

ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING



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St. Patrick's Day Parade 2015

Wow, what a difference a year makes! The 254th St. Patrick's Day Parade took place on a beautiful sunny, crisp, clear day, though the wind was a challenge from time to time. We were 70 alumnae strong, marching with a sense of purpose! We let the spectators know that St. Vincent's was an important part of the history of NYC and that we belonged in this parade! As we turned onto 5th Avenue, marching proudly behind our banner, we were greeted with cheers and waves from friends and strangers alike.

It was a great day!

Let's keep this going! Plan to attend next year! Hope to see you then!



SWAZILAND FOLLOW-UP

When Kathy Maldini Hartmann '68 and her husband, Dr. Al Hartmann, presented their experiences as medical missionaries in Swaziland at a General Alumnae meeting in September 2014, we were all so touched to see the generous and brave work they do for the less fortunate. They are both retired but spend 6 months of the year in Swaziland tending to the sick and teaching those who work in their Home-Based Health Clinic. Kathy and Al are in Swaziland now and sent some recent pictures of their work there, shared here.



Al and Kathy, always positive, always upbeat!



Gogo (Swazi for Granny) Gamedze is one of Al's "private" patients. She is suffering from heart and lung disease and looks forward to his care when we return each year.



This is the homestead of a young boy infected with HIV. He has recovered from TB and is now infected with chicken pox.



In this small hut, an elderly lady lives with her daughter-in-law and 3 small grandchildren. Her son, the father of the children, recently died and they survive by the kindness of others.

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GENERAL ALUMNAE MEETING

Several alum braved the cold and blustery weather on Saturday, January 31st, 2015 to attend the first General Alumnae meeting of the year. Siobhan Joan Dolan, NP presented a fascinating lecture on acupuncture. Joan discussed the use of acupuncture in the treatment of chemical dependency, trauma, and stress management and how helpful this technique can be as an adjuvant to engage patients/clients in conjunction with traditional therapies.

Joan used acupuncture in the immediate period after the 9/11 World Trade Center crisis to treat victims and volunteers who were experiencing anxiety, fear, and sleeplessness and she found they became more calm, slept better, and became more focused. The acupuncture seemed to alleviate tension, depression, uncertainty, sadness, and depression.

Acupuncture enhances other modalities, including Reiki, hypnotherapy, massage therapy, and support groups.

Joan also spoke about the rich history of the Sisters of Charity in their response to the needs of NYC. The Sisters treated cholera in 1849, staffed St. Joseph's Military Hospital in Central Park in 1862, which was the site of the former motherhouse of the Sisters of Charity before they moved to Riverdale, NY. They founded the New York Foundling Hospital in 1869, responded to the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire in 1911, to the sinking of the Titanic in 1912, and the World Trade Center bombings in 1993 and 2001. Under the leadership of the Sisters of Charity, St. Vincent's treated the first AIDS patients in 1981 and started an AIDS Center shortly thereafter.

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION DUES

A sincere thanks to all who have paid their Alumnae Association dues and especially to those who have donated so generously to our organization.

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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TRANSCRIPTS:

Save for future reference!

For those looking for **transcripts or diplomas**, you may write to:

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CLASS NOTES

Class of '48

Catherine Dalkiewicz Koor '48 writes that she is looking to get in touch with her classmates. She is especially trying to reach Emile Ferrara Breeman. Catherine is living at 62 Beatty's Tollgate Road, Marietta, Pennsylvania. Her phone number is 717-426-1330.

Class of '53

Estelle Halley O'Brien '53 had a stroke on the way home from her reunion in 2013. She has been bedridden since then except when OOB via Hoyer lift to a wheelchair. Her daughter writes that she would love to hear from her classmates. Estelle's address is PO Box 33099, Las Vegas, Nevada 89133-3099.

Class of '55

Lorraine Geiser Sheerin '55 is looking for information about a 60th reunion celebration. Please contact her at Lorraine Geiser Sheerin. SHECHLO@AOL.COM or 845-223-3828.

Class of '57

Mary Walsh writes:

I always look forward to reading the alumnae newsletter and being updated on fellow alumnae and SVH events. A big hi to all my classmates of '57.

I am still living in the Tucson area and keep busy with many of the great events the area has to offer. Still traveling and enjoying seeing and learning about different people and cultures. After 50+ years of health care, 31 years as a Nurse Practitioner, I am finally retired and loving it.

I would enjoy hearing from any of my classmates, and I have a guest room just waiting to be used! My email is mcwalsh737@gmail.com; Telephone is 520-820-4646.

Judy Canino '57 asks if anyone is interested in a cape. She is moving to Florida. She can be reached via email at judy_canino06902@yahoo.com or at 203-569-7761.

