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## A Special Presentation!

### *Nursing Ethics: A Perspective: Past, Present, and Future*

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**Saturday, March 18, 2000, 2-4 PM**  
**B.C. Lung Association**  
**2675 Oak Street**  
**Vancouver, B.C.**  
**(11th and Oak)**

You are invited to a special presentation jointly sponsored by the B.C. Lung Association and the History of Nursing Professional Practice Group on **Saturday, March 18th, 2-4 PM.**

*Lois Blais* completed her Masters in Nursing in 1996. Her work in ethics includes studies in philosophy and a major ethics paper for her Masters degree. *Lois* recently retired from her patient care leader position at St. Paul's Hospital but she has not retired from nursing. Come and hear her talk on ethics!

RSVP to Nina Rumen 733-7529  
Refreshments served!

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### From The President's Chair

We are planning ahead for what we hope will be a stimulating Annual General meeting. The main business of the meeting will be to present an accounting of the work of the History Group, annual reports from committee chairs and we are very happy to be naming a new Honorary Member. Also at this meeting there will be the election of new officers to the positions of President, Vice-President and member at large. We hope to see many of you at the meeting which starts with coffee and muffins at 0800 hours with the business meeting following from 0830 to 1015 hours. The meeting will be held as usual in the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

This is my last report to you as President. I want to express my appreciation to the Executive for their unfailing support and consideration during my tenure, and to the membership for their warmth and kindness. I have found the various activities I have been involved in stimulating and challenging. It is true that one keeps on learning throughout life and I do believe that active involvement is the greatest gift. Of course, I will be continuing to work hard to advance the cause of the History of Nursing. Think how far we have come and still further to go! All the best. *Helen Shore*



## Recent Events

### UNIFORMITY - IVAN SAYERS

Costume Historian Ivan Sayers was featured in November 1999 at the Surrey Museum where he offered a slide show and presentation of occupational and recreational uniforms from the last century. Sayers' program highlighted the museum's concurrent program entitled UNIFORMITY which offered a wide-ranging collection of uniforms "inside and out, from top to bottom" also from the past century. Six HoN members were part of the small but fascinated audience that enjoyed Mr. Sayers' illuminating anecdotes as he displayed dozens of uniforms, each with its own story. Sayers is able to demonstrate through his slides the evolution of clothing styles and fashions and offers interesting perspectives on how and why women and men dress as they did and do.

Several nurse's uniforms caught members' interest, beginning with a functional and washable gray cotton dress from mid 1890s featuring leg-of-mutton sleeves, floor-length gored skirt and front buttons to the waist. Its owner was Bertha Cunliffe who was latterly one of the matrons at the VGH student nurse residence.

Next the WW1 Canadian Nurse's military dress uniform was greatly admired. It was of navy blue wool with red cuffs and high collar, smart buttons, hat, leather belt and boots. The military nurses were commissioned officers (Lieutenants) and as such were the first women allowed to vote in Canadian elections. Nina Rumen explained the commissions were considered essential for the nurses to be able to maintain respect from all ranks of service men. Also, Canadian Prime Minister R.B. Bennett was instrumental in declaring military nurses had "earned" the right to vote in the 1917 "khaki" election, which put them ahead of other Canadian women.



A WW1 nurse's uniform, from London, England, was another display of particular interest. This pale blue dress, worn under a white apron, was from the Voluntary Aide Division (VAD) which was a group of young British women, trained briefly at the bedside, then sent to military hospitals close to the battle lines. The roles of the VAD were meant to augment those of the fully trained qualified nurses, but most importantly, they were never to usurp the authority of the graduate nurses. In Vera Brittain's excellent book *TESTAMENT OF YOUTH* (1933) the tensions between VADs and British trained nurses during the war years are eloquently described. This included the strict rule that VADs were to wear their veils tucked under the knot, whereas the nurses wore their veils in the traditional and classic fashion, over the knot.

Lastly, from the 1950s, there was shown a white wash and wear nurses uniform, likely in the no-iron fabric called Terylene, which initially was considered state of the art when replacing starched bibs and aprons.

There were many and varied uniforms displayed, from sports such as cricket, rowing, cycling, basketball, swimming, fencing, tennis, boxing, to uniforms for occupations such as maids, store clerks, gas station attendants, mechanics, flight attendants, locomotive engineers, Osaka Olympics attendants, and Vancouver's own White Spot!

