



# Registered Nurses Foundation of B.C.

## 32 Years Supporting Tomorrow's Nurses

Summer 2011



### *Never Forget You Are a Nurse - The Story of Kathleen and Gordon Murphy*

Looking back, Kathleen (Kathy) Murphy remembers joining a “Future Nurses Club” in high school, which led her to become a candy striper at the Castlegar Hospital, a small community hospital. But that’s not the only thing that inspired her to become a nurse. Born in Port Alberni and later raised in Vancouver and Castlegar, Kathy was the first born of four children so had some experience caring for others. Following graduation, Kathy explains, “nursing school provided a residence and an education” as well as many hours of nursing service.

After high school, Kathy attended one year of university at UBC before entering the VGH School of Nursing to obtain a Diploma in Nursing. During the year working at VGH she decided to continue her education by earning a Bachelor of Nursing degree at McGill University. Following graduation she taught in the St. Paul’s Hospital School of Nursing and then worked as a Nursing Coordinator in the hospital for the next seven and a half years. Kathy’s education path continued as she earned a Masters in Health Sciences from McMaster University followed by ten years working in Nursing Administration at the Richmond General Hospital.

While teaching at St. Paul’s Hospital School of Nursing and later working as a Nursing Coordinator, Kathy realized how an affordable avenue to earn a higher education turned into her realization of the significance and impact of being a nurse. “I was able to be a change agent in how nursing care was delivered”. While working with Audrey Murray, whom today she reflects back on as one of her greatest inspirations in nursing, Kathy was part of a number of innovative changes to improve patient care. This experience stays with Kathy today. Kathy's advice for new nurses is “To strive to provide the best patient care possible and to identify issues that are preventing the delivery of care so action can be taken to improve it”.

Having returned twice to university with limited funds, Kathy realized that so many more aspiring nurses and nursing students needed help.

She was impressed that RNFBC had one application for a number of available bursaries, so impressed that she became involved with the Foundation. For three years, Kathy was successful in chairing the Foundation's Capital Campaign, which raised not only the number of trust funds but also trust fund levels in the 1990's. Nearly twenty years later, Kathy is one of the Foundation's most dedicated leadership volunteers and supporters. As a member of the University Women's Club of Hycroft, Kathy is able to sponsor the RNFBC Annual Gala. Kathy became a Patron of RNFBC and was later awarded honorary membership.



Kathy and Gordon met when they attended an evening UBC course called "How to Lead the Single Life". They considered themselves course failures as they were married several years after meeting there.

Sadly, Kathy lost Gordon to Leukemia in 1995. She was inspired to establish the Gordon J. Murphy Memorial Bursary with RNFBC in memory of Gordon as "a generous and caring person who appreciated those who tried to better themselves and wished to give back to those who helped him". Today Gordon's memory lives on through the nursing students who are awarded Gordon's bursary each year. Kathy explains

"Gordon wished to help nurses returning to school as he had been greatly helped by nurses when he was ill. As a patient, he was impressed with those nurses who worked with patients who would not recover from their condition".

When asked if nurses make the world a better place, Kathy exclaims, "Yes!!" Kathy lives by her own advice to nurses, "Never forget you are a nurse, whether retired or not". RNFBC is honoured to have Kathleen Murphy as an active member of the Foundation today. We look forward to many more years of her support and leadership.



### **President's Message**

It is that wonderful time of year when summer is all around us. Yet, we can feel fall in the air. As summer draws to a close, I look back on RNFBC's remarkable success so far this year, success achieved as a result of the unwavering commitment and support of our loyal donors and volunteers. We not only honour and celebrate our donors, but celebrate the goals and accomplishments of our 100 bursary winners. We look ahead to a new wave of 2011 bursary applicants this September.

Looking ahead, you can read on page 6 of this newsletter about how you can join us on Thursday, October 27 at Hycroft Manor for RNFBC's 2011 Annual Gala Celebration.

On behalf of the 2011 Gala Committee, I invite to join us for wonderful refreshments and great company, while learning more about the value of the impact of RNFBC for nursing students advancing their education. And please do invite your friends and colleagues to the Gala.

The Gala is a time to recognize our 2010 bursary winners and our valued donors. Tickets are \$50 each and free for members of our Nurses' Circle. Please read more about how you can join the Nurses' Circle in this newsletter.

On the cover of this newsletter, you can also read the story of a valued donor of RNFBC and member of our Gala committee, Kathleen Murphy.

I would like to thank our Board and volunteers for all their hard work.

On behalf of the Board of RNFBC, thank you for your continued interest and support of our success and endeavors.

Yours Sincerely,

*Mary-Ann Wythe, RN, BSN, MBA*

## Nicole de Bosch Kemper and her Lifelong Dream



Nursing has been a lifelong aspiration for Nicole as it always had an impact on her life. Looking back, Nicole cannot remember a time that she did not want to be a nurse and help young children as she had always been helped when she was in and out of a hospital as a young child. There is one nurse who always stood out to her as exceptional; and, this nurse is the one that Nicole most remembers when looking back on times spent in the hospital. "I have always wanted to be that nurse to someone", Nicole remarks.

