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Dean's Medal Awards

Five of our HoN members recognized at UBC 100th anniversary: Cathy Ebbohoj, Rose Murakami, Helen Shore, Sally Thorne and Glennis Zilm.

April 14, 2016, the Faculty of Applied Science celebrated the remarkable achievements of our community. In commemoration of the University of British Columbia and the Faculty of Applied Science's 100th year, the Faculty of Applied Science created a Dean's Medal which was bestowed upon 100 distinguished individuals. Of the 10 nurses recognized, 5 are our HoN members.



Rose Murakami

Rose earned a BSN from UBC, a MSc(A) in nursing education from McGill University and a MS from Boston University focussed on gerontology and rehabilitation in nursing practice. She began her career as a clinical practitioner in a Vancouver hospital but most of her career was spent as a full time faculty member teaching in both BSN and MSN programs.

When asked to be the Director of Nursing of the UBC Health Science Centre Hospital, Rose, not wanting to give up teaching completely, negotiated a joint appointment consisting of 20 percent responsibility in the School and 80 percent in the Hospital.

Rose was born on Salt Spring Island, B.C. and during WW11 the family was labelled "enemy aliens" and were forcefully expelled to the Cascade Mountains and their home and farm sold without consent. In 1954 they returned to Salt Spring Island in abject poverty with just enough money to purchase the property on which they still live today and started all over again. They initially tried, unsuccessfully, to purchase the farm that was taken from them.

Rose and her brother Richard initiated building the first supportive housing on Salt Spring Island by donating land worth 1.4 million dollars. The beautiful 27 unit building which opened in 2008 provides clean, affordable, secure and safe housing for low income individuals and families. In 2008, Rose, a member of the Salt Spring Island Japanese Garden Society, contributed to the development of Heiwa Garden, a garden of peace and reconciliation which honors the memory of Japanese Canadian pioneers who, since the early 1900s, contributed to the growth and development of Salt Spring Island.

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Cathy Ebbohoj

Cathy a proud UBC alum (BSN'75, MSN'99, PNC(C)), spent the first years of her professional career in maternal-child nursing in clinical practice before joining UBC in 1991 as a clinical instructor and educator. As part of the faculty in the School of Nursing for the last 25

years, Cathy has had the privilege to teach and mentor many generations of UBC nursing grads in the wonders of maternity nursing. Throughout her career she has been a committed champion of the UBC Nursing Alumni, ensuring that the wide community of those who have been shaped by the School stays engaged, supported and connected. Cathy remains passionate about all things related to nursing students, childbearing families, UBC alumni and chocolate.

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Newsletter Committee

Lynne Esson (chair), Beth Fitzpatrick, Ethel Warbinek, Sheila Zerr, Naomi Miller, Glennis Zilm, Lenore Radom.

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Please send submissions to Sheila Zerr at srzerr@telus.net

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Helen Shore

Helen Shore first entered the nursing profession in 1946, when she completed the nursing diploma program at Vancouver General Hospital. Over the next decade, she worked as a nurse in Canada and internationally, before returning to earn her BSN from UBC in 1961. She

then served as a community health nurse for the city health services. In 1964, she was appointed a faculty member with the UBC School of Nursing, where she remained until she retired in 1990.

For more than sixty years, her advocacy and her leadership within the nursing profession have inspired students and faculty members alike. During her time with the School, Helen led curriculum development, and was a demanding and passionate educator and role model, never hesitant to challenge the status quo. She continues to be a fierce advocate for the nursing voice in public policy.



Glennis Zilm:

Glennis, BSN [1958], BJ, MA, DLitt(h), now semi-retired, worked as a registered nurse, then in varied careers as a journalist, editor, and freelance writer mainly in the health care fields. She has written or edited several nursing books, including her text on writing skills for nurses, now

in its third edition. She currently devotes her time to research into history of nursing, especially early nursing in B.C. She holds an appointment as an honorary professor in Nursing at UBC.

Source: [http:// 100.apsc.ca/deans-medal-recipients/](http://100.apsc.ca/deans-medal-recipients/)

Sally Thorne



Joining the UBC School of Nursing faculty in 1979 as a Lecturer, Sally has enjoyed a dynamic academic career through almost four decades of the School's history, including a nine year term as Director. Her international reputation derives from her

active engagement in the foundational ideas that affect the discipline, including significant advancements in applied qualitative methodology to ensure that patient perspectives form a credible feature of the evidence landscape shaping health care professional practice today.



Ethel, Rose and Rose's sister, Mary

EDITORS' DESK BY ETHEL WARBINEK



This Summer edition contains our annual reports which provide information on the ongoing work of our diligent directors and committees. We were so pleased to discover 5 of the 10 nurses honoured by the UBC Faculty of Applied Science's 100th year celebration were our members: Cathy Ebbehoj, Rose Murakami, Helen Shore, Sally Thorne and Glennis Zilm. Information and photographs are portrayed on page #1

“This Summer edition contains our annual reports which provide information on the ongoing work of our diligent directors and committees.”

Historical articles of interest include one by Lydia Wytenbroek on the history of stethoscopes, residence living at VGH by Ethel Warbinek and the history of BCORNG (BC Operating Room Nurses Group) now the PRNABC (Perioperative Registered Nurses Association of BC) by Susan Knoll.

The archival corner written by Nan Martin features a nurse from our archival collection along with her picture and photos of her medals. We have a superb collection of biographies, oral histories on BC nurses as well as artifacts. The fall edition will include a report on the CAHN conference which is being held at the time of this writing. Please continue to send your news and articles.

On behalf of all us have a great summer.

