



## Message from the President,

If I am dreaming, please wake me up. Are we in a Sci Fi movie? Who could have imagined the world would be in such a state? The disappointment some of you felt upon learning that the AGM and celebration would not be held at the Sherbrook Centre is understandable. And now I have to tell you that the AGM will NOT take place in June 2020. I expect that is not a surprise with the restrictions currently imposed.

The present executive will continue in their roles for the foreseeable future - until the COVID-19 virus is wrestled under control. Nobody knows when that will be but it could last for another year. In that case we would hold a double celebration to honour the 50th anniversary of both the class of 1970 and the class of 1971 in June of 2021.

We were making progress in the groundwork so that when the time comes (we hope not soon) that we can't keep the Alumnae going, we will be ready. Support for nursing education is assured in perpetuity with our endowments to the RCH Foundation Gussie Macphail Award and the DC Foundation RCH Nurses Alumnae Award. A tax receipt will be provided by the respective Foundation. Therefore the Alumnae no longer needs charitable status, but we ran into a glitch with Revenue Canada (see the Treasures report). This put a hold on our work with the Constitution. We did get the website established thanks to the RCH Foundation. We launched day time meetings. We did a survey of members to assess interest in establishing class reps and area reps. Of those who responded, most were in favour but few volunteered to be a rep. We have to figure out a way to make it possible to share contact information when requested by classmates.

It has been a challenging two years with many uncertainties due to the RCH rebuild. We can assure you that the RCH Foundation and those involved with the development are aware of our wishes for: the stained glass window to commemorate the School of Nursing, our grad photos, archive display and a home for the piano that the RCH Auxiliary gifted to us in 1936.

But then everything came to a halt by the pandemic. Nobody knows what the next year will hold. We may not be able to do what we would like, but we are doing what we can!

As nurses, it is easier for us to comply with the new COVID-19 safety guidelines, however I would add...

*"Keep in contact with friends and loved ones, look for something cheerful each day"*

Keep well,

Bernice Rolls 60B

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## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As we come up to what would be our Annual General Meeting of the RCH nursing alumnae, we realise things are not going to be the same this year. With the pandemic caused by COVID 19 everything about our day to day life has changed. I was called by Fraser Health to see if I would come back to work and as of March 20, 2020 I have been working casually for Fraser Health, assisting with screening staff in long term care.

I am currently waiting to hear from RCH about the plans for the Sherbrooke building. We were going to have our goodbye party there in June but that was cancelled. Currently the new building for psychiatry and substance abuse is being held empty in case the province needs extra space to place patients.

We will not have our elections for the executive as we will not be having our AGM. The current executive have all agreed to stay on and continue in our roles until such time we can have a meeting and hold elections. None of us know how long that might be. There might be an easing of restrictions, but there also might be a limit on the number of people who can gather for an event. We will keep you all informed through newsletter or updates.

Hoping you are all keeping healthy and safe through this pandemic. Until then:

*We'll meet again  
Don't know where  
Don't know when  
But I know we'll meet again some sunny day*

Eileen Brown 78B - Vice President

## ARCHIVE COMMITTEE

The Archive Committee has worked hard in this time of so many unknowns due to the reconstruction at RCH and now the COVID crisis. This too shall pass. Then we will continue with our efforts to preserve the memorabilia and commemorate our School of Nursing.

Contact us for anything to do with our Archive through me. Thank you for your support.

Anne Kern 73B - Archive Committee Chair

## TREASURER'S REPORT

*Let me start by apologizing to anyone who has sent me a cheque in the past couple of months. I have just recently, on April 20, 2020, deposited all the cheques received. Normally I do a deposit monthly but in the uncertainty of the COVID 19 pandemic I held off doing the Alumnae's banking. Sorry for any inconvenience this caused anyone.*

