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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: ARCHIVES, TO KEEP OR NOT TO KEEP?



On November 22nd, *Glennis Zilm, Helen Shore, Shirley Holtzman* and I attended an interesting meeting hosted by the VGH School of Nursing Alumnae Association. The purpose was to bring together a group of people interested in the preservation of historical materials. There were representatives from the Vancouver and North Shore Museums, the Archives Association of B.C., the B.C. Medical Association, Riverview Hospital, the Royal Columbian School of Nursing Alumnae Association as well as *Joan Andrews*, RNABC Librarian, and *Marguerite Ford*, who represented the Heather Heritage Society.

We are not alone in facing the dilemma of what to keep and what to throw out. Most archives are plagued with diminishing resources and limited space. However, when faced with a donation, we were advised by *Robin Inglis*, Director, North Vancouver Museum, to accept rather than turn down a gift, as it is wiser to accept a few items that may have no value, than run the risk of losing some priceless ones. All agreed that books are a problem. We learned that we should advise members to save personal records such as letters, notes and diaries. These are often the most valuable items in a collection, be-

cause they reflect day-to-day life events, and are the ones most of us discard.

As a result of this meeting we have renewed our membership in the Archives Association of B.C. and *Glennis Zilm* has volunteered to organize the History of Nursing group's records. We thought that we should set a good example! I know that she would appreciate receiving assistance from you.

As this is the first newsletter in 1996, I would like, on behalf of the Executive, to wish all of you a happy and healthy year. We will be giving you information about our Annual meeting on April 11, 1996 in our next newsletter.

Ethel Warbinek, President

VICTORIA WORKSHOP

From over the waves and through ferry terminals, a group of interested nurses came to Victoria on September 23, 1995 to meet with a hosting

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group, interested as the visitors were, in preserving the history of nursing. Part of the reason for the gathering in Victoria was to help each person learn more about archives.

During the limited time that the Vancouver group could be in Victoria, a meeting was scheduled, therefore, at the Archives of the Sisters of Saint Ann, where I, an affiliate member of the History of Nursing group, am an archivist. As opportunity came, each group was given a tour of the archives: researcher's room, artifacts cupboard, photo room, walk-in vault. Distinct storage sections for textual documents, photographs, negatives, films, videotapes, over-sized photographs, slides, albums, newspapers, rare books and archival supplies were indicated. The record groups and series system that I use was explained and I tried to show that a similar system, based on nursing history components, could adequately answer the needs for any small archives. Following a luncheon and a History of Nursing meeting in an adjoining suite, the whole group then assembled in the archives for a workshop on the conservation of photographs.

I shared with the group some of what I have learned through attendance at workshops sponsored by the Archives Association of British Columbia (AABC) and coordinated by Irene Bekes. Workshops given by Rosaleen Hill, Conservation Coordinator for B.C. Conservation Service (BCCS) have been especially helpful.

As a base for my presentation, I used a paper about records storage and shared what I had learned about storage areas, record boxes, metal shelving, acid-free materials, the marking (labelling) of envelopes and folders, testing methods for checking acidity content in paper and negatives, temperature control, proper lighting and careful storage. We examined some negatives and photographs and talked about the permanence and care of color photographs. With the interest of a Sherlock Holmes, we examined some small, blue acid-detecting strips that were testing for vinegar syndrome.

When asked how I had become involved with archives, I talked about the research required for North to Share* and my growing appreciation for the preservation of history. My experiences as a teacher helped me to develop skills, such as bringing order out of chaos, organizing schedules, planning projects, being responsible for materials in my care, improvising, and relating with the public. Such skills are developed in the nursing profession, so I pointed out. Everyone in the room, therefore, had the potential to be a good archivist. The AABC would, if approached, advise and assist in setting up a History of Nursing archives.

It was a joy for me to meet everyone who came to visit my archives on that beautiful Saturday! My joy started when I taped pink bows at parking spots. My joy crescendoed along with the good spirit, friendliness, interest and smiles that marked the day.

“Everyone has the potential to be a good archivist.”

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Thank you for coming! Come again as a group, or as individuals. Your history is valuable! Conserve it well!

*See Book Review by *Sheila Zerr*, History of Nursing News, March 1995, Vol.6, No.1, p.7.

Submitted by Margaret Cantwell, S.S.A.