Archival Corner

Delphine Rose Alexander [nee Fletcher] 1896-1980

by Nan Martin

Delphine is one of the nurses in our archival Fonds collection. This is a small abstract from Delphine's Fonds 5. She was born on February 2, 1896 in Kaslo, British Columbia. In 1913 she entered nursing school at the Kootenay Lake General Hospital in Nelson, B.C. graduating with a diploma in nursing in 1916. On May 16, 1917 she joined the Canadian Army Medical Corps in Victoria, B.C. After serving for a short time in Canada, she went overseas, serving as a nursing sister in England and France. While serving at the No.1 Canadian Hospital in Etaples, France, the hospital was bombed by German forces four times on May 19, 1918, killing three nursing sisters, and many patients and orderlies. She is shown here in her Canadian Army uniform in 1917.

She received the two WW1 medals shown here:

The Great War for Civilization 1914-1919, and the WW1 medal with image of George Also shown is Delphine's 1916 graduation pin from Kootenay Lake General Hospital. She married a Canadian soldier in 1918, whom she had nursed in a field hospital in France, and nursed until 1926 when she and her husband moved to Kimberly, B.C. Delphine died in Victoria, B.C. on September 10, 1980.



Correction

There was a misprint in Joy Kjellbotn's e-mail address in our last newsletter for people to contact her if they wanted to order a copy of her book. The correct e-mail address is kjellbotn@hotmail.com She has another address kjellbotnjoy@shaw.ca Joy has 12 copies of her book on hand if anyone expresses interest or if a previous email bounced back.

In Honor of Nurses Week - The Stethoscope: A Tool of Nurses Trade since the 1930s

BY LYDIA WYTENBROEK

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Last September, the Miss America competition's talent portion featured Kelley Johnson, Miss Colorado, a registered nurse, who appeared on stage wearing nurses' scrubs with a stethoscope around her neck. Johnson's talent was delivery of a monologue about her experience caring for Joe, a patient with Alzheimer's disease. In a competition where the majority of contestants choose to enact a song or dance, Johnson's performance stood out as unique. But it was comments made about Johnson's monologue the following day by the co-hosts of ABC's *The View* which hurled Johnson, and the nursing profession, into the public spotlight. In the course of recapping pageant events, the co-hosts mocked Johnson's performance. Joy Behar's astonishing remark, "Why does she have a doctor's stethoscope around her neck?," outraged nurses from across the country, who flocked to social media posting pictures of themselves with their stethoscopes under the twitter hashtags [#NursesUnite](#), [#NursesShareYourStethoscopes](#) and [#ThisIsNotaCostume](#). In response to the statements made on *The View*, Pamela Cipriano, President of the American Nurses Association, issued a public statement emphasizing that nurses "don't wear costumes; they save lives."¹

Behar's comment is striking because it demonstrates an appalling lack of understanding about the value of nurses' work. Nurses use stethoscopes on a daily basis in multiple ways that, in conjunction with nursing knowledge and skill, matter to patient care and patient outcomes. On the post-operative ward where I work, nurses are required to use a stethoscope in their assessment of a patient's abdomen and chest, interpreting whether the sounds they hear on auscultation are normal or abnormal with follow-up for abnormal findings. In theory and practice however, the nursing-technology relationship has largely been understood within the confines of traditional concepts of gender and hierarchy which have helped to foster the notion that stethoscopes are a "physician's tool."²

Nurses have historically used the stethoscope for different functions, in different contexts, at different times. In the 1930s, nurses began to routinely use the stethoscope to measure blood pressure.

Beginning in the 1960s, nursing journals carried the first stethoscope advertisements with the technology initially being



A student nurse at a bedside taking a patient's blood pressure while Instructor Sarah P. White looks on, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, 1942. Image courtesy of the Barbara Bates Center for the Study of the History of Nursing.

marketed to nurses as the "assistoscope" and the "nursescope."¹ Naming the nurse's stethoscope the "assistoscope" implied a gendered construction of how nurses engaged with science and technology.

Advertisements attempted to persuade nurses that they could own their "very own stethoscope," one that was "designed with the nurse in mind,"² although most nurses did not purchase their own stethoscopes for use within the hospital setting until the 1980s and 1990s.

Nurses' expanded utilization of the stethoscope reveals their changing scope of practice. In the 1970s, nurses began to use the stethoscope to perform abdominal and chest assessments. David Littmann, the eponymous inventor of the Littmann Stethoscope, wrote in a 1972 *AJN* article that "various types of auscultation" were now "a normal and expected part of modern nursing care" making the stethoscope "as much a part of the nurse's armamentarium as the doctor's."³ Jean Willacker's 1973 article about the nurse's role in assessing bowel sounds, suggested that "nurses ... can tune into patients' gastrointestinal problems if they

are skilled in listening to bowel sounds and know how to interpret them.”⁴ It was the nurse’s “skill in assessing abdominal problems” that enabled the rapid treatment and prevention of life-threatening outcomes for the patient in her case study.

The expanded role of the nurse in physical assessments transformed nursing practice in key ways. As Willacker noted, auscultation required skill and interpretation on the part of the nurse and this nursing knowledge was vital to a patient’s prognosis and recovery. Nurses’ acquisition of physical assessment skills also meant that nurses and physicians re-negotiated professional boundaries as they shared responsibility for the physical monitoring of the patient. In critical care settings, such as ICUs, professional boundaries and skill delineation were initial issues negotiated between nurses and physicians.

In addition to its function as a medical instrument used by healthcare practitioners for physical assessment, the stethoscope has become a powerful symbol of status and scientific expertise. Media representations of physicians especially, but also nurses, in shows like *ER*, *Grey’s Anatomy*, and *Hawthorne*, often depict healthcare providers with stethoscopes tucked in their pockets or hanging around their necks as a symbol of professional identity.