*Last spring, as part of our attempt to plan for the future we asked the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) to have our charitable status revoked. We had given endowments to both the RCH Foundation and Douglas College Foundation so that the Gussie Mcphail Bursary and the RCH Nurses Alumnae Award would be continued in perpetuity without the Alumnae having to administer them. Unfortunately during the process we learned that all of the Alumnae's money was considered charitable and would have to be dispersed to qualified charities when we revoked our number. The current Executive was under the impression that only some of the Alumnae's assets were considered to be charitable but indeed ever since the Alumnae received charitable status in 2007, all our monies are considered to be charitable.*

*Since we were not ready to dissolve this was not acceptable so we decided that the best course of action was to re-register with the CRA. Our application was submitted on February 24, 2020. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic the Charities and Giving Department of the CRA was closed for several weeks therefore our application remains "under review" at this time.*

*As of April 2020, the total assets of the Alumnae's are \$88,372.96. This includes \$4,880.27 in our Scotia Bank account and \$15,916.97 in our Westminster Savings Credit Union (now Prospera) account. From our Guaranteed Investment Certificate (GIC) that matured in November 2019, \$25,000 was reinvested for 15 months at the rate of 2.1% maturing May 28, 2021. Also due to the COVID 19 pandemic our GIC for \$42,575.72 that matured in April 2020, was reinvested for 9 months at the rate of 1.5% maturing January 10, 2021.*

*When the world returns to the new normal, the Alumnae can again proceed with its work knowing that we have funds available to help us do so.*

*Hope everyone is staying safe and healthy in this time of uncertainty.*

Eva Aslin 78B -Treasurer

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

I hope you are all well and have managed to stay safe and healthy during this global Pandemic. At this point I have received payment from 155 members for 2020. We are still down in numbers, we had 275 paid for 2019. I would normally collect many membership payments at the AGM. With this venue being cancelled this year I would appreciate it if you could mail me your payment.

Phone or email me if you are unsure of your membership status. We are continuing to charge \$20 for an annual membership. We are now asking permission to be able to share your contact info with other Alumnae if requested by a member. There is a line provided on the Membership Form.

All the best to you and your families,

Carol Schmidt 78B

## FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE

Hello everyone! We are thinking of you in these difficult times. Our message to you all,

*"When it rains look for rainbows, when it is dark look for stars."* -Oscar Wilde

Please notify Marilyn at (604)936-8432 or [mada1939@telus.net](mailto:mada1939@telus.net) if you know of someone who would benefit from a get well or sympathy card.

Please contact Mary at (604)584-0478 or [maryhood@shaw.ca](mailto:maryhood@shaw.ca) if you know of someone for whom a call or a visit would be appreciated.

Marilyn McCutcheon 60B, Mary Hoodicoff 63A

*If you have moved, changed your phone number or email address please forward your updated information to Membership*

### IN MEMORIAM

#### Gone Yet Not Forgotten



Newman, Louella (Harman) 50B	June 28, 2018
Cowie, Eleanor (Macharen) 53B	August 30, 2018
Madden, Phyllis (Dangerfield) 44A	November 4, 2018
Keeping, Peggy Bellhouse 58A	November 22, 2018
Bishop, Ann Freda Belle (Coleman) 67A	May 20, 2019
Middleton, Jessie (Lee) 39B	May 22, 2019
Livesey, Catherine (Watson) 45A	June 5, 2019
Stevens, Sylvia (Ortner) 52A	June 14, 2019
Rennick, Jill (Fletcher) 61B	June 17, 2019
Johnson, Loraine (Adams) 53A	June 17, 2019
Atwater, Dorothy (Powys) 46A	July 22, 2019
Preston, Nancy (Clogg) 53B	August 16, 2019
Rife, Bonnie (Hammond) 73A	November 28, 2019
Honey, Laurene (Dewar) 61B	December 5, 2019
Worden, Jean (McRae) 61B	December 18, 2019
Grozier, Wendy (Lamb) 75B	January 19, 2020
Skelton, Shirley (Kirk) 61B	February 11, 2020
Davidson, Muriel Ann (Pim) 47A	May 21, 2020



