This Newsletter is dedicated to the memory of Irene Lowe who was a driving force in the RCH Alumnae for many years and who not only served as President but also edited and published the annual newsletter which she typed and photocopied with the assistance of a few dedicated members.

The following is the eulogy for Irene written by her good friend, fellow alum and archivist, Barbara Scott:

Irene had a number of "jobs" in the nursing field over the years, after her children were in school. I shall list those positions that I am aware of, not in any special order: she once told me that at one time she represented an Insurance Company where she visited and checked out the general health of persons who were, or wanted to be potential "customers". Then she worked in the office of a New Westminster doctor for several years. After that as the Nurse and Industrial First Aid provider in the Eatons' Warehouse facility in Vancouver. This position was the one she held when she retired.

Irene was also a prolific "knitter", producing many, many children's size sweaters in a variety of bright colours, 3 piece pastel baby outfits, many tea cozies and multiple pairs of mittens, toques and slippers. All of which we were thrilled to be able to sell at our Alumnae Handicraft and Bake sale formerly held in the RCH lobby each year prior to Christmas.

Irene had a phenomenal memory, she could remember and recognize so many of the people in our Archival photographs both the nurses and other medical staff. Plus many artifacts and events from many years past. She was sometimes called on to identify some items that mystified others. This put her in good stead as Archive Convenor, a position from which she will be sorely missed. Her memory also extended to many people in her life. She kept in touch with "old" high school acquaintances, nursing classmates, as well as a number of people from her association with RCH in both the Nursing School and hospital Administration, some of whom became close friends to her for many years.

Irene also served as a member of the RCH Board of Directors for a number of years. She was a member of the New Westminster Council of Women representing the RCH Alumnae.

The Alumnae Association was something of which Irene was truly proud. She worked hard, along with many other people to make it a successful entity.

Irene will be missed by me, and many others, her presence in our lives and in those things she had influence over, will remain in place for many years to come.
PRESIDENT’S REPORT

We’ve had another wonderful year in the Alumnae. We had a guest speaker in October, a wonderful Christmas Luncheon -- forty-four attended.

Upcoming we have the April meeting with a guest speaker, two more Executive meanings and the June meeting which has a short meeting, followed by the presentation of the 50 year pins and the 60 year certificates. In the past we’ve also had some 70+ year graduates which we also honor. This year is also the voting in of the executive positions--president, vice president, treasurer and secretary. And then comes our wonderful tea. So try to come out and make your choices known. I look forward to seeing as many as can make it to the meet.

ANNE KERN-PRESIDENT

UPCOMING ALUMNAE MEETINGS

June 7, 2016 – AGM
October 4, 2016
November 27, 2016 – Christmas Luncheon
April 4, 2017

April and October meetings are held in the Russell Room at RCH. Parking is free to attend these meetings in the area where McAllister Residence used to be from 6:30pm to 10 pm. Just leave a note on the dash with RCH Alumnae Meeting on it.

Christmas Luncheon is at the Vancouver Golf Club and it is a very enjoyable and social event. Please try to attend. More information as to time and cost will be forthcoming.
MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2016
Submitted by Mary Hoodicoff 63B

Membership is about being in relationship with all RCH Alumnae members.

Thank you to all our members for continuing to keep their membership current by submitting $20 for a 2 year membership. We welcome the support of all new members and enjoy hearing your stories. In the last 10 years we have increased our membership by over 500 members. WOW! This brings a lot of new energy and vitality to the Alumnae.

A few of the things our membership has supported over the years are:

- Provided class lists to the rep upon request to facilitate reunions
- Provided support to the classes celebrating their special 50th, 60th or other reunion
- Provided special communication requests with permission
- Collects membership fees and distributes the Newsletter

Some of my special memories are when our data base was able to provide information which brought a happy ending to a 30 year search of an adoptive son looking for his birth mother. Another is assisting the RCMP in identifying the name on our graduate pin which they then returned to the owner.

ALUMNAE SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES (2015)
Submitted by Marilynn Kendall, Awards Chair

RCH Scholarship Winners:

Lindsay Hipwell, Langley, B.C. University of the Fraser Valley.

Kyle Scott, Courtenay, B.C. North Island College.

Benedict Leonard, Courtenay, B.C. North Island College.

Gussie MacPhail Bursary Winner:

Sharon Hickin, New Westminster, B.C. Athabasca University, Master of Nursing Program.

Our application process for this year’s scholarships/bursaries will commence at the beginning of March.
ALUMNAE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON (2015)

Once again the Christmas Luncheon was at the Vancouver Golf and Country Club. There was much meeting and greeting and, of course, eating. Once the business was done the door prizes were awarded. We were all given a wonderful gift of homemade preserves made with love by our Membership Chair, Mary Hoodicoff, who also put together the great prizes. It was a lovely event, and, as you can see by the picture, made us all very happy.

Back Row L to R: Bernice Rolls, Ann Rennie, Elsie McKay, Judy Ross, Janet Guenther, Pat Fontaine, Norma Chapman, Denise Tall, Dianna Rennick, Olga McDonald, Ev Brown, Patty Utley, Carol Schmidt, Carol Charboneau, Pauline Dunn.

Middle Row: Marie Bensley, Carolyn Ledwon, Marion Wilkins, Barbara Scott, Lorraine Elliott, Lynne Scott, Marilynn Kendall, Marilyn McCutcheon, Lynne Stushnoff, Louise Donald, Marilyn Parsons, Kathy Clark, Bonnie Rife, Myrna Bloch.

