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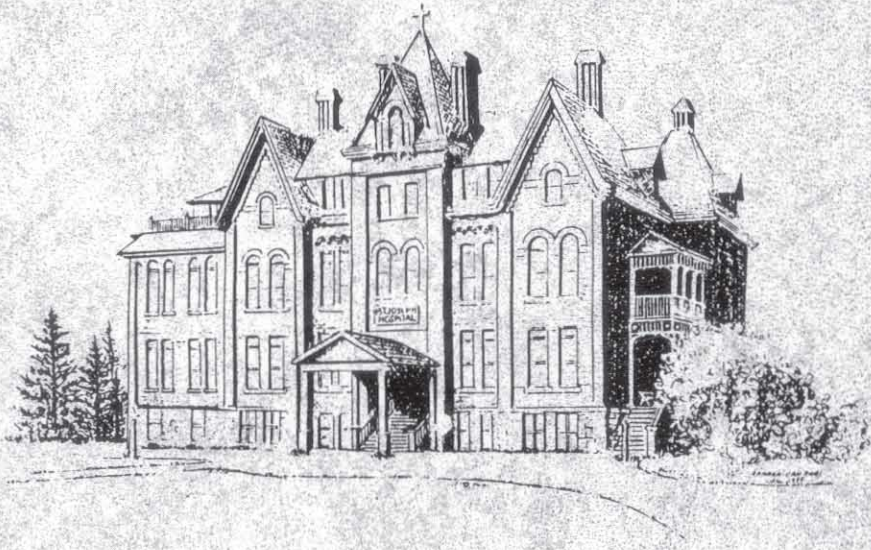
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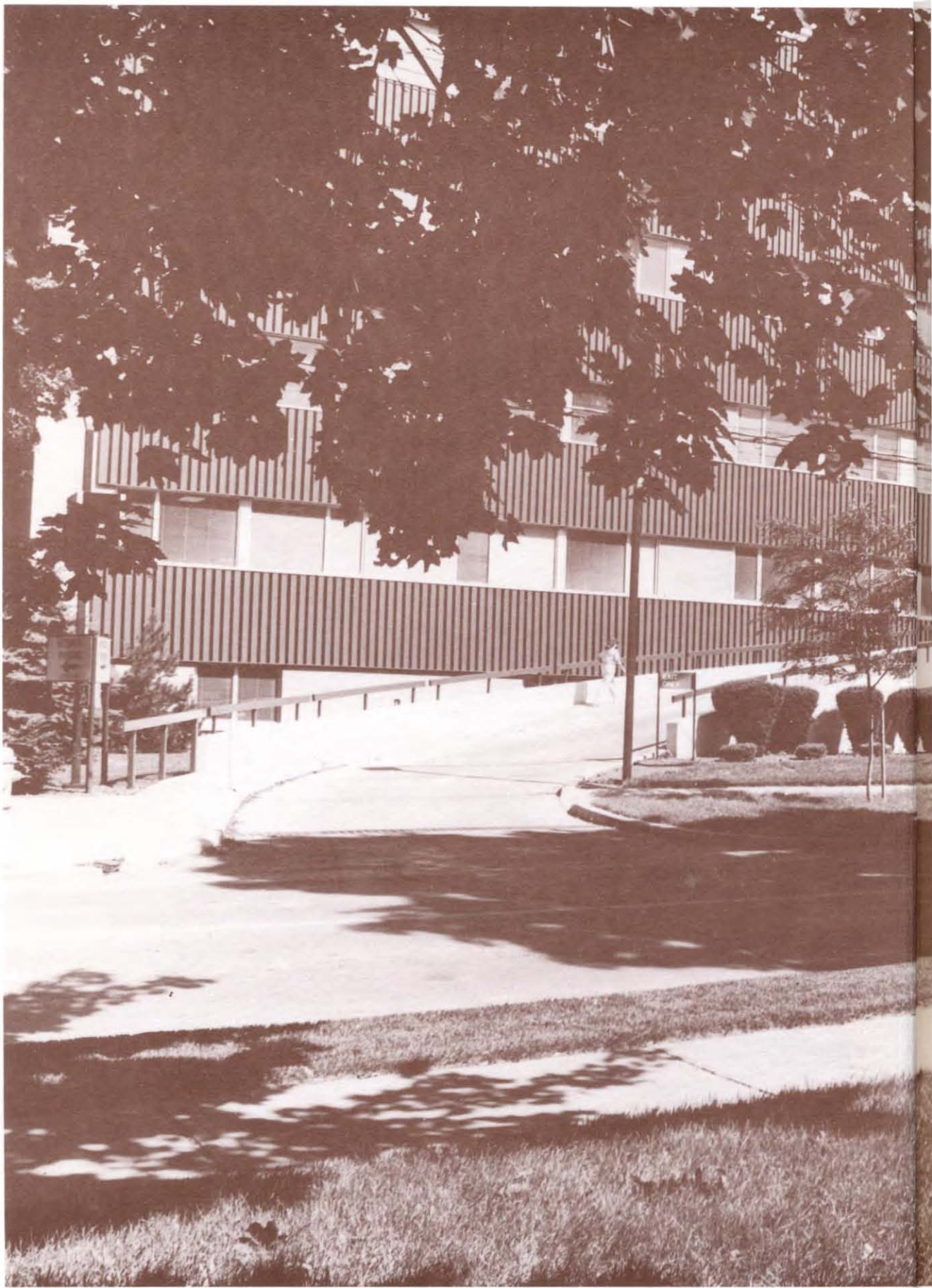
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*St. Joseph's Hospital
1901*

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A Letter from the Bishop of London

My Dear Friends:

It is a great pleasure to send greetings to you as you celebrate the 100th anniversary of St. Joseph's Hospital, Chatham. The very existence of St. Joseph's is further evidence of the enormous debt which the Diocese of London and the people of Chatham owe to the Sisters of St. Joseph. All the hospitals of the diocese, with a single exception, have been founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph in order to meet the needs of the communities they serve. With few resources but with enormous confidence in the providence of God and with the certainty that their loving service to the sick was an essential aspect of their commission from Christ they overcame all obstacles to establish their institutions. The same courage and devotion has enabled their institutions to survive for more than a century.

As St. Joseph's, Chatham enters its second century, a new and important element must be faced. The hospital does not have, and cannot foresee having, the number of Sisters in administration and on staff as a visible sign of the mission and origin of the hospital as an expression of Christian love. For the future, the maintenance of the Christian character of the hospital will depend upon the wisdom, love and dedication of the whole community, both the community of the hospital and the community outside. Therefore, I appeal to priests, religious and laity in the Chatham area to accept not only the presence of St. Joseph's Hospital but a responsibility for enabling it to remain what it is an historic community of people inspired by Jesus Christ to bring healing, comfort and peace to the sick and to their families. The Sisters who founded this institution cannot any longer, carry the burden alone. I am confident that all of you together will ensure the future of St. Joseph's Hospital by the quality of your commitment to loving care for the sick.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J.M. Sherlock'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'J' and 'S'.

J.M. Sherlock,
Bishop of London.



A Message from the General Superior

Sharing the Journey

Looking to a century past as we move into the century ahead! The occasion of an anniversary prompts a reflection on the achievements, challenges, successes and failures of time past. So it is with great pleasure that upon the centennial of St. Joseph's Hospital, and with the publication of this history of the hospital's one hundred years of caring for the sick, that I, on behalf of the Sisters of St. Joseph of London, express sincere gratitude for the contributions of all those who have promoted the healing mission of this health care institution.

From its earliest beginnings in mid 17th century France, the mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph has been to serve the poor and needy with care and compassion in imitation of Christ. In 1836 the Sisters came to America to respond to the needs of the early settlers. In 1868 the London Congregation was established to care for orphaned children and for the frail elderly. Twenty years later, in 1888, the Sisters opened a hospital in London. Then, in 1890, the Sisters were invited to Chatham to begin a hospital. Sister Aloysia Nigh, who had been a pioneer of the London hospital, along with two other Sisters shouldered this responsibility commencing in the former Salvation Army Barracks.

Hospital services at the turn of the century presented major challenges. Educating a dubious public to the therapeutic advantages of hospital care while keeping pace with rapid developments in the science of medicine, was no easy task. This history tells the story . . .

Throughout these years of progress, our health care services have been assisted by the collaboration and labours of countless numbers of persons. Their loyalty and commitment to St. Joseph's have been for us a source of immeasurable support and encouragement.

Over these years the hospital has grown in size and services in response to a growing community as well as to the trends in the provision of modern health care. What has remained constant is the concerted effort of all to provide competent and compassionate care to those who have come to St. Joseph's. The care of the sick is a noble privilege. We are appreciative of the opportunities presented to us over the years to witness to Christ's life-giving message of God's love. We extend to all those who have been a part of this hospital community our sincere gratitude for unswerving fidelity to our healing mission.

Remembering is not merely paying homage to the past. It allows us to experience more fully where we have come from and what we are for. This remembering enriches us and impels us toward the future, a future filled with hope and promise.

Sister Theresa Marie

Sister Theresa Marie Caillouette
General Superior

Introduction

Agnes Doyle



Janet Williams



This book has been made possible because of the foresight of the Sisters of St. Joseph who came to Chatham in 1890 to establish a hospital.

Even though their numbers were few and their duties many, the Sisters managed to keep such accurate daily records that one hundred years later these Chronicles served as an invaluable source of information. As you read the history you will realize that every attempt has been made to keep the colourful expressions and language of the day intact.

It was truly an honour to be asked to compile the one hundred year history of the hospital and I am indeed indebted to Janet Williams who offered her assistance as co-editor. Janet and I are

grateful to all who offered their invaluable assistance by submitting pictures and other information for use in this publication.

In compiling a story of one hundred years of love and caring to this community, one finds a vast array of memories to relate.

St. Joseph's Hospital is much more than a building of brick and mortar. It is a living institution of human care and concern. To all who enter its doors it personifies the mandate and philosophy of the Statement of Mission.

“As long as you did it for one of these, the least of my own, you did it for me.”

(Matthew 25 v.40)

Agnes Doyle



The Old Front Door

The old front door, isn't there anymore
So let me tell you what happened to the old
front door
It served us well, then got replaced.
We know with dignity and grace
That's what happened, to the old front door.
The old front door was a friend to me
In the early morn, it was the first I'd see
I'd enter through, and show my pride
Cause I belonged here inside
Of the house that held, the old front door.
It was a House that Held, The Hand that
Healed
Through Surgery or Prayer.
And when you entered through the old front
door
You knew somehow that hope was there.
For the old front door was the solid ground
For the hospital that was built around
This frame of strength, that wouldn't bend
And would be there until the end
Until, they built again, the old front door.

A poem for Agnes
Written by John Taylor

Share The Journey



*A History of St. Joseph's Hospital,
Chatham*

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As Per The Chronicles Of The Sisters of St. Joseph 1890-1975

Researched and Compiled by Agnes Doyle *Answering the Call*

October 15 is a significant date in the lives of the Sisters of St. Joseph. It was on this date in 1650, that the congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph was founded in Le Puy, France. Through the efforts and perseverance of Bishop Henri De Maupas and Father John Pierre Medaille, a Jesuit missionary, this community operated successfully until the French Revolution when five of the Sisters met their deaths on the guillotine. It was on December 11, 1868, when the Sisters of St. Joseph established a residence in London, Ontario — the same year that the permanent Episcopal residence of the Diocese was established. Reverend Mother Ignatia Campbell was head of the community for thirty-two years.

In the spring of 1890, at the request of Reverend Paul O.F.M (Franciscan Order) of St. Joseph's Parish (Chatham) Reverend Mother Ignatia Campbell and Mother Aloysia Nigh met with Dr. J. L. Bray and other leading physicians in the city. The Doctors pointed out the great need for a hospital, so a boarding house on Centre

Street, formerly the Salvation Army Barracks, was leased by the Sisters for two years.

During the months of July and August, Sisters Seraphine Bennett and Martha Toohey were sent from the Mother House in London to Chatham to collect funds for the undertaking. They met with an overwhelming response from the people. These Sisters were hospitably lodged at the Ursuline convent. In August 1890, Mother Aloysia, assisted by Sisters Francis and Martha, was appointed to take charge of the new hospital which opened on October 15, 1890.

Hospital Opening Announced

The announcement of this first hospital as given in the **The Chatham Weekly Planet**, Chatham, read; "The Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph beg to announce that they have opened a hospital, in the building formerly occupied as a Salvation Army Barracks, on Centre Street. They have taken every pain to fit the building for the reception of patients. Gas fittings have been put in, and it is well heated and comfortable. The hospital affords accommodation for sixteen patients and even twenty if necessary. They will accept all patients who may offer themselves and who really require care or treatment irrespective of creed. In fact the religions of patients will not be inquired into.

All patients will be required to pay a moderate charge if possible and will be given their free choice of a physician provided they pay him his fees. All others will be treated by a physician provided by the Sisters, and a number of the leading physicians of the town have generously consented to give their attendance on such patients, free of charge.

The municipalities, from which come patients



Mother Aloysia Nigh — Administrator 1890-1893

unable to pay, will be expected to contribute to their support to the extent of two dollars per week, unless in extraordinary cases. As presently arranged, the hospital cannot deal with and will not accept patients afflicted with small-pox, diphtheria or scarlet fever, but typhoid cases will be received. All patients may depend on it, that their religious belief will not be in the slightest degree interfered with and the attendance of any clergyman whom they may choose will be at once procured for them. This is the rule adopted by the Sisters in other places and it will be strictly carried out here. The means of the Sisters are extremely limited, and they will very thankfully receive any contributions either in money, food, or other necessities.”



The original St. Joseph's Hospital formerly the Salvation Army barracks on Centre Street.

This appeal met with outstanding response and had it not been for the generosity of the good people of Chatham, the Sisters would have found their task far more arduous. The co-operation of the Franciscan Fathers, the energetic medical staff combined with the labour and perseverance of the Sisters brought success to issue what at first appeared a seemingly hopeless task.

The barracks was a double house with a hallway running the whole length of the building. Rooms on either side were prepared for patients while the Sisters' apartment consisted of one room large enough for five beds, a kitchen, which also served as a refectory and a community room. A small room upstairs served as an oratory and they assisted at Mass at St. Joseph's Church. There was

one bathroom in the whole establishment to which the water had to be hand pumped. A well where they suspended the perishable supplies in baskets tied with rope served as a refrigerator. As well as attending to their patients, each sister cooked the food, prepared the trays and then carried them to the rooms. The nursing Sisters did all the domestic work including the laundry. Four patients were registered in October, five in November and four in December. Inconvenience and difficulty were met at every turn.

An early patient admitted from the city was a man who had tampered with a cannon in the park. When it accidentally exploded, there was scarcely a shred of clothing left on his body. His left eye was gone, his teeth knocked out and his left arm blown off. Pieces of wood and splinters penetrated his body in several places and his skin was black with soot and smoke. He presented a most pitiable sight as he was carried into the hospital and given to the Sisters. This disaster caused such crowds to gather outside the hospital that it was necessary to call a policeman to disperse them. Lacking equipment necessary for such an emergency, one can imagine the difficulty the nurses experienced in dressing and attending to his wounds. Because of the attentive care given by the Sisters, the man recovered and was able to move to California.

Work began on the present hospital location May 1891. This location was a most uninviting one at that time, apparently a sort of wilderness. Its only redeeming feature was the river which nature herself had adorned, as it were, for this special purpose. The work of the building progressed so rapidly the cornerstone was laid on June 14 in the



Original hospital on present site.

presence of Bishop Dennis O'Connor, C.S.B. After the morning services the people adjourned for dinner, which, by forethought, was provided in a large malt house en route to the hospital. The ladies of St. Joseph's parish and Sister Mary Rosary Williams were kept busy with about a thousand people enjoying a plentiful repast.

In January 1892, the patients were transferred to the new hospital on sleighs filled with straw. On Sunday, January 21, 1892, the formal dedication of the hospital took place.

Life In The New Hospital

With all the advantages that the new building afforded, life in the new hospital was a great improvement to life in the barracks, spiritually as well as temporally. The little chapel was blessed and many articles were donated to make it possible to have Holy Mass in the house. Father Paul supplied numerous sets of vestments. The Ursuline Religious gave altar linens, stoles and burses and the Motherhouse generously helped to adorn the dwelling of the Lord.

For the first three years there was no system for heating water on the floors. All water used by nurses and patients had to be heated on the kitchen stove and carried to the operating room. The sterilizer was a common boiler. There was no elevator, and the trays were prepared in the kitchen and carried up the back stairs to the patients' rooms. Patients also had to be carried on stretchers by the Sisters and the other staff members.

The labour of the laundry was indescribable. Often the Sister, who was also the night nurse, began the wash between three and four in the morning, occasionally returning to the floors to check on the patients and to see that all was well. Nevertheless, the work and attendance on the patients was satisfactory. In addition to regular visitors, the Sisters would also visit the patients to provide both comfort and a word of cheer.

The doctors were kind and devoted, and the needy regarded them as friends! The staff of doctors, the nursing Sisters and the patients formed one grand family, where mutual aid and mutual sympathy were the guiding influence. The spirit of service had imbued them so thoroughly that one realized there was something in their work, other than the hum drum existence of a mere business life.

Those Sisters who looked after patients in the isolation ward were quarantined with them for long periods of time. Can one imagine the

privations those in charge were called upon to make? No one complained, as the days numbered into weeks in the same monotonous surroundings.

Doctor Bray, who became one of St. Joseph's first medical staff, stands out as a prominent leader among the physicians. For twenty years his devotions to the Sisters' welfare and his interest in their undertakings never faltered. He helped by personal efforts, by lectures and by bedside notes, to raise the standard of nurses' education in this early stage of hospital training. He used his influence with the City Council to procure a supply of water for the hospital. Later he applied to the Government, through the Minister of Public Works, to have the break water built on the bank of the Thames. This prevented the gradual erosion of the hospital grounds at this curve in the bank. It was a sad day when the death of Dr. Bray was announced, November 25, 1915.

The other members of the first Medical Staff were: Doctors J. P. Rutherford, J. J. Murphy, G. T. McKeough, J. H. Duncan and W. P. Hall.



Mother Xavier Coughlin —
Administrator 1893-1901

Mother Aloysia Nigh was Superior in Chatham, from the beginning of the hospital until August, 1893. She was succeeded by Mother Xavier Coughlin, who directed the hospital for the next eight years. During this period, a hot water system was installed on the floors. The hospital building now provided accommodation for fifty patients. Patronage grew under the influence of the zealous medical staff so that it soon appeared evident the capacity of the building was insufficient.

Mother Xavier Coughlin was followed in office by Mother Clare Mugan in August, 1900. The statistics of the house at that date, show that the number of patients received during the year was four hundred and twenty-four. This indicated that

a training school for nurses was the next imperative need.



Mother Clare Mugan —
Administrator 1901-1902

Opening of the Training School

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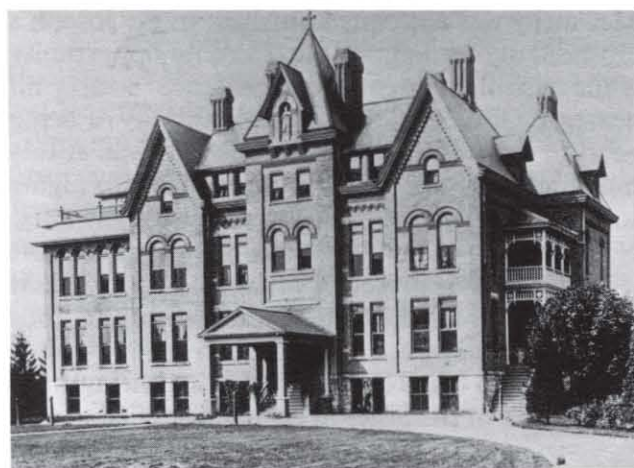
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St. Joseph's Hospital — first westerly addition — early 1900's.

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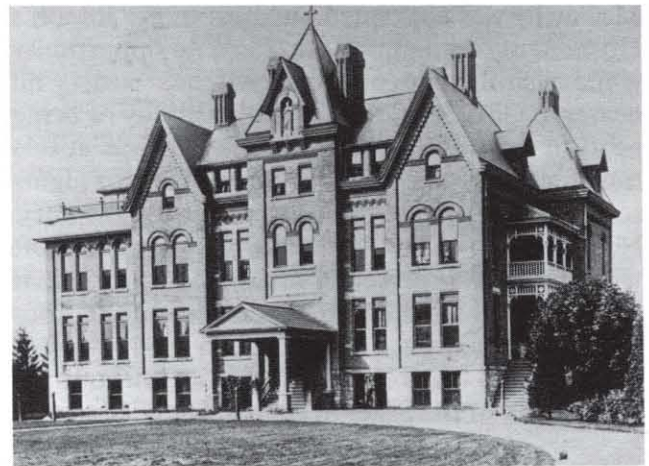
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all in the performance of her professional duties and her death was a great loss to this hospital.

Her parents were both dead, her father having been buried just a week before her death. Her brother, Reverend J. G. Muga, pastor of a Raleigh Parish, was seriously ill in the hospital at the time and was unable to visit his beloved sister before her death. The Sisters carried her coffin to his room that he might bid her a last farewell.

Mother Immaculate O'Leary took charge of the hospital for the remaining term and was succeeded in office by Mother Celestine McCarthy, who held this position for nine consecutive years.

It was in 1902, that Mother Celestine McCarthy was appointed Superior of St. Joseph's Hospital in Chatham. Mother lost no opportunity while visiting patients to draw their hearts all nearer to God. She took the responsibility of being head of the hospital very seriously. It was at this time that there was no Sister Supervisor for nights so each Sister nurse took her turn at night duty. No patient in a dying condition was to be left without a Sister present. Sister Celestine made it an obligation for the Sisters in charge of the floor to visit all their patients at least twice a day. No trays were to leave the service room without the supervision of the Sister in charge. She tried to visit

some of the patients every day and the poor and forsaken were always her main thought. If a patient needed the benefit of sun, a front room was given to him regardless of ability to pay. Many times when a patient was admitted she was told by the Doctor that the patient could pay nothing. The answer was: "That will be all right, Doctor, the patient may come!"

Added Improvements

As time passed the necessity of a larger chapel became evident. A special bank account for all donations and picnic proceeds was begun for building purposes. At the end of Mother Celestine's term, she had the satisfaction of leaving sufficient funds to build a chapel. The work was accomplished by her successor, Mother Sophia Tobin.

For many years the Sisters had no place to take recreation in the open air. Mother Celestine made provision for this by having a door made in the community room which led to a spacious balcony along the east and north sides. It was a great luxury for the Sisters to have one place of seclusion after their strenuous day's work. A splendid cement walk was laid from the house to the river.



Mother Immaculate
O'Leary — Administrator
1902-1903

Mother Celestine McCarthy
— Administrator 1902-1911



The Second Westerly Addition 1912



Mother Sophia Tobin —
Administrator 1911-1917

Mother Sophia Tobin was appointed in 1911 and successfully carried on the work of improvements during the next six years. Early in 1912, the Sisters in charge of the Hospital decided to build an addition to provide much needed accommodation. The financing of the project caused some concern and many discussions were held to devise ways and means to raise the necessary funds. A company was formed known as the "Catholic Hospital Building Company of

Chatham Limited.” This company had an authorized capital of \$40,000 divided into four hundred shares of \$100 each. The Sisters conveyed to this Company the land on which the new addition was to be built. They then signed an agreement with the Company that they (the Sisters), would rent the new wing at a sum which would pay five percent per annum on all outstanding stock, and would in addition, pay all taxes and other charges against the new wing. In order to ensure that the Sisters would eventually own the new wing, each subscriber for stock signed an option to sell at par the same to the sisters at any time within a ten year period.

The Company went ahead, built the new wing according to the plans already prepared and according to the wishes and desires of the Sisters. The actual building was done by the Blonde Lumber Company Limited. The new building was incorporated into the old hospital and to all outward appearances, was one unit.

The plan of financing worked perfectly. The first Christmas after the completion of the building, the Sisters received a present of seven shares of stock and from time to time they purchased all stock offered for sale. In the

meantime, they paid the Company sufficient rent for the Company to pay a dividend of five percent to all shareholders every year.

At the end of the option period (ten years), the Sisters owned all the stock but thirty-nine shares and these were held by friends of the Sisters. These shares were purchased by the Sisters in 1926. The Company then conveyed to the Sisters the land they had obtained in the beginning and the Catholic Hospital Building Company Ltd., having served its purpose, surrendered its charter.

The original incorporators of the Company were: Dr. H. J. Sullivan, J. T. O’Keefe, James Taft, John Pleasance and J. A. McNevin.

The new \$40,000 addition to St. Joseph’s Hospital was formally opened December 1, 1913, by Reverend Father James of this city. The following is the list of those who so generously furnished rooms in the new addition to St. Joseph’s Hospital:

Mr. and Mrs. Baby, Mrs. Ed Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crump, Mrs. E. C. Trudell, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. John White, Mr. and Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Hanratty, — Toronto, Members of St. Joseph Parish, C. Austin & Company, The Ladies Altar



St. Joseph's Hospital — with the second westerly addition — 1913.

Society, McDonald Furniture Company, The Knights of Columbus.

Three large sun rooms were furnished by friends of the institution, who did not wish their names to be published.

The rooms were well ventilated and heated with a splendid system of hot water. Instead of using bells, a system of coloured lights was installed. These lights were placed over the doors in the corridors to each room. The switches were within easy reach of the patients.

The new west wing of St. Joseph's Hospital was constructed of red brick with cement concrete walls. In the basement at the east end was the Sisters' dining-room. In the central bay was the doctors' dining-room and the nurses' recreation room. On the north-west corner was located the nurses' lecture room.

In connection with the hospital's opening of a new wing a large bazaar was held for the entire week in the Knights of Columbus Hall on King Street. The proceeds were \$6,022.

Much regret was felt when Mother Sophia did not return to Chatham where she had won the esteem of doctors, patients and the public. Foremost among her admirers were Mr. and Mrs. Birmingham of Chatham. They had watched with keenest interest her wonderful skill and management.

To prove their gratitude for the care and attention bestowed upon Mrs. Beech (Mrs. Birmingham's mother) who had been a patient for many months, they donated an elevator to the hospital, a much appreciated and needed piece of equipment. The Sisters of St. Joseph will always hold in grateful remembrance the goodness of Mr. and Mrs. Birmingham, and Mrs. Connelly and Mrs. Malcomson, sisters of the latter, who assisted in this good work. A brass plate installed in the elevator bore their inscription. The elevator opened

to all floors and extended to a proposed garden and promenade on the roof.

On August 21, 1917, Mother Regis Keating took charge of St. Joseph's, Chatham. The staff appointed for that year were Mother Celestine, Sisters Monica, Austin, Oswald, Adrienne, St. Joseph and Barbara. These were followed by Sisters Raymond, Loretta, Pascal, St. Stephen, Anselm and Teresa.

Typhoid Epidemic

The summer of 1918 was a notable one in the annals of the hospital, due to the outbreak of typhoid fever, a very serious epidemic. Two beds were placed in each private room, three beds in the larger rooms, and sun parlors were used as wards. The number of ill increased daily and soon beds were set up in the halls, doctors' surgical rooms, the office and parlours.

Additional nurses from out of town were secured. The Sisters and nurses had to be inoculated and, although several became ill from the effects, they were still found at their post, faithfully ministering to the suffering patients.

On August 20, 1918, the typhoid epidemic reached its height and Mother Regis and her staff of generous nurses seemed taxed to their utmost limit of endurance. Suddenly the hospital stillness was broken by a cry of distress. It was learned that Sister Bertrand Langan had been caught in the dumb waiter and was now pinned between it and the brick wall, midway between the first and the second floors. Mother Aloysia displayed her usual calmness and assisted in the rescue. Before Sister could be extricated, the fire department had to be summoned to remove part of the brick wall and cut away some of the wood work. It was feared that Sister was dead as her moans had ceased. However, she was still breathing, though unconscious, when released. A mattress was prepared and she was carried to the breakfast room in the basement. The doctors gave every assistance to revive the patient. As soon as she could be removed without danger she was taken to her room where the doctor carefully examined her to learn the extent of her injuries. By a miracle of God's Providence, Sister Bertrand had not sustained such serious injuries as were anticipated. However her recovery was slow and almost a year elapsed before she was able to resume her duties.

Shortly after Sisters' unfortunate accident a startling telephone message was received, stating that a female patient, suffering from a fractured

Mother Regis Keating —
Administrator 1917-1923



skull, would be brought in immediately. The lady had been found at the foot of the basement steps in her home, with her five month old baby sitting beside her. She was going downstairs with the baby in her arms, missed her footing and fell, striking her head on the cement floor. She had managed to protect the baby as was evident when found.

By sad coincidence her husband was seriously ill in the hospital with typhoid fever and very little hope was held for his recovery. When she had visited her sick husband the day previous to the accident, it was agreed that she would go that very day to remain with relatives while her husband was ill. His condition at that time was such that he could not be informed of his wife's accident and as he believed she had gone on the proposed visit, he was kept ignorant of the real truth. His wife died shortly after her arrival at the hospital.

As days lengthened into weeks his family found it most difficult to evade his repeated inquiries and at last he was sufficiently recovered to bear the sad news. One can imagine his feelings as he realized the terrible truth. Coupled with his deep and almost inconsolable grief, was a slight indignation, that he had been kept in ignorance of the state of his beloved wife. Later, he understood that kindness was the underlying motive, as he himself had been so critically ill.

Influenza Outbreak

The typhoid fever patients had not all been discharged when the influenza outbreak followed in October. To protect the typhoid patients, the influenza patients were not accepted for a week or more, but the hospital authorities allowed as many nurses as possible to nurse in the homes. The typhoid victims were moved to the first floor to allow the staff to prepare the third floor for the influenza patients. That very same night every available bed was occupied and the struggle between life and death commenced. To increase the dilemma, several of the nurses who had been working on cases in the city, returned to the hospital stricken with the dread disease. A few days later, fourteen nurses on the staff were compelled to go off duty. Special mention must be made of three nurses who, fortunately, were spared from this scourge. The three C's, as they were called, were Miss Nora Casey, Miss Alma Cooper and Miss Margaret Connelly, who all seemed untiring in their attention to the afflicted. Many times they remained on duty day and night. In order to take as little time as possible from their work they almost daily throughout a whole week took their refreshments standing.

Many patients were brought into the hospital in a critical condition. One day a patient died within twenty minutes after she reached her room. Two brothers were the next victims. They were placed in the elevator to be conveyed to the third floor and one died on the way up. At this time many Mexicans were engaged to work at the Sugar Factory and they seemed most susceptible to the disease.

Of one hundred and thirty-three cases in all, only three died. The Government sent a letter of congratulation to the nurses in the hospital for their excellent service in caring so successfully for the sick.

Note may also be made here of the deaths of Miss Grace O'Neil and Miss Langlois, who had worked earnestly during the typhoid epidemic. The former assisted at the death bed of her sister, Sister Roberta in Woodstock, and within a week's time, she herself had gone to her eternal reward. Miss Langlois went from Chatham to Montreal and while there, succumbed to the dreadful disease.

Special mention must be made of the goodness displayed by the Catholic Women of Chatham during the typhoid and influenza epidemics. These good ladies vied with each other in rendering services to the Sisters at the hospital. Local produce was in season and the women spent their time and energy preserving and pickling fruits and vegetables for winter use at the hospital. They also furnished weekly supplies of home made bread and cooking. They plied needle and thread to make the extra linen required. May God Himself reward such charity.

The kindly solicitude of Mr. Charles Lyons of the Standard Bank evidenced itself in a practical way. He realized that the hours of rest for the nurses were few so he procured Bell Tents from the Sugar Factory and had them set up on the roof



Old barn behind Nurses' Residence where boiler room stands today.

garden, thus affording the tired nurses a chance to snatch an occasional undisturbed rest.

Sister Regis set to work to continue the improvements and changes needed at the time. She had the front portico completed which greatly improved the appearance of the hospital. The Maternity Ward which had been fitted with modern equipment for the patients was moved to the third floor.

In 1923, Sister Louise Joly was appointed Superior. With the advice of her staff and bursar, she borrowed money from the Episcopal Corporation of London and had a boiler room built at a cost of \$18,000.

Installation of X-Ray Equipment

For the next six years, Sister St. Roch Costello was in charge of the hospital. The construction of the Provincial Highway which passed through the County of Kent awakened another necessity; that was the need to treat accident victims. As many as ninety-nine accident cases were admitted within a year, with many fatalities. Among these were a doctor and his wife's daughter from Detroit. They were brought to the hospital and both died within a few days. Another fatality was that of a

gentleman from Hamilton who died a few hours after his admission. These circumstances made it impossible to carry on work without the aid of x-ray equipment.

Standard x-ray equipment was purchased and installed on the second floor. As a test of his machine, the agent who installed it x-rayed an employee of the Maple Leaf Cemetery. His diagnosis showed an aneurysm. This eventually resulted in his sudden death from hemorrhage. Sister Rosalie Joly was x-rayed and it was revealed she suffered from gastric ulcers. An Ursuline religious, who had been incapacitated for nearly two years, found that she suffered from an injured coccyx (the bone at the end of the spinal column). Her condition was soon remedied.

Other Important Improvements

In January 1927, Mr. McPherson, inspector of Hospitals and Charities, considered our fire protection inadequate and recommended fire doors be erected on both middle and west stairways. These were built at a cost of \$955.

In June 1927, our laundry equipment was considered too small to accomplish the required work and the mangle was replaced at a cost of \$3,250.

The Ladies Auxiliary became an active support for the hospital. Even in these early days the Annual Tag Day raised \$700 to be used in purchasing some of the items mentioned.

In July, a typhoid epidemic caused by an uninspected dairy supply struck the city. Many patients were brought to the hospital and the disease lingered throughout the summer and autumn months. Of the fifty-two patients admitted, four deaths resulted from the dreaded malady.

In October 1927, permission was obtained to remodel a cottage to be occupied by the nurses during training. The roof was raised one storey and finished with dormer windows. The main storey was veneered with red tapestry brick, the second storey finished with green shingles. The upper half storey was finished to supply suitable sleeping apartments for the nurses serving night duty. The Nurses Residence was finished by the first week of February 1928.

To aid the Sisters in the problem of financing this undertaking, a bazaar, sponsored by the Ladies Hospital Auxiliary was held in December 1927 in the Armories and \$2,400 was raised. Some private donations from good friends and Societies

Mother Louise Joly —
Administrator 1912-1926



Mother St. Roch Costello —
Administrator 1926-1932

were likewise given to assist in furnishing the home. Special mention should be made of Mr. E. Houston, Manager of the Dominion Sugar Co. who donated \$150. Two Chapters of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire gave \$75 each.

A travelling Chest Clinic was conducted under the direction of Dr. R. McRitchie, Public Health Official, assisted by a tuberculosis specialist from the Byron Sanatorium in London. Public notice of the procedure was given once a month so that the physicians in the city and surrounding county, might bring suspected tubercular cases for examination, free of charge. Patients could come as often as they desired so that suitable treatment could be outlined for each.

Early Financial Grants

In February 1929, Mr. J. A. McNevin, K.C., appeared before the City Council to ask for a grant of \$2000 to aid the hospital in making up the deficit caused by indigent patients. After voicing the request on behalf of the Sisters in an eloquent and pleading address, he succeeded in obtaining the handsome sum of \$1,000.

On June 11, 1929, the hospital's legal advisor Mr. J. A. McNevin appeared before the annual meeting of the County Council with a request for a grant of \$3,500 for St. Joseph's Hospital. He considered this amount was due to offset costs of ward patients from the County of Kent. A grant of \$1,300 was gratefully received from the Council.

The hospital was also indebted to Mr. Wm. Houle, Public Accountant, for kindly auditing the accounts. This work was always done gratis. As well he gave other advice which the Sisters required of him.

In December 1929, the main entrance was remodelled and finished with terazzo steps and landing at a cost of \$350. In December 1930, a surgical operating table and a surgical wheeled stretcher were purchased. Surgical lighting fixtures were installed at a cost of \$1,400. Dr. W. J. Rutherford generously gave a cheque for \$1,400 from an estate entrusted to him for charitable purposes.

The same year a high pressure instrument sterilizer was installed which added much to the efficiency of hospital work.

In 1932, refrigerators were installed throughout the building, in the main kitchens on each floor, the paediatric department and dispensary.

The problem of financing all these improvements and at the same time carrying on

the hospital's general management was a test of Mother St. Roch's financial talents.

The Sisters who worked with Mother St. Roch in the various responsible charges during her term of office (1926-1932) were: Sisters M. Wilhelmine, Mary Patrick, M. Martha, M. Bertille, M. Marcella, M. Gabriel, M. Alexis, M. Raphael, Mary of Good Counsel, M. Loyola, M. St. Stephen, M. Loretta, M. Casimir, M. Ligouri, M. Remigious, M. Florence, M. Thecla, M. Martina, M. Damian, M. Petronella, M. Fabian, M. Lenore, M. Ephrem, M. Julien, Mary Joseph, M. Consolata.