*Jessie Middleton (Lee)*  
1916-2019

*Our most senior alumna  
peacefully passes  
away at over 102.*

*In recognition of her  
service overseas in  
WW2, the Honour  
Guard from the Royal  
Canadian Legion took  
part in the Service of  
Remembrance and  
Celebration for the 1939  
RCH School of Nursing  
graduate.*

*Heartfelt condolences  
to Jessie's friends,  
family and loved ones.*

For more information on Jessie's life

[www.elinorflorence.com/blog/canadian-nurses-wartime/](http://www.elinorflorence.com/blog/canadian-nurses-wartime/)

[www.abbynews.com/obituaries/jessie-annie-middleton-nee-lee/](http://www.abbynews.com/obituaries/jessie-annie-middleton-nee-lee/)





## CLASS OF 49B -70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Alumnae members were thrilled that Evelyn Paterson from the class of 49B was able to join us at the last RCH Alumnae meeting to be held at the Sherbrooke Centre.

We were honoured to recognize her Anniversary of 70 years as a graduate from the RCH School of Nursing, class of 49B.. President Bernice Rolls presented her with a bouquet of 7 roses, one for each decade. Congratulations, Evelyn!

Background : Eileen Brown (78B) on the left



## CLASS OF 69A -- 50<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION



Front Row L to R: Barbara (Cole) Montano, Joy Kajiware, Diane (Fritz) Pew, Jan (Maier) Brumpton, Penny (Kungle) Hollett, Sharon (Thiessen) Hayward

Back Row L to R: Elaine (Wiebe) Rine, Dianne (Middleditch) Engman, Dawn (Anderson) Brown, Ingrid (Funk) Chow, Evelyn (Masters) Embree, Karen (Sheardown) Aschenbrenner, Elizabeth (Hole) Masters, Ada (Visser) Schuil, Judi Georgetti, Muriel (Porter) Larsen



## CLASS OF 69B—50<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION



*Back Row L to R:* Judy MacDonald (VanAlstine), Bernie Renney (Bell), Evie Jardine (Brinnen), Irene Payne (Yates), Sandy Landhorn (Cameron), Heather Palmer (Burton), Louise Johnson (Kennedy), Joanne Robbie (Davidson), Tricia Wilburn (Conn), Valerie Bell (Schroyen), Marilyn Alexander (Cook), Terri Lynde (VanDruff), Barb Ruault (Gerow), Penny Denton (Piers), Elaine Penner (Cutting), Linda Nelsen (Proulx), *Front Row:* Janis Stretch (Green), Yvonne Warkentin (Cartwright), Leona Dyck (Dahl), Carol Clarke (Hollinger), Stephanie James, Margie Procyk (Hill), Kathy Wyse (Green), Marlene Hayes (VanDaele).



**1963 - RCH School of Nursing and Student Residence**  
Photo source: Vancouver Archives AM1399-S3-: CVA 1399-294

## THE END OF AN ERA

As most of you know, an end of an Era is soon to be upon us as the Nursing Residence will be demolished to make room for future RCH development. "The Centennial Nursing School" and seven story residence, with 28 single rooms per floor, opened in 1962 at 260 Sherbrooke Street. We would still like to have a celebration and tour of the residence prior to demolition, we will keep you updated

A 1.49 Billion Dollar, 3 phase, multi year transformation of the Royal Columbian is underway. The opening of Phase 1, the Mental Health and Substance Use Wellness Center, has been delayed due to Covid 19. Phase 2 (2020-2024) will see a new Acute Care Tower, increasing beds from 446 to 675. Phase 3 (2023-2026) will expand capacity to the Health Care Centre and Columbia Tower. This redevelopment will help meet the needs of one of the largest, fastest growing, culturally diverse health regions in the country, serving 1 in 3 British Columbians.

Wow, this is an amazing expansion plan, unfathomable to many of us that trained and worked at the Royal Columbian Hospital so many years ago.

Our goal as the Alumnae, is to preserve the history and legacy of the RCH School of Nursing. As the Executive, we will continue to work with the Foundation, the developers and the builders to ensure there will be a visual memory for new generations to behold, so that they may be reminded of our contribution to the growth and development of Nursing as it is today.