Front Row: Betty Archer, Josie Chapple, Mary Hunter, Anne MacLean, Marion Downing, Shirley Allen, Jean Ward, Carol Chan, Dona Klyn, Mary Hoodicoff.

Kneeling: Elaine Olson, Elsie Wrightman, Judi Georgetti.
EDITORIAL

Well, we got this puppy to bed but it wasn’t easy. I can only say “Mary Hoodicoff, you are AMAZING”. Thank you for mentoring me and encouraging me and although you had a lot to do with this you don’t have to take any responsibility for it. I could not have done it without you and your words will keep me going “your first one won’t be as good as your last one”. Hopefully they are not the same one.

I had no idea it was this big a job. I appointed (read coerced) my good buddy Charlotte (Berg) Inman to be photo editor because I am not a photographer or as artistically gifted as she is (as you can see from this selfie above). Thanks Char for making the pictures look pretty.

So, such as it is here is your newsletter. BUT I need help – that is not the first nor last time I will utter those words but I need you to help me make the newsletter better and “newsier”. I need info on you or your classmates who have stories to tell. I am sure you all do but if you know someone who has done something different than they thought they would when we were in Sherbrooke Residence, I would like to profile them so we can all share.

I am also requesting that you get your reunions, those you had and those you are planning, in to me ASAP so that I can promote them for you.

ALUMNAE ON THE GO

Our intrepid Photo Editor, Charlotte Inman (70B), had a great thought. On your travels take a copy of the Newsletter with you and have a picture taken in front of somewhere different, or do a selfie or whatever and send it to charcanski@gmail.com so that we can put you in the next newsletter. You should also write a little travelogue on your adventure. How about that? I am open to any of your ideas for improvements or suggestions for articles.

Here is the first one, Charlotte on a beach in Washington State with three, count ‘em, three copies of newsletters. Let’s do this.

Cherry Dayton (Nelson 70B) at Indian Wells where she is watching her favorite sport tennis – unfortunately sans Federer this year.
ON THE SHELF

I received a lovely letter from Bernice Rolls (60B) suggesting a book that she thought Alumnae members may find interesting. This gave me an idea for an Alumnae Book Club.

If you have a book that you think other members might like, why don’t you send it to me judi.georgetti@gmail.com and we will publish it in the newsletter and/or on the website so that we can share. You can write a little blurb or not as you prefer.

Here is Bernice’s suggestion:

**A MOMENT IN TIME (that changed everything) by Joy Lynn Kjellbotn**

Diagnosed at RCH in the polio epidemic of 1953, the author, born into a large and loving family (which includes her cousin, Annabel Kjellborn Glanville (Class 57A). Joy, a gifted writer has produced an engaging book that takes us back to life in the 1940’s and 50’s, the devastation of the polio epidemic, the love and courage of her family and the life-long bond with fellow polio survivors.

The book includes some beautiful full colour reproductions of her paintings as well.

Joyce has lived at Pearson Pavillion, Vancouver, BC since 1974.

Books can be ordered from the author: email kjellborn@hotmail.com or phone 604-324-2067. Cost is $35.

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I have a book I highly recommend as well:

**BEING MORTAL – Medicine and What Matters in the End by Atul Gawande**

“From surgeon and bestselling author Atul Gawande, a book that has the potential to change medicine – and lives.”

He analyzes the inescapable realities of aging and death and how the healing professions have not come to grips with the dynamic of this natural process.

It changed me and how I teach my students and is an excellent and easy read.

So now, let’s hear from you – whatcha reading?
RCH GROWS AGAIN

The following is the information I received from Jason Howe, Public Relations Director of the RCH Foundation in response to my query about what is happening with expansion and renovation of our alma mater. I cannot recognize any of the buildings I was familiar with but I am sure it is going to be spectacular. What do you think?

Redevelopment is underway at Royal Columbian Hospital. The first phase of the project is highlighted by the construction of a new 75-bed Mental Health and Substance Use Wellness Centre, which will more than double the capacity of Royal Columbian Hospital to care for mental health and substance use patients from across the region, add outpatient clinics to help people transition to community services, and offer more academic, teaching and telehealth space for psychiatry research and residency programs. Construction will begin in the fall of 2016, and the new centre will open in 2019.

Meantime, Fraser Health is working on the business case for Phases Two and Three of redevelopment. These two phases propose to add a new Acute Care Tower with more beds, a new, larger Emergency, new and expanded operating rooms and interventional suites for Cardiology and Radiology, more parking, and upgrades to existing spaces.

To support redevelopment, you can donate to Royal Columbian Hospital Foundation at www.rchfoundation.com
ONE OF OUR PIONEERS

A celebration was held at the Rosewood Residence for Philippa (Bucke) Skorstengard’s 100th Birthday. Philippa, known as Bee, graduated from the Royal Columbian Hospital in class 41A. She had worked in Princeton before moving to Southampton, Ontario, where she met and married Gunnar Skorstengard. They returned to Richmond in 1957 and have lived there ever since that time.

Family and residents were present as well as the RCMP to present her with official congratulations. Her classmate Irene Poile was present and Mary Hoodicoff 63B presented her with a bouquet of flowers from the Alumnae.

PRAYER FOR A NURSE

She's with you now Lord. Finally at peace and resting after a life of service and dedication. Her work was not just a job - it was a calling and she could not have done it without You guiding and directing her. You were there when she first went on the wards in uniform, frightened and excited and so wanting to do everything right. You must have smiled at her cap somewhat askew and her voice cracking just above a whisper as she introduced herself to her patients that day. You watched over her as she bustled down the long corridors bringing medications, food, solace and comfort to those in her care.

