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## We Celebrate with Beverly DuGas

*Family and friends gathered on July 6, 2003 to help Beverly celebrate her status as an octogenarian. Her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday took place on June 29, 2003.*

The celebration took place at "the Springs of Largarra" (part of her condominium complex). This spot, at one time, was the site of the old children's hospital. Nourishing springs actually exist in the area. The members of Beverly's family present were her oldest son Bud with wife Peggy and daughter Lindsay. Her daughter Barbara with husband John and daughters Allison and Kimberly. Their daughter Jessica, a student at McGill University was unable to attend. David, her second son, was accompanied by Linda and his daughter Nadine. Baby Tristine accompanied Nadine and Mike. Tristine is Beverly's first great grandchild. Beverly's third son Danny from Prince George, was with his wife Lenore. Their two sons Darren and Timothy were unable to attend. Three of Beverly's grandchildren lived with her while attending university, Nadine, Darren and Timothy.

The friends helping Beverly celebrate were from elementary and high school days, nursing school and university days, working days, her "swimming group", the Royal Commonwealth Society and her history of nursing friends. Pam Hardisty, former chief research librarian in the House of Parliament in Ottawa, was from the Zonta Club. Mary and Les Canty, friends from nurses training days, travelled from Victoria to attend.

The lady members of Beverly's family supplied the delicious food. Beverly cut a large strawberry shortcake to mark her special day. The family honoured Beverly's birthday by placing a doll in the history of nursing Memorial Nursing Portrait Collection. The presentation was made by her oldest son Bud as he paid tribute to his mother's outstanding nursing career. Bud gave a sincere description of the significance of Beverly's contribution to nursing and the family's wish to honour her career by placing a doll in the collection.



*Beverly Du Gas and her family*

## Dr. Helen Mussallem to Receive Prestigious Award

Helen has been selected to be a recipient of the 2003 R. Louise McManus Medal by the Nursing Education Alumni Association Teachers College (NEAA) Columbia University. The award will be presented at the Awards Reception and Dinner on Thursday, October 2nd, 2003 at the Alger House, 45 Downing Street, Greenwich Village, NY. The McManus Medal is NEAA's highest award, and Helen is richly deserving of this honour. Congratulations Helen, you continue to honour Canada and bring pride to all Canadian nurses.



### GETTING TOGETHER

History Group Executive Meetings are usually held the first Thursday of every month at the RNABC Offices from 4 PM—6 PM. All members are welcome to attend. For further information please call President Beth Fitzpatrick at 1.604.898.3156.

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## From the President's Pen

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By Beth Fitzpatrick

The History of Nursing Group had a busy summer beginning with a very successful and inspiring workshop at the beginning of July. Janice Boyle, Director of Development and Communications at Covenant House in Vancouver was the guest speaker for the morning session where the focus was on fund-raising for the "Home of Our Own" project.

Janice, who has a very down-to-earth and practical approach, has raised more than 11 million dollars for Covenant House in the past 5 years. Janice emphasized that the History Group must spend time articulating the importance of the "Home of Our Own" project, the expected cost and what individual donation/pledges will buy. The person being asked to donate funds must know what their donation or pledge will be used for and what impact their gift will have.

Janice did not recommend hiring a professional fund raiser. Volunteer fund-raisers who are committed to the project work best. She emphasized that the most cost-effective and successful way to raise funds is face-to-face and peer-to-peer asking. Although special events such as luncheons, raffles and so forth can be fun, they are labour-intensive and the main purpose of fund-raising is often side-tracked. And fund raising must first start by asking all nurses across B.C. to give their financial support to the project before we can convince others to give, such as corporations and foundations.

After an extensive question and answer period and a lunch break the group spent the afternoon identifying priorities for 2003-2004. These are to concentrate on fund-raising for a "Home of Our Own" and prepare a vision statement, to increase our membership (people power), to begin planning for the 2006 CAHN/ACHN conference in Vancouver, and to ensure the continuing maintenance and development of our current archival holdings.