Mother Mary of Good Counsel Kelly — Administrator 1932-1936

After the annual retreat in August in 1932, Mother Mary of Good Counsel was appointed Superior of Chatham Hospital and returned with the following staff: Sister Wilhelmine Kelly — First Assistant, Sister M. Patrick — Second Assistant, Sister Raphael — Bursar, Sisters Martha, Bertille, Alexis, St. Stephen, Veronica, Casimir, Martina, Medard, Ephrem, Paula and St. Anthony.

Sister Liguori O'Dwyer, a former member of the hospital staff was appointed with Mother Loretta Traynor to found a hospital, in Rimby, Alberta.

In June 1933, another member of the staff in Chatham, Sister Mary Alexis, after making a private retreat at the Sacred Heart Convent, London, was appointed Superior of the Hospital in Killam, Alberta. She was accompanied by Sister Jane Frances O'Rourke, a graduate of St. Joseph's, Chatham, who had spent six years in hospital work in the west. Her charity and self-sacrifice had been admired by all. She was idolized by the poor and indigent who had been known to inquire among themselves, "Do you know Sister Jane Frances?"

National Hospital Day Open House

Every resident of Kent County was given a warm and cordial invitation by Mother M. Mary, Superior, and members of the nursing staff of St. Joseph's Hospital to visit upon the occasion of National Hospital Day. The entire institution was thrown open for public inspection to help promote greater understanding between the public and the hospital.

St. Joseph's, one of the most modern and complete hospitals in Western Ontario had been a source of pride to this community for many years. The nucleus of the present building was erected in 1891 and since that time two large and splendid additions had been added. Mother M. Mary, Superior, announced that members of the Alumni Association would be on hand throughout the afternoon in order to conduct tours of the institution for visitors.

On the ground floor of the hospital, visitors saw the main kitchen where the trays were prepared and served, the well equipped laundry, a demonstration room, the sewing room, the store room and the power plant. Private and semi-private rooms, the children's ward, the dispensary, rest rooms and a breakfast room were on the first floor. The fully equipped laboratory under the care of a technician, Sister M. Casimir, was also on the first floor.

On the second floor were the operating room and patients' rooms. The x-ray department was also maintained there. The third floor was for maternity patients only. It consisted of a number of private and semi-private rooms, a nursery, a delivery room and a dispensary.

The roof garden was the pride and joy of the establishment. On suitable days it was used extensively for convalescing patients since it allowed a beautiful view of the hospital grounds and the surrounding country. The extensive lawn with beautiful flowers gracing it stretched down to the river. Rose arbors had been built in which patients could rest.

A splendid nurses' home was built on the grounds for the accommodation of both the staff and the girls in training at the institution. A tennis court had been established for their amusement and relaxation. St. Joseph's Hospital had to serve the needs of the county well.

In September 1936, the charge of the hospital was given to Mother Theodore, who succeeded Sister Mary of Good Counsel Kelly. During Sister Mary's term of office many minor improvements had been made.

The training school in operation since 1901, was conducted for many years by Sister Consolata Coveny, who successfully used her talent as instructress and superintendent of nurses. Others in the same work were Sister Marion and Sister Thecla. Loyal and generous service had been given by Sisters Loyola, St. Stephen, Bernice, Benardine, Casimir, Veronica, Julien, Medard, Ephrem and Josephine.

Building Of The East Wing 1936



Mother Theodore Hannon — Administrator 1936-1939

In 1936, Sister Theodore Hannon came to Chatham as Superior and for three years worked very successfully. Her first Assistant was Sister Pascal Kenny and second Assistant Sister Margaret Mary Gauthier. The other members appointed to provide help and comfort to the sick were: Sisters St. Stephen, Casimir, St. Joseph, Veronica, Theophane, Bernice, Consolata, Ephrem, St. Christopher and Patrick Joseph.

A new four storey building was constructed to the east of the original building. From the outside, the addition did not seem very large but a tour of inspection revealed that every inch of space had been utilized efficiently.

On the first floor, there were several rooms all beautifully equipped and furnished. There were several semi-private rooms with connecting baths, a new laboratory with the latest equipment, a very



St. Joseph's Hospital circa 1940.

convenient chart-room, two private rooms and a comfortable waiting room for the use of visitors.

On the second floor was the Department of Radiology, with the very latest equipment, a viewing room, a dark room for development of x-ray plates, a doctors' rest room and two small dressing rooms for patients. The equipment was new and of the most modern type, making this department of Radiology one of the most modern in this region of Canada.

Another important department of this floor was the new children's ward. This spacious and airy room had large windows to let in the sunshine. In it were nine cubicles with glass partitions giving privacy to each of the little tots who occupied the beds. Each cubicle contained a bed, bedside table and a chair. The colour scheme was baby blue and cream. An adjoining kitchenette with refrigeration system and electric devices for preparation of snacks for young patients was a great convenience to the staff.

On the second floor were private and semi-private rooms and a four bed ward, fracture room, chart room and waiting room. The lay-out on third floor provided large, airy wards with connecting bathrooms. The floors were also covered with linoleum to ensure quiet and ease for the nurses' tired legs and feet.



Oh no, Sister, please not me! (Paediatrics in the 60's).

The ground floor, which had an exit at the easterly end, served a variety of purposes. There was a furnished restroom for graduate nurses, with lockers and showers, a large assembly room used for meetings of the Ladies Auxiliary, Nurses' Alumni Association and Medical Staff, etc. There was ample space for sewing and storage rooms. There was also room for doctors to conduct clinics and to file records. The whole wing was of fireproof construction and the interior was decorated in a most attractive manner.

The Hospital Alumni, Chatham Subdivision Catholic Women's League, Ladies Auxiliary organizations and generous friends provided a large share of the necessary funds to make the building a possibility.

First on the list was the generous gift of Dr. J. Rutherford, who installed the x-ray equipment at a cost of \$6,000. He also built the closed ambulance porch at the west entrance and financed the porch built for the Sisters on the Chapel Wing. In all, his contributions amounted to \$10,000. He was a benefactor whose deeds of generosity will ever remain in the memories of the Hospital.

Following are some of the many donations received.

First Floor

- Ward 115 Furnished by the Canada & Dominion Sugar Co.
- Ward 116 Gift of Our Lady, Help of Christians Parish, Wallaceburg.
- Ward 117 Furnished by Margaret J. Clements Child.
- Ward 118 Furnished by Rev. W. T. Moran, in memory of Robert Moran.
- Ward 119 Furnished by Rt. Rev. C. A. Parent, Tilbury.

The Waiting Room adjoining the X-ray Department was furnished by Doctor and Mrs. Bryce Kendrick. Comfort and convenience were added when the restful alcoves on each floor were furnished by the gifts of Drs. Hall and Hamilton. A donation of \$200 was given for laboratory equipment by Dr. Moriarty.

On the ground floor, the furnishings for the nurses' rest room were the gift of the graduate nurses. The nurses' dining-room was equipped by Dr. L. A. Glenn.

Many gifts of money were received and were gratefully acknowledged. Besides generous donations, many had devoted their valuable time and interest to the success of this institution. The

Community (Sisters) felt a special appreciation to the donors.

Shortly after the new wing was opened and in working order, the charge of St. Joseph's was given to Sister Mary Pascal. Her first and second Assistants were Sisters Loyola and Casimir. The remaining members of the active staff during these years were Sisters Raphael, St. Stephen, Veronica, St. Joseph, Bernice, Alexius, Theophane, Thecla, Liguori, St. Anthony, Mary Avila, St. Benedict, Valeria, Barbara, Lucy, Amelia, Ephrem, Anna, Angelica and Noreen.



Mother Pascal Kenny —
Administrator 1939-1945

Interesting Happenings of the '40's

The hospital was now nearly filled to capacity and extra rooms were at a premium. Accommodation for the increased number of nurses was the next problem. For the time, a residence across the street was rented, but it was found unsatisfactory in many ways and could not be a permanent solution to the difficulty. After much consultation between Mother Pascal and her staff, it was decided to lay the matter before the General Council in the Motherhouse in London. After much deliberation and with the approval of His Excellency, Bishop Kidd, it was decided that the building of a nurses' residence was to be undertaken at once.

City Council was approached and a permit to build was granted. This written permit was posted publicly on the grounds before the contractors began work on the foundation. Great was the surprise when application was made to the Court for an order restraining the Community from erecting the building on the proposed site, stating that it was in contravention with the City zoning by-law.

The letter sent to the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Chatham was dated October 31, 1940.

“The undersigned residents and taxpayers of King Street West and Robertson Avenue respectfully but emphatically protest the erection on the property of St. Joseph’s of a new building in front of the nurses’ home facing King Street West and petition the Council to revoke the building permit issued for the erection of this building and at once halt the building operations now being carried on there.

The neighbourhood of King Street West and Robertson Avenue, for a considerable surrounding area is a strictly residential district and, with the exception of St. Joseph’s Hospital, all the buildings are of residential type and solely used as such. The existing nurses’ home of St. Joseph’s Hospital is set back from the boundary of King Street West in line with the next two buildings on the east side, namely the residences of Mr. Samuel Orr and Mr. Charles Houston. The excavation which is now being made for the extension or addition to the nurses’ home, however, shows that the building will project in its entirety beyond the line of the two residences named and will almost entirely cut off the view westward from these two homes.

Aside from the damage occurring to these two residences, the entire immediate neighbourhood would suffer seriously in appearance because of the new building being placed where indicated. The existing view from the opposite side of King Street West and from Robertson Avenue presents the aspect of an attractive park, an aspect which would be ruined by the new building if placed where indicated.

It is hardly necessary to mention that the consideration of scenic beauty and attractive layout is all-important to the value of homes in a residential district and that, in such surroundings a single unsightly, incongruous or misplaced building will destroy the harmonious beauty of the whole and result in a serious lowering in the property values of the surrounding residences.

This consideration is of great importance, not only to the immediate home owners, but also to the City as a whole, since a substantial reduction in assessments could be demanded and the demand sustained as a result of such actual lowering in property values.

In the case in question, the undersigned taxpayers feel that a grievous injustice would be done to them by erection of the building on the site now excavated. On the other hand, no serious harm would result to the interest of the hospital if the building were banned in the proposed

location, since there is more than sufficient space on the hospital lands to erect a large building to the rear or to the westward of the present nurses’ home.

In addition, your petitioners are assured that the erection of the proposed building on the site indicated is contrary to the provisions of City By-Law No. 2731.

It is respectfully pointed out that if a violation of the By-law is countenanced by the Council in the face of protests, the confidence of the taxpayers generally will be undermined, a condition not conducive to substantial expenditures on residential houses in the future.

In consideration of all of which your petitioners respectfully but urgently request that the City take immediate action in the premises.”

The objectors claimed that the proposed building would mar the appearance of the street and obstruct the view. The hospital authorities contended that the building, instead of marring its beauty, would greatly add to its appearance, as it completed the hospital unit.

This new home was a four storey, brick structure sixty-four feet long and forty-eight wide. It was claimed that the building would extend in front of the line of other residences on King Street and consequently, obstruct their view of the park and surroundings. In truth, the home was seven feet further back from the street than the law demanded.



Nurses' Residence — built in 1941 and demolished in 1979.

While these negotiations were under way, the contractors continued operations. The front portion of the old residence was removed, the excavations completed and cribs constructed for the foundation of the building. The counsel for the Sisters of St. Joseph, Mr. J. A. McNeven

received an official document from the city authorities demanding cessation of the work.

After much contention among the members of the City Council, the original action of the City of Chatham against the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Diocese of London and J. Hayman & Sons, Contractors, was tried by Justice Rose in Toronto Court, and was based on the alleged infraction of the City's Zoning By-Law. While the Judge found that one clause, relating to the distance of a building from the street, was invalid, he held the By-law to be good, and that the hospital property was not exempt from its terms. The hospital authorities appealed against this decision, and three Judges of the Appellate Court reversed the decision, allowed the appeal and dismissed the action.

After many months of delay the work on the building continued without further interruption and reached completion in October, 1941. The Superintendent of the Hospital, Sister Mary Pascal Kenny, Superior, supervised the building, the installation of all equipment and other details in the furnishing of the new home. Excellent judgement was displayed and good taste achieved in all the appointments.

The reception room was furnished by the Ladies' Auxiliary, and the beautiful picture adorning the front entrance was a gift of the graduate nurses.

Baby Reunion

The Nursery at St. Joseph's made plans to



Maternity Ward Formula Room circa 1950.

welcome nearly four hundred babies and their mothers to the celebration of National Hospital Day, May 13, 1940 when a reunion of children born in the hospital that year was held.

The Baby Reunion was a unique event at St. Joseph's. A nurse and members of the Ladies' Auxiliary were present during the afternoon to receive the mothers, to weigh the children and give a general check-up on their health. A souvenir of a silver spoon was given to each child to mark the occasion.

X-Ray Department Improvements

The x-ray department in the east wing of the building, planned and designed by Sister M. Loyola Kelleher, was a great credit to her untiring efforts. During her last two years, Sister's health was visibly declining but she endeavored to fulfill her duties as technologist. When her condition worsened, surgery was performed. For the first two days following the operation, great hopes were held for Sister's recovery but on May 13, 1944, Sister Loyola peaceably died in her sleep.

Refrigeration Anaesthesia

Interest was aroused throughout the surrounding area when Refrigeration Anaesthesia was used for the first time in Ontario. In this procedure the region for surgery was chilled so no pain was felt. Dr. J. Moriarty performed this procedure on a patient during the amputation of a gangrenous leg.

Auxiliary

Ever since an Auxiliary was formed at the hospital, it was successful in having a President and members who took a keen interest in the work. During the Golden Jubilee of the Hospital (1940) a beautiful tea service was presented.

Sarnia Hospital Opens — 1945

Although there were not sufficient Sisters to carry on the hospital work, Sarnia needed another hospital to take care of the sick as the General Hospital there was filled to capacity. The doctors and officials of Sarnia requested that the Sisters of St. Joseph establish another building. In spite of a great many difficult tasks, which she courageously and successfully accomplished, Sister Pascal Kenny became the administrator of St. Joseph's Hospital, Sarnia with Sister Fabian

Slattery succeeding her in Chatham. Sister M. Casimir Weiss acted as first assistant and Sister M. Ligouri O'Dwyer as second assistant. The following sisters were appointed to Chatham for the coming year: Sisters Christina, Bernice, Agnes Marie, Joan, Marion, Cyprian, Josephine Marie, Delphine, Georgina, Noreen, Canisius.



Sister Fabian Slattery —
Administrator 1945-1950

The Flood of 1947

In April, 1947, for the second time in the history of Chatham, the Thames River overflowed its banks placing the inhabitants in a precarious position. The ground floor of the hospital was partially flooded while the auditorium of the nurses' residence had approximately eighteen inches of water. With the aid of gasoline pumps and the assistance of the good neighbours, the situation was brought under control. The flood subsided within two days.

Patient Of 33 Years Dies

Miss E. Lafferty, who due to a train accident had been a patient since September 8, 1914 died after a lingering illness on April 23, 1947. While at the hospital, Miss Lafferty made many friends because of her bright cheerful disposition. She was greatly missed by the nurses and all her acquaintances.

X-Ray Equipment

X-ray equipment for miniature chest checks was accepted by the hospital from the Ontario Government. Every patient admitted to the hospital would be x-rayed and complete records kept.

First Blood Bank

Chatham's first blood bank started at St. Joseph's Hospital with the aid of employees from

Chatham and Wallaceburg industries. The bank built up a substantial supply of blood. To keep the refrigerator full, future recipients of the vital fluid were expected to supply two donors to replace one transfusion.

"The most important aspect of the blood bank," said Dr. H. E. Foex, President of the Hospital Medical Staff, "is its value in emergencies, when a large supply of blood may be needed on little notice. This bank will also enable the surgeons to undertake larger operations with more success." Credit for establishing the service, was due to the efforts of Dr. A. Stewart, Chatham anesthetist.

Clinic For Cerebral Palsied Children

Medical history was made in Chatham with the opening of a clinic at St. Joseph's Hospital for cerebral palsied children. Four Chatham doctors contributed their time. Complete individual and family case histories were made of each child.

Decoration of Chapel

For some time the Chapel, the centre of the Sisters religious life, had been sorely in need of re-decoration and repair. Mr. Roland Jobin, an artist from St. Joachim, well noted for his excellent work in paint, ornaments and gold leaf, transformed the oratory into a "Little Bit of Heaven". The total cost was \$1,460.

The following donated the stained glass windows erected in 1948: Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Daniel, John, George and Richard Zakoor, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. McDonald and family, Reverend F. Costello and the Ladies' Auxiliary.

During Sister Fabian's term of office the following sisters were appointed: Sisters Remigius, Emily, Mercedes, Consolata, Medard, Lutgarde, Annunciata, Damien, St. Christopher, St. Paul, Evangelist.

On To The '50's

In 1950, Sister Fabian was succeeded as Superior by Sister M. Consolata. She was assisted by the following staff: First Assistant Sister Casimir, Second Assistant Sister Mercedes, Sisters Margaret Mary, Mary Austin, M. Liguori, M. Martina, Mary Joseph, Medard, M. Joanne, St. Elizabeth, M. St. Christopher, Marion, M. Cyprian, St. Benedict, Georgina, M. Evangelist,



Sister Consolata Coveny — Administrator 1950-1956

M. Roberta, M. Noreen, M. Canisius, Mary Arthur, M. Justina.

In the spring of 1951, the west end of the basement hall was partitioned off and furnished as an Emergency Room. As highway accidents were so prevalent in Chatham, this room was used daily. The room was near the Ambulance Entrance making it very convenient for these emergency purposes.

Appointment of Pathologist

For many years previous to 1950 a pathologist had been needed. Dr. N. J. Toplack, who had just completed a four year course in pathology, accepted the position as part-time Director and his application for an appointment on the active Medical Staff of this hospital was accepted on July 1, 1950. It was agreed that he would divide his time between St. Joseph's Hospital and the Public General Hospital.

At the time of Dr. Toplack's arrival there was but one room on the first floor for laboratory work and laboratory equipment. It was imperative that at least one more room be provided for this department. In October of the same year, the Medical Charts filing room in the east wing basement was transferred to the room at the back of the centre stairs in the old part of the hospital basement. This deprived the laundry man of his sleeping quarters. On the day of the major move, Father Robert VanVynck happened on the scene and sent his biggest altar boys to assist in the moving of the files.

A new lab was constructed in the vacated filing room. Cabinets and work benches were built, sinks and running water, gas jets, and fluorescent lighting installed. The congested lab on first floor was relieved by the transfer of the bio-chemistry

and tissue equipment to the new basement lab. This additional space, though small, made the doctor and his staff happy.

In the spring of 1951, the re-location of the morgue was an absolute necessity because with a pathologist now available more post-mortems were anticipated. The Sisters investigated the roof leading to the penthouse immediately joining the elevator shaft on fourth floor. The idea of locating it there seemed an inspiration and met with general approval. The penthouse was extended and an additional room built for the morgue with terraza floor, morgue tables and flourescent lighting.

By the spring of 1952, the laboratory work had doubled. Doctor Toplack again requested additional space and two more technicians to assist him. This was a stiff order which had to be met because of the Doctor's threat of resignation on July 1st, 1952.

The room used for medical staff meetings was partitioned with a modern folding door so that it might still be used for meetings. This room had also been used as recreation and afternoon rest room for the domestic employees. It became necessary to find a room elsewhere for the personnel. The office girls dining room thus provided the laboratory with an additional adjacent room for Bacteriology and Histology. The Sisters lost their lovely, well lighted sewing room with the spacious cabinets.



The way it was in the Lab before modern technology.

Dr. Toplack's services to this institution proved a boon in every respect. He was soon recognized as a well qualified pathologist and an efficient director of the work he held so dear. Clever, progressive and serious to a fault, his whole ambition was to give prompt and accurate service to the medical staff, hospital and patient.

In December 1954, the Doctor's responsibilities became too great a strain and he felt that he must resign his position here to devote full-time service to the Public General Hospital which had begun expansion. His abrupt resignation effective March 6, 1955, was another shock to hospital management and members of the medical staff.

Twelve applications were received for this position. Dr. W. A. Harland, who was just completing a four year course at Columbia University, New York sent in application papers. He was invited to visit Chatham and to meet the members of the Medical Staff. His application was accepted for July 1, 1955.

Nursery

The nursery which had been in use for thirty years was found inadequate for growing needs. It did not meet with the inspector's requirements and a change was imperative. Room 305, adjacent to the nursery, was added and set up an examining and bathing room. Room 325 was fitted as a premature nursery and incubators were installed. The newborns were reinstated in the newly remodeled nursery in January 1952.

Operating Rooms

Another department where expansion was a necessity was the operating suite. The Doctors were pleased when a third room for surgery was opened, utilizing a small private room (218) for minor surgery. The new operating room was opened January 21, 1952. In order that the bed capacity not be reduced when this arrangement was made, room 203 was decorated and converted into a semi-private room.



Doctors relax in lounge off the operating room circa 1970. Note the snazzy footwear. L. to R.: Dr. Richard Charteris, Dr. John McLean, Dr. John Ferguson, Dr. Walter Charteris, Dr. George Beattie, Dr. Alex Graham.

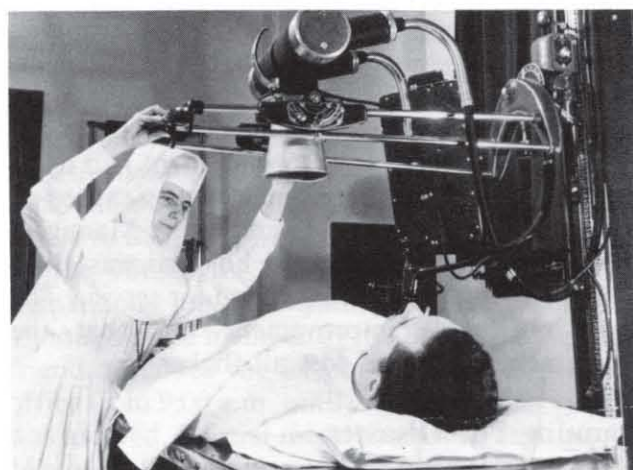
The Statue

St. Joseph, whose protection was constantly experienced and whose aid in difficulties had never failed the hospital, was found damaged. Mother Aloysia had put the statue in place sixty years earlier but due to time and weather it was cracked through the centre and ready to cumble. During the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee, the statue was replaced by a new one installed in the same niche and donated to the hospital by Bridie Donnelly, who had served as assistant cook in the diet kitchen for twenty-five years.

An in-hospital library for patients was officially established on November 29, 1951. This project was started when a Sister from Belle River stayed in Chatham to convalesce and while visiting a few patients daily, took books along to those well enough to read. The Sister carried out this work for nearly a year. After that the Chatham Public Library was approached by the Ladies Auxiliary of St. Joseph's Hospital and the library agreed to the request to provide books for the patients.

In 1953, hospital authorities were much concerned about the lack of parking space for doctors and visitors. Two years previously, some space was allocated at the back of the hospital and a parking lot was constructed. Again in 1953, this space was enlarged at considerable cost to the Sisters. In doing so it was the hope that all visitors would park in the "Visitors' Parking Lot" at the rear of the hospital. Incoming patients and doctors would be facilitated by finding the circle drive at the front entrance on King Street readily accessible. Anxious relatives and friends were being requested to co-operate in this matter out of interest to the patients and consideration to attending physicians.

On August 31, 1953, a Detroit bound bus on



Sister Mary Arthur operates the x-ray machine — 1953.

Highway #2, one mile west of Chatham city limits crashed into a tree, careened across the road and landed in a five foot ditch. As a result, thirty-two passengers who were teachers from the Teachers' Institute in Kitchener were brought to St. Joseph's Hospital. Had the driver a young lad from Windsor, been less alert, more serious injuries and even deaths may have resulted. Only six were admitted as bed patients and the others were treated and released.

In 1954, the Sisters assigned to St. Joseph's Chatham were as follows: Sister Superior — Sister Consolata, First Assistant — Sister Lorentia, Second Assistant — Sister Marion, Sisters Joachim, St. Joseph, Martina, Josephine Marie, Eunice, Joanne, Canisius, Roberta, Ann Patrick, Mary Claude, Mary Arthur, St. Edward, Mary Margaret, Raymond.

Frequency Standardization Comes to the City of Chatham

The conversion from 25 cycle to 60 cycle frequency was carried out on December 1, 1955, by the Comstock Hydro Power Commission. In this conversion, each motor was changed to revolve sixty times per minute instead of twenty-five.

From the time of the original survey which was done in the spring of 1944, to the completion, the work was carried out in an efficient manner. On the day marked for the change-over the hospital staff was rather tense because St. Joseph's was the first institution in the city to be converted. At 8:00 a.m. some twenty station wagons moved in on the rear parking lot and thirty men filed in through the ambulance door wheeling motors and carrying tool boxes. The whole house was soon a beehive of activity. Some men worked on laundry machinery, others in the boiler room, x-ray and laboratory, still other groups on Kelvinator motors, pumps, fluorescent lights, kitchen equipment, floor polishers and control panels. At a glance, one could see the thoroughness of preparation. Even though every piece of equipment had to be checked no serious inconvenience was caused at anytime. The Frequency Commission Managers were most courteous and the hospital was given every consideration when it called for service. The most noticeable improvement was that the fluorescent lights had lost all flicker.

Planning For Disaster

On March 6, 1956, a letter from Dr. J. T. Phair, Deputy Minister of Health advised the staff of an

Institute in Disaster Planning scheduled at the Metropolitan General Hospital, Windsor, April 5 and 6. This was the third and final Hospital Disaster Institute to be sponsored by the Federal and Provincial Governments and by the Canadian and Ontario Hospital Associations.

The Metropolitan and Leamington Hospitals agreed to present their plans in order to give a picture of what various sized hospitals could organize.

St. Joseph's Hospital was one of the twenty-eight selected to participate in the Institute in Windsor. The staff was invited to send a team — the Administrator, the Director of Nursing Services and the Chief of the Medical Staff. Sister Consolata Coveny, Sister Eunice Hennessy, Dr. C. C. White and Dr. D. P. Robertson attended. Travel and expenses were met by the Federal Government.

The Institute proved to be most interesting and informative. It demonstrated the need to formulate a disaster plan. It was apparent that the challenging responsibility caused by the new methods of warfare, could, in a short space of time bring thousands of living casualties requiring immediate care.

The main problem confronting the hospital would be one of sheer volume — personnel, supplies and facilities. Civil defence plans were based on the concept that if plans were developed for a major disaster they would be flexible enough to handle a disaster of lesser magnitude. A local explosion, train, plane or bus accident, flood, or major fire could easily be handled.

In the city of Chatham, a newly organized Civil Defense Organization named its Executive Committee on May 7, 1956: Chairman, Chief of Police C. E. Bagnell, Fire Chief Jack Brodie, Colonel E. A. Ansell, Mr. Jack Beardall of C.F.C.O., Dr. D. P. Robertson, President of St. Joseph's Hospital Medical Staff, City Manager, Mr. T.M.S. Kingston, Alderman Fred Bowers. The new co-ordinator named was Alderman Joseph Day.

The Medical Staff appointed Dr. Robertson as Chairman of "Disaster Planning Committee," for the hospital. In 1956 the Board of Commissioners on Hospital Accreditation considered it a necessity to have a plan for the reception and care of mass casualties. This was regarded as an essential service since hospitals had been unprepared for mass casualties. The Commission recommended that key Medical Hospital Administration Personnel be schooled in the plan for emergencies and that this plan be rehearsed several times a year.

History of Retaining Wall at the River Bank

The hospital property was protected from damage by ice, water and drift wood of spring freshets as early as 1906. As years passed the spring floods became more serious and a more extensive wall was required. In 1919, a construction firm built an addition to the wall, under the Department of Public Works. The structure was white pine or fir piling, bolted together with oak whale slabs and steel plates.

After some thirty years these wooden piles were badly rotted and were rapidly deteriorating. In 1947, Mr. J. A. McNevin applied on behalf of the Sisters to the Minister of the Department of Public Works, through the Kent Federal Member, Mr. Blake Huffman, for a renewal of this structure.

After much work by the firm of McNevin, Gee and O'Connor the welcome news of the decision of the Department was received in September 1955. Tenders for the project were received at the office of the district engineer in London, where the plans were ready for inspection.

On December 21, 1955, a letter from Mr. O'Connor revealed that he had received from the Department of Public Works a copy of the final arrangement between the Crown and the Sisters of St. Joseph. The Federal Government agreed to construct a new wall of steel, except in that area across Lot 69 behind the Nurses' Residence where no wall had ever extended.

New Dial System Installed in Chatham

In preparation for the changeover, in January 1956, a new switchboard had been installed in the hospital. This provided additional direct lines to Central and local lines to the various departments throughout the hospital. Two intercom systems, one connecting the three laboratory rooms and another connecting the morgue to the front office had been installed. On July 15 at 3:00 a.m. the new Dial System went into effect in Chatham.

The North Wing

In August 1956, Sister M. St. Anthony Baker was appointed as Administrator of St. Joseph's Hospital with instructions from Reverend Mother Margaret Coughlin to expand the hospital. Under her leadership, the hospital took on a different look as a new four-storey wing was completed and the old hospital totally renovated. A new heating plant was also built.



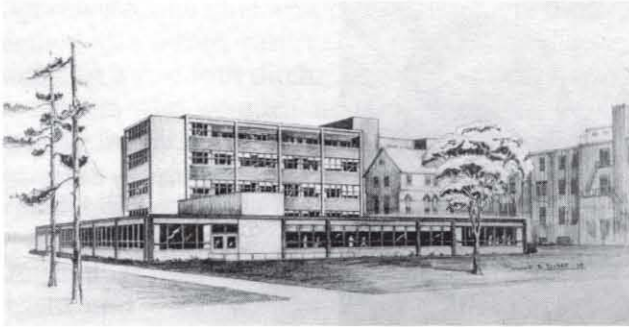
Sister St. Anthony Baker —
Administrator 1956-1962

Included in this new wing was a completely new Paediatric Department fully approved for teaching. A Sisters' quarters complete with Community Room, refectory, sewing room, serving kitchen and sleeping apartments were opened. The latter was so very necessary as the Sisters were previously living in quarters which were freezing in winter and terrifically hot in summer.

The Advisory Board of the Hospital was formed in February of 1957 and Board Members were as follows: Mr. L. G. O'Connor, Q.C., Chairman; Mr. D. Boufford, Secretary; Mr. D. E. Bothwell, Mr. Jack Zink, Mr. Morley Myers, Mr. A. Stirling, Mr. Eugene King, Mr. R. Isaacs, Mr. I. Kopstein, Mrs. O. Drouillard and Mr. Joe Johns.

From the first meeting this group showed its keen interest and intention of helping the hospital in any way possible, particularly toward the construction of the new building.

In the fall of 1958, there was great endeavour and praying for a grant from the city and county for help to build the hospital wing. The final voting for the county was made in November and they pledged \$200,000 to be paid in four equal installments from 1959 to 1962. This encouraging donation from the county gave the Advisory Board great moral support in approaching the city for a like amount. The city elections were in December and members of the Advisory Board took an active part in making citizens aware of this issue. Mr. Jack Zink arranged for ten drivers to transport voters to the polls. Mrs. Drouillard was in charge of the voting list as a whole and she did a tremendous job. Mrs. Ruth (Sadler) O'Rourke, although not a member of the Board, but a great friend, attended the telephone in the Superior's office from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. when victory was assured. Special mention should be made of Mr. L. G. O'Connor and Mr. Bob Isaacs who worked tirelessly throughout these campaigns.



Architect's sketch of the North wing built in 1956.

Total cost was estimated by the contractor to be \$1.3 million and the Advisory Board had successfully raised \$400,000 thus far.

The chapel, the Sisters' quarters at the north of the old building and the laundry were demolished immediately. Everyone was happy to help with the necessary arrangements for vacating the premises.

The temporary chapel was finished and the first mass was held on December 9, 1958. It was donated by Mr. Odette of the construction company. It was a very simple and devotional structure and many of the appointments from the old chapel were used: the altar, the confessional, the pews, and even the hard wood flooring. The same Stations of the Cross had been erected. Midnight Mass was said and it was indeed devotional.

After the demolition of the chapel, plans were made to renovate the Chaplain's quarters. The bathroom, bedroom and storage space were all turned into a very lovely sitting room. A fire door with a glass window facing west was installed. A corner in the south-east was set up as a dinette with a small refrigerator. The former sitting room was turned into the bedroom, and a portion of the middle stairs which had been taken out at the orders of the Fire Department, was made into a bathroom, making a complete and private unit.

The noise, confusion and dirt in the renovations of the old part were hard to describe but everyone accepted them with a smile, knowing that only through this inconvenience could we reach our goal of improvement.

On December 2, 1958, the staff moved into the new laundry and started operations with a small amount of confusion but with plenty of mud from the coming and going of laundry carts. There was a temporary walk put down but most of the time it was under water. A couple of weeks later the new sewing room was put into use and Mrs. Tina

Gildner (an employee of the hospital for many years) and her assistant Sally were established in their new department. They took great pride in arranging the new cupboards and getting things organized. It indeed looked very bright, warm and inviting.

There were many obstacles to surmount along the way. One very cold morning at 7:45 a.m. pickets from the carpenters' union were guarding the two gateways at Robertson Avenue and the nurses' home drive as a protest against the contractor, Mr. Odette. He did not seem at all perturbed. The pickets were lifted at noon and administration was assured they would not return.



Keep moving! Those patients are hungry.

The beautiful new kitchen was completed in July, 1959. It was all that was hoped for. The move was made with little confusion but indeed there were a lot of tired people before the day was over. The first meals were served in the new cafeteria on the sixteenth of July 1959, Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Sister Mary James Finucan and Sister M. Rufina Laprise were in charge of the kitchen and Sister M. Joanne Campbell and Sister M. Marcelline Janisse helped to organize the cafeteria.

The summer of 1959 passed quickly and the building continued. The switchboard had been moved from the admitting office at the front door to the east wing on the ground floor.

Sister M. St. Anthony, Superior, was offered a plate glass window of St. Joseph which had been purchased in Europe some years before by Miss Jean Gordon, of the Metropolitan Opera. It was to have been used in her own home "Glen Gordon Manor" situated on Lake Erie, west of Cedar Springs.

The little Fatima Shrine on the river bank so

graciously donated by faithful Bridie Donnelly, an employee for many years, was forced to move because of the new building and drive-way. It was placed on the front lawn facing south-east in anticipation of the new chapel.

The General Chapter had approved a day off each week for the Sisters serving in hospitals and institutions and also an extra three or four days at some convenient time during the year. This was indeed appreciated and the practice began on August 30, 1959.

The work in preparation for the paving of the driveways was well under way. To make room, a bulldozer gently picked up an evergreen tree, Rose of Sharon bush, and the sidewalk between the hospital and the nurses' home, almost like a skilled dentist lifting out a tooth. The new elevators were running temporarily to carry equipment and supplies to the upper floors of the new wing.

Events of the '60's

In January 1960, St. Joseph's Hospital reached another milestone: the completion of the new wing. The entire renovation of the old wing, including rewiring and piping of therapeutic oxygen to every patient room kept many hands busy. A notable improvement was the addition of a large Physiotherapy Department with the latest equipment for the use of both out-patients and in-patients. The new pharmacy, under the management of a qualified pharmacist, Mr. C. Burnie, was another addition which proved of value to doctors, patients, staff and Sisters.

The Department of Radiology was enlarged and a new x-ray machine and developing equipment installed. This enabled that department to handle the ever increasing number of



Operating Room — 1963. Dr. O'Neill and Dr. T. L. Walker and assistants.

appointments more efficiently. Operating and delivery rooms were enlarged and renovated. During the heat of the summer, patients, doctors and staff alike benefitted by the installation of central air-conditioning in these major departments.

The new coffee shop and snack bar in a corner of the ground floor where the new wing joined the old, had proven to be a very popular spot. It was a great comfort to expectant fathers and to many anxious relatives, who wished to keep in close contact with seriously ill patients.

A new trend in nursing care was the Intensive Care Nursing Unit, where seriously ill patients received the constant attention of a qualified registered nurse at no additional expense other than their Ontario Hospital coverage. St. Joseph's added just such a unit.

Until this time student nurses had to affiliate with a Toronto Hospital School for their paediatric nursing experience. A large classroom, reference library, and teachers' offices were added to the Nursing School. These improvements enabled St. Joseph's Paediatrics Department to be approved for student education. Dr. Wilson Lee was in charge of this new teaching unit.

Without the co-operation and good will of the citizens of Chatham and particularly the ladies of the auxiliaries, not to mention the wonderful medical, professional and lay staff the Sisters would never have had the courage to proceed with the tremendous upheaval of 1960.

A beautiful bronze plaque was erected on the first floor near the elevator "In tribute to those who by their generosity and good will made possible this addition." The names of all the donors of fifty dollars and over were inscribed.