The social and gendered construction of nursing as a caring profession and medicine as a curing profession has historically privileged the work of medicine over the work of nursing and contributed to the invisibility of nurses, as well as their command



David Littmann, “Stethoscopes and Auscultation,” *American Journal of Nursing* 72, no. 7 (July 1972): 1238.

and use of technology. Historian Julie Fairman suggests that it is the nurse who “makes technology systems possible” and who often has “more power over technology system decisions than is usually acknowledged in the current historiographic literature.”¹ The comments made on *The View* reveal that nurses still have work to do in educating the public about their critical role in the healthcare

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technological system. Nurses today use their stethoscopes for a myriad of procedures and assessments. They garner data about a patient’s physiological status, interpret this data, and use it to provide excellent, competent care, and do all of this while keeping the patient at the center of their professional work. As we celebrate Nurses Week let’s keep in mind the genuine contributions nurses make to health care delivery and the ways in which they do so.

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ⁱ “Statement: ANA President Cipriano Responds to Comments on ABC’s ‘The View,’” last modified September 9, 2015, <http://nursingworld.org/HomepageCategory/NursingInsider/Archive-1/2015-NI/Sept15-NI/Statement-ANA-President-Responds-ABCs-The-View.html>

ⁱⁱ Julie Fairman and Patricia D’Antonio, “Virtual power: gendering the nurse–technology relationship.” *Nursing Inquiry* 6, no. 3 (1999): 178-186.

ⁱⁱⁱ Christopher Crenner, “Professional Measurement: Quantifying Health and Disease in American Medical Practice, 1880-1920,” (PhD diss, Harvard University, 1993), 50-51. See also Margarete Sandelowski’s discussion on stethoscope advertisements for nurses in footnote 66. Margarete Sandelowski, *Devices & Desires: Gender, Technology and American Nursing* (Chapel Hill, NC: The University of North Carolina, 2000), 231.

^{iv} Winley-Morris Company Ltd., “Assistoscope,” *The Canadian Nurse* 62, no. 11 (November, 1966): 13.

^v David Littmann, “Stethoscopes and Auscultation,” *American Journal of Nursing* 72, no. 7 (July 1972): 1239.

^{vi} Jean Willacker, “Bowel Sounds,” *American Journal of Nursing*, 73, no. 12 (Dec., 1973): 2100.

^{vii} Julie Fairman, “Alternative Visions: The Nurse-Technology Relationship in the Context of the History of Technology,” *Nursing History Review* 6 (1998): 137.

VGH Student Residences

Where We Lived: A Bit of History

BY ETHEL WARBINEK



Old Home

For those of us who lived in residence, we have fond and not so fond memories. This experience is foremost in lively discussions at reunions and without a doubt, cemented lifelong friendships. For more than 50 years there were on ongoing problems with suitable living arrangements for students. This was not resolved until the 1950 residence opened.

The beginning:

In 1899, the School opened with eight students. The City Hospital, as it was called at this time, was located on Beatty Street, south of Pender Street, facing Cambie. When students enrolled, the expectation was they would be looked after by the hospital which was expected to provide nursing education, accommodation, meals, medical care and a meagre allowance or stipend. Strict rules of conduct were enforced. Residence life for VGH students continued for the next 70 years.

The first residences were rented houses close by the hospital and within walking distance. There was no accommodation at the small hospital for students and female nursing staff. As was the custom of the time, graduate nurses usually lived at the hospital where they were employed. In 1906, VGH moved to its present site and for a short time, students were housed on the second floor of the newly opened Heather Pavilion.

A year later, the first wing of a Nurses Home – always referred to later on as the “Old Home” was opened on 10th Avenue and Heather Street. The second wing was completed in 1908. As hospital beds increased along with increases in student enrollment, there was a critical shortage of suitable residence rooms for students and nurses. In 1912, a house was rented at

640 West 11 Ave and another on Ash Street to temporarily relieve this problem. No mention of whether students lived in these homes could be found and may have been used only for graduate nurses.

The Old Home was bursting at its seams so in 1915 a new student residence opened at the corner of 12th Ave and Heather Street- forever referred to as the “New Home”. This building is still standing today. It was described as:

“The beautiful and comfortable home with its single bedrooms, quiet reading rooms and sitting rooms on each floor gives the nurse a chance to study quietly and live comfortably and should tend materially in improving their health both in body and mind.”

Alas, this was short lived and soon students had to share their rooms with a classmate. A library was opened in the New Home in 1925 and a year later, 200 books had been purchased. The money was provided by grateful patients and others. When the 1950 Residence opened a library was located on the first floor and later moved to the solarium on the top floor.

In 1919, the hospital had grown to 1200 beds, with a nursing staff of 47 graduates and 190 students. Living space for students was once again critical. In 1921, 2 large wards in the Military Annex, which had been erected to care for soldiers wounded in WW1, were remodelled. This area was renamed the West Wing and 28 bedrooms and a sitting room were created for students. In 1929, the Military Annex was demolished as students were now living in wooden buildings, often referred to as “shacks” vacated when UBC moved to the Point Grey campus in 1925. The Mining building was converted into bedrooms and renamed Laurel House. Another adjacent building became West House. They were closed in 1945. Another building, Ellis house, located on West 13th Avenue was also used as a residence. Probably named after Kathleen Ellis,