And there were many more. All were interesting: Salvation Army, Masonic Order, RCMP, clergy and military. It is not possible to touch on the magnitude of this display. We are so fortunate to have Mr. Sayers with his scholarly interest in apparel through the past century, and before. Members will recall Ivan Sayers' presentation at the International History of Nursing Conference in Vancouver in 1997. We will look forward to further displays with commentary by Mr. Ivan Sayers.

*Jill Thompson*

## ENCORE

On Saturday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>, three HoN members presented papers at the former VGH School of Nursing Residence. The presenters were **Ethel Warbinek** whose paper *Celebrating the Memories: Vancouver General Hospital School of Nursing 1899-1999* was illustrated by 40 slides. **Glennis Zilm** spoke of her *Search for Margaret Etta's Photograph—OR, The Importance of Primary Sources in Historical Research* and **Sheila Zerr** whose topic was *Dressing Up History: Nursing Attire in B.C. in the 1850's; Origins and Social Significance*. Glennis and Ethel had presented their papers at the CAHN conference last June and Sheila's paper was presented last year at the University of Victoria's Research Day.

The following thank you comments were kindly spoken by Jill Thompson at the completion of the presentations.

- ♦ **Ethel** - your slides were a treat, illustrating the detail and depth of your research.
- ♦ **Glennis** - We learn from and enjoy your wide-ranging knowledge and depth of study. We really wanted you to find Margaret Etta and you did!
- ♦ **Sheila** - You meld art and research in your portraits of individuals in nursing history. They are always a joy to see and amazing in their detail.
- ♦ In summary: We could revisit each topic individually and we probably should. We are left wanting more!

We were pleased that 45 attended this event. A lovely Valentine Tea followed hosted by the VGH School of Nursing Alumnae Association's Archival Committee. Members were invited to tour the three archival rooms - the Textile Room, the Archives Room and Museum.

*Ethel Warbinek*



## MAKING HoN VISIBLE

The B.C. History of Nursing Group had a high profile at the National Nurse Educators' Conference held by the Canadian Association of University Schools of Nursing (CAUSN) in Vancouver Feb. 24-27, 2000. Titled *Celebrating Achievements and Embracing Challenges*, the conference attracted more than 300 participants from across Canada as well as a few speakers from the U.S., Australia, and Japan. New HoN Member **Katharyn May**, director of the University of B.C. School of Nursing, has just taken on the demanding role of president of CAUSN.

Our **Janet Gormick**, UBC professor emerita in nursing, received an honorary life membership in Western Region CAUSN, presented at the Conference banquet. This rarely-given tribute recognizes Janet's many contributions to national CAUSN as well as to the region; during her years at UBC she almost single-handedly filled the role of CAUSN's local organizer and voice.

**Janet Gormick** also arranged and managed an attractive History of Nursing Group exhibit in the busy registration area throughout the Conference. Part of the display honored Ethel Johns, director of Canada's first university nursing degree program (at UBC in 1919); each year CAUSN gives an Ethel John's Award. As well, the table provided an appealing show on the activities of our History of Nursing Group, which attracted much attention and signed up a few new members. Several local members staffed the table at busy times throughout the Conference and sold cards and tee shirts. Many thanks go to: **Helen Shore, Nina Rumen, Lois Blais, Helen Niskala, Lynne Esson, Inga Von Maydell, and Pat Wadsworth**, all of whom came in specially; some conference participants also dropped by to help at various times.

History of Nursing members also were well represented as speakers. **Sally Thorne** gave the "Opening Remarks" at the welcoming recep-



tion for all delegates. Concurrent papers at the conference were on educational matters, but a couple of papers on history of nursing (related to education) were also accepted: **Karen Abbott** and **Sharon Simpson** presented on "Preparing New Graduates to be Leaders"; **Ethel Warbinek** and **Glennis Zilm**, on "A Lesson from the Past"; and **Sheila Zerr** and **Glennis Zilm**, on "Educating for Practice 1905 and 2000."

**Sheila Zerr** and new member **Cathy Ebbejoh** were on the conference organizing committee; Cathy, a tireless worker at this event, was chair of the fund-raising sub-committee. Sheila also took time to display her new 1905 uniform costume at the HoN display area following her session; this depicts the "walking out" uniform of Gertrude Richards, a 1905 graduate of the Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria.

