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Congratulations Beth (Walton) Fitzpatrick Our 2013 Honorary Life Member

Beth Fitzpatrick was presented with an Honorary Life Membership at the HoN Annual meeting April 12, 2013.

After an interesting, illustrious, and rewarding nursing career, mainly in nurse-midwifery, Beth has devoted the last 20 years helping establish a strong history of nursing presence in British Columbia. Her hard work with the BCHNS, especially in communications, has helped make the Society internationally known and recognized. She has been the mainstay of the History of Nursing Newsletter for the last 15 years, taking over as editor of a small newsletter and transforming it into a worthy publication, and then as chair of the Communications Committee. She has written and continues to write for almost every issue, and has encouraged writers for its pages – and for other publications as well.

Her dedication to improving communications led to development of our website at a time when many organizations were not using this new social media. In 2003, it received an award from the B.C. Historical Federation. She continued to be involved throughout the website development which

is now a viable and valuable social media outlet promoting knowledge of history of nursing. It provides an unparalleled “virtual museum and archives” site. She continues to encourage the Society’s in using twitter and facebook.

After graduation with a BSN from UBC in 1955, Beth worked briefly with the Victorian Order of Nurses both in Ontario and BC, before joining the faculty at UBC as an instructor, mainly in maternity, from 1957 to 1965. She left UBC to attend Yale University to obtain her MSN and her U.S. Certification in Nurse Midwifery. Following this, she worked for nine years in private practice with three obstetricians at a time when this was a pioneering specialty in nursing. She also worked as an instructor, lecturer, and research assistant at Yale University School of Nursing in New Haven, CT. She was particularly proud of being appointed director of the prestigious Preparation for Childbirth and Parenthood Program at Yale New Haven Hospital and of being the first nurse-midwife in Connecticut appointed to the professional staff, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Yale New Haven Hospital



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(co-chairs) and Sheila Zerr

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Please send submissions to:
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SAVE THESE DATES

SUMMER PLANNING MEETING JULY 18, 2013

Pot Luck: Bring your favourite treat

Time: 10am – 2 pm

Place: Glennis Zilm's common room. 1521
Blackwood Street, White Rock. Look for a
posted note for code to enter the building.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

September 15 4-6 pm, CRNBC

NEXT NEWSLETTER editors are Sheila Zerr
and Catherine Haney. Submit items by
Sept 15, 2013 to Sheila Zerr at szerr@telus.

(1971). In 1976, she joined the faculty at the School of Nursing at Southern Connecticut State University as assistant professor, then associate professor. During this period she began writing articles, including a chapter in a highly respected U.S. text *Linking Nursing Education and Practice*.

In 1972, she married John Fitzpatrick, acquiring a ready-made family. In 1988, she and John moved to B.C. and she rejoined the UBC School of Nursing faculty as an adjunct professor, before taking an administrative and educator position in obstetrics at Richmond General Hospital. She also served for one year on faculty at Kwantlen College in Surrey before retiring and turning her attention to support of history of nursing.

Beth has been active in local Registered Nurses Association of B.C. chapters in Richmond, and the North Shore, and is co-author (with Ethel Warbinek) of *Richmond-Delta Chapter History 1967-1997*; this self-published history is a major contribution to an understanding of the role of an association in professional development. She was co-editor of *Past is Present: The CAHN.ACHN Keynote Presentations 1988-1996* prepared for an international history of nursing conference held in Vancouver by the Canadian Association for the History of Nursing; this provides a unique look at development of history of nursing during this important decade when history of nursing was in the doldrums.

In addition to her work with Society communications, Beth has been a strong supporter of displays. She worked frequently with the late Jill Thompson developing outstanding early displays in the RNABC Board Room case. She owned several collections of nursing artifacts, including medication glasses and glass eye-wash cups; these she donated to the Society's artifact collection.

