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Special Program Meeting

History of Nursing members are invited to attend a special program meeting on **Saturday, October 4, 1997 at 2 PM** in the UBC School of Nursing, Room T 206. An impressive historical display of photographs, books, biographies and unique artifacts, all part of nursing's heritage, has been prepared by the B.C. History Group for public viewing at the Woodward Library. This is in celebration of the International History of Nursing Conference and the ICN Congress which met in Vancouver in June. The exhibit also recognizes Women's History Month (October). Following an orientation and guided tour of the display, afternoon tea will be served. Please join us!

President's Report: Highlights of the 7th Annual Meeting

Another successful and busy year was celebrated in April at our Annual General meeting which 25 members and guests attended. An exciting event was the unveiling of the **RNABC Memorial Book** which was recognized by a special ribbon cutting ceremony, both at our meeting and an hour later by *Helen Shore* at the RN-ABC Annual General Meeting.

The first nurses whose names have been entered in the Book are: Emily Susan Patterson, Sister Mary Gertrude of Jesus, Sister Mary Bridget, Sister Mary Peter, Charlotte

Bryce Brown, Helen Randal, Frances McQuarrie, and Maude Anderson. The **Memorial Book** can be viewed in the Helen Randal library and was also on display at the International History of Nursing Conference. A special thanks to *Helen Shore*, who worked so faithfully over the past couple of years on this worthwhile project.

Another special event was the awarding of Honorary Membership to *Verna Splaw* in acknowledgment of her work as an internationally recognized health educator and nurse historian.

New members on the executive were elected: *Lois Blais*, Member-at-Large, *Inga Von Maydell*, Secretary and *Don Ransom*, treasurer who was re-elected for a second term. The contributions of the out-going executive were acknowledged. These members will be sorely missed: *Glenis Zilm*, *Shirley Holzman* and *Janet Gormick*, who has agreed to continue to chair the biographical committee.

On behalf of the executive I hope you have all had a wonderful summer!

Ethel Warbinek, President



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HISTORY OF NURSING 7TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The seventh annual general meeting of the History of Nursing Professional Practice Group was held on April 10th, 1997 in conjunction with the Registered Nurses Association of British Columbia's annual meeting. The 25 members and guests enjoyed a continental breakfast and viewed the attractive board display containing photographs of *Ethel Johns*, the first Director of the UBC School of Nursing Program.

Following approval of the minutes from the previous annual meeting, members heard reports from the executive, chairs of committees, and project leaders. Here are some of the highlights:

⇒ The President, *Ethel Warbinek*, reported that a resolution which was submitted to the RNABC Board of Directors regarding the preservation of archival space on the Riverview grounds was approved by the Board. Appreciation was expressed to *Helen Shore* and *Don Ransom* for their work on the resolution. (See follow-up story on page 10).

⇒ Three very successful Program meetings were held this past year: a visit to Riverview, the Nursing Sisters Panel and a discussion on Teaching Nursing History, the latter co-sponsored with the Nurse Educators' Professional Practice Group. Thanks was expressed to *Glennis Zilm* and *Shirley Holzman* for planning and organizing the programs and refreshments.

⇒ New nursing note cards are for sale. *Nina Rumen* was applauded for her work on the design and production of the new cards to celebrate the pending International History of Nursing conference.

⇒ *Janet Gormick* reported that 39 biographies have been completed and 20 are in progress. *Jill Thompson* noted that there are 155 oral history tapes now in the RNABC Library and more planned.

⇒ The cost per issue of the newsletter has decreased slightly this past year. A Special Edition with information about the up-coming International History of Nursing conference was prepared by *Beth Fitzpatrick* and will be distributed at the RNABC annual meeting.

⇒ *Sister Cantwell* reported that the Victoria History of Nursing Group met last fall and are working on collecting oral histories and biographies.

⇒ Membership is down this year with only 43 paid members. *Ann Karl* will be sending out a reminder letter.

⇒ *Sheila Zerr* updated the group on the pending International History Conference. Plans are proceeding smoothly with 43 registrations already received. The memorial miniature collection will be displayed at the Conference. This fall the History Group will be offering a \$500 scholarship to a student pursuing study in an area of nursing history.

⇒ The treasurer's report was given by *Don Ransom* and the budget for 1997 was presented for approval (see page 3).

