



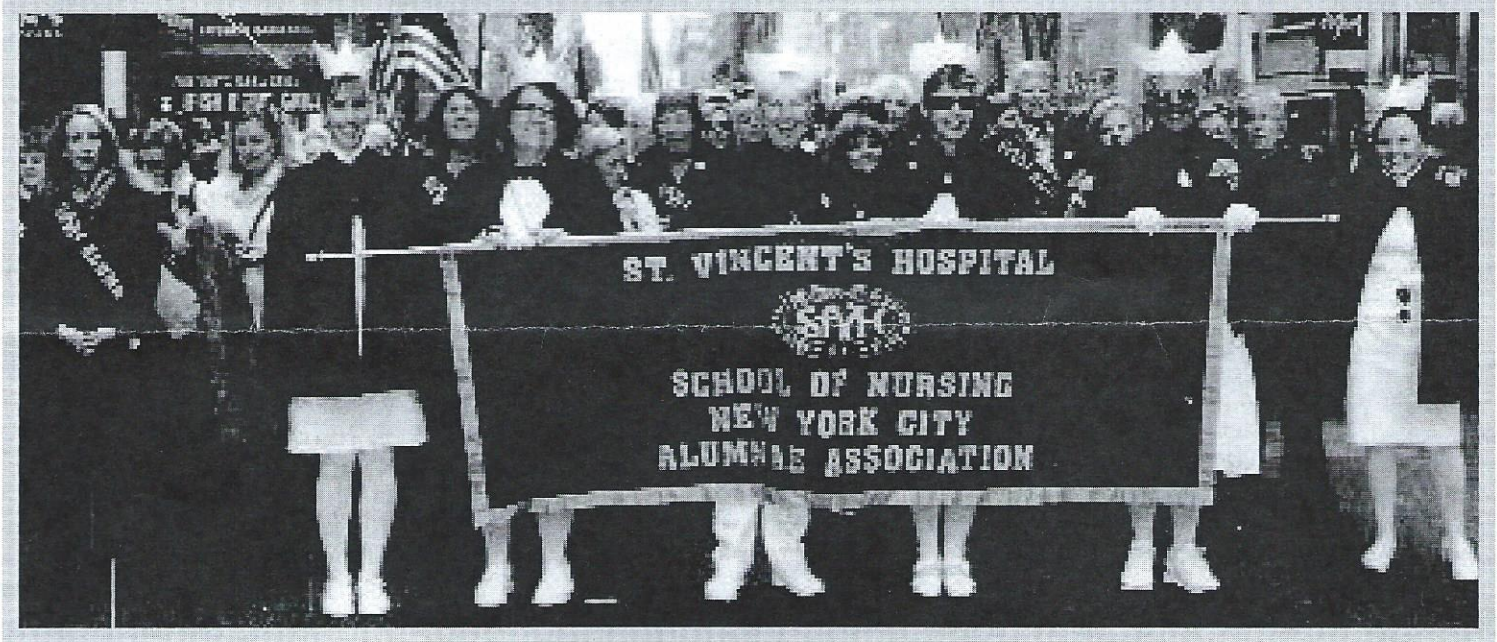
Saint Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae Association



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Newsletter

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St Patrick's Day Parade



A beautiful, warm Saturday brought more than 100 Alumnae to the parade this year. The largest group in many years. Thank you to Maureen Heitmann '61 and Harriet McGreal '69 for doing the ground work to get us into the line of march. Next year the parade will be on Saturday March 16 so plan to be there. Remember, the dress code is set by the parade marshals. It is important to keep to the dress code set by the Parade committee in order to keep our place in the line of March. The Marshals' rules include no sneakers, jeans and/or party hats. Our contingent may wear uniforms with capes or capes over appropriate clothing, Irish sweaters or the Navy blue SVH sweatshirts offered at on the web site. If you received a sash in past years, please wear it. A few free Capes are available - Contact Joan Caruana before the September 22nd general meeting if you want one.



KEEPING IN TOUCH

Nancy Fitzpatrick Rubin, Ginny Kenny Dilts, Sue Brenner Caffrey, Carol Abbruzzo Kuffner '62 are doing a fantastic job gathering their classmates for their 50th reunion. Last count was 99 members attending- WOW !! Get in touch with them if you haven't done so already.