Beth is active in local community affairs, and currently serves on the Squamish Hospital Foundation Board and is a member of the Hospital's Women's Auxiliary. In her quiet unassuming way, she developed several displays for public groups in North Vancouver and at the Brackendale Library to increase public knowledge of nursing's past. She and John are great travelers, especially to Connecticut where their family lives, and have several hobbies and passions, including baseball (Hurrah, Seattle Mariners!) and kite flying.

Beth Fitzpatrick is entirely deserving of recognition by the BC History of Nursing Society through a Lifetime Membership Award. *Note: At this time of writing, she and John are moving to Connecticut to be closer to family. We will miss her and wish both a happy life there.*

- ADAPTED FROM THE NOMINATION WRITTEN BY GLENNIS ZILM AND LENORE RADOM.

Editor's Desk

BY ETHEL WARBINEK



The summer issue traditionally includes our annual reports which provide information on how we are managing the work of the Society. We are a very busy group with a myriad of activities carried out by a small group of dedicated members.

Our feature article is about our newest Honorary member, Beth Fitzpatrick, who has been an active participant for many years. Prior to joining our group, she had an illustrious career, mainly in nurse-midwifery in New Haven, CT. Beth and her husband, John, have recently

moved to back Connecticut to be close to family. We will miss her presence at our meetings but with social media have been assured she will keep in touch.

A special item is a speech by Dr Suzanne Campbell who presented the UBC Nursing Partnership Award to Honorary member, Helen Shore, at a celebration May 2 2013 at the UBC Museum of Anthropology.

Summer has arrived with lots of sun after a rather dreary spring. Take time to enjoy it with family and friends.

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BC HISTORICAL FEDERATION'S “HISTORIC GRASSLANDS” MEETING MAY 2013

BY: GLENNIS ZILM

About 40 of the 112 societies that form the B.C. Historical Federation, representing more than 29,000 members throughout BC, sent representatives to the 2013 “Historic Grasslands” conference and annual general meeting in Kamloops in early May. Attendance at the three-day meeting was about 90 persons. Naomi Miller and Glennis Zilm represented BC HoN Society.

Of particular interest at the business meeting was a concern raised about financial cutbacks to historical activities by Parks Canada, which administers the National Historic Sites and the Historic Sites and Monuments Board. The latter runs the programs for designation of Persons of National Historic Significance and approval of National Memorial Cairns. BCHNS has been touched by these cutbacks as well, because a plaque to commemorate Ethel Johns, designated a “Person of National Historic Significance” in 2008, still has not been erected.

Conference events included a banquet at which B.C.'s new Lieutenant-Governor, Judith Guichon, presented the awards for Historical Writing. The medal and a prize of \$1,000 went to Derek Hayes for his amazing new book *British Columbia: An Historical Atlas*. Despite her “new job” in Victoria, she graciously gave the history of the largest family-owned ranch in B.C. Another main speaker was Dr. Ronald Ignace, a member of the Secwepemc (Shuswap) First Nations, who described traditional ecological management by controlled burning of the grasslands. Tours included: a bus trip of the grassland areas; a visit to the historic former Provincial Tuberculosis Hospital site at Tranquille and a guided visit to the Kamloops and Museum and Archives. Next year's 2014 BCHF meeting and conference will be held in Surrey in early June. As we are all members through the BCHNS, you may want to consider attending this interesting event.

CAHN Conference 2013

June 1-3, 2013

Eight BCHNS members participated in the joint conference of the Canadian Association for the History of Nursing and the Canadian Society for the History of Medicine June 01-03, 2013. The meetings were held at the University of Victoria as part of the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, which attracted 7,000 delegates.

