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**In celebration of 100 years of the founding of
St. Joseph's School of Nursing on September 8, 1911
by the Sisters of St. Joseph Hamilton Congregation**

by
Cheryl Gravelin McQueen

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In celebration of 100 years of the founding of

St. Joseph's School of Nursing

on September 8, 1911

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Hamilton Congregation



In 2011, St. Joseph's School of Nursing Alumnae Association celebrated the 100th year of the founding and opening of St. Joseph's School of Nursing by initiating and participating in many events.

We began the year by printing a Pictorial Commemorative Calendar for all Alumnae Members that highlighted the Sisters, student nurses, graduate nurses, instructors and support staff from the years 1911 to 1978.

On Sunday, March 27, thirty-one Alumnae members entered in the Around the Bay Road Race, an annual event that raises money for St. Joseph's Healthcare. As student nurses we always went that extra mile for St. Joe's, so it only seemed natural that as graduates commemorating the opening of our school 100 years ago, we again would go that extra mile (5K or 30 K) for St. Joe's.

Monday May 9, we were invited by Heather Hoxby, Director of Nursing to participate in the Nursing Grand Rounds in the St. Joe's Tower. An archival power point presentation was set up and displayed by Janina Berenyi '65 and Bev Greenwood '70. Refreshments and a St. Joseph's School of Nursing Cake were provided in our honour.

On Tuesday May 10, Winnie Doyle, Chief Nursing Executive invited the Alumnae Executive to attend the Nurses Award Banquet. In recognition of our 100th anniversary, we were presented with a plaque honouring our legacy to the nursing profession, signed by Kevin Smith C.E.O. of St. Joseph's Healthcare and Winnie Doyle.

Friday May 27th, our Annual Reunion Day began with a Reunion Day Mass with Bishop Douglas Crosby, Bishop of Hamilton, as the main celebrant. The official greeter for this Mass was Sister Virginia Hanlon '45.

Our Reunion Day Dinner was attended by 460 Alumnae Members. An Artists Corner, the Raffle Table, the 50/50 Table and the Calendar Table were a hub of activity. Janine Berenyi and Bev Greenwood had their Archival Power Point Presentation prominently displayed on the front screen much to the delight of all in attendance. Chief Nursing Executive of St. Joe's Winnie Doyle, brought greetings from the hospital. Janine Belzak, Special Events Coordinator of St. Joseph's Foundation awarded the thirty-one Around the Bay Road Race Participants with prizes won for outstanding efforts.

Saturday May 28th, Sister Virginia, Sister Ann Marshall and Sister Joan O'Sullivan hosted a Tea and Tour for Alumnae Members at St. Joseph's Convent, Hamilton. Again, the Archival Power Point Presentation was displayed along with many year books, photos and historical paraphernalia. Refreshments were served to over 200 participants. The four living Directors of Nursing were in attendance: Sister Virginia Hanlon, Sister Joan O'Sullivan, Sister Ann Marshall and Mrs. Virginia Frere.

On September 8th 2011, St. Joseph's Healthcare hosted a tea to commemorate the exact day, September 8, 1911, the official opening of St. Joseph's School of Nursing. Winnie Doyle, Chief Nursing Executive of St. Joe's presented and dedicated a painting by Carolyn Dover to all nurses who have graduated and worked at St. Joseph's since the founding of the School of Nursing.



INVITES ALL
ST. JOSEPH'S GRADS, NURSING INSTRUCTORS,
AND NURSING FRIENDS OF THE ALUMNAE
TO OUR

ANNUAL REUNION DAY
Friday May 27 2011

ANNUAL REUNION DAY MASS

St. Charles Garnier Church,
129 Hughson St. South
11:30 a.m.
Celebrant: Bishop Douglas Crosby

ANNUAL REUNION DAY DINNER

Chedoke Hall
Hamilton Convention Centre
115 King Street West, Hamilton

Bar Opens at 5:00 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Tickets: \$40.00

Tickets available from
Karen Martin
31 Chedoke Avenue
Hamilton, ON L8P 4P1
Tel: 905-527-6029

- When ordering tickets, please:
- (1) state year of graduation or year you wish to sit with
 - (2) send a self-addressed stamped envelope.
 - (3) identify if special diet is required

Final date for dinner ticket purchase: Monday May 23 2011

Cheques/Money Orders payable to:
Alumnae Association
St. Joseph's School of Nursing

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ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF
ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL OF NURSING

ANNUAL DINNER



ANNUAL REUNION DINNER
& 100TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2011

CHEDOKE HALL - Hamilton Convention Centre
115 King Street West, Hamilton

Cash Bar: 5:00 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$40.00
REFUNDS UP TO MAY 23, 2011

