



## 92<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL MASS & LUNCHEON

The Board of Directors is happy to announce the details of this year's luncheon at The Manhattan Penthouse. The luncheon flier and response cards were mailed to all active Alumnae Association members in August.

A Communion Mass will be celebrated at the beautiful Church of St. Francis Xavier at the new time of 10:00AM. St. Francis is located a few short blocks away from the luncheon at 46 West 16th Street with a handicap accessible entrance at 55 West 15th Street.

The luncheon will once again be hosted at the scenic Manhattan Penthouse located at 80 Fifth Avenue (Southwest corner of 14th Street NYC) on the 17th Floor. The cocktail hour will begin at 12:00PM and we ask that there be no early bird arrivals. The cost will remain at \$120 per guest. This will include wine, beer, soft drinks, and a signature cocktail.

As we have reported over the last two years, there is a maximum seating capacity of 200 people. The Golden Anniversary Class of 1972 and Silver Anniversary Class of 1997 will have priority for seating with a response deadline for 9/15/22.

All other attendees have a response deadline of 10/1/22 or until capacity of 200 guests has been reached. As we have explained in the past, we will not be able to accommodate family members or other alumnae guests due to the limited seating. Accommodations will be made for alumnae who require special health care assistance.

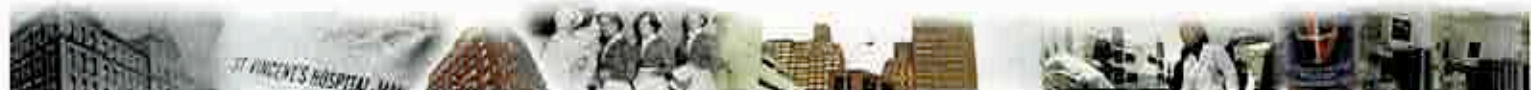
We will also continue to institute the policy that active dues-paying members in good standing will have priority since a portion of the luncheon expenses are subsidized by the Alumnae Association.

Last year, due to potential COVID-related issues the Board decided not to deposit the checks for the luncheon until after the event. We had dozens of last-minute cancellations, which led to chaos in the days leading up to the luncheon. This year, the checks will be deposited as received and refunds will not be issued. Your cancelled check will be your confirmation that you have a seat. No substitutions of attendees will be permitted.

Only if capacity of 200 is reached will we return your check and notify you by email if we cannot provide you seating. Please be certain that you are willing and able to attend before sending in your response. There will be no need to call Board members to assure that you have a seat.

Discounted parking is available a block away from the Penthouse at NYC Parking Garage Corporation located at 7 East 14th Street by Union Square Park. We suggest that you give yourself plenty of time before the Mass to secure a parking spot.

Last year we were able to provide live streaming of the Mass via YouTube and are happy to announce that this free service will be offered again this year. The Mass has truly been a very special celebration of our love for the School of Nursing and St. Vincent's Hospital and the fellowship we share through our unique experiences with both. To view the Mass on your smart phone/tablet/laptop or computer type the following address into an internet browser: <https://youtu.be/IBnXoCvyaTA>



We hope everyone who wishes to attend this years' luncheon can be accommodated. Please know that the Luncheon Committee is very hard at work to make this years' luncheon safe and memorable for all who attend.

Respectfully,  
Marilyn Lynaugh Strafer '80  
Luncheon Chairperson  
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## FALL 2022 ZOOM GENERAL MEETING

The meeting will take place on September 24, 2022 at 12 noon.

We are delighted to have Nancy Sayegh- Rooney RN as our guest speaker again. She is a certified tobacco termination specialist as well as the nurse lung navigator for Richmond University Medical Center. She last spoke to us in September 2018.

After a brief business meeting MS. Sayegh-Rooney will speak.

Instructions on how to access zoom will be sent prior to the meeting.

## CLASS NOTES

### Class of 1980:

Patrick M. DeGennaro passed away April 28, 2020. Patrick loved helping people and refused to abandon them in their darkest hours. A registered nurse for 28 years at Haskensack University Medical Center, he was sent home early during the Covid-19 pandemic when the same day surgery unit, where he worked, shut down. But after the hospital reorganized operations to cope with the pandemic, he was called back.

"He could have retired," said his daughter Katelyn.

"You know what?" He said. "I can't do that. I cannot walk away from humanity when they need me most."

That was the kind of man he was. A few weeks later DeGennaro was one of several nurses and staff in his department to contract corona virus. He was the only one who did not survive.

"That was my father's way," Katelyn said. "He really lived a life of service."

God Bless you, my friend.