Nursing Costume Parade The conference kicked off with a nursing uniform parade on Friday evening with our volunteers modelling the evolution of the nursing uniform. The event was well attended by Congress delegates and members of the public, and was great fun!! Thanks to Margaret Scaia in Victoria and to Sheila Rankin-Zerr and Glennis Zilm for their sterling work in organizing the event. Caroline Burgess, Sheila and Margaret were models, while Catherine Haney and Lydia Wytenbroek helped behind the scenes and Glennis was narrator. The Maltwood Gallery was momentarily turned into a runway. To see the various uniforms visit <http://www.congress2013.ca/blog/retro-rerun-evolution-canadian-nursing-uniforms-0>

Over the next three days, conference attendees were treated to many diverse and interesting presentations ranging from historical perspectives of women's reproductive health to aspects of medieval medicine. Catherine Haney gave an excellent presentation on nurses' perspectives of abortion work in Canada, while Sheila Rankin-Zerr and Pertice Moffitt offered fascinating insights into the challenges faced by nurses, both past and present, working in the North.

A book launch was held on Sunday evening. While attendees enjoyed chocolate dipped strawberries and champagne, authors had the opportunity to introduce recently published books. Of particular interest to nursing were "A Cultural History of the Nurse's Uniform" by Christina Bates and "China Interrupted" by Dr Sonya Grypma; the information on the latter was given by Dr. Geertje Boschma as Sonya had to leave early. A dinner at the University Club followed the reception. An optional walking tour of Victoria was offered on Monday afternoon with participants learning about the history and early healthcare in Fort Victoria.

The CAHN annual general meeting (AGM) saw Margaret Scaia move into the role of President with Catherine Haney (Member at Large) and Caroline Burgess (Secretary) also joining the board. At the AGM, it was announced that the 2014 CAHN conference would be held at York University. Overall, this year's conference was a huge success, and all BCHNS members are encouraged to join other nursing historians at York next year.

- **WRITTEN BY CAROLINE BURGESS**



B.C. HISTORY OF NURSING SOCIETY 2012 ANNUAL REPORTS

The following reports were presented at the Annual General Meeting on April 11, 2013. Due to space restrictions, some reports have been edited. If you wish to see the full report, please contact us or the committee chair.

01. President's Report **BY: KATHY MURPHY, PRESIDENT**

The BC History of Nursing Society members continue to carry out amazing activities despite limited people and financial resources. The past year provided several special events in which members were involved:

- Genelle Leifso was awarded the UBC School of Nursing Award of Excellence
- Glennis Zilm was awarded Honorary Membership in the BC History of Nursing Society
- In June, the Canadian Nurses' Foundation celebrated 50 years since the inception in Vancouver at a reception where historic costumes from our society were displayed and an opportunity was given to share our news. Following this, the Canadian Nurses' Association met and our presence was shared through our bookmarks at the ARNBC booth and our note cards at the Military Nurse's booth hosted by member Shirley Ridalls.
- In July, nursing sisters and members, Joan Doree, Shirley Ridalls, and Nina Rumen were awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal.



The summer planning session examined highlights of the History of Nursing Professional Practice Group from 1989 to 2007 and the transition period from 2008 to 2012 when the History of Nursing Society was created. Possible future alternatives regarding the Society were considered.

A second planning session was held in March to review some of the actions taken such as the use of social media, requests for displays and speaking engagements, introducing Pay Pal, reducing the number of newsletters and using some of the investments for the operating budget. In addition, it was decided the membership fees for students and members should also be increased. In November, the Society lost Honorary Members, Helen Mussallem and Beverly Dugas, great supporters of the group.

The Society was pleased to receive two significant donations from Nina Rumen and Helen Shore which are to be used for continuing education awards.