**B.C. HISTORY OF NURSING PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE GROUP
PROPOSED BUDGET 1997**

| REVENUE | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | 1995 Actual | 1996 Budget | 1996 Actual | 1997 Budget |
| Grant | — | 500.00 | 1000.00 | 500.00 |
| Memberships | 1445.00 | 1600.00 | 1487.18 | 1500.00 |
| Donations | 5.00 | — | 15.00 | — |
| Interest | 8.30 | — | 5.27 | — |
| Note Cards | 842.99 | 1000.00 | 1723.55 | 1300.00 |
| Total | 2301.29 | 3100.00 | 4231.00 | 3300.00 |
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| Stationary | 128.09 | 200.00 | 3260.67(2) | 900.00 |
| Postage/Fax | 492.57 | 700.00 | 574.13 | 600.00 |
| Photocopying | 523.70 | 600.00 | 506.12 | 600.00 |
| Meetings | 153.06 | 200.00 | 173.27 | 300.00 |
| Honorarium | 100.00 | 200.00 | — | 100.00 |
| Miniatures | 45.00 | 200.00 | 25.68 | 100.00 |
| Bank Charges | 14.36 | — | — | — |
| Miscellaneous | 2045.66 | 1000.00 | 1111.11(3) | 700.00 |
| Total | 3502.44(3) | 3100.00 | 5650.75 | 3300.00 |

Notes

1. Unknown variance of \$0.66 for 1995
2. Includes \$2946.90 paid to Beach House Graphics for new nursing note-card
3. Includes \$500.00 paid as a loan to the International History of Nursing Conference

Bank balance as of December 31, 1996: \$451.45 plus \$1500.00 B.C. Bond Scholarship Fund as of December 31, 1996: \$8,061.40

1996 Financial Records: Audited by Nina Rummen and Diana Ritchie

Treasurer: Don Ransom

RNABC MEMORIAL BOOK UNVEILED

The ribbon-cutting ceremony and unveiling of the RNABC In Memoriam Book (pictured below on the left), was presided over by *Helen Shore*, chair of the RNABC Memorial Book Committee. In the picture on the right *Helen* and President *Ethel Warbinek* display the Memorial Book. *Helen* gave a special thanks to *Irene Day* from the RNABC staff and all those who made nominations to the Book.



THANK YOU FOR JOBS WELL DONE!



Ethel Warbinek, President, thanks **Shirley Holzman** (above), **Janet Gormick** (top left photo) and **Glennis Zilm** (bottom left photo) for their contributions to the History of Nursing Group in 1996.

VERNA SPLANE NOMINATED FOR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Another highlight of the Annual meeting was the nomination of *Verna Splane* for Honorary Membership in the History of Nursing Professional Practice Group. *Helen Shore*, in making the nomination, highlighted *Splane's* many accomplishments. "*Verna Huffman Splane* is a member of the History of Nursing Professional Practice Group who meets the criteria for honorary membership in that group. *Splane* is an internationally recognized health educator and nurse historian. She was recently appointed to the Order of Canada and received an honorary degree from UBC in May 1995.

In partnership with her husband, Richard Splane, she played a key role in a 50-country study of the role of the senior nursing position in national ministries of health. The study and the book outlining their findings, Chief Nursing Officer Positions in National Ministries of Health: Focal Points for Nursing Leadership, is a landmark study which generated international interest.

Splane prepared for her career in national and international health through graduate work at the University of Toronto, Teacher's College, Columbia University and the School of Public Health, University of Michigan. Her roles in the Canadian Department of National Health and Welfare culminated in her appointment as Principal Nursing Officer from 1968 to 1972. On leave from her public service, *Splane* accepted short and long term assignments with the World Health Organization.

Splane was president of the International Council of Nurses (ICN) from 1973-1981. During this period she was involved in mobilizing the nursing profession to support major changes in the role of nurses in the global health field through collaborative planning with national nursing organizations and the international community.

As a nurse educator, *Splane* has lectured at universities across Canada including serving as a faculty member with UBC's School of Nursing (1974-1984). Since 1985 she has acted as a nursing consultant on health and social policy.

Are nursing students being "raised in a heritage vacuum?"

Teaching Nursing History

The History of Nursing Group, under the leadership of *Glennis Zilm*, organized a program for the March 8, 1997 meeting to offer a panel presentation on **The Teaching of Nursing History**. The program was a joint presentation of the History of Nursing Professional Practice Group, The Nurse Educators' Professional Practice Group and the Archival Committee of the Vancouver General Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae Association. The joint meeting was held in the old VGH student nurses' residence and was followed by a tea supplied by the VGH School of Nursing Archives Committee.

