



## ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE 2018

It was a a great day for a parade! The sun was shining and the wind was blowing but that didn't damper the mood of the seventy-seven Alumnae who came out to march up 5th Avenue in the Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. The oldest and largest St. Patrick's Day Parade in the world ! This year as I write about the parade it's our 50th anniversary and I can't help but reflect on all the years that have gone by, where have they gone?

The fact that each year we choose to honor the memory of our beloved School and Hospital by marching up 5th Avenue allows us, for a short time to remember the days when St. Vincent's played vital part in providing care for ALL the people. Proud to be part of the legacy of this great institution.





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## WINTER GENERAL MEETING JANUARY 27, 2018

Regina Seery Cunningham PhD, RN, NEA, BC, FAAN and CEO of the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania was the guest speaker for the meeting. Regina is also a graduate of St. Vincent's School of Nursing, class of 1978.

Regina spoke of her career path from staff nurse on Smith 9 through managing units, departments, being the chief Nursing Officer and now the Chief Executive Officer at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

She credits those mentors along the way including Dottie O'Neill who maybe saw something in her before she did.

Ms. Cunningham believes that clinical knowledge is the differentiator in this increasingly value-based world. Staying abreast of knowledge development in you areas of interest is key. Also pay it forward by helping develop others.

Ms. Cunningham's talk highlighted on the fact that nursing drives value in the changing health care system. She described a project called CAUTI where nurses were empowered to act and the result were cost were lowered by \$3.35M and 5,055 patient days were freed up.

Impressive work Regina, we are so proud of you and the work you do!

### ATTENTION ALL SVH ALUMNAE

An urgent message was sent to all explaining the financial situation of the Alumnae Association. Many Alumnae have responded and some have been very

generous with donations but some have not responded at all. If your 2018 dues are not paid by September 2018 you will be taken off the mailing list. Attempts have been made to contact all inactive members, and according to Address.com, the addresses are correct. If dues are not paid, it will be understood you are not interested and will be taken off the mailing list. Some older graduates from the 1930's, 40's and 50's may think they are exempt from paying dues, however, according to our by-laws this is not correct. We need your support also.

Note from the Secretary/Treasurer: If it is a financial hardship for anyone to pay \$50.00 dues, please contact Pat Costello @ 845-544-2675 or 28 Cowdrey St, Warwick, NY 10990 or [pcostellosvh@gmail.com](mailto:pcostellosvh@gmail.com) and I will handle the situation individually. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

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.

### LUNCHEON INFORMATION

Reservation cards and the Luncheon Flyer will be sent out in September however, we wanted to keep you informed about the November Luncheon. It is not possible to change the venue this year but we are looking into other places that may be applicable for the future. This year we have cut some costs and have also arranged for 2 bottles of wine to be placed on the table so you can have wine with your meal. As you know we subsidized each ticket with \$80 last year and we cannot afford to do that. This year the tickets will be \$130 and will include your glass of wine at the table. If you are an Anniversary class or a group that wants to get together and you need address

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information you can contact **Pat Costello@pcostellosvh@gmail.com**, or tel #: 845-544-2675 and she will give you information she has on your classmates.

## NEW POLICY FOR TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS

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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Bronx, New York 10471-1093

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Allow up to two weeks for the receipt of information.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: REGISTERED NURSE

The Sisters of Charity of New York seek a Registered Nurse for Mount Saint Vincent Convent, a 60-room retirement home in Bronx, NY. The Convent provides assisted living services to retired sisters of the congregation.

The Nurse promotes the physical and mental health of sisters by acting as a member of the interdisciplinary treatment team and delivers care to sisters utilizing the nursing process of assessment, planning, intervention, implementation, and evaluation. The R.N.

must effectively interact with sisters, family and others while maintaining standards of professional nursing. The R.N. coordinates and monitors medical services, including psychiatric and medication services, in accord with Convent policy and in response to individual resident need.

### General Responsibilities:

- Assess the sister; collect and document her current health status and medical history and make accurate and ongoing assessment of sisters' status and review care plan if necessary.
- Communicate with the physician regarding sister's needs, the nursing assessments, and recommendations daily, and as needed, as well as collaborate with other health team members to ensure the sister's well-being.
- Perform direct patient care, utilizing established procedures, policies, and standards.
- Administer medications according to policy and procedure.
- Demonstrate ability and appropriate technical skills when administering treatments and procedures in accordance with physician's orders and Convent policy.
- Demonstrate ability to handle emergency situations in a prompt, precise, and professional manner.
- Provide personal care to offer comfort and well-being to the sister, acknowledging physiological and psychological needs.
- Interact with sisters who are at various levels of cognition, ranging from

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independent to impaired and do so with respect, compassion and kindness to enhance quality of life for the sisters.

- Contribute to and maintain an atmosphere of warmth, respect and a calm environment throughout the house.
- Demonstrate correct and safe technique in the use of equipment according to specific product information.
- Assist sisters and family members with concern and empathy; respect their confidentiality and privacy and communicate with them in a courteous and respectful manner.