Other HoN members noted as delegates at the Conference included Vice-President **Lynne Esson** and **Rob Calnan**, former RNABC president and this year a nominee for president of the Canadian Nurses Association. Associate member **Janet Ross-Kerr** of Edmonton attended the banquet.

*Glennis Zilm*

## Historical Displays Popular

The History of Nursing Group continues to be very visible in the nursing community by putting together numerous interesting historical displays.

The UBC School of Nursing Open House in October had two large display boards, one featuring Ethel Johns, the first director of the UBC School of Nursing, and another showing the History of Nursing Group's general activities. In November another display was prepared for the RNABC leader's conference and was well received. In February, 2000 yet another display was taken to



the annual Ethel Johns Research Forum.

The display cabinet in the RNABC Board Room currently features "Highlights of Collective Bargaining by Nurses 1912-1980" and was prepared by *Irene Goldstone*. it depicts nursing leaders Lillian Randall, Alice Wright, Evelyn Hood and Nora Payton and outlines their important roles in securing collective bargaining for improved working conditions, hours of work and pay scales.

Currently in the foyer of the RNABC building is a mannequin (dummy) dressed in a VGH uniform and supplied by the VGH School of Nursing Archives Committee. *Joan Andrews*, RNABC librarian, kindly loaned the History Group a wall mounted cork bulletin board, located just above the computer terminals, which contains interesting artifacts and an enlarged photograph of the VGH stained glass window.

Many thanks to those members who put together and take care of the displays when they are on public display. There are too many individuals to mention! **And we wonder if anyone has a dressmaker's bust that they would donate to the History Group for future displays since we do not own one.** Please call Helen Shore (731-9588) for more information.

### **Audiotapes "Stable"**

Archivists have decided that audiotapes are a "stable" medium and can last for decades. *Jill Thompson*, Chair of the HoN Group's Oral History Committee, had been concerned that our tape collection might need to be "refreshed" so information would remain useful.

*Joan Andrews*, RNABC Librarian, replied recently that this was recommended in the past. Now, however, archivists now have decided audiotape is a reliable and stable medium for storage.



## Book Reviews

Richards, Linda. (1911/1948). *Reminiscences of Linda Richards: America's first trained nurse*. Boston: Whitcomb & Barrows (Reprint Philadelphia: J.B. Lippincott, 1948). (Available RNABC Library WZ 100 R 524 1911)



Recently, I stumbled across a small (121-page), charming little book in the RNABC Library containing the reminiscences of Linda Richards, "America's first trained nurse." This delightful book was written in 1911, when she retired from a life devoted to establishing better educational programs for nurses. The book was reprinted in 1948 to "celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of American Nursing."

In a highly readable style, Richards writes that she grew up with a desire to be a nurse because of the public interest in the need for nurses during the Civil War. When she was old enough to work, there were no formal training programs, but she eventually joined the staff of the Boston City Hospital where the head nurse helped her. However, her health broke down after three months and she was forced to leave. Later, she learned that a school would be organized at the Hospital for Women and Children in Boston, and she applied even before the school was opened.

Her name was the first of five entered on the role when the school opened September 1, 1872, and she was a pupil for one-year program, then given her diploma. She writes: "Any distinction which has come to me as the first trained nurse in America arises solely from the fact that I

was the first student to enter the newly organized school, and so the first to graduate from it" (p. 12).

Following graduation, she was asked to stay on as a head nurse, but instead joined the staff at New York's Bellvue Hospital, where a two-year program had been organized in May 1873. She retained her interest in learning and, although considered a graduate, she took the final examinations with the first students. Although she admired Sister Helen, who ran the school, she was not impressed by the school's program, comparing it unfavorably with her own, where lectures had been organized and rotation given through various departments.

She then became the first superintendent of the Massachusetts General Hospital Training School, where she initiated an improved program under control of a separate board of trustees. In the spring of 1877, she went to England "to spend some months in hospitals, to learn from them methods of training school work" (p. 32). She enrolled in a six-month course at St. Thomas's Hospital. She also visited Florence Nightingale, who arranged for her to work as a visitor at King's College Hospital (one month) and then to go to Edinburgh Royal Infirmary (one month). Following these instructive visits, she stayed at Lea Hurst with Miss Nightingale, then went on to France, where she visited hospitals and schools.