Sheila Rankin Zerr of the History Group chaired the panel. The panel members, selected by *Sheila*, were *Wanda Gordon*, Nurse Educators' Group and a teacher of nursing history at the University College of the Fraser Valley, Chilliwack; *Penny Headlip*, Nurse Educators' Group and a teacher of nursing history at the University College of the Cariboo, Kamloops; *Brenda Flynn*, History Group and a baccalaureate student at the University of B.C. taking a directed study in nursing history; and *Lynne Exson*, History Group and a teacher of nursing history at UBC.

The panel, who brought examples of recent student projects, explored the teaching of nursing history and addressed the following topics:

- Why should history of nursing be included?
- What should be included in history of nursing?
- When should nursing history be

introduced?

- How should nursing history be taught (lecture, seminar, projects)?
- How can a focus on history of nursing be conveyed in an already overcrowded curriculum?

Following the panel presentation the 27 members who attended had the opportunity to exchange ideas and views with the panel members on what should be presented to students, at what time in the student's career, and how history can be taught in creative ways that will stimulate a life-long interest in nursing history and its relevance.

Submitted by Glennis Zilm

"Virginia Who?"

Shortly after the March 8th panel presentation your editor received an e-mail from History member *Dr. Shirley Stinson*. With permission, here are excerpts from her highly relevant letter:

"Dear Colleagues:

For a variety of reasons, students end up at my office door on the 6th floor. When this occurred the other day, I asked the 4th year undergraduate student what kinds of papers she is currently working on. As one of them entails some type of comparative analysis of frameworks/models/theories of nursing, I asked her what she thought about Virginia Henderson's Basic Needs. She said, "Virginia who?"

In pursuing the matter further with her, I found that indeed she knew nothing whatsoever about Henderson nor did this student know anything about the textbook by DuGas and Knor (1995) nor

their highly germane comparative analysis of the "Basic Elements...[of 13] Models", (pp.320-323).

I am taking your time and mine to send an e-mail about this instance because it is but one concrete example of many others which would suggest that it is not unusual to find senior undergraduate nursing students (and even some graduate nursing students) who know nothing about the names and substantive contributions of key nurses such as Henderson, Jeanne Mance, Florence H.M. Emory, Mary Agnes Snively, Lavinia L. Dock, Isabel Maitland Stewart—to cite but a few of immense significance to the development of nursing in Canada, directly and or indirectly.

Yes, I believe that unless they know their professional roots, students are, in effect, being "raised in a heritage vacuum" with all the attendant difficulties of those who lack knowledge of the essence, including the beliefs, values, perceived failures and accomplishments of their forebearers, individually and collectively.

We must make more substantial—and substantive—efforts to teach nursing history, not only in courses per se but by integrating it broadly into our own professional endeavors and the endeavors of those we purport to teach. I would like to congratulate *Glennis Zilm*, whose contributions to the teaching of nursing history are highly regarded, and her RNABC History of Nursing Group colleagues, on their ongoing efforts in working with nurse educators to strengthen the teaching of nursing history."

Canada Post Issues VON Stamp

In 1897, under the direction of the Countess of Aberdeen, the **Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada** was inaugurated by Royal Charter in commemoration of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. This year a special stamp (shown in the box on the right) has been issued to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Order. On the corners of the tear-off borders that surround the strips of stamps is a small oval picture of Lady Aberdeen, the founder.



The Early Days of the VON in British Columbia

The following excerpts are taken from a story which appeared in the *Vernon News*, Vernon B.C., on July 22, 1920.

"Florence Nightingale was "The Lady with the Lamp." We have discovered in British Columbia women who are carrying on in the rural districts in peace times, the great and noble work which Florence Nightingale began for the soldiers in the dark and bloody days of the Crimea.

Our British Columbia heroine is "The Lady with the 'Ford'." In the municipality of Saanich, adjoining Victoria, we found her. She was a trained nurse, a member of the Victorian Order of Nurses, carrying to the rural districts gentle ministrations, and instructions in the laws of health and sanitation.

Mrs. V. MacLachlan, secretary of the Women's Institute for the province, was largely instrumental in starting the Saanich health center which comes under the department of public health. The ac-

tual work is being carried out by the Victorian Order, and to gain some definite idea of the service being performed we went along with *Miss Kate McRae*, "The Lady with Ford", upon a round of visits in the municipality.

