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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

"I am deeply honoured and excited to lead the Canadian Anesthesiologists' Society (CAS) as President for the next two years as a member of the CAS Executive. This is my first President's message."



As with all transitions, there are those who will be leaving the Executive or changing roles. My first duty is to thank Dr Douglas DuVal and Dr Daniel Bainbridge. Dr DuVal is completing his six-year term on the Executive and we are extremely grateful for the leadership and example he has set. Dr Bainbridge is moving into the role of Past President. I thank and congratulate Dr Bainbridge on his successful two-year tenure as President, including the launch of the Canadian Anesthesia Incident Reporting System (CAIRS) program. We encourage all members to champion the use and adoption of CAIRS across the country. Please view and submit your feedback and experiences online at www.caifs.ca as we count on you to continue to grow and develop CAIRS. Dr Bainbridge is also to be congratulated for his strong communication skills and the outstanding support he provided to the Canadian anesthesiology community in navigating the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thanks also to Dr Adriaan Van Rensburg, Annual Meeting Chair, for his expertise in organizing the 2020 Annual Meeting, and then leading the transition of the content into an engaging and relevant program for a two-day virtual meeting, which was no easy task. Thanks also go to Drs Jordan Tarshis and May-Sann Yee, past and current chairs of the Continuing Education Professional Development Committee, for their help in education and accreditation.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Dr Stephan Schwartz, PhD, FRCPC, as the incoming Editor-in-Chief of the *Canadian Journal of Anesthesia (CJA)* in January 2021. Dr Schwartz brings a wealth of medical publication experience and presents strong leadership and future vision for the *CJA*. We cannot thank Dr Hilary Grocott enough for the outstanding success he has achieved in leading the *Journal* over the past six years – providing a strong, well-established platform for Dr Schwarz and the *CJA* Board of Directors.

CAS members indicated their expectations that the Society provide the latest information and recommendations around the COVID-19 pandemic. Our spring and summer CAS COVID-19 webinars were an important part of our continued dedication to keeping our members educated and to keep the lines of communication open within the profession. Our attendance numbers at these webinars were strong (see the graphic on page 2) and, despite being an unprecedented busy time for us all, it was gratifying to see so many of us engaged in topics that are critical to the health of all Canadians. COVID-19 education and content were also featured and appreciated during the June 2020 virtual Annual Meeting. Your dedication to provide safe care to the patients we serve did not go unnoticed. Thank you to those members who

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took the time to speak and share their experiences and knowledge with their colleagues at these webinars. Please note that CAS, in partnership with the Canadian Anesthesia Research Foundation (CARF), has funded COVID-19 pandemic-related research.

CAS COVID-19 WEBINAR PARTICIPATION NUMBERS AT A GLANCE...

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

COVID-19: SAFETY - Protecting Yourself while Caring for Patients – PPE and More. 1,653 registrants, 1,085 attendees, over 2,500 views on YouTube

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

Doing Things Safely: Airway Management & COVID-19 Disease. 1,448 registrants, 1,228 attendees, nearly 2,000 views on YouTube

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

Physician Wellness: How to Maintain your Well-being during the COVID-19 Pandemic. 488 registrants, 372 attendees, nearly 1,000 views on YouTube

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

COVID-19 Diagnosis and Ventilator Management Strategies. 481 registrants, 360 attendees, 750 views on YouTube

SUNDAY, MAY 24

Resuming Elective Procedures. 577 registrants, 397 attendees, 400 views on YouTube

As we ease restrictions on surgical services to avoid unintended patient consequences of pandemic surgical delay, it is important that we continue to remain vigilant. Please know that CAS will continue to advocate for protection of healthcare workers and the ethical use of PPE and preoperative COVID-19 assessment using public health and infection prevention and control pandemic recommendations. As a reminder, the [CAS website](#) remains a valuable source for your education, with links to these webinar and online resources. Please be sure to utilize them.

By way of introduction, I grew up in St. John's, NL and completed my anesthesia residency in 1997 at Memorial University. I moved with my husband, Roger, and then young family to Nova Scotia in 1999 to complete an Obstetric Anesthesia Fellowship at the IWK Health Centre and an MSc in Clinical Epidemiology. It is 21 years later, and my husband and I now have three adult children attending university, and I lead an academic practice as Professor and Chief of the IWK Women's & Obstetric Department of Anesthesia in Halifax. Yet I locum in rural Nova Scotia community hospitals and thus I bring a broad depth of understanding of the practice of Canadian anesthesiologists.

