

**Mack Alumni Association  
Celebrating 150 years: 1874-2024  
End of an Era!**

**FINAL Annual Dinner June 7, 2024**

**Honouring the Class of 1974 on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
Graduation and the Gala Finale of the Mack Alumni**



**Theme for the Dinner : "Black and Bling"**

("Bling it on"! Plenty of time to design an "elegant" or a "cheap and cheerful" ensemble!)

**The Venue: Club Italia**

Club Italia Wedding and Event Centre, 2525 Montrose Road, Niagara Falls, ON L2H0T9  
905-374-7388. <https://clubitalia.ca/niagara-meetings/>



**Classes Celebrating Special Reunions in 2024**

1954 = 70 years  
1959 = 65 years  
1964 = 60 years  
1965 = ALMOST 60 years  
1969 = 55 years

**In Memoriam**



We share the passing of the following members since the Fall Newsletter 2023:

Kathleen (Misener) Combe '57, November 12 2023  
Susan (Skorupski) Newberry '61, May 17, 2023  
Susan (Lindsey) Slattery '68, December 11, 2023  
Bernice (Nault) Grimo '59, January 19, 2024  
Carole Anne (Cumming) Anderson '69, January 25, 2024  
Lynne (Fromager) Westley '65, February 4, 2024

In their memory, a donation from the Alumni will be made to the St. Catharines Museum. After our Alumni closes this summer, please continue to forward notifications of deaths or copies of obituaries of your classmates. This will be very helpful, as I will continue to update the database at the St. Catharines Museum. (carol.dueck@gmail.com)

## Congratulations to the Honoured Class of 1974



### Are you missing your Class Photo?

Copies are available at the Museum, and I can arrange for the purchase (cost to be determined and photo will be unframed). Please email with your name and graduation year, to let me know if you are interested. Carol. [carol.dueck@gmail.com](mailto:carol.dueck@gmail.com)



## President's Greeting

Congratulations to the final graduating class of MSN - Class of 1974!! I am so glad that you and the Alumni can celebrate together. You are the last, but not least of a long line of amazing nurses. Mack Nurses have contributed to the community of nursing and caring in so many ways. A few have shared that they didn't have an illustrious nursing career: "I just worked for a while as a staff nurse" ( a role so needed and appreciated!). From intuitive, tender caring at the bedside, to head nurses, educators, politicians, missionaries, and leaders of nursing schools – Mack Nurses have left their mark. We all can be so proud of the name and tradition that we align with.

Following the 2024 Kansas City win of the Superbowl, people have been talking about the team becoming a *Dynasty*. Well, this got me thinking that **the Mack Alumni has been a *Dynasty* for the past 150 years!!** A Dynasty is defined as a series of family members who hold power in politics or business. (Newbury House Dictionary). It could be argued that we are a "family", and that by virtue of our 1862 graduates, we have influenced people all over the world: we have cared for people from birth to death in normal times, during crashes of stock markets, depressions, wars, and pandemics. Some of our graduates have also held positions of power (Senator Carolyn Stewart-Olsen '67 from MTS). All of this started with the vision of Dr. Theophilus Mack in 1873, so I am going to refer to it as the *Mack Dynasty*.

As I have mentioned in previous Newsletters, it has been my honour to serve as the president of this Alumni. The Alumni was organized in 1901 by Margaret Hughes, class of 1896, and elected their first president, Miss Nellie Gadsby, class of 1896, in 1905. However, there have been many Presidents who have gone before me as well as secretaries, treasurers & class representatives (too numerous to mention). To all of them I say, "Thank you for keeping the Alumni alive and vibrant these past 150 years."

Now that the Alumni is closing, what can we do? I encourage all remaining graduates to plan their own annual (or more frequent as some classes are already doing) gatherings to keep the "Mack Dynasty" alive as long as we are alive! Every first Friday in June, buy balloons, sparklers, make signs and picnic in the park where you live for all to see and ask about! You could even consider regular virtual meetings (such as Facetime , Google Meet or Zoom) to stay in touch with classmates spread far and wide. Reminisce about your times together. Raise a glass or a cup of tea to our Founder.

