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## **Message from the NAA President**

I am pleased to report that the MGH Nurses' Alumni Association is in the midst of a very busy and productive year. Some highlights:

- We have launched a virtual "Heroes" lecture series to showcase our graduates, our school, and the important work of nursing.
- We continue to work on digitizing significant MGH School of Nursing historical material for future generations of nursing researchers.
- We continue to support IHP student nurses with scholarships and awards.
- For the past three years we have provided an annual research grant through the MGH Munn Center.
- For the past two years we have supported the IHP SON in a community program driven by student nurses improving patient care for those living in a local elderly facility.
- Our website is regularly updated with current and topical information of interest to our members.
- And then of course there is the incredible planning and effort of the 150<sup>th</sup> Committee on top of all the above! Please see the registration information in this issue and plan on joining us for what will be a truly wonderful and memorable celebration.

Finally, I would like to note that the annual NAA ballot will be coming out in early July, so please watch for that. We have several talented and experienced new board candidates we are eager to add to our board as well as some returning members, and there will be two questions regarding changes to our bylaws.

None of this activity would happen without the incredible NAA community – our dedicated board and committee members, our class agents, and each of you. Thank you one and all!

I look forward to seeing you at the 150<sup>th</sup> in September.

Sincerely,  
Ann Quealy, MGH SON '64  
President, MGH Nurses' Alumni Association

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### NAA News

**The MGHNAA Grant** was awarded during Nurses' Week. The MGH's Munn Center for Nursing Research has announced that in honor of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the MGH SON, it will sponsor, from their own funds, a second award, matching NAA grant criteria, amount and term. Both awards will be called the MGHNAA Grant. They are thrilled to be partnering with us and to be celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of the school in this way. The Center reports that the MGHNAA research grant is the most popular, sought after research award by nurses at MGH, with more proposals (5) received than any other grant in any other year. "We can be proud of our association and its mission - the passion for nursing and MGH burns brightly within the NAA." (Mary Larkin '76, Chair, PDRCE Committee)

**Office move:** Volunteers have been working hard to organize our office move from Austen 3 to the IHP campus which we plan to have completed before May 31. **All contact information remains the same.**

### MGH News

Despite protests from some staff, the mask mandate did end at the hospital on 5/12/2023.

Campus construction is in full flower, with all the attendant noise, heavy equipment and traffic confusion on full display.

### IHP News

**Celebrations:** Ann Quealy (1964) attended the IHP SON Commencement Exercises held at the Boston Convention Center on May 11, 2023 - her greetings are included in the Commencement Brochure and can be reviewed by following the link on the IHP SON website. Connie Ryan (1976) carried our Alumni Association flag in the procession. Sheila Burke (1971) represented the NAA at the ABSN Pinning ceremony held May 12, 2023. May Chin (1958) presented the Lloyd Staats MGH SON NAA \$5,000 scholarship to IHP student Helen Corless at that celebration.

**Award:** Noted in *Today's Vitals*, the Mass General Brigham employee newsletter, for 5/15/2023. "The US Department of Labor announced more than \$78 million in grants to support workforce training programs in 17 states and address staffing challenges nursing professionals face in the care economy. The MGH Institute of Health Professions received the second largest award in the country, at \$5.8 million. The grant will help the IHP expand the pipeline of qualified nursing professionals, with the goal of supporting workforce needs across our system. By leveraging federal funds to address staffing needs, the IHP will help to strengthen Mass General Brigham's ability to provide excellent care for patients."

### History/Archives News

The fifth and final "Heroes" lecture of this series will take place on zoom June 14th, 3-4 pm and will feature Mary Larkin, class of 1976. Her topic, "Reflections on the Origins of the School of Nursing." Reminders will go out via email with the zoom link attached.

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**Class News Addendum**

**1962 (60th Anniversary)**

**Lee Brewer Maynard** pretty much expressed the sentiments of her classmates: I absolutely loved attending Homecoming! It was so well organized, and the nursing students' presentations were very interesting and confirming. The setting in Charlestown was special on the water on a beautiful fall day. I am excited about the BIG celebration next year. I thought we had a pretty good turnout for a bunch of 80-year-olds! Wonderful to see our classmates and talk about some of those years at MGH. I hope we have a BIG turnout next fall. Really want to see the Bulfinch area dedicated to Ruth Sleeper.

**Karen Hatch Bourgeois** liked the venue also and the location of the Marriot Residence Inn Boston Harbor on Tudor Wharf and its proximity to the IHP and the Restaurant where the Friday evening dinner took place.