In May of 1961, the hospital had the honour of having as guests for a formal dinner party the Honourable Mr. J. Waldo Monteith and Mrs. Monteith, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Danforth, Mr. L. G. O'Connor, and Doctor and Mrs. J. Graham, Blenheim. Mr. Monteith was in Chatham for the formal unveiling of the plaque on the retaining wall. St. Joseph's Hospital, Chatham, Ontario was the first hospital visited by Mr. Monteith after his appointment as Federal Minister of Health and Welfare. The Sisters received a very appreciative letter from him saying, "I will never forget my first visit here, and the courtesy shown to me."

Through this decade, the hospital was ably administered by Sister Loyola Donovan (1962-1965) and Sister Elizabeth Grace now known as Sister Mary Doyle (1965-1969).

Sister Loyola Donovan —
Administrator 1962-1965



Sister Mary Doyle —
Administrator 1965-1969

Flood of 1968

During the week of February 4, 1968, the flood waters were high. The engineers responded by giving twenty-four hour service. By the second day, flood waters had reached the elevator shafts and the two elevators were out of bounds. The old elevator in the west wing was used but at about 4:00 p.m. it gave out. Many persons volunteered to stay on and serve the supper trays. A tray brigade under the direction of Sister Mary Gregory was formed, composed of staff, student nurses and Marian Helpers (Volunteers). Carts were rolled to stairways and the trays were passed up the stairs from one volunteer to another. This proved a wonderful success. Ambulance attendants also carried their patients up the stairways. The old elevator was repaired and back in service by 8:00 p.m. The laundry department was closed for only one day. By Tuesday, the flood waters had begun to recede and clean up work began. Sump pumps were used in the elevators and mechanical room where the transformer was located. No disastrous effects occurred. The Public General Hospital offered help but in a day or two activity was practically back to normal.

Auxiliary Work

St. Joseph's Hospital enjoyed the good fortune of having four auxiliaries and the Nurses Alumnae to give support. In 1968, the Central Committee was formed with representatives from all of these groups. The purpose was to centralize all volunteer activities and plan calendar events to complement one another's projects; to be a representative body of the hospital's auxiliaries to the Ontario Hospital Auxiliaries Association; to send delegates to regional auxiliary meetings; to circulate reports to each auxiliary; to keep auxiliaries informed of dates of association meetings; to plan joint projects so that auxiliary members might become acquainted with one another and to keep the hospital administrator informed of auxiliary business.

Chapel Improvements

Sister Georgina Ashwell —
Administrator 1969-1971



In 1969, Sister M. Georgina Ashwell was appointed administrator. In the late summer and fall the small, temporary chapel which had been built to replace the chapel demolished in 1958 was renovated. Initially, it was thought that a new chapel would also be built in this wing. However, permission was not granted to build and the temporary chapel was showing wear and tear from more years of service than had been anticipated. Renovations included covering the walls with dark oak panelling. The floor was carpeted throughout the sanctuary with the middle aisle a lovely shade of green. The light, wooden, handcarved statue of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph were placed on the side wall half way back in the chapel. The new stations of the cross matched the statue and were very devotional. Our carpenter made a lectern required by the new Liturgy and a chair for the chaplain or officiating priest was added.

The hospital and chapel were wired for bedside TV and through a closed circuit on channel 13 the patients were able to view and hear the Mass. The patients were pleased that they could view the Mass on Cable TV and many people expressed their approval and pleasure.



Aerial View — 1962. (Photo courtesy George James.)

Honouring Special People

May 12, 1970, Hospital Day was the day chosen by the Sisters of St. Joseph's Hospital to honour their long time employees. An award dinner was held at the Holiday Inn and service award pins were given to forty-seven of the long time staff. Miss Bridie Donnelly led the list with forty-four years of service and Dr. J. L. Callaghan with twenty-four years. Although the staff was appreciated each day, it was felt that a public acknowledgement of their faithful service was warranted. It was an enjoyable evening for everyone and each seemed pleased with the tokens of appreciation.

The Silver Jubilee festivities for Sister Mary Arthur Renaud and Sister Mary Loyola Drouillard on May 18, 1970 were an occasion for all to share in their joy. A Eucharistic Celebration and a full day of blessing and best wishes marked the occasion. Twenty-five years of faithful service can be summed up in the words of Kalhil Gibrand, "Work is love made visible."

Remembering the '70's

The early 1970's proved to be a very busy time for St. Joseph's Hospital, because it was at this time that Sister Mary Lourdes Therens arrived to

assist Sister Georgina, Administrator. It was on a motion of the Board of Directors that Sister Mary Lourdes was to supervise the building of the new wing of St. Joseph's, so in August 1970 Sister Lourdes was appointed Assistant Administrator in charge of building. The Crisis Fund was beginning to function. Chairmen were chosen for the canvassing. There were countless meetings to get the fund raising campaign underway and the enthusiasm shown by everyone soon showed up in the campaign.



Sister Mary Lourdes
Therens — Administrator
1971-1975

Crisis Campaign

In 1971, T. Brady Hinnegan was the General Chairman for the Crisis Campaign. He and his committee chairmen worked tirelessly to organize the appropriate campaign divisions of which there were five, the Hospital Division, the Commerce Division, the County Division, the Industrial Division and Public Information. The last named was ably represented by the city's news media, **The Chatham Daily News**, and broadcasting station C.F.C.O. The objective of \$7,450,000 was surpassed. The campaign committee expressed their sincere thanks to all contributors, campaign workers and the news media who went "all out" to assist in this accomplishment. The campaign committee also gratefully acknowledged the substantial support received from corporations and foundations located beyond the immediate area.

As a token of gratitude for the many hours of work and sacrifice on the part of those who made the Crisis Campaign such a wonderful success, the Sisters gave a banquet at the Holiday Inn. This dinner in honour of the core workers was held on Friday, April 7, 1972. Acknowledgments were extended to His Excellency, Bishop Carter, Mayor and Mrs. Doug Allin, Warden and Mrs. Angus Thomson, Campaign Chairman, Brady and Mrs. Hinnegan, Diocesan Director of Hospitals, Monsignor J. A. Roney, Chairman of the Board,

Frank and Mrs. Capewell, Chairman of the Advisory Board, Wm. and Mrs. Myers, Chief of Staff, Dr. T. L. and Mrs. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bayne, Mr. and Mrs. John Bowers, Mr. and Mrs. Regis Caron, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Carpenter, Dr. and Mrs. Michael Ciupka, Mr. and Mrs. C. Keith Crummer, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Doyle, Alderman and Mrs. Earl Glover, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Goldhawk, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goldoni, Dr. and Mrs. A. Graham, Dr. and Mrs. W. Greenwood, Mr. and Mrs. John Hinnegan, Dr. and Mrs. John A. Hornell, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jenner, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Johns, Mr. Len Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. Napoleon King, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Kopstein, Dr. and Mrs. Wilson Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lemire, Mr. and Mrs. Purvis Littlejohn, Mr. and Mrs. Donald A. MacAlpine, Mr. and Mrs. Hartland, M. MacDougall, Dr. and Mrs. Myles MacLennan, Mr. and Mrs. William Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCuaig, Mr. and Mrs. Peter McGarvey, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick R. Palin, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Parry, Dr. and Mrs. Donald Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. "Pat" Patterson, Mr. William Rossini, Miss Delynne Sadlier, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Sass, Mr. and Mrs. William Schwarz, Mr. and Mrs. Blake Snoblen, Mr. Archie Stirling, Dr. and Mrs. S. Sugiyama, Reverend C. H. Sylvestre, Reverend P. Van der Biezen, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Want, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Wilson, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Zimmer.

New East West Wing

Construction started in front of the old east west wing so that all departments could function



Preparing for the construction of the east-west wing 1974.



Old East Wing corridor — 1970's. No heavy duty polishers here!

as normally as possible while the new wing was being built. Even though many of the long term employees had a great love for the old structure, they also knew that progress was essential and were looking forward to the new wing. The enthusiasm for the completion of this new wing was evident because hardly a day went by that Sister Mary Lourdes was not visible among the groups in the cafeteria and throughout the hospital keeping everyone posted as to the progress of the project.

It is not hard to realize that construction means a lot of inconvenience for everyone. Many installations had to be made during construction, and one of these was the new switchboard and telephone service. The telephone equipment was installed under the front ramp. Many hours of staff instruction were necessary before the new system worked smoothly. The switchboard was the first department to be moved into the new building before it was totally completed. Because the buildings had not been completely joined at that time and the original building had not been entirely torn down, access to the switchboard had to be made through a lab window in the basement. Staff then went through a long hallway and up a flight of stairs to what was eventually to be the lobby (but at this time contained a large pile of gravel). The staff worked there under rather trying conditions, particularly the night staff.

It was on Friday, October 13, 1972 our little "outside chapel" was dismantled and later moved to St. Vincent de Paul Camp. The Sisters of the past twelve years will recall their trips back and forth to the outside chapel in rain or shine, winter and summer. This was known to be the "temporary" chapel but lasted twelve years. The



Here they are! Two of the people behind the voices! Reception and switchboard operators (left to right) Lou Oriet and Joan O'Sullivan.

space it occupied was needed to store supplies and materials that were to be used for the new wing. The Sisters then prepared an oratory on the fourth floor of the Sisters' quarters. This change proved very acceptable to all. It was more convenient for saying prayers and making short visits.

Because of progress being made on the new building, a decision had to be reached pertaining to the Health Ministry's recommendation that Obstetrics be handled exclusively by the Public General Hospital and Paediatrics by St. Joseph's Hospital.

Closing of Obstetrical Department

In December 1972, it became evident that St. Joseph's would have to close the maternity wing in compliance with the Ontario Government ruling for amalgamation between Public General Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital. The hospital cutback was another step in hospital living. "We are about to become involved in a whole new concept of health care delivery system and we are going to have to prepare ourselves for a lot of changes," said Sister Mary Lourdes, Administrator.

A role study was conducted between Public General Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital with meetings scheduled for November and December 1972, and January 1973. The outcome of these various meetings was made public on February 9, 1973.

"In line with a directive from the currently cost cutting Ontario Ministry of Health, the two

Chatham hospitals will be combining their obstetrical and paediatric services. St. Joseph's will close its 30 bed obstetrical care unit on April 1. They will instead offer a 40 bed paediatric department after the new addition, now under construction, is completed and the Public General will phase out its 30 bed child care unit.

On March 12, 1973, the Sisters entertained eighty-seven of the past and present personnel of the Obstetrical Department at a dinner served in the cafeteria.

Mrs. Sally Campbell spoke for the group when she said, "I am speaking for each one here tonight, and I say it with mixed emotions on this momentous occasion — the closing of St. Joseph's Obstetrical Unit — it is through no fault of ours that we must bow to progress.

I know I speak for each of you when I say we have spent many happy, busy hours, days, months and years doing the work we loved and found so rewarding. We would not have changed any of it.

To the Sisters of St. Joseph for their kindness, courtesy and co-operation throughout the years, we extend our sincere thanks."

Special tribute was made to Drs. O'Neill, Wilson Lee, Sugiyama and T. L. Walker. A big "thank you" was extended to the Sisters — Rose, Maris Stella, Mercedes, and to the supervisor, Sister St. Gregory.

As Mrs. Campbell completed her thanks to the Sisters for recognition of their work done in the Obstetrical Unit, she made a plea to the gathering



First and Last Babies born at St. Joseph's Hospital. Florence May (Fitzsimmons) Thormahlem born in 1896 holds Jeffrey Allan Mason born in 1973.

— “Let us not say good-bye but plan to keep up the friendships and associations that we have formed here at our beloved St. Joseph’s Hospital.”

The Maternity Department of St. Joseph’s Hospital closed March 31, 1973 with the meeting of the first and last born at St. Joseph’s. The first baby born on December 2, 1896 was Mrs. Florence Thormaheln (Fitzsimmons). The last baby born was Jeffrey Allan Mason, son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Mason.

Official Opening

The Advisory Board was put in charge of the official opening ceremonies. Routes for the hospital tours were charted; volunteers to work as tour guides were contacted, and a luncheon and tea were arranged. Everything was underway for the opening July 4, 1975.

The day itself was all anyone could have hoped for — beautiful, bright and sunny with a soft breeze. There had been a large platform erected on the front ramp for all the distinguished guests and honoured dignitaries. There were bleachers on the lawn below for all staff and guests. Large groups of people from all over the county toured the facilities all afternoon and well into the evening.



St. Joseph's Hospital as it is today.

Changes in Hospital Life

Although the new building was the highlight of activity during the 1970's, some other significant changes occurred. 1970 saw the last nursing class for St. Joseph’s School of Nursing and as of September 1973 there would be no more St. Joseph’s Regional School of Nursing. Students would be attending St. Clair College with practical training in both city hospitals.

Thirty-two nurses completed the coronary care course which consisted of thirty hours of lectures. It was also during this period that the Board of Directors approved the participation of St. Joseph’s in the computer training council. This council, a joint venture between Public General Hospital and St. Joseph’s Hospital, was to investigate the future use of computers in the hospitals.

In 1975, the Chronicles were discontinued. Changing times and dwindling numbers of the Sisters of St. Joseph probably contributed to this change. Therefore, the remaining history was drawn from minute books, reports and personal experiences.



Sister Ann Purtill —
Administrator 1975-1984

It was in 1975 that Sister Ann Purtill assumed the duties of Administrator so that Sister Mary Lourdes could supervise the final stages of construction. Sister Ann soon became initiated to Kent County’s unpredictable weather because in March 1976 a severe storm of snow and freezing rain hit Chatham disrupting hydro, telephone and heat for two hours.

During April of 1976, because of a Ministry of Health directive, the hospital reduced its active bed count to one hundred and fifty, but in May 1976 twenty Chronic Care beds were opened. Shalom, the Chronic Care Ward opened with six patients being admitted the first day and more each day until all twenty beds were filled. St. Joseph’s was proud to offer special care to the senior members of society.

As shown throughout this history, St. Joseph’s valued the volunteer work done by many individuals and groups. Two newer groups, very important to the hospital, were the Candy Strippers (Volunteers) and Adult Volunteers. In May 1976, these two groups were honoured at an Awards Dinner in the cafeteria. This was the beginning of an annual event to honour these special supporters.



"We just love preparing for these special occasions."

Late in 1976, Sister Mary Lourdes left Chatham to live in the Regional House in Edmonton, Alberta. A number of parties were held for her by individual departments as well as one very large affair held at the Union Hall on Merritt Avenue which included medical staff, hospital staff and other friends.

During 1977, the hospital again experienced erosion of the river bank and there was an apparent shifting of the steel revetment wall due to high water levels in the spring. A special committee was established by the Board to negotiate with the Federal Government for the financing of the repairs. Committee members were Mr. Frank Capewell, Past Chairman of the Board, Mr. Larry O'Connor, a Chatham lawyer, who had negotiated with the Federal Government for assistance to repair the wall after the last collapse of the river bank, and Mr. Herb Todgham, who was the Chairman of the recently established District Health Council. He was also a member of the Consulting Firm of Todgham & Case which prepared the report on the revetment wall.

It was on January 26, 1978 when the worst storm in the history of southwestern Ontario struck suddenly just before 7:00 a.m. Night staff was prevented from returning home and most nurses for the day shift had arrived before the full force storm hit. Staff worked double shifts and were housed in the nurses' residence and various hospital departments. A fire occurred from snow blowing through a vent and short circuiting an air conditioner. A glass door opening onto the balcony from the Sisters' quarters blew in and copper flashings were torn from the roof. Efforts were directed toward caring for patients and coping with the crisis caused by the storm. Surgery was

reduced and out patient activity was minimal. Many of the staff members did not get home for four days following the storm.

On July 1, 1979, Miss Bridie Donnelly a veteran of fifty-three years of faithful service in the dietary department, left her apartment in the nurses' residence to take up residence in Marian Villa, London.

In 1979, the problem of parking again reared its troublesome head. The nurses' residence was no longer being fully utilized so a decision was reached to tear it down to provide needed parking space. Parking gates were installed on this lot and on the lots off Robertson Avenue. This marked the beginning of paid parking at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Into the '80's

On October 15, 1980, the hospital staff, Board of Directors and Medical staff celebrated the 90 years of growth with the Sisters. Special ceremonies in the cafeteria concluding with birthday cake and tea were held.

During Sister Ann's term of office, department heads were asked to submit any plans they might have to improve the patient flow on the ground floor. There were numerous suggestions implemented to serve both patients and visitors. Parking problems were reduced and waiting rooms improved.

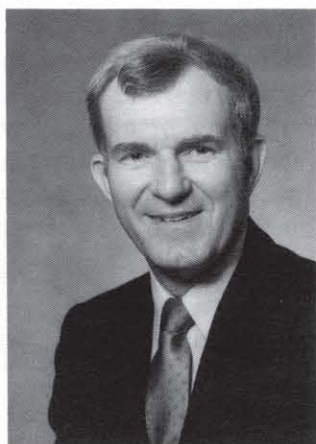


Admitting Department prior to computerization — 1979. L. to R.: Carolynne O'Donnell and Director of Admissions Agnes Doyle.

After a nine year term, Sister Ann submitted her resignation on May 31, 1984 with the effective date being set for July 31, 1984. It was on a warm, sunny day that many of the staff and her co-workers gathered on the river bank for a lovely

afternoon tea and the opportunity to bid a final farewell to Sister Ann Purtill.

September 10, 1984, St. Joseph's reached another milestone. For the first time in almost 100 years, the hospital acquired its first lay administrator, Mr. Wayne F. Hall.



Wayne F. Hall —
Administrator 1984 to
present

Mr. Hall set as his first task, the review of the Statement of Mission instituted by the Sisters. Along with the Sisters at Mount St. Joseph, departmental staff at all levels, and medical staff, Mr. Hall developed a new Statement of Mission which included a mandate and philosophy, structure and role, and organizational goals and objectives. The Organizational Chart was revised and a complete Management Philosophy developed. Each department then drafted its Statement of Mission, and employees were made aware of its importance and instructed to do their utmost to fulfill the mission's directives. This Statement of Mission is so vital in current health practices that it must be reviewed annually.

As a result of health research and education, the confirmation that smoking is a leading cause of cancer affected hospital regulations. To support this, a no smoking policy was introduced in February 1985 with the ultimate objective being a smoke free hospital environment.

In 1982, Sister Ann Purtill, recognizing that parking was still a problem arranged for the purchase of a house on Robertson Avenue. During Mr. Hall's administration, Board Member William Rossini negotiated the purchase of several additional homes on Robertson. This enabled the hospital to construct a ninety space parking lot, completed in 1988.

Several improvements were made to the structure of the hospital. In 1989, a new incinerator was installed to ensure that environmental concerns were addressed. That same year the hospital was



Is Bill Rossini telling Sister Mary Arthur she cannot drive in until the ribbon is cut?

reroofed and the exterior walls were refurbished.

During these last few years the Board has been considerably more active in the operation of the hospital. It participated in an evaluation of its own function. The Board also implemented an Awards Night to recognize outstanding volunteers. Board executive and administration met routinely with the news media and local members of parliament to explain the organization's position and to discuss problems. The Board of St. Joseph's Hospital realized that with changes in health care and ever increasing costs, a co-operative approach to health services must be made. To meet this challenge, in 1989, a Joint Liaison Committee was formed with the Board of Public General Hospital. This was only the beginning of a more coordinated, efficient approach of serving the citizens of Kent County by complimenting the excellent resources already in place.



St. Joseph's Hospital Board Volunteer Award Recipients — 1988. Front Row, L. to R.: Mary Marg Pakulis, Joanne Asher, Helen Easter, Lynn Kosik, Doris Foley, Nap King. Back Row, L. to R.: Dr. R. McMahon, Frank Capewell, Dr. A. Trinca, Dawn Saunders.

We are reading the first verse of the first chapter of a book whose pages are infinite. The first one hundred years of St. Joseph's Hospital were years of expansion, growth and profound advancement in medical technology. Greater medical knowledge will be the keynote of the future — but greater medical knowledge alone will not be enough. There must also be love and understanding. Knowledge, faith and love; with these three this modern age can become an age of mercy, of hope and of joy.

“We who now live are parts of a humanity that extends into the remote past, a humanity that has interacted with nature . . . (Civilization) exists by

grace of the doings and sufferings of continuous human community in which we are a link. Ours is the responsibility of conserving, transmitting, rectifying, and expanding the heritage of values we have received that those who come after us may receive it more solid and more secure, more widely accessible, and more generously shared than we have received it.”

John Dewey

Our vision of today will give us strength to move forward to ever greater achievements.

We have shared memories of the century past and it is our hope that you will continue to “Share the Journey” to the century ahead.

Chapter Two

Hospital Medical Staff

The Hospital Medical Staff

(Centennial Thoughts — The Chiefs-of-Staff)

Researched and written by:

Dr. W.J. Lee, B.A., M.D., C.M., F.R.C.P.(C).

A hundred years is a long stretch in any one person's lifetime; certainly, it greatly exceeds the proverbial three-score-and-ten. However, for a community institution such as a hospital, it could be said to represent just a short phase. Yet one must accept the fact that because of the many and increasingly rapid societal changes that have taken place since this St. Joseph's Hospital was founded in 1890, it would be difficult to provide a concise comprehensive report on the Medical Staff — its organization and functioning over the years. One must take note of the very differing emphases that have been placed on hospitals throughout their history. These have resulted from evolutionary and revolutionary movements such as wars, changing area demography, scientific developments and breakthroughs, governmental inroads into Health Care funding, and the like. In the same vein, anyone assigned to provide such a report can claim first hand knowledge only of those events and personages with which he has come into contact. Thus, in those other respects he presents only from a void, or after limited research. Such are the restrictions imposed by Father Time.

In 1967 — another "Centennial" year — a Chronicle of Kent Doctors was compiled by the late Mr. Victor Lauriston, of "Romantic Kent" fame. He was commissioned to do so by the Kent County Medical Society. Most if not all of the doctors who had any connection with the county from early history up to that year (i.e. 1967) have been listed or commented upon in that undertaking. In this 1990 Centennial book, the reader will find in the hospital history, a mention of some of the known Medical Staff members of

those periods. Interestingly too, in 1936, a roll-call of doctors who had practised or were practising in Kent County from the year 1850 on (i.e. to 1936) was prepared by Dr. A. R. Hanks, of Blenheim. Mr. Lauriston borrowed from the above document and reported the fact that there were twenty-six active doctors residing in Chatham in 1936, as compared with twelve in 1864. Quoting from Dr. Hanks: "Chatham in 1864 had a population of about 5,000." In 1890, the approximate figure was 7,000.

Of the 26 named on the 1936 list, I shall mention below the eleven who were still here and whom I met in 1950, the year I came to Chatham: Drs. Walter Charteris, John Ferguson, Leonard Glenn, Fred Hall, Ross Hamilton, Shirley Holmes, Bryce Kenrick, James Moriarty, Henry Peco, Allan Stewart and Carman White.

Out-of-town physicians on the 1936 list who were known to me and who attended locally in 1950 included: Drs. Harry Barlow, Marvin Booth, Bessie Cathcart, Art Huffman, John MacPherson, John McLean, Fred Reid, Stan Richardson, Laird Story, Eldon Tiffin and Ralph Walker.

At this point, two more facts should be recognized: (a) the Sydenham District Hospital in Wallaceburg did not come into existence until the late fifties; and (b) the Chatham Public General Hospital had its charter beginning the same year as St. Joseph's, but did not treat its first patient until a short time later. In actuality, each of the City's Medical Staffs has worked in co-ordination with the other throughout their parallel existences; a doctor holding a major office in one hospital

could at the same time be serving in lesser organizational roles in the other.

Without a medical staff there can be no hospital as such. In the Middle Ages in Europe, religious orders often operated Hospices, which served as resting stops for travellers and pilgrims. When these evolved into places for the treatment of the sick and wounded, professional “healers” had to be attached; Jeanne Mance brought this initiative to French Canada. And so it came about that in 1890 the Sisters of the Order of St. Joseph, came from London, Ontario, in response to a request from a Chatham M.D., Dr. John L. Bray, to open a first modest hospital here — as described more fully elsewhere in this book.

It would be fair to state that the practice of scientific medicine entered the modern age with the availability of chemotherapeutic and antibiotic agents to treat specific bacterial infections. The availability of these drugs coincided with the onset of World War Two in 1939. In one sense this enhanced their application in the military, while in another sense it delayed the extension of their usefulness by denying more peacetime for research work. For example, prior to the War, bacterial pneumonias were treated with poultices and anti-pyretics, and then waiting for the “crisis” to pass. Centres for advanced technical training were still located mainly in Europe — e.g. Vienna, Edinburgh, London. Some of Chatham’s early practitioners studied overseas. Interestingly, 19th century Kent County doctors were called upon to handle “malaria”, which then was endemic in these parts. Also, in the old days, doctors, being among the educated elite of the community, often assumed other roles as well, — such as politicians, pharmacists, entrepreneurs and public board members. The names of a few pre-war practitioners could be singled out for their special professional achievements: Dr. T. Kingsley Holmes (1839-1929) became President of the Canadian Medical Association for the year 1885. Dr. John L. Bray, (previously mentioned above in connection with St. Joseph’s Hospital founding), was in 1907 appointed Registrar of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. Dr. Harold Little, born in Ridgetown, was Professor of Paediatrics at the University of Western Ontario to the early fifties. Dr. G. H. Ross Hamilton (1889-1951) served as an Examiner in Surgery for the Medical Council of Canada.

It was after World War Two ended (1945) that the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada set up for the first time courses and

examinations to be passed in order for Specialists to claim Certification in their chosen field. The leaders with such Certificates to come to Chatham (in late forties and early fifties) — were:

Internal Medicine — Dr. Donald Ostreicher
 General Surgery — Dr. Douglas Keeley
 Obstetrics and Gynecology — Dr. John O’Neill
 Paediatrics — Dr. Wilson Lee
 Ophthalmology — Dr. Charles Baird
 Urology — Dr. Pat Coulter
 Anaesthesiology — Dr. Jack Parry

All were on Staff at St. Joseph’s. At the time, Chatham had about half of its present population of 42,000; and one must keep in mind that the two city hospitals catered to most of the rest of the county as well, whose figure approximates twice the municipal residentiary.

As we entered the second half of the present century, further major developmental changes affected hospital practices:

1. The formal re-organization of Hospital Medical Staff vis-a-vis the Hospital Administration.
2. The dismantling of hospital-directed education of nurses, with the transferring of that function to community colleges and universities.
3. The gradual takeover of hospital funding by the Provincial Treasurer, and the providing of Health Care “insurance” to the citizenry.

Dr. Carmen White, was appointed the first of the “modern” Chiefs-of-Staff, and in the early 1950’s drew up the first formal Medical Staff By-laws. On his committee were Drs. Ledson Shepley, Harry Barlow, Bill Reid, and Pat Robertson. Dr. White was a proponent for establishing General Practice Departments in Canadian hospitals, besides recognizing just the traditional “big three” of Medicine, Surgery, and Obstetrics. This was a conceptual forerunner by a decade or more to the “College of General Practice” idea. In the early 1970’s, I headed a committee for the revision of St. Joseph’s Hospital By-laws, to bring up-to-date the medical staff relationship with hospital administration. Committee members then included: Drs. Dick Charteris, Brian Gamble, Tom Martin, Frank Palanek and Larry Walker. Most interestingly, when I was reviewing the then “Model Hospital By-laws” issued by the Ontario

Medical Association, I came across incorporated therein whole sentences that were taken verbatim from the original Chatham “manifesto” of Dr. White.

In the “old days” most hospitals conducted training schools for nurses. This tradition for St. Joseph’s ended in 1970. Scientific subjects were taught by volunteer members of the Medical Staff. The bulk of St. Joseph’s Hospital charge nurses today are products of that system; I suspect that most of the returning celebrants to this Centennial anniversary will have come from that background also. Speaking for myself, I must confess that much satisfaction was derived from participation in the teaching program; associating with student nurses certainly kept one thinking young. As for their academic record, I can attest without fear of contradiction that no student nurse under my regime ever failed a final examination in Paediatrics — (in Medicine or in Surgery, perhaps, but not in Paediatrics)!

Greater involvement politically in matters of health care today has brought about changes in the pattern of the practice of medicine locally. A few examples: (a) “Universal coverage” of health costs has done away with non-paying indigent patients, who prior to that were attended gratis, as Hospital “staff patients”. (b) The opening up of the Hospital Emergency Department to “walk-in” clientele has virtually eliminated doctor’s after-hours office attendance, as well as house-calls. (c) In 1970, the Department of Obstetrics was removed from St. Joseph’s Hospital, while its Paediatrics Department was designated the sole children’s service coverage for the community. (d) Formerly, doctors treated patients who were “sick”; now more time is being devoted to “preventive” and “anxiety” cases. Meanwhile, the premiums paid for Protect Medical Insurance have sky-rocketed.

Presented below are resumés of the five recent Chiefs-of-Staff of the St. Joseph’s Hospital:

Dr. C. Carman White **1956-1963**

Dr. C. Carman White was born and raised in Raleigh Township, Kent County, Ontario. He served in the Royal Air Corps during World War One, and graduated from the University of Toronto, Faculty of Medicine in 1924. Following graduate work in Toledo and in Philadelphia, he started practice in the State of Ohio, then settled in Chatham, in 1928. From the very start he played an active leadership role in the organization and

Dr. C. Carman White



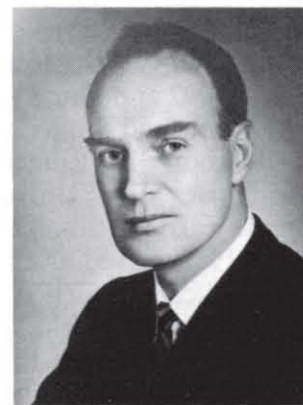
politics of medical practice in Ontario and Canada. He was instrumental among others in the starting up of Doctors-managed pre-paid medical care insurance schemes for the Province of Ontario — “Windsor Medical Services”, and the “Physicians Services Incorporated”. He was elected to the board of Directors of the Ontario Medical Association in 1941, and succeeded to the office of President of the O.M.A. in 1947.

Dr. White died in 1963. Now preserved on a plaque located in the Medical Library of St. Joseph’s Hospital are the words ascribed to him; “Freedom is a paradox — for personal freedom carries with it the obligation of self-discipline and the capacity to accept personal responsibility.”

Dr. T. L. Walker **1964-1974**

Dr. T. L. (Larry) Walker graduated from the University of Toronto, Faculty of Medicine, in 1952. In World War Two he had served from 1941 to 1946 as a pilot in the Royal Canadian Air Force; and then practised in Smooth Rock Falls, Ontario before coming to Chatham, in 1956. He has been granted the Glenn Sawyer Service Award of the Ontario Medical Association, as well as the St. Joseph’s Hospital plaque “in recognition of

Dr. T.L. Walker



outstanding dedication", for his participation in many medical and community activities — a major one being his involvement in the planning and construction of the "new" hospital wing (opened in 1975). A son, Dr. J. Roberts Walker, practises Ophthalmology in Stratford, Ontario.

Dr. Wilson J. Lee
1974-1978



Dr. Wilson J. Lee

Dr. Wilson J. Lee graduated from the Faculty of Medicine of McGill University in 1943, and joined the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps as a Medical Officer in World War Two. After being discharged in 1946, he studied for a Certificate in Paediatrics from the Royal College of Physicians of Canada, and came to Chatham in 1950. He has sat for three terms as a member of the board of Directors of the Ontario Medical Association, and has been the recipient of the O.M.A. Glenn Sawyer Award and the St. Joseph's Hospital "Dedication" shield. Among other community positions held, he has been a Past President of the Chatham Y.M.C.A. and the Medical Director of the Kent County Children's Treatment Centre. Dr. Lee retired from practice in 1985. A son, Laurence, is an anaesthesiologist at the Vancouver General Hospital.

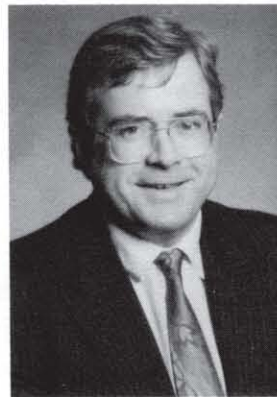
Dr. A. A. (Al) Trinca
1978-1987



Dr. A.A. (Al) Trinca

Dr. A. A. (Al) Trinca was born in Windsor, Ontario. He graduated B.Sc. from the University of Windsor, and received his M.D. degree from the University of Ottawa, in 1969. He interned at the St. Joseph's Hospital in London, and began practice in Chatham in 1971. His contact with the local St. Joseph's Hospital was instant and dramatic, when as he put it, he "was promptly approached by Dr. T. L. Walker to donate to the Crisis Fund"; and his twin sons were born there that same year. Dr. Trinca now has four children. He was appointed Chief-of-Staff in 1979. During his tenure of office the Palliative Care Service and the Ambulatory Paediatrics Service were established. Medical Staff members began to serve on Hospital Board Committees at this time.

Dr. David A. Johnson
1987-



Dr. David A. Johnson

Dr. David A. Johnson, the son of an armed forces chaplain, was born in London, Ontario. He spent his early years in Southwestern Ontario, Churchill, Manitoba, Kingston and Ottawa. He attended the University of Ottawa Medical School and graduated in 1973. He completed the Family Medicine Program at the Ottawa Civic Hospital in 1975. The following year he worked in the Sports Medicine Clinic at Carleton University where he was involved with sports related injuries and fitness assessment. It was with this background that he attended the 1976 Summer Olympic Games in Montreal as an on-site physician. At that time Dr. Johnson moved to Chatham to establish a "family practice". In 1986-1987 he was President of the Medical Staff at the Public General Hospital, Chatham and became Chief-of-Staff at St. Joseph's Hospital in 1987. Dr. Johnson and his wife Lorraine have two children, Patrick and Daniel.

At this Centennial landmark, we look back with pride and gratitude to our professional forebearers, and looking forward, peer into a future of constructive co-operation, knowing full well that with our Sisters at the helm we shall continue to sail along with the greatest of Care and Compassion.

1989-1990 Active Medical Staff

Dr. O. S. Akkerman	Dr. T. H. Martin
Dr. A. R. Akkila	Dr. J. M. Maxted
Dr. A. R. Allen	Dr. M. McIntyre
Dr. J. F. Allen	Dr. M. H. McKay
Dr. P. J. Allen	Dr. R. McMahan
Dr. G. W. Asher	Dr. J. Near
Dr. K. Bailey	Dr. F. Ng
Dr. J. Boekhoud	Dr. W. H. Orr
Dr. A. Brady	Dr. V. Pakulis
Dr. D. P. Brisbin	Dr. J. C. Parry
Dr. C. Bryan	Dr. P. W. Parry
Dr. J. R. Button	Dr. D. M. Patterson
Dr. John R. Button	Dr. J. C. Payne
Dr. R. W. Charteris	Dr. D. J. Pepper
Dr. M. Clendenning	Dr. H. J. Rees
Dr. W. C. Dawson	Dr. J. A. Roe
Dr. D. Evans	Dr. J. Rozehnal
Dr. J. B. Gamble	Dr. P. G. Sheldrick
Dr. R. Goad	Dr. D. Singh
Dr. P. C. Green	Dr. R. G. Smith
Dr. W. R. Greenwood	Dr. S. G. Smith
Dr. G. T. Griffith	Dr. H. Stewart
Dr. M. M. Hares	Dr. S. Sugiyama
Dr. C. C. Harnarine	Dr. D. B. Sullivan
Dr. B. Harnois	Dr. R. Sussex
Dr. D. Johnson	Dr. D. Thompson
Dr. W. T. Kao	Dr. J. Thomson
Dr. C. D. Keeley	Dr. G. Tithecott
Dr. D. Klein	Dr. A. Trinca
Dr. G. Lawley	Dr. K. Vaklev
Dr. J. D. Leigh	Dr. A. Verburg
Dr. P. MacKinnon	Dr. G. R. Walker
Dr. I. J. MacLean	Dr. T. L. Walker
Dr. M. MacLennan	Dr. D. L. Watterud
Dr. T. E. W. MacPherson	Dr. H. C. White
Dr. L. Malloy	

1989-1990 Associate Medical Staff

Dr. L.J. Roy

1989-1990 Courtesy Medical Staff

Dr. R. Anderson	Dr. V. Madappuli
Dr. T. Brown	Dr. J. MacWilliam
Dr. R. Cable	Dr. M. McElligott
Dr. T. Carr	Dr. J. K. McNeil
Dr. W. D. Colby	Dr. L. Nicholson
Dr. D. Eaton	Dr. D. Oestreicher
Dr. W. Everett	Dr. J. D. O'Neill
Dr. P. Fetterly	Dr. J. Packham
Dr. J. W. Fuss	Dr. W. M. Pavlosky
Dr. J. Horwood	Dr. W. Posloski
Dr. C. Lau	Dr. L. Reese
Dr. R. A. Lubynski	Dr. S. Richardson
Dr. R. MacKenzie	Dr. E. Scott
Dr. J. MacPherson	Dr. T. Selmecci
Dr. B. D. Sood	Dr. W. Wilford
Dr. P. M. Smith	Dr. W. W. Wilkins
Dr. J. Szeps	Dr. G. B. Young

1989-1990 Honorary Medical Staff

Dr. C. Baird	Dr. L. Pearce
Dr. R. Barlow	Dr. W. Reid
Dr. A. Green	Dr. J. Richardson
Dr. A. Huffman	Dr. J. Shepley
Dr. W. Lee	Dr. W. Turner

1989-1990 Dental Staff

Dr. R. Allingham	Dr. B. Jelusic
Dr. I. Baggs	Dr. C. Johnston
Dr. D. Campbell	Dr. R. Jones
Dr. W. Carr	Dr. M. LeMar
Dr. M. Chorneyko	Dr. G. Mizener
Dr. R. Clark	Dr. L. Oates
Dr. A. Dempster	Dr. R. Oliphant
Dr. H. Feagan	Dr. M. G. Walker
Dr. G. Gretzinger	Dr. R. Warwick
Dr. P. M. Hare	Dr. A. Worth
Dr. J. Hornell	Dr. G. Zeleney
Dr. F. Humphrey	



St. Joseph's Hospital Medical Staff — 1989. Front Row, L. to R.: Dr. Myles R. MacLennan, Dr. George R. Walker, Dr. Angelita R. Allen, Dr. Pamela M. Smith, Dr. Abdul-Raouf K. Akkila, Dr. C. Cassie Harnarine, Dr. David B. Sullivan, Dr. David A. Johnson, Dr. Hubert C. White, Dr. John Maxted, Dr. Kathryn A. Bailey. Middle Row, L. to R.: Dr. Darshan Singh, Dr. Martha K. Clendenning, Dr. Valdis Pakulis, Dr. William C. Dawson, Dr. John D. Leigh, Dr. Rajni Patel, Dr. Donna L. Watterud, Dr. Shigeru Sugiyama, Dr. Peter G. Sheldrick, Dr. Lawrence Malloy, Dr. John W. Boekhoud, Dr. Jerrold W. Thomson, Dr. R. Garth Smith, Dr. Jan Rozehnal, Dr. Robert G. McMahon. Back Row, L. to R.: Dr. J. Brian Gamble, Dr. Ian J. MacLean, Dr. G. Wayne Asher, Dr. T. Lawrence B. Walker, Dr. Mark Hares, Dr. Aidan M. Brady, Dr. Harold W. Orr, Dr. M. Anthony McElligott, Dr. E. John A. Near, Dr. David C. Thompson, Dr. Howard J. Rees, Dr. Donald L. Oestreicher.