As a student in high school thinking about career options, Nicole thought about the positive impact of that particular nurse and thought it would be wonderful if she could be a nurse and have even one child remember her as the one who really made a difference. Having the ability to work with children and get them through a difficult period in their life has always been something that she thought she would find very rewarding.

Today, Nicole works on the pediatric ward at the Kelowna General Hospital as the Patient Care Coordinator. In this role she has the opportunity to work with children hands on and learn about a vast array of different illnesses and childhood diseases. A large part of Nicole's time is spent caring for children and adolescents with cancer. "I find this to be an extremely gratifying area of work and take great pride in the connections and relationships I am able to form with the kids that I see on a very regular basis.

It is always so rewarding to see how these children adapt to the situation they are faced with and overcome such great hurdles”.

Nicole is currently enrolled in a Masters of Science in Nursing at the University of British Columbia Okanagan and hopes to complete with her studies in the fall of 2011 with the support of RNFBC. Nicole is the most recent recipient of the Gordon J. Murphy Memorial Bursary. “RNFBC was able to provide me with financial help with my studies and lessen that burden immensely. The costs of continuing education are always increasing. This bursary has helped me towards achieving my goal of obtaining my masters degree and becoming patient care coordinator on the pediatric ward. The bursary that I was awarded was very fitting for my practice because a large part of my role includes oncology care and I am so grateful for it.”

Nicole learned about RNFBC through colleagues of hers who had taken post-graduate studies and had become familiar with the Foundation through schooling. When asked what she tells other nursing students about RNFBC, Nicole says, “RNFBC is a foundation that supports nursing and quality healthcare by giving us the opportunity to pursue our educational dreams. I hope to stay where I am and continue to care for children. It has always been my dream.”

RNFBC wishes Nicole every success in continuing to realize her dreams.

*Written by Sheri Urquhart based on an interview with Nicole de Bosch Kemper in August of 2011. Photo provided by Nicole de Bosch Kemper.*

## **RNFBC Bursary On-Line Application Update**

We are pleased to announce that the 2011 RNFBC Bursary Application Process will be changed to an on-line process this year. We are streamlining the application process to ensure a more efficient system for both the Bursary Committee of RNFBC and the hundreds of applicants that apply for RNFBC Bursaries each year.

Applications will be available on-line to the 2011 Bursary Applicants by early October. Please watch the RNFBC website for your opportunity to apply for a RNFBC Bursary this year.

We will be extending the deadline for on-line applications to November of 2011 due to our much anticipated changes.



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<p><b>WHO ARE WE?</b> RNFBC is a registered charity dedicated to the promotion of nursing education and research. Its purpose is to promote the advancement of nursing care through education and research. Through the Foundation, bursaries are provided to nursing students in all types of nursing programs.</p> <p><b>Board of Directors 2011-2012</b> <i>Arleigh Bell - Shelagh Brennan - Bernice Budz - Anne Earthy - Rosella Jefferson - Augustus E. Kops - Eva Mendez - Karen Ryall - Michael Sandler - Catherine Syms - Sharon Toohey - Mary Ann Wythe</i></p> <p><b>Honorary Members</b> <i>Pat Cutshall - Suzanne Forshaw - Kathleen Murphy - Don Ransom - Marilyn Willman</i></p> <p><b>Lifetime Patrons</b> <i>Howard Searle</i></p> <p><b>Patrons</b> <i>Vikram &amp; Kamal Bajwa - Tilly Bara - Grace Boudreau - Sondra Breen - Sandra Bruce - Laurel Brunke - Rob Calnan - Val Cartmel - Jane Cooley - Pat Cutshall - Suzanne Forshaw - Kris Gustavson - Kathleen Murphy - Helen Mussallem - Helen Niskala - Don Ransom - Pamela Ratner - Carolyn Sams - Anne Sutherland Boal - Linda von Tettenborn - Marilyn Willman</i></p>	<div data-bbox="1021 275 1243 453" data-label="Image"> </div> <p><b>RNFBC's website is located at the following address: <a href="http://www.rnfbc.ca">www.rnfbc.ca</a></b></p> <p>Information about the RNFBC can be found there including our mission and goals, our newsletters, bursary information, contacts, etc.</p> <p><b>You can donate to RNFBC by using the link on the website to <a href="http://CanadaHelps.org">CanadaHelps.org</a>. If you donate through CanadaHelps, you will be able to print your tax receipt immediately!</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.rnfbc.ca">www.rnfbc.ca</a></p> <p><b>In This Newsletter:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Never Forget You Are a Nurse – The Story of Kathleen and Gordon Murphy</b></li> <li>2. <b>Nicole de Bosch Kemper and her Lifelong Dream</b></li> <li>3. <b>2011 RNFBC Gala Announcement</b></li> </ol>
RNFBC BOARD MEETING DATES	WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE
<p><b>Board meetings planned for 2011:</b></p> <p>Monday October 17, 2011 5 pm</p> <p>Monday November 7, 2011 5 pm</p>	<p><b>Some ways you can help</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Become a member and renew your membership each year</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Let others know about RNFBC and encourage others to become members</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Make a donation to RNFBC (Please see pages 10-12)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ask about volunteering for our events</li> </ul>