VICTORIA HISTORY OF NURSING GROUP NEWS

The Victoria History of Nursing (VHoN) group has been meeting since January, 1995 with the aim of capturing the rich nursing history in Victoria. Meetings are held the last Monday of each month at 10 am in the Royal Jubilee Nurses Alumni room and new members are welcome.

The September meeting was a joint meeting with the Vancouver Chapter with President *Kari Moore* presiding. There was lively discussion and many questions about the CNA Memorial Book, B.C. Memorial book and the 1997 International History of Nursing conference. Both groups benefitted from the information sharing and networking.

At the October and November meetings the budget for 1996 was discussed as well as the involvement of the Victoria group in setting up a History of Nursing display for nurses attending ICN who might want to visit Victoria. The VHoN group continues to work on collecting biographical data and oral histories and is trying to expand

their membership by networking with St. Joseph's Alumni, the Victoria Chapter of RNABC and the Victoria Nursing Sisters group.

The Executive and members are to be congratulated on a productive and successful first year.

CAHN'S ANNUAL NURSING HISTORY CONFERENCE

The 9th Annual Nursing History Conference will be held June 14-16th, 1996 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The theme of this year's conference is "We are Our own History". More details in the next newsletter.

SURFING THE NET

If you have access to the internet you might want to visit the **Canadian Women's History Page** (<http://www/niagara.com/~merrwill/>). *Susan Merritt*, who has written several historical books featuring Canadian women, has set up a Web page. She can also be reached through e-mail and is interested in hearing from visitors to her site. (merrwill@chardonnay.niagara.com)

WHAT SOME GOOD HISTORIANS DO

Historians reach into the past. But how do they do that exactly? *Robin Winks*, Randolph W. Townsend Jr., Professor of History and one of Yale's master historians, lays open the tools of his trade. He presents good historiography as "an odd amalgam of superior intelligence work, philosophical insight, a solid grip on human nature, disciplined writing and indefatigable curiosity".

From Yale Nurse, Winter, 1995

Victoria History of Nursing Group celebrates it's first year.



INTERNATIONAL HISTORY OF NURSING CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

The nine members of the planning committee are busy at work following the critical paths we have worked out for each of the sub-committee tasks.

Beverly DuGas has the abstract call in hand. She has gathered a distinguished abstract review committee together. They will receive the first abstracts this spring. Review criteria have been established with help from CAHN and *Meryn Stuart*. The next task is to distinguish between scholarly, poster, and national papers.

Nina Rumen keeps track of our finances. We have spent approximate \$800.00 to date on two major printings and mailings. *Nina* is presently working on the hotel information that will be printed in the preliminary program.

Anne Karl is busy making reception and coffee arrangements for the conference. *Anne* is assigned to fund raising. We have a draft fund raising letter ready to go, with help from *Glennis Zilm*. We will get into fund raising high gear early in 1996.

Jackie Ratzlaff is in charge of social activities. She has some plans in hand for Evensong at Christ Church Cathedral. Dinners, lunches, tours and the day tour to Victoria are part of the social plans. *Jackie* will keep in contact with the ICN planning activities.

Don Ransom is working with *Jackie* and *Anne* to plan social activities and publicity. Plans for the grand dinner are taking shape.

It promises to be a standout evening. We were happy to see our conference notice in the November 1995 *Canadian Nurse*.

Brenda Flynn is developing our mailing list for the spring mailing of the conference preliminary program and registration form. *Brenda* will monitor full, day, and students registration categories.

We are looking for a committee member to take charge of the historical exhibits and displays. *Helen Niskala* will not be able to carry this task. She has kindly donated a rocking chair and a Roy Vickers Poster for fund raising purposes. Thank you *Helen*.

We are also looking for a committee member to be our link to St. Paul's Hospital. This person will plan the involvement of the hospital and plan the contest for the recipients of the two prize conference registration fees. The history display/presentation of St. Paul's Hospital will also be developed by this committee member.

Sheila Zerr carries the conference planning and program. We are guided by our critical path planning and target dates for expected deadlines. *Sheila* is working with *Glennis Zilm* to pull together "Hannah Lectures 1988-1997: Ten lectures from the annual conferences of the Canadian Association for the History of Nursing". A request for funding was submitted to the Hannah Institute on November 20, 1995.

We are working hard to plan the conference. Our projected expenses are based on 100 registrants. We need all the history group members to help us meet this goal. I think I

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speaking on behalf of the committee when I say that we are having fun in the process.