Alas, not a word from members of the class of '87. Will this be the first luncheon without a Silver Jubilee class?

Antoinette Mosconi Schell '67 wants to get her class together for their 45th. Contact her at 215-479-1458 or email her tonischell@verizon.net

Edythe Garvey '72 is organizing a 40th reunion for the class of 1972 Contact her by phone (775)-544-8521 or email egarvey1@wavecable.com or contact Mary Mahon Sciarrillo- mary.sciarrillo@oakknoll.org 908-522-8130

Peggy Lozier Arps '60 writes: I just received the SC magazine "Vision". I have been pondering the "St Vincent's Hospital Park", which is to incorporate the history of the hospital and the AIDS memorial. The hope is that it will pay tribute to the institution that did such good for the community. Better something rather than Nothing. Although I am among the oldest grads at this late date, ('60) I still proudly feel we are the living tribute. With our minds, hands and hearts we carried St Vincent's into every area we touched in our careers and families and communities. Walk Tall SVH grads. WE ARE the TRIBUTE ! Patience, Fortitude and Perseverance.

Pat Wincelowicz Tanzi '72 is working in the SICU at Richmond University Hospital, SI

Rose Titini Tanzi '72 in the Endoscopy Center of Ocean County and Tom's River, NJ

Pat Fleming Farrell '73 is working at New York Presbyterian in Chemotherapy in outpatient oncology.

Marguerite Mulvaney Donnery '73 is working at Good Samaritan Hospital in Suffern, NY in Ambulatory surgery.

Anne Miller '74 is Director of College Health at the Fashion Institute of Technology and is in private practice as an Ob/Gyn Nurse Practitioner.

Betty Burbridge '74 is working at Weill Cornell Medical Center. Her other teammates from SVH Maternity: **Rita**

Devine '83 is at Rockefeller University Hospital; **Ann Keables Clampet '76** is at Mt Sinai as a Clinical Nurse Manager.

Jackie Burke Wilhelmsen '74 is at NYU Medical Center in Student health services

Josephine Musto '76 works at the New York Pain Center in pain management.

Lorraine Margiotta '78 : I was one of the last people in the Case Management Department to go. I was moved to the 34th street business office to complete the final appeals. I worked until the end of May. It was very sad. One day I went to my old office to empty my desk in Martin Payne. It was as if everyone had just walked out the door. A vase of dead flowers remained in the conference room and the refrigerator was still full. That is the last time I went to the office. I now work per diem at Lenox Hill Hospital in the Case Management Department and also work at McBee Associates as an Appeal Specialist. Everyday I go to work I miss my St Vincent's Family.

Alison Fricke '80: I worked at SVH 30 years, starting on Smith 7, then Coleman 15 West, Spellman 8, and the Cancer Center on 15th street. Beth Israel bought the CCC and some of us SVH grads stayed on like **Donna Kennedy Keogh '81**, Dee Wertz, Valda Gaubiene. Dr. Bill Cook was with for us for a while, but is now working as director of a private practice group in Staten Island. Dr. Chris Mills is still at the BI CCC with us. Alison also works in New Rochelle as a school nurse.

Madeline Marchese Young; '81 worked at SVH MICU for 20 years before joining the ICU staff at Stamford Hospital, CT.

Mary Peterson '81 is at the New Jersey Board of Nursing as Supervisor of Discipline.

Gail Muntzner Hunker '81 is the School Nurse at Hicksville Middle School in LI

Laura Stetzner Conboy '81 is retired and living in West Islip, NY and loves it

Gabrielle Winch LaCroix '81 is at Robert Wood Johnson Hospital in NJ where she has worked for 20 years in cardiac stress testing.

Eileen Ryan McMonagle '82 is at NYU.

Maureen Murphy Landers '82 is at NSLIJ Manhasset.

Claudia Barton Wescott ' 83. Wayne ('81) and I are still together, soon to celebrate 30 years and 4 boys together! We live in Eastham MA now, There are quite a few St V alumni on the cape, Joe Pushkin RN, and Bill Shay MD to name a few. Joe Bill and I work at Outer Cape Health Services, Wayne is at St Lukes in New Bedford. Our son, John has decided to pursue a nursing career as well.

Melissa Hartmann Trindade '84: I worked on 14 West for 24 years, then moved to administration. as Patient Placement Specialist for the last year. Am now working as staff nurse at Overlook Medical Center in Summit, NJ.

