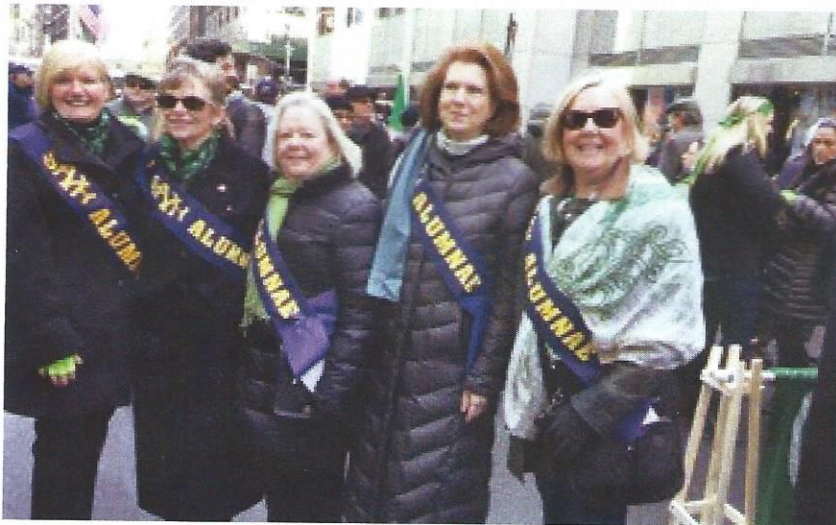
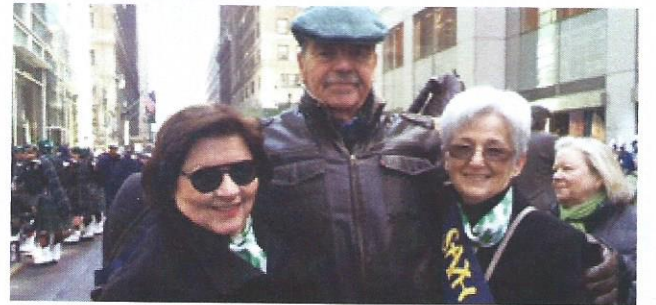
ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE



This year's parade almost didn't happen! On March 15th New York was hit with what was predicted to be a major blizzard called Stella. Well, Stella went north and the City only received 7 inches of snow. By the time the 17th came around Fifth Avenue and the side street were in pristine condition. The weather on March 17th was cold, sunny, and windy but dry. Seventy-seven alumnae braved the weather to come together again to show their commitment to the memory of St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing and to St. Vincent's Hospital.

A question has been raised about wearing our caps when we march. As you know the Parade committee has their standard of no jeans, sneakers or party hats. The Board of the Alumnae Association has decided that all alumnae who want to wear their caps must wear a white uniform, dress or pants with white shoes & cape. They will march in the front behind the Banner. All those who choose not to wear their cap will dress in business attire with their sash. Sashes can be purchased from Maureen Heitman on the day of the parade.





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SPRING GENERAL MEETING

On Saturday May 20, 2017 Sister Mary McCormick SC gave a presentation on the history of the Sisters of Charity in New York. Sr. Mary is a spiritual & retreat director, writer and presenter on topics of spirituality and the Charity charism. She served in congregational leadership & formation ministry, and as a missionary in the Bahamas & in Arizona.

The Sisters of Charity were founded in 1809 in Emmitsburg, Maryland by St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, a native New Yorker and first American born saint. In 1817 Sister Seton was ask to send sisters to New York City to care for abandoned children. Sister Seton sent three sisters, Rose White, Cecilia O'Connor, & Felicity Brady to what is now lower Manhattan to staff a Catholic Orphan Asylum. It wasn't long before the Sisters created new institutions that changed New York forever.

As time went on the Sisters in New York separated from Maryland and formed The Sisters of Charity of New York. This year marks the 200th anniversary of the Sisters of Charity coming to New York City.