Many thanks to those members who have agreed to chair and sit on committees. Several committee's have already met and are working hard to help us achieve our goals. Please give them your support. All aboard for a fantastic year!



# Addendum

References were inadvertently omitted from the article by Pat Wallace **A Visit Worth Making: The Florence Nightingale Museum in Turkey**, published in the last issue of the HON news, Vol. 14, Issue 1. This was due to a failure in the electronic transfer of the materials. The references are:

Following the italicized first paragraph: *Footnote 1* Extracts from a letter from Florence Nightingale to Dr. William Bowman, 14 November, 1854, cited in "I have Done My Duty: Florence Nightingale in the Crimean War 1854-58, p. 36, ed. Sue M. Goldie, University of Iowa Press, March, 1987, (as extracted by Barbara Montgomery Dossey in "Florence Nightingale Mystic, Visionary, Healer", Springhouse Corporation, 2000, pp. 125-126).

Referring to Constantinople: *Footnote 2* The city of Constantinople was not officially renamed Istanbul until 1930, although it had been popularly called Istanbul for the previous five centuries.

Photograph of Selimiye Barracks, circa 1854: *Footnote 3* Photo of Barracks from Brochure, Florence Nightingale Museum (annotation by writer).

Photograph of Museum "Examination Room" *Footnote 5* Photo from Brochure, Florence Nightingale Museum.

## Book Review

Hoyt-McGee, Arlee. (2003). *Badges of Honour: New Brunswick nurses' pins*. Fredericton: NANB Nursing History Centre. ISBN 1-895613-38-8

As Arlee Hoyt-McGee points out, despite their historic significance, little knowledge of the nurses' pins, medals, insignias, and certificates has been preserved (p. 14). In this excellent, beautifully illustrated book, she provides an in-depth description and background on the nurses' graduation pins from the schools of nursing of New Brunswick from 1888 to the present. Each description is accompanied by a color photograph. As well, the book serves as an excellent brief history of all the N.B. schools of nursing.

The project, one of the last before Hot-McGee's untimely death this year, also provides considerable insight into the background of the use of pins and medals in nursing. In it, she acknowledges the 1987 RNABC project carried out by Irene Goldstone that resulted in the unique pin collection on display in the RNABC foyer.

A copy of the book is available for loan in the RNABC Library. If you are at all interested in the history of nursing pins, this is a "must read."



## School of Nursing Alumnae Celebration

*The display cabinet, lobby mannequin, library table and board at RNABC will be featuring a selected School of Nursing Alumnae.*

Every three months the display will be changed as each Alumnae take their turn. The display in the boardroom cabinet is set up with titles on the three shelves: shelf one the general history of the School of Nursing and the Alumnae and a display of their publications, shelf two for the School of Nursing memorabilia such as uniform, pins, caps, school curriculum, student records, shelf three is entitled historical milestones for outstanding accomplishments of the school. The lobby mannequin will feature a uniform from the school and the library board and table will draw attention to the display areas by giving highlights of the alumnae display and activities. The first display from September to November 2003 will feature the Royal Jubilee School of Nursing. In November we hope to feature the University of British Columbia "honour roll" display with additional honour roles from the various schools of nursing. If you can supply your school honour roll of graduates who have served in the war please contact Sheila Zerr at 604-943-3012.

We hope to draw attention to the history and activities of the various school alumnae in B.C. and to join in partnership with them to promote and preserve the history of nursing in this province.