I know You were there the first time one of her patients died as she held their hand and eased their passing. You gave her the right words to say and the strength to stay in her professional role. You always answered her prayer when she asked for wisdom and endurance and you must have been proud as she began to take her place in the world of healing.

She was tireless and indomitable and a credit to her profession. She mentored and taught a new group of young nurses to always keep the patient in the centre of their focus. She was an inspiration but was humble and gave You credit for her achievements and successes.

Her job here is done, Lord and we thank you for the gift of her.
UPCOMING REUNIONS and EVENTS 2016

Class 51A and B – 65th reunion. Contact Mary Hunter at 604-531-1687

Class 56B – 60th reunion. Contact Barbara Enquist at 604-943-5728 bje@dccnet.com

   Place: Chemanius Best Western Plus Inn on Sept. 9, 10, 11, 2016.

Class 61A – 55th reunion. Contact Irene Fortin at 250-562-4564 cifortin@telus.net

Class 61B – 55th reunion. Contact Irene Leitch at 604-464-0569 ireneleith@telus.net

Class 63B – 53rd reunion. Contact Darleen Bunker at 306-922-0487 darleenlb@comcast.net

   Place: The Inn at the New Westminster Quay on September 12, 13, 14, 15, 2016.

Class 66A – 50th reunion. Contact Sharon Waters at 250-675-3121 shuswapwaters@yahoo.ca or Stephanie Higgins at 250-675-4936 stephandjohn@telus.net

   Place: Sorrento Retreat Centre on June 17, 18, 19, 2016.

Class 66B – 50th reunion. Contact Faye Stowe at 250-766-4346 fmstowe@shaw.ca

   Place: Prestige Inn at Kelowna on May 13, 14, 2016.

Class 71A – 45th reunion. Contact Barbara d’Easum at 778-472-4749 stump5@shaw.ca

   Place: Plaza Heritage Hotel in Kamloops on May 27,28, 2016.

Class 71B – 45th reunion. Contact Betty McIntosh at 604-524-1790 kandbmclntosh@shaw.ca

   Planning a short cruise.

Class 76A – 40th reunion. Contact Brenda Patterson at 250-579-8724 brenda1954@hotmail.com

Class 76B - 40th reunion. Contact Terry Dommiss at 604-936-8707 tdommisse@telus.net

   Place: Tigh-Na- Mara Resort, Parksville on September 16, 17, 2016.

Class 62A – Annual Brunch April 20th. Contact Wilma Pagan at 250-374-2209 wipagan1@gmail.com

Class 59A – Annual Brunch in May, 2016. Contact Kathleen Moore at 604-538-6731 moorekp@telus.net
2015 REUNIONS

These were done in the order I received them so don’t be offended if you are not the first or last

CLASS 70B – 45TH REUNION

Back row, left to right – Charlotte Inman (Berg), Suzanne Townsend (Cuthill), Judy Geogetti (honorary member), Lorna Nelson, Sue Stewart (Hart), Della Crookshanks (Lawrence), Jan Gibb (Bartley), Gloria Bransma (Visser), Julie Simmonds (Reid)

Front Row, left to right – Dorothy Quanstrom (Tritt), Joyce Galbraith (Kirby), Carole (Blanche) Black, Jean Soutar (Thompson), Mary-Ann Andrew (Sharon), Penny Rawlings (Johnston), Dawn Carman (Sherneck), Gardia Perrault (Wade), Sharon Harker (Rapanos), Cherry Dayton (Nelson), Myrna Bloch (Carr), Mancy Marquhardt (Sugden), Elaine Olson (Payette)

Class 70B returned once again to Whistler for their 45th class reunion at the Aava Resort and Spa on May 20 – 22, 2015. Once again, twenty two wonderful women came from far and wide to embrace the Sisterhood of the Travelling Duty Shoes. The activities were primarily a capela with everyone gathering in the large hospitality suite and contributing to a feast which lasted from Friday afternoon until Saturday morning breakfast. Many people enjoyed a walking tour of Whistler Village, some had some lovely pool time while some hardy souls decided that they would follow Charlotte Inman for a brisk hike to Green Lake. As they passed a jogger coming towards them they were quite shocked to hear the jogger say “You DO know that there is a bear following you”. They didn’t but the bear was not too interested in them anyway and left. They returned, all safe and none the worse for wear.

Saturday evening the group gathered for a lovely buffet dinner catered by the hotel and with entertainment and games arranged, as per usual, by Mary-Ann Andrew. One of the highlights of this year’s entertainment was a letter which Jean Thomson Soutar had sent to Elaine Payette Olson during training when Lainie was in Trail working as an LPN. The letter full of updates, gossip and wonderful commentary on student life had us all in stitches and tears – simultaneously. Of course there were wonderful prizes and gifts and we adjourned once again to The Suite for more food, drink, pictures, hugs and made some more memories.

It was so good to see Dawn Sherneck Carman who came in between chemo treatments. She was so grateful for the positivity and encouragement from her classmates and has a wonderfully powerful outlook on her future. Nancy Sugden Marquardt was a great example of having faced that terrible disease and spitting in it’s eye. She looks terrific and we know that Madam President will be at many more reunions.

Sunday morning we all breakfasted very slowly because no one wanted to leave. Each time the hugs are a little longer and the tears a little closer to the surface when we say goodbye.

It was wonderful and we threw out the idea of perhaps a cruise for the 50th. Time will tell.