New Home

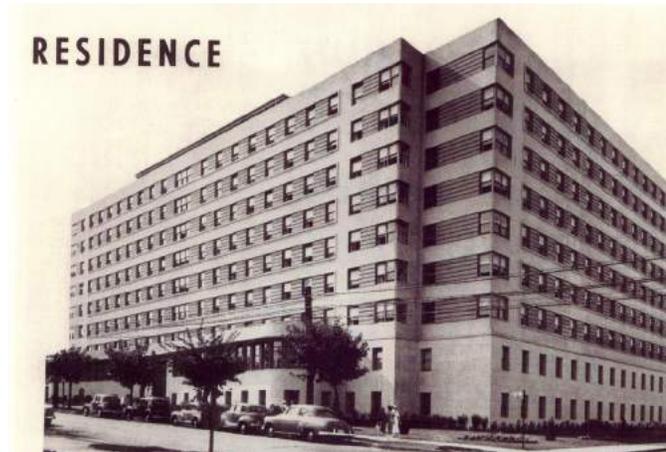
Director of Nurses and Principal of the School of Nursing from 1922-1929. In 1945 a Nurse's Annex was built behind the Old Home on 10th Avenue for 104 students, some of whom had been staying in both Laurel and West Houses. This building was described as safe and comfortable. Students were also placed in rooms in the Semi-Private Pavilion, later Health Centre for Children and in the Private Ward Pavilion. These were temporary measures until the new residence opened in 1950. It was to accommodate 550 students in single rooms. Until then, students were constantly scattered throughout the hospital in crowded and often unsafe buildings and by some, described as "slums. In spite of these deplorable and crowded conditions, graduates have very amusing stories of residence life and tell tales of all the shenanigans that occurred during these early years.

The end of an era:

By 1970 nursing education changed and students were no longer required to live in the residence, although the majority continued to do so. Married students were now permitted to complete their program. In 1981, the traditional benefits of stipends, room and board were withdrawn and tuition fees introduced. If students opted to live in the Residence, they paid rent. In 1985, the School moved out of the Residence to a new building on 10th Avenue. The last VGH class graduated in 1991 and the collaborative UBC/VGH BSN program ended in 1998.

In 2007, the residence was sold and converted to apartments with only the recognizable part – the facade on Heather Street remaining, but the memories remain in our hearts.

*Photographs: VGH SON Alumnae Association Archives
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1950s Nurse's Residence



Students in front of early homes

NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS

GLENNIS ZILM was a speaker on the History of Nursing at the Surrey Museum, March 2016. She demonstrated her talk using artifacts and images to bring Surrey's Early Health Care to life. Attendees were transported back to pioneer days when health care was not what it is today.

NURSING WEEK PRESENTATION

Fifteen retired nurses were in the audience of 32 residents of Thornebridge Gardens for a lively, interactive Nursing Week presentation by **JACKIE RATZLAFF AND GLENNIS ZILM** on May 19. **ANITA DICKSON**, who recently was appointed Health and Wellness Manager at this New Westminster assisted living home, had worked with BCHNS members before and wanted an opportunity for residents to honor their co-residents and nursing staff. Among the 15 nurses in the audience were 1940s and 1950s graduates from Vancouver General, Royal Columbian, St. Paul's, and Riverview hospitals. Jackie wore a replica 1940s Victorian Order of Nursing uniform, and Glennis dressed as Mary Ann Trethewey, who ran her own nursing home in Mission in 1885. They exchanged comments and stories about nursing with the members of the audience. The presentation was followed by a tea party with scones, cream, strawberries, and jam – and exchange of further stories.

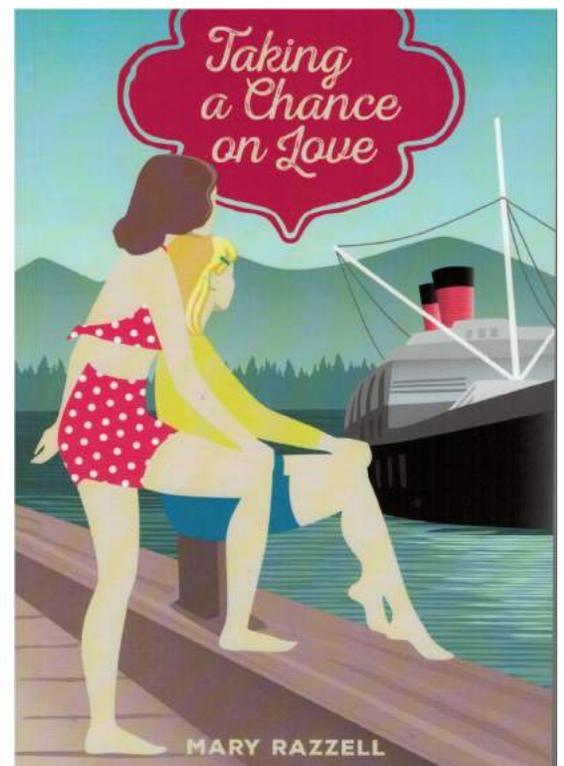
SUSAN ARMSTRONG-REID spent the end of March / early April on a tour of China on a trip related to her new book now nearing completion; this work relates to the Quaker medical convoys in China from 1941 to 1951, and is especially concerned with the Western and Chinese nurses who provided care in battle-torn areas during these tumultuous years.

During this trip, she had three major excursions, including a trip to see the modern Chungmou hospital that grew from the seeds planted by the China Convoy in 1947. Susan and her group were greeted by the press and TV cameras and invited to give a presentation. She showed a film of an actual out patients clinic on a busy afternoon in 1948.

"Afterwards, we were entertained at a magnificent feast by the hospital administrators" Susan said in an email about her trip. "During the conversation, via a translator, with a lovely young woman who is the hospital CEO, we had a wonderful chat about nursing education in Canada versus China and she was very interested in the fact that we have nurse practitioners. Before we left her assistant handed me some of the only early records that they have. We left copies of the video and photos of the hospital during construction as well as when it was in full operation. Quite the day, would you not say?"

MARY NICOL, a long-time member, has added another book to her acclaimed list of Young Adult novels. Taking a Chance on Love, published under the name of Mary Razzell, tells the story of two 17-year-old girls living on BC's Sunshine Coast during World War 2. As with today's young women, they long to enter the adult world. But Meg, despite her mother's desire that she simply find a man to marry, wants to pursue an education that will allow her a fulfilling life. She opts to enter St. Paul's Hospital School of Nursing.

