

The BCHNS board wishes you a happy and healthy 2025!

The holidays and the beginning of the New Year gives time to reflect and share important highlights. We very much wish that the New Year may bring health and happiness for all. A special shout out to all the nurses in BC and their invaluable contributions to the health of our citizens!

The BC History of Nursing Society has continued its work and focus on nursing history during the past year and we are happy to share some highlights. At the 2024 AGM, we were excited to welcome several new members to the board. We also appointed a subcommittee to work with Anita Petersen on the renewal of our website, which is currently in process. We plan to officially launch the renewed website at the next AGM, but it may already be available earlier. We will keep you informed. We held regular meetings via Zoom and we enjoyed several interesting presentations of speakers on important topics in nursing history. We highly value the leadership of Frances Affleck, who took on the role of Newsletter Editor, and your input to the Newsletter is much appreciated. Another highlight was the opportunity to award a bursary to support student's nursing history projects. In the New Year we will continue to build upon this work and keep up with our initiatives.

One of the BCHNS initiatives includes putting names forward for the NNPBC Memorial Book, and which we also put on our website. If you come across any names of nurses to put forward in 2024, please let us know. Collectively, we will be able to commemorate nurses for their contributions to the profession.

Upcoming BCHNS meetings we announce on our website and please notify us of your attendance through the "Contact us" option on the website, so that we can send you the link for attending. *We are excited to invite you to the upcoming presentation along with a board meeting scheduled for February* **11 at 4 pm**. Please hold the date, details to follow! Also, we are excited to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the BCHNS on *April 14 at the 2025 Nursing History Symposium*. Please hold that date too!

Last but not least, *please be reminded to renew your membership for 2025. The renewal membership & tax deduction forms are included in this mailing.*

Please share this information with anyone you think would be interested in joining the BCHNS. I am pleased to especially welcome the new members who joined in 2024! We always welcome new members!



Best wishes for a Happy New Year, on behalf of the BCHNS board, Geertje Boschma, President