Submitted by: Carol Schmidt (78B)

## CLASS OF 55B - 64<sup>TH</sup> REUNION

What an exciting time and various lifestyles we have experienced the past 64 years! Our nursing class of 25 passed our Sept/55 exams with 100% success. Then off to many parts of Canada, USA, Kenya and Australia to practice out profession and in many cases, to meet our future husbands.

Now, in 2019 after numerous reunions in Chilliwack, Naramata, Sorrento, Salmon Arm, Tulameen, Langley, Victoria, White Rock, Pender Island and Sask. Our children have driven us many times.

Five of us celebrated our final in Vernon this September. We have included our husbands in later years. Even 3 widowers have been keen participants at times.

Back Row: Ardella (Gibson) Chato, Shirley (McArthur)  
Front Row: Isobell (Powell) Wesron,  
Ruth (Cooper) Ochs, Louise (Baird) Acheson



## CLASS OF 59B - 60<sup>TH</sup> REUNION

On a beautiful Autumn Day, September 24, 2019, fifteen RCH graduates of 59B flew, drove or both, to Merritt, B.C. for our 60<sup>th</sup> Class Re-union. In years past, we have met every five years and in recent years every two and a half years. Everyone was able to attend except our dear Maggie Elder (nee Hampton) and Mary Gordon (nee Parker).

As in the past, some of us were able to bring our husbands, eight in all. Our first meeting was a catered lunch at the resident of gracious hosts Jean and Gerry Matson. How wonderful to meet in their lovely home and reconnect with each other. Later, we met at the Comfort Inn for dinner. The next morning Breakfast on our own and then off to Jean and Gerry's again for a second lovely lunch and sharing many more precious moments and memories. Thursday evening, also honouring Jean and Gerry's 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, we had a banquet in the Comfort Inn Convention Center. After the special time we spent together and breakfast the next morning, we parted with laughs, tears and hopes for a future gathering.



**Back Row, left to right:** Betty Frederiksen (Meade), Lorraine Freeman (Brackley), Betty-Jean Aitchison (Wildgrove), Jean Matson (Molberg), Jeanie Vant (Panrucker), Fern Gibbard (Morgenstern), Mavis Campbell (Ramsay), Rita Carlson, (Gellert), Lorena Barnes (Niessen) **Front Row, left to right:** Donna MacMillan (Donaldson), Mavis Paravantes (Trenchard), Phyllis Beach, (Erickson), Donata Startin ( Hippe), Margaret Lee Yuen (Pon) -- *missing from photo but attended:* Marlene Mathews, (Campbell)

*Submitted by Jeannie Vant*





## CLASS OF 69B - 50<sup>TH</sup> REUNION

*17 Classmates from 69B posed for a group picture aboard the Alaskan cruise they took June 2019.*

*Read about all about their wonderful cruise on the next page.*

Back row: Judy (VanAlstine) MacDonald, Irene (Yates) Payne, (hidden Stephanie James) Linda (Proulx) Nelsen, Joanne (Davidson) Robbie, Barb (Gerow) Ruault, Evie (Brinnen) Jardine, Carol (Hollinger) Clarke, Louise (Kennedy) Johnson, Janis (Green) Stretch

Front Row Valerie (Schroyen) Bell, Marlene (VanDaele) Hayes, Terri (VanDruff) Lynde, Elaine (Cutting) Penner, Tricia (Conn) Wilburn, Kathy (Green) Wyse.

### NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

*A special  
thanks to  
everyone who  
contributed  
to this  
Newsletter  
and to  
Danielle Cork  
(newsletter  
designer)*

*Bernice Rolls*

## CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON 2019

*For many years we have been having our Christmas meeting and luncheon at the Vancouver Golf Club, thanks to Elsie Wrightman.*

*This is the first year we chose the Mistletoe Buffet, again thanks to Elsie. It lived up to its reputation! Although \$40 sounded like a lot, those who attended (46!) were very impressed. The executive received many positive comments at the time, followed by a number of e-mails expressing their appreciation. We never received one negative comment!*

*There was a huge variety of beautifully presented dishes of all types of soups, salads, vegetarian choices, assorted meats and a superb selection of seafood -- including the most delicious crab legs! And dessert! A long table full of an unbelievable assortment of special desserts --and, it was a buffet so there was no limit. We lingered, chatted, reminisced and nibbled long after the main meal.*

***It was a Christmas lunch to remember!***

*\*Although cameras were flashing, unfortunately we were unable to locate a photo to add to this newsletter.*

## 69A - 50<sup>TH</sup> REUNION

Well our wonderful 50 year celebration began at the Sherbrooke Centre, which will always just be “the new residence” and it was a great reunion and so nice to see so many familiar faces in both 69 Classes and others who came to share it with us. The pin and rose were special reminders of the day 50 years ago when we walked across the stage at the old Massey Theatre. Several of our classmates who were not able to come on the cruise were able to join us for dinner and the Alumnae fete.



L to R: Diane (Middleditch) Engman, Judi Georgetti, Joy Kajiwara, Muriel (Porter) Larsen

We all want to thank the Alumnae for their generosity and for hosting us. Sadly it was to be the last celebration we will have at “The Residence” as it is to be demolished to make room for progress. The next day we assembled aboard the Holland America Ship, the Volendam, for a wonderful 7 days cruising to through and back from Alaska. What a time we had. I need to thank Louise Kennedy Johnson from 69B who graciously agreed that we could tag along on the cruise they had planned. We were separate but together each night for dinner and it made for an even better way to remember our life at RCH and our lives together.

Alaska weather is famous for it's inconsistency so of course we had some rain and we had some damp but on the day we cruised Glacier Bay the sun came out and made the world a spectacle of mountains and ice and it was joyful and uplifting for all. We shopped and giggled and Joy tried to buy the casino but, all in all, we are so glad that we did it. Highly recommended.



The last evening we were treated to a special formal night and given a cake in celebration of both classes. We toasted and teared up and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

So, that is it. We are the people we giggled at when we were 20 somethings and watched people receive their 50 year pins. 50 Years???? Who gets to be that old? We did. We are and we are living through most interesting and challenging times but the 60's taught us something about surviving and we know that this too shall pass.

Carry On Nurse.

Submitted by: Judi Georgetti



## 69B - 50<sup>TH</sup> REUNION

*First, I would like to say how thankful we were to be able to celebrate our 50th year last year and so sorry for those for 2020 not able to do so.*

*On the Monday (June 3) we gathered at the Sandman in Surrey for a mini reunion for everyone that was able to attend the tea. As usual, nobody thought there was a 50 yr span since grad--- we all looked the same---right!!*

*Prior to the tea on Tuesday, we met in the Sandman Inn restaurant "Moxies" for a late lunch so we could continue visiting and exchange thoughtful and meaningful gifts. We are so blessed.*



**Very back row right side:** Barb Rualt (Gerow), Carol Clarke (Hollinger), Tricia Wilburn (Conn) **Back row:** Elaine Penner (Cutting), Terri Lynde (VanDruff), Judy MacDonald (VanAlstine), Janis Stretch (Green), Evie Jardine (Brinnen), Irene Payne (Yates), Stephanie James, Kathy Wyse (Green) **Front Standing** Joanne Robbie (Davidson) **Front kneeling** Louise Johnson (Kennedy), Linda Nelsen (Proulx), Valerie Bell (Schroyen), Marlene Hayes (VanDaele), Lynn Spinney

*The AGM tea was the reason to gather. To celebrate 69A and B classes of 50 years from graduation. To celebrate the last Alumnae meeting in Sherbrooke lounge and all its memories. To celebrate the Alumnae for holding together to honour us in our 50 yr milestone. And lastly to allow our class to sell off surplus souvenir pillowcases and aprons.*

