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## Genelle Liefso Honoured by UBC Nursing Alumni

We are proud to recognize HoN member Genelle Liefso who was honoured at the Celebration & Recognition UBC Nursing Alumni Awards evening event sponsored by the UBC School of Nursing at the Museum of Anthropology on May 3, 2012. She received the prestigious Nursing Alumni Recognition Award.

Genelle is an unbelievably hard-working registered nurse, wife, mother, and community volunteer for local and international communities while remaining a wonderfully caring and marvelously supportive person to anyone who knows her. Her work as a nurse, teacher, author, community worker and volunteer make her an outstanding example of a UBC Nursing Alumni.

She graduated from Holy Cross Hospital in Calgary in 1971 and has worked almost continuously in various locations across Canada since that time while married and raising a family. She worked mainly as an emergency and operating room nurse while pursuing further education, obtaining a BSN

from UBC in 1997. In 1996, she became a Certified Perioperative Nurse (Canada) under the Canadian Nurses Association's certification examination. She received a MSN from UBC in 2005 while continuing part-time work as an operating room nurse at VGH.

Currently Genelle is a faculty member in the BC Institute of Technology Perioperative Specialty Nursing program while continuing to do casual work as an operating room

staff nurse at Vancouver General Hospital to ensure her nursing skills remain sharp, current, and relevant. Recently, she has been working as a casual nurse in the operating room at Peace Arch Hospital White Rock, where she is trying to encourage the unit educator to pursue research projects supported by the Fraser Health Authority.

This full-time working career is in addition to volunteer work with the Canadian

Network for International Surgery (CNIS). This involves one or two trips a year to various countries around the world to offer surgical clinics (e.g., a surgical mission to rural areas in Cambodia where the Canadian team carried out repairs to numerous children with cleft palates) or to offer nursing- medical-education clinics in Africa. In March 2012, she was in Ethiopia to teach a "Safe Surgery Saves Lives" (SSSL) nursing course. Recently she developed a SSSL teaching manual to be used



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*Newsletter Committee*  
Barbara Bavinton, Beth Fitzpatrick, Naomi Miller,  
Ethel Warbinek, Lynne Esson & Beth Fitzpatrick  
(co-chairs).

*The BC History of Nursing Society  
Newsletter is published 4 times per year. Submissions are  
welcome. Deadline for the Fall Issue is Sept 30, 2012.  
Please send submissions to:  
Sheila Zerr: szerr@telus.net*

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internationally, particularly in Africa, and teaches an instructor's course for this SSSL program in Vancouver. She serves on the National Board of CNIS.

For several years, Genelle served as membership chair of the BC History of Nursing Society. She was a member of the Canadian Operating Room Nurses Association (CORN) and has written articles for the CORN Journal. She remains active in the Perioperative Nurses Association of BC and is a member of Xi Eta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International and of the Canadian Association for International Nursing. She has also presented papers to these and other professional groups and written articles related to her work and to CNIS.

*Adapted from a letter of nomination submitted by Glennis Zilm to the UBC Nursing Awards Committee, Spring 2012*



# Editor's Desk

BY ETHEL WARBINEK



The summer issue traditionally includes our annual reports which provide information on our activities over the past year. I hope you appreciate the contributions of a small number of dedicated members who carry out our mandate. Some reports have been edited due to space restrictions, so if you wish to see the unedited reports, please contact us.

The feature article highlights the remarkable career of one of our HoN members – Genelle Leifso who received the prestigious UBC Nursing Alumni Award of Recognition. We are also proud of additional HoN members who have also been honoured – Stephanie Buckingham, Shirley Stinson, Sally Thorne, and Sheila Zerr. You will enjoy reading about their accomplishments.

A poignant article on two UBC Nursing students Michiyo (Uyede) Naruse and Nana (Yamamoto) Tamaki who received honorary degrees at a special ceremony held during UBC's spring congregation to recognize and honor Japanese Canadian students whose university experience was disrupted in 1942 reminds us of a sad time in our history.

At the time of writing we are all anxiously waiting for summer to arrive here. As the season is short we look forward to warm sunny days relaxing on the patio, enjoying the beautiful flowering plants- mine are at a standstill at the moment - and watching with delight children frolicking in the water.