Mary has nine other YA novels, several of them nominated for awards. This one is dedicated to Nina Rumen of BCHNS, who, like Mary, is a St. Paul's graduate from the late 1940s. As well, Mary gives a special "thank you" to Helen Shore for her recollections and advice about care and treatment of seriously ill patients on the VGH burn unit of the 1940s.



B.C. HISTORY OF NURSING SOCIETY 2015 ANNUAL REPORTS

The following reports were presented at the Annual General Meeting on April 14, 2016. 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



Since our last Annual General Meeting, this group successfully celebrated 25 years of existence at an Anniversary Tea held in September, 2015 at Hycroft, the home of the University Woman's Club of Vancouver. The fall newsletter provided a wonderful keepsake of this significant event.

Throughout the year, many items of historical interest were identified and transferred from the College of Registered Nurses of BC to the holdings of The BC History of Nursing Archives collection.

Our group was saddened to learn of the passing of three faithful friends and supporters. They were June Newton in October 2015, Hallie Sloan in January 2016 and Joan Doree in February 2016.

As will be noted by the Chairs of the various committees, the work of this organization continues to meet the original purposes set out in our Constitution and By-Laws. However, unless additional volunteer assistance is identified, changes may have to be considered.

Financial and planning support has been provided for the Canadian Association for the History of Nursing which will meet in Vancouver from June 16-18, 2016. Many of our members plan to attend.

Sincere appreciation is extended to all who carry out the work of this significant organization.

02. Treasurer's Report by: SUE FORSHAW, TREASURER



- The financial status of the History of Nursing is very stable.
- Membership went up slightly from 2014.
- Donations went up approximately \$375.00 from last year.

The following activities are complete or will be before the end May:

- 2015 BChON Income Tax
- 2015 BChON Financial Statement
- 2015 financial review done by Wendy Orvig (paid consultant)
- 2015 T4A tax forms filed with the CRA and scholarship recipients have received the short T4A forms for their income tax returns
- One scholarships of \$1,000.00 was awarded and \$3,250.00 was awarded for the printing of a book.
- Bank account was \$7,015.26 as of the end of December 2015.
- Investment total was \$115,336.87 as of the end of December 2015.
- The 2016 budget has been revised and was presented for approval at the annual meeting.



03. Archives By: NAN MARTIN, CHAIR

Members: Ethel Warbinek (oral histories and biographies) Marjory Ralston (Co-chair), Nan Martin (Co-chair) working with our excellent archivist, Francis Mansbridge.

From April, 2015 through March 2016, the major activities of the Archives committee include:

- The School of Nursing Historical records have been completed as Fonds 31, and are housed in special archival boxes funded by the School of Nursing. They are stored in our office in the wooden bookcase acquired from UBC. A shorter version of the finding aid will be posted on the website.
- A new computer was purchased in May and installed with the help of UBC technician, Evan. Francis reports the large screen provides a great improvement.
- Francis' ongoing work e.g. going through all the records to ensure proper preservation. This includes photocopying all newspaper articles.
- Enhancement of the biographical files and photographs on the website. This intensive work results in the biographies being more comprehensive and visually attractive. Thanks to Francis, Ethel and Anita for their work on this major project.
- A large collection of student cards were received from the School of Nursing. These go back to the earliest days of the School. Archival boxes were purchased for better storage and access.
- We continue organizing and archiving our artifacts in room T271. The updated finding aid is almost complete.
- The first transfer of items from CRNBC was completed in November with signed Deed of Gift form and letter of transfer of Oral History tapes and CDs. Outstanding items that will come to us following digitalization are still in process at CRNBC.
- Requests for information and inquiries have been handled appropriately and efficiently.



04. Biographical by: ETHEL WARBINEK, CHAIR

All of our biographical files are being reviewed. Summaries and photographs are gradually being posted on our website. This process takes time and could not be achieved without the assistance of our archivist, Francis Mansbridge and our web master, Anita Petersen. New biographies continue to be added to the collection. Take a moment to visit our website and view the posted biographies.

05. Oral History by: ETHEL WARBINEK, CHAIR

All the oral history recordings from CRNBC have transferred to us along with original copies of the summaries. The wooden cabinet, which was used to store the cassette tapes in the CRNBC library, has been gifted to us and will be used to store the tapes. Francis is making a list of all the recordings – cassettes and CDs and this will be posted on the website. It will take time to prepare summaries. Ten cassette tapes will be selected and given to Chris Hives, UBC Library, to be transferred to CDs.

06. Nominations By: JACKIE RATZLAFF

The following Directors were elected for a one-year term ending after Annual General Meeting in 2016

President	<i>Kathy Murphy</i>	Vice President	<i>Vacant</i>
Secretary	<i>Lynne Esson</i>	Treasurer	<i>Sue Forshaw</i>
Member-at-Large	<i>Vacant</i>		
Archives	<i>Nan Martin</i>	Biography & Oral History	<i>Ethel Warbinek</i>
Membership	<i>Sue Forshaw</i>	Friendship	<i>Glennis Zilm</i>
Newsletter	<i>Lynne Esson</i>	Pages of History	<i>Sheila Zerr</i>
Scholarship	<i>Kathy Murphy</i>	BC Historical Federation	<i>Vacant</i>
		Displays	<i>Cheryl Entwistle</i>
		Memorial Books	<i>Lynne Esson</i>
		Program/Website	<i>Lenore Radom</i>
		Parks Canada	<i>Vacant</i>



07. Newsletter BY: LYNNE ESSON & SHEILA ZERR

Members: Lynne Esson (chair) Beth Fitzpatrick, Ethel Warbinek, Naomi Miller, Sheila Zerr, Glennis Zilm
Meetings: At the call of the chairperson, few meetings were held and mostly by email.