Michael Finnegan, '80

### Class of 1972:

The Class of 1972 is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. We would love ALL classmates to attend. Please contact our committee.

Even if you can't attend, please send us a photo or a favorite memory of your 3 years at SVH for our video !!

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### Class of 1968 :

Kathleen Maldini Hartman writes about Eswatini:

Our African Journey started July 2001 and will be officially ending July 13, 2022. It will never truly end. Eswatini and the Swazi people will be in our hearts and souls forever.



We thank you for accompanying us on this journey. We will never be able to fully express how much your support has meant to us but most especially to the Swazi people who have benefitted from your generosity. Lives have been saved. Suffering has been alleviated. The hungry have been fed. Children have been educated.

Homesteads have been repaired or rebuilt. All because you cared.

We leave behind a strong, educated medical team that works tirelessly to manage symptoms of patients with life threatening illnesses and who advocate for the poor and sick to help them receive the best care possible.

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We will continue to support this work and will "meet" with the team regularly. Our commitment will never end because the poor and sick will always need all of us to make sure they know they are not forgotten.

We are also blessed to have 2 young men who will continue reaching out to poor families who need assistance with non medical issues. We have known and loved Thobani and Sphamandla since they were little boys. They are now caring, kind, accomplished adults with a desire to help their Swazi people. We are committed to providing them with resources to meet these needs. We will be "meeting" with them as this work continues.

We leave Eswatini with heavy hearts but know it is time to say Farewell in body but not in Spirit. We hope you will continue to support this work.

Siyabonga Kakhulu!

Al and Kathleen

## OBITUARY: ANNE BARKER



Anne M. Barker of Baldwin, NY, passed away peacefully on May 28, 2022. Anne was the beloved daughter of Willis A. Dibble and Isabelle M. Dibble, née Furey, and the treasured youngest sibling of their family of seven. She is survived by her loving brother, Edward Dibble, and many dear nieces and nephews who cherished her.

Anne was certain, since childhood, that she would be a nurse. She graduated from St. Agnes Academic School in 1950, and earned her nursing degree in 1953, from St. Mary's Hospital, in Brooklyn. She began her prolific career at Mercy Hospital in Rockville Centre, serving eight years as head nurse of a medical unit. After receiving her Bachelors of Science in Nursing from St. John's University, she worked at St. Francis Hospital in the

## 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)

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*Faith, Hope and Charity*



Intensive Care Unit, devoted solely to open heart surgery. In 1962, Anne joined St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing in New York City, and dedicated her life to teaching. She was appointed Senior Instructor of the Nursing Foundation Department in 1966, while serving as president of the Rockville Centre Diocesan Council of Catholic Nurses, and received her Masters Degree from Long Island University.

In 1972, Anne married the love of her life, Mr. Frederick R. Barker, and delighted in becoming part of his loving family. Anne and Fred adored and doted upon one another, sharing seven years of marital bliss, until his passing in 1979. Anne was a steadfast member of St. Christopher's Church, and for more than 40 years supplied unwavering support and contributed her extraordinary talents to meeting the needs of her community. She retired in 1997, after teaching at St. Vincent's Hospital for 35 years, having taught over 3,000 students to embody the true spirit of nursing, which she knew to be Faith, Hope, and Love. In retirement, Anne continued her vocation at Christa House

in Islip Terrace, NY, volunteering for ten years to care for the dying poor, particularly those with end stage AIDS. All the while, Anne gave endlessly to her family and friends, gifting her expertly crafted creations with pride and love: infant quilts, baptismal gowns, communion and wedding dresses, birthday cakes, loaves of bread adorned with ribbon, child-size Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls that brought joy and comfort to the children she loved so dearly.

Anne trusted in the infinite wisdom and mercy of God; she devoted her life to the teachings of Christ, and encouraged countless others to develop their unique gifts to serve humanity with loving kindness. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests donations be made in memory of Anne M. Barker to the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Rockville Centre. Funeral Mass at St. Agnes Cathedral, Saturday, June 4, 9 am. Interment Cemetery of the Holy Road, Westbury, NY.

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## ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD

Frances K. Petersen '41

Josephine Ryan '47, sister of Virginia Ryan Kovel '59

Kathleen Foote Sweeney '64

Dorothy Galvin Maslanka '65

Isabel Garside Heath '67

Sheila Tierney Villani '69

Patrick DeGennaro '80

Harold (Buddy) Uhrig, husband of Kay Larkin Uhrig '56

Don Michels, husband of Jacqueline Grace Michels '58

Valerie Akner, mother of Laura Akner Madden '76

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