Around the Bay Road Race

March 27, 2011



Thirty-one Alumnae Members
raised \$10,299
for St. Joseph's Hospital

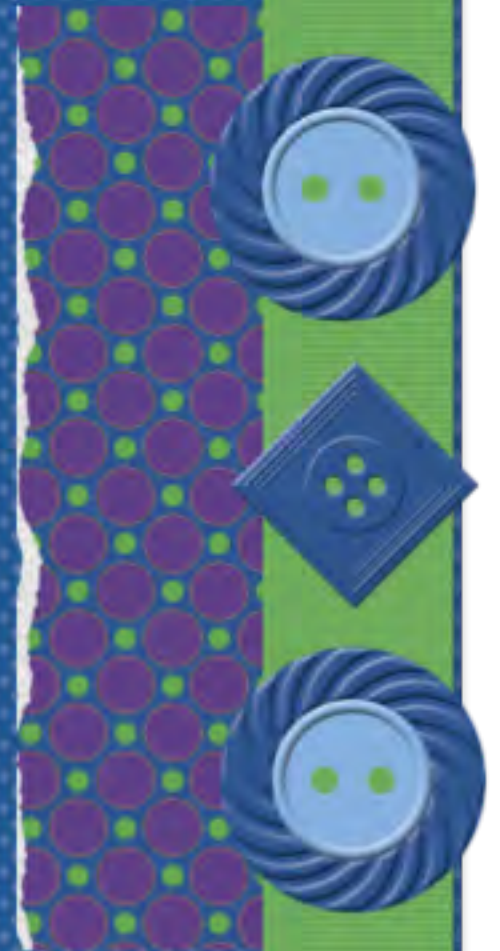


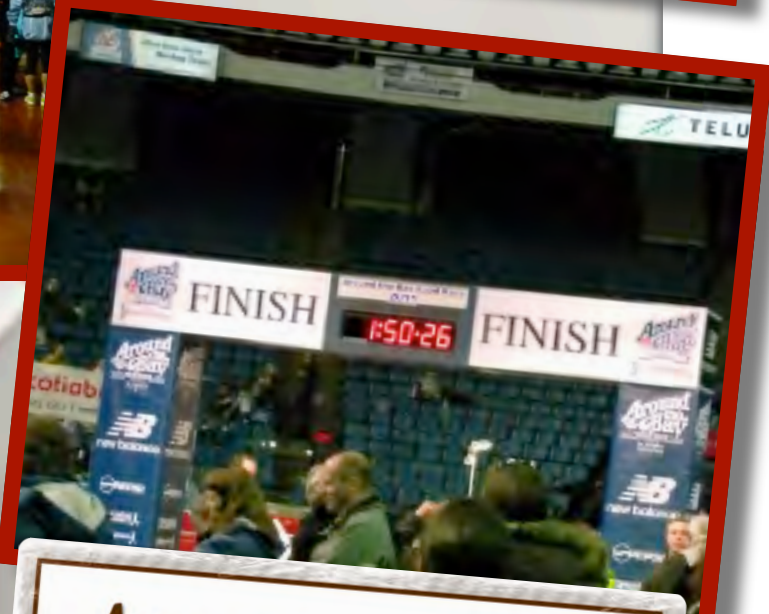
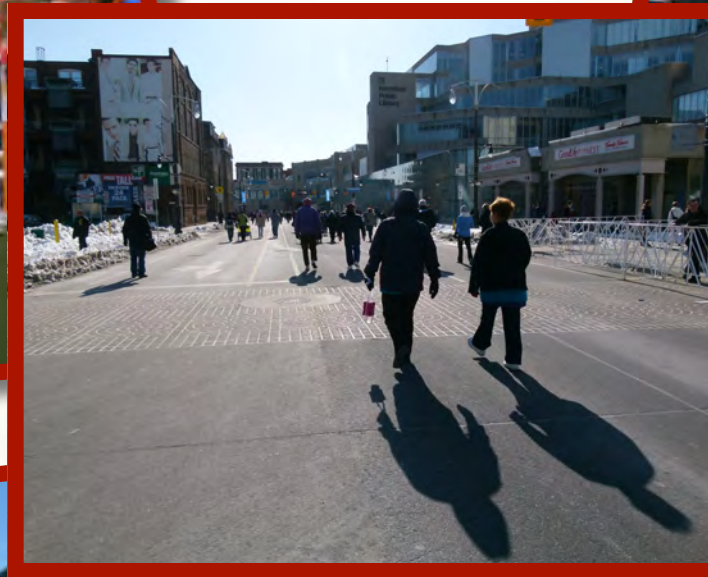
At the Reunion Day Dinner, Janine Belzak, Special Events Coordinator from St. Joseph's Healthcare Foundation, presented prizes to the thirty-one Alumnae Members who participated in the Around the Bay Road Race.



AROUND THE BAY ROAD RACE PARTICIPANTS

Cheryl Gravelin McQueen Class 1966 5K walk Bib # 9196
Charolotte Sawyer Owen Class 1966 30K run
Barb Hallam Class 1966 5K walk
Sara Blok Muys Class 1966 5K walk Bib # 9034
Mary Cino Class 1958 5K walk Bib # 8306
Bev Vannatter Peck Class 1958 5K walk Bib # 9400
Angie Vescio Holmes Class 1959 5K walk Bib # 8775
Frances Ruffing Harold Class 1946 5K walk Bib # 8721
Pauline Feniuk Kniaziew Class 1970 30K run Bib # 3523
Louise Portsmouth Sidorkewicz Class 1965 5K walk Bib # 9672
Judy Parsons Harris Class 1970 5K walk Bib # 8724
Robyn Innes Hill Class 1978 5K walk Bib # 8762
Terrienne Dowhaniuk Hotrum Class 1978 5K walk Bib # 8787
Elizabeth Cook Forwell Class 1956 5K walk Bib # 8595
Mary Ferris Szalay Class 1962 5K walk Bib # 9776
Karen Wilson Martin Class 1969 5K walk Bib # 9130
Rose Ann McSloy Class 1961 5K walk Bib # 9199
Pamela Sefton Fisher Class 1969 5K walk Bib # 8581
Victoria Krakana Braun Class 1964 5K walk Bib # 8169
Doreen Cowan Class 1961 5K walk Bib # 8374
Connie Burns Carson Class 1961 5K walk Bib # 8257
Judy Blake Webb Class 1965 5K walk Bib # 9914
Elva Zuccolin Polo Class 1970 5K walk Bib # 9453
Pat Coyne Thede Class 1956 5K walk Bib # 9805
Beverly Shynal Greenwood Class 1970 5K walk Bib # 8678
Shirley Anne Wray Class 1955 5K walk Bib # 9975
Margaret Lagan O'Donnell Class 1956 5K walk Bib # 9345
Joan Chesney Class 1962 5K walk Bib # 8294
Meron Pascoe Boldt Class 1970 5K walk Bib # 8142
MaryJane Ayres Lamensa Class 1962 5K walk Bib # 8975
Carol Holmes McFadden Class 1965 5K walk Bib # 10227





Live Life

ADVENTURES

Monday May 9, 2011

Invitation by Heather Hoxby
Director of Nursing St. Joseph's Hospital
Archival Display in St. Joseph's Tower during Nursing Week



L→R
Bev Shynal Greenwood '70
Bev Vannatter Peck '58



Janina Muta Berenyi '65



Archival display of uniforms, caps, capes, exams, silver tea service, photos, pins and much more.



Top photo left to right

Bev Peck '58
Cheryl McQueen '66
Heather Hoxby - Director of Nursing
Bev Greenwood '70
Janina Berenyi '65



Bottom photo left to right

Bev Peck showing display to young graduate nurse



Winnie Doyle, Vice President Clinical Services and Chief Nursing Executive presented us with a plaque at the Nursing Awards Banquet on Tuesday May 10th at Carmen's Banquet Hall. It reads:

"In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the St. Joseph's Hamilton School of Nursing. With great appreciation for the inspiration and legacy that the School of Nursing built for today's nurses at St. Joseph's. We are deeply grateful to the members of the Alumnae for the foundation and pillars of learning, compassion, dedication and innovation you created. Together with our patients and colleagues we will continue to build on your legacy."

May 10th, 2011 signed by Kevin Smith, President and CEO of St. Joseph's Health System and Winnie Doyle, Chief Nursing Executive.