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## NEWS

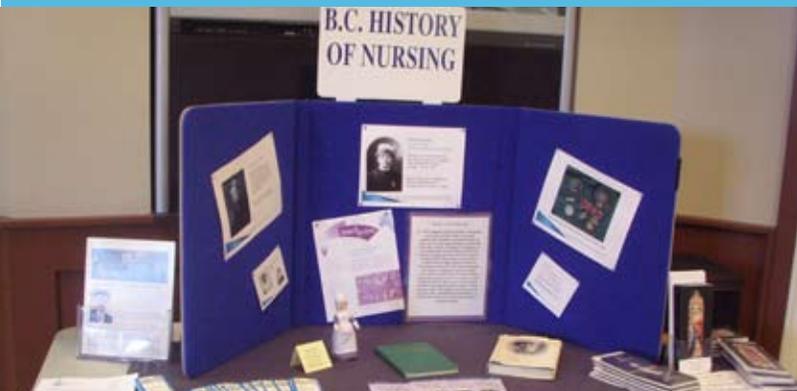
### HoN summer planning meeting July 26 2012 All members welcome

A summer planning meeting is being held Thursday July 26th from 10-2 pm at Royal Oaks Social Room, 1100-56th St. Tsawwassen. Sheila has kindly arranged to have this meeting. A potluck lunch will be served. Bring your favorite summertime cold dish! No microwave or stove oven available. Cold drinks provided. If you are planning to attend, please let Kathy Murphy know by July 20th by email [k\\_murphy@telus.net](mailto:k_murphy@telus.net) or by phone at 604 739 6931

**Fall-Winter newsletter** will be edited by Sheila Zerr. Please send news to her at [szerr@telus.net](mailto:szerr@telus.net) by September 30, 2012.

### LPNABC Annual General Meeting April 16th, 2012.

Marjory Ralston and Ethel Warbinek attended the Licensed Practical Nurses Association of BC Annual meeting as special guests. The meeting was chaired by Anita Dickson, 1st Vice President. The family of Florence Wilson were present and officially handed over the artifacts of their mother/grandmother to Marjory as chair of the Archives Committee. Florence Wilson was the first LPN registered in BC. and her family wished her collection to be preserved in memory of her advocacy for her profession. The donation will be added to our archives. The Association was excited to be part of this contribution and facilitated the transfer to our group. At the request of the LPNBC we set up a display table on Ethel Johns.



# BC HISTORICAL FEDERATION (BCHF) CONFERENCE & AGM CAMPBELL RIVER - MAY 3- 6, 2012

*Glennis Zilm and Nan Martin attended the annual conference and AGM in historic Campbell River on this the 90th year of BCHF. We were proud to represent our society as delegates.*

- Hosted by the Campbell River & District Museum & Archives Society, the venue was in Campbell River Museum, a beautiful museum with a spectacular view over Discovery Passage. "A Blast From the Past" was the title and aptly chosen theme of the conference!
- At the opening reception, we were greeted warmly and met with friends both old and new. A format change in the presentation of Member Society Reports resulted in me presenting our full page society report at the opening reception. It was very well received by those in attendance.
- Glennis and I enjoyed guided tours that included the Haig-Brown Heritage House
- Sybil Andrews Cottage, the Columbia III, a beautifully restored boat with an amazing history, and the Campbell River Museum. Sprinkled in with all this history were concurrent presentations by authors of books about local historical interest, as well as local historians who shared their knowledge of the area. A highlight was the DVD - Remembering Ripple Rock! That was certainly a blast from the past!
- Piped in by his personal piper, the Honourable Steven L. Point attended the Banquet. He praised the singing of O Canada in Kwakwaka'wakw by Laverne Henderson and spoke graciously about BC's history before presenting the Lieutenant Governor's Medal for Historical Writing awarded posthumously to Chuck Davis for The Chuck Davis History of Metropolitan Vancouver.
- Out of 46 entries for the Historical Writing Award, Glennis and I are proud to report that our new archivist, Francis Mansbridge, received Honourable Mention for his book, Cottages to Community: The Story of West Vancouver's Neighbourhoods. West Vancouver Historical Society. We were both pleased to be able to congratulate Francis right there at the banquet!
- The next conference and AGM is in Kamloops May 8 - 12, 2013.
- Visit [www.bchistory.ca](http://www.bchistory.ca)