CLASS 62B – 53RD REUNION

In September we had a wonderful time at our 53 year reunion for Class 62B. We did lots of catching up with each other at our favourite place the Conference Center in Sorrento. The second night we had a time of
remembering as we lit a candle for the ten classmates who are no longer with us. We had a great time as we were entertained by two of our gals followed by a sing along what fun it was. Looking forward to when we celebrate 55 years back in Sorrento.

*Class chose not to include all the names*

CLASS 58B 57TH REUNION
Sept. 16 - 18, 2015 at Harrison Hot Springs.
Submitted by Adeline McKinley

Back Row: Doris Giles (Charlton), June Ann (Anderson) Tennant, Vernelle (Doerksen) Rempel, Lynn (Burkholder) Lee, Adeline (Letkemann) McKinley, Jean (Attaway) Cargenlli, Donna (Charlton) Goldstone, Doris (Haave) Dahl.

Front Row: Barbara (Curry) Leard, Elaine (Bailey) Hurley, Pat (Manzer) Thorne, Shirley (Rivett) Larsson.

RCH nursing class of 65A celebrated their 50 year anniversary at the Beach Club Resort in Parkville on Vancouver Island from September 14th to 16th, 2015. There were 17 classmates plus 15 spouses/companions (they come with us for every reunion) for a total of 32 people.

On Monday evening we had a welcome reception in the Oceanic Ballroom at the Beach Club Resort with a selection of hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar. Much visiting was done and from the sounds of it, people had a great time catching up with everyone.

The room had been decorated by a sub-committee that worked hard over the summer to organize this event. Carol Lemieux, Joan Gestrin, Lois Sengara, and Geri Fitzgerald arrived early to set up the room with help from the spouses. One wall had a huge cloth banner hand crafted by Lois. It was 3 feet wide by 12 feet long in a lovely royal blue with gold lettering saying “Welcome RCH class of 65A”. On each side of the banner were a bunch of 5 blue and gold helium balloons provided by Joan. On another wall were 5 large posters put together by Joan of collages of photos from our previous 5 year reunions from 1975 to 2010. Near the large posters were another collection of smaller ones with photos from our yearbook that Carol had put together. (we all looked so young!).

We also had 3 display tables which Carol was mostly responsible for. One table was used as a memorial for our 3 classmates who have passed away. Carol took the yearbook photos of Florence Robinson, Margaret Syme, and Linda Wilms, enlarged them and placed them in clear plastic frames. In front of each she placed a small tea light. The Nightingale Pledge was placed in another frame beside our classmates and the table was completed with vases of flowers.

On another table beside the 1st we had group photos from the previous reunions of 1985 to 2010. These were enlarged to 8 by 10 and placed in clear plastic frames. On both of these tables were placed a folder of information for each classmate that Carol
had prepared. In addition, each classmate received a gold coloured notebook with a photo of our pin on it and a “congrats” drawing inside. Many people asked classmates to write in them as a souvenir of our 50th.

The third table was a bit of a miscellaneous one. One of the gold notebooks was placed there with a note asking people to write in it as a souvenir for Marian Mason (Waddington), one of our dear classmates who was unable to attend due to illness. Marian was instrumental in organizing many of the previous reunions. She also set up and maintained our website. Also on this table were gifts for everyone from Ruth McLarty. She hand quilted a 6 x 6 square with a red rose (symbol of graduation) on a white background with a black frame. It can be hung on a wall or used as a coaster or hot mat.

Lois provided a nice photo of Gail Brown, another of our classmates who has not been well for several years, with addressed envelopes for people to send her a note. There were also some photo albums from our training days and previous reunions.

Tuesday the 15th was a free day to explore the area, have lunch in one of the many restaurants, take a stroll on the long boardwalk by the water, and to catch up with friends. In the evening we had a buffet dinner in the Oceanic Ballroom (which was still decorated from the day before) and it was just delicious. During the cocktail hour before dinner was served, we had the opportunity to try our hand at folding the RCH cap. This was a lot of fun. Some of us were completely inept at this task and others passed with flying colors. Following dinner, Lois selected the 4 best caps and gave out Purdy’s chocolates to the winners.

On Wednesday the 16th we held our usual “girl’s lunch” at Cuckoo’s Trattoria in Coombs, just a short drive up the Alberni highway from the resort. The food was delicious. Thanks to Wendy Burns for organizing this. Many of the spouses came along and ate either at the same restaurant or at one of the other eateries. After lunch we explored the stores and saw the goats on the roof of the market. We would have stayed longer if the rain had stopped! On Wednesday evening people split into groups and enjoyed other restaurants in the area.

It was so nice to see everyone again and catch up with each other’s lives. Several times during this 50th anniversary celebration we discussed not waiting another 5 years for our next reunion.

Winners of best caps, left to right: Carole Koverchuk, Linda Cole, Lynne Muendel, Edna Condor

2015 Reunion – Class 55A (60th Reunion)
Submitted by Satoye Kita

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Submitted by Satoye Kita

Left to Right: Doris Hunter, Jean Grice, Mary Gedder, Helen Ann Goerzen, Satoye Kita, Ellen Penner, Yukie Sakaki

Yukie (Koga) Sakaki and I, Satoye (Nishiguchi) Kita have decided to host our 60th Reunion in Richmond, B.C. since Yukie could. We had a lovely buffet luncheon, with all you can eat Sushi, made by a oriental chef on site at the newly renovated Richmond Country Club in a
There was Ellen (Edmuston) Penner from Osooyoos, Yukie and I (Richmond), Helen Ann (Krause) Goerzon, and her husband, Rev Ed, Mary (Wiebe) Geddes and her husband Jake from Kelowna, Doris (Madison) Hunter from Tsawassen, Jean (Boadhead) Grice from Vancouver, seven of us and two husbands.