It has been a pleasure to work with such dedicated members and sincere appreciation is extended to them for the many hours preserving and sharing the nursing history of this province

02. Treasurer's Report **BY: SHEILA OXHOLM, TREASURER**

1. The 2012 B.C. History of Nursing Society Income Tax has been filed with CRA.
2. The 2012 Financial Statement has been completed.
3. The 2012 audit has been completed by Donald Ransom and Lynnette Best.
4. The 2013 annual meeting minutes, fee and list of directors will be forwarded to the Minister of Finance in Victoria at the end of April.
5. Scholarship awards, the T4A forms have been filed with CRA. The recipients have been sent the short T4A forms to include in their income tax return.
6. The 2013 budget has been revised and is presented for approval at this meeting
7. The 2012 budget was balanced only with the cashing of investment money this is also true in the 2013 budget.
8. The bank account is \$12,198.94. \$2500 of this money is scholarship money
9. Investment money is \$63,116.31. This does not include the scholarship money which is: \$24,770.00.





03. Archives **BY MARJORY RALSTON, CHAIR**

Members: Ethel Warbinek (oral histories and Biographies) Nan Martin, Marjory Ralston (Chair)

Over the last year we have prepared many of our archival holdings into a new format for presentation on our web site. This includes photographs for each fond. Thanks to Lenore and the Web Committee we have a more readable and visually attractive archival section.

Currently the web site shows:

- 6 Nursing group fonds
- 12 individual nurses fonds
- 2 items from our general collections holdings
- A complete list of our large collection of biographies

We are ready to add two more nursing groups and eight more fonds on individual nurses to the website. The collections section will have three more items added. Our next task is to get our most important artifacts attractively photographed to expand this section. The number of research students has increased over the past year. We have had enquiries from other provinces as well as a number of interesting visitors. Hopefully the flow of researchers will increase as the website continues to influence this trend.

We continue to have more donated archival items and have an enquiry from the Perioperative Registered Nurses Association of BC to archive their Societies documents. We received a donation of \$50 from the LPN Association for work on Florence Wilson's fond. BMA donated some interesting material from the estate of a nurse who served in WW1 which includes her medals presented by King George V. The UBC Nursing School collection donated to us a few years ago is now being formally incorporated into our archival system by Ethel and Francis.

Ongoing work includes sorting and indentifying our collection of pins and badges as well as listing and organising display materials. Our goals for the coming year include attracting more research students, expanding our cross referencing system and collecting new treasures. We also have a new email address: HoNS.Archives@nursing.ubc.ca



04. Biographical **BY: ETHEL WARBINEK, CHAIR**

Members: Linda Lister, Ethel Warbinek – chair

The past year was spent adding new biographical files and placing additional items in existing ones. Seven new files were created and six files had additions. Files in the UBC SON Historical Collection, housed in filing cabinets in the Professor Emerita office at UBC, are being organized. Once this is finished, the Collection will be entered onto the computer. This Collection is part of the HoN Archives.

05. Oral History **BY: ETHEL WARBINEK**

MEMBERS: Marjorie Ralston, Sheila Zerr, Ethel Warbinek -chair

Four interviews were conducted by Sheila Zerr:

- Elinor Knudson, Edith Clark, Dr. Paddy Rodney and Dianne Sharpe.
- Elinor Knudson's interview was posted, with her permission, on our website and Kathy Murphy's interview was posted on the VGH School of Nursing Alumnae website.
- The list of oral history recordings in CRNBC library was copied and our archivist, Francis Mansbridge, will cross reference these with our biographical files. We are in the process of placing copies of our recorded interviews in our archives as the only copies are at CRNBC.



06. Newsletter **BY: LYNNE ESSON & SHEILA ZERR**

Editors for 2012:

- Spring: Beth Fitzpatrick
- Summer: Ethel Warbinek
- Fall :Sheila Zerr with Catherine Haney

We thank Julie Lapinsky for her assistance with labels, Lynne Esson for handling the e-mail distribution, and Lenore Radom for assistance with the Canada Post mailings. Special thanks to Glennis Zilm, Sheila Zerr, and Lynne Esson who have been mentoring our student members with newsletter writing, organizing and production. A special membership mailing went out the first week in December containing the membership renewal form, a request for donations, Season's greetings from the executive and pertinent news.