My involvement with the CAS began in my final year of training when I joined as a resident member in 1997. I have a long track record of serving and representing

the Society on local and national committees and advocating for both patients and our profession. As professionals, anesthesiologists can impact change for patients and serve society through our excellent clinical care, research, education, and administration. Taking this further, anesthesiologists are well positioned within healthcare to influence system-level changes not only within our institutions, but also at both provincial and national levels. This allows us to advocate for patients and colleagues, and impact healthcare improvements in the ever-changing landscape of medicine.

As I look ahead, there are many significant areas that need our focus. While I plan to serve our community across all areas, it seems primary subjects needing our advocacy will be diversity and inclusion, physician wellness, and human resources. We created a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DE&I) working group in 2019. With the initial work of the group completed (assess organizational inclusiveness, ensure that any systemic biases or barriers are addressed and removed, develop and implement a diversity and inclusion statement), we transitioned the working group into an active CAS Committee, whose mandate will be to continue this work and ensure diversity and inclusion becomes embedded in all aspects of our daily work and in the fabric of the Society.

This focus meshes well into the area of physician wellness, which has become an area of emphasis and will continue to be so in the coming months and years as we strive to improve the health and wellness of Canadian anesthesiologists.

Finally, a key priority area for me will be health human resources. We have seen there are workforce issues with shortages in anesthesiologists across the country. I encourage you to engage in our profession and the Society, as we all have a stake and responsibility for the success and future of anesthesia as a specialty. We need open conversation and to help lead the dialogue. CAS has to become a strong advocate for solutions and provide input to stakeholders that will address this, both at national and local levels that support the profession and the provision of safe, timely, and equitable anesthesia care.

As I close, I would like to express the gratitude of the Executive Committee to Debra Thomson, CAS Executive Director, and the national office staff team for their outstanding commitment, leadership and management of the Society for our members. This small team of professionals work tirelessly behind the scenes to provide outstanding programs, services and benefits, and lead and manage all volunteer partnerships that make our Society run effectively and efficiently. Their focus on fiscal financial health has positively positioned CAS for the years ahead. Please take time to appreciate their work on your behalf.

As President, I hope to hear from you, our members, and represent all your voices from across Canada. I am very proud of our profession and all that you do. I look forward to serving you as CAS President. I can be reached at president@cas.ca.

Dr Dolores McKeen

THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO DR BAINBRIDGE AND DR DUVAL



Dr Daniel Bainbridge

CAS would like to thank Dr Daniel Bainbridge for the leadership, hard work, and dedication that he provided as CAS President. Dr Bainbridge now transitions into the Past President position, where he will continue to play a key role on the Executive Committee for another two years.



Dr Douglas DuVal

CAS would like to thank Dr Douglas DuVal as he completes his term as Past President and six years on the Executive Committee. His commitment to the Society, breadth of knowledge of the profession, and his ability to provide a CAS historical perspective were second to none. Doug was also widely appreciated by his colleagues and fellow CAS members.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO CAS MEMBERS ELECTED TO WORLD FEDERATION OF SOCIETIES OF ANAESTHESIOLOGISTS (WFSA) BOARD

CAS is pleased to announce that three CAS members have been elected to the Board and Council of the World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists (WFSA).



Davy Cheng, a Gold Medal and Research Recognition recipient has been elected Treasurer of the Board.



Dylan Bould, Chair of the Canadian Anesthesiologists' Society International Education Fund (CASIEF) has been elected to Council as the Canadian representative.

WFSA is a global network of National Societies that brings together qualified practitioners of this specialised area of medicine. The WFSA works to make safe anaesthesia universally accessible and to improve patient care around the world.



Adrian Gelb, CAS Gold Medal and Research Recognition winner, has been elected president and will serve 2020-2022. Having moved to the USA, he represents the ASA.

Congratulations Davy, Dylan and Adrian!



Mark your calendars!