**Alice Ferro Williams** made the arrangements for a private dining room at the Blackmore Bar and Tavern and there were almost a dozen or so of us there eager to start the celebration. Alice had delayed her return to CO to attend Homecoming.

**Meg Tinney Harding** updated her story for the class notes. She started her nursing career as an OR Nurse, took time away for her family, and when her children started school, returned to nursing in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Health Care system. Meg's areas of expertise concentrated on utilization management, pediatrics and adult communicable disease. She and her husband have traveled the world, all seven continents including Antarctica, which now has limited accessibility for tourists.

Also in attendance were: **Peggy Carson Gilmour, Sue Huk O'Shea, Karen Keto Nichols, Barbara Kaminsky, Kathleen Casey, Jan Young Fiske, Karen Hatch Bourgeois, Brenda Itchkawich Pukas, Meg Tinney Harding, Lee Brewer Maynard, Kathy Hannon Dube, Ena Chang.** On Saturday morning Peggy Carson Gilmour set up a Zoom call for all of us. Those on the call who could not attend in person included **Thelma Wells** in Wisconsin, **Judy Hemery** in London, **Diane Thompson Brooks** in AZ, **Mary Devore Olsson** in NY. It was a chance to see each other, say a few words and share the excitement in anticipation of the events.

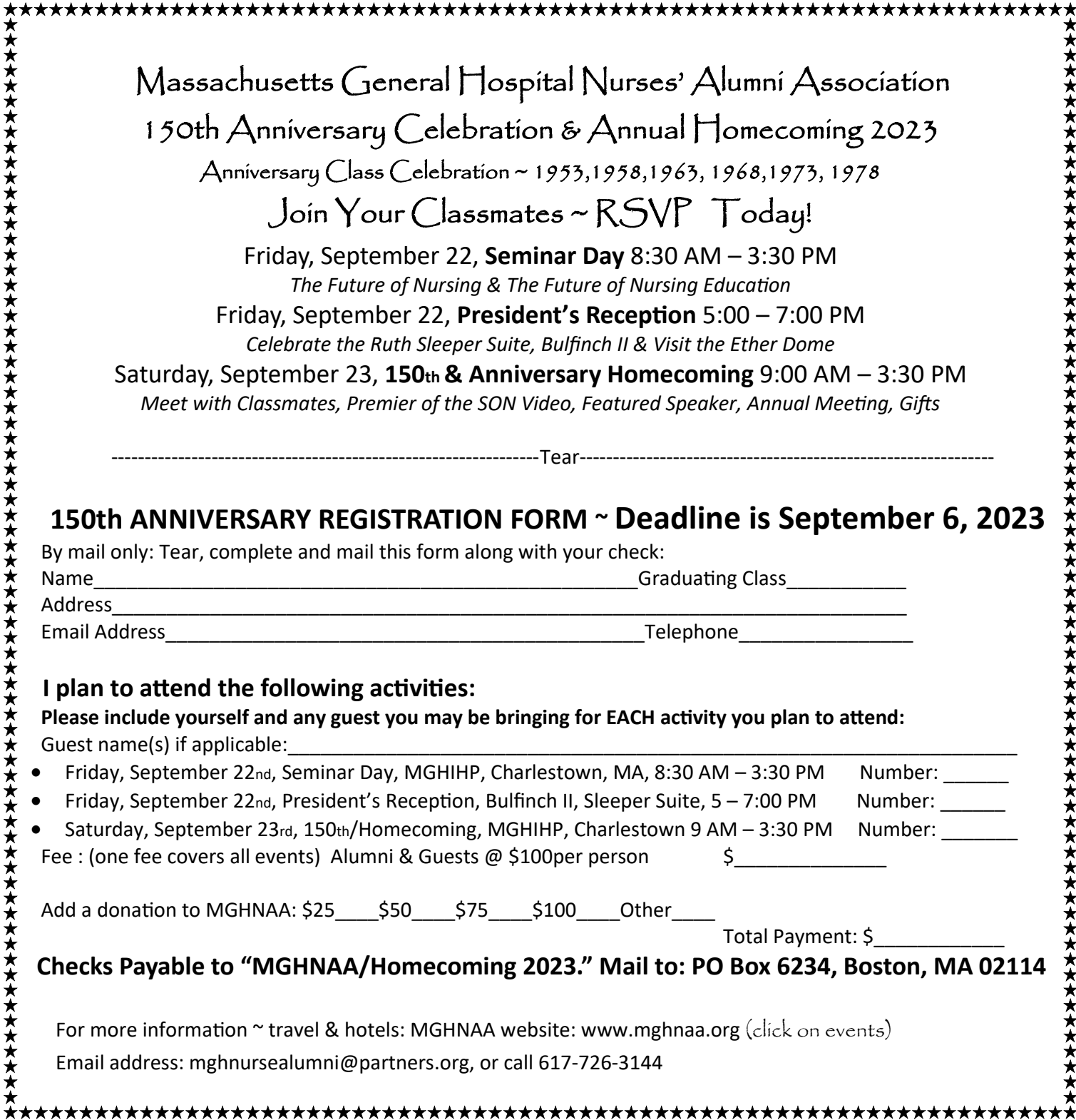
**1964**

**Penny Hazzard** writes that winter surf is up and great for surf contests. Enjoy, Penny-we were in the negative zeros a couple of weeks ago. She's up at 5am getting ready to take her great nephew to pre school, then home at 8:30 for a nap with her cats.

**Kathy McLaughlin Beynor** has a new address having moved this past year. She is still in CT. See our alumni list from

(cont. from p.2) Lynne Bigelow Norton to reference this. Kathy is busy with her husband who has some medical issues. She enjoys spending time with her children and grandchildren.

**Joanne Walters Gustafson** is doing well. She had hip replacement last year recovering in record time. She and Dick were able to resume their travels this past year starting with their month in April in Venice FL. Over the summer they took local trips to ME, VT and NY to visit with friends. Their oldest granddaughter Elsa , a sophomore at Long Island University, is in the musical theater program at the school. Joanne and Dick were able to travel to NY along with their family to see Elsa in several productions where she was the lead actor in some. Their other granddaughter Caelan is a senior at the Derryfield school in NH, graduating this spring. She will be attending Quinnipiac University in the Fall. She is also involved in Theater and has had leads in productions at her school and the local theater in Manchester. Joanne loves when the girls are around so she can spend time with them baking, going out to lunch or shopping. Most recently they spent a week in the Dominican Republic along with **Mary Anne Yahoodik Ciri-no** and husband Bob. Joanne serves on the board of her condo as President and is busy with Child Health Services in the greater Manchester area and is active in Garden Club. Dick, retired from Southern New Hampshire University where he served as President, remains busy with consulting in the field of education. She plans to attend the 150th.



Massachusetts General Hospital Nurses' Alumni Association  