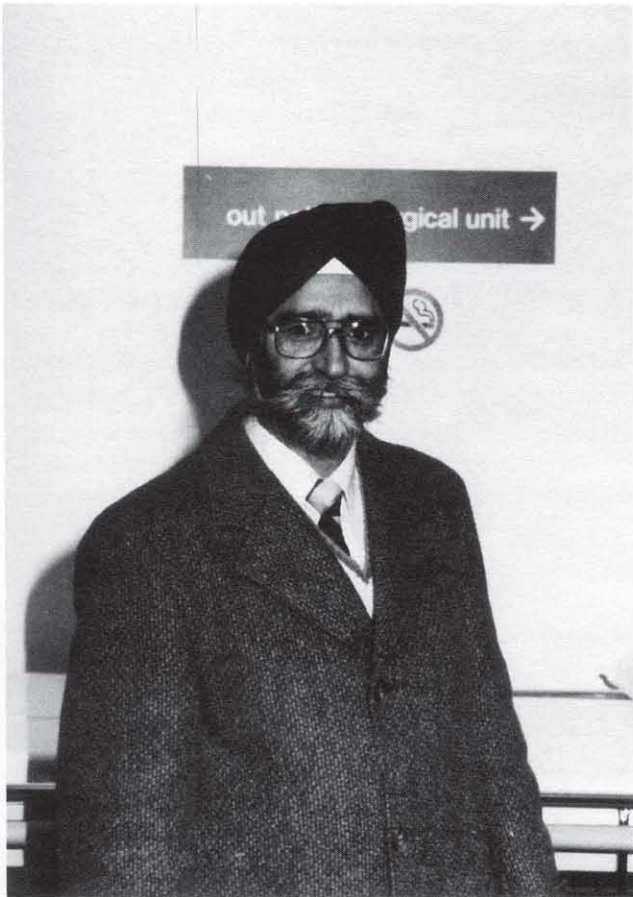
Can you tell me the way to the North Pole? (1963)



Team work in action! Operating Room — 1988.



"Dr. Griffith, we will be glad to follow your instructions" says Nurse Newham.



"I only have a minute." Dr. Darshan Singh.



Look what we won! Golf tournament winners 1988. L. to R.: Dr. D.B. Sullivan, Dr. D. Evans and Jack Carroll.



How fit are you? Dr. Aidan Brady explains stress monitor to his son Declan as teacher Martin Thus observes — 1988.

Chapter Three

Honorary Solicitors

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We wish to recognize the many years of devoted service donated by these two gentlemen on behalf of the Community of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Chatham.

James A. McNevin — Q.C., Honorary Solicitor

James A. McNevin, a native of Uxbridge, Ontario, graduated from Osgoode Hall in 1911 and came to Chatham the same year.

In 1912, he became a partner with J.G. Kerr and in 1928 when Mr. Kerr was appointed County Judge, Mr. McNevin became head of the firm. In the years that followed and up until the time of his death, Mr. McNevin was the solicitor for the Chatham Community of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

The Sisters were always aware of their wise choice. Mr. McNevin, a loyal friend and supporter,

was ever ready to fight for the Sisters and to defend their cause.

During the week of Mr. McNevin's illness the Sisters were very concerned about his condition and it was with deep regret that they learned of his death Good Friday morning, March 23, 1951.



Mr. James A. McNevin

L. G. (Larry) O'Connor — Q.C., K.S.G., B.A.



Mr. L.G. (Larry) O'Connor,
Q.C., K.S.G., B.A.

When the late James A McNevin, K.C., passed away March 23, 1951, Mr. O'Connor, who was one of his law partners in the firm of McNevin, Gee & O'Connor, succeeded to his position as friend and advisor to the Sisters of St. Joseph as owners and operators of St. Joseph's Hospital at Chatham, Ontario, and, to their various Superiors. The late Mr. McNevin had filled this position for many years prior to his death. One of his most outstanding endeavours was the successful litigation with the City of Chatham over the location of the new Nurses' Residence with reference to the street allowance of King Street West.

Mr. O'Connor served in a similar capacity to

Mr. McNevin from 1951 to 1984 while the Hospital was under various Sisters Superior or Sister Administrator. These included Sisters M. Consolata, M. St. Anthony, Loyola, M. Elizabeth Grace, M. Georgina, Mary Lourdes and Ann Purtill.

During Mr. O'Connor's term, the first St. Joseph's Hospital Advisory Board was set up and he served for a number of years as its first Chairman. The other members of that first Board were: A. E. Stirling, Vice Chairman, D. O. Boufford, Secretary, D. E. Bothwell, Mrs. O. M. Drouillard, Robert Isaacs, Joseph Johns, Eugene King, Irving Kopstein, Morley Myers and Jack E. Zink.

The Advisory Board was responsible in 1958-1959 for the raising of funds from Chatham City Council, from the Council of the County of Kent and from Industry and Commerce throughout Kent County for the construction of the North Wing of the Hospital. Mr. O'Connor presented briefs on behalf of the Hospital to Chatham City Council and to Kent County Council.

When the original Advisory Board was replaced by a Board of Directors, Mr. O'Connor was made an Honorary Member. The members of the First Board of Directors were as follows: Robert Issacs, John Kerr, Irving Kopstein, Jack M. Bromley, William Myers, Frank Capewell, Jack Zink, J. Carmen Foster, Joseph L. Johns, Clarence Lemire, Napoleon King, Honorary Members: L. G. O'Connor, Archie E. Stirling, Ex-Officio Members: Mayor Garnet Newkirk, (City of Chatham), Warden David Laidlaw, (County of Kent), Dr. Richard W. Charteris, (Chairman of Medical Staff).

Later, Mr. O'Connor assisted in the drafting of By-laws for a permanent Board of Directors in accordance with the Public Hospital Act, and By-laws with respect to the appointment and functioning of a Medical Staff and of a Medical Advisory Committee.

Perhaps Mr. O'Connor's greatest contribution to St. Joseph's Hospital was his continuing



Riverbank erosion — June 8, 1964.

negotiations with the Federal Department of Public Works concerning the several reconstructions and maintenance of the revetment wall along the Thames River at the rear of the hospital property. The original wall was constructed of wooden piling by the Department around 1906. A large section of this wall collapsed in 1954 and after extensive negotiations, was replaced by the Department with steel sheet piling in 1956.

In 1964 some 120 feet of this renewed wall collapsed and again after protracted negotiations, was replaced by the Department. Renovations to and strengthening of this 1964 wall were performed in 1984. Throughout all of these proceedings, Mr. O'Connor acted for the Hospital, as Chairman of various Special Committees, dealing with the Federal Department of Public Works, or, latterly Public Works Canada.

Chapter Four

St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing

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*Excerpts From A Letter Of A Nursing Student Home To Her Mother
Printed as originally written — 1902*

St. Joseph's Hospital
Chatham, February 2, 1902

Dear Mother:

When I went to my room this morning upon opening the shutters I beheld quite a storm and then of course knew that you would not be able to come to mass so I didn't go to grandmas to pick up my dressing jacket.

Mother Clare is very sick. The doctor gives very little hopes for her recovery. She was annointed for death, and on that very day her father was a corpse at home. Mother Aloysius, from the London Hospital, Mother Angelia and Sister Ethelbert are all here. She had bronchitis and it developed into neumonia. Both lungs are affected and she has what we call "Double Neumonia". Young Dr. Rutherford has hopes but the old doctor has not. Father Mugan is here tonight.

Talk about vaccination, I had the worst time here. Besides a sore arm I broke out with what Dr. Rutherford told me, the genuine small-pox rash. He said very few people ever have it. It was caused from the vaccine. My whole body was broke out, and was far worse than the hives. At night I would fairly go crazy. I would have to undress during the night to scratch, and perhaps I would nicely get scratching when a bell would ring. Then I would jerk on my skirt and apron grab a shawl and away I would go and answer the bell, then I would come back and finish scratching. Really the itchinness was worse than the soreness, and my feet, hands and face all swelled. They were afraid here that I had



Graduates — 1904, unidentified.

the small pox and I tried to keep away from the doctor's but Rutherford caught me last night and I felt relieved when he explained it to me. He was here all night for Mother Clare.

Stars and Stripes what would I have ever done if (a gentleman caller) had poked up here and asked for me! I am afraid that somebody else besides the Mother would have had something to say about it.

Well I guess I have told you all the news.

Write and tell me the particulars of (our neighbour's) sickness, death and burial, and the rest of the news.

When I don't see you any oftener now I am going to write every week and would like you to do likewise.

Good-bye with love to all — J.

Nurses' Duties 100 Years Ago

The following job description was given to floor nurses by a hospital in 1887:

In addition to caring for your 50 patients, each nurse will follow these regulations:

1. Daily sweep and mop the floors of your ward, dust the patient's furniture and window sills.
2. Maintain an even temperature in your ward by bringing in a scuttle of coal for the day's business.
3. Light is important to observe the patient's condition. Therefore, each day fill kerosene lamps, clean chimneys and trim wicks. Wash the windows once a week.
4. The nurse's notes are important to aiding the physician's work. Make your pens carefully; you may whittle nibs to your individual taste.
5. Each nurse on day duty will report every day at 7 a.m. and leave at 8 p.m. except on the Sabbath on which day you will be off from 12 noon to 2 p.m.
6. Graduate nurses in good standing with the director of nurses will be given an evening off each week for courting purposes or two evenings a week if you go regularly to church.
7. Each nurse should lay aside from each pay day a goodly sum of her earnings for her benefits during her declining years so that she will not become a burden. For example, if you earn \$30 a month you should set aside \$15.
8. Any nurse who smokes, uses liquor in any form, gets her hair done at a beauty shop, or frequents dance halls will give the director of nurses good reason to suspect her worth, intentions and integrity.
9. The nurse who performs her labors and serves her patients and doctors without fault for five years will be given an increase of five cents a day, providing there are no hospital debts outstanding.



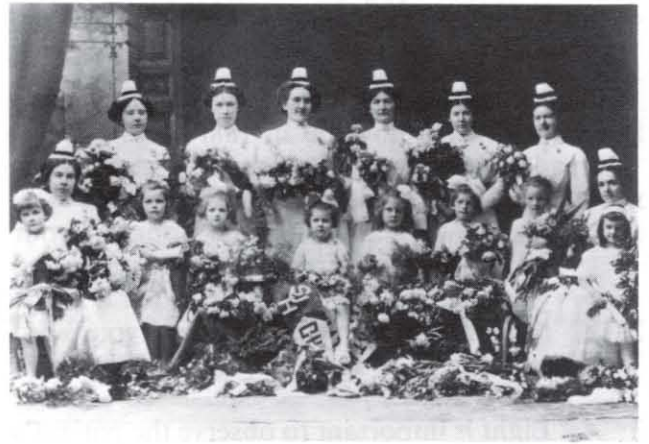
Sisters man the mops when the fire alarm set off the sprinkler system in the Operating Room and the Intensive Care Unit.



Graduates 1908. Standing, L. to R.: Angela McIlhargey, Emma Riegling, Lillian Richardson, Mabel Jenner. Seated: Grace Hoy, Lillian Long, Loretta Kelly.



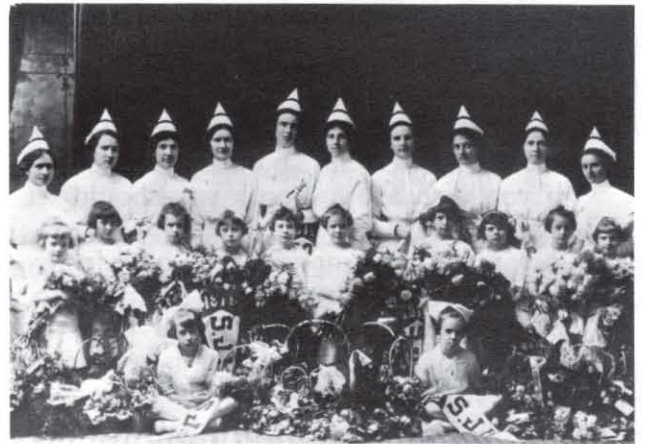
Graduates — 1911, L. to R.: Marie Peck, Margaret Lydon, Bessie Richie, Hannah Richardson, Bessie Gregory.



Graduates — 1912, Standing: Veronica Casey (second from left), Marie Dwyer (far right). Seated, L. to R.: Cora Forton, Sarah Denomy.



Graduates — 1914, L. to R.: Winnifred Wildgen, M. Quellette, (Sister M. Gedron), Helen Gerber, Nellie Phelen, Delia Hoy.



Graduates — 1916, L. to R.: Lois Speaks, Ursula Walsh, Ida Norton, Ruby Waters, K. Brophy (Sister Veronica), Pauline O'Rourke (Sister Jane Francis), Georgina Etue (Sister Bernice), Maude Zavitz, Mary Spain, Mae Donovan.



Graduates — 1917, L. to R.: Rose Bechard, Rose Denomy, Annie Curry, Lyla Masterson, Margaret Spain, Hazel Gray, Margaret McManamun, Loretta Lonergan.



Graduates — 1919, Back Row, L. to R.: Isabel Doyle, Olive Couper, Beatrice Persons, Frances Hargitt, Ida Boyer. Front Row, L. to R.: M. Coveny (Sister M. Consolata), Gertrude Smyth.



Graduates — 1920, Back Row, L. to R.: Margaret Conley, Ursula O'Connor, Bernadette O'Laughlin, Felice Richardson, Grace Norton. Front Row, L. to R.: Laura Fitzpatrick, Nora Casey.



Graduates — 1921, Back Row, L. to R.: Marie Deloge, Lena Glenn, Mabel Eagen, Charlotte Neff. Front Row, L. to R.: Grace Doyle, Kathleen Shea, Gladys Wright.



Graduates — 1922, Back Row, L. to R.: Ursula Gormally, Loretta O'Brien, Elsie Mann. Front Row, L. to R.: Ruth McKay, Anna Belleperche, Genevieve Doyle.

Graduates — 1923, Back Row, L. to R.: Louise Delorme, Angela Blonde, Josephine Yack, Laura Downey, Cecilia Doyle, Mary Kearns, Eleanor McNabb, Kathleen Donovan. Front Row, L. to R.: Catherine Masterson, Bertha Griffin.



Graduates — 1924, Back Row, L. to R.: Kathleen Dillon, Margaret Dunn (third from left) Jessie Ross, Aileen Dunlop. Front Row, L. to R.: Annis Spain (first left).



Graduates — 1925, Back Row: Queenie Mason (fourth from left), Mabel O'Connor (far right). Front Row: Aurelie Dulong (far right).



Graduates — 1926, Back Row: Leona O'Rourke (second from left), Annie Helm (far right).



Graduates — 1927, Mary McLean (left), Jennie Bagnell (far right).



Graduates — 1928, Kathleen Clements (far right).

St. Joseph's Hospital Nurses' Alumnae History

Written by: Kathryn Nettleton

According to the Chronicles, earliest mention of the nursing school was in March 1895 when Doctors Rutherford and McKeough gained the support of medical staff to deliver lectures to the Sisters of St. Joseph's Hospital, Chatham. The original training school began in 1901 with three young ladies forming the first class. In 1903, Sister Monica Coyle completed a course in training at St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, and subsequently became Directress of the School.

By 1915, the Alumnae Association was formed. Primarily, it was established as a professional group, extending its privileges to the graduates of the School of Nursing. The main interest of the Alumnae was the support of nursing education at St. Joseph's Hospital, but it also provided opportunities for professional and social activities for its members. As well, the group raised funds for the hospital. For many years, the money raised was targeted for the maternity ward, but the reason for that connection is not clear.

The first constitution and by-laws of the Association were adopted in 1915, with subsequent revisions in 1955, 1962 and 1968. The society was officially named The Alumnae Association of St. Joseph's Hospital, Chatham, Ontario, Canada. Patron Saint was, of course, St. Joseph and the motto adopted by the Association was "For God, Our Profession, and Our Hospital." The Alumnae colours were yellow and white, the same as the School of Nursing. A slate of officers was elected for two year terms with the Administrator of the hospital being named Honourary President.

The Association established six objectives: to recognize the achievements of its members; to work for the interest of the hospital; to provide social contact with nursing classmates; to provide an environment for professional growth; to aid the public by giving good nursing care, and to be active members of the Central Committee of Hospital Auxiliaries. (Although the Alumnae was not an auxiliary it joined with this Central Committee in order to assist administration in coordination of support group activities.)

A minute book for the 1930's and 40's, which is the earliest record available, shows the many ways the Alumnae strived to meet those objectives. The group elected a representative to the Registered Nursing Association of Ontario and subscribed to **The Canadian Nurse**, a professional magazine.



Graduates — 1929, Back Row, L. to R.:Aurlie Paulin, Winifred Turner. Front Row: Letty Pettypiece (second from left), Angela Coveny, Bessie Foster, Alice Devon.



Graduates — 1930, L. to R.: Sally Phoenix (second from left), Beth Hodgins (fifth from left), Mary Donovan (seventh from left), Mary Doyle (ninth from left), Ruth Winter, Thecla Lahey, Dorothy Haigh, Lena Chauvin.

One hot issue discussed by the alumnae members in the late 30's was the matter of 8-hour duty. It was decided, however, that "Chatham was not ready for it." At the same time, the St. Joseph's Alumnae and Public General Hospital Alumnae jointly established nursing fees at \$5.00 for twelve hour duty, \$6.00 for 18 hour duty, with \$1.00 extra per shift for "diphtheria, scarlet fever, smallpox, mental and alcoholic cases."

Fund raising during this period was done in a variety of ways. The group held raffles, bake sales, rummage sales, bridge parties, theatre evenings and dances. The money went in two main directions — to the School of Nursing and the maternity ward. During this time, the Alumnae bought curtains for the nursery, a delivery room table and bead bracelets for the infants.

The alumnae was involved in a variety of social events, including an annual picnic, bridge parties and dances. On one occasion members participated with the Athletic Club to put on a minstrel show. One social responsibility of the Alumnae was entertaining the graduate class each spring with different types of entertainment such as theatre evenings, dances and luncheons.

Education was always a high priority with the Alumnae, at least in theory. Money was donated annually to the education fund of the Registered Nursing Association of Ontario. From time to time, at the monthly meetings, efforts were made to provide educational material, such as papers on Waganstein Syphon or intravenous infusions. Usually these presentations petered out after a month or two.

In the post-war period, the Alumnae continued to be a very active group. Many of its members were married graduates who were not currently engaged in nursing, since, as was typical of that time, they quit work to raise their families. The group continued to support the nursery with substantial financial donations, as well as providing support to the School of Nursing. Fund raising was still done by a variety of different projects such as raffles, bazaars, bake sales and dances. In the 60's the Alumnae held a number of very successful fashion shows.



*The Sisters of St. Joseph and
Graduating Class*

*cordially invite you to be present
at the*

Graduating Exercises

of

St. Joseph's School of Nursing

*at Vocational School Auditorium
Chatham, Ontario*

*Wednesday Evening, May seventh
nineteen hundred and forty-seven
at eight-thirty o'clock*

Admission by invitation only

The tradition of entertaining the members of the graduating class from the School of Nursing continued up until the closing of the school in 1970. Each year the graduates were honoured at a banquet. In that final year in 1970, however, the Alumnae sponsored the graduation dance, a task formerly performed by the intermediate class of the school. In addition, the Alumnae presented an award to a deserving graduating student. Up until 1960 the Alumnae also presented a \$50 bursary to an intermediate year student. In 1960, the Alumnae joined with the four hospital auxiliaries to present a scholarship for a university post-graduate course to the graduating student showing "the highest level of excellence in nursing and the most potential for professional growth."

After the closing of the nursing school in Chatham in 1970, and the movement of the maternity unit to the Public General Hospital in 1973, the Alumnae diverted its financial support to the inservice department of the hospital,



Dr. H. White emcees 1968 Nurses' Graduation Ball.

funding a number of programs and equipment purchases. In 1976, \$2,700 was donated toward the purchase of a closed circuit television system installed in the hospital. As well, an annual donation was given for the purchase of books and audio-visual equipment. The Alumnae also sponsored several educational programs such as an adult volunteer training program and a series of refresher classes for Alumnae members.

During the 70's when the hospital called for the support of the community to build a new wing to replace the aging east-west wing, the Alumnae responded. In addition to private pledges by many members, the group worked hard at a number of fund raising projects to meet a five-year pledge of over \$3,000.

While working hard to meet the financial commitments, the members of the Alumnae still found time for fun. For many years dances were held twice yearly. After the closing of the school, the annual banquet was used as an opportunity to honour twenty-five year graduates and present

life memberships to those who belonged to the Alumnae for twenty-five years. To keep members informed, Selina Goodbrand, long-term Corresponding Secretary of the Alumnae, instituted an annual newsletter, which featured reports on activities of the Alumnae and personal news about marriages, births and deaths among the members.

The Alumnae was responsible for arranging four very successful homecomings. The first was held in 1963. Two hundred and fifty graduates attended a tea and hospital tour, and a dinner dance held at the William Pitt hotel. Although billed as the "first annual", the second homecoming was not held until 1967, when again tours and a dinner dance were held. The third homecoming coincided with the closing of the school in 1970. The theme of "Moon Magic" was adopted for the event, which was convened by Anastasia Crone and Barbara Teetzel. More than 600 attended the dinner dance held at the Kinsmen Auditorium. In 1975, the fourth homecoming was held to celebrate the opening of the new wing of the hospital. Returning graduates were given tours of the new facility and served a tea during the day. In the evening, the dinner-dance, convened by Isabella King and Bonnie Bruneel, featured the theme, "Those Were The Days".

Despite the financial and social success of the mid 70's, the Alumnae found itself dwindling away. Monthly meetings were poorly attended and the work of raising funds fell on the shoulders of a few loyal members. A spring dance held in 1978 was poorly attended. At the annual meeting in November of 1978, the unhappy decision was made to suspend the regular activities of the Alumnae. Gone were the monthly meetings, the fund raising events and the annual newsletter. It was decided, however, that St. Joseph's Hospital Nurses' Alumnae Association should not be totally abandoned. The group still meets annually in the fall for a dinner at which the twenty-five year graduates are honoured. As well, the Alumnae have involved themselves in the important activities of the Centennial celebrations of the hospital.

Executive of the Alumnae for 1989-1990 are:

President:	Linda Hathaway
Past President:	Marg Renders
1st Vice-President:	Kathryn Nettleton
2nd Vice-President:	Peetra Farron
Treasurer:	Kathy Dawson
Secretaries:	Edith Brinkman and Jeanne Meyerink
Advisors:	Marg Brown and Mary Brown



Graduates — 1931, L. to R.: Marion Kearns, Jane Henderson, Flora Langstaff, Francis McCullough, Ida Poissant, Marion Johnstone, Monica Doyle.

Graduates — 1932, L. to R.: Phyllis Lee, Ida Doan, Nora Henderson, Helen Cudmore, Monica Waddick, Mary Henderson, Mizpah Smith, Margaret Costello, Gertrude Crubb, Blanche Ouellette, Zoraine Martin.



Graduates — 1933, Back Row, L. to R.: Velma Hess, Geraldine Cartier, Germaine Daughinai, Ruth Middlemiss, Marie Casey. Front Row, L. to R.: Anna Feeney, Minota Nagle, Mary Comiskey, Patricia Collins, Irene Dillon, Veral Cadman, Mary Robertson, Helen Whitlock.

Past Presidents of St. Joseph's Hospital Nurses' Alumnae Association

1917	Margaret Lydon
*1918-23	Veronica Casey Wildgen
1923-24	Hazel Grey (MacPherson)
*1925	Jenny Lundy
*1926-27	Charlotte Neff
*1928-31	Jessie Ross (Embree)
1932	Ethel Burnie (Henderson)
1933	Mary Doyle (Leblanc)
*1934	Ruth Winter (Knapp)
1935	Marion Kearns (Martin)
*1936	Constance Matthew Salmon
1937-38	Laura O'Neill (Waddick)
1939	Evelyn Cadotte (Roberts)
*1940	Letty Pettipiece
1941	Mary Doyle (Leblanc)
1942-43	Hazel Grey (MacPherson)
*1944-45	Constance Matthew Salmon
*1946	Joan Coburn (Wilson)
1947	Elizabeth Lanigan Caron (Elenbaas)
1948	Katharine Kaufman (Barrera)
*1949	Marion Ellis Hickey
1950-51	Dina Marini (Fournelle)
*1952-53	Pat Taschereau
1954-55	Helen Buchan Colby
1956	Catherine Roth (Quinlan)
1957-58	Anastasia Mullin Crone
1959	Helen Buchan Colby
1960-61	Eileen Stokes Gordon
1962-63	Sandra Tattersall (Smith)
1964-65	Joyce Craig Strain
1966	Marlene Haskell Cundle
1967	Rosemary Ouellette Zimmer
1968-69	Delynne Sadlier (Dick)
1970-72	Pat Cosby Sass (Parker)
1973-74	Isabelle Mowat King
1975-76	Marion Reaume Campbell
1976-81	Marg Haskell Brown
1982	Mary Ann Gartner (Langlois)
1983-85	Bonnie Benoot Bruneel
1986-88	Margaret Burm Renders

When last names are enclosed in brackets, the marriage took place after the President's term of office.

*Deceased



Graduates — 1934, Back Row, L. to R.: Alice Campbell, Angeline King, Doris Barnes, Claire Ouellette, Edna Wright, Anastasia Poissant. Front Row, L. to R.: Margaret Gilhuly, Helen Rhodes, Wilma Doolan, Irene Vickard, Olive Tremblay.



Graduates — 1935, Mary Clarke, Mary Lanagan, Catherine Tracey, Laura O'Neil, Carmen Borman.



Graduates — 1936, Back Row, L. to R.: Agnes O'Shea, Marion Ellis, Grace Hurrell, Margaret Armstrong. Front Row, L. to R.: Jessie Miller, Rita Horne, Marie Prudhomme, Laurene McGrail, Evelyn Warren.



Graduates — 1937, Back Row, L. to R.: Helen Dominey, Christine Clark, Kathleen McLean, Mary Smith. Middle Row, L. to R.: Anne Kenny, Evelyn Cadotte, May Boyle, Helen Armstrong, Albertine Hickey. Front Row, L. to R.: Helen Nutson, Harriet Ritchie, Evelyn Coliate, Catherine Ward, Theresa Miller, Lillian Kearns.



Graduates — 1938, L. to R.: Kathleen Bennett, Alice Gabriau, Marguerite Bardawill, Ursula O'Neill, Frances Brumwell, Eileen Baker, Marjorie McGregor, Mary Taylor.



Graduates — 1939, Back Row, L. to R.: Maria Dunlop, Mary Brown, Jean Webster. Front Row, L. to R.: Rose Mindorff, Catherine Learn, Margaret Wade, Grace Oliver, Margaret Miller.



Graduates — 1940, Back Row, L. to R.: Cecelia Wall, Marie Doyle, Rebecca Simard, Adele Bollis, Mary Peco, Alice Hands, Antoinette Zawisha. Front Row, L. to R.: Catherine O'Rourke, Geraldine Derbyshire, Marion Tait, Edna Burman, Mary Clare Zink, Margaret Sterling, Mary Jane McMillan, Helen Ellis, Marjorie Quennel.



Graduates — 1941, Back Row, L. to R.: Anna Smith, Vivian Alton, Margaret Carron, Donna MacDonald, Madeline MacDonald, Elizabeth Lanigan. Front Row, L. to R.: Mary Gill, Elsie Tiffin, Doris Hill, Mary Drew, Hilda Melanson, Alba Riccotti, Doris Stacey.



Graduates — 1942, Back Row, L. to R.: Anne Taylor, Dorothy McGuire, Mary Casey, Phyllis Urry, Ruth Mason, Rita Scamen. Middle Row, L. to R.: Delores Carley, Rosemary Vickery, Jessie Main, Inez Graham, Mary Hannick, Evelyn Reeves, Beth Setterington, Adeline Primeau. Front Row, L. to R.: Eleanor Honsburger, Julienne Gagner, Mary Goggins, Muriel Baker, Frances Paquette, Florence Brennan, Yvonne Gagner, Bertille Meloche.



Graduates — 1943, Back Row, L. to R.: Mary Lois Moulton, Marie Fyfe, Jean Lethbridge, Bonnie Roszells, Elizabeth Ouellette, Bernice Dilts. Middle Row, L. to R.: Kay Clark, Marion McIver, June Yott, Florence Pinsonneault, Joan Coburn, Margaret Newcombe, Betty L'Heureux, Margaret McMullin. Front Row, L. to R.: Elizabeth Raffaele, Ruby Yeager, Ethel Poole, Margaret McMahon, Ann McKinley, Rose Marie Phaneouf, Frances Major, Valda Landeau, Dona Nash.

Graduates — 1944, Back Row, L. to R.: Madeline Haight, Shirley Ashton, Madelina Purdue, Gwendolyn Smith, Jean Moran, Ursula Reedy, Jane Spice. Middle Row, L. to R.: Monica Joyce, Leona Ostrowski, Marion Muryphy, Islaine Leveke, Jean McFadden, Ann Wood, Alverna Debernardi. Front Row, L. to R.: Winnifred Shute, Eileen Hill, Patricia Zink, Mary Caron.



Graduates — 1945, Back Row, L. to R.: Ileen Campbell, Patricia Walsh, Margaret Byrne, Mary Deyo, June Clark, Eleanor McDermott. Second Row, L. to R.: Katherine Kaufman, Martha Suske, Edith Davis, Donna Kipp, Monica Shannon, Chris Sayers, Viola Ayers. Front Row, L. to R.: Rita Pinsonneault, Eleanor (Nonie) Crittle, Donna Tape, Elizabeth McGregor, Doratheia Elgie, Isabella Campbell, Mae Caron, Doris Bebbington.



Graduates — 1946, Back Row, L. to R.: Ethel (Pat) Colfer, Seline Lose, Nora Casey, Frances Armstrong, Mabel Burk, Patricia Goggins, Mariel (Jackie) MacPhail. Front Row, L. to R.: Dorothy Gray, Henrietta Tellier, Paula Van Eenoruke, Rita Gerber, Catherine Wraight, Rhea Richard, Jean Kress, Beatrice Bellamy, Catherine Mindorff.



Graduates — 1947, Back Row, L. to R.: Cecilia Foster, Ellen Murphy, Dina Marini, Hazel Webb, Theresa Carley, Helen Buchan, Lorna Pepper. Third Row, L. to R.: Mary Wildgen, Margaret Haskell, Jean Gram, Theresa McCartney, Catherine Peco, Mary McIlhargey, Agnes Coveny, Mary Agnes Dunn. Second Row, L. to R.: Margaret Freker, Lucille Reaume, Agnes Langlois, Antoinette Dunlop, Lillian Gilhula, Gladys James, Angela Mindorff, Shirley Johnston, Doreen Labadie. First Row, L. to R.: Helen Graves, Mildred Fleming, Patricia Tunstall, Ann Mistruzzi, Eleanor Langan, Jeannie Laprise.



Graduates — 1948, L. to R.: Angela Yazbeck, Patricia Taschereau, Inez Costello, Doris King, Peggy Leason, Eleanor Woodward.



Graduates — 1949, Back Row, L. to R.: Cheri Budzin, Veronica Langan, Mary Wood, Rita Brophy, Margaret Ann Peltier, June Guerin. Middle Row, L. to R.: Dona Scott, Pauline Coburn, Miriam Villeneuve, Mary Lucille McBaen. Front Row, L. to R.: Margaret Zimmer, Charlotte Lapointe, Catherine Clark.



Graduates — 1950, Back Row, L. to R.: Patricia Bell, Fern Cummings, Barbara Speck, Betty Lou Teahen, Jean Ouellette, Gladys Miller. Middle Row, L. to R.: Betty Ferguson, Helene Dennie, Rosemary Ouellette, Mary Ann Lewis, Jean Barnett, Betty Bradley. Front Row, L. to R.: Jacqueline Garrod, Lorna Carroll, Cecile Beaulieu, Gloria Sapene, Jean Wright, Joan Slaught.



Graduates — 1951, Back Row, L. to R.: Jean Kellor, Mary DeKort, Blanche Hillman, Mary Kirosky, Diane McKie, Dorothy Marchand, Ann Gazarek. Middle Row, L. to R.: Helen Marcille, Joyce Akeroyd, Vivienne King, Helen Hogan, Betty Udell, Jennie Ashman. Front Row, L. to R.: Donna Neilson, Margaret DeJonghe, Denise Payette, Sheila Grant, Shirley Hughes, Patricia McHenry.



Graduates — 1952. Back Row, L. to R.: Helen Scheerlinck, Irene Simard, Marilyn Keenan, Grace Patterson. Front Row, L. to R.: Bonnie Iles, Dorothy Gray, Pauline Kuhayda, Barbara Hughes, Catherine Randall.



Graduates — 1953, Back Row, L. to R.: Naureen Coburn, Jean Robertson, Delores Pagini, Anastasia Mullen, Blanche McColl. Third Row, L. to R.: Alice Authier, Rosemary Lucier, Irene Brown, Betty Jane Adam, Elizabeth Murphy, Kathleen Pake. Second Row, L. to R.: Margaret Murphy, Evelyn Fox, Shirley Brown, Helen Burns, Marie Reaume, Patricia Earl, Rita Bechard. Front Row, L. to R.: Irene VanKrysen, Barbara McGregor, Marie Garrett, Simonne Charlebois, Helen Costello, Jenny Hyrb, Marie Fraleigh, Anne Stacey, Marguerite Mallette.



Graduates — 1954, Back Row, L. to R.: Carolyn Austin, Margaret Bryce, Barbara Wadsworth, Dawn Kirby, Anne Miklos. Second Row, L. to R.: Norma Ibbotson, Patricia Grant, Maureen Grant, Nerna Walker, Eileen Blonde. Front Row, L. to R.: Margaret Ball, Mary Matthew, Mary Catherine McMullan, Peggy Mills.



Graduates — 1955, Back Row, L. to R.: Jacqueline Coveny, Cathy Roth, Dagmar Liepmann, Marion Johnston, Irene Bourdeau. Middle Row, L. to R.: Barbara Bollis, Corinne Hunter, Rose Marie Trudell, Carol Anne Ennett, Alta Dalton, Lena Reid. Front Row, L. to R.: Marie Agnes Trudell, Marie Theresa Ditty, Margaret June Reidy, Marjorie Thibodeau, Lavonne Clark, Marlene Coulter.

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Graduates — 1956.



Graduates — 1957, L. to R.: Joyce Craig, Patricia McKenzie, Elaine Godin, Leona Amerlinck, Nancy Danyk, Marlene Skinner, Nancy Lawson, Audrey Leach, Betty Lachine, Marian Gartner, Joanne Burgess, Anne Savin, Margaret Thomas, Helen Daig-neault, Norma Garbutt.