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CURRENT AND INCOMING SECTION AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

INCOMING SECTION CHAIRS - 2020

Chronic Pain Section – Dr David Flamer, Toronto, ON
CVT Section – Dr Surita Sidhu, Hamilton, ON
Obstetric Section – Dr Valerie Zaphiratos, Montreal, QC
Perioperative Section – Dr Thomas Mutter, Winnipeg, MN
Residents – Dr Rabail Chaudhry, Toronto, ON

SECTION CHAIRS

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REPORT ON RESIDENT ENGAGEMENT, ADVOCACY AND PROFESSIONAL CITIZENSHIP IN CANADA

Dr Rohan Kothari and **Dr Janny Ke** recently published a report in the *Canadian Journal of Anesthesia (CJA)* on resident engagement, advocacy, and professional citizenship in Canada. Both Drs Kothari and Ke have been active members of CAS for several years. Dr Kothari served as the Resident representative on the Board from 2017-2019, and Dr Ke was the Residents' Section Chair from 2017-2018.

The article titled "Professional Advocacy and Citizenship: A Continuing Journey that Begins during Residency" explores the development of professionalism and advocacy in anesthesiology, with a focus on the role of residents. By combining research, case studies, and the results of national resident needs assessment surveys, the report identifies the important role early support plays in the development of anesthesiologists.

Feedback from Canadian residents clearly identifies key communication, career, and educational resources, financial supports, and social engagement targeting areas for ongoing improvement of resident engagement.

The report further examines the impact of professionalism and how it goes beyond clinical care, research, and education, and includes involvement in leadership and healthcare policy.

The report concludes that professional citizenship is crucial to the future of anesthesiology in Canada and must be nurtured starting in residency.

The full reports are available at these CJA links:

- link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s12630-020-01795-1
- rdcu.be/b6gML

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESIDENTS

Residents! Are you looking to expand your professional or personal network, learn important leadership skills, and beef up your resume? Consider joining one of several exciting opportunities available with CAS.

As we transition into evolving and unpredictable times, it is important for everyone to stay on top of the latest developments in anesthesia. A leadership role at CAS provides that kind of direct, professional, and invaluable experience. All resident roles are an excellent way to connect with colleagues across the profession, as well as having direct input on all new and existing resident initiatives. This includes creating and developing resident-specific programming at the CAS Annual Meeting.

Dr Rabail Chaudhry, current Chair of the Residents' Section, welcomes all applicants and outlines the goals of the Section for 2020 and beyond:

"The goal of the CAS Residents' Section is to be at your side at every stage of your career, providing support and resources to help you grow, learn, and lead. The COVID-19 crisis has brought additional challenges to life as a resident. This year, our focus is to help you during these challenging times to make your transition into residency and into independent practice easier with education and dedicated resources that give you the information you need to succeed. We are here to support your well-being and build a strong community."



Positive Feedback from Former Section Executives:

"I really enjoyed my time on the Residents' Section team. It was wonderful working with residents across the country to improve the resident experience at a national level. We learned a lot organizing the resident aspects of the Annual Meeting, and we are happy that CAS has been supportive of our various initiatives such as a bursary and the Simulation Olympics."

Janny Ke, Residents' Section Executive, June 2016-June 2018. Chair 2017-2018

"I am truly grateful for my time on the CAS Residents' Section Executive. I had the opportunity to learn from and work with leaders in anesthesiology nationally. More importantly, I worked with an exceptional team to try and improve resident mentorship, wellness, and increase exposure to the wonderful things that the Canadian Anesthesiologists' Society has to offer. The experience was one-of-a-kind!"

Naheed Jivraj, Residents' Executive, June 2017-June 2019. Chair 2018-2019



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DON'T MISS OUT - EXCITING AND ENGAGING POSITIONS:

Vice Chair (2 positions available):

Roles include creation of resident engagement initiatives, liaison between university representatives and CAS, organizing resident speaker sessions for the CAS Annual Meeting, and coordinating the SIM Olympics. Applicants entering this role will be transitioned to becoming the CAS Residents' Section Co-Chairs for the 2021-2022 year.

Communications Officer:

Roles include implementing resident outreach initiatives, maintaining the CAS Residents' presence on social media (Twitter and Facebook), organizing the Fellowship and Career Fair at the CAS Annual Meeting, and engaging university representatives in local events.