# B.C. HISTORY OF NURSING SOCIETY 2011 ANNUAL REPORTS

## *B.C. History of Nursing Society 2011 Annual Reports*

*The following reports were presented at the Annual Meeting on April 12, 2012. Due to space restrictions, some reports have been edited. To see the full reports, please contact us or the committee chair.*

## 01. President's Report **BY: KATHY MURPHY, PRESIDENT**

The BC History of Nursing Society has been in existence for 4 years but the work of the History of Nursing in BC commenced in 1989 as a Professional Practice Group of the RNABC. During this time period, this group of dedicated individuals has continued to work on a variety of projects to ensure that the history is collected, preserved, and displayed through the website, newsletter, and physical displays in buildings or at public events. In addition, financial assistance is given through the Scholarship programme and special events are held to provide programmes of interest.



Regular meetings of the Executive and Committee Chairs are held at the CRNBC building and we are pleased to welcome guests. During the year, the Committee Chairs prepared Terms of Reference for each Committee and the Treasurer prepared a Handbook for the Treasurer position. In May we were delighted to receive an award from the BC Historical Federation for our Newsletter which was awarded to Nan Martin and Sheila Rankin Zerr who attended the AGM in Powell River.

In late June, we were pleased to hire Francis Mansbridge as our new part-time Archivist. The Archives Committee has been working extremely hard with Francis to assess and organize our holdings. Later in the year, Technica & Scarlet was hired to redesign the website.

As the Association of Registered Nurses of BC has been developing, the History of Nursing Society has been represented in order to be informed and offer assistance when requested.

As with many groups, the amount of work is limited by the financial and human resources available. It is rewarding to work with such dedicated individuals and sincere appreciation is offered for all that they do to preserve the History of Nursing in B.C.

## 02. Treasurer's Report **BY: SHEILA OXHOLM, TREASURER**

- The 2011 B.C. History of Nursing Society income tax has been filed with CRA.
- The 2011 audit has been completed by Lynette Best and Bernice Lill. Many thanks to both.
- The 2011 financial statement has been completed.
- The 2012 budget has been completed and will be presented for approval at the annual meeting.
- Total B.C.HONS monies invested is \$68,116.31. No interest returns this year.
- April 2012 bank statement is \$8,335.49
- *Note: Investment money has been used to provide operational funds*





## 03. Archives **BY MARJORY RALSTON, CHAIR**

*Members: Nan Martin, Lydia Wytenbroek, Ethel Warbinek (Oral Histories and Biographies), Marjory Ralston (Chair)*

• In June 2011 Kathy Murphy and Marjory Ralston interviewed candidates for the position of Archivist and in July Francis Mansbridge was appointed. Archival methods have been redesigned to include a more comprehensive system including data storage, record keeping and finding aids.

- The Committee has been working all year to sort through the large collection of materials in the UBC office and found many interesting and important papers during our search. New fonds have been completed and categories created for new documents and manuscripts.
- A decision was made to gift our collection of text books to other nursing libraries and most of the books went to Trinity Western University. Books pertaining to the History of Nursing have been kept and will be listed on our Website soon. Most of the work this year has been with documents and manuscripts. Our collection of artefacts has yet to be catalogued and this will be a major part of committee work for next year.
- For 2012 the emphasis has been on our new website. We are examining ways to make our pages more informative and visually attractive.
- Our goals for next year are to continue to add new categories and pages to the Website, to organise our collection of artefacts, to complete sorting remaining documents and to continue to collect new nursing treasures.



## 04. Biographical **BY: ETHEL WARBINEK, CHAIR**

*MEMBERS: Linda Lidster, Ethel Warbinek -chair*

During the past year, 10 biographical files were copied and placed in the CRNBC Library and originals filed in the HoN office at UBC. A list of biographies can be viewed on our web site and on the CRNBC site. Work continues on checking contents of the files. Plans for the coming year include adding information and photographs on the website. Special thanks to Linda Lidster for her assistance in photocopying.

## 05. Oral History **BY: ETHEL WARBINEK**

*MEMBERS: Marjorie Ralston, Sheila Zerr, Ethel Warbinek -chair*

Only one interview was added to the collection – Kathy Murphy. Two CD's were submitted to Joan Andrews, CRNBC librarian, to be added to the collection in the Helen Randal Library. Two interviews are planned for 2012. Discussion is ongoing on adding oral history information and copies of the recorded interviews to our archives at UBC.