Graduates — 1958, Back Row, L. to R.: Helen Machacek, Shirley Richardson, Helen Samson, Doreen Thorpe, Anne Hviztos. Third Row, L. to R.: Diane Biddell, Mary Ellen Kenelly, Margaret Colfer, Deidre Dyson, Regina Kockx. Second Row, L. to R.: Lucille Peszat, Angela O'Neill, Patricia Donnelly, Arlene Melanson, Barbara Byron. Front Row, L. to R.: Joan Akeroyd, Katherine Agiropolos, Mary Mrnik, Delores King, Jeanette Roy.



Graduates — 1959, Back Row, L. to R.: Joan Knight, Anne Kahue, Joanne Hodges, Sandra Tattersall. Third Row, L. to R.: Ann Slade, Joanne Dries, Anne Kenny, Mary Goodall, Beth Hinnegan. Second Row, L. to R.: Delynne Sadlier, Mary Jones, Deanna Charron, Carole Lachine, Rosemary Cooper. Front Row, L. to R.: Betty Vollmer, Carole McIntosh, Eileen Antaya, Laurie Arbour, Joanne Marchand, Sharon Robertson, Rose Moran.



Graduates — 1960, Back Row, L. to R.: Frances Krejci, Laurel Thibodeau, Suzanne Quigley, Patricia Ternoey, Loretta Zink, Adele Makowetsky. Third Row, L. to R.: Jean Burns, Margaret Lauzon, Doreen Lozon, Patricia Burlingham, Elizabeth McGarvey. Second Row, L. to R.: Helen Galecka, Patricia Ennett, Linda Liberty, Thelma Mae Travis. Front Row, L. to R.: Elaine Bilton, Gayle McRae, Sondra Loyer, Glenyce Roszell, Carol Waddick.

Graduates — 1961, Back Row, L. to R.: Katherine McIntosh, Catherine McKenzie, Wesleen King, Bernice St. Pierre, Mary Catherine Mугan. Front Row, L. to R.: Barbara Henderson, Anita Gagnier, Judy Paddon, Marsha Thornton, Anne Marie Feduzzi.



Graduates — 1962, Back Row, L. to R.: Senga Kennedy, Erika Schnurr, Judith DeMarse, Sister St. Bride, Pamela Penman, Barbara Matheson, Lee Audet. Middle Row, L. to R.: Joan Doucet, Julie Ouellette, Shirley Martin, Mary Ann Jordan, Joanne Jackson, Ruth Ann Armstrong. Front Row, L. to R.: Judith DeWaele, Bonnie Kelly, Patricia Kumpess, Mary Lievens, Jane Crew, Joan Carroll.



Graduates — 1963, Back Row, L. to R.: Jane Anne Gormley, Judith Herman, Mary Ann Samson, Mary Ann Konecny, Marilyn Pullman. Third Row, L. to R.: Ruth Ann Jackson, Barbara Clinton, Linda Paquette, Carol Campeau, Sherry Vanderveeken, Jill Pryor. Second Row, L. to R.: Margaret Coveny, Karen Kenny, Michelle Pirrie, Rosemary Sparks, Fern Kueber, Patricia Robertson. Front Row, L. to R.: Marion Reaume, Angela Hales, Jean Vince, Phyllis Reaume, Helen Lucier, Kathleen Martin, Karen Doughty.



Graduates — 1964, Back Row, L. to R.: Sharon Coulter, Jean McMillan, Jean Slade, Carol Nagle, Ann Tschirhart, Margaret Lucan. Second Row, L. to R.: Veronica Doan, Isabel Mowatt, Elizabeth Van Herk, Beth Mackness, Mary Ann Joyce. Front Row, L. to R.: Margaret Allison, Susan Brown, Janet Chenier, Kathleen Wright, Patricia Liberty, Lynn Sparks, Ann Nagao.



Graduates — 1965, Back Row, L. to R.: Brenda Morhart, Sharon Shaw, Elaine Crooks, Pamela Roberts, Constance Lepine, Elizabeth Mullen, Patricia O'Neil, Nancy Bartosek. Second Row: L. to R.: Ann Wilcox, Christina Cadotte, Nancy Marko, Mary Anne Pratt, Mona Wood, Kathleen Irwin, Mary Anne De Cou, Helen Zimmer. Front Row, L. to R.: Anne Gillen, Karen Landry, Patricia Kenny, Mary Horvat, Alizabeth Reycraft, Merlin Levan, Susan Hunt, Patricia McNulty.



Graduates — 1966, Back Row, L. to R.: Margaret Brady, Rita Brisette, Karen Foster, Lorraine Renard, Linda Field, Marie Ramboer, Helen O'Neil, Catharina Verhoven, Marie LeBlanc. Middle Row, L. to R.: Doris Doyle, Mary Agnes Chinnick, Patricia Mungan, Sister M. Jeanine, Carol Cudmore, Nancy O'Neil, Marilyn Sylvestre. Front Row, L. to R.: Jeanne Beaudoin, Patricia Allen, Mary Elaine Fuerth, Sister Lawrence, Mary Jean McDonnell, Patricia Bettridge, Ann O'Hanlon.



Graduates — 1967, Back Row, L. to R.: Janet VanDamme, Marion Vanek, Michelle Bidner, Ruth Nauta, Mary Elizabeth McLellan. Third Row, L. to R.: Donna Gorniak, Julie Vankovich, Sandra Long, Bonnie Wooten, Janice Whales, Mary Grassie. Second Row, L. to R.: Madeline Delrue, Diane Allosery, Sandra McNeil, Pamela Hinnegan, Frances Lacina, Mary Sue Byrne, Marilyn Braithwaite. Front Row, L. to R.: Marion Swackhammer, Nanette St. Pierre, Claudette Faubert, Dorothy Urquhart, Sister St. Kevin, Bernadette Bell, Mary Lynne McNeil, Olive Kitor, Judith Kinny, Elaine Allin.



Graduates — 1968, Back Row, L. to R.: Katherine McGuire, Sharon McAuslan, Kathleen Kearns, Anne Geelan, Helen Dries, Sue-Anne Eagen, Carol VanDamme, Anna Marie Petronella VandenBroek. Middle Row, L. to R.: Karen Turner, Judith Wilcox, Margaret Armstrong, Sharon McIntosh, Gabriella DeWeerd, Elizabeth Crundwell, Rosalie Faubert, Dana Bechard. Front Row, L. to R.: Margaret Klapak, Bonnie Felder, Joanne Cowan, Diane Gray, Agnes DeSchryver, Linda Verscheure, Rose O'Leary, Anne Marie Stephens, Judith Hogye, Mary Cote, Helen Knott.



Graduates — 1969, Back Row, L. to R.: Sister Josina, Suzanne Tattersall, Betsy Cowan, Ernest Bogaert, Joanne Feasby, Lynn Drake, Sister Lynne Francis, Margaret Burm. Third Row, L. to R.: Wilhelmins Franssen, Marcia VanDamme, Sister Suzanne, Janet Irwin, Lynn McGarvey, Irene Thompson, Rose Marie Gagner. Second Row, L. to R.: Linda Keller, Marguerite Ouellette, Susan Tiffin, Sandra Arnold, Jody James, Linda Hooper, Helen Zymelka. Front Row, L. to R.: Margaret Fraser, Lynn MacDonald, Kathryn Spicer, Bonnie Benoot, Ellen Swift, Susan Kelly, Anita Reaume, Mary Bogaart.



Graduates — 1970, Back Row, L. to R.: Helen Renaud, Mary Delanghe, Margaret Hartley, Jeannette Roy, Linda McDonald, Clare Belanger. Middle Row, L. to R.: Jancie Belanger, Edith VanMinnen, Katherine Krieger, Antoinette Tanguay, Sheila Parker, Constance Gould. Front Row, L. to R.: Kathleen Carnegie, Janne Balliargeon, Theresa Lacourciere, Karla Kelly, May Ellen Ryan, Yvette Goodreau.



Remember the '40's, 'Swingin' in the old back yard'.



Wartime Pageant promoted by the nurses, L. to R.: Pat Smyth (soldier), Marion Sackfield (nurse), Bernard Carley (navy), Frances Major (with staff), Jack Zink (airforce), Dorothy McGuire (nurse), Jack Shea (soldier).



Remember when? Nurses reminisce. Front Row, L. to R.: Edcey Edgar, Dorothy Scott. Back Row, L. to R.: Catherine (Mindorff) Roesch, Pat Parker, Frances (Gifford) Brown, Mabel (Burk) McDonald, Selina Goodbrand.



Emergency Room prior to 1970. L. to R.: Jean Gibson and Joyce Joyce.

Do you remember our nursery? Nurse Lillian Smyth holds a hungry newborn — 1963.



Good things come in threes! Proud father, Mr. Young admires his triplets held by nursery staff (left to right) W. Talen, Nurse Biddner and Emy Fujii.

The End of a Nurse's Day

Seven o'clock; And the nurse's work,
Was done for another day;
She heaved a sort of a tired sigh,
And puts the charts away.
Then sat for a moment and bowed her head
over the little white desk —
"I wonder," she said to herself,
"After all,
Am I really doing my best?"
Perhaps I could have begun the day,
With a brighter, cheerier smile,
And answered the bells with a
'right away'
Instead of an 'after awhile'.
And I might have listened with
sweeter grace,
To the story of Six's woes;
She may be suffering more perhaps,
More than anyone knows.
And I might have refrained from that
half-way frown
Although I was busy then,
When that frail little body, with sad
blue eyes,
Kept ringing again and again.
And I might have spoken a kindlier word,
To that heart of that restless boy,
And stopped a moment to help him find
The missing part of his toy.
Or perhaps the patient in eighteen A,
Just needed a gentler touch;
There are lots of things that I might
have done,
And it wouldn't have taken much.
She sighed again — and brushed a tear,
Then whispered, praying low,
O God, how can You accept this day,
When it has been lacking so.
And God looked down — He heard the sigh,
And saw the shining tear;
Then sent His Angel messenger,
To whisper in her ear.

"Perhaps you could have done better to-day,
But, Ah! the Omnipotent One
Seeing your faults, doesn't forget
The beautiful things you've done.
He knows, little nurse, that you love your
work
In this big house of sorrow,
So gladly forgives the lack of to-day,
For you will do better to-morrow."
And the nurse looked up with the tenderest smile,
"Tomorrow I'll make it right,"
Then added a note in the order book,
"Be good to them to-night."

Author Unknown
From the Chronicles



Graduates 1905: unidentified.

Chapter Five

Auxiliaries and Benefactors

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Sixty Year History St. Joseph's Hospital Ladies Auxiliary 1921-1981

Written in 1981 by: Mrs. Agnes Doyle, President

After reading the minute books dating from 1921, I have gathered a few highlights of sixty years of complete love and dedication to a very worthy organization.

It would indeed be difficult to give full credit to those outstanding members who organized the Auxiliary because how does one measure the countless hours of work and the donations of materials needed to function.

Many of the members today followed in the steps of their mothers by displaying the same dedication to the Auxiliary.

It all began on January 24, 1921 when a meeting was called by Reverend Father Salanus, pastor of St. Joseph's Parish. The purpose of the meeting was to organize a society to aid St. Joseph's Hospital.

The name unanimously chosen was St. Joseph's Hospital Ladies Auxiliary. It was also decided that the membership would include all ladies interested in the hospital, irrespective of race or creed.

The first executive consisted of: Mrs. James Wright, President; Mrs. Ed. Taylor, 1st Vice President; Mrs. Alfred Deloge, 2nd Vice President; Mrs. J. P. Dunn, Secretary; Miss Charlotte Ryan, Treasurer.

At this same meeting the annual fee was set at fifty cents a year and it did not change for forty-one years!

Committees were appointed to assist the executive, and these included two ladies from each of the four surrounding townships.

The Auxiliary decided to meet once a week for the purpose of sewing the articles needed for use in the hospital. During the months of January and

February five hundred and eighty-four articles were made including large and small sheets, pillowcases, bath towels and table napkins.

The Auxiliary meetings were held in the "Sun Room". Some of us will remember that these rooms on first and second floor later became "five bed" wards and remained that until that wing was demolished.

The first year, a five day bazaar was held in the Armories. Approval had to be received from Bishop Fallon for this event. Sixty dollars rent was paid and to point out the magnitude of this bazaar it was noted that in the Doll Booth alone there were five hundred dolls. Other booths included a quilt booth, a home made cooking booth, candy booth, fancy work booth, gentlemen's booth, children's booth, art booth, fortune telling booth, tea room and fish pond. One gentleman made and donated a doll house which was a special feature at the bazaar.

Admission was charged to attend the bazaar, ten cents per person per night, and the workers paid twenty-five cents for a badge to wear allowing them to enter each night.

One can imagine the amount of work done with the prices charged in those days when these people raised \$7,489.59 during that first year.

Some of the expenses during the year were \$10 for rent of the Knights of Columbus Hall, \$12 for a full orchestra and \$22 for curtains for the nurses' residence. The proceeds from the bazaar provided a boiler extractor and press for the hospital at a cost of \$2,092 plus \$800 installation, repairs to the laundry \$1,784, fire escape \$1,398, electric ranges for two floors of the hospital \$225 and furnishings for nurses' residence \$398.

In 1924, one month's expenses were Hadley Lumber Co. 60¢, Grey's China Hall 40¢ and Crump's 47¢.

It was interesting to note that bake sales were held in Clement's Shoe Store, teas and light lunches were served in Austin's (Canadian Department Store later Eaton's) and rummage sales were held in the showrooms of local car dealers throughout the city.

A fashion show was held in the Griffin Theatre (Capitol Theatre) for a two day period with admission of twenty-five cents in the afternoon and thirty-five cents in the evening. An exemption from amusement tax had to be approved. Each year it was the practice of the Auxiliary to send a basket of flowers to the Nurses' Graduation at the Public General Hospital.

An offer to hold a "tea" in the recreation room of the Kent Manor Apartments was accepted and took the form of a Valentine Tea.

In 1929, St. Joseph's Hospital became affiliated with the Ontario United Hospital Aids Association and together with the Public General Hospital hosted this organization's convention held in October.

Of particular interest was an expenditure in 1934 stating that a lady had quilted a quilt for the low price of one dollar and twenty-five cents.

In June of 1935, permission was granted to hold a garden party on the hospital grounds. Letters of permission were received from the Mayor and the Chief of Police for a bingo booth and wheels of chance.

The manager of Canadian Department Store loaned lawn umbrellas. C.F.C.O. broadcasted live from the garden party. The Mayor and council opened the affair and a floor was laid on the tennis court for dancing. The cost was ten cents a couple for each dance.

It was also in 1935 that the delegate to the Hospital convention was given a cheque in the amount of \$35 for expenses while in Toronto and you will be glad to know that \$16 of that amount was returned.

The first mention of a Penny Sale was in 1936, and with the net proceeds exceeding \$1000 it was to become an annual event ending some thirty years later.

Books of tickets were mailed out prior to the Penny Sale and offered such prizes as a Tea Set of "Spode" china. Can you imagine the cost of such a prize today? One of the Sisters crocheted a bedspread which was donated to the Auxiliary and offered as a special prize.

In May 1937 a letter was received from Father Vincent Walsh asking the Auxiliary to suspend all lucrative activities for a period of six months in order for St. Joseph's Parish to accumulate funds to defray the cost of redecorating St. Joseph's Church.

In January of 1941 a complete table setting of silver and linens was presented to the Sisters of St. Joseph by the Auxiliary to commemorate the Sisters' Fiftieth Anniversary.

In 1946, St. Joseph's Hospital Guild was formed by the suggestion of two ladies who had attended the hospital convention that year in Toronto and came back with many ideas of running a "Tuck Shop". In January of 1947, the Auxiliary forwarded a cheque for \$10 to Mother M. Hildegard of St. Joseph's School for a display case to be mounted on the wall on the first floor of the hospital. This became the Guild's "Tuck Shop".

In March 1948, the Auxiliary donated a stained glass window for the hospital chapel at a cost of \$275.

In March 1950, a donation was made toward the purchase of a television set for the hospital chaplain.

For a number of years the Auxiliary received a grant of \$1,000 a year from the Community Chest and in exchange many of our members canvassed for them. This was discontinued in 1971 when the Auxiliary withdrew from this organization.

In 1952, two new groups were organized to work for the hospital, namely the Fontbonne Ancillary and the Marian Auxiliary.

In the fall of 1955, a Tea was held in St. Joseph's Hospital Nurses' Residence with all the groups active in St. Joseph's and Public General Hospital as co-hostesses.

In 1959, a statue of the Sacred Heart was donated to the Sisters by the Ladies' Auxiliary, the Guild, the Fontbonne and the Marian Auxiliary.

In January of 1962, the Auxiliary dues were raised to \$1.00 per year, the only increase in sixty years.

Two quilts that were still on hand after the first Penny Sale were sold for \$15 each! Can you imagine their worth at today's prices?

Donations of \$100 were made frequently to our Sisters in Peru.

A donation from the Auxiliary of \$1,500 was given to the hospital to be used toward the salary of a volunteer co-ordinator.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars were

donated during the sixty years of dedicated work to the hospital. During the last six years, the majority of members were seniors who still wished to remain active auxiliary supporters. In this spirit, they made and donated numerous lap robes to be used by the patients in the Chronic ward.

It was on June 30, 1981 the St. Joseph's Hospital Ladies Auxiliary ceased to function.

Presidents

*1921-1931	Mrs. Jas. Wright
*1931-1935	Mrs. Jas. McNevin
*1935-1936	Mrs. Jas. McKenty
1936-1940	Mrs. Jas. Moriarity
*1940-1941	Mrs. Leo Wildgen
*1941-1944	Mrs. A. E. McCarron
1944-1947	Mrs. O. M. Drouillard
*1947-1950	Mrs. E. F. Daniel
1950-1952	Mrs. J. L. Callaghan
*1952-1954	Mrs. Fred Taschereau
1954-1956	Mrs. R. Eamer
1956-1959	Mrs. O. M. Drouillard
*1959-1960	Mrs. C. Z. Daniel
*1960-1961	Mrs. Robert Isaacs
1961-1964	Mrs. O. M. Drouillard
1964-1981	Mrs. Robert E. Doyle
*Deceased	

The History of the St. Joseph's Hospital Guild 1946 to 1989

Historian: Angela Downey

Many years ago a group of young matrons met as a study club affiliated with St. Joseph's Church. This group regularly contributed to a Second World War project but when the war ended they wished to find a new purpose. Gertrude Crump, one of the group, came back from a convention of the Hospital Auxiliaries Association of Ontario in Toronto with the idea that perhaps they could operate a hospitality shop for the benefit of the patients of St. Joseph's Hospital. All of the group agreed to undertake the task, so, on November 27, 1946, the St. Joseph Hospital Guild was formed. The Auxiliary forwarded \$10 to Mother Hildegarde for a display case. It was mounted on the wall of first floor and it became the Tuck Shop.

The ten Charter Members were Mrs. A. D. (Catherine) Bell, Mrs. T. (Marguerite) Drew, Mrs. R. (Eileen) McCarron, Mrs. F. (Eddytha) O'Rourke, Mrs. W. H. (Frances) Punchard, Mrs. G. (Hazel) Toward, Miss Irene Flanagan, Mrs. H. R. (Gertrude) Crump, Mrs. E. F. (Mary) Daniel and Mrs. F. (Angela) Driscoll.

On January 9, 1947, Mrs. Drouillard, the

President of the St. Joseph's Auxiliary opened her home for a bridge party. The admission was an article that could be sold in the shop. One hundred and twenty-five articles were received, as well as cash donations and the shop was opened on January 25, 1947. The show case purchased from Mother Hildegarde of St. Joseph's School was filled.

On December 12, 1946 five additional members joined: Mrs. J. L. (Ann) Callaghan, Mrs. P. R. (Carmel) Pearson, Mrs. J. H. (Ann) Gamble, Mrs. D. M. (Mary) Kennedy, Mrs. R. J. (Agnes) Myers. On February 1, 1947, the Guild welcomed Mrs. Helen Earl, Mrs. Don (Helen) Taylor, Mrs. G. J. (Antoinette) Quigley, Mrs. J. J. (Clare) Teahen, Mrs. L. (Kathleen) Denomy, Mrs. B. J. (Ann) Blonde.

The first few years the group met every two weeks. Dues were 25 cents. From 1946 to 1952, bridge and euchre parties were held in the Nurses' Residence. A cheque of \$450 was given to the Sisters to purchase an electric range and fifty card tables. In 1948 and 1949 the Guild held their first rummage sale and sixteen more card tables, a coffee urn, one hundred chairs, dishes and silverware were purchased for the Nurses' Residence.

Through 1950 to 1952 projects such as bake sales, rummage sales, the usual card parties and the Gift Shop sales allowed members to donate \$1,725. The Sisters purchased a Precision Drying and Sterilizing Oven and a Heidbrick gas machine for the operating room with these donations. The student nurses benefited from the Guild's work through entertainment and bursaries.

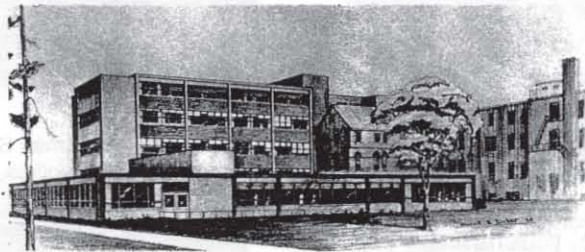
In 1953, the St. Joseph's Hospital Guild Constitution was adopted. Two thousand birth certificates were purchased for hospital use as were two stainless steel utility sterilizers at \$400 each. In 1953, Hospital Auxiliary Association Regions were formed across Ontario with our hospital being in Region #1.

In 1954, St. Joseph's Hospital Council was formed to facilitate the co-ordination of fund raising activities among the auxiliaries. At this time and because of additional revenue from Coke machines the Guild was able to present the Sisters with \$1,000.

In 1955, The Guild purchased another two thousand birth certificates, broadloom and a stained glass window for the Chapel as well as a Castle non-explosive light for Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat. A tea was held in the Nurses' Residence

St. Joseph's Hospital

Chatham, Ontario, Canada



*This Certifies that Craig Alexander Braddon
was born to Mr & Mrs Donald Braddon in this Hospital
at 10:25 a.m. on Tuesday the thirteenth day of February 1968*

*In Witness Whereof the said Hospital has
caused this Certificate to be signed by its duly
authorized officer and its Official Seal to be
hereunto affixed.*

Ante McDonald *Sister M. Elizabeth Ince*
Attending Physician *Superintendent*



Birth Certificate donated by Guild.

with all groups of the Public General and St. Joseph's Hospitals participating.

In 1956, bursaries were given to student nurses. Fundraisers continued to be raffles and bridge parties. A Flame Photometer and Compressor for the Laboratory were presented at a cost of \$1,110.

In 1957, a tea was held and the proceeds were used to purchase a Micro-filmer for use in the Medical Records Room. This was the tenth anniversary of the Guild.

In 1958, members made smocks to wear to work as the supply cart was pushed through the hospital. With the revenue from five Coke machines and one cigarette machine (a new item), the shop and a spring tea the Guild purchased an operating table for \$2,880. The following year a \$3,000 electronic instrument washer and sterilizer was donated.

In 1960, with a membership of forty, shop sales totalled \$1,400, and a large statue of the Sacred Heart was donated by all Auxiliaries. By 1961, the

Gift Shop was open seven days a week with members volunteering 1200 hours a year.

In 1962, a donation of \$2500 was voted to the hospital for a Blood Bank Refrigerator and for costs incurred to install new lights in the operating room. Receipts for the year totalled \$6,539.84. A \$2,000 payment was made on an operating table and a sewing machine purchased for the Sisters' use.

In 1963, the remaining debt on the operating table was paid. Total Shop receipts were \$8,320.51 with sales increasing each year.

In 1964, members marked the 75th Anniversary of both St. Joseph's and Public General Hospitals with a co-convened anniversary dinner. X-ray equipment was the major purchase this year with final payment being made in 1965. The Guild helped nursing students by granting bursaries.

During 1966, the revenue was \$10,000. A

cardioscope was purchased but this large item required several annual payments.

In 1967, Mrs. Marguerite Drew traced the history of the Guild noting the growth of shop sales over the twenty year period.

In 1968, the Guild's projects realized \$12,247. Three hundred pounds of home made Christmas Cake were sold. The shop and vending machines swelled the funds. \$200 was given in scholarships.

In 1969, more equipment was supplied for the heart unit at a cost of approximately \$1,500. The hospital requested and it was agreed that the Guild should sponsor the installation of T.V.'s. Beds for a Coronary Care room were purchased. The Hospital Auxiliaries Association Meeting was held in Chatham with delegates from Region #1 attending.

In 1970, a cheque for \$2,500 was presented toward Cardiac room equipment. Each year the sales in the Gift Shop increased and so donations to the hospital grew.

The hospital was making plans to expand the facility so the Guild made a \$10,000 pledge to the Building Fund to be paid in \$2,000 yearly installments. In 1972, the Guild passed a motion to have the Executive remain in office for two years rather than one.

In 1973, the sale of Christmas cakes continued and members looked forward to a new Gift Shop upon completion of the hospital building. By now dues had jumped from 25¢ to \$1.00. An additional pledge of \$6,000 was made toward the Building Fund or Crisis Fund.

In 1974, \$3,000 was given to furnish and equip the new Gift Shop which was strategically located near the entrance to the \$7.5 million hospital expansion. The designer of the new shop, which opened on August 20, was Lillian Palanek. A great deal of excitement was felt in anticipation of the more spacious surroundings. The members began making stuffed animals, dolls, smocks and children's clothes. The selection of plants and artificial arrangements was expanded. Do you remember that this was when chocolate bars went from ten cents to fifteen cents?

In 1975 the move was made into the new Gift Shop. St. Joseph's Hospital had lost the maternity ward but gained an expanded paediatrics ward. Therefore, the stock of toys, magazines, toiletries, children's books and clothing was increased. Fundraising included the making of Christmas cakes and a raffle. The final building pledge payment was made.

In 1976, a large colour T.V., portable radio,



The Guild's Christmas Sale, L. to R.: Angela Downey, Janet Schoupe, Irene Volkes, Rosabel Charlebois, Helen Easter, Kay Earley.

mattresses and a wheel chair were donated. A \$3,607 Telemetry System was given to Coronary Care. This was the first year of the Hospital Appreciation Christmas Sale. During the summer, two hundred bibs were made for the Chronic Care ward. A Hair Care facility for patients was opened and two new display cases were purchased for the Gift Shop. Twenty-five year membership certificates were given to Lillian Palanek, Carmel Pearson, Helen Carpenter and Bernice O'Neil.

On April 24, 1977 Bernice O'Neil presented a brief history of the Guild over the hospital closed circuit T.V. During 1977 and 1978 the project was to supply nineteen bed units for third floor north. As well in 1978, four intravenous poles and a \$1,500 donation to the hair care centre were given.

In 1979, another \$10,000 was donated to the hospital. Because of the talented people working on fresh plants and artificial arrangements, Gift Shop sales increased substantially.

During 1980 and 1981 with membership fluctuating between thirty-five and forty the Guild purchased nine Cardiac Monitors costing \$24,000. As well, a \$10,000 Whirlpool was purchased for Physiotherapy. Hair Care Services was taken over by the hospital. Admitting was transferred to ground floor resulting in a loss of traffic near the shop so advertisements for the Gift Shop were posted throughout the hospital. A display case was installed on the ground floor near admitting so visitors could view articles available in the shop.

In 1982 a Colonoscope was purchased at a cost of \$11,000. In 1983, a \$10,000 Gastroscope and a \$12,000 Calibrator were donated. At this time bingos became another source of income.

In 1984 profits from the Gift Shop, Christmas sales and other projects had grown allowing us to increase our donations considerably. A Tissue Processor was purchased for the Laboratory at a cost of \$19,159.

In 1985 and 1986, the Guild operated a refreshment booth at the Festival of Nations.

In 1986, the Gift Shop sales, bingos and other projects accumulated a fund of \$36,000. Discussion was held regarding the need for a new shop in a more suitable location in the hospital. The Hospital Board chose to honor four members for their years of volunteer service: June Hargreaves, Sheila Nugent, Lillian Palanek and Vera Sadler.



St. Joseph's Hospital Board Volunteer Award Recipients for 1987 included Guild members (left to right): Vera Sadler, Rita Goldoni (President), June Hargreaves and Lillian Palanek.

In 1987, administration was presented with a cheque for \$16,000. The Guild also began to sell Nevada Tickets. The sale of these tickets created more communication with the hospital staff, as well as providing extra funds. Three members of the Guild were recognized and honoured by the hospital for their services: Angela Downey, Rita Goldoni and Kim Skipper.

In 1988, revenue was generated from the Gift Shop sales, bingos, Nevada tickets, Christmas sale, raffle and Steri Systems T.V. rentals. The Guild agreed to purchase an E.E.G. Machine at a cost of \$20,000 plus \$5,000 towards a Video film for Centennial year. Two anaesthetic machines costing \$50,000 were also purchased. Angela Downey was chosen to represent the Guild on the St. Joseph's Hospital Centennial Committee. Lillian Palanek's forty years of hard work and dedication were recognized by the Guild with the bestowal of a Life Membership. During this same year Rita Goldoni was awarded a Life Membership by the Ontario Hospital Auxiliaries Association for her many years of service.

The Board continued to recognize volunteers from the Guild with awards being presented to Helen Easter in 1988 and to Kay Earley and Helen Robertson in 1989.

This history includes the highlights of the Guild from 1946 to 1989. The Guild began as a



The Guild Gift Shop caters to both patients' and visitors' needs. Plant convenor, Rita Goldoni and other Guild members staff this shop seven days a week.

group of ten and now has grown to a membership of forty. The shop was a humble alcove with one showcase but now is a new shop on the ground floor with rows of shelves and hundreds of interesting articles. In 1947, the Guild began by donating a cheque for \$450 and in 1988 gave \$78,000 to the hospital. The Gift Shop volunteer time alone presently requires two thousand four hundred and ninety-six hours per year.

NOW THAT IS PROGRESS!

St. Joseph's Hospital Guild Presidents 1946-1990

1946-1948	Gertrude Crump
1949	Catherine Bell
1950	Hazel Toward
1951	Jean Borrowman
1952	Florence Hinnegan
1953	Mary Toplack
1954	Helen Carpenter
1955	Helen Earl
1956	Frances Punchard
1957	Lorraine Martin
1958-1959	Marguerite Drew
1960	Kay Denomy
1961	Lillian Palanek
1962	Carmel Pearson
1963-1964	Ann Callaghan
1965	Wynne Bromley
1966-1967	Helen Carpenter
1968	Mrs. C. H. Baskerville
	Ruth Sadlier
1969-1971	Stella Byke
1972-1973	Lillian Palanek
1974-1975	Kay Earley
1976-1977	Bernice O'Neil
1978-1979	Marguerite Mosey
1980-1981	Barbara Hundt
1982-1983	Helga Miletic
1984	Joanne Bennett
	Rita Goldoni
1985	Rita Goldoni
1986-1987	Doris Foley
1988-1989	Rosabel Charlebois

History of the Fontbonne Ancillary of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing 1952 to 1978

Compiled by: Ann Langley

During the early part of 1952, two very busy and ardent supporters of St. Joseph's Hospital, Mrs. Fred Taschereau and Mrs. J. L. Callaghan gathered together a large group of young women with the idea of forming new auxiliaries for the hospital. Close to fifty young women responded and appeared at the Nurses' Residence, St. Joseph's Hospital on April 7, 1952. Mrs. W. R. Whiteside, Chairman, District I Ontario Hospital Association was the guest speaker.

With such a large response it was apparent that two groups could be formed; the ancillary and a new auxiliary. Twenty-two members formed the as yet nameless ancillary. A president was appointed and Sister Consolata, Superior, helped with the organization of this group. She also suggested the name Fontbonne as this was the family name of the Foundress of the Order of St. Joseph in France in 1648. When the Ancillary was organized it was noted that the Order of St. Joseph's was just past 300 years of age so what could be more fitting than for this new group of volunteer workers to be named The Fontbonne Ancillary of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing.

A Constitution had to be drawn up which would designate the aim of the group. It was decided that aim would be to provide the student nurses with some of the comforts of home.

Now that a name had been chosen, a Constitution adopted and the purpose assigned, an executive had to be chosen. The following is the first executive chosen in April, 1952.

Honourary	
President	Mrs. Fred Taschereau
President	Mrs. A. R. Langley
1st Vice President	Miss Eleanor Doyle
2nd Vice President	Mrs. Keith Smale
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Ken Cosins
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. John R. Jennings
Treasurer	Miss Mary Smyth

The members worked with Sister Georgina, Sister Eunice and Sister Mary Gregory. These three Directors of Nursing were most encouraging and helpful.

At the first meeting April 16, 1952, it was

decided money would be raised to purchase a bouquet for each graduate. This was achieved by selling hand lotion and holding a rummage sale. The group was on its way. From this small beginning the total enthusiasm of twenty-two determined ladies, carried this group to greater accomplishments.

Many projects were undertaken such as: rummage sales, annual dessert and bridge teas, home card parties and the Annual Frosty Frolic Dance. One large project was the preparation and selling of a dessert cook book which sold two thousand copies at 35¢. In later years when the Senior Auxiliary gave up the Penny Sale the Fontbonne sponsored this fund raiser.

The following purchases were made to provide comforts for the nurses: T.V.'s, washing machines and dryers, irons and ironing boards, 16mm projector for classroom use, slide projector and mirrors for each bedroom. The tennis courts were also refurbished. An annual scholarship of \$200 and an annual \$50 contribution to the Nurses' Library were made.

The Fontbonne completely refurbished the recreation room with couches, chairs, coffee table and new drapes. Other items purchased to make the residence more homey were: a hair dryer, a sewing machine and a Hi-Fi stereo. The group provided American Beauty Roses for all graduates along with receptions for the graduates and their families and friends. For almost eighteen years the ancillary worked and enjoyed the association of the students at St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing.

When the School of Nursing became a regional school the student nurses no longer had a unique association with St. Joseph's so sponsorship by the Fontbonne was no longer necessary. The members continued to work hard to raise funds to purchase equipment for the hospital. Some items donated were a respirator and a \$1500 Resusci-Ann doll to train personnel in C.P.R. Donations were also made to the Building Fund.

Although members took on fund raising the loss of the student nurses to the Fontbonne's purpose seemed to place a damper on enthusiasm. On March 21, 1978 President, Edna Charbonneau called the group together to make a decision for renewed direction. The group's final decision was to disband. When one looks over the years, there were many accomplishments by this dedicated, hard working group. In essence it was one extended family which had a common interest in St. Joseph's Hospital and the student nurses in particular.

**Fontbonne Ancillary Presidents
1952-1978**

1952-1953	Mrs. Ann Langley
1954-1955	Mrs. Walter Lenover
1956-1957	Mrs. Theresa Curtin
1958	Mrs. Loretta Jennings
1959-1960	Mrs. Loretta Kelly
1961-1962	Miss Doris Rumsey
1963-1964	Mrs. Luella Riegling
1965-1966	Mrs. June Doyle
1967-1969	Mrs. Donna Desmarais
1970-1972	Mrs. Loretta Jennings
1973-1976	Mrs. Ann Langley
1977-1978	Mrs. Edna Charbonneau



Nurses' Graduation Ceremony at St. Joseph's Church.

The St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary 1952-1989

(formerly known as **The Marian Auxiliary**)
Compiled by: **Anna Macpherson**

In April of 1952, it was decided by the hospital and the already existing auxiliaries, that there was a need for more women to be involved in hospital volunteer work. An evening was organized to launch this project, and so great was the community response that two new auxiliaries were formed. The Marian Auxiliary was created with thirty-five members whose focus was to be the Children's Ward. The Fontbonne Ancillary was also born that night. Their project was to be the School of Nursing. Sister Consolata addressed the group and expressed her joy by welcoming the new "Hospital Missionaries", as she called the hospital volunteers.

From 1952 to 1984 efforts were directed to the needs of the children. In 1984 after a long period of growth and change, a new name and purpose were given to this group. It became "St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary" and in September of that year new by-laws were approved and implemented. The new objectives stated that the auxiliary would "assist the hospital in every possible way" and support was expanded to the entire hospital.

During the first twenty years, fundraising activities included raffles, card parties, new-to-you sales and cooking schools. The group sponsored singers and plays at the Thames Theatre. It was in those beginning years, that the popular Mardi Gras Dance originated. It became a very profitable and enjoyable fundraiser for many, many years. In 1986, due to decreasing profits and increasing expenses the Mardi Gras Dance was discontinued.

Although the dance was the main fund raiser through the 60's, 70's and 80's other activities included fashion shows, Christmas bazaars, bake sales, garage sales, a cookbook, a strawberry social and the sale of T-shirts and sweatshirts. In 1984, two new fund raising activities were initiated: the Gift Cart and Bingos. All these activities helped to generate funds for the hospital as well as providing the members with the opportunity to work and grow together.

In the early years sewing was one of the main activities in which members participated. Articles made for the paediatric department of the hospital included pyjamas, slippers, bibs, nighties, bedspreads, cribsheets and housecoats. Sewing is not part of the auxiliary work today. (Do you remember when Sandra Van Raay thinking she

would save time, mistakenly cut only left legged pyjamas?)