Class of '58

Eileen Kinsella O'Neil '58 writes: "I'm trying to reconnect with Mary Jane La Corte Weiss. I think she was class of '55 or '56. She was an OR nurse that I worked with and was in her bridal party, but lost touch. She married Dr. Carl Weiss, an orthopedist. Last I knew she lived in Garden City, New York." If you know how to reach Mary Jane La Corte Weiss, please call Eileen at 212-228-6213 or 917-910-2087.

Class of '59

Patricia Quinn McCosker is still residing in Breezy Point, NY after the floods of Hurricane Sandy forced them to completely rebuild their home of 55 years. She can be reached at patseepperfect@aol.com and would love to hear from her classmates.

Class of '65

Mary Beth Fries Buchner is busy planning the reunion for the Class of '65. She writes: On Friday evening, November 13, 2015 the class of 1965 will meet at Fraunces Tavern, 54 Pearl Street, New York, NY 10004 [phone: 212-968-1776]. The Reunion at the Tavern is scheduled for 4-7PM so we plan to meet there for a drink at 5:30-6 PM, followed by dinner in our own private room at 7PM. If you have not reserved your place at this event, please contact Pat Walker Esposito ASAP at patespo@yahoo.com.

We have also reserved a block of rooms under the name "St. Vincent's Class of '65 Reunion" at the Marriott Financial Center for both Friday (11/13/15) and Saturday (11/14/15) nights.

On Saturday, November 14th, we will be sitting together as the Golden Jubilarians at the Annual SVH Alumnae Luncheon, held at the Marriott Financial Center.

We are still in the process of planning other activities for Saturday evening, Nov 14th and Sunday, Nov 15th and we will keep you informed via e-mail. If you are not on the Class of 1965 e-mail list, or if your e-mail address has changed, please contact me at Mary Beth Fries Buchner at mbbuchner@gmail.com or 518-785-1528.

I believe that the young teenagers who first came together at the doors of 158 West 12th Street, NYC in the fall of 1962 brought with them unique and powerful gifts of spirit, strength, and love. We were the Vatican II Class (1962-1965); the windows were opened and a new Spirit of Love flowed freely through us. We became a positive force for good above and beyond our wildest dreams and imaginings. On the momentous occasion of our 50th Anniversary, let us join together to celebrate in Thanksgiving and Joy.

The Cardinal - The Class of '65



Warmest Congratulations To Our New Graduates in White



Headling proud and happy on their way to the Cardinal School of Nursing are Jeanne Go, Bethany, Jo, Christine, and Claire. With Katherine and the other girls, they all received their diplomas at the graduation ceremony. This afternoon at Saint Patrick's Cathedral all women will receive the diploma and pin of their alma mater, Cardinal School of Nursing.

Class of '68

A Humanitarian Award named for Grace Strazzire was presented to Sister Miriam Kevin Phillips at the Sisters of Charity Annual Spring Benefit at the Water Club in New York City. This award, named in Grace's memory, recognizes those in service with and for the Sisters of Charity who, by their works and deeds, improve the quality of life of the most vulnerable in society and inspire us to greater heights.

What a wonderful tribute to a generous, warm-hearted, fun friend and colleague!

Bernadette Fleming Hemmer and Maureen Garrett McElhinney report:

This past summer the book "Five Days at Memorial: Life and Death in a Storm Raged Hospital" by Sheri Fink was recommended to us by Connie Fleming '57. Not frequent readers of non-fiction, we hesitated to start the book. Almost immediately we were entrenched in the lives of the patients & health care workers at Memorial Hospital during and after Hurricane Katrina. The author, Sheri Fink, gives a detailed and elaborate description of the events at Memorial following the storm, describing them in such a way that the book actually read more like a novel than non-fiction.

As nurses, we were struck by the number and severity of issues that evolved. The absence of adequate disaster-preparedness, lack of effective communication, poor leadership and questionable, ethical decision-making were troubling. Yet the book also speaks of the efforts made to protect and comfort patients and families in extraordinarily difficult circumstances.

Class of '69

Eileen Moseman Hackett is looking for classmates. Please contact her at ethackett@gmail.com.

Class of '83

The brother of Timothy W. Riley, a nurse and then patient at SVH around 1983, passed away in 1986. He had a close friend named Laurie Bell, also a nurse. If anyone has any information about Laurie Bell, please contact us at SVHalum@gmail.com.

Class of '90

Cynthia Juan Loa-Baban '90 would love to hear from her classmates. You may contact her at csjbaban@gmail.com.