THE SISTERS OF CHARITY CELEBRATE 200 YEARS

One of the many events celebrating the Sisters of Charity was "The 200th Anniversary Gala", held on May 18, 2017 at the Lighthouse at Chelsea Pier.

It was a wonderful evening! Magee Hickey hosted the many tributes to the outstanding history of these remarkable women. Included is a photo of Sister Kevin with friends from St. Vincent Hospital and the Alumnae Association.



CLASS NOTES

Class of 1967

This is your 50th Anniversary. If you have not received an Evite or some other notice to save the date PLEASE call Kerry @ 973-890-8711.

CLASS of 1968

Next year is our 50th. Please send us your contact information to SVHalum@gmail.com. We need to get moving on planning!

Maureen McElhinney writes:

Grace "Betsy" Garcia has just completed the Camino de Santiago Frances from St. Jean Pied de Port in France to Santiago de Compestello, Spain and then the Camino Fisterra to Fisterra & Muxia Spain. She has just walked 925 km. that is 575 miles. Way to go Betsy!!!!



Ronnie Konczewski Browne writes:

I can't believe at my ripe old age I am just learning about these courageous nurses.

The POW story of "Angels of Bataan" army nurses is one of the greatest WW11 stories never told. The book "We Band of Angels: The Untold Story of the American Women Trapped on Bataan by the Japanese" was written by Elizabeth M. Norman. This very moving story is a must read.

Kathy Maldini Hartman writes:

Dear Friends and Family,

Our time working in Swaziland is coming to an end for 2017. It has been a time of many emotional highs and lows. But, thanks to your generous support and your encouragement we have been able to help many people with medicine, food, comfort measures, school fees, lanterns, water and many other quality of life interventions. The purchase of the new ultrasound machine is imminent (at long last) thanks to you.

The faces of these children are just a tiny sampling of all the lives you have touched. There are no words to truly express our gratitude but we hope that these sweet children will make you smile and realize how grateful the Swazi people are for your kindness.

Siyabonga kakhulu,

Love,

Al , Kathleen, Home Based Care Team



CLASS of 1980

Marilyn Lynaugh Strafer '80 was the lead presenter of a scientific poster on an up and coming minimally invasive procedure for chronic knee pain for people who are not surgical candidates for knee replacement.

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The title of the presentation is: **“Zap It: Genicular Nerve Radiofrequency Ablation for the Treatment of Chronic Knee Pain.”**

The purpose of this investigation was to evaluate the effectiveness of radiofrequency ablation (RFA) of the genicular (knee) nerves as an alternative to knee replacement or long term opiate/NSAID medication for the control of chronic osteogenic knee pain.

30 patients with significant knee pain who had failed conservative therapy, such as physical therapy, NSAIDS, and opioids, and were not surgical candidates were eligible. A pain management physician (Andrew G. Kaufman, MD) performed the procedures at Overlook Medical Center, Summit, NJ and University Hospital, Newark, NJ Patients were contacted at 3 and 6 months post-procedure to obtain Visual Analogue Scale (VAS) pain scores, and ability to perform activities of daily living.

The results of the 12-month study showed minimally invasive Genicular Nerve RFA can supply an average of greater than 50% pain relief in our patient population for up to at least six months post-procedure with limited side effects.

The poster was presented on June 7th, 2017 at the Atlantic Health System Annual Research Day at Morristown Medical Center, Overlook Medical Center, Hackettstown Medical Center, Chilton Medical Center and Newton Medical Center.

The poster will also be presented at the 27th Annual National American Society of Pain Management Nursing Conference in Phoenix, AZ in September 2017.

If you would like to view this poster go to St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing Website

Marilyn is currently working per diem at the Overlook Medical Center Interventional Pain Management Department, Summit, NJ and may be contacted at marilynstrafer@gmail.com.

HOLD THE DATE

Saturday September 30th @ 12 Noon the author **Adrianna Trigiani**, will come to our Fall General Meeting. Come and bring a friend!! You won't be disappointed. Adrianna is the author of over 16 books her most recent “Kiss Carlo” coming out this Month. She and her family live in Greenwich Village.