**Janina Muta Berenyi '65 - Archival Coordinator
Bev Shynal Greenwood '70 - Ass't Archival Coordinator
Bev Vannatter Peck '58 - Treasurer
Cheryl Gravelin McQueen '66 - President and Newsletter Editor
Pamela Sefton Fisher '69 - Recording Secretary
Mary Cino '58 - Newsletter Dispatcher
Shirley Anne Wray '55 - Mass Convenor
Marie Andreychuk Yakimoff '54 - Mass Convenor
Karen Wilson Martin '69 - Membership Secretary and Dinner Convenor**



**Sister Virginia Hanlon'45 and former Director of Nursing,
gave the welcoming address at the Reunion Day Mass.**

Good Morning,

My name is Sister Virginia Hanlon, Class of 1945. On behalf of the Sisters of St. Joseph, I am honoured and privileged to welcome Bishop Crosby, Bishop of Hamilton, Alumnae and friends to this wonderful celebration - the 100th Anniversary of St. Joseph's School of Nursing, Hamilton. We have a great history and all of us have played a vital role in it.

Our story began in 1852 when three Sisters of St. Joseph came to Hamilton - with no idea of what the future held. During the first few years the Sisters cared for immigrants who were arriving by ship in the hundreds.

The Sisters were very involved with victims of the cholera and typhoid epidemics. The epidemic struck in the hot, dry summer of 1854, during which hundreds of people died.

Some years later, in response to the doctors and citizens of Hamilton, the Sisters became formally involved in healthcare with the opening of St. Joseph's Hospital on June 11th 1890 with 25 beds. In the beginning the Sisters alone provided all the care required by the patients. As the number of people requiring care continued to increase, the Sisters recognized the need to have additional staff if the hospital was to meet the growing demand.

So it was on September 8th 1911, that St. Joseph's School of Nursing began its proud tradition, which continues to this day.

Following graduation, some of you returned to work at our hospital and helped it to become a world-class university affiliated teaching hospital and a centre of excellence.

Many of you continued to work in other hospitals, in public health, industrial nursing, in nursing education, research and helping the poor in the third world countries.

We are all a part of that great history and we gather here today with joy and gratitude to God for the legacy that we received and passed on to others remembering our motto:

"It is an Honour to Serve the Sick"

Please stand for the processional hymn "Here I am Lord"

May 27, 2011



Kathleen O'Sullivan McPhee '55



Dorothy Gleed Marshall '46



Bishop Douglas D. Crosby OMI, D.D.

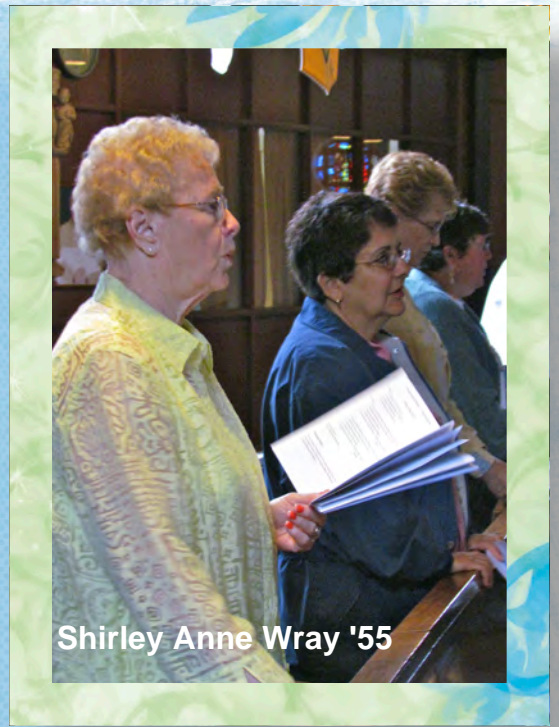


Cheryl Gravelin McQueen '66



Margaret Simpson Rizzo '58





Marietta Pupo '64

Shirley Anne Wray '55



Sister Ann Marshall '56

Sister Virginia Hanlon '45

Marie
Andreychuk Yakimoff '54



Class of 1959

Sister Joan O'Sullivan '43
Janina Muta Berenyi '65

Class '61
Barb Warren Wright, Helen Reeker Henderson, Mary Ellen Reaume Morand,
Edith Jamieson Schwelling, Anna Marie Garvey Brubber



Pat Michna McAvella '64
Helma Mitchell '71B
Kathy Kitney Banks '71B

Dorothy Goetz '73 & Eileen Morrissey '56
Sisters of Notre Dame



Ruth Milne '58
Pat Dowling DiCiommo '65

Karen Wilson Martin '69



Sister Virginia Hanlon '45
Welcoming Address



Twins:
Frances Ruffing Harold '46
Rosemary Ruffing Cutler '46

Barb Hudecki Marlow '63 & Leona Johnson Hudecki '41



Left to right
Carleen Dopking Jarret '63, Shirley Anne Wray '55, Mary Taborek Jobb '63

Karen Wilson Martin '69



Isabel Kerr '60

Kathleen O'Sullivan McPhee '55



Left to right
Marie Andreychuk Yakimoff '54
Carleen Dopking Jarret '63

St. Joseph's Hospital Nurses Appreciation Dinner May 10, 2011
A Reflection Before Dinner
Gary Payne Spiritual Care Educator
St. Joseph's Hospital Hamilton

We gather in a spirit of celebration...for all that is, for all that has been and for all that will be. As we do this, we call upon the wellspring of goodness, compassion and kindness from which we receive strength for our journey.

Today, the St. Joseph Healthcare community expresses appreciation and gratitude for the work of your hands and the healing touch they provide to those you meet in your vocation.

We honour your hands that touch life. We honour your hands that feel pain. We honour your hands that embrace with compassion. We honour your hands that gather in knowledge and your minds that strive for greater understanding and insight. We honour your hands that reach out to provide hope. We honour your hands that comfort the dying.

We are called to join our hands together and through our care and concern, bring forth the wisdom and resources within us for the good and well-being of all.

This evening we eat not simply to satisfy our own appetites; we eat to nourish ourselves for the task we have been given and for the commitment we have made to care for those who come to us in their need. We give thanks for all those whose lives have nourished our own.

We remember nurses who have inspired us, been role models for us, and have given their life's career and vocation to the profession of nursing. We especially remember nurses who have died during this past year.

