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Life @MIZ

A NEWSLETTER FOR MHC STAFF, PHYSICIANS & VOLUNTEERS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: SON ALUMNI 100th ANNIVERSARY!



The Misericordia School of Nursing Alumni association celebrated their 100th anniversary this June and MHC was proud to be a part of the celebrations!

More than 70 alumni gathered at MHC to share stories and reminisce as they toured our program areas (yes, the ORs are still from the 50's. We're working on that!).

The creation of the Misericordia Nurses' Alumni in 1924 was intended to keep graduates in touch with each other.

In the beginning years, the alumni concentrated on providing social events for members. The alumni hosted fancy dress balls, high teas, curling and baseball tournaments and bridge games. These events also served as fundraisers.

The alumni donated roses at graduation for each student who was graduating. They also funded awards and medals recognizing excellence in charting, clinical competence and comportment.

Today, that tradition continues: the alumni generously support programs such as art therapy and the heritage archives collection through our Foundation.

A highlight of alumni membership is always the annual dinner. This is an occasion for reunion of classmates, as well as an opportunity to celebrate those classes who have reached milestone anniversaries. This year the Alumni recognized many classes celebrating their 50th, 60th, 65th and 75th year since graduating.

I was honoured to attend the 2024 annual alumni dinner with Nina Labun, our chief nursing officer, and nearly 200 alumni. It was humbling for us to see the alumni so fiercely proud of their education and the instilled values and Mission of the Misericordia Sisters.

Yours sincerely,

Caroline DeKeyster
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Leah Restall, Class of '90, MHC board director

HELLO SUMMER!

Kris Gladwell, President & CEO
MHC Foundation

We are so excited to celebrate the warmer weather with amazing activities designed to support the people and programs of MHC!

Around the World!

misericordiafoundation.com/aroundtheworld.html

We are back with another Around the World campaign – this time in support of Misericordia Place's outdoor space! This is the campaign that Canadian Tire generously triple matches all donations to. Alongside this campaign we launched the MP Refresh tribute program, giving donors the opportunity to leave a permanent marker in recognition of a loved one, such as bricks, benches, etc. Visit the website for more information.

One Great Lottery!

onegreatlottery.ca/?olc=MHC



One Great Lottery – 28 Great Causes! The jackpot is currently over \$300,000 with just a few weeks left until the final deadline of June 25 at midnight! Ticket bundles include 3 for \$15, 25 for \$25, 100 for \$50 and features a best value pack of 400 tickets for \$100. Get your tickets today for a Manitoba win-win!

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Canada Day Run

raceroster.com/events/2024/86060/canada-day-winnipeg-2024

Kick off Canada Day right with a 5km, 5 mile or kids 1km run/walk! The Running Room will once again host this family-friendly run (or walk!) in support of MHC. Along with some great prize contests, everyone receives a commemorative medal and 5 km/mile participants also receive limited edition Goodr sunglasses! Come for the run, stay for the fun – music, activities, and treats make the day!

As always, thank you for everything you do and we wish you a wonderful summer!

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY EVENTS



In honour of National Indigenous Peoples Day all staff and clients are invited to a smudge and bannock on June 21 at 2 p.m. in the 7th floor solarium. And on June 26 an hour-long lunch-and-learn on the Seven Sacred Teachings with Faye and Raine, Education and Training Coordinators with Indigenous Health, is open to all in the auditorium.



YOU'RE INVITED...



BBQ SMILES

Some smiling folks who helped serve at the staff appreciation BBQ on June 6, hosted by the MHC Board and Senior Leadership Team!

Dr. Lorne Bellan is retiring! Join us for a retirement tea, 1 to 4 p.m. on June 25 in the MHC Auditorium, to wish Dr. Bellan well and thank him for his years of service before he rides off into the sunset! Donations of baking will be gratefully accepted.



THANK YOU FOR THE MEMORIES!



Thank you to everyone who participated and posed to help create stock photography, giving us images that MHC can use to demonstrate the wonderful people here and the important work they're doing in all areas of the centre! Here are just a few samples...



Once again MHC hosted a Bike to Work Day pit stop for Bike Week with coffee, treats, giveaways, prizes and eyewear cleaning! The Son Urbano Trio got people moving with live Cuban music, and CancerCare Manitoba educated folks about the benefits of biking. You have until June 15 to vote for MHC as the BEST PIT STOP by tagging MHC and Bike Week Winnipeg on social media or emailing info@bikeweekwinnipeg.com



NEW HIRES

Anna Martin, SDC Aide, Sleep Disorder Centre

Anne Bueno, Administrative Assistant, PHCC

Darren Campbell, Respiratory Therapist, Respiratory Therapy

Duncan Scott, Social Worker, Social Work

Elaine Echalas, HCA, LTC float pool

Florence Montgrain, Occupational Therapist, Rehab Services

Garry Lloyd Susas, HCA, C2 float pool

Mackenzie Kein, RN, PHCC

Megan Leslie, Steno II, Sleep Disorder Centre

Nadia Garcia, Spiritual Health Practitioner, Spiritual Health

Qais Abdul Basir, Scheduling Assistant, PHCC

Sarah Brown, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Nursing Administration

Angela Walpole, Executive Assistant - Corporate, Corporate Office

Dana Robert, RN, Health Links-Info Santé

Danielle Geoffroy, Assistant, Sleep Disorder Centre

Hailey Baines, Development & Operations Coordinator, Foundation

Jessica Abagon, RN, Health Links-Info Santé

Maria Evangelista, RN, MP float pool

Mary Anne Roman, Staffing Clerk, Staffing Office

Ryan Dziadyk, Physiotherapist, Rehab Services

Sukhvir Kaur, Clerical Aide, Surgical Complex

RETIREEES

None

MISERICORDIA'S HELPFUL COMMUNITY



MEET CHEF MARK!

Mark Andrew has seen a remarkable threefold increase in foot traffic at MHC's beloved Storm Café since he took the helm two years ago. He says homemade food and pride in what he creates contribute to Storm's popularity.

"As long as you have pride the food will be as good as it can be and people will keep coming back."

Mark has over three decades of culinary expertise, including ownership of renowned eateries and experience in catering and private country clubs.

When not delighting taste buds at the café, Mark indulges in Jets and Bombers fandom, along with overseeing renovations at his St. Vital home. He also enjoys travelling, fishing and rocking the electric guitar.

Mark also has an open invitation for suggestions and requests for café offerings to anyone interested in culinary collaboration!

Visit Chef Mark at Storm Cafe today!



MANITOBA PROUD

The Manitoba Marathon kicks off on Sunday, June 16, and once again runners will be passing by MHC where DJ Abi will be inspiring them onward with some energetic sounds! Come add to the inspiration and cheer on marathon runners at the Sherbrook/Wolseley corner between 7:30 and 9 a.m.

To read up on the route and events check manitobamarathon.mb.ca

JOYFUL TIME



École Secondaire Kelvin High School Grade 11 and 12 students visited Misericordia Place on May 22 to share time and create connections across generations!