We missed Edna (Walasiuk) Hubner from Vernon, Bobbi (Southworth) Johnston from Kamloops, Tina (Klassen) Kauffman from Albany, Oregon, USA, Helen (Harvey) Claire due to inability to travel. Doreen (Krego) Fearon from Vernon could not make it due to other commitments. Unable to locate Pat (Barkley) Sutherland, Sarah (Teichroew) Heinrich, and Colleen (Root)? We sadly found out Margaret (Parker) Johnstone in the obituary column of August 2011.

Beth Mclelland carried onto become a nurse anesthesiist in California but she passed away, also Virginia (Louheed) Cameron in Eastern Canada.

Following lunch, we toured the Chinese Buddhist Temple (Adjacent to the Country Club), gorgeous picturesque garden with ponds with fountains, water lilies, Huge Golden Buddha statues, many other statues and 100 year old Bonsai trees. Then we went to Yukie’s beautiful home with colorful, huge manicured garden, full of variety of flowers in a beautiful patio. Mary Hoodicoff from royal Columbian Alumni joined us there and presented each of us with a certificate of Congratulations on our 60th Anniversary and a gift of lovely long stemmed rose. We enjoyed a lovely sunny afternoon with ice tea, lemon cake, danish pastry and fresh fruits!

It was a truly great Reunion to catch up on all the news since our last reunion in 2005! Top it off, we found we haven’t changed at all except for the gray hair and few wrinkles!

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**CLASS 50A – 65th REUNION**

Kay (Bodtcher) Ruest, Irene (Nordan) Lowe

**CLASS 70A – 45th REUNION**

Submitted by Shiela Copley

Back row from left to right: Lenora Scromeda (Sawatzky), Penny Robertson, Denise Schmitz (Frechette), Marg Appleby, Faye Wightman (Sweeting), Ena Pereboom (Vandergrift), Pat Neale (Grahame)

Front Row from left to right: Barb Payne (Thompson), Sharon Sakakabara (Owen), Sheila Copley, Lois Matson (Lintott), Kathy Evans (O’Cain), Cheryl Wiseman (Simms), Sharon Bennett (Moffat), Ivy O’Flynn, Linda Pipe (Unless)

Missing: Diana Nordin (Hood), Marilyn Ursell (Arnold), Joyce Johnson (Carlson), Sharleen Decilia (Johannesson), Carol Cleak (Kubasek), Doreen Black

Twenty- two of us had a great three day 45th reunion in Victoria in May, 2015. We found 2 days just isn't enough time for us to visit, so we added a third night. On our first evening, we had a beautiful buffet supper provided by the Marriott Hotel where we stayed. The following day, we visited Butchart Gardens and all enjoyed Afternoon tea with delicious sandwiches and goodies. We all needed the 'goodie bag' they provided and most of us didn’t need to buy supper that evening. On our third day, we had an interesting tour of China
Town then went out for a truly amazing supper at a nearby Italian restaurant. We had lots of laughs as we visited and reminisced in the Hospitality suite. Some of us logged a lot of miles as we explored the downtown area. We walked around Beacon Hill Park and the downtown core. A few of the girls visited the Provincial Museum and walked through the Empress Hotel. Victoria is a beautiful setting and we thank the coordinators for organizing our reunion.

CLASS 61B – April 23, 2015

Lunch at Lynne Stushnoff’s

Back Row L to R: Anne Moon, Madeline Gobolos, Lynne Stushnoff, Ann Rennie, Jean Worden

Front Row: Isabell Mundie, Avaline McConnell, Irene Leitch, Gloria Sparks.

CLASS 65B – 50TH REUNION

Back Row - RUTH SHANNON, {green jacket}, MYRNA SPENCE, {white hair, black jacket}, KAREN COOK DIACHUK, dark hair}, BONNIE SHORE MORRISON, {glasses, pearls, 4th from L}, SANDY MILLS PECKNOLD {partly Hidden... black top}, CAROL NIDDERY {grey suit}, RUTH WILLETTS {black head band}, DONNA RIDEOUT GOOD {light framed glasses}, WINKIE BUCHOLTZ STEELE {lime green scarf}, LEONA SCOTT {patterned top}

Front Row - GEORGIA JOHNSTON {black suit}, BEVERLY MAILE {white sleeveless top}, DOREEN MCBURNIE {cream jacket}, PAT BAYNES {blue blouse}, MARNY YOUNG {blue print dress}, PAM HEWSICK STORIE, {white jacket}, BONNIE MENGHINICK, {grey suit}, DOROTHY LARSON {white cardigan}

Ed – This was submitted with descriptions and I thought it delightful so left it as is

CLASS 55B – 60TH REUNION – AGM

L. to R. – Louise {Acheson} Baird, Pat {Reynolds} Martin, Ruth {Ochs} Cooper, Ardella {Chato} Gibson, Ruth {Trousil} Degenstein, Isabel {Weston} Powell, and Doris {Maddison} Hunter 55A.