## 06. Newsletter **BY: LYNNE ESSON & SHEILA ZERR**



*Members: Lynne Esson and Sheila Zerr (co- chairs), Ethel Warbinek, Beth Fitzpatrick, Naomi Miller, Barbara Bavinton*

**Meetings:** At the call of the chairperson, meetings were held 4 times this year.

**Membership:** Due to health reasons Sheila Zerr resigned as co-chair. Beth Fitzpatrick is now co-chair with Lynne Esson.

**Activities:** Four issues of the history of nursing newsletter were published. All issues were guided by Anita Petersen's design and graphics. Nan Martin accepted the newsletter award given by the B.C. Historical Federation at their AGM in Powell River in May.

**Editors for 2011:** Spring- Sheila Zerr, Summer - Ethel Warbinek, Fall - Beth Fitzpatrick, Winter - Lynne Esson

Thanks to Julie Lapinsky for assistance with labels & Chris Hives for assistance with the digitizations of past newsletters.

**Future Plans:** We will consider issuing 3 newsletters per year with the winter issue being replaced by a special membership mailing.



## 07. Pages of History **BY: SHEILA J. RANKIN ZERR, CHAIR**

*MEMBERS: Sheila Zerr (chair) Lenore Radom,*

Pages of History project was established in 1998 to honour individual nurses and their careers. Through the BCHNS you can pay tribute to any nurse living or "in memory of" by placing a Page of History in our Archival Albums.

**Pages to date:** There are 84 pages of history and three sets of display albums. Two display albums are used at History of Nursing Society display sites and one set is on display in the CRNBC library.

- The albums can be viewed in the CRNBC Library.
- Original copies are archived at BCHNS UBC Archives office.
- To view the full list of names, click on Helen Randall Library and search for "Pages of History"

**Website:** There are 6 pages of history on our web site. All future pages will be placed on the web site with permission from the donor and a hard copy will be kept in an album held by S. Zerr. No new copies will be added to the display albums. The donation for a page of history is increased to \$50 which covers expenses in the development of the page. A tax receipt will be issued. Simply follow the simple steps found on our web site and sign the consent form to allow us to display your page of history on our site. [www.bcnursinghistory.ca](http://www.bcnursinghistory.ca) click on donations then pages of history.



## 08. Scholarship **BY: KATHY MURPHY, CHAIR**

The Scholarship Committee reviewed fewer applications for funding in 2011 and was pleased to award a Scholarship to Dorolen Wolfs, a student at the University of the Fraser Valley. Dorolen used her award to complete her Historical Inquiry of the Self-Expressed Identity of BC Nurses who Commenced Their Careers in the post WWII Period. She presented her paper at the Fall Luncheon.

## 09. Program **BY: LENORE RADOM**

- In May, members attended Nurses week functions.
- In November, 33 Guests enjoyed the annual luncheon buffet at Vancouver Tennis Club. We hosted two guest speakers, recipients of the BCHNS scholarships. Dorolen Wolfs gave an interesting presentation on her study of a Historical Inquiry to Nurses commencing their career in WW11 and Post WW11. Charlene Ronquillo, presented her study on The History of Filipino Nurses Immigrating to Canada. These studies revealed the value of our Oral History Program. We always incorporate Remembrance Day into this event.
- March 22, 2012, 43 guests enjoyed a wonderful 'high tea' event at Hycroft Mansion, hosted by Kathy Murphy, who also organized a Silent Auction that realized \$270 for the BCHNS. Cathie Borrie & her friend/actress, Pattie Allen gave a wonderful performance of the mind transformed in the journey of Alzheimers. Cathie's book, "The Long Hello" was available.
- Future Programming will be looking for past recipients of Scholarships. Janine Roberts' students may be interested in presenting at one of our events. Any other offers or suggestions please notify me.



## 10. Note Cards **BY: GLENNIS ZILM**

- 2011 Approximate card sales \$ 159.50 | Approximate Cards on Hand for sale in 2012: 360 packs worth \$ 1,800.
- The past year was the poorest ever for sales of Note Cards; sales have been declining steadily. However, by year end we had reduced the inventory considerably, decided to lower prices on all remaining cards, and consolidated all cards for sale at the home of the Note Card Volunteer
- The Executive approved the donation of the Christ Church Window cards to Christ Church Cathedral. A few packages were kept to allow us to make packages of "Mixed Cards". The inventory for Lennie cards was reduced by giving them to our Member-at-large to donate as thank-you presents and gifts at Shaughnessy Hospital and to patients and staff at the Brock Fahrni Pavilion; again a few packages were retained for making packages of "Mixed Cards."
- All remaining cards (Florence Nightingale Window, Nursing Sister Window, and Mixed) will now be sold at \$5 for a package of 8 cards. The cost of mailing has been increased to \$3 per package of 8 cards. Single cards (and envelopes) will be sold for 75 cents each.