150th Anniversary Celebration & Annual Homecoming 2023  
Anniversary Class Celebration ~ 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978  
Join Your Classmates ~ RSVP Today!

Friday, September 22, **Seminar Day** 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM  
*The Future of Nursing & The Future of Nursing Education*

Friday, September 22, **President's Reception** 5:00 – 7:00 PM  
*Celebrate the Ruth Sleeper Suite, Bulfinch II & Visit the Ether Dome*

Saturday, September 23, **150th & Anniversary Homecoming** 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM  
*Meet with Classmates, Premier of the SON Video, Featured Speaker, Annual Meeting, Gifts*

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**150th ANNIVERSARY REGISTRATION FORM ~ Deadline is September 6, 2023**

By mail only: Tear, complete and mail this form along with your check:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Graduating Class \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**I plan to attend the following activities:**

**Please include yourself and any guest you may be bringing for EACH activity you plan to attend:**

Guest name(s) if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

- Friday, September 22nd, Seminar Day, MGHHP, Charlestown, MA, 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM    Number: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Friday, September 22nd, President's Reception, Bulfinch II, Sleeper Suite, 5 – 7:00 PM    Number: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Saturday, September 23rd, 150th/Homecoming, MGHHP, Charlestown 9 AM – 3:30 PM    Number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Fee : (one fee covers all events) Alumni & Guests @ \$100per person    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Add a donation to MGHNAA: \$25 \_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_ \$75 \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_  
Total Payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Checks Payable to "MGHNAA/Homecoming 2023." Mail to: PO Box 6234, Boston, MA 02114**

For more information ~ travel & hotels: MGHNAA website: [www.mghnaa.org](http://www.mghnaa.org) (click on events)  
Email address: [mghnursealumni@partners.org](mailto:mghnursealumni@partners.org), or call 617-726-3144

*Coming soon to a theatre near you!*



Pictured is the entire nursing staff in April, 1909. All 108 are graduates or students of the MGH Training School for Nurses, including the Director (class of 1889) and the head instructor (class of 1895), so when we say we ran the hospital, it's not a joke! See our history come to life in a new video, produced by the MGH NAA and **premiering September 23, 2023** at the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the school's founding.

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