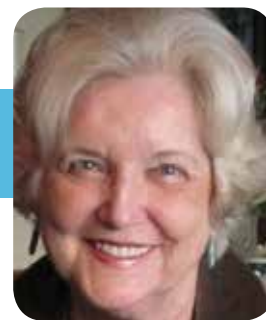
07. Pages of History **BY: SHEILA J. RANKIN ZERR, CHAIR**

MEMBERS: Sheila Zerr (chair) Lenore Radom,

Pages to date: There are 84 pages of history and three sets of display albums. Two sets of albums are used for History of Nursing Society display sites and one set is in the CRNBC library. There are 6 pages of history on the nursing web site with permission from the donor. We have only had one application for a page of history in the past two years our web site has been in operation.

Recommendations:

- We recommend we complete the pages of history of our executive members and place them on our web site.
- Following the completion of the executive pages of history, we recommend we discontinue this project due to lack of response.



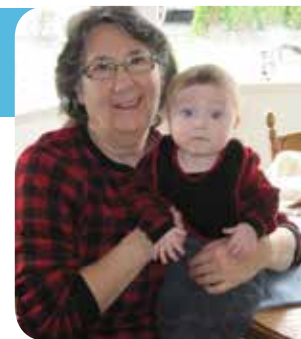
08. Scholarship **BY: KATHY MURPHY, CHAIR**

The Scholarship Committee presented two awards in 2012. The winners were both students at Trinity Western University. Lydia Wytenbroek studied "The Challenges of International Nursing as Experienced by WHO nurse Margaret Campbell Jackson 1954-1956 and Melissa Suzuki studied "Public Health Nursing Education and Child Guidance Clinics in BC 1932-1950".

Two significant donations were received from members Nina Rumen and Helen Shore to be used for continuing education awards. The Scholarship Committee members are working with these two donors to ensure that appropriate criteria is defined before the awards are announced.

09. Program **BY: LENORE RADOM**

- This year's programming involved one Event held Nov 10th at the Vancouver Lawn Tennis Club with Geertje Boschma & Helen Vandenberg presenting Helen's research of the Historical Perspective of Japanese Hospital Care in the late 1800's & early 1900's. Local Steveston area being the focus of this presentation.
- Instead of planning a March luncheon as usual, we opted for a Special Meeting with the focus on "Planning for the Future." Decreased membership & therefore decreased funding enabled this to be a more urgent event in setting priorities for the Society.



10. Note Cards **BY: GLENNIS ZILM**

- Cards on hand are worth: \$ 1,200 approximately. So far there have been no sales in 2013 mainly because we have not had any "events." Anyone who would like cards to sell at any forthcoming event, please get in touch with Glennis Zilm and she will arrange to supply cards and signs. If you need cards to use for Society business please get in touch with Glennis.
- Background
- 2007 Sales - \$ 1,176.89; 2008 Sales - \$ 786.32; 2009 Sales - \$ 557.50; 2010 Sales - \$ 535.19; 2011 Sales - \$ 159.50; 2012 Sales - \$570.0. 2012 was a good year for sales probably because we lowered prices. As well, we reduced our inventory in 2012 by giving away large batches of cards that were not selling well. People are not buying cards in today's e-mail world, and our cards are definitely dated.
- Freebies given out: 22 packages in 2012 and 4 so far in 2013.

11. Membership **BY: JULIE MARIE LAPINSKY**

As of April 1 2012, membership figures are:

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| • Honorary Members: | 5 | • Affiliate Members: | 19 (5*) |
| • Full Members: | 84 (8*) | • Student Members: | 3 |
| • Gratis Memership: | 3 | | |

*DENOTES members who have not yet paid for 2013 but who have been included in total number for that category.