CLASS 69A – LUNCH May 2015

Diane Engman {Middleditch}, Penny Hollett {Kungle}, Judi Georgetti, Barb Montano {Impey} Joy Kajiwara, Ev Brown {Dueck}, Muriel Larsen {Porter}
REMEMBRANCES

Submitted by Eileen Hamilton 63B
Contact 604.524.2108 or rhamilton1@shaw.ca

SYMPATHY CARDS TO LOVED ONES OF:
April 2015 – Mary Louisa Larkworthy (59B)
April 2015 – Shirley Lawrence, nee Koss (54A)
May 2015 – Jocelyn Urch (59A)
May 2015 – Frances McAdoo (53B)
May 2015 – Beth Vanderhook, nee Fredrickson (53B)
June 2015 – Margery Young (51B)
Sept 2015 – Irene Lowe, nee Nordan (50A)
Sept 2015 – Donna Catherine Herb, nee McEwan (53A)
Sept 2015 – Carol Jean Kostiuk, nee Anderson (58B)
Oct 2015 -  Heather Jean Blinston, nee Petit (62B)
Oct 2015 -  Dianne Margaret Campbell, nee Hopper (69A)
Oct 2015 -  Katherine Edna Hogarth, nee McRorie (68B)
Nov 2015 -  Laverne Bondaroff, nee Gleboff (63B)
Nov 2015 -  Frances Moore, nee Hopkins (52B)
Dec 2015 -  Karen Holroyde, nee Orr (63B)
Jan 2016 -  Margaret Colegrave, nee McLean (45A)
Feb 2016 -  Thelma Wallace, nee Buffum (52A)
Oct 2013 -  Linda Betty Born, nee Wilms (65A)

THINKING OF YOU CARDS:
May 2015 – Frances McAdoo (53B)
May 2015 – Ellen Hussey (53B)
May 2015 – Barbara Auchterlonie, nee Grimmer (53B)
May 2015 – Marjorie Johnson, nee Langford (54B)

SYMPATHY CARDS TO MEMBERS:
May 2015  Anne McLean, nee Semko (54A)
          Elsie McKay, nee Semko (65A)
          Emilie Berger, nee Semko (65A)
          Stephanie Kirkness, nee Semko (62A)
          On the loss of their brother, Moaris

          June 2015  Jean Worden, nee Dougal (48B)
                      On the loss of her sister, Margaret

          Aug 2015  Marion Tataryn, nee Campbell (52A)
                      On the loss of her son

          Jan 2016  Maureen Wood, nee Mertz (73B)
                      On the loss of her husband, Don

DECEASED:
Cards were sent to all the families who had a loved one listed on the Obituary pages of this newsletter.
Please notify Eileen Hamilton of any cards of condolence or cheer that would be appropriate.
HERB, Donna Catharine  October 8, 1931 – September 7, 2015. (Class 53A) It is with profound sadness we announce the passing of Donna Herb who died peacefully in her home on September 7, 2015 at the age of 83. She will be lovingly remembered by her husband Jack, her children Catharine (Peter), Nancy, Michael, and Ted (Jodi), grandsons JJ and Brett Wilson and Cole Herb, sisters Wendy Wright (Wayne) and Karen Cridland (Jim), and numerous nieces and nephews in Vancouver, Washington, and Ontario. Donna grew up in New Westminster where she trained as a nurse at Royal Columbian Hospital before marrying Jack and starting their family. She was a keen golfer and a ladies captain at Shaughnessy Golf and Country Club where she made many lasting friends. She was a tireless advocate for the disabled community spending countless hours as a volunteer for Planned Lifetime Advocacy Network and other organizations.

BLINSTON, Heather Jean (Petit)  74, of New Westminster, BC (Class 62B) passed away August 12, 2015. Heather is survived by son David, Daughter Marie (Jim), and the true love of her life, her granddaughter Sara. Predeceased by her husband Rick in 1990. We would like to thank all family and friends who supported Heather during her illness, especially her cousin and best friend Janet Piper. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to The Irene Thomas Hospice, as they provided loving and compassionate care during Mom's final weeks.

WALLACE, Thelma Isabel  April 19, 1930 - January 25, 2016  (Class 52B) Predeceased by her husband, Fred and sister, Joan. She is survived by son, Kevin (Terril); son, Kerry (Caryl) and daughter, Kelley; her sister, Peggy and brother, Bob; six grandchildren and two great-granddaughters; many nieces and nephews all of which she saw frequently as they all attend and join in the 10K run of the Times Colonist, four years thus far in a row. Thelma is a lifetime member of Ruth Chapter No. 22. She graduated from Royal Columbia Hospital in September of 1952 and was an emergency nurse in Royal Jubilee Hospital for years and the last few years she was the nurse at the Cancer Lodge. She enjoyed life and life enjoyed her.

MCADOO, Frances Mary  Class of  1927-2015. (Class 53B) Passed away peacefully on May 8, 015 in Victoria BC. She was born and raised in Saskatchewan, later moving to BC and Victoria. She leaves to mourn her sisters: Eileen of Creighton SK, and Verla of Maryfield SK. She also leaves several nieces and nephews.
LARKWORTHY, Mary Louisa Evangeline. April 23, 1937 – April 7, 2015
(Class 59B) Mary Lou passed peacefully from complications of dementia at Maplewood House in Abbotsford on April 7th surrounded by her family. She leaves her children Keith (Donna), Mary (Mark), Cheryl (Martin), and many beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mary Lou spent her childhood in New Hazelton, the only and much-loved child of parents William and Evangeline Larkworthy. She later graduated from Crofton House School in Vancouver, and then from Royal Columbian Hospital School of Nursing, Class 59B. She lived in Port Coquitlam and Coquitlam for 27 years with her husband Bill Jordan where they lovingly raised their three children. Mary Lou will be remembered for her faithfulness to her church, her kindness and loyalty to her friends, and for being a devoted and loving mother and grandmother.