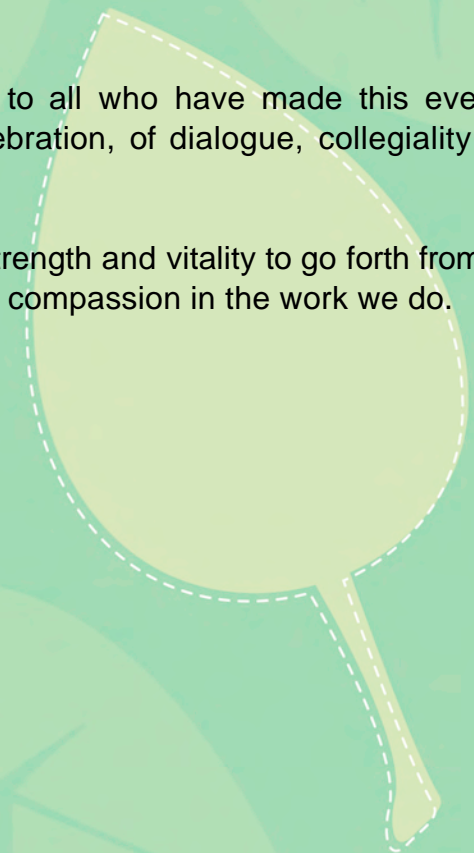
May we honour them through our continued deeds of loving kindness. We give thanks to all who have made this evening possible. This place and these tables at which we sit with one another is a place of celebration, of dialogue, collegiality and friendship. May we never lose touch with the simple joy and wonder of sharing a meal.

Therefore, we ask blessing on this food we share today that it may provide us with energy, strength and vitality to go forth from this place at the end of the evening with continued resolve and with even greater passion for and compassion in the work we do.

May those whose hands give so much be open to receive as well

God in your many names, we pray.

Amen.



What happens to our Petitions from our Annual Reunion Day Mass?



The intentions from the Annual Reunion Day Mass are presented at the altar.



Marie Yakimoff, our Mass Convenor, carefully transports our petitions to her farm where she prepares the intentions.



Smoke from the petitions rising to Heaven





Shirley Anne Wray '55 & Marie Yakimoff '54
selling Commemorative Calendars



Entrance at the Convention Centre



Kay McPhee '55 & Connie Owen '55
selling 50/50 tickets



The Artists Corner



The Beautiful Draw Table
Artistic Arrangement by Janina Berenyi
& her daughter, Nicole Berenyi Cross



Janina Muta Berenyi '65
selling draw tickets



Class '68:
Genevieve Carey Burns
Barb Glassford Smiley
Cheryl Hardman Hyatt



Jim Shipley '71A enjoying conversation with
Jackie Wade '71A



Jeannie Pundius Martire '63

Helen Cote Keegan '66
Julia Mumedjian '66



Heather Sefton Waters '67 & sister
Pam Sefton Fisher '69 at the
membership table.



MaryEllen Reaume
Morand '61, made and
donated this lovely quilt.



Cathy Banks Kitney '71B



Kristine Brock Rogers '68



Jane Clayson Ross '76
Jody Green Hannah '76
Nancy Gruenwald '78



Dale Szalay '62
Joan Chesney '62
Mary Jane Ayres Lamensa '62



Ruth Springer MacDonal '48
Joyce Zelinsky '48



Nicole Berenyi Cross helping
Mom Janina Muta Berenyi '65

Four hundred and sixty graduates, instructors and three former Directors of Nursing attended the Reunion Day Dinner at the Hamilton Convention Centre on May 27, 2011 to celebrate the founding and opening of St. Joseph's School of Nursing one hundred years ago in 1911.

A Day to Remember

FRIDAY MAY 27, 2011

Bagpiper Michael Cuff



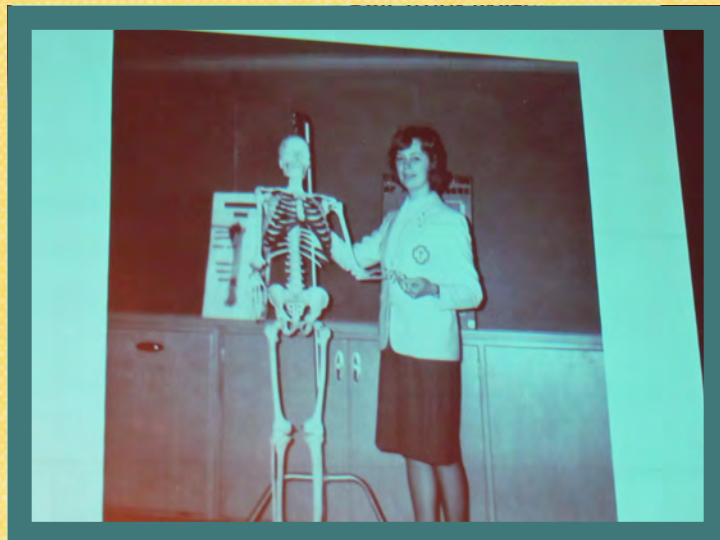
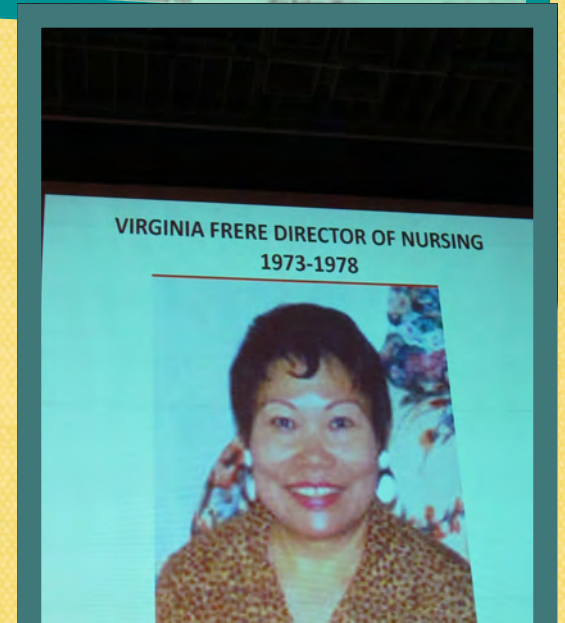
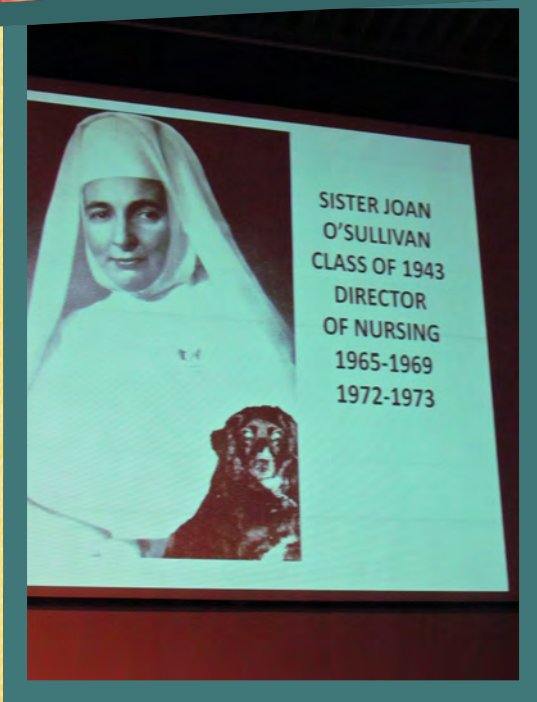
Chairperson Isabel Kerr '60