Submitted by Sheila Zerr

THE EDITOR'S CORNER

After what seems like weeks and weeks of rain, the sun is shining and the mountain tops look like they are covered with cool whip! First, some activities and items of note from recent Executive meetings, followed by History of Nursing members who are newsmakers.

From the Executive

Glennis Zilm and *Lynne Esson* are getting our own archives in order starting with the purchase of an archival box and archival safe files and protectors.

The HoN group has taken out membership in the Archival Association of B.C. (AABC). This entitles members to take archival courses and have access to the AABC newsletter. A Manual for Small Archives has been purchased from AABC. Anyone interested in reading it can contact *Ethel Warbinek*.

Helen Shore has been meeting with the RNABC staff regarding the B.C. Memorial Book and reports that good progress is being made. Look for a full report in the Spring newsletter.

Sheila Zerr and her committee are working hard on plans for the 1997 International History Conference. They are looking for assistance on several committees. If you can help, please give *Sheila* a call at 943-3012.

Don Ransom and the finance committee are working on a pro-

posed budget for next year.

The Executive meets regularly on the first Thursday of each month, at various locations, from 4-6 PM. All members are invited to attend and participate.

It's time to renew your membership again. *Anne Karl* has revised the membership application form in keeping with recent Freedom of Information Legislation. Note: if you have an e-mail address, please include it on the membership application and indicate whether or not you wish it published. Electronic mail is a wonderful way to network on the internet!

History of Nursing Newsmakers

Glennis Zilm and *Ethel Warbinek* have two recent publications:

Glennis Zilm and Ethel Warbinek. "Early tuberculosis nursing in British Columbia." Canadian Journal of Nursing Research, Vol. 37, No. 3, Fall 1995, pp.65-81.

Glennis Zilm and Ethel Warbinek. "Health care changes in the early 1900's." B.C. Historical News, Vol.29, No. 1, Winter 1995/96, pp. 8-14.

Verna Splane, health care advocate, was named an officer of the Order of Canada. *Dr. Richard Splane*, a faculty member in the University of B.C.'s social work department was named a member.

Every Canadian is eligible for the order, which is conferred in recognition of exemplary merit and achievement in all major fields of endeavor.

Congratulations!

IT'S
MEMBERSHIP
RENEWAL
TIME!

NURSES ATTEND UNITY CANADA RALLY

Shirley Ridalls and Muriel Down, two nursing sisters from Vancouver, were among the thousands of Canadians that went to Montreal to the Unity Canada rally in November, 1995. The following account is taken from a letter written by *Shirley* and sent to *Nina Rumien*.

Shirley writes "Here is how it happened that I went to Montreal to the Unity Rally. I'm a very political person and so I went as I saw the NO campaign unravel. I spent five hours in Dorval Airport waiting for my friend, another nursing sister, to arrive. I recognized *Muriel Down* as she was dropped off at her hotel and we also saw her at the rally."

Of her experiences at the rally *Shirley* says "On the way we bought a maple leaf and Quebec flag. An older lady stopped us on the street and thanked us for coming all the way from Vancouver. Two young university women spoke very eloquently from the dais."

A giant Canadian flag, (1,800 square feet), and brought to the rally by the Windsor Jaycees, was a canopy for Canadian federalist spirit. *Shirley* comments: "The big, big flag went by and one man reached out and touched it, he did so again as if to say 'don't go'."

Shirley describes some of the people and sights she saw: "a man with a 15 foot pole and a huge Italian flag, a French Roman Catholic family, a black couple, an Asian woman who brought a telescope pole with a flag on it."

Her impressions of the rally?

"The whole day was quite exhilarating—people doing all sorts of things in their own way for unity. I cannot believe the rally lessened the NO vote: it really enabled the people present to express their opinion and allowed others to do so. I felt better in myself and so did my friend for having gone. It was an historic time."

LILLIAN STEVENSON NURSING ARCHIVES MUSEUM

Janet Story, BN '63, former head of the General Hospital School of Nursing in St. John's Newfoundland, is retired and is the curator of the *Lillian Stevenson Nursing Archives Museum* in St. John's. This is the only combined hospital/medical nursing archives museum in Canada.

Submitted by Helen Niskala (McGill News, Fall 1995, p. 31.)

CANADIAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION REGIONAL AWARD OF MERIT

Naomi (Allsebrook) Miller BSN'51 has won the Canadian Historical Association's Regional Award of Merit for her long term commitment to the preservation of B.C. history. She and her husband Peter Miller BAsc(ChemEng)'52 have contributed many volunteer hour to heritage projects in Golden, Fort Steele and across B.C. for the past 26 years. She is director of the B.C. Heritage Trust and editor of British Columbia Historical News quarterly magazine.

(U.B.C. Alumnae Chronicle, Winter, 1995, p. 34.)



BOOK REVIEWS

Willman, Marilyn D., and others. (1995). *Nurse Administrators Association of B.C. History 1918-1944*. [Vancouver: Nurse Administrators Association of B.C.]

Marilyn Willman, former director of the University of British Columbia School of Nursing, has just completed a *History 1918-1944* of the Nurse Administrators Association of B.C. (NAABC). Although the history is available only in a limited edition published by NAABC, the 61-page document makes an excellent addition to the scarce "secondary source" data on B.C. nursing groups and agencies.

Information for the document was compiled by various members of the NAABC Archives Committees from 1987-1993, then organized and written by Dr. Willman. The result is a well-written, clear, concise, and readable overview presented in four sections.

The first section describes "The BCHA Years 1918-1968," during which administrators of hospitals (including superintendents of nursing) organized themselves into the British Columbia Hospital Association. Names of many of the nurse administrators of this period are well-known to those interested in nursing history. The BCHA decided in 1968 to reduce the number of its "sections". The directors of nursing (DONs) of the time concurred, but elected to form a provincial interest group.

The second section, "The RNABC Years 1970-1976," deals

with the reorganization of the group under the aegis of the Registered Nurses Association of B.C. During this period, the group expanded to include nurse administrators from health care agencies other than general hospitals (as under the BCHA), administrative consultants, and nurse educators teaching nursing administration.

The third section, "Nurse Administrators Association of B.C. 1977-1994," reports on the move to independence and the group's growing importance in the provincial health care arena.

In each of these three sections, the activities and issues are summarized and explored. This information provides an excellent point for discussion and examination on past, present, and future roles of the Association.

The fourth section, written by various contributors, provides information of the various Regions that have been active during the Association's history. The document closes with an appendix containing a copy of the document that led to the formation of the independent organization in 1977.

As mentioned, the document is a limited edition. A few copies may be available from the NAABC Executive. HoN Group members can arrange to borrow a copy from *Glennis Zilm*.

ANOTHER REVIEW

One of our Alberta members, *Shirley Stinson*, has shared with us an interesting document that will be of interest to anyone doing historical research into nursing with National Health and Welfare's Medical

NAABC publishes a well written, concise, readable overview of their history.

Recollections
of northern
nursing added
to Alberta's
Nursing
Archives

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Services or into northern nursing generally. The document is *Recollections of Working in Medical Services, N.H.&W. 1955-1967*, by **Winnie Paegé** of Edmonton.

Mrs. Paegé (nee Greenhalgh, later Norquay, later Roscoe), a 1937 graduate of the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Edmonton, was Regional Nursing Officer of the Foothills Region (Alberta, Yukon, and Western Arctic) from 1955 to 1967. This was one of five regions of Indian and Northern Health Services (later Medical Services branch) of National Health and Welfare (later Canada Health). The branch was responsible for health care of all residents in the Yukon and Northwest Territories and in Alberta for Registered Indians, no small task in the 1950s and 1960s.

In this unique document, Mrs. Paegé has recorded recollections of her term of office in the North, and has shared copies of some of her memorabilia and photographs of the nursing work of the time. The resulting typescript (about 60 pages) is a bonanza for nurse researchers because it combines background statistics with observations on experiences related to the day-to-day work by both herself and other nurses. Such personal experience records are relatively rare in nursing and are exceedingly valuable primary documents.

Mrs. Paegé notes at the front of the document that the work was only done at the 'gentle nudging' of Dr. Stinson, who urged her to record the information in a

form that could be filed with the Nursing Archives of the Alberta Association of Registered Nurses. Two copies of the original document have been shared with members of the B.C. History of Nursing Group. Anyone interested in borrowing a copy can get in touch with *Glennis Zilm*.