In the spirit of keeping the Mack Name alive, we are working at establishing *The Mack Schools of Nursing Alumni Scholarships* that will exist in perpetuity at both Brock University and Niagara College for their BScN programs. Money, we have accrued from all your generous donations and very capable investing of our treasurers over the years, will be transferred to this new educational fund.

In conclusion, I wish you all health and happiness in the years ahead and invite as many of our graduates as possible to celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> year together this June.

Sincerely,

Betty Ann Chandler'70

President MAA (aka *Mack Dynasty*)

## Charming Tradition

**Gold Charms:** For those who did not receive a gold charm and would like to purchase one, here is your opportunity. The charm is yellow gold with RN on either side of the Caduceus (twisted snake around a staff). On the back is engraved MTS (classes up to 1969) or MSN (classes 1970-1974).

**DEADLINE DATE TO ORDER AND PAY IS TUESDAY APRIL 9th!!** This date is needed for the jeweller to order & engrave the charms in time for the dinner.

Please contact Claudia Gilchrist '73 by email or phone immediately if you wish to purchase one. [claudia.a.gilchrist@gmail.com](mailto:claudia.a.gilchrist@gmail.com) or 905-329-4730. To expedite payment, use e-transfer to her email address. If paying by cheque, please notify Claudia (email or call) to watch for the cheque by deadline.

Cheque made out to:

Claudia Gilchrist

Box 61, Niagara on the Lake On. L0S1J0



## Scholarship Fund

The legacy of Mack goes on to Brock and Niagara College to nurture nursing education.

The Alumni is proud of our Scholarship Fund that has supported the growth of nursing education over the years. New student nurses and nurses upgrading the education level have all benefitted from your generous donations to the scholarship fund. As the Alumni reaches our final year, we are excited to confirm that negotiations have been successful to transition the funds to Brock University and to the new nursing program at Niagara College. The stewardship programs at these institutions will maintain the funds and will offer bursaries and scholarships that aspiring nurses may apply to. Once the scholarship program is in place, donors will receive CRA certifications for income tax time.

Brock University and Niagara College will keep the name of "Mack" alive. The Header that each successful candidate will read on their scholarship includes:  
*"The Mack Alumni would like to acknowledge and honour Dr. Theophilus Mack. He, as a St. Catharines physician and surgeon, recognized the need and pioneered the inception of formal nursing education. He recruited trained nurses from England who had been educated through the Florence Nightingale ideology. This was the first nursing education of its kind in North America and set a very high bar for nursing education to follow. Dr. Theophilus Mack: Born Dublin Ireland April 22, 1820 – Died 1881. We owe this man our thanks."*

We encourage you to consider a donation to our scholarship fund to provide robust sustainability of the funds. In subsequent years, you can continue to donate by directing your gift to Brock or Niagara College.