ARCHIVAL PRESENTATION

BY

JANINA BERENYI '65
BEV GREENWOOD '70





Mary Cino '58
Cathy Ray Therrien '65
Pat Dowling DiCiommo '65



Janina Berenyi '65 donates
one of her beautiful paintings



Moire Neil Brown '73
wins a painting





Maria Silvestri Heij '66



**Ann Louise Wolfe Arsenault '71A &
Cheryl Gravelin McQueen '66**



**Farewell and thank you for 11 years of
service:
Shirley Anne Wray '55
Marie Andreychuk Yakimoff '54**



Jean Martin '42

Beverley Vannatter Peck '58
Treasurer's Report



Class of 1966 Celebrating 45 years

Sister Virginia Hanlon '45
Helen Therese Templeton '48
Francés Ruffing Harold '46



Karen Wilson Martin '69
Membership Report



Class of 1961 Celebrating 50 years

from
1911

Celebrating

Bev Shynal Greenwood '70
Artist's Corner



Closing Grace
Jackie Wade '71A



Standing: Mary Cheeranjie, Faye Stephenson, Sr. Ann Marshall, Evelyn Suva, Bettyann Barnard, Simon Kam, Virginia Frere
Sitting: Karen Martin, Mary Lynn Fazio, Isabel Kerr

to
2011

100 years



Connie Beamer Prowse '69

Gail Dynes Scime '66
Marjorie Dyett '66





Jackie Wade '71A, Anna Gilday Ferrara '71A



Bernice Kellar Mummery '66

Shirley McDonald Cole, Charlotte Sawyer Owen, Sheila McDonald Watt



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perfect day



**TOAST TO THE ALMA MATER
KATHY FARRELL RENWICK CLASS 1961**

Thank you for the honour of addressing the Alumnae on behalf of the Class of 1961 on the occasion of our 50th reunion from nursing at St. Joseph's Hospital Hamilton Ontario. Well, Ladies, we made it to 50 years. You know it was exactly 50 years ago May 25th that the Class of '61 was sitting in the Auditorium of Cathedral Girls High School listening to the many speeches wishing us well and preparing us to leave the protection of St. Joe's, our Alma Mater to head out in the big wide world and make our way as newly graduated nurses.

So tonight I'd like you to indulge me while I briefly travel back to the year 1961 and to our training days. So many memories come flooding back, and thanks goodness long term memories are still the easiest to access. Some of the catch phrases of the early 60's were words like "cool" and "groovy", but there were a couple of phrases that stayed with me throughout my 3 years of training that did not originate in the popular culture.

The first one was actually the creation of the late great Katie Farrell my mother, on the occasion of my sister Mary (Class of 1960) departure for St. Joe's to start training. Mary and I were having a fight (not an unusual occurrence for us of course) and our mother found it necessary to intervene. When Mary responded with the sarcastic attitude of a normal 17 year old and said "I'm sorry" Katie responded with "just remember young lady you can't say I'm sorry to the coroner."

The next expression that stayed with me for the 3 years originated with Sr. Virginia and that was "don't forget that the door that let you in will let you out."

Some of the popular music of 1961 surprisingly seemed to address what we were experiencing as we prepared to leave the protection of our nursing school and head out into the big wide world. Some of the billboard hits seemed somehow relevant as we got ready to leave residence life forever:

Etta James hit "At Last" ...and I know so many shared that sentiment at the time.

Elvis Presley's "It's Now or Never" ...as we faced the reality that we had no choice, so it's best to get on with it.

Roy Orbison's "Running Scared" ...weren't we all as we faced going out into the world on our own?

Ray Charles "Hit the Road Jack" ...I'm sure this reflected the sentiment of the Sisters of St. Joseph and all the support staff who helped prepare us to leave the nest and be out on our own and make room for the next class coming in.

Del Shannon's "Runaway"who can forget the group of classmates who went home after graduation, worked non-stop, saved their money and then took off for an adventure travelling through Europe?

Chris Kenner's "I Like It Like That"and wasn't that the way so many of us felt when we set ourselves up in our first apartments on our own?

Chubby Checkers "Let's Twist Again" ...I remember the challenge of learning to do "The Twist" and then dancing the twist at every party I went to in Montreal the following year.

I remember the fun we had in residence and the many ways we learned to cope with the restrictions of residence living. The curfews when you worked the day shift, and the sleep deprivation when you worked the afternoon or night shifts. We all somehow found ways to cope, including occasional finding ways escaping residence after curfew.

I do recall how blessed hot it was in Hamilton in the summer and how grateful we were that we had cotton summer white uniforms that made the heat slightly more bearable when we were working. Of course for my money, the preferred shift in the summertime was the night shift because we could take the bus to Van Wagner's Beach in Burlington and sun bathe and sleep for 4 to 5 hours a day on the beach. This necessitated going to the beach in a group with our alarm clocks set for every half hour so we could turn over and re-apply more baby oil with iodine to help the tanning process. The downside of our sunbathing expeditions of course was coming home on the bus, exhausted, hot, sunburned and itching all over from the sand. But after a cool bath in residence, our beds never felt more cool or comfortable in those hot summer days.

Some of the other coping methods I remember were the emergency runs in our pyjamas with the legs rolled up and covered by a trench coat, down John St. to Bill's doughnuts for those delicious chocolate glazed doughnuts that fuelled many a bridge game in Undermount's T.V. room. If you had the money, you made a trip to the Chicken Roost Restaurant for the delicious ice cream puffs with hot fudge sauce.

Other fun diversions were parties at the Cawesco Club, dinners at Ann Waldron's and Julie Capriotti's homes where their mothers made fabulous home cooked meals. When Ann could get her mother's car for an evening, who could forget the pizza runs she made to the Trocadero with orders for half the residence.

I remember the allowances we got each month...\$9.00 the first year, \$12.00 the second year and \$15.00 the third year. A pack of cigarettes cost 35 cents to 55 cents a pack so our allowance helped all the smokers keep themselves stocked.

Looking back to 1961, I found the following document sharing some of the popular concerns of the time: if things keep going the way they are it's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$10.00 or it won't be long before \$1,000.00 will only buy a used car. When I started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 31 cents a gallon? And we thought that \$16,500.00 for a house was only for the wealthy.