*We appreciated each grad giving a short personal mention of work, career or family while receiving the 50 yr pin. We loved our paper caps that identified us and the work that went into making them. The social following gave us a chance to continue visiting with the Alumnae. A big thank you to the executive.*

*On Wednesday, 17 of us took a large limo bus to Canada Place to continue our celebrations with a weeklong Alaskan cruise with Holland America. Our classmate Evie was able to find turquoise fleece jackets on sale and within 24 hours each of us had our uniform for the cruise. Some went on a float plane tour, some went on the "Duck", some went cycling, some just chilled and enjoyed each others company. Thanks to Judy Georgetti she was able to order a 50th reunion celebration cake for our two classes to share at our gala dinner night. It was delicious.*

*The feedback from the class was that this was a perfect combination of mini reunion and cruise so that everyone was able to celebrate in their own way.*

*Thank you*

*Louise (Kennedy) Johnson*



## MANY STUDENTS WILL BENEFIT

Many nursing students will benefit from a gift of \$250,000 from Mary Gordon (nee Parker), class of 59B, which was added to the endowment established by our alumnae in 2018 for the Royal Columbian Hospital Nurses Alumnae Award. Now, instead of one award annually, Mary's donation will provide eight awards each year to third and fourth-year nursing students at Douglas College who demonstrate excellence in clinical performance.

In addition, Mary donated a similar amount to the Douglas College Foundation to establish the Mary Gordon Nursing Award in honour of her husband Cecil Gordon and her parents Jim and Phyllis Parker. This award provides an annual scholarship of \$10,000 and is the largest annual student award at Douglas College as well as the largest award available to B.C. students graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

After graduating from RCH, Mary worked at a number of hospitals: a year in Kitimat, one year in Bermuda, then back to BC in 1961 for a year in Powell River, a year at St Paul's Hospital in Vancouver, and finally back to her family home in Sechelt and to her role as Director of Nursing at St Mary's Hospital (now Sechelt Hospital).

Not long after her marriage to Cece in 1964, Mary left her nursing career to help her father with his business. When her father passed away Mary took over the business and continues running it to this day. Mary's other interests include painting scenery and gardening, and she is long-time volunteer with and member of the Order of the Eastern Star and Daughters of the Nile.

In 2018, Mary suffered a stroke, and with her usual capacity for perseverance and hard work, she is making great strides in her recovery.



Upper left: Mary (Parker) Gordon's RCH School of Nursing Graduation  
Large photo above: *Front Row:* Mary Gordon (59B)  
*Back row:* Carol Schmidt (78B), Mary Hoodicoff (63B), Eileen Brown (78B)

*"I'm very happy to join my Royal Columbian Hospital School of Nursing alumnae and friends to support nursing students in British Columbia. I hope my gift assists in highlighting the importance of nursing education and encourages the dedication, extensive knowledge, strong commitment to caring and gracious character that nursing requires,"*

*--Mary Gordon*

***"Thanks" is such a small word, but the Alumnae send their heartfelt appreciation to you, Mary, for all you do to support nursing education.***



## HOW THE GUSSIE MACPHAIL AWARD CAME TO BE

Agnes Macphail was born in 1898 about 35km from the future location of the Royal Columbian Hospital School of Nursing from which she would graduate in 1930.

In the hospital at that time, students outnumbered graduate nurses about six to one, so there were few opportunities for new graduates other than private duty and that is where Gussie Macphail began, caring for patients in their own homes, frequently out of town. The nurse often had to also care for the whole family (meals, laundry and housekeeping) and were on duty 24 hours a day.

Gussie eventually did get back to RCH as a head nurse and at times was a supervisor in the training school. When the 1950 wing opened (in 1949!), Gussie became the supervisor of the private and semi-private ward (one and two bed rooms).

Before computers, the supervisor was the one who knew everything about the patients and the ward. In those days, there were no hospitalists. The family doctors visited their patients, often daily. Gussie accompanied the doctors on their rounds and saw to it that their orders were carried out.