### View these beautiful displays from various Alumnae Groups



SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER '03

*Royal Jubilee Alumnae Artifacts*

NOVEMBER '03- JANUARY '04

*UBC Nurses Honour Roll from contributing Alumnae*

FEBRUARY - APRIL 2004

*VGH Alumnae Artifacts*

MAY – AUGUST 2004

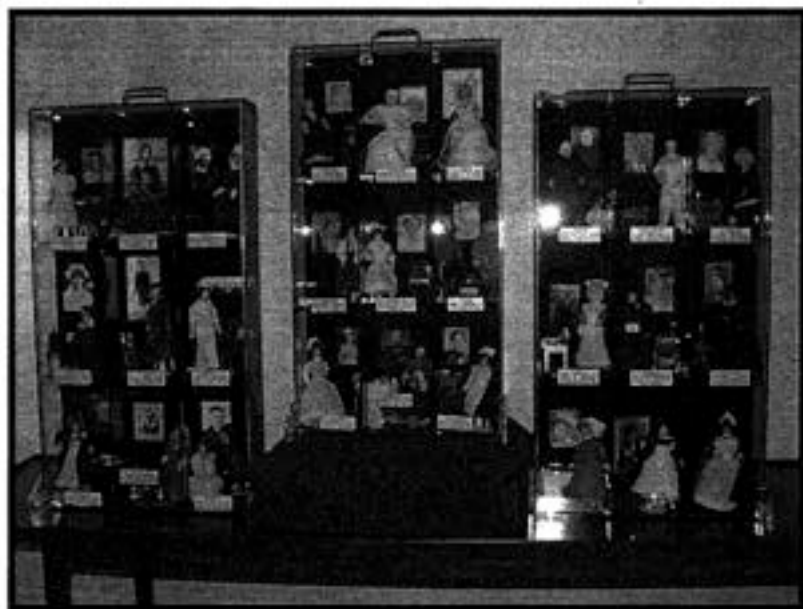
*St. Paul's Alumnae Artifacts*

# Memorial Nursing Portrait Collection

The Memorial Nursing Portrait Collection is now complete. There are 27 dolls in three cabinets with 9 dolls in each cabinet. We are working with RNABC to negotiate a permanent placement in the RNABC building. The space given to the collection is important as we hope to have the collection in a well travelled area of the RNABC building, away from direct light that may damage the collections fabrics and pictures. A book describing each memorial doll will accompany the collection and serve to explain the historical significance of the doll and the

person honoured by the nursing portrait.

This project has served to raise significant funds to offer scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students pursuing a study into the history of nursing. General contributions to the scholarship fund will continue. You may donate an amount of your choice and receive an income tax receipt for your contribution. Send to Faye Mueser, Treasurer, B.C. History of Nursing Group.



*Collection is permanently displayed at the RNABC 3rd Floor Reception Area*

## HOW THE BC HISTORY OF NURSING DEALS WITH ARCHIVE REQUESTS

MAKE REQUESTS TO OUR ARCHIVE COLLECTION BY:

Telephone: 604.822.1714

Website: [www.bcnursinghistory.ca/](http://www.bcnursinghistory.ca/)

Mail: BC History of Nursing  
Professional Practice Group  
P.O. Box 72082,  
RPO Sasamat  
Vancouver BC V6R 4P2

*When making a request please follow these guidelines:*

State your name and/or organization including address, telephone number, and email address. State details as to what you are looking for and whether you need to research our collections.

If we have the materials you are interested in, a charge for photocopying, postage will be made. If a search is required by our Archivist an hourly rate will be included. An invoice will be sent to you listing the charges and monies owed.

*All requests will be responded to within two weeks.*

*Pledge an  
Hours Wage!*  
*by Beth Fitzpatrick*



Thank you Beverly Du Gas, for your article *A Home of Our Own* (*Nursing B.C.*, April 2003) and giving us a vision of why we need to preserve the rich history of our past. Your specific suggestions on how B.C. nurses can financially support establishing and maintaining our very own Provincial nursing history centre are appreciated.

At the 2003 RNABC AGM, delegates unanimously supported a resolution put forth by the History Group to ask each nurse in British Columbia to voluntarily donate an hour's wage toward the Archival Development Fund for a small museum and archives. If B.C. nurses financially support this project it will attract corporate sponsors and foundations that donate larger sums of money. Our goal is to collect \$500,000 in the next 5 years. We also plan to establish a virtual museum on-line and develop "travelling road shows" of archival materials that can be taken across the Province.