My first salary after I became registered was \$325.00 a month. It was to go up to \$350.00 a month but I was already working at Montreal General. Our salary there was \$250.00 a month and it was paid out monthly not bi-weekly. Trying to live on that in Montreal in 1962 was almost impossible.

In closing, I'd like to offer the following:

To my fellow classmates from St. Josephs Class of 1961, congratulations for the many years of dedicated nursing service.

To the Sisters of St. Joseph, thank you for the care, the leadership and the heart-felt compassion you demonstrated to us, and for the confidence and competence you instilled in us to prepare us to be effective members of our noble profession. Thanks to you, we were able to take these qualities and abilities into our places of service in the nursing profession in our various communities both in Canada and around the world.

To the Alumnae we thank you for your leadership, strength, affirmation and education to all of us in support of our Alma Mater.

We also remember and honour our eleven classmates who have departed this life and ask that their nursing legacy and spirit continue through the rest of us.

We want to acknowledge with gratitude the extraordinary efforts of our classmate Barbara Warren Wright for organizing our Alumnae class reunions through the years. We are grateful for her leadership, steadfast dedication and record keeping on behalf of her classmates.

We give thanks for our family and friends who have affirmed and supported us throughout our professional work-lives. Bless our profession and all nurses who face the new challenges, new possibilities and new promises in healthcare and in our nursing profession.

We also pray for Gods blessing for the next stage of our lives into the future with soft breezes if anger comes, gentle rains if sadness comes, a shining moon if hope dims, and warm and loving smiles if harshness comes.

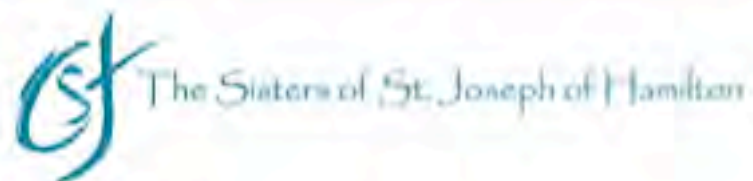
Always remember there is no beginning or end: yesterday is history; tomorrow is a mystery; today is a gift.

Finally, bless us with a life rooted in love for our nursing profession, our friends, our families and each other. It's been a great ride so far and I can hardly wait to see what it's like at our 60th reunion.

Thank you.

St. Joseph's Convent
Hamilton Congregation





Saturday, May 28th, 2011

Message of Greeting.

Dear members of the Alumnae,

On behalf of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Hamilton, I wish to extend a welcome to our home. We congratulate you on this 100th anniversary and hope that you will enjoy your time of visiting as you continue the celebrations. It is quite remarkable that so many former students and nurses continue to remain so closely connected for this length of time.

We are pleased that we can offer this site as a place to gather, to remember, to tell stories and to catch up on your own life stories.

Thank you to Sisters Ann Marshall, Virginia Hanlon and Joan O'Sullivan who have been involved in this planning. The role of many Sisters through the years has born fruit in your presence and continued witness of loving service in your lives. We are grateful for the lasting friendships and signs of affection that are expressed today.

May God bless you as you live in God's love each day.

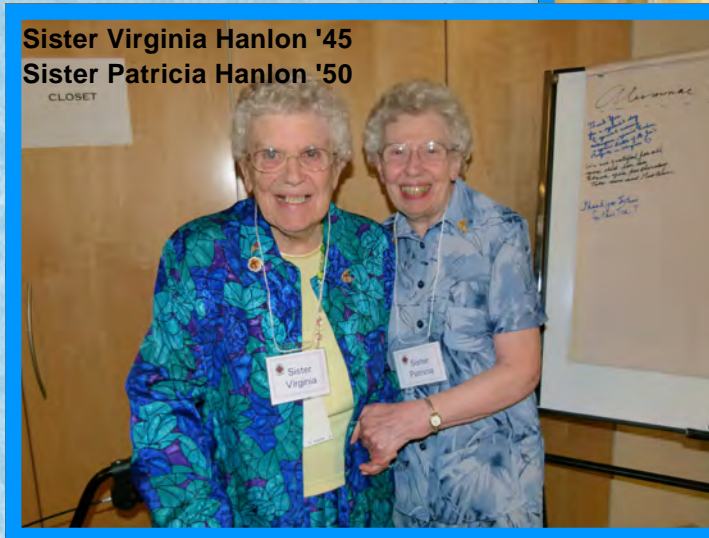
Sincerely,

Sister Anne Karges,
General Superior





**Karen Wilson Martin '69
Sister Ann Marshall '56**



**Sister Virginia Hanlon '45
Sister Patricia Hanlon '50**

**The Feb '50 "grads" who made the
St. Joe's Nurse Doll**

**Left to right:
Ruth Lee Crawford
Mary Sangster Smithson
Mary Cummings Daly
Betty MacLeod Murphy**



Sister Joan O'Sullivan '43



**The daughter of
Mabelle Clifford O'Day Class 1928
The photo is of Mabelle**





Melanie Ruiz '73
Sister Pat Hanlon '50



Cheryl Gravelin McQueen '66
Sister Ann Marshall '56
Toni Corrado McDermott '66
Pat Faulkner Duxbury '66
Wannita Chalk Coulter '66



Betty Cook Forwell '56
Eleanor Lawlor Moore 56
Sister Ann Marshall '56





**Phyllis Morelli '60
Linda Bergstrand Piesanen '60**



**Eileen Morrissey '56
Dorothy Goetz '73**



**Karen Martin '69
Joan Griffin '60
Isabel Kerr '60**



**Toni Corrado McDermott '66
Barb Molata Boles Davis '66**



**Janina Muta Berenyi '65
Joan Kaneva Godzisz '64**



**Dorothy Gleed Marshall '46
Marguerite Montague Gedatus '45
Marjorie Almas Tregunno '43**

St. Joseph's
Healthcare Hamilton

An invitation...

100th
Anniversary



First Graduating Class (1915)

Led by the Sisters of St. Joseph, the establishment of the School of Nursing marked the beginning of our rich history and promising future.