12. Nominations **BY: MARJORY RALSTON**

The following Directors were elected for a one-year tem ending after Annual General Meeting in 2013

President	<i>Kathy Murphy</i>	Vice President	<i>Ethel Warbinek</i>
Secretary	<i>Lynne Esson</i>	Treasurer	<i>Sue Forshaw</i>
Membership	<i>Julie Lapinsky</i>	Member-at-Large	<i>Nan Martin</i>

13. Parks Canada Nomination **BY: NAN MARTIN**

- Still hoping for a commemorative plaque on the grounds of UBC! However --- In early July of 2012, we were informed that all Historic and Monuments activity had been "put on hold." Concerned that the plaque and cairn would be further delayed, Glennis Zilm and I prepared two letters: to Peter Kent, Environment Minister and James Moore, Canadian Heritage Minister; signed by Kathy Murphy and mailed July 26, 2012 - No response. I am in contact with Julie Dompierre, our Parks Canada contact in Ottawa who will keep me informed of further developments. No further news to date.
- **Canada's Military Nurses as a national historic event.** Nominated August 2010 by Canadian Association for the History of Nursing with the support of BCHNS. Glennis Zilm wrote the proposal on behalf of CAHN and BCHNS. No further news to date.



14. Website **BY: LENORE RADOM, CHAIR**

Members: Lenore Radom (chair) Sheila Zerr, Beth Fitzpatrick, Marjory Ralston.

- We report that in all areas/pages of the website there have been additions or updates and corrections throughout the year. Please visit the website www.bcnursinghistory.ca
- The major upgrade this year was the addition of Facebook and Twitter both sites are managed by Jennifer. The installation of Pay Pal, is still in process and will update everyone when this is available. Beth and Lenore are able to do most additions, but have been waiting for a convenient time for a training session with Anita that would enable us to do more. We have compiled a Website To Do list that we gradually try to get addressed and keep adding to.

15. Displays **BY: CHERYL ENTWISTLE**

Members: Cheryl Entwistle, Margaret Saunders, Glennis Zilm

Nursing Displays at The College of Nursing of British Columbia (CRNBC)

CRNBC Library:

- Historical Settings: a diorama of nursing history using miniatures settings and portrait dolls designed and created by Sheila Rankin Zerr are displayed in the glass shelving unit.
- Nursing Competencies: A new table has been provided to display collected memorabilia.

Displays at the School of Nursing at University of British Columbia by Glennis Zilm, with assistance from Ethel Warbinek, Sheila Zerr, and Catherine Haney.

Hall Display Case:

- Although nurses traditionally avoided personal ornamentation, some “professional jewelry” has nevertheless been fashionable throughout nursing history. Nursing accessories showcased includes a late-1800s, machine-cut, silver-plated “matron’s belt” (courtesy Edith Tisdall Hatfield Fonds) a silver buckle and belt slide, typically worn by UK “ward sisters”; an oral thermometer in a metal case, which was attached to a chatelaine or uniform directly; and two lapel—or “fob”—watches, worn pinned to the uniform.

Learning Resource Centre

- The table display features books by Nursing Sisters related to their military experiences. The mannequin is dressed in a white uniform worn by nurses in the Canadian Forces (Navy) Reserve Units. Stephanie Buckingham, who wore it during the 1970s, donated this.

Displays Made Available Upon Request:

- British Columbia Nurses’ Union Conference (BCNU) - May 2012
- British Columbia Nurse’s Union Day – June 2012. Both were held at VGH and well attended.
- Ethel John’s Research Forum at St. Pauls Hospital – February 1, 2013. A display was organized and attended to by Margaret Saunders, Sheila Zerr, Glennis Zilm, and Katherine Haney. HON cards were placed on sale.

16. Memorial Book **BY: LYNNE ESSON, CHAIR**

During the year, the History of Nursing Society either initiated or assisted with two Nominations for the CNA Memorial Book (submitted to ARNBC) and four nominations for CRNBC. These individuals will be recognized during the Awards Ceremony and will be entered into the book. **Nominees for the CNA Memorial book were:** Christine Charter and Lyle Creelman prepared by Glennis Zilm. **Nominees for the CRNBC Memorial book were:** Beverly Witter DuGas, Sara (Sally) Staples, Helen K Mussallem, Nominations prepared by G. Zilm, K, Murphy and Marcelle Girard. Joan Weir was submitted to ARNBC from Fraser Health.