HOLROYDE Karen (nee ORR) (Class 63B) A life lived. Selfless, empathetic and independent, words that sum up a mother, grandmother, wife, cousin and friend who will not be easily forgotten. She was the person you wanted when you needed help with anything. The person you never required to ask, she just knew what to do and what to say. How rare to be someone that could make you feel so comfortable and loved. She touched many lives through the relationships she maintained from all over Canada, her work as a psychiatric nurse, and her ability to be active until she was ill fated with leukemia and lung cancer. It is unfair that so much life left to live was taken away so quickly. Although many of you will be overwhelmed with sadness, try and remember the positives she saw in everyday life. Thank you to CancerCare Manitoba, Health Sciences Centre Respiratory Clinic, the Home Palliative Care Nurses and staff and St. Boniface Hospital Palliative Care Unit. As per Karen’s wishes, a private family gathering has been held.

HEUCKENDORFF, Sylvia Sept. 16, 1937 - Feb 24, 2016 (Class 61A) It is with great sadness that the family of Eileen Sylvia (Beezy) Heuckendorff announces her passing on February 24, 2016 after a courageous battle with cancer and a serious fall. Sylvia is survived by her nephews Roy, Andrew and Tom, sister-in-law Ann, great nephews Erik and James, Cousins Geri Caldwell and Penny Fisher (BC), Julie and Ian Bissett (Ireland), Angel Smyth (Ireland), and of course her cat Ichabod. Sylvia was predeceased by her mother Eileen, father Arthur, and brother Colin. Sylvia grew up in Vancouver, eventually moving to Montreal, and enjoyed the arts, tennis and swimming. She was also a life-long learner. In addition to her RN, she earned a Bachelor of Commerce in 1997 followed by a Bachelor of Arts (History) in 2007, both from Concordia University. Sylvia spent her last hours peacefully in the hospital surrounded by family, friends, and members of her church. A Celebration of Sylvia’s Life, followed by a reception, will be held at the Unitarian Church, 5035 de Maisonneuve Boulevard West, Montreal on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 starting at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Sylvia's memory to the Canadian SPCA.
CAMPBELL, Dianne Margaret (nee Hopper) RN, BSN, CD (Class 69A) Dianne passed away on September 13, 2015. Predeceased by her mother Pearl; remembered by her father Art Hopper, husband Arnie, son David, daughter-in-law Shawna and grandchildren Jared and Lexi who will cherish her memory. Dianne was born on Remembrance Day, 1947 in Mission, BC. She completed her RN training at the Royal Columbian Hospital (New Westminster) in 1969. Upon graduation she enlisted in the Royal Canadian Navy as a Nursing Sister and was posted overseas to Esquimalt. Her military and civilian nursing career spanned 40 years and included general duty, extended and complex care and nursing administration at a variety of Victoria hospitals and with the Canadian Naval Reserve - retiring with the rank of Lt. Commander. In the late 1970s Dianne decided to pursue a degree in nursing and was amongst the first graduates of the University of Victoria's Bachelor in Science (Nursing) program. Through-out her life she was a volunteer. After moving to Otter Point in 1995 she continued her community service with Contact the medical equipment loan cupboard, the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, Sooke Region Museum, Canada Blood Services and Otter Emergency Services. Reading, crosswords, cooking, feeding the birds, pickling and jamming were her leisure activities. Bravo Zulu. The family expresses our thanks to the many who helped Dianne through a difficult 4 years of medical challenges, including Dr. Vally and the skillful and caring medical staff at the BC Cancer Clinic and VGH especially S4A & S7A. Dianne will continue to live in the memory of her friends and family. At her request the family invites the pleasure of your company for a farewell, anytime between Noon and 2:00 pm on Saturday, October 3rd at the Sooke Legion. Dianne requested no flowers. In lieu she suggested a donation to Wild ARC - the wildlife rehabilitation centre in Metchosin.

HOGARTH, Katherine Edna, (nee McRorie) (Class 68B), passed away on October 5th at Lions Gate Hospital in North Vancouver, BC. She was born to Kenneth and Jessie McRorie on January 29, 1947, in Port Arthur, Ontario. Kathy graduated from Magee Secondary School in Vancouver, BC in 1965 and received her nursing degree from the Royal Columbian School of Nursing in 1968. She married John David Hogarth in 1969. They lived together in Coquitlam before relocating to Vernon in 1973. Kathy was passionate about her nursing career and was instrumental in the redesign of the Emergency Department at the Vernon Jubilee Hospital. She retired as Head Nurse of the Emergency Department in 1989. Kathy is survived by her son Don, sister Anne, grandchildren James and Anna, and several nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made out to the Vernon Jubilee Hospital Foundation Emergency Department Fund.