In the 50's and 60's the focus on the Children's Ward was very evident by the purchases of croupettes, scales, crib mattresses, junior beds, operating carts, I.V. poles, over bed tables, bubble tops for cribs, as well as dozens of pyjamas, housecoats and bedspreads. Some non-medical items purchased were record players, toys, drapes, books, T.V.'s, an aquarium, playpens, rocking chairs and radios. The seasonal decorating of the ward was begun at this time. Each Christmas, gifts and tray favours were given to children unfortunate enough to be in the hospital. Decorating and gift giving are practices that continue today.

A bursary was given to a nurse for post-graduate studies in Paediatrics. Money was donated to the nurse's scholarship fund and for the remodeling of the Solarium and a four-bed ward. Auxiliary volunteers also taught crafts to the children.

"Marian Helpers" came into existence in 1967. Later, they were called "Candystripers" but today they are known as "Volunteens". The Auxiliary supported this program by recruiting girls. Over the years the sewing committee made caps and uniforms for the girls and vests for the male volunteens. This program is now under the Department of Volunteer Services and the role of the Auxiliary has changed to include assisting at orientation, planning Awards Banquets and providing uniforms. Participation in this program, which helps young people learn the art of volunteering, is enjoyed by the members.

During the 70's the auxiliary supported the building Fund, as well as continuing to support the paediatrics ward by purchasing items such as sleepers, strollers, slippers, toys, books and high chairs. A Paediatric Gastroscope was donated during this time. A play therapist was hired by the hospital to work with the children and each month this staff person received a cheque from the Auxiliary to purchase the craft supplies required. The Volunteens were still active.

A new program began in the 70's was school tours for primary grades. These were conducted by Auxiliary members. The group now helps the Volunteer Services Department with the tours and purchases buttons to be given to each child. The purpose of these tours is to help children become familiar with the hospital environment. It has proven to be a very successful and popular activity. A class of children tours the hospital almost each week of the school year.

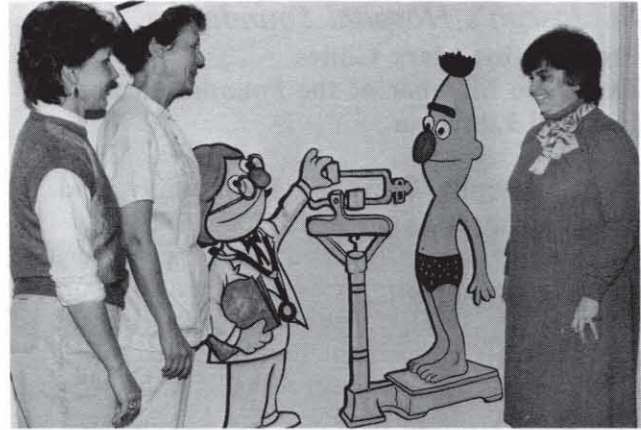
In the 80's, the Sesame Street characters were added to the paediatric floor as permanent decorations. A Parenting Room was furnished and decorated to make it more comfortable for parents staying overnight with their children. Support continued with purchases that included a V.C.R., rocking chairs, snuggle bags, strollers and as always, sleepers! Sponsorship of the Volunteers continued.

As our new name and by-laws stated the area of support expanded. The sunroom of Shalom (Chronic Ward) was re-decorated and bulletin boards and clocks were added to the patient rooms. A new mechanical lift was purchased and a monthly sum of money was given to the head nurse to help meet patient needs. Seasonal decorations were provided to brighten the unit and Christmas treats given to the patients.

Under the direction of Sandra Van Raay, plans were carried out to provide artwork for the waiting rooms and hallways throughout the hospital. Patients and visitors both benefit from these splashes of colour. Funds have also been given to help further the education of hospital nurses, allowing them to attend specialized courses and workshops in larger centres. The group was able to purchase for the X-ray Department a Pigg-O-Stat and a monitor used by the radiologists to view ultra-sound studies. Toys and two sets of tables and chairs were supplied to help occupy children waiting for x-rays. Donations were made for a Crash Cart, a T.V. and toys for a play area in the Emergency Department waiting room.

For the first time in 1982, an auxiliary member, Janet Braddon was given the honour of being on the Board of Directors. Now each year, the current president serves on the Board. This honour has helped auxiliary members to gain a better understanding of hospital operations. It has also given the members a greater sense of belonging as well as providing another way in which members can assist the hospital. The auxiliary is also very happy that each year the Board honours one of its members at their Annual Awards Night in the spring.

The Auxiliary is very pleased to be a part of St. Joseph's Hospital, and to share in the Centennial celebrations. This group has been a part of the hospital for only thirty-eight of its one hundred years, but is very happy and proud of the role it has played in its growth and advancement. Members look to the future with excitement and anticipation and pray that the Lord may continue to assist us in our work. The goal of St. Joseph's



Sesame Street characters welcome everyone to Children's Ward. L. to R.: artist Lisa Peck, head nurse Anne Gilhula and auxiliary past president, Pat Reid. 1985.

Hospital Auxiliary is to continue to assist the hospital in every possible way to provide the best patient care. All members look forward to being a part of the future of St. Joseph's Hospital, a great institution!

Presidents

1952-53	Theresa McCarron
1953-55	Betty Martin
1955-57	Frances O'Brien
1957-59	Pat Wimpres
1959-61	Angela Downey
1961-62	Theresa McCarron
1962-64	Vera Sadler
1964-66	Marguerite Mosey
1966-68	Jeanette Howard
1968-69	Mary Jane Shillington
1969-70	Nancy Bosveld
1970-71	Sue Blay
1971-72	Helen Ross
1972-73	Marg Cameron
1973-74	Claire Pitre
1974-75	Nancy Goddard
1975-76	Sandra Van Raay
1976-77	Janet Braddon
1977-78	Doreen Tomecek
1978-79	Cindy Storey
1979-80	Janet Peck
1980-81	Patricia Reid
1981-82	Nancy Scotchmer
1982-83	Jan Lemak
1983-84	Mary Jo Dewaele
1984-85	Toni Vandernaalt
1985-86	Elaine Hills
1986-87	Joanne Asher
1987-88	Mary Marg Pakulis
1988-89	Anna Macpherson
1989-90	Mary Lou Beaune

St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation

Prepared by: Mary Gillies

**Ex-officio Member of the Foundation and
Hospital Librarian**

St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation held its inaugural meeting on April 20th, 1983.

The purpose of the Foundation is to develop a capital fund through donations and bequests from friends of St. Joseph's Hospital in order to supplement Government Funding.

Charter Members were William M. Myers, President; William Rossini, Vice President; Mrs. Marguerite Mosey, Secretary-Treasurer; Ron Moon, Frank Capewell, Linus Kuntz, Sister Jane Marie Stock, Sister Katherine McKeough, Brady Hinnegan, Dr. D. Patterson and Sister Ann Purtill, Executive Director.

Initial financial assistance was given to the Foundation from the Sisters of St. Joseph.

In 1984 Wayne Hall became executive director of the Foundation. He established an In-House-

Foundation committee to act as liaison between the staff of St. Joseph's and the Foundation.

The Foundation has been active purchasing items for the hospital such as: heart monitors, a thyroid uptake probe for diagnostic and therapeutic use of radio active materials (Nuclear Medicine) and an oximeter used to monitor blood oxygen levels during surgery.

In this centennial year, 1990, the Foundation continues to provide financial support for St. Joseph's Hospital through fundraising measures for the benefit, enhancement or improvement of services, patient care or facilities.

Present Board Members are William Rossini, Chairman; Jack Carroll, Vice Chairman; Marguerite Mosey, Secretary-Treasurer; Sister Jane Marie Stock, Sister Kateri Ghesquiere, William M. Myers, Dr. D. Patterson, Sandra Van Raay, Delynne Dick, Charles Seaman and Wayne Hall, Executive Director. Ex-officio members are Sister Mary Arthur, Richard Kuhn and Mary Gillies.



Foundation Members of 1989-90. Front Row, L. to R.: Mary Gillies, Sister Kateri Ghesquiere, Sister Mary Arthur, Sandra Van Raay, Marguerite Mosey, Delynne Dick. Back Row, L. to R.: Dr. Don Patterson, Charles Seaman, William Rossini, William Myers, Wayne F. Hall.

Members of the Eastern Star donate operating room equipment 1988. L. to R.: Peetra Farron, operating room nurse, Richard Kuhn, Associate Executive Director, Dorothy Seaborn and Fern Lockerby, Eastern Star members.



The students of St. Catherine's School, Paincourt raised funds to purchase an oxygen tent for paediatrics — 1988. L. to R.: Bernard Delage, Paul Belanger, Principal, Denise Caron, Richard Kuhn, Associate Executive Director.

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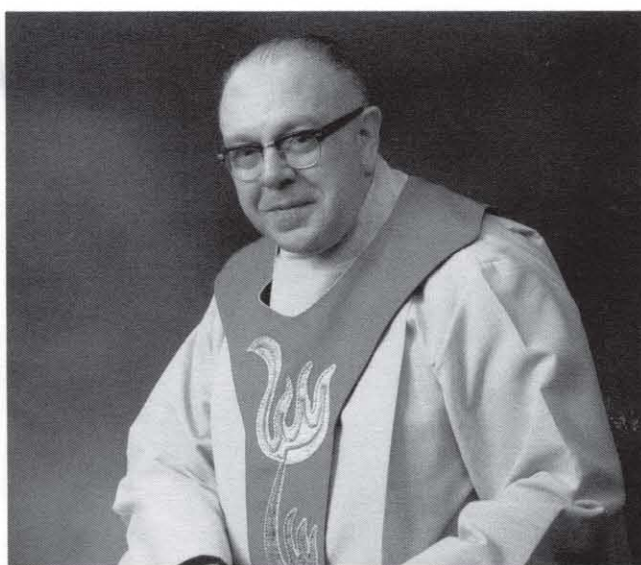
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Jack and Mary Zink

Chapter Six

Familiar Faces Through the Years

Familiar Faces Through the Years



Reverend Peter van der Biezen Chaplain Emeritus.

A Note from Father P. van der Biezen

To fellow Members of St. Joseph's Hospital Family. It is indeed a great privilege for me, the only remaining and now retired former Chaplain of St. Joseph's Hospital in Chatham to write this little message on the occasion of your Centennial Year.

One hundred years, no matter from which angle you look at it, is always a long time for any institution to exist. But 100 years can be counted. What has been done during these 100 years is countless. Countless instances of healing of bodies and souls, minds and hearts. Many methods may have been changed over all these years in most departments, but healing to all; rich and poor, young and old, Catholic or not, solvent or insolvent continue to be performed. In the face of all this what are we to say? I will let Our Lord Himself say it for me. "What you did to the least of these my little ones, you did it to me!" May you be rewarded accordingly. With Great Gratitude to the Hospital also on my own behalf.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rev. P. van der Biezen".

Father Van
(Chaplain Emeritus)
Rev. P. van der Biezen



Bridie Donnelly with Fatima Shrine she donated to the hospital.

Bridget Donnelly
1893-1983

Memories by: Edna Bushey

Bridie, as she was best known, was born at Coatbridge, Scotland, April 2, 1893 to Thomas and Margaret (Doran) Donnelly. Her father was born in Northern Ireland and her mother in Scotland.

Bridie came to Canada in July 1925 aboard the liner "Letitia" to work for the good Sisters at St. Joseph's Hospital, Chatham, Ontario.

Bridie began her work in the hospital kitchen. She prepared meals, washed floors and occasionally fed the soldiers from time to time who were stationed at the army barracks. Bridie helped to gather the fruit from the orchard at the back of the hospital. She made time for canning along with her other daily chores. When she first came to the hospital, she worked long hours and received no pay — only room and board. In later years that

changed of course. In those days there were neither job descriptions nor union contracts.

The disadvantaged, who for whatever the reason came by for the good Sisters to feed and consult, were met with compassion and kindness from Bridie.

In 1976, when Bridie was eighty-three years old, I took her on a trip to the west. She loved every minute of it. When we came upon a town in Montana named "Glasgow", you should have seen the look on her face. She talked about it for months. She had a character like no other; she was unique.

Bridie spent fifty-four years working and living at St. Joseph's Hospital. In August 1979, Bridie was transferred to Marian Villa in London where she passed away December 22, 1983.

To know her was to love her. All her co-workers and many friends at St. Joe's remember her with fondness.

Mrs. Christina Gildner

Memories by: Agnes Doyle

Christina Gildner was Tina to her friends, but the student nurses with whom she was associated for so many years affectionately called her "Granny Gildner".

She was born in Wellesley, Ontario, around 1882, and moved to London where she worked for the Sisters of St. Joseph.

In 1927, on the invitation of Mother St. Roch, Christina and her young daughter came to live and work at St. Joseph's Hospital, Chatham. Part of her duties was to prepare the meal for the night staff.

She worked harmoniously with everyone and in later years her happiest time was spent quietly in her well organized sewing room. Christina kept busy long after she reached retirement age.

On February 20, 1967 after an illness of only a few weeks Tina passed peacefully away.

Henry Smith

Memories by: Agnes Doyle

Mr. Henry Smith was a faithful employee and familiar sight at St. Joseph's Hospital for twenty-three years. Every morning at 5:30 A.M., Henry could be seen pushing his cart down the halls collecting refuse from all departments. His wife Marjorie, was also a familiar face as she worked in our laundry and frequently returned to visit after she ceased employment here. Henry worked diligently all week but always had enough energy left to serve on Sunday evenings as a lay minister to the congregation of a small church on King Street.

The staff held a retirement party for Henry in August 1966.

James Matthew Williams

Memories by: Agnes Doyle

"Jim" as he was affectionately called, was born in England on October 5, 1896 and came to Canada following the First World War. He married the former Phyllis Crowley, but their happiness was short lived when Phyllis passed away in 1928 during the first year of their marriage.

It was following that tragedy that Jim began working for the hospital as an orderly and general handy man. Jim was available almost any hour of the day and any day of the week.

Monday to Friday immediately after lunch Jim would report to the Admitting office where he picked up the outgoing mail and then he would walk to the post office. While downtown, he would attend to other errands such as scissor sharpening or instrument repair.

Jim was highly regarded by everyone but especially by the medical profession. In his duties as an orderly the doctors who remember Jim will attest to the fact that he saved them valuable time. Not only was he trained to take X-rays but by looking at the film he would anticipate just what the doctors were going to need, and usually had things set up for them.

Even with such a busy schedule Jim still found time for outside interests. One activity he enjoyed was playing the oboe in the Kiltie Band.

After spending many years at St. Joseph's, Jim decided he must fulfill one of his lifetime ambitions, to go to the north country and "rough it". Unfortunately, he suffered a heart attack while there so he requested that he be transferred to Chatham to spend his remaining days with the Sisters of St. Joseph.

After many months as a patient and much pressure to have Jim sent to the veterans' hospital (Westminster in London) the Sisters informed the Department of Veterans' Affairs that even if they never received payment Jim was to remain in St. Joseph's as long as he wished. Jim passed away on February 5, 1957, surrounded by those who had loved him for so many years. As a mark of respect and affection, six of the local doctors acted as pallbearers.



Do you recognize this man without a golf club? It's Ken Hargreaves, retired Laboratory Director.

John Kenneth Hargreaves

Memories by: Lab Staff, Sherman Highgate and John Brinkman

Our former laboratory director Ken Hargreaves was born in the seaside resort town of Blackpool, England, and spent his youth there. In 1941 after senior matriculation, he worked in the pharmacy of Blackpool's Victoria Hospital but after two years he entered the laboratory training program. He continued training until he had obtained his Fellowship in the Institute of Medical Technology in Histology, Microbiology, Hematology and Bloodbank.

During this time he also married June, and in 1950, they acquired a partnership in a Pharmacy/variety store. June ran the business, while Ken worked in the laboratory at Victoria Hospital.

In 1956 Ken accepted the position of Chief Technologist at St. Joseph's Hospital, and the Hargreaves emigrated to Canada.

Upon arrival at St. Joseph's, Ken found things to be somewhat primitive as far as the lab facilities

were concerned. Trained technologists were scarce, since no technological training was available in Chatham through the provincial education system. Therefore, in conjunction with the Canadian Society of Laboratory Technologists Ken started St. Joseph's Hospital School of Technology. To this day, the nucleus of our laboratory staff consists of people who graduated from this program.

Teaching was always something Ken enjoyed; not only did he teach many technologists over the years, he also taught biochemistry to the classes of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing from 1957 to 1970. He sat as examiner for the Advanced Registration exams of the C.S.L.T. In 1974 he earned his Master's Degree in Education from Wayne State University, and was made a Fellow of the C.S.L.T.

During the sixties it became clear that the field of medical laboratory technology was expanding rapidly, and becoming much more complicated, and so a formal education program was started in 1970 in Medical Technology at St. Clair College, Windsor. Ken was instrumental in starting that program. At the same time, plans were being made to build a new addition to the hospital, to replace the east west wing. As part of that program, lab facilities were to be included. Ken got a lot of enjoyment out of designing the present spacious and modern department that was opened in 1974.

In 1986, after thirty years at St. Joseph's Hospital, Ken decided to retire in beautiful Victoria, B.C., to devote more time to golfing, tennis and running.

We are indeed fortunate to have had the leadership and direction of a man of Ken Hargreave's calibre for so many years.



"Would you believe that this was the entire staff for three whole departments in the mid 40's?" L. to R.: Mary Anne Faubert — Accounts, Eileen (Thayer) Meehan — Health Records, Agnes (Smyth) Doyle — Admitting.



Sisters stationed in Chatham in 1961. Back Row, L. to R.: Sister St. Edward, Sister St. Elizabeth, Sister Delphine, Sister Ann Patrick, Sister Mary Ann, Sister Antoinette, Sister Mary James. Front Row, L. to R.: Sister Joanne, Sister Canisius, Sister Alphonsus Mary, Sister Maris Stella, Sister Roberta.



Evening Supervisor Sister Alphonsus Mary receives report from Mrs. Georgina Sheldon and Miss Audet.



Reminiscing? L. to R.: Sister Marilyn, Sister Mary Electa.



"How did you think those trays got washed?" Jim Phillips and Theresa Andrusak.



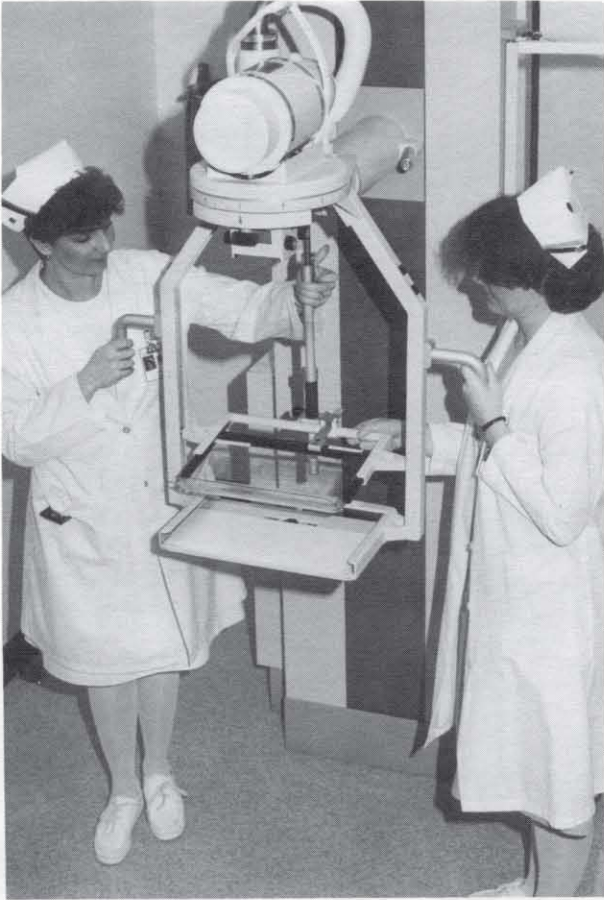
"Yes doctor, this is Miss Miller."



"No one has to ask me to smile." Jane O'Brien, Human Resources.



"I can hardly hold my eyes open I have dealt with so many figures today." Janet Nichols, (retired) Accounts Payable.



Mary Campbell (left) and Wendy Weston demonstrate mammary unit, 1988.



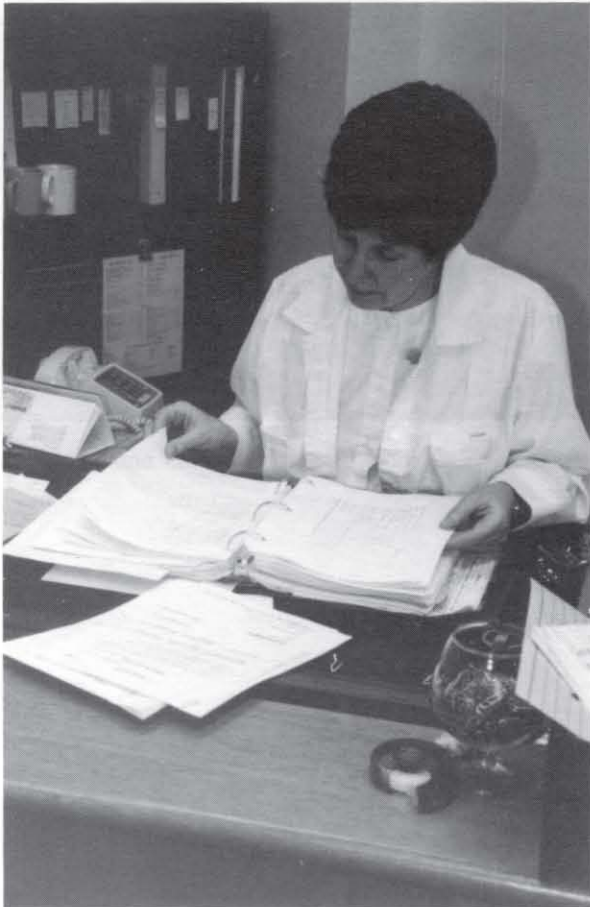
This is a better system. Seated: Bev Power. Standing: Jerome Quenneville, Claudette Wiebenga.



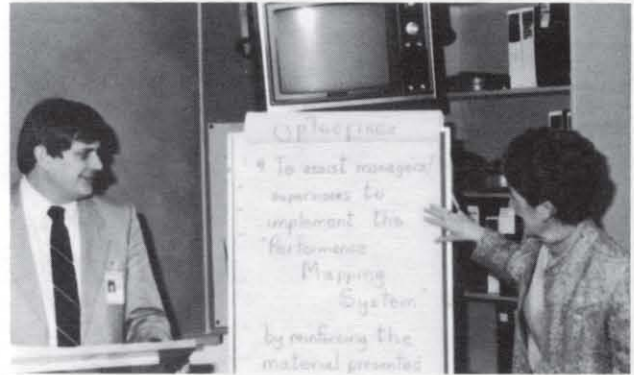
Between patients in Admitting volunteer Marguerite Gagnier is busy labelling charts for the x-ray department.



St. Joseph's Hospital chef, Bob Allen prepares diabetic menu — 1988.



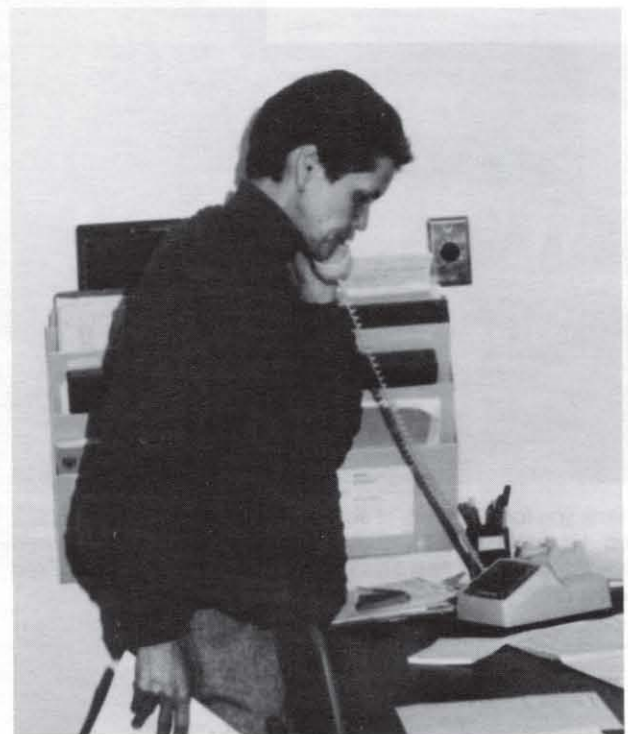
"I know I read it somewhere." Anastasia Crone, Administrative Co-Ordinator.



Lou, pay attention!



Shirley Lindsey and Wayne F. Hall check date of annual golf tournament — 1988.



"Ask me anything as long as it deals with Quality Assurance." Marion Campbell, Quality Assurance Co-Ordinator.



Sisters of St. Joseph. Front Row (sitting), L. to R.: Sr. Grace Alice, Sr. Marietta, Sr. Louise, Sr. Mary Arthur. Back Row (standing), L. to R.: Sr. Benedicta, Sr. Bernita, Sr. Mary Electa.



Thank you for 222 years of service. Front: Bridie Donnelly (52), Ken Hargreaves (30). Back: Don Holwerda (29), Eileen Makowetsky (23), Aart Hystek (33), Margaret Fox (26), Fred Herfst (29).



It's really not a difficult problem. L. to R.: Faye Geddes, Fletcher Buxton, Margaret Branton, Robert Branton and Richard Kuhn.



Retirees Selena Blonde and Leta Moore.



Just two of those working behind the scenes who make "Awards Night" a great success. Dianne Schwarz and Roy Nishizaki.



"David don't ever go back to those hospital greens!" David Cobb and Anne Gilhula.

Chapter Seven

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Miss Isabella Effie Lafferty Affectionately known as Effie by Agnes Doyle

In 1914, as a result of a train accident west of Chatham Effie Lafferty became a patient at St. Joseph's Hospital. Because she had received permanent injuries, she was destined to spend the rest of her life here.

Effie occupied a private room on first floor west, near the Admitting Office. She was confined to her bed for long periods of time but this in no way interfered with her knowledge of current events. She subscribed to the daily newspaper, and had a radio and a telephone in her room. A number of friends from the area visited her regularly with news of the outside world.

Effie was born in Guelph and taught in Wallaceburg, Comber and at the Chatham Collegiate Institute before becoming a member of the library staff. Hence, her thirst for knowledge was ongoing.

Each nurse who trained at St. Joseph's cared for Miss Lafferty for one month as part of that training. On nice, warm days Effie would be taken in her wheel chair and allowed to sit on the river bank to enjoy the warm air. The hospital built a

gazebo there, so if a sudden summer shower came up Effie would be protected until she could be taken back to her room.

During the days that Effie spent outside she became an avid bird-watcher. There were many trees and bushes around the hospital. These were a real sanctuary for numerous species of birds and afforded Effie many enjoyable hours of bird watching. Before long she was able to identify and record as many as eighty-two kinds of birds. Mr. W. E. Saunders of London, a field-naturalist and one of Canada's outstanding ornithologists, met with and encouraged Effie in this field. This resulted in her receiving periodic cheques for articles she submitted for publication.

A permanent mark Effie made was that the Chatham radio station, C.F.C.O., received their call letters by her suggestion. The logic to these letters are "Coming From Chatham Ontario."

In the early years of Effie's stay at the hospital, some of her friends presented her with a place setting of Limoge china for her tray. One particular woman who worked in the service kitchen took it upon herself to be the protector of this expensive china and not one piece was cracked or broken while in her care.

Effie kept busy and did not find the days long nor boring. In fact she was known to say that the days were not long enough to do all the things she wanted.

It was in 1947 that Miss Lafferty's condition began to deteriorate and on April 23, 1947 she passed peacefully away.

Effie was asked by Mother Regis, Administrator to record memories of her life at St. Joseph's Hospital. The following is a copy of her account.



Effie's Gazebo behind the hospital — shelter from sudden showers — 1925.

Some Memories of St. Joseph's Hospital Chatham, Ontario

By: I. S. E. Lafferty

When Mother Regis suggested to me that I write some memories of my sojourn here at St. Joseph's Hospital, I confess that I received a distinct shock. Have I really lived here long enough to have memories? With a feeling of dismay I realize that not only have I memories, but that upon my shoulders has fallen the mantle of the oldest inhabitant, honorably worn for so many years by faithful William. More than that, I have now a deep sympathy with the canny evasiveness of his answer, for when some mildly curious person asks me "How long have you lived at St. Joseph's?" I find myself using William's words, "Oh, I've been here quite a little while!"

When, helpless and a stranger, I was received within the walls of the hospital, I was encompassed by a cloud of darkness and loneliness, and a feeling of utter desolation. I wish I could find words to tell how that cloud was lightened and even dissipated by the kind interest in me and my welfare so graciously shown by the understanding Mother Sophia and her staff of good Sisters, and by the dear girls who were then student nurses. When slowly I realized that there was after all a little corner for me to fill, a little intangible work that I might do, it added infinitely to my happiness. With the exception of one brief interlude . . . irksome, indeed, though I knew it to be but a passing phase . . . I have enjoyed that privilege and have formed lasting contacts and stored up a wealth of pleasant memories.

It was in September, 1914, that I came to St. Joseph's Hospital, and the Great War was then only a few weeks old. In March of that year the New Wing had been formally opened, but not fully occupied; and the hospital was in the process of growing from a small to a medium-sized institution. Such changes are not made suddenly, and very slowly one awakens to the realization of what has so gradually taken place.

When I first came, I was a bed patient for many weeks, and the nurses used to tell me of various changes, one of the most important among them being the occupying of the new service rooms which had followed the opening of the new kitchens. As usual, comparisons were made between the advantages of the new and the handicaps of the old, always the nurses gravely maintaining that the new nurses, with so many

conveniences at their disposal, would never know what hard work really meant. True enough, each generation of nurses just accepts existing conditions, every modern convenience being taken for granted, its non-existence being quite unthinkable. These nurses in turn think their successors, with yet more modern aids at their disposal, will never know the hard work they have known; and so it goes, from generation to generation.

In the early days of the hospital real hardships were encountered, for Chatham was not yet able to boast of a water-works system, and electricity as a help in domestic work was not even thought of. Stoves, and a pump in the kitchen sink did duty in place of the radiators, taps, and electric buttons of today.

The organizing of the new hospital was a task that taxed to the utmost the strength, skill, patience and ingenuity of Mother Aloysia and the two Sisters to whom the work had been assigned. They knew real hardships, cheerfully borne, and difficulties as cheerfully overcome; but theirs also was the compensation of the great joy of successful achievement. In that inadequate building on Centre Street they again proved the accepted fact that it is not the faultless equipment but the happy combination of a will to alleviate pain, and a heart sympathetic with sorrow and suffering, that makes the successful nurse.

By the way, that same building on Centre Street was not so hopeless from a nurse's standpoint as it might have been. It was inconvenient but it was comparatively new. Originally built as barracks for the American Salvation Army, it was used by them for only a short time. Then the landlord, Mr. James Paul, altered it in order to make it meet, in some degree, the requirements of a hospital. After the Sisters had vacated the building, the owner made it into a double house and in that capacity it still serves a useful purpose.

In the days of the late 80's and early 90's, Chatham enjoyed a period of growth and expansion. Civic waterworks, a more adequate sewage system, granolithic sidewalks, and permanent pavements were improvements that marked the transition of the old town on the Thames into the proud little Maple City. In the face of much active opposition and advice to the contrary, Mother Aloysia chose for the new hospital what has proved to be a most suitable location on the bank of the river, on King Street West. Fields and low lying lands dotted with huge old elm trees stretched out in front and formed an ideal location for the big

picnic for the benefit of the Hospital which for several summers was a regular feature.

The corner stone was laid in 1891 with fitting ceremonies, and St. Joseph's Hospital and Training School for Nurses became a reality. It was soon seen that the building was inadequate for the hospital's growing needs and in 1901 a two-storied addition was erected providing Rooms 8 and 9 on two floors, and on the second floor an operating-room suite with the much-to-be desired north lighting.



St. Joseph's Hospital original chapel.

From time to time many other extensions and additions were made, among them being the present beautiful Chapel, with provision for a modern laundry in the basement.

The New Wing, including third floor rooms over the first addition, stands as the **magnum opus** of Mother M. Sophia, the culmination of her many years of service in the order. Richly endowed by nature, Mother Sophia, ever held by me in grateful memory, was possessed of a most gracious, dignified, capable and energetic

personality. She was skilled in the more domestic pursuits, being a clever needlewoman and an excellent housekeeper, and had a mind that could grasp large undertakings as well as the smallest details. Her remarkable understanding of business affairs, combined with her excellent executive abilities, made her past mistress of the Art of Thrift. In those early days every penny must be counted, and every dollar spent must bring in a return of one hundred cents. By her careful contriving, Mother Sophia's dollars and cents were in the habit of bringing in their full value — and very often a little bit more.

It is said that, during the process of construction of the new wing, Mother Sophia kept a close oversight of the work of masons, carpenters, painters, plumbers, electricians, and all workmen employed on the job. There was a world of truth in the words of John Brown, a plumber often busy about the place, as in his broad Scottish accent and with an ominous shaking of the head he gave me his opinion of Mother Sophia's approaching departure from Chatham. "Ah, they're losin' a gran' gude wumman. They'll ne'er find another like Mother Sophia. She has no equal, a gran' woman and just! When ye have done a gude day's work ye need not be afraid o' meetin' Mother Sophia; but, if ye have scrimped yer task, ye just dinna want to see her the next morn." With which expression of opinion probably all who know Mother Sophia will readily concur.

It was not only the building of the new wing that was Mother Sophia's task. She had the responsibility of purchasing the furnishings and supplies. Here again is proof of the excellence of her judgement, the wisdom of her choice. Most of the furniture for the the private rooms was of the heavy Mission style, then much in vogue. All is still in use, is practically intact, and presents as pleasing and substantial an appearance as in 1914.

Another providential purchase was that of several barrels of stout English earthenware for use on patients' trays. These plain white dishes had as decoration a dark green band with "SJH" in monogram on every piece. The trays were all furnished complete from little butter pats to large dinner plates, including the dishes with handles and spouts, such as teapots, cream pitchers and sick cups. The general effect of the trays, set with these dishes and with the bright new silver flatware, while decidedly institutional, was pleasing in its uniformity. The earthenware proved to be an even more profitable purchase that Mother Sophia had dreamed; for who, when it was ordered had any

idea of the nearness of the Great War with its attendant change in economic conditions? The dishes lasted through the post-war years when prices soared high and it was all but impossible to import new stock. But even Mother Sophia's heavy earthenware has not been able to stand the accidents and onslaughts of the years. Many of the more fragile pieces have disappeared, but some of the trays are still set with the famous green-banded and monogrammed ware.

So far as I can remember, when I came to St. Joseph's the staff consisted of seven Sisters: Mother Sophia and Sisters Alexis, Gabriel, Geraldine, Loretto, Theodore and Wilhelmine, to each of whom, and to the many other Sisters whom I have since learned to know and love, I would fain pay a personal tribute of affection and gratitude. But I refrain from doing so, knowing that this might be distasteful, for their deed of kindness, coming the course of their day's work, are done "to the glory of God," and not to receive the praise of men.

The nurses then numbered about sixteen and the training school was still small enough for each girl to share in the joys and sorrows, the rewards and the "buns" of all. Everybody was well acquainted with everybody's business and did not hesitate to say so. Altogether they were a jolly and interesting bunch, teasing and scrapping, taking life pretty seriously, yet having a jolly time with all — even as today.

To offset the excellence of the Sisters and the ability of the nurses-in-training, was the staff of domestics, each a real character. The list of the old reliables included Miss Phyllis and Madame Dupleissis, Emily and Martha, and good old William, who even then was past his days of real usefulness. It demanded much of Mother Sophia's firmness, tact, and precious time just to keep the queerly assorted household functioning smoothly. Pages could be written about every one of them, and incidents recorded which are more humorous in retrospect than they were in fact. There was little Miss Phyllis with her bright eyes, silvery hair and toothless gums; Madame, so spotlessly tidy herself with her Service Room in the same immaculate condition; Emily with her powerful physique and the intelligence of a child; and Martha, once a beautiful young woman, upon whom had been laid a sad mental affliction — a strange group indeed yet all respected and esteemed by Sisters and nurses alike.

As she was employed in the first-floor Service Room, I heard more stories of Martha than of the

others. It was her custom, if she were a bit sick or if her feelings had been unwittingly hurt in any way, to drop her dish towels and slip off to her room, where she would possibly remain for the rest of the day. If there was no way of coaxing her back to her work, her tasks fell to the lot of the nurses. One morning Martha disappeared before ten o'clock. Her absence was reported to Mother Sophia who soon found Martha in her own room. At first, Mother got no answer to her queries as to what was the matter; then came, "She never told me she was going away!" It seems that Martha was very fond of Sister Wilhelmine, then in charge of the floor, who that morning had gone out on the annual collecting tour. When Martha missed her, she imagined Sister might be gone for good, and gone without saying any good-byes. Mother Sophia had to exercise a good deal of tact and diplomacy before Martha consented to return to the service room, where she was so sadly needed. Next morning, before setting out on the day's rounds, Sister kissed Martha good-bye, told her she would be away all day but would return that evening, and Martha, all smiles, went on with her work as usual.