16. BC Historical Federation **BY: NAN MARTIN**

- Another successful BCHF Annual Conference and AGM in May 2012 hosted by Campbell River & District Museum & Archives Society. Glennis Zilm and I represented our society as delegates.
- Presentation at the AGM of British Columbia Historical Federation Awards
- Recognizing outstanding contributions by individuals and groups to the study and
- Promotion of British Columbia History. Our archivist, Francis Mansbridge, received Honourable Mention for his book, Cottages to Community: The Story of West Vancouver’s Neighbourhoods.
- Publication of their quarterly British Columbia History Journals and Newsletters, and the continuation of BCHF’s new project - B.C. History Online - creation of an online encyclopedia of British Columbia History.
- Maintenance and updating of their excellent website: www.bchistory.ca.
- Johnson Inc., a corporate member and partner continues to support the Federation with special member rates for Medoc travel insurance and home insurance. As a Member Society, our members are eligible for coverage.
- Planning for their Historic Grasslands Conference May 8-12, 2013 in Kamloops.

HELEN SHORE - HONORARY MEMBER – RECEIVES A PRESTIGIOUS AWARD FROM UBC SCHOOL OF NURSING

Helen Shore was presented with the UBC Nursing Partnership Award at the second annual gala celebration and awards ceremony May 2 2013 at the UBC Museum of Anthropology. Close to 160 guests joined the School's Director Dr. Suzanne Campbell for a special evening to celebrate the successes of the School and honour five exceptional award recipients.

Dr. Suzanne Campbell made the following presentation. The UBC Nursing Partnership Award recognises dedication and commitment to collaboration between the School and the wider community and this year we are pleased to recognize Helen Shore. Upon meeting Helen, I realized that we were kindred spirits with our passion for nursing, our vision for public health care with nursing leadership positions, and our love of curricular and pedagogical conundrums. Helen graduated from UBC School of Nursing in 1961, earning a baccalaureate degree and later a MA from UBC in 1971. In 1964, Helen joined the School of Nursing as a faculty member. For the next 27 years, Helen shared her passion for public Health and her expertise in nursing with fortunate UBC nursing students.

Helen was an active faculty member very involved in curriculum development at both the undergraduate and graduate level. She was a fierce advocate for the nursing voice in public policy and for ensuring that decision-makers of the day fully understood the unique contributions that nursing made to the solution of public health problems. She was a demanding and passionate

educator and role model throughout all those years, never hesitant to challenge the status quo and always a proponent of nursing advocacy. Even many years into her retirement, she continues to ensure that public figures hear from nurses on important matters. Helen has never lost the spirit of inquiry – she maintains an insatiable appetite for current events, and relishes a love for nursing history and historical analysis. I have heard it said that Helen's capacity to maintain relationships, be an advocate for nursing and patient-centered care, and to role-model transformative leadership has inspired many a student and faculty member.

This year marks a decade of steadfast support to the School of Nursing through the Helen Shore Endowment fund. This funding has facilitated the completion of many wonderful initiatives to enhance the care of adults with chronic conditions. It has allowed faculty and graduate students to complete important pilot projects, many of which have led to larger grants. Through her generous support, community partnerships were developed that continue to grow and lead to improved nursing science, practice, and patient care. Associate Professor Emerita Helen Shore, for your sustained championing of nursing in the School and in the community, it is my distinct pleasure to recognize you with the 2013 Nursing Partnership Award.

Congratulations Helen!



Sonya Grypma appointed Dean of TWU School of Nursing



Trinity Western University is pleased to announce the appointment of Sonya Grypma, RN, Ph.D., as the Dean of the School of Nursing, effective May 16, 2013.