Committee Activities: Three full issues of the history of nursing newsletter were published in 2015. All issues were guided by Anita Petersen's design and graphics. We thank Sue Forshaw for her assistance with labels and membership lists. Also thanks to Lenore Radom who works with the printer and facilitates the mailing of newsletters for those who do not have e-mail and Lynne Esson who sends out the newsletters electronically.

Editors for 2015

- Spring: Glennis Zilm and Naomi Miller
- Summer: Ethel Warbinek
- Fall: Sheila Zerr and Catherine Haney
- Winter issue sent by Lenore Radom

Future Plans: We will continue to issue 3 newsletters per year with the winter issue being replaced by a special membership mailing.



08. Pages of History By: Sheila J. Rankin Zerr, Chair

MEMBERS: Sheila Zerr (chair) Lenore Radom,

Pages to date: There are 92 pages of history, 80 hard copies and 12 on the website. There are an additional 10 pages under development. Most recently added are Nan Martin and Margaret Scaia. We are currently working with Sheila Oxholm & Beth Fitzpatrick to complete their pages.

There are three sets (three albums each) of display albums. One set is used for History of Nursing displays and is held in the archives. One set is kept by Lenore Radom. This set will be used for requests by family and researchers for a scan of a page of history. The third set will be held by Sheila Zerr as the archival album. New pages will be added to these albums as they are completed. The archival album will hold the consent form for each page as well as the committee reports and material relevant to the pages of history project. Consent form revisions have been made to obtain permission to place a page of history on the web site.

Recommendations:

- We will continue to work on the 10 pages of history currently under development.
- Lenore will place a complete list of the names listed in the 3 albums for those interested in researching a page of history. A side clip on the pages of history home page will guide those interested to the page they are seeking. [Has been sent to webmaster to be added]



09. Scholarship by: KATHY MURPHY, CHAIR

- The Scholarship Committee accepts applications in November and March of each year and is pleased to commend the winners in the past year.
- Hrag (David) Yacoubian, an MSN student at UBC, received the November award to assist in his study of the humanitarian relief work of missionary nurses in relation to the role that North American nurses played during and after the Armenian Genocide.
- Taranjot Gill, an MSN student at UBC, received the March award to assist in her study to examine what has influenced the development and current status of public health nursing in BC.



10. Program by: LENORE RADOM

Highlight of the year was planning for the BCHNS 25th Anniversary celebration at Hycroft Sept 20, 2015. This was reported in detail in the newsletter and on the website.

BCHNS helped spread the word for the UBC School of Nursing Consortium. Several of our members attended.

11. Membership by: SUE FORSHAW

2015 numbers: There were 70 full members, which included 6 honorary members, 52 regular members, 12 affiliate members and 9 student members.

2014 numbers were as follows:

- 63 full members
- 6 students

2016 current numbers

- 65 full members
- 6 students



12. Parks Canada Nomination by: NAN MARTIN

Ethel Johns (1879 - 1968)

From my report last year, you know that Ethel Johns, first Director of the UBC School of Nursing, was honoured by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, Parks Canada, as a “Person of National Historic Significance.”

A recognition ceremony was held on February 10, 2015 at Cecil Green Park at UBC. The bronze plaque has not yet been mounted awaiting completion of renovations to the patient park near the Acute Care Hospital which houses the UBC School of Nursing. With renovations almost complete, Parks Canada will be contacted to arrange mounting of the plaque. Please check the Blog on our website www.bcnursinghistory.ca for further information of when this event will take place.

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.

However, with the death of Hallie Sloan this year, Lydia Wytenbroeck, President of CAHN and a member of our Society, wrote to the Historic Sites and Monuments Board to remind them of the nomination from CAHN endorsed by our society. No response so far.

13. Website by: LENORE RADOM, CHAIR

Core Members: Beth Fitzpatrick, Jennifer Stephens [Facebook & Twitter], Lenore Radom [Chair].

Website events, blog, and online exhibits have been added by Beth and Lenore. Pages of History also added. For information refer to Pages of History report 0.7. Facebook and Twitter have been kept current by Jennifer.

Our Website is in need of an upgrade which has been discussed and is planned for 2016. Technica Systems has been paid for the adding of Bio Files A-E \$262.50 and for the 2016 Website hosting and maintenance fee of \$924.00.

The most frequently visited sites in 2015 were:

- Blog
- Archives
- Collections
- Events
- Online Exhibits
- Archival Fonds
- Resources
- Bio File List
- Membership
- Pages of History

14. Memorial Book by: LYNNE ESSON, CHAIR

During the year (2015), the History of Nursing Society either initiated or assisted with three nominations for the ARNBC. There were two nominations for the CNA Memorial book. These individuals will be recognized during the Awards Ceremony and will be entered into the book.

Nominees for the ARNBC Memorial Book were: Vicky Bach, Verna Huffman Splane, Shirley Anne Steele
They were recognized during the ARNBC Awards Ceremony in the fall 2015.

Nominees for the CNA Memorial Book were: Verna Huffman Splane, Beverly Witter DuGas
They will be recognized at the CNA convention in June 2016. Thank you to Glennis Zilm for her assistance.

15. BC Historical Federation by: NAN MARTIN

The 2015 activities of the Federation include:

The Federation, in partnership with the Quesnel & District Museum & Archives, hosted the three day annual conference in historic Quesnel from May 21st to 23rd, 2015. Glennis Zilm and I attended as voting delegates on behalf of our society.

These conferences are always well organized and so much fun! On Thursday evening, historians from throughout BC were welcomed by local dignitaries at the Opening Reception in the excellent Museum. The Friday bus tour was to historic Cottonwood House and Barkerville. In Barkerville, Glennis and I were most impressed with the facility housing the Archives!