Finance Officer:

Includes managing the budget and collaborating with other members on the team on other projects throughout the year. The Finance Officer plays a key role in allocating and distributing funds between the CAS Residents' Section activities and the SIM Olympics.

NEW IN 2020! Wellness Officer:

The Wellness Officer initiates resident wellness initiatives by following up with and supporting local wellness committees at different universities. The Officer also is the lead liaison with the CAS Wellness Committee and leads the resident mentorship program and related activities during the CAS Annual Meeting.

Looking for something streamlined to your anesthesia interests? CAS also has several resident representative roles on CAS committees, listed below:

NEW! Awards Committee:

The Awards Committee considers the qualities, qualifications and contributions of all nominees for the Honour Awards, ensuring that the awards are bestowed on those individuals who have distinguished themselves by the character of their contribution to CAS, the profession and/or the community. The Awards Committee is also responsible for setting eligibility criteria, nomination rules, and scoring guidelines.

Canadian Anesthesiologists' Society International Education Foundation (CASIEF) Resident Council:

The successful candidate will help represent the trainee voice, help to grow CASIEF's network of like-minded residents and fellows, and find new ways to spread the word about important international work. Interested candidates who are currently in PGY1-4 should submit a one-page letter outlining their interest and motivation to participate as a member of the CASIEF Resident Committee. This letter should be submitted to resident@casief.ca.

Continuing Education and Professional Development Committee (CEPD):

The CEPD Committee is responsible for advising the Board on all matters regarding Maintenance of Certification and the continuing professional development of members in anesthesia and related fields.

Committee on Anesthesia Care Team (COACT):

COACT is responsible for advising the CAS Board of Directors on matters pertaining to anesthesia regarding developments within the allied health fields and particularly regarding Anesthesia Assistants.

Archives and Artifacts Committee (A&A Committee):

The A&A Committee is responsible for organizing and preserving printed documents, audiovisual recordings, pictures (archives), and objects (artifacts) of historical significance to CAS and to anesthesia in Canada. Among its numerous other responsibilities, the A&A Committee oversees the development, planning and organization of the History Section of CAS' web page and the History Symposium at the CAS Annual Meeting.

If you are interested in any of the positions listed, please send an email expressing your interest along with your CV to casresidents@gmail.com. Don't miss out on an opportunity to make a difference.



2021 RESEARCH PROGRAM

The research program provides essential funds to develop and grow Canadian anesthesia research. The 2021 research program offers two types of research grants through CARF: Operating Grants and the CAS Career Scientist Award in Anesthesia.

**Program is open from October to December
Deadline is December 22, 2020**

For more information and updates, please visit:
www.cas.ca/research-program



PROGRAMME DE RECHERCHE

Le programme de recherche procure des fonds essentiels pour faire évoluer et croître la recherche en anesthésie au Canada. Le programme de recherche 2021 offre deux types de subventions de recherche par l'entremise de la FCRA : les subventions de fonctionnement et la Bourse de carrière de recherche de la SCA dans le domaine de l'anesthésie.

**Le programme est ouvert d'octobre à décembre
La date limite est le 22 décembre 2020**

Pour de plus amples renseignements et des mises à jour, veuillez visiter :
<http://www.cas.ca/programme-de-recherche>



2021 HONOUR AWARDS PRIX DE DISTINCTION

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS! APPEL DE CANDIDATURES!

Enhance the profession and spread inspiration by nominating an outstanding colleague for one of several prestigious awards—to join an exclusive group of previously recognized CAS members.

Visit www.cas.ca/honourawards for submission instructions and information.

The deadline for **nominations** is **November 30, 2021.**

Améliorez la profession et partagez l'inspiration en présentant la candidature d'un collègue remarquable à l'un de ces prestigieux prix—pour joindre un groupe exclusif de membres de la SCA récompensés précédemment.

Visitez www.cas.ca/prixdedistinction pour toutes informations et instructions pertinentes à la soumission.

Date limit de soumission **pour les candidatures** est **30 Novembre, 2021.**

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'BEHIND THE SCENES' AT CAS



FAREWELL TO IRIS LI

CAS has bid a fond farewell and best of luck to our colleague, Iris Li, Director, Finance, HR & IT.