## 11. Membership BY: JULIE MARIE LAPINSKY



As of April 1 2012, membership figures are:

- Honorary Members: 6
- Full Members: 73
- Special Circumstances: 1
- Affiliate Members: 14\*
- Student Members: 18\* *1/2 this group were Fall 2011 gift memberships*

## 12. Nominations BY: MARJORY RALSTON



The following Directors were elected for a one-year term ending after Annual General Meeting in 2013

|                   |                       |                        |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>President</b>  | <i>Kathy Murphy</i>   | <b>Vice President</b>  | <i>Ethel Warbinek</i> |
| <b>Secretary</b>  | <i>Lynne Esson</i>    | <b>Treasurer</b>       | <i>Sheila Oxholm</i>  |
| <b>Membership</b> | <i>Julie Lapinsky</i> | <b>Member-at-Large</b> | <i>Nan Martin</i>     |

## 13. Parks Canada Nomination BY: NAN MARTIN

- **Ethel Johns (1879 - 1968)** Planning continues underway for the placement of a commemorative plaque on the grounds of UBC.
- **Laura Holland (1883 - 1956)** The Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada regretfully did not recommend Laura Holland for designation as a national historic person. I take this opportunity to thank Glennis Zilm for the tremendous amount of work she has committed to this project since 2007.
- **Canada's Military Nurses as a national historic event.** Nominated August 2010 by Canadian Association for the History of Nursing with the support of BCHON. Glennis Zilm wrote the proposal on behalf of CAHN and BCHON. No further news.



## 14. Website BY: LENORE RADOM, CHAIR

Members: Lenore Radom (chair) Sheila Zerr, Beth Fitzpatrick, Marjory Ralston.

- This year has been a wonderful journey with the website, compared to the difficulty of the past few years. At the October Executive meeting funding was approved for the development of a new website with a new webmaster, 'Think Scarlet'. On Oct 24 the Website Committee met and planning began.
- After many hours of work, the Committee made the final decision on the design and work began on loading the website. The new Website was launched March 1st for all the World Wide Web to see!!
- Judging from all the complimentary emails the committee has received since its launch, we can only conclude that everyone is finding it pleasing to the eye and full of valuable information with easy navigation. We are still in the process of adding valuable Archive information that will enhance the site.

# IN PRINT

- **Thorne SR, Stajduhar KI.** *Patient perceptions of communications on the threshold of cancer survivorship: implications for provider responses* *Journal of Cancer Survivorship.* 2012 6(2):229-37
- **Geertje Boschma, Catherine Haney and Margaret Gorrie.** *Gender, Work, and Identity: Consumer Perspectives on Rehabilitation and Recovery in Mental Health Care.* *The Bulletin Vol 1 Issue 1 2012 pp 9-17.*
- **Deborah Joan Hamilton.** *The Historical Development of Critical Care Nursing Knowledge at Vancouver General Hospital (1960-1985)* *The Bulletin vol 1, Issue 1, 2012 pp 22-40.*
- **Carol Helmstadter and Judith Godden.** *Nursing Before Nightingale 1815-1889.* Ashgate, 2011, 242 pages

# 15. Displays **BY: CHERYL ENTWISTLE, MARGARET SAUNDERS, & GLENNIS ZILM**

*Members: Cheryl Entwistle, Margaret Saunders, Glennis Zilm*

## **Displays at CRNBC**

*Boardroom Display Case* featured Nursing Competencies of the Past In December, this cabinet was cleared out, and moved to the library. Nursing Competencies was put on display once again in the cabinet.

*A new table has been allocated in the library for future displays. Displays in the CRNBC Library were:*

- Military Nursing
- "Lest We Forget"
- Tribute to Edith Bates

*Displays at UBC the School of Nursing.*

- Glennis Zilm, with assistance from Ethel Warbinek, Sheila Zerr, and others, continue to look after the two displays at UBC

*Hall Display Case:*

- March 21 to November 1, 2011: "Nursing Collectibles" display with many small collectibles from Glennis Zilm's collection.
- Nov 1st to March 2012: "Lest We Forget" display honoring Military Nursing.