"Don't say 'Poor Martha'. Say 'Dear Martha!'" Sister would tell her nurses, for 'Poor Martha' would involuntarily slip from the tongue.

'Dear Martha' and I were the best of friends though she never spoke a word to me in all the years we were here together. She always had a sharp eye for my welfare and, on shortest notice, could produce a choice fresh cloth for my tray; and should pen, pencil or thimble be accidentally carried to the service room Martha was there to pounce upon it and see that it was properly cared for till taken back to Room 8.

If I were ill and not having a tray served for a few days, Martha would ask no questions but would slip to my door, open it a tiny crack and peep in to satisfy herself that I was still there. She spoke seldom and then in a constrained voice. Left very much to her own devices, she worked away, sometimes accomplishing very little, but always understanding much. "Get your old fever flowers out of here!" she once snapped at a nurse who had picked up a sacred dishtowel to wipe some drops of water from a vase of flowers.

When friends had given me Limoge china for my tray, my nurse was told that she would have to wash the new dishes, but Martha greeted her with "G'wan away! I want to wash the pretty dishes myself." A mean reflection on the monogrammed ware — and none of the china was

cracked or chipped while Martha cared for my tray.

The question of domestic help in a hospital is always a difficult one. The years have wrought a great change also, for the staff is now largely made up of newcomers to this Canada of ours. Many are as yet unable to speak our tongue; and they prove to be but birds-of-passage, remaining only long enough to acquire a partial acquaintance with the customs, conditions and language found in this new land. Then they pass on to fill better positions. That is what we would have them do, become good and useful Canadians, but it is hard on the employers. There are no more "old retainers".

My first knowledge of William was the sound of the steady click-clack of the polisher at some uncanny hour of the morning, before Mass was dismissed. If the corridor had had a preliminary dusting it was all right; if not, it made no difference to William, he just polished, dust and all. No one would have called him a fast worker, but he was an early one. It was the cool of the morning, about 4:30, that he chose, one summer's day, for cutting the lawn — what an hour for patients and neighbours who had spent a hot restless night! In winter time, a night's snowfall found him up early shovelling and sweeping the paths. Even the last winter he was here he would have the walks clean and ready for Sisters and nurses coming across from the Cottage for Mass. He was a man of gigantic physique, very dour and stern looking, but that was only his external appearance. With his strength was mingled a child-like gentleness of heart, the relating of a pathetic incident never failing to cause the ready tear to mist his eyes. His tongue never lost the burr that betrayed his Scottish birth and ancestry. For many years he was a faithful, valued and trusted man about the hospital, though latterly age was beginning to tell on him. It was pathetic to hear him complain that there were no longer any little "grey birds" singing such sweet songs in the springtime, the way they used to sing when he would be doing his ploughing. It never occurred to him that his dulled ears could no longer catch the same sweet music of the song sparrows trilling in the early spring days. Neither could he understand why the Sisters did not want him to mow the lawns in the hot summer suns, to pick the cherries, or to do any of the heavy tasks to which he had been accustomed, but which his faltering heart forbade.

My Globe was always handed on to him and whole volumes could be written about the various ways which he found to express his gratitude for

that small favor. I miss the box of sweet ripe cherries, the bouquet of orange lilies, the dish of white raspberries, the first tomato of the season, and other tokens to be found on the premises. The box of early imported strawberries delivered in the evening would be followed by a morning tap at my door and the question boomed so that all who might be in the corridor could here "Did you have a tummy-ache? Did you have a tummy-ache?" for he always repeated a question or statement that struck him as humorous. Once I gave him a large calendar — I confess it was to get rid of it, for I had no place to hang it. On the cover was a gaudy reproduction of the picture of the Boy Christ, a detail of Hoffman's Christ in the Temple. He admired this so much that he bought an expensive frame for it, and gave it to me with tear-dimmed eyes, saying, "It is far too beautiful for my room!" But what could I do with it?

His Christmas presents to me always filled the Sisters and nurses with great glee. One year there was a Christmas wreath made of some kind of dried stuff adorned with a spray of artificial holly on which perched the homeliest celluloid parakeet ever manufactured, while beneath a streamer of wide red satin ribbon bore the word "EFFIE" in gilt letters, such as florists use in making their funeral designs.

Such wonderful, absurd gifts! The most appropriate was a wrought iron stand which he had had a blacksmith make to hold my birdcage. When he sprang that one on me and was about to screw it to the floor, I sent a nurse hotfoot for Sister Monica to ask her permission. She readily granted it, admired the stand and then said, "Will you get me a stand like that if I get a bird?" I can see yet the twinkle in his old eye as he looked up at her teasingly, "What do you want with a burdie? What do you want with a burdie?"

His last gift to me was a centre table, of all things, and my room already so filled up that a nurse hadn't room to swing the proverbial kitten! He had had a pedestal base made at the mill for a heavy round oak table-top which he had found in some dark corner. I believe it had originally belonged to C. J. Wadsworth, the electrician. He had given it to Mother Louise, who had sequestered it till an occasion arose when it could be utilized. The joke was on Mother Louise that time — or no, perhaps it was on me after all, for having no place to accommodate the table, I had to send it out to the floor, where doubtlessly Mother Louise found it and put it into commission; and in all probability it is still in use,

for a table of such sturdy build will last a long time even though the oak top may be finished in mahogany, and the pedestal in cherry stain — all that he could salvage among the discarded cans of varnish-stain lying about the basement.

I would read like a long catalogue could I list all the changes and improvements that have been effected since I came here. The enlarging of the front entrance was the direct result of the building of the new wing, for it was seen that the original entrance was too small and too light to balance architecturally with the larger structure. The alterations were begun in July 1918, but were soon held up on account of the typhoid fever outbreak of that year. When finally the work was finished the result was somewhat of a disappointment, an error in the plans resulting in steep and dangerous entrance steps. Again in 1929 alterations were made and the treacherous steps have been replaced by others with wider treads and a gentler slope.

Mention of that memorable year of 1918 tempts me to digress to tell of the succession of what might be termed almost calamitous events that crowded the first part of Mother Regis' term as Superior. A very severe winter was followed by a rigid and vexatious smallpox quarantine in April. In August came the serious typhoid epidemic referred to above, when the resources of the hospital, at that time ill-equipped for such an emergency, were taxed to the limit. (One recalls with gratitude the untold kindness and co-operation of the ladies of the parish, which resulted later in the organization of the St. Joseph's Hospital Ladies' Auxiliary.) Then on one of those days of insufferable August heat, there occurred a serious accident in the dumbwaiter which almost resulted fatally for one of the Sisters. Her miraculous escape marked the crisis of that time of stress and anxiety.

The epidemic of influenza that swept the war-torn world invaded the hospital before the last of the typhoid patients had been discharged, and again the capacity of the hospital was severely taxed. The death rate was high, especially among the Mexicans who had been brought into the country, in bond, to work in the beet fields during the absence of the Belgians who had left to rejoin their country's flag. The Mexicans had escaped the typhoid, but "flu" took a heavy toll. So ended a year marked by startling and unusual events.

A few of the other important changes have been the equipping and furnishing of various much-needed improvements: the dispensary, laboratory, x-ray room, chart rooms, breakfast and

reception rooms, "Jack Frost", dumbwaiter. One after another these and many other changes have provided a continuous process of growth and improvement. Any day a collection of paint cans and ladders, a pile of sand near some bags of cement, or an assortment of pipe and rolls of wire, proclaims that, literally, "There's something doing all the time." Many improvements are quite spectacular — there is something to show for the expenditure. Others, such as the 1929 system of electric wiring, while they may most modestly be hidden from sight, are most immodestly costly.

The final opening up of Third Floor for the maternity ward followed as the direct result of one very important and satisfactory transaction — the purchase of the Cottage property next to the original hospital site; and later, in 1927-28, the adapting of the building to serve as a home for the nurses-in-training. Then the original cottage was enlarged and rebuilt; and, of red brick and green shingle construction, presents a pleasing appearance. It is said to enjoy the distinction of being the only house in Chatham without a chimney — so much for the hot water heating laid on from the hospital, and for electricity in the kitchenette.

From the long list of improvements, I shall selfishly mention the two that have given me the greatest amount of satisfaction and comfort. From the time of the opening of the new wing, owing to various contributing causes, the heating of the building had proved a very serious problem which was finally and most successfully solved in 1924 by the building of a new chimney and boiler house and the installing of two huge boilers and an electrically driven pump which circulates the hot water through every radiator in the house. It certainly gives one a feeling of well-being to be so cosy and warm during the long winter months, and it is my proud boast that I can have my window open a little almost every day all winter long, and always every night.

Plans for the new wing had included the shaft for an elevator, with easy access from the ground level. This was indeed an act of faith for no funds were available at the time for the much needed piece of equipment; but Mother Sophia never lacked faith or vision, and it had long been a cherished dream of hers and her predecessors that sometime, in some way, an elevator would be forthcoming. In 1917, just at the end of her term of office, Mother Sophia's dream came true. A roomy automatic electric elevator was installed. It bears a small but most artistic bronze tablet with

the words:

In Gratitude for the
Loving Care Bestowed on Mrs. A. C. Beach by the
Sisters and Nurses of St. Joseph's Hospital
During a Long and Painful Illness, this Elevator
Is Donated by her Husband and Daughters
Mrs. A. C. Beach Mrs. W. Birmingham
Mrs. W. S. Connolly Mrs. G. H. Malcolmson

I cannot say how others may feel about it, but I know that every time I am conveyed up or down so smoothly and easily, my heart is warmed with grateful thankfulness that the memory of such a fragrant life should be perpetuated by a monument so vital and so helpful.

Though it was not finished before Mother Sophia was removed from Chatham, she had the satisfaction, it may have been on the occasion of a visit to the hospital, of having a least one ride on the elevator, even though it was in an uncompleted state.

Yes, and well indeed may I be overwhelmed with gratitude for, in the elevatorless days, being carried up or down the front steps was truly an ordeal. Apparently, for the time being, the work of the whole establishment had to come to a standstill. Jerry must be summoned from the garden, Emily from the laundry, and Sister Wilhelmine from wherever she might be busy. These three formed the nucleus of those lifting operations, and they were assisted by all available nurses, any doctors who happened to be in the vicinity, and the odd visitor, be he priest or layman, who cheerfully lent a hand. Every one was so willing and so kind, I must confess that I was the only one who was grouchy, or fussed about it, unless it were the redoubtable Emily, who, feeling very important indeed, would not brook a moment's delay for she was always busy at some real work. "Tain't as if I didn't have nothin' to do by hang around and answer dem little red lights!" she would complain.

How frequently it was the kind Dr. Duncan who came to our assistance! That good man, so aptly termed "a Christian gentleman," passed away in September, 1928, and is sorely missed by the uncounted numbers of those who admired, respected and trusted him. Here I would mention a few other members of the medical fraternity no longer with us, whose memory we Chathamites delight to honor: Dr. J. L. Bray, perhaps the best friend the Sisters had in the early days, always ready for words of encouragement and fatherly

advice; Dr. J. P. Rutherford, another good friend, whose presence was heard and felt as soon as he entered the building, probably asking his favorite question, "Now where's the chart this man is supposed to sail by?" Dr. C. R. Charteris, and my own beloved physician, of revered memory, Dr. W. R. Hall. Happily enough, each of these five able men left a descendant to maintain the tradition of his honorable name and profession. Dr. Jean Duncan, the youngest of the group; Dr. R. V. Bray, the oldest who practised many years and himself passed away in 1921; Dr. J. W. Rutherford, M.P.; Dr. Fred W. Hall; Dr. W. F. Charteris.

Before acquiring my radio set in 1927, my musical treats were confined almost wholly to choice little concerts given in the hospital by various good friends. On different occasions we had the great pleasure of hearing the late Mr. Harold Jarvis, of Detroit and Toronto, who also was a passenger on the ill-fated train that day of September, 1914, that proved so disastrous to me. His kindness in coming and bringing his associate artists to sing and play for us was, I am sure, his way of manifesting his gratitude for the escape that was his, through what he termed "the mercy of an all-wise Providence." All these lively concerts were concluded by the Sisters serving the most dainty refreshments, making a real party of each occasion.

For the first few years of my sojourn at the Hospital, the Franciscan Fathers were in charge of the parish. The senior priest was Rev. Father James, a benevolent and well-beloved man who manifested a paternal interest in the nurses-in-training and their welfare. Being resident in Chatham at the time of the accident that changed everything so radically for me, he was well acquainted with all the circumstances. I have the most kindly memory of him and the sympathetic interest he took in me on special occasions, such as at Christmas and Eastertide. Rev. Father James was succeeded by his assistant, Rev. Father Prosper, also a man of culture and refinement, with an equally kind heart. It is a very trifling, simple thing to remain in one's memory — his attitude one Easter Sunday when a heavy shower of rain, as Mass was being dismissed, caused a great scattering among the women and girls of the congregation of St. Joseph's Church. Most men, I think, would have considered it great fun to see the girls scurrying off, vainly trying to protect their new Easter finery; but not so Father Prosper. He knew well the saving and contriving that had been necessary to acquire those new garments and it is

characteristic of the man that he expressed, not his amusement, but his pity at the disappointment and disaster caused by the Easter rainstorm.

Since the spring of 1915, the hospital grounds have provided for me a source of unending pleasure and satisfaction. There is a sense of elation and freedom in feeling that over one's head there is nothing but the trees and the sky. At first I used to seek a secluded spot where I hoped no one would see me, and though grown considerable bolder of late years, I still yearn for a magic garment by donning which I may become invisible while still retaining the power to observe all that goes on. Could I but see, yet be unseen!

Away back in my school days we used to chuckle over the supposedly humorous suggestion that the Sisters had bought a frog-pond out King Street West, away out in the country, for the site of their new hospital. A frog-pond it may have been, a weed-grown property it certainly was, but our fertile Kent soil soon yields to the treatment it receives. There are evidences that much care and artistry were spent in laying out the grounds, the location of which proved eminently satisfactory. Open lawns, a gracefully curving gravel drive, evergreen hedges and well-arranged groups of trees and shrubs gave suitable dignity to the surroundings of the new edifice.

When I came to the hospital the spruce hedges which bordered the property had reached a considerable height, with branches growing thickly from the ground up. There were gaps left in the hedge for the pathway leading to the front entrance, for the ends of the gravel driveway, and also for the lane at the eastern boundary of the property. Here a double line of spruce trees sheltered the drive leading to the rear of the building, which was used for commercial traffic such as that pertaining to the laundry, kitchens and store rooms. Here came also the undertakers with their "dead wagons" and hence arose the very picturesque name it bore of Dead Man's Lane. That title has become all but obsolete. Nowadays high-brow terms are in vogue, undertakers are called Funeral Directors and Morticians, Black Marias and Dead Wagons are never mentioned, but Ambulances and Invalid Coaches, no longer entering by Dead Man's Lane, roll silently to the Elevator Entrance on Robertson — "and the public pays, and pays, and pays."

The condition of Dead Man's Lane in springtime used to be sufficient to confirm belief in that mythical frog-pond. When the snow melted and the frost came out of the ground, the lane

became a veritable quagmire, all but bottomless, which neither horse-drawn vehicle nor motor car could traverse.

After nightfall, the tall encircling hedges made the grounds very dark and forbidding. People coming to the hospital would dash through the entrance gaps, hurrying timorously through the long shadows cast across the lawns by the sputtering street lights. By daylight the evergreen thicket formed a curtain that shut out the neighbours and made a sheltered paradise for the wild birds. The squirrels did not appear till about 1927, but Molly Cottontail herself would frequently be seen hopping across the garden or over the snow-blanketed lawns. Summer and winter the grounds had somewhat the appearance of a place "the world forgetting, by the world forget."

Apparently for some years all available funds had been required to carry out the programme of extensive building operations. When Mother Regis assumed charge she was able to turn her attention to the grounds. In early spring she called in consultation our local "specialist in tree-surgery", Moses Robinson. With what glee we in the house watched the good Mother Superior, with face and hands as white as her linens, on the lawn in serious consultation with Moses of the Chocolate face and red-mittened hands, both gestulating with earnestness and emphasis while terms and manner of procedure were being discussed. The result of the consultation was the lopping off of the top of the hedge, and trimming it up from the ground for a distance of ten or twelve feet. The quietness and seclusion of the grounds came to an end. The lawns shrank in size and one had the feeling that the neighbours had moved right in, and camped on the doorsteps.

Other improvements were proceeded with immediately. The under-draining of the gravel drive and the low parts of the lawn, the construction of storm sewers and of cement curb on both sides of the gravel drive, added much to the appearance of the grounds and ensured a dry approach to the building at all seasons of the year. The extension of the granolithic pavement and the building up of the low ground at the immediate rear of the hospital, did a similar work for the elevator and service entrances. Lo! St. Joseph's Hospital had risen above Chatham mud!

Leisure

What is this life, if full of care
We have not time to stand and stare?

No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as sheep and cows.
No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hid their nuts in grass.
No time to turn a beauty's glance,
And watch her feet how she can dance.
A poor life this, if full of care
We have no time to stand and stare.

W. H. Davies

How often in that busy life that used to be mine, when the days were far too short for the tasks awaiting my hands, I had longed for more leisure and an opportunity to observe the workings of nature in God's own out-of-doors. Acquaintance with birds pictured in a book or exhibited in a glass case does not at all give one the thrill that comes from being able to recognize the little fellows in the coats of many colours as they flit from tree to tree, palpitating with life and love and happiness. Since entering upon this sedentary life, I have been granted time, at least to sit and stare. That tall spruce hedge, framed by lilac and syringa bushes, was a charming retreat for the little feathered migrants; and, curbing in close to the end of the building, it made of the side porch a regular eyrie where I could sit by the hour and watch the activities of every bird that came along. Of those who remained throughout the summer, robins, wrens, blackbirds and doves built so close to the porch that I was granted an unobstructed view of their domestic arrangements. In fact my observation post was quite like a seat in a box at the opera.

Only a lover of nature can realize the thrill to be had when a new bird visitor has been identified. Unable to go to look for my birds, I am deeply grateful that conditions were such that my birds could come to me. I am indeed proud of my list of eighty-two kinds of birds identified and recorded in the course of the years. This sure has been a compensation for my days of idleness.

The study of birds brought me some very pleasant contacts, among them my acquaintance with Mr. W. F. Saunders of London, a field-naturalist and one of Canada's outstanding ornithologists, and enthusiast who not only studies and knows birds, but loves them also. His different visits to me whetted my zeal for independent observation of the habits of the birds, and for recording only what I really saw, not what I imagined or thought I saw. That is the error of the nature faker. As a result of the encouragement

given me by Mr. Saunders I received "the thrill that comes one in a lifetime" when the postman brought me a nice little cheque in payment for the first nature article I submitted to an editor for publication. Subsequent acceptances brought other cheques, but no thrill to compare with the first one.

At the back of the hospital is a large garden which varies from year to year in beauty and usefulness. The current of the river, swinging in to this shore, was washing away the land by undermining the bank, but the Federal Government built a breakwater of sheet-piling which protects the property. Weeping willows have been planted so that their interlacing roots may protect the breakwater. They are growing vigorously and give promise that the grounds at the rear of the building may be as dignified and impressive as those fronting on King Street.

The vegetable garden brings in more or less profitable return, depending on who is in charge of finances, and also on the love and care bestowed by the man in charge. The gardeners I have known were all real characters. Jerry expected — almost demanded — unstinted praise for his efforts. The more fulsome the flattery, the better he worked. He was what might be termed a "tall talker", but he was a splendid weather prophet and could always tell to a nicety whether the next day would be showers or "sunburns". Paul's fixed idea was to keep moving while doing as little work as possible. When reprimanded, or asked to attend to some duty, it was most provoking how completely he failed to understand English. Oliver was a quiet and faithful old man, respected and liked by everybody. He loved his garden, and it responded to his care as it has never done for any other. William's days as a gardener had passed before I became acquainted with him — if he ever was a gardener. He loved all flowers and growing things and was always sending away for some freakish novelty advertised in the seed catalogues. He kept the lawns faithfully and well, spending days at a time trying to cut out with his jack-knife the narrow-leaved plantain that infests the lawn in front of the Cottage. In his zeal he certainly had a way with him that resulted in the destruction of many choice plants or cuttings that somebody was trying to coax along, though nothing was farther from his intentions. One day he tackled a new perennial border that had become badly overgrown with weeds. With his total talent for doing the wrong thing, he worked the whole length of the border, confining his attention to uprooting every

chrysanthemum while not interfering with the rank grasses and choking weeds. Provoking as it was, what was there to do but laugh at the dire result of his activity and quote his favorite rhetorical question, "Well, what are you going to do about it? What are you going to do about it?"

When the Birmingham and Coate children were small, a favorite game of theirs was pretending that the hospital was an enchanted castle guarded by a mighty ogre — W.P. Could they only win their way into this gloomy fortress they would be able to release the beautiful captive princess! At least once a day the six of them charged across the street and valiantly tried to force an entrance by climbing the low-growing branches of the hedge, which treatment, of course, was not the best for the trees. With a roar the ogre would chase them away. Foiled again, they would retreat hastily and the unfortunate princess would be compelled to spend another day in captivity!

The companion question to, "How long have you been in the hospital?" is, "Don't you find the time very long?" Often an incredulous look greets my reply, "No, the days do not drag. I never have half enough time to do all the things I want to do."

I myself have often wondered why the time does not seem endless when the days are filled with routine, and so monotonous. I am inclined to

believe that it is the very monotony that shortens the time. The days were so much alike that, as they pass, they blend together. If throughout our lives every day could be exactly like every other day, should we have any conception of time at all? But in such a case I suppose we should all be imbeciles, and neither time nor anything else would have any meaning for us.

To the baby life is full of novelty. Everything is to be learned. Each day is long and full of unforeseen adventures. In childhood and youth the days stand out so clear, each with its fresh experiences. As we grow older we know better what to expect from day to day. There are fewer surprises. Routine encompasses us and time passes ever more swiftly with increasing years.

In my experience the time of the regimes of Mother Sophia and Mother Regis seems much longer than the years that have followed. Then I was becoming gradually accustomed to this strange new body that will no longer obey my behests. I was learning from new experiences. Now that I have grown better acquainted with my new self, there are fewer fresh experiences. Add to that fact the routine and monotony of hospital life, and also my increasing years, and once can see how the days, as they pass, quickly merge, and the years grow shorter. By and by time shall cease.

Chapter Eight

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Roast — Sister Mary Lourdes
September 24, 1974

By Alex Wilson

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is a great pleasure for me to speak tonight, to honour Sister Lourdes. I hope that you appreciate the fact that so many of us have turned up tonight. Several of us gave up a Tupperware party in order to be here this evening.

When I was asked if I would say a few words tonight, I didn't understand why I was asked. After all, I'm not the head of my department, but John explained to me that they had drawn lots to decide the speakers and that I had lost.

I was also a little puzzled as to why we were honouring Sister Lourdes. Just because she has

worn an Ellis Don hard hat for the last two years doesn't make her part of the construction team, and if she was really responsible for the planning of the new wing, then there's one question I would like to ask her. Why is it, that in the administration section of the hospital there are two toilets for the Sisters and none for the rest of the staff?

It is said of Sister Lourdes that she is a woman who truly walks with God. She has to, nobody else will walk with her.

Mind you, I have to sympathize with Sister Lourdes because I know that she has had an awful lot to put up with and she has received a tremendous number of complaints recently. Most, of course, were thoroughly deserved.

Most of you will know that when the link



Sister Lourdes doubles as building inspector — 1973.

between the two wings is completed there will be a special room on the Ground Floor which will be called the "Sister Mary Lourdes" Room, and we all hope that you Sister, will go there frequently and keep out of everyone's way.

Speaking of this room, we are having a special portrait of Sister Lourdes framed to hang on the wall. Now we're not going to use the studio portrait that was originally planned. We thought that something more fitting was in order, and someone has come forward with a picture taken during the construction. You haven't seen this picture yet, Sister. It was taken one day when you were walking down the hall, complete with veil and hard hat.

If I may, I would like to be serious for just a moment. As you all know, Sister is our administrator and tonight I would like to give you the true meaning of the word "administrator". Knowing that I was going to be speaking to a group of senior hospital personnel, I decided to go to the highest authority so I looked up the Oxford dictionary and this is what it had to say. "The administrator is the person who instructs her staff not to knock any nails into the walls of the new wing, then proceeds to knock nineteen holes in her own wall."

I think that everyone who knows Sister Lourdes will agree that she is a very kind and sympathetic woman and to give you an example of this, I would like to tell you a true story about an incident that occurred earlier this year. One of the young Sisters was over in the new wing touring and seeing what progress was being made. She got a bit upset when she heard some of the construction workers using some very uncouth words. But Sister Lourdes, being the sympathetic person she is said, "Don't worry about it, Sister. These are good men. These are hard working men. They are men of the world and they call a spade a spade." "No they don't," the young Sister said, "they call it a bloody shovel."

When this dinner was first planned, I was asked if I would bring my tape recorder so that we could tape the speeches here tonight, and I was all ready to do this. Then at the meeting we held yesterday, it was cancelled because someone suggested you might have the tape subpoenaed and used in evidence against us tomorrow morning.

Actually, I'm not sorry we're not taping because I have a horror of microphones. I can still remember the first speech I made into one. It was in Edinburgh, Scotland, many years ago. I was about half way through my speech when the mike went dead. I didn't know what to do. Then a little

electrician came out from the side and checked the wires and checked the plugs. Eventually he ran up to the platform and said to me, "I'm sorry but I think there's a screw loose in the speaker."

I think that I am speaking for everyone here when I say that I hope you will continue to be our administrator for a long time to come, and if you decide to give up your position, I would like you to promise us one thing. That you will come back to us as a car park attendant.

At this time, I would like to say something really nice about Sister Lourdes, but you know, I can't think of a darn thing.

No, that's not true. I could say a great many nice things.

Sister Lourdes, it has been a great pleasure for me to speak at this dinner tonight, and I am sure, as this evening progresses, you will realize that when a group of people roast their guest of honour, it is a sign of true affection. We all love and respect you very much. In fact, I can think of only one woman in the whole world who I respect more than you, and that's the Avon lady.

Presentation to Sister Mary Lourdes Therens September 24, 1974

By Agnes Doyle

There must be something about Westerners that is very special . . . they just seem to stand out in any crowd.

Sister Mary Lourdes Therens was not just our Administrator but also our friend, our mediator, our confidante. There was never a problem that was unimportant to her. Sister always had time for the "little people" no matter how busy her day may have been.

Sister was always in the thick of things, whether it was having the heat turned up to melt the first snow on the ramp or to join the bucket brigade on ground floor during a flood.

While we welcome Sister Anne as our new Administrator, we are all secretly a little happy that the building is not finished and that Sister Lourdes will still be around for some time.

We feel that Sister was educated here in Chatham because one of the first things Sister learned was how much the city and community were behind her when the campaign to build our new wing went "over the top".

The architects, the contractors and the



At official opening of the New Wing July 4, 1975. L. to R.: Honourable Darcy McKeough, Treasurer of Ontario, Sister Mary Lourdes, Hospital Administrator, Mr. William Myers, Chairman, Hospital Board.

construction workers learned something too — that they weren't just dealing with a nun but rather with one who knew what she wanted and who would settle for nothing less and particularly one who could speak their language (and we all know what that means).

The staff wanted something left as a reminder to us of a person who had worked for us and with us. Sister learned of this when permission was given to name a conference room in her honour.

Sister, there are many others who would like to have been here this evening to honour you but someone had to look after the house. You can be assured of their prayers and good wishes.

I feel very privileged this evening to have been given the honour on behalf of the whole hospital family to ask you to accept this little gift with all our love and affection.



Agnes Doyle receives 40 year Service Award pin from hospital Executive Director Wayne F. Hall. November 22, 1985.

Service Awards Banquet November 21, 1985

By Agnes Doyle

While I may have started to work at St. Joseph's Hospital in July 1945, my association started much earlier than that.

It was in the early 1930's that I had my orientation. It was not the way they do it today but I certainly learned the layout of the place because back in those days most of the women who worked in the kitchen lived at the hospital. There were rooms situated over the Chapel and it was here that these women called home. One such woman had a small daughter who lived with her, and it was because of my acquaintance with this girl Molly, that I learned my way around.

At this time, I spent days visiting my grandmother who lived opposite the hospital on Harvey Street. Molly would come and get me and together we would visit the maternity ward where we would stand looking through the full length glass in the single door leading to the nursery. The nurses knew us and would show us the latest addition, after which, we would leave to check out the Children's Ward.

On the east end of the building there were large screened-in porches off each of the floors where, in nice weather, patients were allowed to sit or be wheeled out for some fresh air.

After Molly and I had made our rounds we were permitted to go to the roof where the most we ever did was to look out in every direction to see how far we could see. In those days there were only two frame houses on the west side of Robertson between Harvey and King and beyond

that was open country. I can assure you there were no shopping centres on the other side of the river.

Part of Canadianna Nursing Home was the former office of the Canada & Dominion Sugar Factory, and the whole area surrounding it over to Merritt Avenue and extending along King was piled high with sugar beets at this time of year (November). Because of its close proximity to the hospital, farm wagons loaded with sugar beets and drawn by horses would be lined along King Street all day long often as far back as Lacroix Street.

My mother, (God rest her) had been an active member of the Ladies Auxiliary of St. Joseph's Hospital and for years was Chairman of the Sewing Committee. Every Friday afternoon she and her committee met in the sewing room where they made such things as gowns, sheets, draw sheets and pillow slips. It was while she was a patient that the Administrator came to see her and asked if my mother had any daughters just out of school and looking for work. My mother replied "I have, but you wouldn't want her." Well, needless to say we all know to which one of us she was referring. My interview with Sister was on a Saturday afternoon and I started to work on Monday morning. (And I had always planned to work in a dry-goods store!)

My hours were from Monday morning to Saturday noon and my pay was \$60 a month plus my dinner. At that time there was a Sister in charge of every department. There was one Sister and myself in Admitting and one Sister and a fellow staff member across the hall in Accounts. Because we were not Grads or students we were in a class all by ourselves and had our own dining room and a girl from the kitchen would bring our meals to us. About a year later a girl was hired to set up the card system in Health Records which is still used even today. Up until then one of the Sisters was in charge of filing completed charts. The new system required that thousands of cards be typed and coded and I would spend every spare minute I had assisting with this operation. It proved very beneficial some years later however, when I worked evenings and nights because when a doctor wanted old charts on a patient I was able to procure them for him.

Admitting was very different back then. We had over two hundred beds with just Sister and me in the office all day. Of course, coffee breaks had not yet even been thought of! We wrote every admission and out patient voucher, and directed traffic. When someone asked for a room number, rarely would we have to look it up because then

people were not moved around as they are today. The switchboard was located in admitting and in those days when one ward wanted to call another ward you had to connect the call. Can you imagine what it would be like today if every time someone wanted an outside line you had to manually connect them? During the 40's we wrote doctor's orders for each patient coming in that day, and while it was all part of the job then, I am glad we do not have that responsibility today.

Back then the hospital also had a maternity ward and babies had to be registered just the same as an adult. Speaking of babies, you may be interested to know that the rate for a newborn was 60¢ a day; the ward rate for an adult was \$1.35 a day and the best room in the house was \$3 a day.

At that time, the hospital did not have a resident radiologist but one doctor came in daily to read X-rays. Can you guess who went to X-ray every day for an hour or so and typed these reports while the doctor sat beside me reading them?

If I were writing a job description for my early years it would read something like this: Be prepared for any kind of emergency situation.

When the back doorbell rang in admitting, immediately I left whatever I was doing and proceeded quickly down the hall and back stairway where I may have been met by a maternity case, an injured child, an accident victim, or someone who just wanted to be let in. There was no Emergency Department and so I took many of these patients directly to the operating room where I was often expected to help them up on the table. A lot different today eh?

I learned early to keep a level head when I heard a commotion. Once I was confronted by a man who had just lost his hand in a cornpicker. Another time a man hurried in carrying a small child and as I met him at the door he told me that he was sitting in his car on King Street when this child fell from an open window. He handed me the little, lifeless body and said he was going back to try to locate the mother. It was not always pleasant but surely a real lesson in how to react to the unexpected.

These are some of the responsibilities that went along with the early days in admitting. At twelve noon and five o'clock in the afternoon you hit a small gong in the lobby to announce mealtime. When a hungry man appeared at the admitting office looking for something to eat, you immediately called the kitchen to send something up for him. When a priest or minister arrived to visit patients you seated him in the "breakfast

room” and proceeded to the first west kitchen and returned with gingerale served in a stemware glass on a silver tray. When he finished you proceeded to the same kitchen, washed the glass and placed it back in the breakfast room.

When there was a death in the hospital, the family was brought to the breakfast room and the same procedure was initiated again. When a situation arose one just automatically handled it because there were no co-ordinators, Pastoral Care, Palliative Care or Social Services Departments as we know them today.

It was in 1945 that we in Chatham had what was known as #12 Basic Training Centre. Every morning the Army ambulance would arrive at the front door of the hospital and at least twenty soldiers would line up at admitting to be registered for Lab or X-rays. Each one of the vouchers were hand written and included their regimental number. Right after lunch this would be repeated for the next group. The same medical office sergeant accompanied these patients every day so he soon became a familiar figure to all of us. As everyone knows, when you are in the army you do not give blood to anyone outside the army, but one day a crisis arose. A certain blood type was needed immediately and the only people found with this type was the head nurse on first floor and the Sergeant, so they acted as donors. At that time you were considered a professional donor and the fee was \$25 per donor. A few days later the Sergeant arrived with the Camp Major for lab work. Quite innocently the Head Nurse spotted the Sergeant and blurted out, “Well Jack, how did you spend your \$25?” The Sister in charge of the Lab stepped behind the Major and was wildly waving her arms and pointing to the Major. The Major sat quite amused watching the whole procedure in the reflection of a glass in front of him.

It was during this period of time that food rationing was still in effect. More than thirty Sisters were stationed here and I was in charge of the rationing books. Each week ration slips had to be removed and the books secured. This rationing covered such items as meat, butter, tea and sugar, in fact most things that we take for granted today.

When St. Joseph’s Hospital Guild was formed in 1946 their “shop” consisted of a long single showcase mounted on the wall down the hall from Admitting. Naturally it was not “manned” daily as their shop is today so when someone wanted to buy something, guess who unlocked it and waited on the customer?

During my forty years I was afforded many

privileges. One Saturday as I was leaving for the day I was offered the opportunity to observe an autopsy. Naturally I accepted. I stayed from beginning to end and it proved to be quite a learning experience because the doctor explained everything he did. I doubt that such an experience would be offered to me today.

Most of all, I am grateful for the friends I have made and for the memories I have of previous employees, such as Bridie and Jim, an orderly who was here for about twenty-four years, and was on call twenty-four hours a day. Jim had a room right below the Admitting Office and he arose every night around midnight to scrub on his hands and knees, the white marble floor in the lobby.

There were many dedicated Chaplains who came and went over the years, one of them used to play the piano around the supper hour to the enjoyment of those of us who were within earshot.

While I have worked under at least ten Administrators and about the same number of Sisters and secular bosses, I think I can safely say that so far not a cross word has passed between us. Richard, will you try to keep that in mind for the next few months please?

In conclusion may I say thank you for allowing me to tell you a bit about how it was then and at the same time let me relive those happy days. As I look back I can honestly say that I have nothing but happy memories of all my days spent at St. Joseph’s.

Service Awards Banquet **November 3, 1988**

By Marg Brown

Thank you for this honour . . . I think. As for speaking, an Agnes Doyle or John Talyor, I am not! It is, however, a pleasure to be here with so many friends and staff.

I have spent most of my adult life in St. Joseph’s Hospital. I was born here, had my nurse’s training here, had my children here, and will probably die here — maybe even tonight since I am so very nervous. I do hope a number of you have current C.P.R.’s!

I have chosen to speak on the Changes of Our Hospital, and in particular, nursing.

My, how times have changed! When I look back to the beginning of my career from this vantage point, I wonder how we did it. But more careful examination says that it was no harder

then, than today. In fact, many things have not changed — our pride in this hospital; that feeling of closeness that exists here. That has not changed. This closeness brings that feeling of warmth and caring that is so vital to “feeling better”. Patients do feel it. Throughout the hospital, notes have been received thanking the staff for the “Tender Loving Care” they have received here. Like many of you, I too can speak from personal experience. As few as three weeks ago my husband was a patient here. All patients are treated well, but when they are one of the staff or a family member, there is an added warmth. I know it. It gives that feeling plus a feeling of security. I am home. Stew was

sent to London for a bypass. Fortunately, an angioplastic was in order. Stew has been in London Victoria Hospital for two weeks now. He has certainly been treated well. But he too has expressed how he has missed St. Joe's and all of the warmth that I have just expressed.