Reviews submitted by Glennis Zilm

**DONAHUE PUBLISHES
SECOND BOOK**

Many readers have seen and enjoyed M. Patricia Donahue's 500 page *Nursing the Finest Art: An Illustrated History* published by Mosby-Year Books in 1985. The large volume includes reproductions of paintings and photographs of nurses with historical perspective through the ages. A second edition, released in December 1995, covers nursing's accomplishments for the past 10 years. It includes 600 pieces of art, additions on nursing in Vietnam, the Gulf War, international nursing, community nursing clinics, and state of the art advances.

(From Sigma Theta Tau, *Reflections*, Vol. 21, No. 3, Fall, 1995, p.43.)



IN MEMORIAM

Three well known and respected Canadian leaders in the nursing world recently passed away.

Sister Mary Celestine (Anna Knapp) of the Sisters of Providence of Montreal died at St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver October 30, 1995. During 55 years as a Sister of Providence, Sister Mary Celestine, noted for her love of the poor and suffering members of society, worked in health care and social services. She held many positions of responsibility and was Provincial Superior of the Sisters of Providence in the Canadian West from 1976-1982.

Prior to that she had been Administrator of Father Lacombe Nursing Home in Calgary; Superior of Providence Creche in Calgary, and Director of Catholic Social Services in Edmonton.

Sister Mary Celestine served at Vancouver's St. Paul's Hospital as a nurse, pastoral associate, member of the auxiliary and the board of directors. She leaves to mourn members of her religious community, several brothers and sisters and numerous nieces and nephews. A funeral Mass was offered at the Holy Rosary Cathedral in Vancouver by Archbishop Adam Exner with interment in the Providence Sisters Cemetery at Midnapore, Alberta.

(From the B.C. Catholic, November 19, 1995.)

Geraldine (Gerry) Edith (nee Homfray) Langton died November 5, 1995, in North Vancouver. A 1931 graduate of the UBC nursing program, she was a public health nurse in Duncan and Chilliwack during the 1930's, then took her master of arts at George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville. She joined the faculty of the UBC School of Nursing in 1939 where she taught public health nursing during the 1940's. She was married to the late Eric G. Langton and is survived by a son and daughter and grandchildren.

Muriel Uprichard, Director of the UBC School of Nursing from 1971 to 1977, died peacefully November 24, 1995 in Toronto. She was 84. She was recognized as a woman of vision for nursing and as an innovator. Under her support, UBC nursing faculty developed the UBC Model for Nursing, which has been adopted in many hospitals and health agencies throughout the province. She developed the School's controversial "ladder program," which was "to develop a new pattern of nursing education involving four sequential two-year levels from basic preparation through doctoral study." This novel program was funded by a large grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and may have been ahead of its time; it was discontinued after she left, but has since been adopted in other places.

Although Dr. Uprichard was not a nurse, a major portion of her career was associated with nursing education and nursing research in

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Britain, Canada and the United States. Born in Regina in 1911, she originally embarked on a teaching career. During the Great Depression, she taught in rural, town, and city schools throughout Saskatchewan. She took her bachelor of arts degree, with honors in English and Philosophy, at Queen's University, graduating *magna cum laude* in 1943. An outstanding student, she received two scholarships and took her master of arts degree at Smith College, in Northampton, Massachusetts. She then received further distinguished scholarships, including the Harvard School of Education Fellowship and the British Council Scholarship; this latter award went to only one student annually from all Canadian university graduates. With these, she attended the University of London Institute of Education and graduated in 1947 with a doctorate in educational psychology, again *magna cum laude*.

Following graduation, she spent a year as director of a study of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, carried out for the International Council of Nurses. On her return to Canada in 1948, she worked for the Red Cross, first as deputy director, then as national director of the Canadian Junior Red Cross and editor of Canadian Red Cross Junior. Among her honors is a citation received in 1952 from the West German Red Cross for outstanding service to displaced children.

In the early 1950's, she served several times as a consultant

for the **Canadian Nurses Association**. From 1955-1965, she was on faculty at the University of Toronto School of Nursing. During this time, she frequently advised hospitals and agencies on innovative ways to improve delivery of nursing care and was a consultant to the 1964 Royal Commission on Health Services. She then joined the faculty of the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) School of Nursing until she came to UBC.

After she retired from UBC in 1977, Dr. Uprichard returned to Ontario where she continued as a consultant in nursing education and as a frequent guest lecturer. As well as being a dynamic speaker, she was a reasonable prolific author, having started her writing career in 1943 with a children's book. During her retirement, she continued to write.