YOUNG, Margery (Marge) L (Class 51B), passed away at her home in Nelson on Tuesday, April 28, 2015. Marge was born on July 13, 1929 in Salmon Arm, BC to Ross and Helen Young. She was the second daughter of three.. She began school in Revelstoke, BC went to high school in Nelson and then to the Royal Columbian Hospital in New Westminster, BC. She nursed in Vancouver, St. Catherine’s, Ontario and Bermuda. She took a few years off from nursing for a working holiday in London, England before resuming her nursing career in Vancouver and Nelson. She is survived by her sister Carol Koenig, her loyal friend of 72 years ‘Dort’ Dorothy (Wallace) Martini of Castlegar; her four nieces Shelly Weir, Marnie (Don)Olson, Kim Rowan (Bob Corey) of Nelson, Tamara (Ian) Fraser of Kaslo, two nephews Kelly Koenig and (Tammy) Tonny Koenig (Luisa), ten great nieces, four great nephews, 2 great great nieces and five great great nephews. Marge was predeceased her sister Jean Weir of Vernon, BC.
BONDAROFF, Laverne (Class of 63) Loving mother, outstanding nurse, partner and friend passed away peacefully at her home in Castlegar, B.C., on October 29th, 2015. She was loved and will be missed. Laverne was born in Brilliant B.C., and grew up in Robson with her parents Sam and Helen Gleboff, (nee Ogloff), her brother John and her sister Natalie. Laverne graduated from the School of Nursing at The Royal Columbian Hospital in New WestMinister in 1963 and held a lengthy, successful career at the Castlegar Hospital until her retirement in 2000. Laverne met and married George Bondaroff, also of Castlegar, in 1963 and began their married life in Montreal. In 1966, George and Laverne moved back to Castlegar where they had two children and owned and operated GLS Electronics until 1984. During this time, Laverne also worked as an Emergency nurse, but over the years worked on the Main Floor, ICU and her favorite, Maternity where she shared in the births of many local family’s children and is most fondly remembered for that. Laverne finished her nursing career as an Extended Care Nurse at Tallirico Place in Castlegar. She was honored with the Castlegar Community Excellence of Service award for her outstanding commitment and service to her community. Many Castlegar residents knew Laverne and revered her as an amazing nurse, friend and community member. In 2005, Laverne began a loving union with Dr. Waldo Yule. They shared many interests including a love of travel, books, gardening, and their many grandchildren. They shared happy years together and Waldo was by her side to the end. Laverne is survived by her caring husband Dr. Waldo Yule, her sister Natalie Evin, her two children Sean and Tracey and her grandchildren Seth, Parker, Shara, Morgan and Ashton. Laverne will be desperately missed by her family and many friends. Services will be held at the United Church in Castlegar on November 14th beginning at 11am. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

KOSTIUK, Carol Jean, September 25, 1936 – September 14, 2015 (Class 58B) It is with heartfelt sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Carol Jean Kostiuk. She was predeceased by her son Jeff and brother Jack. Jean is survived by her husband Ted, her daughter Robyn (Fernando) and her precious granddaughters Amanda and Meagan. She is also survived by her siblings Viv and Jim (Mary). Jean graduated nursing school and RCH in New Westminster. Jean and Ted married on September 13, 1958, one week after she became a registered nurse. They resided in Surrey together for 57 years. Jean continued to attend her elementary school reunions as well as her nursing school reunions, where she enjoyed many cherished friendships. Jean will be remembered for her love for her family and friends. Her compassionate, caring and social personality will be missed by all who knew her. The angels took her home on September 14, 2015, peacefully in her sleep.

BORN, Linda Betty (Class 65A) Went to be with the Lord on October 3, 2013 at the age of 72. Survived by her loving husband Arthur Henry Born, sons: Vincent (Giuseppina), Chad (Lori); seven grandchildren, brothers; Vern (Martha) Willms, Bert (Chris) Willms, Henry (Marilyn) Willms, Dan (Lark) Willms, Dave (Donna) Willms; sister Lorina Dyck, all of Kelowna. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Kelowna General Hospital Foundation – Palliative Care, 2268 Pandosy Street, Kelowna, BC V1Y 9Z9.
POILE, Herbert and Irene, nee Stephenson (Class 41A). In loving memory of Herbert and Irene Poile who passed away within days of each other. Bert passed away in Kin Village, Tsawwassen on February 18 and Irene passed away in Delta Hospital in Ladner on February 23 2016. Bert was born on February 26, 1920 and Irene was born in High River, Alberta on January 13, 1919. After working at C.P.A. for many years, Bert started working for Snap On Tools, where he remained employed for 25 years until he retired. Irene was a Registered Nurse and worked in hospitals in New Westminster and Vancouver. They were also honoured veterans of World War II and served their country well. Bert spent many hours volunteering his time to many charities, social events and functions. He also delivered meals on wheels to the elderly and disabled citizens of Ladner. Bert and Irene are survived by their two sons John Duncan Poile and wife Elaine of Grand Forks, B.C. and Allen Stuart Poile and wife Angela of Calgary, Alberta as well as many nieces and nephews. They will be sadly missed and always remembered by family and friends. Service May 21, 2016 at 1pm-3pm at Seafarer Marina, 4803 - 48th Avenue, Ladner, BC.

MOORE, Frances (Hopkins), Class 52B, passed November 19, 2015. In California. No current address. Her class asked that she be remembered.

URCH, Jocelyn, Class 59A It is with great sorrow we announce the passing of Jocelyn. Survived by one sister, nieces, nephews, her nursing community, lifelong school friends as well as her faith community.

ARNSDORF (nee ROBERTS), Barbara Lois, April 19, 1932 – October 13, 2015, passed away suddenly in Port Coquitlam on October 13, 2015 following a short illness. Predeceased by her parents Mervyn and Helena, husband Walter, brother Douglas she is survived by her three sons Scott (Leanne), Kelly (Violy), Allan (Melanie) and two grandsons Chad and Kai. Born on April 19, 1932 in Perth, Ontario and raised in nearby Lanark, Barbara graduated from Kingston General Hospital School of Nursing in 1954. She then headed west to start her journey in life and married Walter Arnsdorf in 1959. Barbara's nursing career of over 30 years was spent in its entirety at Royal Columbian Hospital in New Westminster, BC.

*Although Barb was not an RCH grad, she worked with many of us and we felt it was right to acknowledge her passing.