On her return to America, she was hired (January 1878) as superintendent to organize the Boston City Hospital Training School. In August 1879, her health again broke down and she was forced to take a three-year rest before returning to BCH until December 1885. She then spent five years with the American Board of Missions, organizing the first Western-type training school in Kyoto, Japan.

From 1890 to 1899, she took short-term positions in various states to organize or manage schools of nursing. She then became interested in

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the care given for the "insane" and became superintendent of training schools in three large institutions, initiating many changes in the nursing care and the education of nurses for care of the mentally ill until her retirement in 1911, when she wrote the *Reminiscences*.

*Glennis Zilm*

Harold, Hughina (1996). *Totem poles and Tea*: Surrey: Heritage House Publishing Co. Ltd.

In 1935, a newly graduated registered nurse from Victoria's Royal Jubilee Hospital accepted a position as teacher and nurse for Village Island, a two-hour rough water boat ride from Alert Bay north and east of Vancouver Island.

As Hughina Bowden, the twenty year old was grateful to be offered the position by the Anglican Church of Canada at the small Kwakiutl village and mission which had been the winter home of the Mamalilikulla people for thousands of years. Miss B as she came to be called was expected to meet the needs for education and health care for ninety dollars a month, a generous sum in the Depression years. Fortunately for all, Miss B had also graduated from Victoria's Normal School as a teacher. A hospital ship, the Columbia, with a doctor on board and a chapel, sailed out of Alert Bay utilizing a "wireless" to communicate to Alert Bay's hospital. The Columbia plied the remote waters, acting as a lifeline for the remote camps and villages dotted along B.C.'s northern coastlines.

Vivid stories are related by Miss B as she tells of her day to day existence teaching a dozen or so children of all ages in the small wooden school house, when they appeared, and of public health concerns, midwifery duties and first aid. Anecdotes are always told



with respect and with a growing sense of appreciation for the culture, art, music and even time sense of the villagers. Miss B was the entry level professional and triage nurse well before such terms were understood. On looking back, she felt she had experienced a way of life that should not be forgotten. For two years, the author had lived among some of the first citizens of Canada, teaching and nursing, in the tiny, remote, run down village which clung to the edge of an isolated island.

The village homes and people, aboriginal or new, are described in vivid detail but also with a tinge of sadness as works of art were already faded and decaying, totems, house fronts and community buildings weathered and gray. Colorful art was apparent but neglected and the ancient arts seemingly lost.

Miss B was allowed, however, to attend a rare and clandestine potlatch ceremony of celebration. The potlatch had been outlawed by government decree in 1884 and was considered illegal. Part ancient ritual and part celebration, the ceremonial potlatch had been integral to traditional native society since time immemorial. What Hughina Bowden saw and heard left a strong impression — singing, drumming, artistic adornments, colorful blanket robes in red, blue and green featuring family crests of whale, bear, salmon and seal outlined with flashing mother of pearl buttons. Carved wooden figures painted in yellow, red, blue, green then outlined in black were displayed. All made a fascinating display in the eyes of the young city woman watching from the doorway.

There are many episodes one could mention in this vividly descriptive book. It is wonderfully written and “takes you there” to mingle with the people in the homes and school. Miss B’s description of the village schoolhouse is a master of understated criticism. The wooden building had been constructed in 1926. High narrow windows allowed filtered light on one side only, the forest side away from the water. One of the books many



valuable photos illustrates clearly this questionable design which was no doubt meant to prevent young eyes from wandering to the tempting outdoors beyond the drab walls.

Finally, Miss B's home away from home for two years is fondly and humorously described in its eccentric setting. It sat on the water, moored as if a houseboat but so close to shore that it rested on the beach, on a slant, at low tides. The village teacher-nurse was obliged to adapt to uneven footing twice daily, which she of course, did as she had no choice.

Fortunately for the Village Island people, their nurse's training, common sense, intelligence, kindness and humor served them well. This book presents an unbeatable account of not only aboriginal history but of nursing history — a brief, first hand historic view of the life of the people who resided on B.C.'s remote coasts.

*Jill Thompson*

## New Books

*Never Leave Your Head Uncovered: A Canadian Nursing Sister in World War II*, Doris V. Carter (1999). Potlatch Publications Limited, 30 Berry Hill, Waterdown, Ontario L0R 2H4, (905) 689-2104 ISBN 0-919676-52-9. A riveting autobiography of Nursing Sister Lieutenant Doris V. Carter who served with the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps from 1940-1945.