In late July, Iris left CAS to pursue a new career at a large organization with significant growth potential. Since 2014, Iris has been a key leader and contributor to the national office staff team, as well as a key resource to Debra Thomson, Executive Director, and the CAS Treasurer, in ensuring the financial health of the organization. She worked with the team to find ways to achieve a positive financial position at year-end and to grow CAS reserves to fund important Society projects.

Iris contributed in many additional ways, including her work with our foundations, her presence at the Annual Meeting, and especially with her office staff.

"I truly enjoyed working at the CAS," notes Iris. "During my six years here, I have learned so much and expanded my portfolio beyond finance and accounting. I would like to thank all the staff and Board members for the support I have received over the

years, and especially Debra for her guidance and the opportunities she provided me. I am truly fortunate to have worked with so many wonderful people and on such a collaborative team!"

Iris was known for her hard work, financial savvy, dedication to CAS, sense of humour, and friendly demeanour. In the office, she was always open to answering any questions and quickly made everyone feel welcome. She spearheaded the IT requirements for several important projects for CAS, including the recent website reconstruction and the technical integration of CAS' educational programming platform to the membership database.

Debra noted that "Iris was the only team member at CAS longer than me. She was extremely helpful in supporting my onboarding and always provided an extraordinary ability to support others in their roles. She was a soft-spoken, shy young woman when we first came together, and she showed tremendous growth in herself over the years – in her role, poise, experience, and strength. Her new employer will greatly benefit from her outstanding financial acumen, work ethic, and ability to lead others. We became good friends and I will miss her."

CAS thanks Iris for her years of service and wishes her all the best in the years to come.



WELCOME TO ALICE YUAN

CAS is pleased to welcome Alice Yuan as the new Director, Finance, HR & IT. Alice brings 10+ years of financial strategic planning, budgeting, forecasting, financial analysis, and reporting experience to CAS. With business acumen from working across a spectrum of industries in both the not-for-profit and for-profit sectors, Alice steps into her new role.

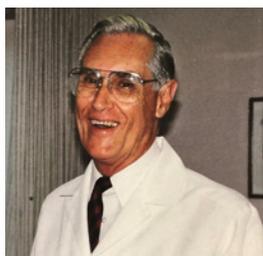
The CAS team looks forward to working with Alice!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ANA KANWAL

On July 15, Ana Kanwal, our Administrative and Finance Assistant, welcomed her daughter, Suzanne into the world. We wish the family much joy and happiness, and look forward to welcoming Ana back to her role next year.



IN MEMORIAM: DR GRAHAM H MCMORLAND (1926-2020)



Dr Graham Hugh McMorland passed away in his sleep on August 1, 2020 at his home in South Africa with his wife, Elizabeth (Beth), by his side. A long-time member of the Canadian Anesthesiologists' Society (CAS) and the Society for Obstetric Anesthesia and

Perinatology (SOAP), he was well-known for his interest (and love) of obstetric anesthesia.

Graham was born in Pretoria, South Africa. Towards the end of World War II, he served two years in the Royal Navy before attending medical school at the University of Cape Town. Following graduation in 1951, he and Beth did medical mission work in Nyasaland (now Malawi) where he became assistant Medical Director of Malamulo Mission Hospital and then Medical Superintendent. In 1956, he entered residency training in anesthesiology at King Edward VIII Hospital in Durban, obtaining his Diploma in Anaesthesia from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of England in 1959. He then practised in Northern Rhodesia (Zambia).

In 1963, Graham and his family immigrated to Hamilton, Ontario, where he practised for several years. In 1970, he crossed the country to join the Department of Anesthesia at Vancouver General Hospital. There he pursued his interest in obstetric anesthesia, eventually taking on the mantle of Head of the University of British Columbia's (UBC) Division of Obstetric Anesthesia. When the new women's hospital (an amalgamation of the obstetric departments of Grace Hospital and Vancouver General Hospital) opened in 1982 he became Head of the Department of Anesthesia. The new hospital was known first as Grace Hospital and later as BC Women's Hospital, the largest obstetric hospital in Canada. He was a respected leader in the hospital and attained the rank of Clinical Professor at UBC. Retiring from practice in 1991, he was honoured by UBC with an appointment as Professor Emeritus. In 1997, Graham and Beth moved to Mexico, returning to Vancouver in 2000. They ultimately found the winters too cold and in 2011 returned to South Africa. His later years were complicated by myelodysplastic syndrome.