Grypma joined the School of Nursing from the University of Lethbridge six years ago, having just completed a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of British Columbia. A leading scholar in the history of nursing and global health, Grypma has gained an international reputation for her work on mission-

ary nursing in China, through her groundbreaking book "Healing Henan: Canadian Nurses at the North China Mission, 1888-1947"; and subsequent "China Interrupted: Japanese Internment and the Reshaping of a Canadian Missionary Community."

As Dean, Grypma will teach a reduced schedule and continue her research program focused on transnational nursing history. She brings with her a strong foundation to explore what it means to be a nurse in the 21st Century. "We have a 400-year history of nursing in Canada," she said, "profoundly influenced by religious groups such as the Grey Nuns. While faith and nursing may feel unfamiliar in this current generation of nursing, it's not a strange idea in the whole of history."

Margaret Scaia, who is on the nursing faculty at The University of Victoria, was the Coordinator for the recent CAHN Conference in Victoria. She was elected incoming president of CAHN (2013-2015) and also delivered a paper reflecting on Collaborative Nursing Education in BC 1989 to 2012.

UBC Killam Teaching Prize

UBC School of Nursing Associate Professor Dr. Geertje Boschma was one of three faculty members selected from the Faculty of Applied Science (Vancouver) as a 2012-2013 UBC Killam Teaching Prize recipient. Dr. Boschma is known for her engaging, student-focused teaching style and providing outstanding training experiences as a supervisor to graduate students.



Genelle Leifso, currently our most internationally involved HoN member through her work with the Canadian Network for International Surgery (CNIS), was off to Uganda in April. She had a trip to Kampala last October that marked collaboration between CNIS and the orthopedic trauma surgeons at VGH/UBC Department of Surgery, who have an initiative called Uganda Sustainable Trauma Orthopedic Program (USTOP).

Genelle tells us this team had been going to Mulago Hospital for four years and realized that efforts at improving perioperative nursing would improve the overall outcomes of their surgical initiatives. "I was keen to be involved because there are five surgical groups from UBC going to this same facility, and I thought that if each group 'sang the same song' then the potential for practice improvements would increase," she said. So she brought the parties together and discussed the potential benefits of a collaboration. "The USTOP group were so pleased with this initial work that we [CNIS] were invited back on this trip," she said. And because obtaining independent funding for perioperative nursing projects "is virtually impossible, working collaboratively is a good alternative – and perhaps even better since the low-income professionals see us (nurses and surgeons) communicating and working together in a most cohesive manner." Genelle adds that groups in Ottawa and Montreal may be interested in using this collaborative model in their international work as well. You can read more about the trip at the USTOP website - http://www.orthosurgery.ubc.ca/PDFs/USTOP/2012_trip_report.pdf

Verna Splane receives Honorary Life Membership in the Association of Registered Nurses of BC

The ARNBC Board presented Verna with an ARNBC Honorary Life Membership at a small ceremony at her home on April 27th 2013. Verna was in good form and it was a lovely opportunity to pay tribute to her contributions to the profession and to acknowledge her great support of ARNBC during our founding years. She is our first Honorary Life Member (*photo on website*)

HoN Awards donated by our members - thank you so much for your generosity

Helen Shore Award - 2013

Catherine Haney, a graduate student in the UBC School of Nursing program, is the first person to win the Helen Shore Award from the BC History of Nursing Society. Helen helped found the History of Nursing group and is an Honorary Member. She is a significant supporter of nursing education and was pleased to be able to present Catherine with this award which will provide financial assistance for Catherine as she pursues her doctorate. (*photo on website*)

Nina Rumen Award 2013

This new award, generously funded by Nina Rumen, recognizes nurses who have made a difference in patient-centered care. The \$5,000 award will provide financial assistance to a nursing student in a Doctoral Program in nursing or nursing related studies. An application form is posted on the Resources page on our website. Deadline for submissions is November 15, 2013.



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