Christine Scott-Nurse '89 closed the doors of SVH working in recovery on the last day. She is currently at Mount Sinai in the PACU as Clinical Coordinator.

Martina Murphy '91 is living in River Edge, NJ and loves it for its closeness to the city. She worked on Coleman 15E and is now at Kessler Rehab Institute as Clinical Nurse Liaison for St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center in Paterson and St Mary's in Passaic. She is enrolled in a MSW Adult NP program.

Mihaela Marinescu (Colea) '94, worked at St. Vincent's for almost 17 years, until April 20, 2011 My last job in St. Vincent's was Assistant Nursing Care Manager, Night Shift in CTICU (our pride and joy) Smith 3 Building, from 2001 -2011 It was a pleasure to work with Dr. Lang (presently a Chief of Department in Cornell of Queens/Booth Mem), Dr. Young Shin (presently in Portland Oregon, Chief of Department in Kaiser Generale), Presently I am working in North Shore University Hospital Manhasset, in CCU My step daughter **Maria Diana Colea(Weinstein) '98,** presently working in North Shore University Hospital, Manhasset, in MICU.

Thank you to the Alumnae who donated to help cover the costs of the luncheon. Members contributed over \$2000



St. Patrick's Day Thoughts

by Mary Beth Fries Buchner '65

I am having a difficult time NOT marching in the parade today. I went out for a walk with a friend this morning here in my hometown of Latham, NY (near Albany) and I found myself marching to the sound of bagpipes.

I thought about wearing my Nursing School cape but I was afraid that my friend might think I was nuts. She said she wouldn't have cared. She's know me for years.

I should have made the trip into Manhattan today since my head and my heart were there anyway. I had a terrible case of indecision - I simply could not make up my mind. I had even picked up a little booklet recently and randomly turned to a page that said "never turn down the opportunity to march in a parade". And yet I found excuses not to go - too much travel required - not many classmates were attending - needing to help with childcare for my grandson - husband might miss me - it's a Saturday and will be too crowded, and on and on. I could not use the weather as an excuse. It was probably the all-time best March 17th weather since Adam ate the apple.

They say that on your deathbed you don't regret the things that you did so much as you regret the things you didn't do and this is one for the regret column.

Today, the St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing graduate and the "O'Donnell" part of me (my mother's maiden name) cried out to be walking in the sun up 5th Avenue.

I must start planning ahead for next St. Patrick's Day. I want that overwhelmingly exciting and amazing feeling one more time before I kick the bucket or my knees give out. Maybe we can dazzle the crowds next year with the biggest SVH turnout in recent time.

**Next Luncheon:
Saturday November 10**

From Joan Caruana '61

President, Alumnae Association

Dear Alumnae: This is my last year as president of the association and my last issue as editor of the newsletter. It is time for younger members of the association to step up and serve on the Board and on the various committees. If the association is to survive we need to pass the responsibilities on to others. Members who are interested in helping out in any way please feel free to attend the next general meeting on September 22 or come and observe the next board meeting (Sept 13 at 6pm @ 20 Washington Square North.

There are two appointed positions - that of Secretary- Treasurer (which is the only paid position) **Pat Costello '67** and Recording Secretary - **MaryAnn Byrnes '64**.

There are seven elected positions: President, Vice-President and five Board members: We will be electing 2 Board members and a President this coming January. Board member responsibilities include attending three board meetings per year and the general meetings if possible. Members of the board discuss and determine the proposed activities and disbursement of funds of the association. The Vice President functions as a member of the Board and is available to replace the President if necessary. The President is available for consultation with all committees, presides over all meetings, and is the master of ceremonies at the annual luncheon.

There are several committees which would welcome new members to help out. Those committees are:

the Newsletter

(**Maureen Garrett McElhinney '68** and **Bernadette Fleming Hemmer '68** are willing to try their hand at this- and would welcome contributors),

The Luncheon Committee

(**MaryAnn Buckley '63, Maureen Heitmann '61, and MaryAnn Byrnes '64**),

St Patrick's Parade Committee

(Maureen Heitmann and Harriet McGreal)

The Program Committee

(**AnneMarie O' Brien**) Plans for programs and presentations and refreshments for the 3 general meetings

Health and Welfare Committee

(**MaryAnn McLoughlin '57**)

Spiritual Bouquet enrollments are sent for deceased Alumnae members and for members of their immediate family..If we are notified of illnesses, hospitalizations, nursing home placement of alumnae or birthdays of notable Alumnae, cards or brief notes are sent. Flowers may be sent with the approval of the Board On

occasions nursing home visits are arranged,

Web Site (Pat Caffrey '79)

Nominating Committee

(**Joann Billott '75**) seeks Nominees for positions for annual election.