While Head of the Department at BC Women's Hospital, Graham fostered obstetric anesthesia research and was responsible for establishing the fellowship program which continues to this day. The early fellows included Drs John Fuller and Chantal Crochetiere, both now well-

known in CAS and SOAP circles. Graham mentored students, fellows and staff, many who became stalwarts in the CAS and SOAP. His research publications included the effect of pH adjustment of local anesthetics, post-caesarean delivery analgesia (epidural morphine, PCA for post-general anesthesia cesarean analgesia) and spinal anesthesia. He encouraged the first studies in patient-controlled epidural analgesia (PCEA) for obstetric analgesia and collaborated with the UBC Department of Pharmacology on studies of metoclopramide.

Graham received many honours: the B.C. Anaesthetists' Society Service Award, the Gold Medal of the Canadian Anesthesiologist' Society (CAS) – its highest honour – and was President of SOAP in 1983-84. He was active in the Obstetrics Section of the CAS and co-authored its statement on bupivacaine toxicity with respect to obstetrics. As an active member of the World Federation of Societies of Anesthesiologists (WFSA), he co-edited the Handbook of Obstetric Anesthesia with Dr Gertie Marx in 1992. Known for his dry wit and excellent speaking skills, he was a sought-after speaker/teacher throughout the world.

Graham was active in a smoking cessation program (5-Day Stop Smoking Plan) and while in Vancouver, he hosted a phone-in radio program answering medical questions (always referring people back to their own physician). He had many interests outside of medicine such as sailing, reading, and learning new languages (proficient in some, in others he was able to make himself understood). He was a lifelong learner, well before that became a buzzword, and was deeply religious. In his early medical career, he and Beth served on medical missions. They continued that following his retirement and provided medical services in refugee camps in Rwanda.

Graham will be remembered as a superb clinician, mentor, teacher, researcher, and leader. He was an inspiration to all who were privileged to work with him. He loved meeting new people and helping people reach their full potential. He laughed easily and often. He was always a gentleman. He treated both men and women with respect. Dr Graham McMorland will be sorely missed.

Graham is survived by his wife Beth, daughters Elizabeth and Patricia, five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. They were his joy and delight.

Joanne Douglas, C.M., M.D., FRCPC

IN MEMORIAM: DR. JOHN JEREMY LEWIS CROSBY (1936-2020)



Dr. John Crosby was born in Nuneaton, England and attended medical School at St Thomas' Hospital in London and graduating in 1961. Following House Surgeon positions in London and Leister, and a period of time as an anatomy

lecturer, John came to Canada where he spent some happy years as a full-service family physician on the Sunshine Coast in Gibsons. He did additional training in anesthesia at the Vancouver General Hospital and achieved his Royal College Fellowship in Anesthesia in 1974.

