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The sounds, smells and activities of the Christmas season are quickly approaching. It is also time to reflect on another successful year for the BC History of Nursing Society.

Despite our limited human and financial resources, many things were accomplished in the past year. You will hear about them at the Annual Meeting in April 2013 and in a future newsletter.

- The 2013 spring meeting dates at the CRNBC have been identified as follows:
- February 1, April 11 (AGM), June 13. The meetings are held from 4-6pm and the AGM will probably be a longer meeting. Any member is most welcome to attend. If a meeting date has to be changed, the website will state the revised date.
- The successful Fall Luncheon, arranged by Lenore Radom, was attended by

34 guests. Following lunch, one our Scholarship winners, Helen Vandenberg, a UBC student, and member Geertje Bosma presented a very interesting talk regarding "A Historical perspective of Japanese Hospital Care in BC from the 1880's to 1940".

- In late October, I joined a number of Nursing Specialty Groups at a meeting organized by the Association of Registered Nurses of BC. purpose of the meeting was to explore what role the ARNBC can take in facilitating communication and networking amongst Nursing Specialty Groups.
- At the Fall Luncheon, those attending heard of the passing of Helen Mussallem on November 9, 2012. Her service was held in Ottawa on November 17 and there are plans to have a service in the Vancouver area in January 2013. Helen

- was an Honorary Member of the BC History of Nursing Society and a wonderful supporter of the work of the group.
- Beverly Du Gas, a founding member, first President and Honorary member of the BC History of Nursing Society suffered a severe stroke in mid November and died on November 22nd. Until about a year ago Beverly regularly attended our meetings despite her many health challenges. We will all miss her and send our heartfelt condolences to her family.

As I close, I want to wish you a season filled with wonderful memories and hope for a peaceful year to come.



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From the Editor

This is our first trial run of a "short" winter Newsletter with the next full issue coming out in the Spring.

For me time seems to be passing too quickly. I've just finished planting my spring bulbs and now it's time to begin December holiday preparations! My wish to all our readers: good health, savor the traditional rituals of the season and enjoy the time you spend with family and friends. Happy Holidays and a joyous New Year!

Membership Renewals

This is a reminder that memberships for 2013 are now due. We value each and every member's contribution to the Society in these financially challenging times and look forward to your continued support.

Membership can be renewed in several ways. Just cut out the Membership Renewal on page 3 and follow the directions. And, beginning in January 2013, should you wish to renew on line, you can do so using your credit card or Pay-Pal. (Visit our web site (www. bcnursinghistory.ca), click on the membership page and follow the directions.)



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