On Friday evening, interesting historic films were shown at the Museum. Saturday morning was the AGM where member society reports were presented. Items arising from the Council meeting included the New Societies Act which will affect all societies by requiring streamlined constitution and bylaws. Interesting lectures were presented on Saturday afternoon followed by the lovely Banquet and awards ceremony in the evening.

The destination for the 2016 conference is Revelstoke, May 26th to 29th.

- Publication of their quarterly British Columbia History Magazines and Newsletters. The Newsletters were sent electronically to our President, Kathy Murphy, then forwarded to our on-line members, thus reaching out to more readers. The Newsletter is also available on their website www.bchistory.ca which has a brand new look and is well worth viewing.
- Our society pays an annual fee of \$75 as a member society of BCHF. Johnson Inc., a corporate member and partner continues to support the Federation with special member rates for Medoc travel insurance and home insurance therefore our members are eligible for coverage.

16. Displays by: CHERYL ENTWISTLE, CHAIR

Members: Catherine Haney, Nan Martin, Bruce Holvich.

UBC School of Nursing Space for Display Items Thanks to the hard work of Nan Martin, the display items have been gathered, labeled and arranged on shelving units. This has made our work much easier. All BCHNS models, dolls, and display materials are now located at UBC.

2015 Displays:

Ethel Johns Display: February 10 2015 at Cecil Green Park House. This event honoured the naming of Ethel Johns (1879 to 1968), as "A Person of National Historic Significance" by the Government of Canada. Historical dress and nursing items were displayed.

Displays at UBC SON

- Ethel Johns March- April 2015
- Remembrance Day: November 2015
- Helen Vandenberg's doctoral dissertation Nov- Dec 2015: "From Methodist Mission to Modern Hospital"
- UBC Nursing History Consortium for Nursing History Inquiry Nov-Dec 2015
- BCHNS Newsletters - January -February 2016: A selection of BCHNS Newsletters was displayed
- The Military Life of June Newton April 2016.

Additional displays:

- Community Health Conference Van Dusen Gardens, May 13 2015
- British Columbia Nurses Union Day Vancouver General Hospital, June 13, 2015
- UBC Marion Woodward Lecture Robson Square October 15 2015.
- British Columbia Nurse's Union Conference February 29 and March 1 2016

BC Perioperative Nursing Organization Celebrates its 50th Anniversary

BY SUSAN KNOLL



The spring of 2016 marks the 50th anniversary of the formation of the BC Operating Room Nurses Group (BCORNG) now the Perioperative Registered Nurses Association of BC (PRNABC). As a part of the celebrations of this milestone, we prepared an updated history of the organization as both online and print documents. Additionally, the past Presidents will be hosted and recognised at the 25th Biennial conference, “50 Years on the Cutting Edge”, to be held in Kelowna June 24 – 27, 2016. What follows are some highlight from the last five decades.

Since the initial months of the group’s existence, the organization has continued to develop and evolve. It was during the decade of 1960-1970 that a provincial group of operating room (OR) nurses was first envisaged and discussed. The idea for such an organization was considered during a seminar for OR nurses from many areas of BC, held at Vancouver General Hospital (VGH) on May 5, 1966.¹ This seminar was followed by the first executive meeting, held May 12, at St. Paul’s Hospital (SPH). Thus BCORNG became the second special interest group of the Registered Nurses Association of BC (RNABC) to organize, with a treasury of \$39.20.¹ At the end of this decade, in September, 1969, the first issue of News and Views was published. As a quarterly publication, the newsletter circulated information from the Provincial Executive, as well as clinical data, to the membership.

The 1970s saw the gradual growth of BCORNG as an organization, with biennial institutes held at the Hotel Vancouver. One particularly notable event was the 4th National Conference (BCORNG’s 5th Institute) in 1976. Delegates from across Canada attended this meeting with the theme “Unite for Excellence”. A number of documents were also produced by members of the organization during this time, including the first Standards of OR Nursing, published in 1974.¹

The 1980s were a time of expansion and achievement. The Operating Room Nurses Association of Canada (ORNAC) was officially inaugurated in 1983. The following year, at the National Conference held in Jasper, Alberta, the birth of ORNAC was formally recognized by OR nursing organizations across the country with each providing representation to the ORNAC board. BCORNG celebrated its 20th anniversary in 1986 and the first history document was published. The biennial institutes, or conferences, continued as a focus for BCORNG and provided lots of enjoyment despite all the volunteer hours of work involved.

The 1990s saw BCORNG, in collaboration with ORNAC, “actively pursuing the expanded roles for perioperative nurses”² with focus on the Registered Nurse First Assistant (RNFA). BCORNG identified a need and interest for the development of an RNFA educational program that would be offered in BC and available nationally. The British Columbia Institute of Technology

(BCIT) was seen to be the most appropriate partner and the program was offered for a few years. Furthermore, the 1993 edition of the ORNAC Recommended Standards for Perioperative Nursing Practice included a chapter on perioperative nursing competencies. This publication was used as a primary resource for the development of the CNA certification exam in perioperative nursing.³ Perioperative nursing was recognised as a specialty in 1995 and that year, 496 registered nurses attained certification in perioperative nursing.⁴ Earlier in the decade in 1994, the first BCORNG conference was held outside Vancouver in Vernon. This was followed in 1996 by the 30th anniversary conference in Victoria, during which founding and past Executive members participated in the opening ceremonies and were presented with the 30-year pin.