Miss McRae drove her own car with much skill along the excellent roads of Saanich. It costs \$15 to get a doctor to make a visit away out of town. But "The Lady with the Ford" who is a member of the Victorian Order of Nurses, working under the new rural health plan, charges only about 65 cents, and where persons have no money, no charge is made. On the part of the nurses it is largely a work of love and service, and this splendid movement should be extended to every settlement in the Dominion.

Health centers are to be established throughout the rural districts of British Columbia. It will be in the public interest to extend the system to the farthest ends of the province. Through the Women's Institutes, the Victorian Order of Nurses and other women's organizations, it is planned to carry on health and welfare work throughout the most remote districts of the province."

Book Review

The Military Nurses of Canada: Recollections of Canadian Military Nurses by E.A. Landells, Editor. White Rock B.C.: Addison Graphics, 1995. (Illustrated, 628 pages.)

Reviewed by *Alexandra Bury, Langley, B.C.*

Edith Landells served briefly as a nursing sister during WW II and after obtaining university degrees, continued in the military forces. Retiring early, she devoted several years to research for this 628-page historical document about young women who nursed the wounded during Canada's involvement in various wars from the 1880s into the 1990s. She collected over two hundred stories from nurses who served in the Army, Air Force and Navy in multiple war zones such as Saskatchewan (1885), Europe, Africa, Hong Kong, Korea, Japan, the Persian Gulf, and Somalia (1993).

The book contains an assortment of easy-to-read articles and anecdotes, many excellent, a fair number good to so-so, others just skeletal or less so. All are personal experiences, such as the 1885 item about the Mother Superior of an Anglican Sisterhood on the Great Lakes, who decided that her long hair would be a problem nursing wounded men, cut it off and threw it overboard. Other sisters did the same. And during the 1950s when on an RCAF night Para-rescue mission, the nurse's parachute tangled up in a tall tree, leaving her hanging upside down. After burning her hands on the rope, she fell onto hard ground, to spend the night in cold mountain air, and in pain.

In their narratives, many nurses describe injuries and express great sympathy for the wounded. As one said "the thing that impressed me most was how wonderful our Canadian soldiers are".

And there are quite a lot of light comments, like the nurse who, in Algiers, was bitten by a centipede, knew that she should ask someone to



suck the poison out, didn't like to do that. She survived. Another one was rescued from a torpedoed ship and had to climb a rope ladder "...relying on our monkey ancestry to make the climb." And in Naples "...we washed our few clothes, put them on the roof to dry and I had my pants stolen." And one who was stationed in Wainwright, Alberta, says "At camp we lived in each others' armpits, but at that time men and women had to separate when we went to beer parlors in Calgary."

The book is full of good photographs (some 600). The majority were taken during WW II and show lovely nurses, handsome patients, all young, and quite a few of charming Queen Elizabeth visiting many of our boys. There are also pictures of hospital wards, in buildings, tent and train hospitals, and showing evacuation of the wounded.

The Canadian nurses were (and are) commissioned officers. They wore very attractive uniforms. During those hectic years many romances ended in long and happy marriages.

Co-published with Addison Graphics Ltd., the book was released in 1995, the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II. This book will be of interest to nurses and relatives of men who served in the Armed Forces, and also to everyone who is interested in what women can do.

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Of Interest to our Readers.....

Look for reviews and more information about the following newly published historical books in future editions of the History of Nursing News.

Jean I. Gunn Nursing Leader, *Natalie Reigler*, Associated Medical Services, Incorporated and Fitzhenry & Whiteside, (1997). \$18.95 Order from Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 195 Allstate Parkway, Markham, Ontario, L3R 4T8

Recollections: A Retrospective View of Nursing Achievements at the Montreal General Hospital 1971-1996, *Department of Nursing and the Alumnae Association of the School of Nursing of the Montreal General Hospital*, (1997). \$15.00 plus \$6.00 postage and handling. Make cheques payable to The Alumnae Association of the MGH School of Nursing. Order from Kathy Elder, 212 Monaco, Point Claire Quebec H9R 2R7

A Century of Caring: The Vernon Jubilee Hospital's 100 Year History, *Daphne Thuillier*, (1997). \$15.00 plus \$3.50 for packing and postage. Order from Mrs. Helen Lister, Executive Secretary, Vernon Jubilee Hospital, 2101-32nd Street, Vernon, B.C. V1T 3L2