Please join us in celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the St. Joseph's School of Nursing

Date: Thursday, September 8, 2011

Time: 3pm to 4pm

Location: St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton
Charlton Campus
Juravinski Tower, 2nd Floor Lobby





Jean Webster-Sheppard '37



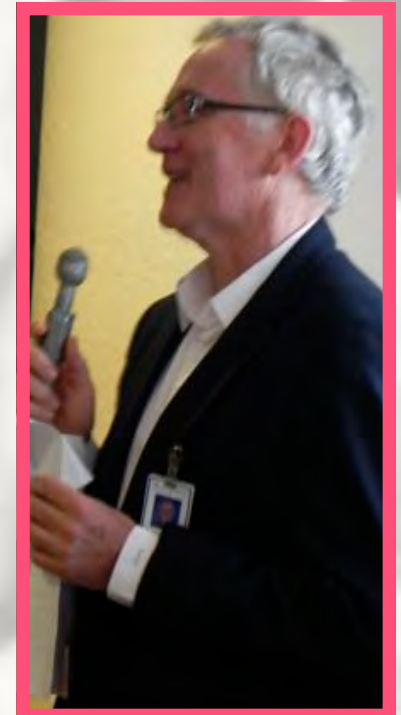
Marjorie Tregunno '43



Isobel Gisborn '62 showing all Farrell sisters.



Ida Porteous '69, Donna Bain '74, Tara Coffin Simpson, Manager of Emergency Department and Winnie Doyle, Chief Nursing Executive of St. Joe's Healthcare



**Dr. David Higgins
President of St. Joe's Healthcare**



Denise Blais '67



Mary Cino '58 and Bev Peck '58

Address by Sister Ann Marshall

Good Afternoon Dr. Kevin Smith, Dr. Higgins, Nursing Colleagues, friends and supporters of nurses everywhere. It is a privilege to speak on behalf of the Sisters of St. Joseph who have served the sick in St. Joseph's Hospital for 121 uninterrupted years in many capacities of caring and compassion, and today in the persons of Sisters Patricia and Giovanni.

Our founding motto "It is an honour to serve the sick" now embraces the wider community, and continues to be the guiding force of this ministry which began with a modest 25 beds, a few committed Sisters and hearts full of common sense. It would be many years before Sisters would go to the U.S.A. to train as nurses.

Multi tasking seems to be in the D.N.A. of women, and sisters are no exception. Sister Virginia was the Director of the School of Nursing in the sixties as well as the Sister supervising the construction of the Nurses' school and residence, Fontbonne Hall, which today houses Doctor's offices and clinics. At that period in our history, the Hospital had a Night Supervisor; should the Supervisor need to consult with administration in the early hours of the morning, it was the Sister in the School of Nursing who got the wake up call.

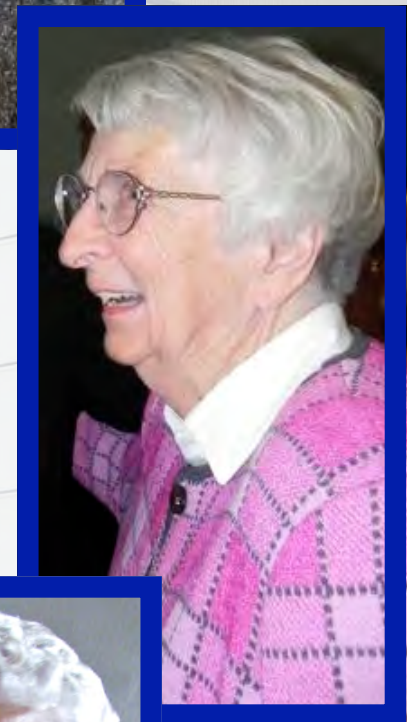
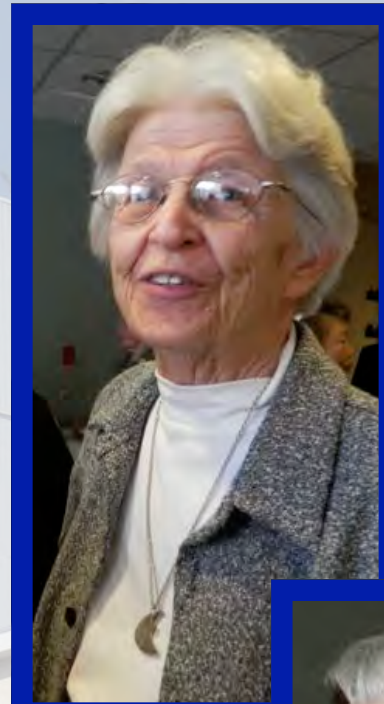
It was also during the sixties that Sister Mary Grace, Reg.N. and C.E.O., along with the day to day operation of a 500 bed teaching hospital, was also responsible for the construction of the 8 story Friesen Surgical building. Health care was rapidly expanding and the need for medical education and research was the impetus for Sister Mary Grace to hire the first Medical Director, Dr. Ken Williams.

Sister Joan O'Sullivan, our last Sister CEO, sponsor and Honourary Captain of the In-house hockey team, appropriately named Joan's Jets, oversaw the construction of this magnificent Juravinski medical tower. But Sister Joan also saw beyond Hamilton, and even Canada, the serious unaddressed health needs in poorer parts of the world and responded with the International Out Reach Program that caught fire in the heart and lives of our colleagues in our four institutions.

As we celebrate our 100th anniversary, we acknowledge the vast contributions of all levels of Health Professionals and support staff and the dedicated Board of Trustees who have worked along side us in good and not so good times to realize the dream of a world class health, teaching and research centre of which we are so proud.

But today we especially recognize our graduates who are a special breed of whom we are so proud. How many schools of nursing have vibrant fully functioning alumnae 33 years following the transfer of the Nursing program to a Community College? These graduates may be found working at the bedside from the O.R. to the rehabilitation ward and points in between as nurses, medical doctors, teachers in the profession, specialists in their field, serving in overseas developing countries, and administrators in related health institutions, with a single goal in mind: compassionate care of the sick and dying and their loved ones.

Today the Sister's salute you, our graduates, for the reputation that St. Joseph's enjoys today, and thank you for helping to make the world a kinder and safer place in which to live.



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Winnie Doyle
Chief Nursing Executive of St. Joseph's
Healthcare



Painting by Carolyn Dover presented by Winnie Doyle
*With thanks to all nurses who have worked at St. Joseph's
since the founding of the School of Nursing September 8th 1911.*

In presenting this painting, Winnie Doyle gave the following speech

"Good afternoon. I am so very pleased that we have come together to celebrate the founding of the School of Nursing 100 years ago today. Welcome to each of you, and in particular I would like to welcome all the members of the Alumnae who have joined us today. I want to acknowledge the Alumnae Executive, Cheryl McQueen, President of the Alumnae who is not able to be here today, however, Janina Berenyi, the Acting President is with us today.

Everyone's life tells a story and it is that story that will go on for generations to come. This notion of legacy also applies to groups like the St. Joseph's School of Nursing Alumnae. Their story has been a powerful influence on nursing at St. Joseph's since 1911.