*Historical Encyclopedia of Nursing*, Mary Ellen Snodgrass (1999). ABC-CLIO, P.O. Box 1911, Santa Barbara, CA. 93116.

ISBN 1-57607-086-7. A unique reference work which traces the story of nursing from Roman times to the present and includes numerous biographies of health-care pioneers and activists.

*Florence Nightingale: Mystic, Visionary, Healer*, Barbara Montgomery Dossey (1999) Springhouse Publishing Company ISBN 087434984-2. A biographical examination of the life of Florence Nightingale, highlighting her major milestones and historical periods and complemented by lovely photographs and artwork.

### **In Print**

Duncan, S., Leipert, B., & Mill, J. (1999, Sept.). "Nurses as health evangelists?": The evolution of public health nursing in Canada 1918-1939. *Advances in Nursing Science*

Leipert, B. (1999, Sept.). Women's health and the practice of public health nursing in Northern British Columbia. *Public Health Nursing*.

Xiang-Dong, Li, & Acorn, Sonia. (1999). The evolution of nursing administration in China. *International Nursing Review*, 46 (3), 91-94. (Interesting overview of "western" influences on nursing. Sonia Acorn is acting director of the School of Nursing at the University of British Columbia.)

### **Catching Up: News About Our Members**

The B.C. Cancer Agency (BCCA) announced the appointment of **Dr. Sally Thorne** as Chair of the Board of Trustees. Dr. Thorne has been actively involved with the National Cancer Institute of Canada and the Canadian Society for International Health. She has served on the



BCCA Board of Trustees since 1994 and has been Chair of the Population Strategies Committee since 1997.

In the fall of 1999 **Lynne Esson** visited Guru Nanak College of Nursing in Dhahan-Kaleran, India. Lynne and other faculty members in the UBC School of Nursing are working to help the Guru Nanak program become an internationally recognized degree program in nursing.

A photograph of **Lyle Creelman** appeared in the summer issue of the UBC Alumni Chronicle. Ms. Creelman received her BAsc(Nsg) from UBC in 1936 and her MA from Columbia University. She was a public health nurse in Revelstoke, Richmond and Vancouver and became director of public health nursing for the Vancouver Metropolitan Health Committee. She joined the World Health Organization and went to Switzerland as chief nursing officer where she helped develop nursing programs around the world. She is an officer in the Order of Canada.

**Dr. Shirley Stinson** received the Alberta Order of Excellence in October 1999. Dr. Stinson is credited for world-renowned work in promoting research and advancing education in the field of nursing. She is a long standing supporter of the history of nursing provincially and nationally.

An upcoming issue of *Reflections*, the quarterly publication of Sigma Theta Tau, will feature an account of the nursing career of **Dr. Verna Splane**.

**Edith Landells Lees**, author of the 3-volume *Military Nurses of Canada*, was a guest speaker at the Canadian Authors' Association dinner in Vancouver on Dec. 15, 1999. In her well-received presentation, she used an excerpt from the narrative of Jean MacBain MacAulay, a Nova Scotia nursing sister with the No. 2 Canadian General Hospital in Normandy in 1944.

In recognition for the years of dedicated hard work and support, **Kathy Murphy** and **Pat Wadsworth** were made Honorary members of the Registered Nurses Foundation of B.C.

An article entitled "A Home of Our Own" was featured in the November-December issue of Nursing B.C. The article explains the quest by the History of Nursing Group for a permanent archive facility and was written by honorary member **Dr. Beverly Du Gas**.

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### **Margaret Allemang Center gets a "Home"**

The Margaret Allemang Center for the History of Nursing in Toronto has accepted a formal offer of space from Toronto's Riverdale Hospital. The Center, named for Nursing Historian Dr. Margaret Allemang, a founder of the Canadian Association for the History of Nursing, has been collecting nursing archives and artifacts for several years. The room at the Riverdale Hospital is a temporary site, although the facility is interested in a long-term relationship. The room is free, but the Center will be responsible for expenses such as telephone. (Source: Margaret Allemang Center *Newsletter*, January 2000)

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### **Last Call for Membership Dues!**

And our congratulations to **Shirley Stinson** who recently sponsored memberships in the History Group for 9 University of Alberta students!





A FUND RAISING DINNER FOR  
"A HOME OF OUR OWN"

Jointly sponsored by the B.C. History of Nursing  
Professional Practice Group  
and the Registered Nurses Foundation

**Date: Thursday June 15, 2000**

Place: Vancouver Lawn and Badminton Club  
1630 West 15th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C.