Not long after the new millennium began, BCORNG moved to develop and use new technologies to communicate with the membership. The June, 2001, issue of News & Views was the first e-mail edition offered to the membership, and, as of the summer of 2008, the newsletter became accessible only through the website. During this decade, BCORNG conferences were held in a variety of regions around the province and were, in part, facilitated by the use of the new technologies for communication amongst the planning committee and membership. In 2006, BCORNG celebrated its 40th anniversary at the conference at Harrison Hot Springs and a number of special events were included. During the final years of this decade, transformation is a term that can be appropriately used in relation to BCORNG. The dissolution of RNABC in 2005 and the formation of CRNBC lead to BCORNG making the change to become a society under the provincial Society Act and registering as PRNABC in 2009. Simultaneously, a decision was made to put the BCORNG records into safe keeping and in 2007, the BCORNG Historian, with the assistance of the BC History of Nursing Group (BCHNG) archival committee, transferred the records of BCORNG to the BCHNG archives at UBC School of Nursing.

2010 on... In 2010, PRNABC implemented on-line membership application and renewal for existing and potential members. Additionally, for the 2010 conference held in Penticton,

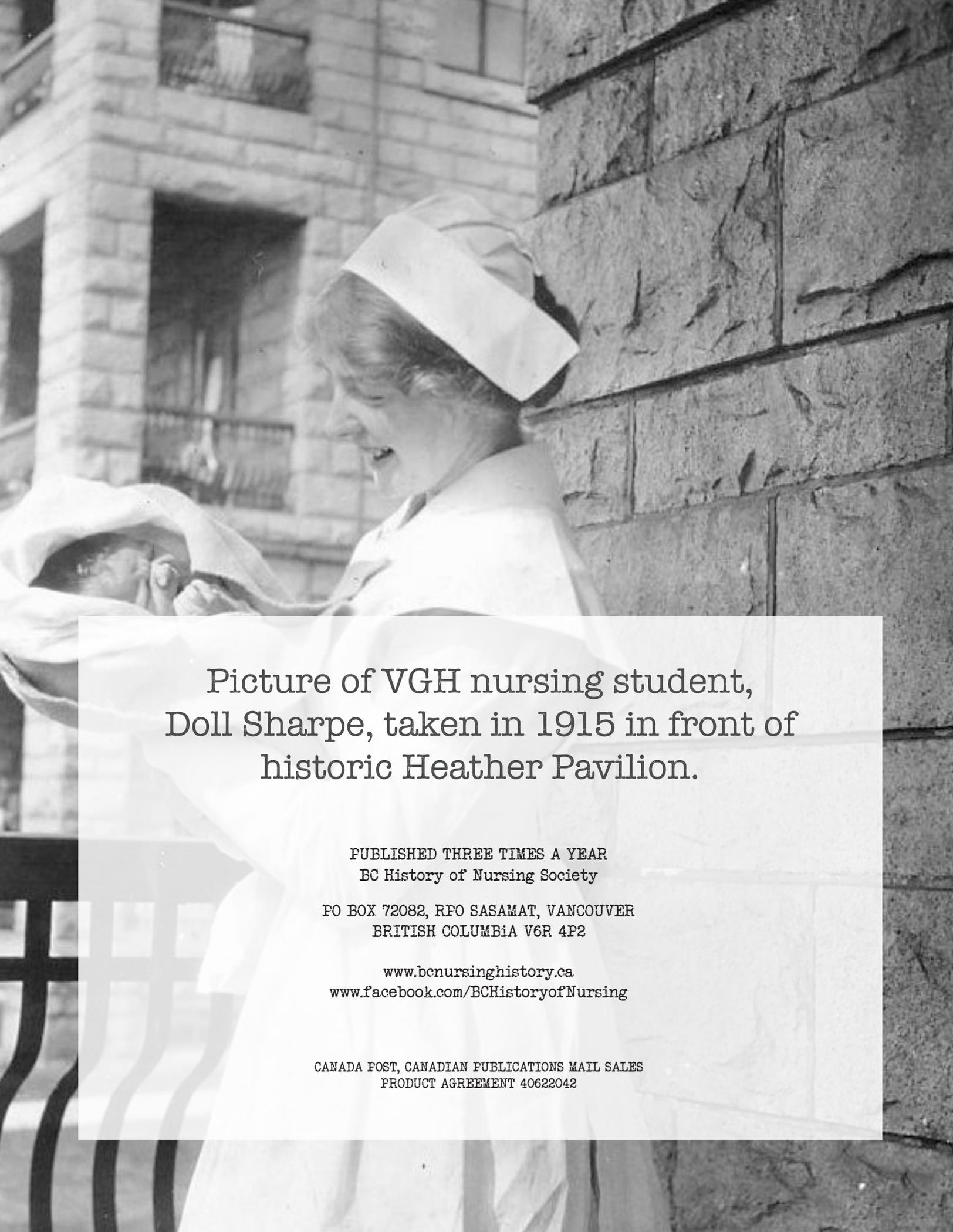
the planning committee utilized a professional conference planner for the first time, a successful practice that continues. Several of the recent changes that occurred at ORNAC also have significance for PRNABC. In the fall of 2014, PRNABC membership application and renewal process took place through on-line registration via ORNAC. For reasons not fully understood, PRNABC now finds itself with a membership of 189, a significant decrease from the number of 669 reported in the June 2008 issue of News & Views.⁵ This decline in membership is of concern, and PRNABC is exploring possible reasons and ways to increase membership. Changes in perioperative nursing practice continue to evolve, and perioperative nurses across Canada now use the "Safe Surgery" check list thus providing more concerted attention to routine care for perioperative patients.

Many of the membership have shared their stories to update and expand the history of this dynamic organization. Without the dedication of so many perioperative nurses, who have advocated for perioperative patients and perioperative nursing practice throughout the province and across Canada, our history would be negligible. For any further information please contact Susan Knoll, PRNABC Historian, via email historian@prnabc.ca

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Picture of VGH nursing student,
Doll Sharpe, taken in 1915 in front of
historic Heather Pavilion.

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