Facebook liaison-

Betsy Arnold-Leahy '78 Keeps alumnae informed of association activities and sends info to the newsletter for publication **Luncheon Mass**

(**Joan Caruana '61**) arrange for priest, liturgy, music readers, Eucharistic ministers, gift bearers, have program printed and let hotel know of needs specific to the mass.

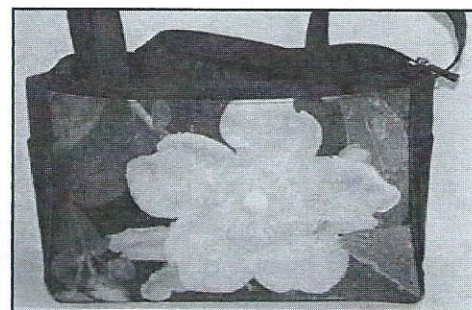
Camm Bags

Beautiful Bags With Flower Photos

Web Address: cammbags.com

I just started this new business after careers first as a graduate of SVH class of '58 then MD Neurologist at SVH. I hope you will take a moment to check out the use of my flower photos on leather and microfiber bags and pocket-books. Thank you for your interest and support.

Carolyn A Martin



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Class Information Change of Address, and \$35.00 dues to

Patricia Holland Costello
Attn: St. Vincent's Alumnae
C/O St. Francis DeSalles
School for the Deaf
260 Eastern Parkway
Brooklyn, New York 11225
(718) 439-8418

No alumna/i shall be denied active membership because of inability to pay dues.

Email news to SVHALUM@aol.com

If you are notifying us of the death of an alum or relative please include the name and address of those to whom a mass card should be sent.

NEW Web Site: To gain access to the website email svhalum@aol.com and you will be sent the link to the site. If you are currently linked to the old site hit F5 or refresh button or use the above Email to reach the new site.



Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord

MARY GILLESPIE SMITH '37

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DIANA QUINN YUSKA '63

GRACE STRAZZIRE '68

PATRICIA HOFFMEISTER TONEY '71

NANCY DALY '72

MARY PARLIMENT '74

FR. JEFFERSON HAMMER

Maurice (Mickey) Zirrieth, husband of Marjorie Rooney Zirrieth '55

Donald Melega husband of Mary Rogan Melega '62

Frances Cotter, mother of Ellen Cotter '65

Phyllis Bottiglieri, mother of Phyllis Bottiglieri Oehlmann '68

Thomas Francis Burpee husband of Kathleen Doherty Burpee '75

Ana May Shea Mother of Peggy Vanderbilt Handelsman '76,

William and Mary McDonald, parents of Mary Pat McDonald Wallace '85

**GRACE M.
STRAZZIRE '68**

'Gracie' passed into eternity on April 19, 2012, after a long fight against cancer. Gracie was the only child of the late Salvatore and Ann (Gumina) Strazzire.. Her work as a registered nurse spanned over forty years, many of them as a staff nurse in the burn and surgical units of St. Vincent's Hospital, and later, head nurse and home care supervisor. Gracie later was named Director of Community Outreach for St. Vincent's. She was a major fund raiser for AIDS research and, ever faithful and loyal to St. Vincent's, became Director of Donor Relationships as well. After retiring, she founded Nannies for Seniors, a home care service. Gracie was a member of St. Vincent's Nursing School Alumna, Friends of the Sisters of Charity and The Nursing Association of New York. She was known for her generosity, kindness and sense of humor. Gracie is survived by many loving cousins, godchildren and long-time friends. She lived large, laughed often, loved and was loved by many who will miss her dearly.

Next General meeting:

September 22, Saturday ,

12 noon at

20 Washington Square North.

Tentative topic: Acupuncture.

Tentative sale:

Floor Tiles from 158 W. 12th St.

Next Luncheon: Saturday

November 10