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Nursing Week event to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the Rockwood Training School for Nurses



(KINGSTON, Ont.) – “Nursing Practice and Public Policy: A Mandate to Care,” a free public lecture by Canadian Nurses Association President Dr. Barbara Mildon will occur Thursday, May 8th at 7pm at Providence Care – Mental Health Services (Auditorium) (752 King St. W) in celebration of Nursing Week (May 12-18) and the 125th anniversary of the Rockwood Training School for Nurses.

This is the fourth event in a series organized by the *Kingston Nursing Education Past and Present Group* in collaboration with the Museum of Health Care. The group is comprised of local nursing school alumni dedicated to exploring, remembering, and honouring contributions from

the nursing profession. This year's event is presented by the Kingston Psychiatric Hospital Nurses' Alumni and will focus on mental health and the history of psychiatric nursing.

Canadian Nurses Association President Dr. Barbara Mildon will deliver the keynote titled “Nursing Practice and Public Policy: A Mandate to Care.” Dr. Mildon will discuss some of the CNA's initiatives that relate to healthy public policy. Providence Care Archivist Megan Kerrigan will offer a pictorial history of the first 40 years of the Rockwood Training School for Nurses.

Following the presentation at Providence Care – Mental Health Services (Auditorium) (752 King St. W), attendees can enjoy refreshments, as well as a variety of visual displays. There will be historical and archival artefacts on display, as well as an opportunity to learn about the design of the new Providence Care Hospital.

“This will be our fourth event with the Kingston Nursing Education Past and Present Group,” says Jenny Stepa, Museum of Health Care Manager and Program Director. “The Museum is housed in the former Kingston General Hospital nursing student residence. We have close ties with nursing history, and

we are always looking for ways to share with the public the rich history of nursing education in Kingston,” she says.

Date& Time: Thursday, May 8, 2014, 7-9 pm

Location: Providence Care –Mental Health Services (Auditorium), 752 King St. W, Kingston, ON

Cost: Free

Parking: Free onsite parking at Providence Care

The Museum would like to thank Providence Care for providing the venue.

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