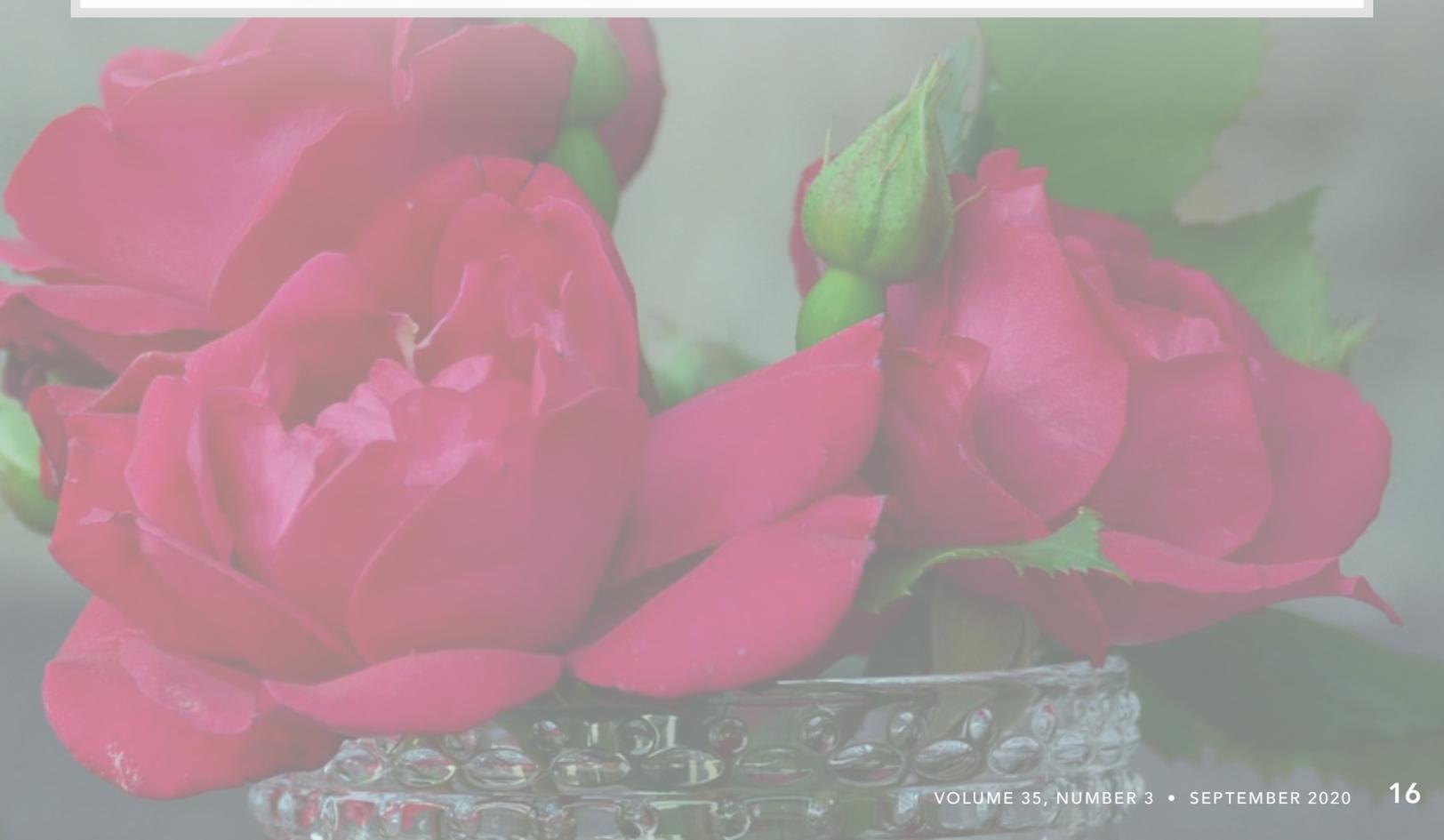
John worked at St. Paul's Hospital until 1977, moving to a position at the Royal Columbian Hospital (RCH) in New Westminster. He had a long and fruitful career at the RCH as a general anesthesiologist and with an interest in chronic pain midway through his career, and which led him to co-found the Diagnostic and Therapeutic Nerve Block Clinic in the Royal Columbian and Eagle Ridge hospitals.

During the course of John's career, he held the title of Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine in Anesthesia at the University of British Columbia (UBC), and he served the community as Head of the Department of

Anesthesia at Royal Columbian Hospital from 1984-86, on the Executive of the B.C. Anaesthetist's Society from 1982-87 including as Chairman from 1984-86, as a Member of Council of the Canadian Anaesthetist's Society from 1983-86, and as a member of the Standards Committee from 1985-87. He retired from anesthesia practice in 1997 but continued treating patients with chronic pain until 2002. He was consistently described by his patients and colleagues as a gentleman, dedicated physician, and a great mentor.

John was also very musically talented, writing and performing music often in the form of skits. He was a dedicated member of the Vancouver Welshman's Choir for 28 years, serving on the music committee as well as arranging music that the choir still sings to this day. When not in song or 'passing gas,' John could be found in his garden getting incredible satisfaction from each flower and plant while raging against each weed and slug. He loved spending time with friends and family, whether it was on the tennis court, golf course, gathered around a piano, in raucous debate or sharing a naughty joke, always with a twinkle in his bright blue eyes.

He is survived by his wife, Marijke, his two daughters, Mariette White (Ed) and Michelle Crosby (Joel Bridle), and four grandchildren.





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