*Learning Resource Centre:*

- March 9, 2011 to September 2011: "Military Nursing during the Northwest Campaign 1885" featuring GZ's materials on Mrs. Miller and mannequin dressed in Glennis Zilm's Mrs. Miller replica costume.
- September 2011 to January 2012: "Public Health Nursing in British Columbia" with photographs of UBC graduates who went into PH Nursing. Table display of PH Nurses' bags and some collectible items (loaned by Glennis Zilm). The mannequin was dressed in 1950s replica VON uniform supplied by Sheila Rankin Zerr.

## **Displays Upon Request:**

- BCNU Conference May 2011
- BCNU Day June 2011
- Nursing Week Richmond General Hospital May 2011
- Summer Kerrisdale Block Party June 2011
- Ethel John's Research Forum St. Paul's Hospital February 2012.

# 16. Memorial Book **BY: LYNNE ESSON, CHAIR**

During the year, the History of Nursing Society either initiated or assisted with One Nomination for the CNA Memorial Book. The nomination was submitted to the Association of Registered Nurses of BC (ARNBC) and accepted. This individual will be recognized during the Awards Ceremony and will be entered into the Memorial Book.

This year the nominee for the CNA Memorial Book was:

- Ruth Saunders (died 2002) Nomination prepared by Glennis Zilm

If you know of or hear of someone who should be nominated please let the Chair of the Committee know.

# UBC HONORS TWO JAPANESE NURSING STUDENTS 70 YEARS LATER

SUBMITTED BY GLENNIS ZILM

Two UBC Nursing students were among 76 students who received honorary degrees at a special ceremony held during UBC's spring congregation to recognize and honor Japanese Canadian students whose university experience was disrupted in 1942. During this dark period during the Second World War, all persons of Japanese descent were uprooted and exiled from the B.C. coast, a violation of basic citizenship rights. On this 70th anniversary, the University wanted to recognize the injustice they endured and to honor them and their families, welcome them as alumni, and celebrate their contributions as citizens of Canada.

Michiyo (Uyede) Naruse was awarded the Degree of Bachelor of Applied Science (Nursing) and Nana (Yamamoto) Tamaki received a Degree Honoris Causa in the ceremonies May 30, 2012. The honorary degrees were conferred on students who were unable to complete their education when they were sent to internment camps. Both women are now dead, but their stories were collected by the Japanese Canadian community and the University who used every available strategy to try to locate the students or their families.

Michiyo Uyede, also called Alice and "Mikkie" by her nursing classmates, was born in Vancouver May 19, 1917. She enrolled in UBC's six-year Nursing program and completed the three-year clinical portion of the program at Vancouver General Hospital in 1941. She was active in the Nursing Undergraduate Society, serving as class representative while at VGH. She returned to UBC for her sixth and final year of theory and after intervention by the School was allowed to remain in Vancouver after the evacuation to complete her nursing studies.

According to *Return: A commemorative yearbook* in honour of the Japanese students of 1942, which was published for the ceremonies, she was one of the few who received permission to attend the 1942 graduation exercises. She then moved to Montreal and worked as a surgical teaching supervisor at Children's Memorial Hospital. In 1950, she married Henry Kanao Naruse and they moved to Trail. While raising her family, she was involved in many community activities. In the 1970s, she took a nursing "refresher course" from BCIT so she could return to nursing at the Trail Regional Hospital. In 1981, she received her Master's in Health Care Planning degree from UBC. She then made a career change and became a fashion designer and entrepreneur. She died in Trail on March 1, 1998.

Nana Yamamoto Tamaki was a third-year student in 1942, having completed her second year courses at UBC. She was born in Vancouver July 1, 1920, and graduated from King Edward High School. Despite searches by the Japanese Canadian community and the University, little else has come to light about her career after she was interned. It is known she married and that she is deceased.

Photographs are from the UBC Yearbooks, the Totem, Applied Science/Nursing sections, supplied by the UBC Archives. More information about the searches and details about the event can be obtained through <http://japanese-canadian-student-tribute.ubc.ca/>

*Photos courtesy of the UBC AMS, 1942 Totem, UBC Archives.*



*Michiyo (Uyede) Naruse*



*Nana Yamamoto Tamaki*

# MEMBER NEWS

CONGRATULATION TO THE FOLLOWING HON MEMBERS WHO HAVE RECEIVED RECOGNITION.