Richmond-Delta Chapter History, 1967-1997. Thirty Years of Professional Growth, *Ethel Warbinek and Beth Fitzpatrick*, (1997) \$10.00 plus \$1.50 for packing and postage. Order from Richmond-Delta Chapter, RNABC, 2855 Arbutus Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6J 3Y8

Past is Present: The CAHN/ACHN Keynote Presentations 1988-1996, *Sheila J. Rankin Zerr, Elizabeth A. Fitzpatrick, Glennis Zilm*, (1997). Limited Edition. Copies must be ordered by January 1998. \$10.00 plus \$3.00 for mailing. Make cheques payable to CAHN. Order from Glennis Zilm, Box 71513 Hillcrest Po. 1453 Johnston Road White Rock B.C. V4B 3Z0



"An important part of knowing where we are going is understanding where we have been and how far we have come."

Historical Preservation of Riverview Artifacts—A Follow-up Report

The History of Nursing Group and the Nursing History Preservation Group at Riverview have been working toward obtaining special archival space in an historic building on the Riverview lands to preserve, and make available to the public, the unique history of psychiatric nursing and mental health services in British Columbia. To that end, History group members *Helen Shore, Don Ransom, and Anna Tremere* prepared a resolution which was approved at the November 1996 meeting of the RN-ABC Board of Directors.

The Board agreed to "petition the premier, MLA's, and mayors and councils of Coquitlam, New Westminster and Burnaby to set aside archival space on the Riverview Hospital site to preserve and provide a public display of artifacts related to psychiatric nursing and services".

Over the past few months RN-ABC has received letters from eleven MLAs, one from the Attorney General and two from the City of Port Coquitlam in support of the preservation of historical artifacts from Riverview. Here are a few comments from the replies.

"A permanent storage and display of the hospital's extensive archival materials would serve to honor the work of the caregivers and the lives of the patients at this historic institution" (Fred Gingell, MLA, Delta South)

"I support your initiative to have historic preservation as any short or long term plan for the Riverview

properties. Having worked within the health care field for the past 20 years, I know the value of efforts put forth by those who have come before us in this vocation." (Erda Walsh, MLA Kootenay)

"It would be a sad commentary if Riverview's important historical records were either lost or not made available for the public interest and education." (Reni Masi, MLA, Delta-North)

"I hope that there will be some sensitive and appropriate way to preserve the important story and evolution of mental health treatment in B.C. An important part of knowing where we are going is understanding where we have been and how far we have come." (Bill Barisoff, MLA, Okanagan-Boundary)

"The legacy of patients whose illness contributed to the learning and development of its successful treatment, as well as the selfless contribution of generations of nurses who cared for individuals often considered as outcasts by society, must not be forgotten." (Linda Reid, MLA, Richmond East)

In recent months *Anna Tremere* was invited by the Riverview Hospital Board to present her future goals and dreams for the Riverview archives. The hospital Board was supportive. Currently the Preservation group is seeking to incorporate as a society as they continue their active campaign to preserve the Riverview Lands and history.

History Alert by Archivists

The following article was written by *Charlie Anderson*, Province newspaper reporter, and published in the May 9, 1997 edition.

"Archivists believe history is being treated like bunk by the provincial government.

They're mobilizing to rescue the provincial archives, which they say are being transformed into a mere repository for government documents.

Important non-governmental documents are being turned away, they say, and large quantities of private material, including hundreds of thousands of photographs, remain unclassified.

"There's a lack of commitment to history in the provincial government," said University of Victoria historian *John Lutz*.

"The provincial archives doesn't exist any more. It's been evaporated into this provincial management system."

Lutz says the lack of interest in preserving history is shown by the way responsibility for the archives has been bounced among numerous ministries in recent years.

His organization, the **B.C. Archives Action Group**, wants to publicize the archives' plight and meet with Dan Miller, the minister responsible.

The archivists are seeking a proper storage place with trained personnel to catalogue and preserve the past.

"Without such an archive, important parts of our heritage are rotting away in people's basements," said *Lutz*.

Miller said he's happy with the way things are.

Submitted by Esther Paulson

The Editor's Corner

By the time this newsletter arrives I hope we will all be enjoying warm Indian summer weather, fresh corn-on-the-cob and newly picked apples! But first, here are some important items that deserve your attention.

Program Meeting

Please join us for the special program meeting on **Saturday, October 4, 1997 at 2 PM** in the UBC School of Nursing, Room T 206. (The preceding "bag lunch" executive meeting, open to all members, will begin at 12:00). The special program meeting will focus on a guided tour of the History of Nursing displays prepared by our members for the International History of Nursing Conference and the International Council of Nurses (ICN) Congress. In addition, October has been recognized as "Women's History Month" by the Canadian government.

