

RCH ALUMNAE UPDATE SPRING 2020

Here we are in a new decade, 2020. Where have all the years gone?! It has been 42 years since the School of Nursing closed. Soon the Sherbrooke Centre (Nurses Residence) that was built in 1962 will be demolished. As Alumnae, let's continue to work to preserve our proud legacy as RCH School of Nursing Graduates!

- Our **Spring Meeting** which was to be on **Tuesday April 7, 2020** is **CANCELLED** due to the **COVID-19 virus pandemic**.
- **Constitution:** With our scholarships set up at both Douglas College and RCH Foundations, we applied and had our Charitable Status revoked. Unfortunately, due to CRA regulations we've had to hire an accountant and are in the process of regaining our Charitable Status. We will discuss this at the April meeting. It is necessary to reapply with the current Constitution. Therefore, the Executive has decided to put changes to the Constitution on temporary hold. At a later date we will begin discussions regarding changes to the constitution and disbursement of funds upon dissolution.
As a reminder **our website** is now accessed via The RCH Foundation Website. If you would like to donate, or just have a look, the website is **www.rchfoundation.com/rch-nurses-alumnae** On the website you can donate to the RCH Foundation Gussie MacPhail award. There is also a link to the Douglas College Foundation to access the RCH Nurses Alumnae Award.
- **Executive Elections:** At the Spring meeting in April, we will be looking for members to volunteer for an election nominating committee. If you would like to run for a position contact one of the Executive. Bernice Rolls will be stepping down as President. The rest of the Executive have agreed to stand for re-election and Eileen has put her name forward to run for President, which would leave Vice-President vacant. *This will have to be done at our AGM.*
- **Farewell to Sherbrooke Center Celebration:** Ellis- Don has been chosen as the new developer for the new RCH Tower. The Sherbrooke Centre needs to be vacated by June 26, 2020. Your last chance to tour our old Nurses Residence will be **June 2nd, 2020**. We will have a celebration from 2pm to 4pm. We will send out details closer to the date, mark it on your calendar, tell your classmates. Free parking will not be available.
- **The AGM/50 & 60 Year Celebration** for the classes of 1960 and 1970 will be held at St. Michaels Parish, 9387 Holmes Street, Burnaby, 5 minutes from RCH, just up from Hume Park. It will be held on **June 3, 2020**, from 4 to 7pm, doors will open at 3pm for registration. Parking would have been a huge issue at RCH with the new developments and the earlier time, so the Executive

made the decision to change the venue. Therefore, the celebration on June 2nd will be your last chance to tour the residence. More details for the AGM will be in the 2020 Newsletter.

- Archives:** The Archives Committee is starting to pack up the Archives which is turning out to be a big job. The committee will remain active during the new building and beyond. We've had no definite word on storage for the Archives. The "Rogues Gallery", (grad photo's) will be up until after the tea. The display case will remain in the Main Lobby throughout. The plaque in the Sherbrooke Center will come down after the tea. The Archive Committee has meetings scheduled at Sherbrooke right through to June. The wall pictures will be removed and packaged. We are trying to synchronize this with having the pictures digitalized. We are awaiting news regarding the piano, where at last word it was no longer wanted by the new Psych facility.
- Membership:** Carol Schmidt is accepting Membership Dues for 2020 which is \$20.00. Attached is a membership form with her contact info. If you are unsure of your status please email Carol at rchrnalumnae@gmail.com. A paid membership is required to be eligible to vote for the Executive at the AGM. Note the Membership Form has been revised to include a request for your permission to share your contact info with other Alumnae members. Please circle Y or N and initial. We encourage the classes that will be attending the celebration to have paid membership. It's easier for book keeping to pre pay but you will be able to pay at the AGM with cash or cheque.

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