Janet Gormick, HoN member, was a student of Dr. Uprichard's at UCLA and subsequently joined the UBC nursing faculty during Dr. Uprichard's term. She describes her as having "a vision of nursing in the future: what it could aspire to be and what it ought to be. She was a clear, broad visionary thinker, a great historian and teller of nursing stories".

Information on Dr. Uprichard submitted by Glennis Zilm

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE HISTORICAL TOUR

The Alberta Registered Nurses Educational Trust is pleased to announce their inaugural "Florence Nightingale" Historical tour of London and Turkey being offered **May 12-29, 1996**.

The Trust is a charitable organization whose objective is to provide scholarships, awards and bursaries to persons enrolled in baccalaureate, Masters or PH.D. programs related to nursing or in continuing nursing education programs. The tour is being offered as a fund raiser for the Trust as well as an opportunity for nurses to experience nursing history and comradery in an historical context.

The trip will be open to anyone. Members of an association of registered nurses are being offered the tour at a reduced rate.

Here are some of the highlights of the two week trip:

- ♦ tours of London and St. Thomas Hospital where there is a large Nightingale Museum
- ♦ visit to the barracks of the first Turkish Army at Scutari
- ♦ visit to Sebastopol, Ephesus, the Topkapi Palace, Santa Sofia and cruise on the Bosphorus
- ♦ tour of the Turkish baths that Florence Nightingale frequented.

Plans also include a night at the theatre, other entertainment opportunities, shopping excursions and an assortment of options for tour members to choose. While specific Florence Nightingale sites will be visited, there will be numerous other activities. Background information on historical sites will be provided. Above

all, this tour will offer spectacular scenery, customs and history in a country where the people are warm and friendly.

There is an Early-Bird Special: pay a \$300.00 deposit before February 15, 1996 and receive a \$100.00 discount.

For further information on the tour contact *Beth Fitzpatrick* (1-604-898-3156). You may also call *Carol Cunningham*, Development Officer, Alberta Registered Nurses Educational Trust office (1-403-451-0043). *Carol* is organizing the tour and provided the information for this news item.

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DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- ♦ Born: December 4, 1865, **Edith Louisa Cavell**, English nurse who was formally executed by the German Government in World War I for helping Allied prisoners to escape.
- ♦ Born: December 25, 1821, **Clarissa Clara Harlow Barton**, acted as unpaid nurse during the U.S. Civil War, organized hospitals and helped gather identification records on the missing and dead. Worked with the newly-formed International Red Cross during the Franco-Prussian war and in 1881 organized the American Red Cross in spite of governmental opposition.
- ♦ Born: December 25, 1865, **Evangeline Booth**, Head of the U.S. Salvation Army. Chosen by her father to head the Canadian Salvation Army and then headed the U.S. group for 30 years.

SAVE THESE DATES!

February 4, 1996, **Executive Meeting**, 4-6 pm, #110-1720 W. 12th Ave., Vancouver, B.C. (Nina Rumen's home). All members welcome.

February 9, 1996, **First Annual Ethel Johns Nursing Research Forum**, Challenges, Choices, and Change, Vancouver, B.C.

April 11, 1996, **HoN Annual Meeting**, 9-10:30 am, Sheraton Hotel, Vancouver, B.C.

May 12-26, 1996, **Florence Nighingale Tour of London and Istanbul**, AARN Educ. Trust

June 14-16, 1996, **CAHN's 9th Annual Nursing History Conference**, We are Our Own History, Halifax, Nova Scotia

**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.

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NURSING HISTORY**

Membership categories are honorary, full, affiliate and student. If you would be interested in joining us, please get in touch with any member of the executive. Full (voting) Members must be paid-up practicing or non-practicing members of RNABC. Non-nurses may join as Affiliate Members. Student Members must be enrolled in a nursing education program or be Registered Nurses enrolled in a graduate program.

Dues for 1996 are: Full and Affiliate \$20; Students \$5. Membership year is January 1 to December 31. Send name, address, telephone number, and RNABC registration number or name of the educational program. Make cheques to "History of Nursing Group" and send to: Anne Karl, Membership Coordinator, #1-2880 West 33rd Ave., Vancouver, B.C. V2C 1N7.

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