History of Nursing Scholarship

A scholarship of \$500.00 is offered by the B.C. History Group for the first time to an RNABC member enrolled in a college or university program who is studying nursing history. **Please read the enclosed center blue insert for details and the application form.** Deadline for applications is November 1, 1997. For more information contact *Ethel Warbinek*, President.

The International History of Nursing Conference

Watch for a Special mailing which will include a full report on the Conference!

*First B.C.
History of
Nursing
Scholarship to
be awarded.*

SAVE THIS DATE!

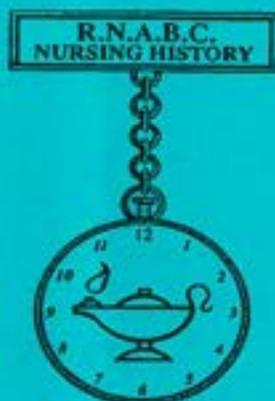
Saturday, October 4, 1997, 2 PM UBC School of Nursing, Room T 206: *Historical Nursing Display*. Tea and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

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. 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 1997 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: Don Ransom, Treasurer, #107-9310 King George Highway, Surrey, B.C. V3V 5W3

**THE HISTORY GROUP'S NEWSLETTER**

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Nursing History Scholarship

**Application
Form**

1997



**British Columbia History of
Nursing Professional Practice
Group**

BC History of Nursing Group
2855 Arbutus Street
Vancouver, B.C. V6J 3Y8

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

PURPOSE: To encourage nurses to explore and add to the rich heritage of nursing history.

GUIDELINES:

The B.C. History of Nursing Group is pleased to offer a scholarship to a RNABC member, enrolled in a recognized college or university program or course. The scholarship will be awarded to a student who is studying nursing history as part of a course, or who is exploring a specific aspect of nursing history as part of a related course or as an independent study.

The history project can be a research paper or project. If a paper, it must be the original work of one author. If a research project, it can be part of a larger study. Periodic reports for review will be requested by the Trustees.

The scholarship must not be used for profit. If at any time the Trustees determine that the scholarship criteria are not being met, they reserve the right to withdraw funds.

SELECTION PROCESS

Completed application forms are to be submitted by November 1st. A selection committee will review the applications and forward recommendations to the Scholarship Trustees. Successful applicants will be notified by November 30th.

INSTRUCTIONS: Please read carefully

1. Application forms must be completed in full and signed.
2. Applicants must provide proof of current enrollment in an education program (see section C)
3. Applicants must agree to acknowledge receipt in writing if they are awarded a scholarship, or to return the funds if unable to use the money for educational purposes.

A. PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. Name: (please print) _____
(surname) (first) (middle)
2. Present address: _____
_____ Postal code: _____
3. Telephone number _____ (home) _____ (work)
4. Permanent address where mail will reach you as above
or _____ Postal code: _____

5. RNBC Registration # _____ RNABC membership # _____
(RN) (student)

6. Year graduated from basic nursing education program _____

School of Nursing _____
(name) (city/country)

Current practice (if employed) _____

B. PROPOSED PROGRAM OF STUDY

1. Educational institution where you are enrolled

_____ proof of enrollment is required (see Section C)

2. Program PREPARATORY TO NURSE REGISTRATION

Diploma program Baccalaureate program

3. Program for REGISTERED NURSES

Baccalaureate

Masters

Doctoral

other (please specify) _____

4. Brief description of course or aspect of nursing history to be studied.

Please attach on a separate piece of paper keeping the description to 250 words or less.

C. PROOF OF CURRENT ENROLMENT

All applicants must have this section signed by an official of the educational institution.

_____ is currently enrolled in a nursing program,

or post-basic course at _____

(college or university)

Signature _____ Date _____

(title)

D. SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT AND SIGNATURE

In the event I am awarded a scholarship, I will acknowledge receipt in writing. If I am unable to use the money for my studies, I will return the funds to the B.C. History of Nursing Group.

Date _____ Signature _____

E. RELEASE OF INFORMATION - DISTANCE EDUCATION STUDENTS ONLY

If you are unable to have section #C signed, you may use this option. Please provide the name of a contact person.

I agree to have _____ of the
(print name of contact person)

_____ release information related to
(institution)

my enrollment status to B.C. History of Nursing Group.

_____ (signature) _____ (date)

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