**Announcements:  
Individual Class Events  
on the Gala weekend.**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Planned Event : Check in with your Class Representative</b>
<b>1974</b>	Celebrations for 50th anniversary: Attending the Alumni dinner on Friday evening. Brunch 10 AM, on Saturday June 8, at Hilton Garden Inn, 500 York Road, Niagara on the Lake. A block of rooms has been set aside for our class. The group code to book rooms and or brunch is 91R. Yolanda (Stoop) Yungblut <a href="mailto:cherryknollfarms@yahoo.com">cherryknollfarms@yahoo.com</a>
<b>1973</b>	Reunion Luncheon on Saturday June 8 at 11:30 at "Greek on Portage", Niagara Falls. If you wish to come and have not yet notified us, please call Peggy Sullivan: 905-935-0286 / <a href="mailto:peggyineurope@hotmail.com">peggyineurope@hotmail.com</a> Or Claudia <a href="mailto:claudia.a.gilchrist@gmail.com">claudia.a.gilchrist@gmail.com</a> / 905-329-2730
<b>1972</b>	Jan Melville is hosting a lunch at One Bayridge Cove, St. Catharines starting at 1230 p.m. Cost of lunch plus "bybo". Please confirm by May 1st to Jackie Moffat. <a href="mailto:Jacquelyn Moffatt@gmail.com">Jacquelyn Moffatt@gmail.com</a>
<b>1971B</b>	Our classmates that are attending, are planning to stay at the Four Points in Thorold. We will be lunching at one of the wineries on Saturday.
<b>1970</b>	Approximately 18 classmates have chosen to meet at the Comfort Inn on Fallsview Blvd in Niagara Falls. The info and rates have been sent to all those interested. It is well located with many restaurants, a pool, and places where we can gather - there will be a lot of opportunity for us to spend time together! It is prime wedding season, and many places already are not available. Reservations should be made ASAP. We will arrange transport to the dinner, otherwise a vehicle is not needed. Nancy (Dmytrow) Bilboe: <a href="mailto:nancydb3@gmail.com">nancydb3@gmail.com</a>
<b>1969</b>	For our 55 <sup>th</sup> anniversary, we will be attending the annual dinner. On June 8 <sup>th</sup> , a catered lunch will be held at noon at Diane Morley's home. For more information <a href="mailto:Re-dmmorley@cogego.ca">Re-dmmorley@cogego.ca</a>
<b>1968</b>	Catered Luncheon (sharing the costs) on private patio Saturday June 8 <sup>th</sup> at noon. Please signal your participation <a href="mailto:carol.dueck@gmail.com">carol.dueck@gmail.com</a>
<b>1967</b>	A catered luncheon is organized at 12 noon for the class of 67 in the party room at 15 Towering Heights Blvd. (across from Denis Morris High School). Please book your attendance with Lynda. 289-213-0498 as soon as possible. The cost will be shared by all. The end of an era to be sure. Hugs Lynda Wilson.
<b>1965</b>	We are CELEBRATING OUR FINAL ALUMNI DINNER and OUR 59th REUNION this year. On Saturday June 8 we're planning a BRUNCH/LUNCH - details re time and place to follow. Please respond to Dot Moyer <a href="mailto:damoyer@outlook.com">damoyer@outlook.com</a>
<b>1964</b>	Celebrating 60! Saturday June 8, 12:30 to 4 pm. High Tea at Prince of Wales Hotel, Niagara-on-the-Lake. Shirley <a href="mailto:ssbottaro@icloud.com">ssbottaro@icloud.com</a>
<b>1959</b>	Plans for a luncheon on Saturday, June 8, 2024, at 1 pm at Peller Estates Winery. Will need a firm commitment as there is a \$50 reservation fee per person. The final number of attendees is 5 days before the event and money will be refunded prior to event. Please respond by April 30, 2024, if interest to Irene Boyes. <a href="mailto:krukie@cogego.ca">krukie@cogego.ca</a> Home 905-935-7487 Cell 905-388-4809



## Class Representatives 2022-2024

*A big thanks to those reps who connect with their classmate, update contact info, and help plan events.*

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**Past President:** Claudia (Birch) Gilchrist '73. 905-468-2730 [claudia.a.gilchrist@gmail.com](mailto:claudia.a.gilchrist@gmail.com)

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## Your table reservation is ready.....

For the June 7, 2024, Annual Dinner, everybody will be **required to make a reservation**, including the honoured class of 1974. It has been increasingly difficult to manage late requests and last minute attendance at the door on the day of the dinner. Club Italia and the Mack team need the lead time to plan and prepare the number of meals and special diets, class seating arrangements, accommodation of mobility aids and escorts, and issuing receipts to all members.

**No admission without a reservation on June 7<sup>th</sup>**

If you need assistance with transportation to the dinner, please refer to your class representative.

### What to expect at June Dinner

**Cost:** \$60.00 per dinner for each Mack Grad.

**Exception to the cost is Class 1974, whose meal is complimentary!**

If you require and invite an escort to assist with mobility and the meal, they are very welcomed, but a dinner must be requested and paid for.