### **Skills & Qualifications**

- Commitment to the Mission of the Sisters of Charity and to the elderly.
- Current license to practice professional nursing in New York State; must maintain mandated continuing education requirements.
- Three years of experience in a long-term care facility and working with the elderly.
- Excellent in communication, organization, interpersonal and planning skills and ability to maintain a high level of discretion with confidential information.
- Ability to be on call and work occasional nights, weekends and holiday, as needed.
- Ability to work effectively as a team member.
- Knowledge of occupational hazards and corresponding safety precautions necessary for the safer performance of assigned duties.

### **Working Conditions:**

Walk extensively to and from various locations of the building while making rounds and transport residents within the facility for up to 8 hours per day. Ability to bend, stoop, sit, stand, reach, and lift 40 pounds or less; must utilize proper lifting and body mechanics to prevent personal injury. This position performs tasks that involve exposure to blood, body fluids, or tissues.

Please send resumes to Sharon Dosing, Director of Human Resources, [hrinfo@scny.org](mailto:hrinfo@scny.org)

## **CLASS NOTES**

### **Class of 1958**

Our 60th reunion on November 10, 2018 at the Marriott Hotel. We are planning festivities! So far, we have a Mass at St. Patrick's on Sunday November 11, 2018.

Please respond with your ideas.

#### **Contacts:**

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### **Class of 1968**

The Class of 1968 is planning their 50th anniversary reunion. A team of hardworking classmates have done an outstanding job in scouring the country to find all but 8 classmates!

An initial email has been sent to most classmates to let them know about reunion plans and snail mail will catch the rest of the

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class. A small reunion committee is planning activities to include a reunion gathering on Friday evening, November 9th and cocktails together after the annual alumnae luncheon on Saturday 10th.

For reunion information, contact Susan Faggiani at [sfagg29@gmail.com](mailto:sfagg29@gmail.com) or 917-282-2062 or Maureen McElhinney at [mmcelhinn@gmail.com](mailto:mmcelhinn@gmail.com) or 845-709-1980.

Dear Friends and Family,

You are on our minds and in our hearts each time we are able to provide some comfort to people like this Gogo (Granny).

Your generosity and kindness have made it possible to provide some basic needs and share some gifts with people who have so little.

Thank you so much, we all deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness.

This remarkable Gogo cares for 13 orphaned children in this homestead. 10 of the children are pictured here.



She relies on kind neighbors to help share some of their food so these little ones will have something to eat on days when she has nothing.



Gogo is ill herself. She is infected with HIV and is on ARV's (antiretrovirals) which are difficult to take on an empty stomach.

She suffers from severe pain on the left side of her face and her left eye after having herpes zoster (shingles), an all too common opportunistic infection in people who are HIV+.



These children have been orphaned when her own children died. Gogo does her best to provide a loving home. The oldest boy, age 12, is a kind and helpful child. He fetches water, helps with the younger children, goes to school and does whatever Gogo asks of him.

We told him how proud we were of him and that maybe someday he will be able to be a doctor, which is his wish.

We left Gogo with some pain medication, a food pack to help reduce hunger for a week or so, some donated clothes for the children and of course lollipops!



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We have made a referral to an NGO called Operation Hope. Hopefully they will be able to provide a more sustainable source of food, help Gogo access birth certificates for several of the children ( they cannot attend school without one) and maybe help them develop an income generating project that can better secure their future.



Each and every day that we meet these remarkable people and observe their survival with such limited resources, witness their love for each other through extremely difficult times, and their appreciation for even the smallest help we are humbled!

Love,

Al, Kathleen and the Home Based Care Team

#### **Class of 1975**

Denise Giachetta-Ryan, Assistant vice president of perioperative services at Richmond University Hospital Medical Center was one of eight women honored for their accomplishments and leadership at the annual Women of Distinction luncheon hosted by the Staten Island chapter of the New York State Women, Inc.

#### **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:**

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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##### **Change of Address, Correspondence and Annual Dues of \$35.00**

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Catherine Gilligan Ardrey '43  
Mary Costigan Carroll '49  
Eileen McConnell Curl '50  
Grace Hart '50  
Grace Thomas '54  
Helen Jansen '55  
Marirose Frese Harper '56  
Lucille Lord Blake '57  
Antoinette Albreter Hanley '59  
Eileen Kiesel Giaimo '60  
Mary Jane Bohan Kuniewicz '60  
Margaret M. Lozier Apps '60  
Alice Gartland Hardy '61  
Barbara Erkman Stratton '62  
MaryAnne McShane Sturiano '63  
Harriet Semple '64  
Margaret Weber '70

Raymond Baumann, Husband of Mary Adele Sansone Baumann '64

Dennis Bell, Husband of Theresa Ryan Bell '62

John Corrigan, Husband and Bernadette Corrigan, Daughter of Patricia Mulqueen Corrigan '64

Marie Grassini, Mother of Marilee Grassini Bush '62

Eleanor S. Hank, Mother of Kathleen Hank Harold '64

John Haughey, Son of Marion McCarthy Haughey '62

Martin Murphy, Husband of Ann Kelly Murphy '57 and Brother of Rita Murphy '57

Francis Reidlinger, Husband of Patricia Fredricks Reidlinger '59

## 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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