*The Board of the  
Registered Nurses Foundation of  
BC invites you to attend the*

# *RNFBC 2011 Annual Gala Celebration*

*Invite your  
Friends & Colleagues*

*In Recognition of 2010  
Bursary Winners  
& Donors*

**Thursday, October 27, 2011**

5:30 to 8:30 pm  
Hycroft Manor  
1489 McRae Avenue  
Vancouver, BC  
(near 16th and Granville)

Come and celebrate 32 years of funding nursing students.  
Meet RNFBC members, bursary winners and donors.  
Learn how you can get involved.

Tickets: \$50 each  
To purchase your tickets, please contact the RNFBC office at:  
phone: 604.739.1944  
email: supportrnf@rnfbc.ca  
web: www.rnfbc.ca

## **Program**

Refreshments: 5:30 to 6:30 pm  
Program: 6:30 to 7:15 pm  
Refreshments: 7:30 to 8:30 pm

Silent Auction

If you are unable to attend, you  
may send your donation to:  
RNFBC  
P.O. Box 33957 Station D  
3405 Pine Street  
Vancouver, BC V6J 4L7

Tickets are Complimentary for  
2010 Bursary Winners, Nurses' Circle Members & Donors  
who have established a Bursary with RNFBC.





## RNFBBC Nurses' Circle Pledge Form

Members generously support RNFBBC with a gift of \$500 or greater. Individuals or organizations making a donation of \$500 or more annually will be recognized and enjoy benefits as members of the Nurses' Circle. As a member, your gift to RNFBBC will support our bursary programs while helping nursing students and professional nurses realize their career goals. To designate your gift to a particular bursary, please check out our Bursaries link at [www.rnfbc.ca](http://www.rnfbc.ca).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Yes, I would like to support tomorrow's nurse as a member of the Nurses' Circle with an Annual Gift:**

- At the \$500 level or \$41.67 monthly
- At the \$1,200 level or 100 monthly
- At the \$5,000 level
- Other amount \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your cheque payable to the **Registered Nurses Foundation of British Columbia (RNFBBC)** or include your credit card information below.

**Credit card number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Expiration Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Card Type** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name on Card** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

To become a Nurses' Circle member, please complete this form and mail to: **RNFBBC**  
P.O. Box 33957, Station D 2405 Pine Street Vancouver, BC V6J 4L7 Tel: 604-739-1944/604-521-5335 Web: [www.rnfbc.ca](http://www.rnfbc.ca) email: [supportrnf@rnfbc.ca](mailto:supportrnf@rnfbc.ca). We are a registered charitable organization. Our charitable registration # is 11911 4544 RR0001.

Thank you for your support!



**RNFBC**  
**P.O. Box 33957, Station D**  
**2405 Pine Street Vancouver, B.C. V6J 4L7**  
**Tel: 604-739-1944**

**Registered Nurses Foundation of British Columbia**

**Celebrate 32 Years of Supporting Tomorrow's Nurses 1979-2011**

**RENEW YOUR RNFBC MEMBERSHIP FOR 2011 NOW**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PROV:** \_\_\_\_\_ **POSTAL CODE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-MAIL** (please print clearly): \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIP DUES** (please check one):

**Patron:**

- Initial Patron .....\$500
- Continuing Patron (renewal)..... \$100
- Lifetime Patron (no renewal fee)...\$5,000

**Regular**

- Individual.....\$50
- Group/Corporation.....\$75

**Membership Dues Amount: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDITIONAL DONATION(S):**

I would like to make an additional donation to go to the following fund(s)

**Operating Fund** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Used to fund operations, allocate to Operating and General 40 Bursaries Reserve, or to add to amount of named bursaries' accrued interest in a given year, if needed.

**Founders Bursary** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

This bursary is new. RNFBC has designated matching funds from the General Operating Fund for the first \$30,000 donated. See website for more information.

**Other Bursary**

*Bursary name:* \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Additional Donation(s) Amount: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT DETAILS: Total Amount (Dues plus Donations): \$** \_\_\_\_\_

My cheque is enclosed. (*Cheques should be made payable to RNFBC and mailed to the address above.*)

Please charge my \_\_\_\_\_  VISA \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or  MASTERCARD \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for supporting our mission and vision!**