I believe that this comes however, not only from the “smallness” of St. Joseph's, but from the make-up of this caring staff. There are several generations of staff here. Some members have children that started out here by assisting in Dietary or as student volunteers on the units. Others have had other relatives as part of the St. Joe's family. For example, two members of 4 East,



1960 'Probies' Initiation Student Nurses. Front Row, L. to R.: Marg Allison, Janet Chenier, Kathy Wright, Betty McDermot, Pat Liberty, Sandy McNeff, Susan Brown, Ann Nagao. Middle Row, L. to R.: Veronica Doan (second from left), Isabelle Mowatt, Beth Mackness, Lynn Sparks, Mary Ann Joyce. Back Row, L. to R.: Mary Lucan, Jean MacMillan, Sharon Coulter, Jean Slade, Carol Nagle, Ann Tschirhart.

Shirley Lindsay's mother, Laura Downey-Dillon and Mary Shaw's mother, Veronica (Casey) Wildgen both trained here. My sister, Marlene Cundle, graduated from here nine years after I did, so the "family" concept continues.

Well! I guess I'll reminisce about the so called "Good Old Days" of my training to be a nurse. It was a three year program, seven days a week with one and a half days off at Christmas and two weeks vacation a year. Our days were usually eleven to twelve hours with eight hours on the units and three to four hours in the classroom. Mind you it was not all work. Like all students we too found time for play. One late night, while setting up the O.R. we decided to play doctor. Because I was the junior member of our team, I was elected to be the patient. On to the operating table I hopped. One member of our team placed the anaesthetic mask on my face and proceeded to spray an anaesthetic. I think it was called ethyl chloride. I felt myself drop and thought I said, "I've had enough" — but Cis said I didn't say a word. She took the mask off and said let's get to work, but I slept on. They shook me and applied wet towels but I failed to awaken. The supervising Sister was due and panic rose. I was moved into the doctor's lounge and had only regained semi-consciousness when the Sister arrived. She looked and said, "If I didn't know better, Miss Haskell, I would say that you had been drinking." My friend quickly added "It's O.K. Sister, Margaret has these spells all the time." I was put to bed and my pals were left the task of setting up the O.R.'s. Such fun and friends made the long hours bearable. Mind you we were not alone. Others in the work force were working similar hours. My father worked for the Canadian National Railways at the time and he had Sundays off and no vacations.

It does sound tough doesn't it? And it was! I'm sure glad some changes have come about.

The students of today however are still working as hard. The increase in technology, the multitudes of new medications and the new procedures, have greatly increased the studies, not to mention the related stresses.

In the beginning, we gave total care that included patients, flowers, cleaning rooms and serving meals from the kitchen. Since the medications and the treatments were not as extensive as today's and the recording not as time consuming, we got it all done. The medical staff frequently did the teaching and still do give generously of their time. My training was during

the period around the end of the war. It seemed to mark a beginning in today's specialization. New drugs were being introduced. Sulpha and then penicillin were the first great antibiotics. Changes in hospitals and nursing continued, as they still do.

The technical demands of our profession became so great that existing departments expanded and new departments were formed to take over some of the work formerly done by nurses. Nurses aides and then Registered Nursing Assistants came into being. Our labs expanded from one to two people to the present staff of twenty-four technicians and students. There has been the recent addition of the E.E.G. department. My first memory of the x-ray department was a staff of one doctor and an orderly, and they were able to meet the needs at that time. Now x-ray has a staff of fourteen plus the added services of nuclear medicines. Even a separate housekeeping department came into being. All of these changes came as a direct result of increasing knowledge within the field of medicine, or to meet the increasing demands and expectations of society. Demands and expectations, I am sure, will continue to grow and will continue to shape and re-shape our medical future.



"We don't just clean floors you know." Greg McKeon.

More specialization! In the early 70's nurses' training changed with the schools of nursing being transferred from the hospitals to the colleges. It was then a two year program, eleven months a year. This year (1988) there is a change again to the three year program but with the same amount of class time and experience so as to parallel the number of hours worked by the nursing teachers to that of Community College teachers in general.

A large part of the bedside care of patients is met by the R.N.A.'s. The R.N.'s role has changed because of the increased demands in areas such as medications, treatments, teaching and recording. Responsibilities are far greater. Stress is far greater. But it is still a most rewarding profession. This fact, I believe, is true and is felt by all, in all departments.

In the early 60's the health care plans came into being. With this, and with population increases and increased demands for hospital care, St. Joseph's found it necessary to expand. The north wing was built. Next came O.H.I.P. and with it the demise of any private plans. Health plans and O.H.I.P. made our hospital and others affordable to everyone. But with O.H.I.P. came government control and changes — some good and some not so good. Hospitals have lost their ability to control their own direction and even growth. Bookkeeping, records and plain red tape have increased and have taken us away from our first love, "bedside care".



Computers add to hospital efficiency.

But tremendous resources have been placed at our disposal. Greater funding became available. We were able to modernize and so we now have new wings with modern furniture and new equipment. Computers speed up experimentation, store and rapidly access and even assess information. Dialysis, heart pumps, scans, the list goes on and on and on.

The good old days? When you stop to think, were they as good as now? I believe not! We in our profession have so much more to offer. More lives are saved and more patient comfort is provided.

Chapter Nine

Do You Remember?

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Administrators of St. Joseph's Hospital

1890-1893	Mother Aloysia Nigh
1893-1900	Mother Xavier Coughlin
1900-1902	Mother Clare Mugan
1902	Mother Immaculate O'Leary
1902-1911	Mother Celestine McCarthy
1911-1917	Mother Sophia Tobin
1917-1923	Mother Regis Keating
1923-1926	Mother Louise Joly
1926-1932	Mother St. Roch Costello
1932-1936	Mother Mary of Good Counsel Kelly
1936-1939	Mother Theodore Hannon
1939-1945	Mother Pascal Kenny
1945-1950	Sister Fabian Slattery
1950-1956	Sister Consolata Coveny
1956-1962	Sister St. Anthony Baker
1962-1965	Sister Loyola Donovan
1965-1969	Sister Mary Doyle
1969-1971	Sister Georgina Ashwell
1971-1975	Sister Mary Lourdes Therens
1975-1984	Sister Ann Purtill
1984-1990	Mr. Wayne Hall

1901	The original class of nurses in training were: Miss Frances Berhurst, Miss Fay Wing and Miss Annie Dunn.
1925	September 16 — It appears that the first accreditation survey of this hospital was conducted by the American College of Surgeons. In 1952, this was transferred to the Joint Commission of Accreditation of Hospitals which included the Canadian Medical Association.
1930's	Much could be written about the kind and generous priests who were to be St. Joseph's Hospital Chaplains; the first being Father Scanlan followed by Frs. Glavin, Tobin, Ducharme, Andrzejewski, Pettypiece, F. Costello and P. van der Biezen.



Golden Jubilee of Rev. John Andrzejewski — 1946. L. to R.: Monsignor A. P. Mahoney, Fr. Andrzejewski, Monsignor J. N. Campeau. Background — Mrs. Eva Hicks.

The name of Father F. Salanus was not omitted from the above list but has been singled out for his specific duties. Father worked out of St. Joseph's rectory and faithfully attended the sick at the hospital. He was especially attentive in his daily visits to those contagious patients isolated in tents on the grounds.

1930 The city and community were deprived of one of their most cultured and valuable citizens when the death of Dr. James Henry Duncan occurred at his late residence, 274 King Street West.

1931 February 5 — The death of Dr. Kingsley Holmes, who one short week before was on the threshold of the broadest, most useful and most successful periods of his life. It was difficult to realize that the active,

Chatham, Ontario, Nov. 28, 1914

Mr. J. Pinsonneault

IN ACCOUNT WITH

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL

For Nursing and Attendance on Mrs. Pinsonneault & Baby
 Nov. 16 to Nov. 28 = 12 days @ \$1.75 per day \$21.00
 Care of Baby & Surgical Dressings 5.60
 \$26.60
 Received Payment
 Sisters of St. Joseph.

Chatham, Ontario, Dec. 1, 1914

Mrs. Jos. D. Pinsonneault

IN ACCOUNT WITH

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL

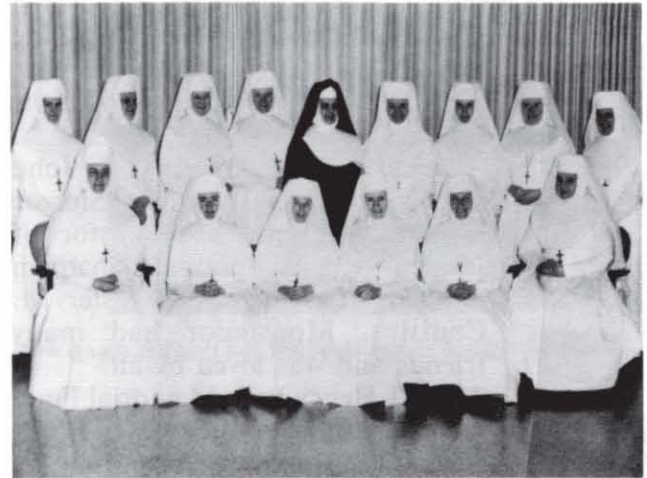
For Nursing and Attendance
 Talcum Powder & Baby's Own Soap 35

This was omitted on your bill

How times change! Patient account from 76 years ago.

- sympathetic, courageous, kind and gentle "King" Holmes was no more. His circle of intimate friends realized not only was this death a loss to the community but that they would also be deprived of association with a man whose first thought was always of others.
- 1932 Members of the Ladies' Auxiliary of St. Joseph's Hospital opened their homes for a very successful card party. These ladies were: Mrs. James McNevin, Mrs. James Wright, Mrs. James Moriarty, Mrs. Harry Harwood, Mrs. M.T. Ryan, Mrs. F.A. Robert and Mrs. Frank Primeau of Paincourt; their assistants were: Mrs. T.A. Drew, Mrs. S.A. Morse, Mrs. W.H. Punched, Mrs. D.J. McDonald, Mrs. Alfred Deloge, Mrs. Peter Dezelia, Mrs. P.P. Walsh, Mrs. Leo Wildgen, Mrs. H.J. Sullivan, Mrs. J.T. Harold O'Brien, Mrs. J.L. Jahnke, Mrs. Clifford Taylor, Mrs. Gladys Shewburg, Mrs. Con E. Shea, Mrs. J.A. McKenty, Mrs. Maurice Doyle, Mrs. Martin McGregor, Mrs. J.J. Hinnegan, Mrs. A. Jacques, Mrs. D.M. Kennedy, Mrs. A. Reaume, Miss F. Robert, Mrs. K.L. Kirby, Mrs. D.D. Gagner, Mrs. Wilfred Belanger, Mrs. Leo Gagner and Mrs. Felix Bourassa.
- 1933 The class of Silver Jubilarians dating from 1908 to 1933 were entertained by the Sisters of St. Joseph's Hospital. During the afternoon Dr. J.W. Rutherford, M.P., one of the few physicians who had attended the hospital twenty-five years before, called to extend congratulations. A delightful program was arranged with the highlight occurring when seven nurses appeared in uniforms from 1908 carrying the class picture of that year. Members of the jubilee class were: Mrs. T. E. Durocher (Grace Hoy) Windsor, Miss Angela McIlhargey, Detroit, Miss Lillian Long, Detroit, Mrs. Jack Reid (Mabel Jenner) Toronto, Mrs. Jack Kelly (Loretta Kelly) Winnipeg, Sister M. Alexis, City, Sister M. Raymond and Reverend Mother Philomena, London, Miss Emma Riegling and Miss Lillian Richardson, City.
- 1936 The annual Penny Sale a major fund raising event sponsored by the Ladies' Auxiliary, was an ongoing project for over forty years. Faithful members and members of their families spent months preparing for this event each year. Hundred of prizes were purchased during the year. Many hours were spent making quilts and other articles. One of the most tedious jobs was making the thousands of tickets to be used the night of the Penny Sale.
- 1939 Right Reverend J.N. Campeau was most generous in presenting the hospital with a beautiful bronze tabernacle for use in the hospital chapel.
- 1939 February 28 — Dr. J.W. Rutherford died. He was one of Chatham's most prominent residents, a physician and surgeon whose reputation extended far beyond the confines of his own city. He was an indefatigable worker, devoted to his profession and highly successful in its practice. He was a Member of Parliament for Kent County for many years and always had the interests of his electorate at heart. It was during the election campaign of 1935 that he was a victim of an automobile accident. He suffered an injured spine, causing paralysis, but undoubtedly his will power and his refusal to become discouraged kept him alive for another three and a half years.
- 1942 June 2 — The first graduates to reside in the new nurses' residence during training graduated on this date. Previous to this, graduation exercises were held in the Chatham Vocational School auditorium. This graduation ceremony was held in St. Joseph's Church. To open the program a solo "Ave Maria" was sung by John Ford Taylor, a local boy.
- 1946 April 6 — It was a great shock to the members of the medical profession when they learned of the sudden and untimely death of Dr. Wm. Elgie. He was a faithful Radiologist for the

- hospital. It was following the death of Dr. Elgie that Dr. J.L. Callaghan was appointed to fulfill these duties. This appointment was destined to last for the next twenty-six years.
- 1950's Sister Angela Marie Coveny was guest of honour at a reception in St. Joseph's Hospital Nurses' Residence hosted by the Nurses' Alumnae Association, assisted by the Ladies Auxiliary and the Hospital Guild. Sister was a graduate of St. Joseph's training school in 1929. Soon after graduation Sister joined the Maryknoll Sisters and left for China where she worked as a missionary for some years. After being forced by the Communists to flee China she was allowed to visit with her mother Mrs. Richard Coveny, Sister Consolata and other family members.
- 1952 March 22 — Chatham was shocked and grieved when word came that Dr. J. Moriarty had passed away in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. It was following World War I that Dr. Moriarty was welcomed to the active staff of St. Joseph's Hospital. His ability as a keen diagnostician and skillful surgeon was soon recognized. His surgical techniques were admired by all who had the privilege of working with him in the Operating Room. Dr. Moriarty was married to Chathamite Claire Robert and spent his winters in Florida, so it was in the cemetery beside St. Anthony's Church, Fort Lauderdale, that "Morry" chose to be buried. The medical profession and especially Dr. F.I. Reid, his associate for many years, regretted that an opportunity had not been afforded them to show honour to one held in such high esteem.
- 1954 December 20 — more than a thousand young adults applauded as Miss Cathy Roth, 20 year old student from St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, Chatham was named "Queen of the Crystal Ball" at Kinsmen Auditorium.
- 1959 July — The first time the St. Joseph Sisters were allowed to drive a car.
- 1959 July — First meals served in present cafeteria.
- 1959 Switchboard moved from first west to ground floor east.
- 1959 August — The beautiful shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, donated by Miss Bridie Donnelly, which had graced the river bank for many years was moved to the front of the hospital to make way for construction of the north wing.
- 1959 The first smorgasbord dinner a well attended, successful affair was held in the hospital cafeteria. Five dollars per person was charged.



Sisters Stationed in Chatham in 1962, Back Row, L. to R.: Sister Mary James, Sister Antoinette, Sister St. Elizabeth, Sister Ann Patrick, Sister Martina, Sister Joanne, Sister Marilyn, Sister John Bernard, Sister Josephine Marie. Front Row, L. to R.: Sister Canisius, Sister St. Edward, Sister Maris Stella, Sister Mary Jane, Sister Pauline, Sister Bernice.

- 1965 May — Hospital chaplain, Father Fred Costello celebrated his golden jubilee as a priest. A dinner and reception was held.
- 1966 May — Dr. F. I. Reid passed away suddenly at his residence. Dr. Reid a senior Surgeon and Physician was very active in St. Joseph's and was a partner in practice with Dr. J. Moriarty before being joined by Dr. Keeley.
- 1967 First wedding in St. Joseph's Hospital Chapel. The bride, Miss Imelda Welch, worked on first East.
- 1967 The Ladies Auxiliary donated a Centennial and a Canadian flag for

- use during the Centennial celebrations.
- 1967 June — Mrs. T. L. (Ruth) Walker, assisted by other wives of the medical profession, hosted a tea honouring Sister Maris Stella who was leaving St. Joseph's to work in the mission field in Peru.
- 1968 May 2 — Dr. Harold Foex passed away quite suddenly. Dr. Foex was honoured for his service in the Second World War in the field of medicine.
- 1968 July 30 — A new, dark blue Pontiac was purchased for the use of the Sisters at the hospital.
- 1968 September 14 — A turkey dinner was served in the Conference room in honour of the sixty-second wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Allin. Mrs. Allin was a patient at the time.
- 1968 November 22 — Monsignor John Uyen died very suddenly in Simcoe hospital. He had been pastor of Blessed Sacrament parish in Chatham and was the brother of Sister M. Canisius. Monsignor had many friends and was loved by all.
- 1970 The Dr. Henry Peco Memorial Fund was established; the proceeds of which were to be used exclusively for the St. Joseph's Hospital Building Fund. Special mention must be made of the generosity of the medical profession.
- 1972 September 27 — At 11:00 a.m. Mayor Douglas Allin, Warden Angus Thomson, County of Kent and members of the Hospital Board and Advisory Board, as well as Reverend Mother Mary Brendan, Sister Julia and the personnel of St. Joseph's participated in the Sod Turning Ceremony for the new addition to St. Joseph's Hospital. It was a truly family spirit that permeated the crowd who witnessed this event.
Master of Ceremonies: Mr. Wm. Myers
Invocation: Right Reverend J. A. Roney
Address: His Worship, Mayor Douglas Allin
Sod Turning
His Worship, Mayor Douglas Allin
- Warden Angus Thompson, County of Kent
Mr. Brady Hinnegan Chairman Crisis Fund,
Address: Mother Mary Brendan
Address: Dr. T. L. Walker
Present at the Ceremony: Mayor Douglas Allin, City of Chatham, Warden Angus Thomson, County of Kent, Msgr. J. A. Roney, Diocesan Director of Hospitals, Father C. C. Campbell, Dean of Kent, Captain Donald Copple, Secretary to Ministerial Association, Father Peter van der Biezen, Chaplain of St. Joseph's Hospital, Alderman Joseph Carpenter, Board of Regional School, Reverend Mother Mary Brendan, Superior General, Sisters of St. Joseph, Mr. T. Brady Hinnegan, Crisis Campaign Chairman, Mr. William Myers, Chairman of Advisory Board, Mr. R. J. Pearce, Administrator Public General Hospital, Mr. Jack Shillington, Assistant Administrator Public General Hospital, Alderman Curtis Carter, Hospital Advisory Board, Mr. Archie Stirling, Hospital Advisory Board, Mr. R. A. Bayne, Hospital Advisory Board, Mr. Gordon Want, Hospital Advisory Board, Mr. Irving Kopstein, Hospital Advisory Board, Mr. L. G. O'Connor, Q.C., Honorary Member Hospital Advisory Board, Mr. Joseph Johns, Hospital Advisory Board, Reverend Mother Dominica, Superior General Ursuline Community, Dr. W. R. Greenwood, President Medical Staff, Dr. O. S. Akkerman, Vice-President Medical Staff, Dr. T. L. Walker, Chief of Staff and Vice Chairman of Hospital Board, Mr. Clarence Lemire, Hospital Advisory Board, Mr. Meryll Baker, Tillmann & Lamb, Mr. W. Lamb, Tillmann & Lamb, Mr. Tony Vedlin, Ellis-Don.
- 1971 The Sisters of St. Joseph were granted permission to use their own names if they desired.
- 1973 June 18 — Sister Pauline Leblanc and Sister Ann Purtill received word they were successful in completing the

- extension course in Hospital Department Management conducted by the Canadian Hospital Association.
- 1974 April — Mr. Frank Capewell was appointed to investigate the possibility of a parking garage.
- 1974 August 7 — The Operating Suite was completed and functioning.
- 1975 June — Construction company's work completed.
- 1975 August 6 — The present Chapel was officially opened.
- 1975 October 18 — Mr. Archie Stirling, a valued member of the Hospital Board died. Many times Mr. Stirling was referred to as "Mr. Chatham" or "Mr. Baseball."
- 1976 After spending fourteen years in Chatham three Sisters of Miserecordia stationed at Sundale Manor came to say farewell to the Sisters and staff of St. Joseph's Hospital. The Sisters of St. Joseph hosted a dinner in their honour in the Sisters' quarters on fourth floor of the hospital.
- 1976 June — Sister Pauline LeBlanc resigned her position as Director of Health Records and was replaced by Mrs. Beth Cannon.
- 1977 August 7 — Sister Beatrice Gagnon retired from her role as patient visitor. Many times Sister was observed quietly praying for the dying patients.
- 1977 August 15 — Sisters Yvonne Gagner and Ferdinand Bondy arrived in Chatham to assist Father van der Biezen in establishing a department of Pastoral Care.
- 1978 June 9 — Mr. Raoul Gagner, brother of Sisters Yvonne and Eveline expired after a brief illness. Mr. Gagner was a valued and active member of the Advisory Board.
- 1978 October 2 — Mr. Richard Kuhn joined the staff of St. Joseph's as Director of Finance.
- 1979 March 22 — The Chatham Jaycees presented a set of Childcraft Books to the paediatric floor.
- 1979 June — A volume ventilator was donated to the Respiratory Department by the Rehabilitation



How much did you say that roof would cost?

- Committee of the Kent County Lung Association.
- 1979 October 11 — Sister Emerita joined the hospital family to work as Pastoral Assistant at Blessed Sacrament parish.
- 1979 October — The ladies of St. Anne's Church raised \$500 to purchase a percussor to be used in the Physiotherapy Department by patients with breathing problems.
- 1980 February 1 — Sisters of St. Joseph Advisory Committee on Health Care conducted a Spiritual Care Conference for persons in Health Service at Mount St. Joseph. A bus load attended from Chatham and enjoyed dinner at "The Garage" on the trip home.
- 1980 December 7 — Out Patient documentation system was initiated (the blue card system).
- 1981 The addition of Ultrasound equipment to the Radiology Department provided a diagnostic

tool, enabling the Radiologist to visualize areas of the anatomy and identify disease disorders without radiation.

1981 November 26 — Mr. Joseph Izumi of the Dietary Department died.

1981 June — Nuclear Medicine was initiated with Dr. Lionel Reese as Director.



The gamma camera system, Starcam, scans and creates two dimensional images of an organ. Here Lisa Satuder, nuclear medicine technician exhibits the equipment.

1981 August 18 — Mrs. Margaret Fox, R.N., of the Pharmacy Department died while on vacation in Northern Ontario.

1981 November 2 — The Admitting Department was moved to its present location on the ground floor.

1981 Computer Committee established with Richard Kuhn as Chairman. The committee consisted of Ken Hargreaves, Sister Mary Arthur, Beth Cannon, Dianne Schwarz, Patricia Mantle and Agnes Doyle.

1982 January 29 — Mrs. Toni Doyle R.N., co-ordinator and former head nurse on 2 North died after a lengthy illness.

1982 September 13 — Mrs. Jody Faubert joined the staff of St. Joseph's Hospital in the capacity of Co-ordinator of Palliative and Geriatric Services.

1982 September 30 — Dr. Palanek, who joined the staff following World War II, passed away.

1983 February 7 — Bypass Buddies was established with Sister Mary Jane Doyle as Co-ordinator.

1983 March 16 — Dr. S. A. MacDonald died suddenly.

1983 April 1 — S.I. — System International — better known as the Metric System, was introduced.

1983 August 17 — Mrs. Bertha Labadie died in University Hospital London. Bertha spent many hours working in her rose garden. Because she was employed in the housekeeping department she was able to distribute her beautiful roses to many areas of the hospital.



Director of Pastoral Care (1987) Barry O'Keefe with Faye Geddes Director of Education.

1983 September 6 — Barry O'Keefe was named Director of Pastoral Care.

1983 October 11 — Sister Mary Arthur received the President's Award in recognition of outstanding services in the Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists.

1986 February 1 — Sister Bernita McFavish, after an absence of several years, rejoined the Chatham community as supervisor of Volunteers.

1986 November — A new county wide service EEG — Electroencephalography was added. Holder monitoring, the continuous recording of a cardiogram, was introduced at St. Joseph's.

1988 February 1 — The first Centennial Committee meeting was held.



L. to R.: Elaine Gammage and Sheri McFadden operate x-ray equipment — 1970.



St. Joseph's Nursery Staff members in the 1960's. L. to R.: Marion Martin, Margaret Gegear and Sharon Reaume.



Mangles at work — Laundry prior to 1954.



S.P.D. (Supply, Processing and Distribution) staff members prepare sterile instruments. L. to R.: Jane Roubos, Agnes Moon and Blanche Pryor.



Guess who?



Remember when?



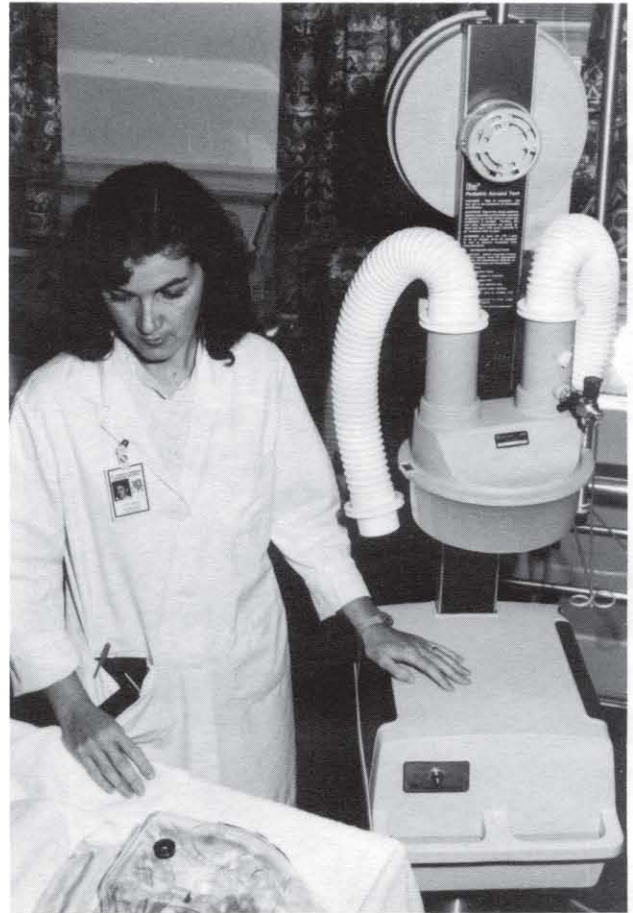
Remember our trip on the duc D'Orleans?



"Can you imagine what these little gadgets can do?" Vada Thompson and Virginia Wall, E.C.G. Department.



Doctor's Orders — Take 2 aspirin and call me in the morning? Barb Loyer — Pharmacy Tech.



Zofe Roberts checking some equipment in Respiratory Therapy Department.



Trust me, this won't hurt a bit!



"Are you sure this is the way it goes?" Physiotherapy Department.



Information desk in main lobby in the late 1970's. L. to R.: Admitting Clerk Bernice Doyle and volunteer Audrey Garlick.



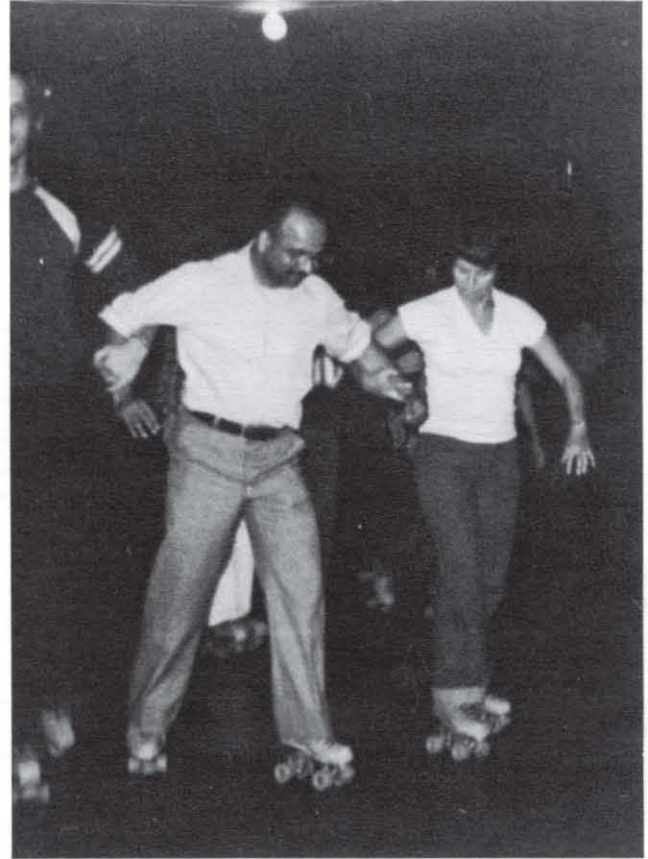
A Question! Visit our Library. Librarian, Mary Gillies (seated) Volunteer, Thelma Horneburger (standing).



Marilyn Cadotte, Director of Admissions welcomes Megan Scaman during Admitting Department Awareness Week — 1988.



"John, some day you will win a trophy for your poetry." L. to R.: Pat Dillon, John Taylor and Shirley Lindsay.



Learn To Skate Programme?



Are you sure that these are the characters that prepare our food?



Our very own celebrities! L. to R.: Kathy Nettleton, Anne Gilhula, Nancy Browning, Blanche Pryor, Gerda Leach.



Ho! Ho! Ho! Mr. and Mrs. Santa, Dave Cobb and Lucie Gales along with two year old Jerry Primeau spread cheer on the Children's Ward — 1987.

Staff members mark three year Accreditation — 1989. Front Row, L. to R.: Vera Anderson, Michelle J. Duwyn, Linda Millard, Terri Ljomov, Sr. Mary Arthur, Pauline Baldwin, Faye Geddes. Back Row, L. to R.: Judith A. Boudreau, Richard Kuhn, John Taylor, Dr. D.A. Johnson, Marion Campbell.





Centennial Committee. Front Row, L. to R.: Patricia Sales, Peetra Farron, Janet Williams, Richard Kuhn, Janet Braddon, Dorothy Hunter, Patricia Johnston, Delynne Dick. Back Row, L. to R.: Elizabeth Cook, Angela Downey, Agnes Doyle, Dianne Schwarz, Lou Holly, Wayne F. Hall, Joe Richer, John Bradley, Dr. Wilson Lee, Gerda Leach, Carol Carson, Marilyn Cadotte, Linda Hathaway.

While compiling this book, We have reminisced with many who remember St. Joseph's Hospital with pride and affection. Undoubtedly, you have countless other memories we have not included in this history. It is our hope that this book will rekindle happy memories of St. Joseph's Hospital for each of you.

Agnes and Janet

Chapter Ten

People Who Helped Make History

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Front Row, L. to R.: Marion Campbell, Pauline Baldwin, Helen Everett, Marlene Stenton, Jeanine Driessens, Patricia Holland, Kathleen Myers, Michele Duwyn, Lucia Oriet. Middle Row, L. to R.: Shirley Glassford, Susan Grant, Faye Geddes, Gloria Whightman, Dorothy Provost, Ann Gilhula, Doreen Morris, Donna Hancock, Carol Duder. Back Row, L. to R.: Gregory McKeon, Rene Koiter, John Bushey, John Park, Harold Labadie, Peter Luyt, Joe Verhoog, Garth Vollans, Terry Shadd, Wayne F. Hall.



Front Row, L. to R.: Janice Dawson, Lisa Vanzelst, Theresa Teeuwen, Zofe Roberts. Back Row, L. to R.: Janice Rousseau, Michelle Rice, Martha Morrison, Hilda Douma, Linda Charron.



Volunteers. Fron Row, L. to R.: Joanna VanBilsen, Connie Benoit, Mary Brown, Dorothy Brittan, Mary Comstock, Angela Madappuli, Juanita Luxton. Back Row, L. to R.: Ann Gitschlag, Ruth Bell, Mary-Margaret Pakulis, Barbara Abbott, Audrey Fauser, Virginia Blackwell, Don Carey.



Volunteens. Front Row, L. to R.: Melanie Coulter, Candy Almeida, Sister Bernita, Amy Dumoulin, Jane De Haas. Back Row, L. to R.: Cindy Bell, Jennifer Griffore, Steve O'Rourke, Shannon Panjer, April Ann Morris, Janine Pakulis, Janice McKinnon, Christine Wells, Debra Gillies.



Front Row, L. to R.: Linda Tennant, Vera Anderson, Joan Williams, Lucie Gales, Jerome Quenneville, Helen Ceccacci, Ann Vandebeld, Linda Hyatt. Middle Row, L. to R.: Nancy Mifflin, Hope McNeil, Beth Peck, Sandra Laurin, Betty Rea, Virginia Pettipiece, Darlene Verschragen, Patricia Sales, Carrol Matthew, Brenda Campbell, Lauren Phair, Mary Ann Simpson. Back Row, L. to R.: Alis Gillett, Rosemary Yott, Marg Davis, Yvonne Martin, Sandra Kearney, David Cobb, Joanne Watters, Brian Patrick, Nicola Huish, Vada Thompson.



Over 25 Year Club members gather to reminisce — 1988. Front Row, L. to R.: Margaret Brown, Agnes Doyle, Aukelina (Lini) Witterholt, Katherine Lee, Lu Oriet, Shirley Glassford. Back Row, L. to R.: Ebe Jongtsma, Blanche Pryor, Art Hys-tek, Marion Campbell, Loretta Jennings, Roland Lozon.



Front Row, L. to R.: Angela Fanelli, Berenice Dozois, Janet Biskey, Catherine Kelly, Beverley Thompson, Irene Lanigan, Wilhelmina Franssen, Julie Sasseville, Sharon Siddall, Mary Schaller, Anastasia Crone, Lynn Bender, Carol Ann Cottell. Middle Row, L. to R.: Dawn Pankhurst, Dianne Thompson, Sandra Price, Cheryl Forget, Connie McKellar, Susan Saunders, Audrey Bourdeau, Annamaria Zucca, Sister Mary Arthur, Loretta Hansen, Leona Baker, Jane Cape, Lois Slobodnick, Robin Nash, Nancy Browning. Back Row, L. to R.: Cathy Marcon, Mary Campbell, Joyce Reynolds, Todd McGivern, Johanna Powell, Sharron Pfaff, Petra Farron, Ed Storozinski, Adrian Smit, Carol Laevens, Nancy Ramboer, Barb Mallette, Andrea Houle, Reg Johnson.



Front Row, L. to R.: Mary Ann Konecny, Elizabeth Cook, Cathy Sauve, Margaret Medenblik, Betty Jenner, Marcella Lannoo, Beverly Perrin, Ab Poonawalla. Middle Row, L. to R.: Pamela Garlick, Gail Ross, Claudette Bourgeois, Edna Bushey, Elaine Gammage, Wendy Weston, Pat Kennedy, Gladys Miller, Ann Cook, Patricia Fenner. Back Row, L. to R.: Hannelore Palmer, Carol Broadbent, Mary Shaw, Margaret Brown, Rosemary Brodie, Rosemarie Somerset, Cary Legg, Irma DeClark, Helen Zimmer, Lloyd Ladd, Ray Jackson.



Front Row, L. to R.: Barb Jackson, Mary Ellen Player, Daryl Logan, Jean Mullane-Cartier, June Doyle. Back Row, L. to R.: Marilyn Nevills, Kathy Nettleton, Pearl St. Pierre, Phyllis Stewart, Kim Chouinard, Lorraine Souchuk, Jim Phillips.



Front Row, L. to R.: Cindy Timmermans, Jean Bechard, Georgina Sheldon, Linda Hathaway, Betsy Howe. Back Row, L. to R.: Mary Ribey, Lea-Ann Evers, Arnette Houle, Ebbel Jongsma, Margaret Bennett, Ardythe Henderson.



Front Row, L. to R.: Peter Elcoete, Karen Ivan, Julie Smith, Donna McCormick, Patricia Vince, Michelle Vandenburg, Betty Manso, Roland Lozon. Middle Row, L. to R.: Janet Newham, Bob Billingham, Janise Heathcote, Leigh Stacey, Linda Reaume, Brenda Twigg, Kathy Smyth, Kerry Greenwood, Kathi Janssens, Linda Millard, Diane Schwarz. Back Row, L. to R.: Judith Boudreau, Lou Holly, Fred Allen, Peter Duchene, Wayne Kuipers, Ron Bechard, Carol Carson, Michael Bandoni.



Front Row, L. to R.: Susan Crawford, Anita Griffith, Linda Lekavy, Joanne Myers, Aukelina Witterholt, Diane Savage, Judy Aitken, Antoinette McGowan. Middle Row, L. to R.: Beverly Powers, Karen Van Puymbroeck, Janet Barnes, Michelle Denomy-Darby, Deborah Sherman, Deborah Whittal, Connie O'Neil, Shelley Roelandt, Barb Loyer, Ann Zimmer. Back Row, L. to R.: Lynda Rush, Fran Brooks, Shirley Lindsey, Margaret Rowe, Annette Wright, Emily Wallace, Pamela Pye, Irene Douglas, Antoinette Pretty.



Stuffing envelopes. Did you receive your Centennial information? L. to R.: Pat Sales, Bessie Emery, Marg Doyle, Janet Braddon, Agnes Doyle, Delynne Dick.



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