A late fee of \$10.00 is charged after May 1, 2024, for all reservations.

**4:00 pm:** Honoured Class 1974 meets in **Marconi Room** for pictures, gifts, and a toast.

**4:30 pm:** Reservation Desk Opens and Bar available for purchase.

**6:00 pm:** Piper leads Class 1974 into hall.

Please refer to seating chart to find your class table so everyone is seated prior to parade. Surprise addition to this year's parade!

Take lots of class pictures!

**6:30 pm** Welcome, Grace and Dinner Served

**7:45 pm** Speakers: Dr. Leigh Chapman Chief Nurse of Canada  
Kathleen Powell, Curator St. Catharines Museum

Big Bang Closure

### Note to Class of 1974

Each graduate in the class of 1974 receives a certificate honouring this 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It takes time to spell everyone's name correctly and have it signed by the appropriate dignitary.

It would be very helpful if everyone in the class of 1974, that is attending the dinner, mails in their dinner reservation immediately after opening this newsletter. You have our thanks for doing this.



-----please detach, complete and mail -----

### MAA Annual Dinner 2024 Reservation Form

Please ensure your reservation request for dinner arrives no later than **May 1, 2024**

One Dinner \$60.00. (name: \_\_\_\_\_)

Specify Dietary Restrictions:  
 Diabetic: \_\_\_ Gluten Free: \_\_\_ Vegetarian: \_\_\_ Allergies : \_\_\_\_\_

To assist with seating plans, indicate if you will be using:  
 Walker \_\_\_ Wheelchair \_\_\_ Scooter \_\_\_\_\_

One Dinner for escort \$60.00. (name \_\_\_\_\_)

Specify Dietary Restrictions:  
 Diabetic: \_\_\_ Gluten Free: \_\_\_ Vegetarian: \_\_\_ Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Late Fee of \$10.00 if after May 1, 2024

Donation to "The Mack Schools of Nursing Alumni Scholarship.

**Total:**

**Reservation Number Assigned:**  (for treasurer's use only)

Note: The Alumni Treasury is set up to require two signatures for cheques and invoices, so unfortunately, we require cheques for the dinner reservations as it creates additional workload for treasurer to accept electronic transfers with dual signatures.

**Please make cheques payable to The Mack Alumni Association and mail to**

Mrs. Alice Janeway'67  
99 Lea Cres.,  
Welland, Ontario L3C 7J6  
Mack Alumni Association

(Questions? email [ajjaneway@gmail.com](mailto:ajjaneway@gmail.com))





## Keeping in Touch

**ALL MEMBERS *please complete and return this contact information***, even if you are unable to attend the dinner this year. You can tuck this in the envelope with your dinner reservation and donations or if not attending the dinner, email this section to Alice, who maintains the membership list. ([ajjaneway@gmail.com](mailto:ajjaneway@gmail.com)).

Up to date, accurate email addresses help to reduce the cost of postage and to keep in touch in a timely manner. A final newsletter celebrating our finale will be sent this summer.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_

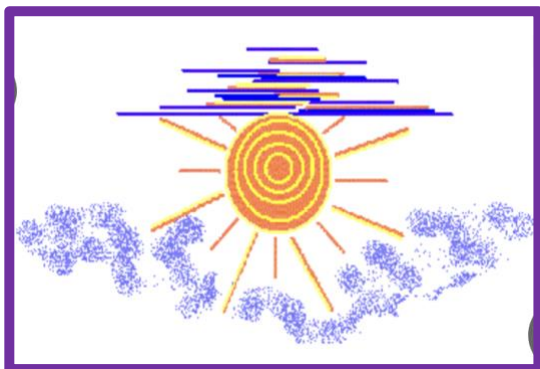
Name at Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Postal/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Mobile) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



As the sun sets on our Alumni and the "Gala" says good bye – we offer a gracious thanks to the Executive and Class Representatives over the decades that have made this alumni so vital and created so many memories over 150 years!  
A Mack Dynasty!