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SISTER MIRIAM KEVIN PHILLIPS MISSION AWARD

On May 4, 2015, Sister Miriam Kevin Phillips was honored at the Sisters of Charity Annual Spring Benefit at the Water Club in New York City. Sister Kevin received the Grace Strazzire Humanitarian Award, named in honor of Grace Strazzire, class of 1968. (See Class Notes).

Sister Kevin spoke eloquently about her gratitude to the Sisters of Charity and the Alumnae of St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing. The Sisters of Charity helped to expand her faith, her education, and broaden her horizons. As a graduate of our School of Nursing, Sister Kevin identified with the physicians, nurses, and countless other employees of St. Vincent's Hospital who cared for the sick, served the poor, and advanced the mission of the Sisters of Charity. She saluted the men and women who are SVH nurses in their commitment to caring for and serving the poor.

In her closing remarks, Sister Kevin reminded us that Grace, or Gracie as we knew her, was all about fun and welcomed the attendees at the event to have a great time!

GENERAL ALUMNAE MEETING

The next SVH General Alumnae meeting will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 6PM.

20 Washington Square North, New York, New York.

Mr. Michael J. Helgesen, CFP, Financial Advisor, will be discussing his "Dynamic Mapping" technique at financial management, used to see and understand the risks and opportunities before you act on them. Hope to see you all there.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY

The Harris Connect Publishing Company has been contracted to update the SVH School of Nursing Alumnae Directory that was first published in 1999. Alumnae will be contacted through the mail to update their bio/email and contact information. A small sample size may receive a telephone call from a Harris Connect Representative during this process. Please contact us via the SVH Alumnae email if you are interested in serving on the Editorial Board of this endeavor.



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GOSSIP FROM WEST 12TH STREET...

Reprinted from the New York Post January 22, 2015

Michael Kors taps Greenwich Lane

Top designer Michael Kors is purchasing a posh penthouse at The Greenwich Lane, a 200-unit development in five buildings and five townhouses that stands on what was once the site of St. Vincent's Hospital.

The penthouse is a three-bedroom, 3 1/2-bathroom unit that is in the "\$17 million to \$21 million range," a source said. It includes an eat-in chef's kitchen and a private rooftop terrace with views of the Empire State Building. The Greenwich Lane, which is LEED certified, features interior design by Thomas O'Brien. While the building is 70 percent sold, the Rudin family and Global Holdings, which are developing the complex, are not commenting on buyers, a spokesperson said. Kors didn't return calls.



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Yvonne Leclerc '50

Patricia Parkman '50

Mary Dowd Leone '55

Mardie Sughrue Jim '56

Margaret "Peggy" McKee Murtha '57, sister-in-law of Helen Murtha-Thompson '56

Mary Jane McGowan Magi '58

Miriam J. Hickman Creighton '59

Rita Jordan '60

Hannah McElligott Betts '60

Gertrude Tobin Fanning '64

Margaret "Peggy" Mankiewich '67

John T. Browning, husband of Joan Wilton Browning '52

Edward Clemens, husband of Ann Gleason Clemens '55

John Lynch, husband of Evelyn Donovan Lynch '55

John C. Madden, husband of Eileen O'Dwyer Madden '53 and father of Teresa O'Dwyer Harrington '82 and Maureen Madden Peters '85

Charles McGlauffin, husband of Janet Manning McGlauffin '56

Vincent Hussian, husband of Maureen McLoughlin Hussian '57

Lawrence Blake, husband of Margaret Treacy Blake '64

John Gutmann, husband of Margaret Burlinson Gutmann '63

Michael Barszcz, husband of the late Patricia Fitzgerald Barszcz '68

Robert Gagnon, father of Jane Gagnon Hughes '73

Herbert Murray, father of Janet Murray '72

Robert Leaver, brother and Joseph Leaver, father of Joyce Leaver Lacey '78

Dominick L. DeRosa, father of Tammi DeRosa De Gent '83 and uncle of

Fabienne DeBoesche Ryan '71

**The Editors are happy to report that Nancy Fitzpatrick Rubin '62 is alive and well!
We apologize we publishing her obituary.**

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, colored in metallic bronze, are available for \$25.00 plus shipping and handling of \$15.00.

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MEETING NOTICE

DATE: Thursday May 21, 2015

PLACE: Convent of the Sisters of Charity
20 Washington Square North (Going east from 6th Ave.,
it is between 5th Ave. & MacDougal Street) New York, NY 10011

TIME: 6 pm

TOPIC: DYNAMIC MAPPING* A technique at financial management used to see
and understand the risks and opportunities before you act on them

Speaker: Mr. Michael J. Helgesen CFP

A Light meal will be served.

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