To those nurses who have already donated, we extend our thanks and assure you that your donations have gone toward hiring a professional archivist and preserving the collection so that it does not deteriorate. To others, please give us your support and make out your cheque to the **B.C. History of Nursing Archival Development Fund**, and mail it to B.C. History of Nursing Group, Box 72082, RPO Sasamat, Vancouver, B.C. V6R 4P2.

## **In Memory of ...** *It is with sadness that we learn of the death of*

*Dr. Arlee Hoyt McGee – August 10, 2003. She was a long standing member of the BC History Group.*

Arlee (wife, mother grandmother and life-long supporter of nursing) graduated from a 3-year diploma school and a 4-year baccalaureate nursing program. She achieved a Master of Arts Degree and a Diploma in Psychiatric and Addiction Nursing. Her long and varied nursing career included public health nursing and health education with a focus on patient advocacy. She was a pioneer nurse in independent practice and addiction nursing in New Brunswick. She was appointed to the first Alcohol and Drug Dependency Commission of that province, served for 7 years and was instrumental in establishing nurses to work in addiction centers. She served on other National, Provincial and local health related boards. Both a teacher and a counselor she authored several articles and books. Her book *It's Up to You*, was published in 1981 and was used as a reference in New Brunswick Schools.

She founded the New Brunswick Nurses Museum and Archives and was the keeper of its nursing history. She spearheaded many creative nursing projects and preserved 750 nurse images (in fact, film and fiction) She was awarded a Lord Beaverbrook Scholarship in Law and received a Honory Doctor of Science Degree from the University of New Brunswick

# CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

## **Canadian Association for the History of Nursing Sixteenth Annual Conference**

**Friday, June 11 to Sunday, June 13, 2004**

**York University, Toronto, Ontario**

The Canadian Association for the History of Nursing invites abstracts for papers on any topic in the history of nursing. Papers must represent original work not already published in the press. For further information, please contact Beth Fitzpatrick at [bethfitz32@shaw.ca](mailto:bethfitz32@shaw.ca)

### **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS**

**on or before January 15th, 2004**





## NEWS about MEMBERS

### **NINA RUMEN**

Nina Rumen was deeply honoured by our recognition of her career and with her honorary membership in the B.C. History of Nursing Group. We featured her story in the last newsletter.

*She wanted to add a few important historical points:*  
In Churchill she was not only the nurse on call for

the OR but she was on call for all OBS deliveries!!!! In 1954, Iserholm Germany, it was the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corp (RCAMC) Nursing Sisters who were considered the "colonials" when working with the Queen Alexandra Nurses at the British Military Hospital RCAMC became Canadian Forces Medical Service (CFMS) during her career. In 1970, Lahr Germany, CFMS was responsible for the health of families, embassy staff, as well as Canadian Civilians.

### **BRENDA FLYNN**

Brenda Flynn has been active promoting nursing and nursing history. She participated in the B. C. Nurses Union initiatives to promote recommendations of the Romanow Commission on Health Care to local municipal councils. She continues to present her Nursing Monuments research project to nursing and public gatherings. Included in her many activities, a trip to Africa with her husband where she safaried from Nairobi to Mombasi.

### **JESSIE MANTLE**

Has published a book with co-author Jeanette Funke-Furber, *The Forgotten Revolution – The Priory Method: A Restorative Care Model for Older Persons*. *The Forgotten Revolution* documents the care practices and the management infrastructure that restored dignity and wholeness to the older people who made the Priory Hospital their home. This book re-discovers the Priory Restorative Care Model and places it in the public domain. It is needed as much in the new millennium as it was 30 years ago. This book can be purchased online from Trafford Publishers at [www.trafford.com](http://www.trafford.com). Cost \$16.95 + \$3 for handling.

### **AVRIL BRIGGS**

Avril Briggs of Prince George who teaches at the School of Nursing at UNBC, is interested in the history of nursing in the area and has been doing some work on early nurses. She has compiled a list of retired nurses for interviews. She is interested in hearing from others with knowledge about nursing in the area before the UNBC School of Nursing was established.