This is a day of pride and gratitude. As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the School of Nursing, we want to pay tribute to the nursing pioneers who lifted the profession of nursing at St. Joseph's to where it is today. We greatly appreciate the inspiration and legacy that the School of Nursing built. We are deeply grateful to the Sisters of St. Joseph's and members of the Alumnae for the foundation and pillars of learning, compassion, dedication and innovation you created. Together with our patients and colleagues, we will continue to build on your legacy.

The Alumnae's work in preserving the history of nursing at St. Joe's from the founding of the School of Nursing in 1911 has contributed to the development of our identity, group cohesiveness and pride in nursing today. In recognition of the Alumnae and in celebrating this 100 anniversary we are dedicating this painting as a tribute. The painting by Carolyn Dover depicts the rich soil and farmland of the golden horseshoe. The legacy of our Alumnae has produced rich soil. We have an obligation to nourish that soil and ensure we grow an ongoing legacy of nursing here at St Joe's that reflects the passion, wisdom and readiness to overcome challenges in caring. This is characteristic of our nursing history. I believe that the legacy of those of us practicing today will be more powerful if we cultivate the fellowship, friendship and comradery, that so typified the Nurses in St, Joseph's School of Nursing. This spirit amongst nurses will energize us to produce our best. On behalf of the 1800 nurses now working at St. Joe's, thank you!"

Acknowledgement by
Cheryl McQueen, President of St. Joseph's School of Nursing Alumnae Association

Throughout 2011, we have continuously celebrated our 100th year of the founding of our School of Nursing. Many thanks to those who took on extra duties to ensure that this would be the Year-of-Years. To the Alumnae Executive: a great team at the best of times, but an even greater one this year. Many who took on extra responsibilities raised the bar of excellence.

Hats off to:

Janine Belzak from St. Joseph's Healthcare Foundation, who worked closely with us prior, during and after the Around the Bay Road Race. She kept us on track and prevented us from derailing.

Marjorie Randall the Sacristan at St. Charles Garnier, our guardian angel who guided us step-by-step in our liturgical duties.

Mary Taborek Jobb '63, Barbara Molata Boles Davis '66, Janina Muta Berenyi '65 and Beverly Shynal Greenwood '70 who donated their time, talent and camera power for our many anniversary photographs.

Donna Padget, the Food Services Advisor at the Motherhouse, who was responsible for nourishing over 200 nurses during the Tea and Tour.

Winnie Doyle, Heather Hoxby, Dr. Kevn Smith and Dr. David Higgins for acknowledging and eagerly supporting our 100th anniversary year.

The rich legacy set down on September 8, 1911 by the Sisters of St. Joseph and handed down through their School of Nursing, is now, one hundred years later, being embraced by the present nurses at St. Joe's.

One hundred years: a century of knowledge, a century of compassion, a century of comradery! Oh! what a St. Joe's Century it has been!

**St. Joseph's School of Nursing Alumnae Executive
2011**

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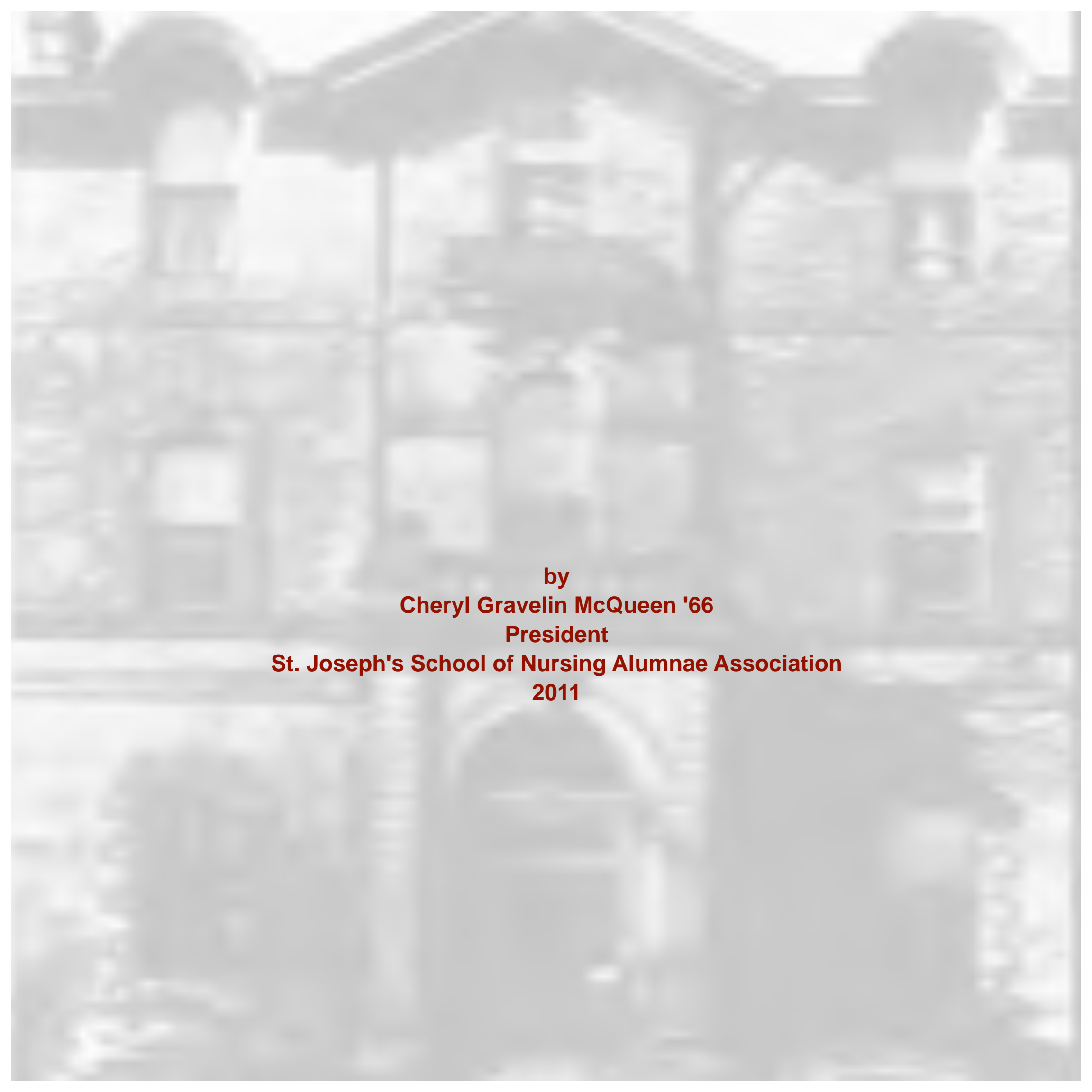
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**by
Cheryl Gravelin McQueen '66
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Hamilton Congregation**