She was held in high esteem by nursing colleagues, the doctors loved her, the patients adored her and she treated students respectfully. At that time, students got 1½ days off per week and frequent shift changes. When working on the schedule, Gussie would call a student into her office and ask if the proposed schedule would work for her. She would try to include a weekend day off -- a rarity at the time!

We remember her as the founder of The Royal Columbian Hospital Nurses Alumnae in 1944 with Muriel (Hamilton) Crump at the urging of Beth McCann, a VGH grad and instructor at RCH. Gussie remained active in the Alumnae after retirement.

When she passed in 1991 the Alumnae established a bursary, the Gussie Macphail Award, in her honour to further nurses' education.



## UNSUNG HEROES - RCH AUXILIARY

We don't tell people often enough how much they are appreciated.

This is in recognition of the caring volunteers of the RCH Auxiliary who have been working hard for more than a century to provide whatever is needed to bring comfort to patients and provide funding for needed hospital equipment at Royal Columbia Hospital.

They began in 1902 sewing garments, mending gowns and rolling bandages. Many programs have been established over the years and continue to this day - the Library Cart (began in 1933!), the Gift Shop and many more patient comfort programs too numerous to mention in the available space.

The Auxiliary also provided comfort for student nurses - selling raffle tickets for two years during the Depression to purchase the piano for student nurses in 1936. For many years the Auxiliary provided a summer place at Crescent Beach or White Rock for students to use on their days off.

The Auxiliary continues to be the biggest contributor to the RCH Foundation.



**Royal Columbian Hospital [circa 1903] one year after the RCH Auxiliary was created.**

Photo: New Westminster Archives Item 1058 Record ID: 96668

## OFTEN ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT DONATIONS AND BEQUESTS

### RE: RCH FOUNDATION

**Q: How can we find the Alumnae webpage?**

**A:** The most direct way to find our webpage is to Google "RCH Foundation Nurses Alumnae" or click

<https://rchfoundation.com/rch-nurses-alumnae/>

We are having difficulty removing the old webpage, "rchalumnae.com". We no longer update it - we apologize for any confusion this might have caused.

**Q: How is the Gussie Macphail Award distributed?**

**A:** This annual bursary is distributed by the RCH Foundation to nurses employed by RCH who are actively pursuing a BSN, an MSN or specialty certification.

**Q: How can I add to our Endowment that funds the Gussie Macphail Award and/or donate to other areas of RCH?**

**A:** Contact 'Major and Legacy Giving' (604)520-4902 or see our webpage.

\*Be sure to specify your area of interest examples: Gussie Macphail Award, department of choice, RCH Auxiliary, or area of most need.

### RE: DOUGLAS COLLEGE FOUNDATION

**Q: What is the difference between an Award and a Scholarship?**

**A:** An award recipient is selected by instructors. A scholarship typically goes to the highest academic achievers.

**Q: Why does the RCH Nurses Alumnae Award go to 3rd and 4th year students?**

**A:** Feeling the need for more nurses at the bedside, and knowing that those with the highest marks don't necessarily make the best bedside nurses, when our Endowment was created at DC Foundation, we requested the **Royal Columbian Hospital Nurses Alumnae Award** go to students with exceptional bedside skills. Students do not get clinical experience until 3rd and 4th year. Times have changed!

**Q: How can I add to our RCH Nurses Alumnae Award Endowment at DC Foundation?**

**A:** Contact the Annual Giving Officer (604)777-6176 \*Be sure to specify "Royal Columbian Hospital Nurses Alumnae Award" or follow this link; <https://www.douglascollege.ca/about-douglas/groups-and-organizations/douglas-college-foundation/ways-to-give>

## ORAL HISTORIES

Oana (pronounced Wana) Capota of the New Westminster Museum and Archives is interested in collecting RCH nurses' oral histories. If you would like to share your stories for future generations...

Contact Oana at (604)515-3842 or [ocapota@newwestcity.ca](mailto:ocapota@newwestcity.ca)

## 2020 UPCOMING EVENTS

All upcoming events have been postponed.

We will keep you posted.

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