# Pages of History



Sponsoring a Page of History is a tremendous way to honour a friend, especially one who has died. The individual sponsoring the page is asked to write a brief "biography" in 300 words or less of the individual to be honoured. The biography and a photograph must fit onto one page. In the case of someone who has died, the regular newspaper obituary serves as a great starting point, but it is often nice to add a few more details regarding the individual's nursing career, and perhaps a few more "personal" words. The photograph, coloured or black and white, is placed on the page along with the biography and then placed in a mylar sleeve and filed in a large handsome binder. The binder is kept by the History of Nursing Group and is displayed at nursing events. The book will be available through the archival collection when researchers are looking for information about nurses.

The page costs \$25.00 and you will receive an income tax receipt. You make the cheque payable to the History of Nursing Group - Archival Fund. You can mail your cheque, biography and photo to the Treasurer, Faye Meuser Box 72082 RPO Sasamat, Vancouver BC V6R 4P2. You will receive a reply from the Treasurer. Your information will be passed along to the Pages of History Committee and your page will be formatted. Be sure to give your full name and address so that your receipt can be mailed to you.

To date, we have 60 Pages of History filed in the binder. We urge you to honour your friends and relatives and leave a permanent record of their nursing career. This is a great way to ensure their contribution to nursing will not be forgotten in the years to come.

## THERE ARE SOME LIFE STORY RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THOSE INTERESTED IN WRITING BIOGRAPHIES:

**COURSES** Simon Fraser University Studies at Harbour Centre - 604-291-5093.  
University of British Columbia courses in life story and journal writing - 604-822-9564.

**BOOKS**— *Keeping Family Stories Alive: Discovering and Recording the Stories and Reflections of a Lifetime*, by Vera Rosenbluth.

*Family Ties, Family Wisdom: How to Gather the Stories of a Lifetime and Share Them With Your Family*  
by Robert Ukeret.

*Legacy: A Step-by-Step Guide to Writing Personal History*, by Linda Spenser.

*Becoming the Author of Your Experience, The Story of Your Life*, by Mandy Aftel.



## In Memory of Jill Thompson Beaudreau 1937—2001

Jill was born and raised in Saskatoon, however, she spend over forty years practicing in BC, as a staff nurse, family practice nurse, public health nurse and nurse educator. In 1977 she began her teaching career and taught nursing students at Okanagan University College and at the University College of the Fraser Valley. An exemplary teacher and role

model she was enthusiastic and sincerely interested in her students.

In 1965, Jill spent a year at Guy's Hospital in London, England. Thus began her life long interest in Florence Nightingale. She became an authority on Nightingale's life and over the years amassed an extensive collection of books, artifacts and other memorabilia. This collection at her request has been donated to the History of Nursing Group.

After taking an early retirement in 1995, Jill joined the BC History of Nursing group and remained an active member until her death in November 2001. She held numerous positions on the executive such as chair of the Oral History and Membership Committees. Other responsibilities included membership on the Editorial Board for the *History of Nursing News*, and guest editor. As well, Jill coordinated many attractive historical displays at RNABC.

Jill was frequently invited to present her research on Florence Nightingale and to teach nursing history classes to students at various Schools of Nursing. Shortly before her death she was invited to talk about Nightingale to chapter presidents in Kelowna. Even though she was ill at the time, she also gave a nursing history class to students at Okanagan University College. Such was her sense of responsibility and need to share her love of nursing history with others.

Jill was also a skilled writer, contributing numerous articles and book reviews to the *History of Nursing News*.

Jill Thompson died peacefully on November 20, 2001 at age 64.



## **“Origins of Professional Nursing”**

*One Hundred Years of Nursing in Germany—1828 to 1927  
From Kaiserworth to International Recognition through  
Agnes Krall”*

**Nov. 15th, 2003 Speaker: Inga von Maydell**

**Place: VGH Nurses Residence (12th Ave and Heather)**

**Time: 1300 hours – 1500 hours Refreshments included.**

**Contact: Lenore Radom – 604-277-6782**

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