**Sally Thorne** has joined the UBC Applied Science Faculty leadership team as Associate Dean, Faculty Affairs, effective April 1, 2012 to June 30, 2015. Dr. Thorne obtained her M.S.N. in Nursing from UBC in 1983 and her Ph.D. in Nursing/Anthropology from the Union Institute for Advanced Studies in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1990. She joined UBC in 1977 and was the Director of the School of Nursing from 2002 to 2010. Dr. Thorne has received several awards during

her career including the Award of Distinction from the Registered Nurses Association of BC in 1999, the Faculty of Applied Science Izaak Walton Killam Teaching Prize in 2001 and most recently, the Pfizer Award of Excellence for Nursing Research from the Canadian Association of Nurses in Oncology in 2011. She is a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing and was listed as one of Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women in the Women's Executive Network in 2009. Congratulations Sally!

*Source: Dr. Eric Hall, Dean pro tem, Faculty of Applied Science*

## **Sheila Zerr Honorary membership**



Sheila received an Honorary membership in the VGH SON Alumnae Association at the Annual Luncheon on May 6, 2012 for her dedication to the preservation of the history of the VGH School of Nursing. She is well known for her collection of miniature dolls dressed in historical nursing uniforms. These have been displayed in the window in the Jim Pattison Pavilion at VGH and a special display was mounted

for the 100th Anniversary of the opening of Heather Pavilion. In 2009, Sheila led a project to restore the Alumnae's aging doll collection. Nine new porcelain miniatures were designed which she meticulously dressed by hand sewing the uniforms. This took a great deal of time and research and has left a wonderful legacy for the Alumnae. Sheila donated payment for this work to the Archival Development Fund.

## **Stephanie Buckingham CRNBC Award of Excellence in Nursing Education**

Congratulations to HoN member, Stephanie, who received this award on April 19, 2012 at a ceremony at Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre. Stephanie Buckingham is an educator who brings a fresh and engaging approach to the classroom



while helping to raise the quality of instruction beyond B.C. As a professor at Vancouver Island University (VIU), she teaches programs for nursing students and delivers workshops for university faculty. Her aim is to help support an ethical approach to lifelong learning while exploring growth

personally, professionally and in her community. Stephanie empowers her students to reach their full potential by letting them develop critical thinking skills.

Always at the forefront in implementing technology and media into her classes, Stephanie was the first instructor on the faculty to incorporate these innovative methods.

Stephanie's leadership in nursing education and curriculum development is not limited to VIU, but extends throughout B.C. and Canada. She is a past board member and workplace representative of the College of Registered Nurses of British Columbia (CRNBC), and has worked with the Canadian Nursing Association in Ottawa influencing public policy. A lifelong learner with a Masters of Arts in Leadership and Training, Stephanie attends many conferences and workshops. She is a prolific presenter, delivering talks on topics as varied as technology in the classroom, wait-time management, innovative practice and student evaluation techniques. Stephanie remains a role model for all nursing instructors and her students have gone on to help maintain a high standard for patient care in this province. *Source: adapted from CRNBC press release*

## **Dr. Shirley Stinson – Honorary Doctor of Science Degree**

Shirley Stinson, one of our Society's most distinguished and honored members, received an Honorary Doctor of Science degree from the University of Alberta on June 7, 2012. In making the announcement, the university her alma mata, and where she taught in the faculties of nursing and medicine and the department of public health services from 1969 until her retirement, noted that she is "internationally recognized as a visionary leader in the development of nursing scholarship." Among her many "firsts" - "the first female and the first nurse to receive the federal designation of Senior National Health Research Scientist."

"An inspiring mentor to generations of nurses, Stinson was at the forefront of interdisciplinary course design and delivery," said the University's announcement on its website. "She has made contributions to clinical nursing practice and education that have improved standards of patient care around the world."

Dr. Stinson was president of the Canadian Nursing Association, chair of the first International Nursing Research Conference, and inaugural chair of the Alberta Foundation for Nursing Research. She is an officer of the Order of Canada and holds the Order of Excellence of Alberta and has honorary degrees from the University of Calgary and Memorial University in Newfoundland.

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