



"THE HISTORY GROUP"

will hold its

INAUGURAL MEETING

during the

RNABC ANNUAL MEETING

DATE: Thursday, May 3, 1990 at 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: RNABC Meeting, Hyatt Regency Hotel,
Vancouver

SPEAKER: Nora Whyte on "The History of
Provincial Public Health Nursing in
B.C. 1939 - 1959"

AGENDA: Brief Business Meeting
Displays
"Mocktail" Reception

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MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER

Background

Last August, the RNABC's History of Nursing Advisory Committee sponsored a meeting of Vancouver-area nurses who might be interested in forming a history of nursing interest group. Nineteen nurses met, and expressed interest in such a group, to be set up under the auspices of RNABC.

An interim executive was elected and has proceeded with plans for such a group. Initial meetings have been held with RNABC staff. Our "membership" has grown through "word-of-mouth" promotion since then and we have the required numbers to apply under the RNABC's "Professional Practice Group" category. The executive now has made a formal request to RNABC.

An "inaugural meeting" for the province-wide group is planned to coincide with the RNABC's Annual General Meeting. We have booked a room for Thursday May 3, 1990, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Hotel to proceed with the business involved. We hope that having in the meeting in conjunction with the AGM will enable nurses from throughout the province to attend. (You need not be registered for the AGM to come!)

Our speaker will be Nora Whyte, one of the founding members of the Vancouver group. Her topic is "History of Provincial Public Health Nursing in B.C. 1939 - 1959." She will be sharing information from her master's thesis on this topic.

A brief "business meeting" will be held to get the group officially underway. We need to deal with such business as the aims, permanent executive, name (proposed is "The History Group"), number of meeting per year, constitution and bylaws, and fees.

We are also planning some displays for the meeting, raffle for an Ethel Johns doll contributed by Sheila Zerr, and a "Mocktail" reception thanks to the sponsorship of the B.C. Dairy Foundation. Hope to see you there! Please "Pass the Word" to others who may be interested in HoN.

HoN News Briefs

From the original 19 members at the Vancouver-area meeting, each of whom contributed \$5 to help get the group launched, we have now grown to a membership of 24 paid-up members and a mailing list of about 35. This satisfies RNABC requirements for a professional practice group.

Treasurer Nina Rumen holds tight to the purse strings as we try to get the group going. We have about \$120 in the kitty, but have "meeting expenses" coming up.

The RNABC's History of Nursing Advisory Committee plans to survey B.C. Schools of Nursing to determine how much emphasis is placed on the teaching of history of nursing. The committee is working on a questionnaire.

RNABC has hired archivist Laura Coles as a "Nursing History Coordinator" on a part-time basis for the rest of 1990. Part of her duties will be to promote interest in history of nursing in B.C. and to encourage the collection of and preservation of archives, historical books, and artifacts related to the history of nursing. We hope that she will be working closely with members of our group.

The RNABC's "Oral History" project is continuing as a volunteer project under a committee headed by Sheila Zerr. The committee is looking for interested volunteers throughout the province. If you might be interested, get in touch with Sheila either at the May meeting, by phone at (604) 943-3012 (Delta, B.C.), or through the RNABC.

Look for the display of "Nursing Sister" Note Cards at the meeting. The cards were sponsored by the Vancouver Unit of the Nursing Sisters' Association to promote a project to restore the Nursing Sister Window at the Memorial United Church in Vancouver. The unique stained glass window shown on the card honored nurses who served in World War I. We believe it may be one of only two stained glass windows in the world that so honors nurses -- the other being in Westminster Abbey in London.

If you have "news" to share with others interested in HoN, please let me know. Let others know of the meeting so we will have a good turnout.

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