5:30 PM-6:30 PM No Host Bar  
6:30 PM Dinner

8:00 PM Ivan Sayers presents

**"Nursing Costumes through the Years"**

Ivan Sayers, Historian and Past Curator of the Vancouver Museum, will present an entertaining historical review on costume trends and nurses' attire.

Cost: \$65.00 (\$25.00 Tax Receipt Provided)  
Tickets available from Nina Rumen 1-604-733-7529  
Limited Seating: Please Book Early

## Nurses Week 2000

**Brenda Flynn** has been invited to give a slide presentation on her project on Vancouver's Monuments to Nurses during Nursing Week (May 7-13, 2000) at the Royal Columbia Hospital. In addition to her work, Brenda has been elected B.C. Nurses Union Regional Lobbyist. During one of the BCNU workshops, Brenda also presented her slide show on Monuments.

**Beverly Liepert** has been invited by the Prince George Chapter of the Registered Nurses Association of B.C. to give a presentation at the Prince George Regional Hospital on Wednesday, May 10, 2000, at 7 PM. The presentation: *A History of Early Public Health Nursing in British Columbia and Alberta*, will compare and contrast public health nursing work, organization of service, and education in B.C. and Alberta during the years 1918-1939. For further information and for confirmation of place and time, telephone Sheila McIntosh at (250) 565-7311.

## Remembering Margaret Duncan Jensen, 1921-1999

Margaret Duncan Jensen passed away on December 25, 1999 in San Jose, California. Margaret was born in Revelstoke, B.C. and graduated from the Vancouver General Hospital (VGH) School of Nursing in 1945 and that same year received a BA from the University of British Columbia (UBC). In 1946 she earned a BASc(Nsg) from UBC.





After graduation Margaret became a clinical instructor in medicine at VGH for a three year period and then served on the UBC faculty from 1950-1963. There she taught nursing arts and maternity nursing in clinical areas as well as helping to supervise small hospital administrative experience for final year students.

Margaret received a Kellogg Foundation Fellowship and attended the University of Chicago to earn an MS degree with emphasis on maternal child health. In 1962 she went to the University of Berkeley for doctoral study and while there, she married. From 1963 on, she lived and worked in California except for a brief return to UBC in 1970-1971 to act as chief lecturer for a series of maternity nursing workshops.

Margaret was well known and respected for the five obstetrical nursing textbooks that she co-wrote. *Maternity Care, the Nurse and the Family* earned the 1977 American Journal of Nursing Book of the year Award. She was also named "Nurse of the Year" by the March of Dimes in 1978. Margaret was invited to give the Marion Woodward Lecture at UBC in 1978. Her topic was "The Expanding Family: A Nursing Perspective".

A memorial service was held on Thursday January 20, 2000 at the Theological College, Chapel of the Epiphany, at UBC. A memorial scholarship in her name has been set up: The Margaret Duncan Jensen Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Faculty of Applied Science, 2006—2324 Main Hall, UBC, Vancouver, B.C. V6T 1Z4.

*"Those who do not look upon themselves as links  
connecting the past with the future do not perform their  
duty to the world."*

*Daniel Webster, 1782-1852*



## HISTORY OF NURSING PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE GROUP OF THE REGISTERED NURSES ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

The History of Nursing Professional Practice Group provides a forum for those interested in the history of nursing to exchange ideas and information. The Group, formed in 1990, strives to stimulate interest in history of nursing and promotes study of and research into history of nursing in British Columbia. The Group also encourages the teaching of nursing history in educational programs and can assist in the preservation of historical nursing materials.

Membership categories are honorary, full, affiliate and student. **Full members** must be paid-up practicing or paid-up non-practicing members of RNABC. Interested individuals not paying RNABC practicing or non-practicing fees may join as **affiliate members**. If you are enrolled in a nursing education program or are a registered nurse enrolled in a graduate program, you may join as a **student member**. Please get in touch with any member of the executive if you are interested in membership.

Dues for 2000 are: Full and Affiliate \$20; Students \$5. Membership year is January 1 to December 31. Send name, address, telephone number, or name of the educational program. Make checks to "History of Nursing Group" and send to: **Lois Blais**, Treasurer, 4074 West 16th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. V6R 3E1.

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