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, hats, and other memorabilia 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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IN MEMORIAM

Sister Mary was a quiet, compassionate and generous person. Both her patients and her students were impressed by her kindness and caring.



Sister Mary T. Boyle (Sister Dominic Marie) was born September 30, 1924 in Bayonne, New Jersey, one of three daughters and one son born to Hugh and Helen Dugan Boyle. Mary attended Saint Mary Star of the Sea in Bayonne and Bayonne High School. She then studied nursing at the Bayonne Hospital School of Nursing, received her NYS Certification, and worked for several years before entering the Sisters of Charity of New York on February 2, 1950. Sister Mary earned a BSN from Saint John's University and an MS in Nursing Education from New York University.

Sister Mary spent nearly fifty years in the ministry of Nursing and Nursing Education. In 1952, Sister was missioned to Saint Vincent Hospital, Harrison, where she was both a Nursing Supervisor and a Nursing Instructor. In 1964, she was sent to Saint Vincent Medical Center, Manhattan, where she filled many different roles: staff nurse, nursing instructor, Assistant Administrator and Supervisor. Of her ministry, Sister Mary is quoted as saying, "What is important to me is to try to bring the message of the healing Christ to people. It is in the sharing of the Eucharist daily that I find the energy to carry out my mission in health care." She retired in 1999 but continued working as a volunteer in Saint Vincent Medical Center. In 2008, Sister Mary moved to Mount Saint Vincent Convent, and three years later to the Convent of Mary the Queen. In 2014, she and a small group of sisters moved to Saint Patrick's Home in the Bronx.

Sister Mary was a quiet, compassionate and generous person. Both her patients and her students were impressed by her kindness and caring. Sister Mary loved nursing, her family and the sisters with whom she lived and worked. She always had a smile and a listening ear for anyone who might need to be heard. We rejoice with you now, Sister Mary, as you are welcomed home by our loving God whom you served so long and so well. Be at peace.



Monique "Nicky" Carment, class of 1955, unexpectedly passed away at her San Francisco home on November 15, 2016 at the age of 82. She was proud to be an alumnae of St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing and attended many NY based reunions with her classmates Adrienne Dolder, Deidre Curran and Phyllis Lane.

After graduating SVHSN, Monique lived in Alaska for two years working in a local hospital and learned to ski in her spare time. She returned to New York and in 1961 she obtained her Bachelor of Science degree from St. John's

University in Queens, NY. In 1961, she moved to the West Coast, settling in San Francisco. Monique went on to obtain her Master of Science degree in Nursing from University of California San Francisco in 1969.

Throughout her career, Monique was a compassionate nurse, nursing educator and mentor to many. She taught practical nursing skills and basic clinical nursing as part of three semester Licensed Vocational Nursing programs at Kaiser Permanente and City College of San Francisco. She especially enjoyed the refresher courses she taught to returning LVN and RNs. For a few years, she was a nursing instructor for the US Air Force based in Chico, CA. Additionally, she was a private duty nurse for a California registry service and worked with several San Francisco based plastic surgeons as the RN in charge.

She retired from nursing in early 2000 to allow more time for her passions of worldwide travel, hiking, skiing, bird watching, opera, and foraging for wild mushrooms. She had a full life and will be missed.

Mary Ann Buckley graduated from St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing in 1963. She became a staff nurse on Smith 7 and remained at St. Vincent's until she retired in 2009 as Nurse Manager of Coleman 16 East & West.

To say that she was the epitome of a wonderful nurse doesn't due her justice. She was smart, kind, logical, generous and proficient in her care of all patients.

She gave of her time and energy to her staff, the medical team and visitors to make sure her unit was well run and more importantly a place where patients felt safe and cared for.

Mary Ann was on the Board of The Alumnae Association of St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing for many years. She chaired the Luncheon Committee for the past nine years.

Mary Ann passed away in May 2017. She truly will be missed. I was proud, like many others, to have called her a friend.

Maureen Heitman

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Mary Ann Buckley '63
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