



# Alere Flammam

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## “Thanks for the Memories”

### 150TH REUNION

Wow! To quote the Rovers, wasn't that a party? We hope that you all had as much fun as we did at the Reunion. It was wonderful to share memories and experiences of the old school and catch up on what we've all been doing for the last decade or so. I can't believe it's over already (and I wonder what the others would think if I started talking about 160th...).

We will be putting together a full edition of the Lisgar Alumni Newsletter early in the New Year to give a full report on the Reunion. This is just a quick note to ask for your contribution to the issue by sending in your Reunion Weekend stories and highlights or even pictures that you would like to share with the rest of the Alumni. We don't want to have to wait until the next reunion to hear and see them.

For a taste of what we're looking for, see “Thanks for the Memories”; submitted by Kathy Early Ullrich, class of 1963; an Alumni Executive stalwart.

### IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR

and a privilege to work in association with so many dedicated people in preparing for Lisgar's 150th Anniversary. The incredible skills, energy and cooperation of Lisgar staff, students and fellow Alumni Executive were evident in the success of the numerous events held during the four-day reunion.

This wonderful celebration was the culmination of several long years of collaboration and anticipation. Throughout that time, most of you were simply names on a mailing list or on a newsletter label to many of us. Then, on October 9, an amazing event occurred.

A small but enthusiastic group collected at the Congress Centre to take on the challenge of transforming a large banquet room into a welcoming gathering-place for 1500 Lisgar Alumni and friends. As the last balloon was attached to table 151, I have to admit, we were thrilled with the result. Moments before the doors



to the ballroom room were opened, all was finally in order: the candles were lit, the balloons were still airborne and the flowers blooming.

All this paled in comparison to the view from the podium once everyone arrived! The tables were then filled by hundreds of loyal Lisgarites, that is, students, staff and friends. The room radiated with the glow of old friends reunited and reminiscing of the glory days of so long and not so long ago! Suddenly there were faces to go along with those names and what we had been striving for since the 140th, had been achieved! Thank you for being there! Alere Flammam.

— Kathy Early Ullrich

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# Message from the Chairperson

**IT'S REALLY HARD TO** believe that the Alumni Association, which was organized only 10 years ago, has grown to include 4000 members and has just completed what looks like a very successful 150th anniversary celebration.

From getting the structure and executive committee of the Association in place, establishing a regular newsletter, building our membership lists to extraordinary numbers, to taking on special project on behalf and with the support of alumni and Lisgar students and staff, we've come a long way!

The 150th weekend was the culmination of a lot of hard work and a lot of fun over those 10 years. Some of the highlights for me include:

- working as a volunteer with an amazingly talented and dedicated executive committee of alumni and staff representing the decades from the 30s to the 90s;
- witnessing the regeneration of the special feeling we all have for Lisgar in the current student body—the old school spirit is alive and prospering;
- seeing a history of Lisgar in print after following through the stages from conception of an idea and recruiting Joan Finnegan as our editor to fund raising, design, production, printing, sales and



distribution—and to have the end product look so good and be so well received by alumni, what a bonus! The challenge now is to sell the book so we can meet our financial obligations. So, if you haven't already purchased a copy for yourself or for someone else, we still have a supply at the original price of \$25. (It is available in selected book stores for 39.95) What a great Christmas gift for a parent, student or friend!

- seeing former teachers such as Walter Mann among the 7000 or so alumni who travelled great distances to be with us;
- meeting and listening to the inspirational words of the oldest grad attending, Brigadier-General Stanley Todd;
- having Lisgar's former principals take part as head table guests along with alumni such as Mayor Holtzman, Dianne Loeb and

Adrienne Clarkson; and

- having Rich Little once again generously donate his time and humour.

As someone said to me during the festivities, the weekend wasn't so much a reunion as it was a pilgrimage for many alumni. Once again, Lisgar alumni from near and far congregated to revive the special feeling and memories of the grand institution as they proudly celebrated the Sesquicentennial.

If I have any regrets, it is that more grads from my own era did not participate. Oh well, I have something to work toward for the next reunion (160th?).

For those of you who did take part, thanks for making the experience memorable. And for those of you who could not join us, we look forward to the next time. Meanwhile, keep in touch with us. Drop us a line; send a note about your 150th experience and we'll publish it in the newsletter. And keep sending the names of alumni to add to our mailing list.

On behalf of the Alumni Association executive committee, I wish all alumni and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

— Jim Kerr

*Chairperson, Executive Committee,  
Lisgar Alumni Association*



# Hot Tips for Christmas Gifts

## Get your Lisgar History Book

The best kept secret is the history of Lisgar by Joan Finnigan. It really shouldn't be called a history — it's more like reading a diary of the school. Joan has combined copies of the Vox, newspaper articles, diaries of students and teachers, and above all, pictures and more pictures to weave a fascinating tapestry of this old grey building. The book has been released to area bookstores where it may be purchased for \$39.95, but if you order now, you can still buy a copy (some of them autographed by editor Joan Finnigan) from the Alumni Association at the bargain price of \$25!

Alumni President, Jim Kerr, reported surprise and delight to find a picture of his father in this volume. Some of us Fifties grads found a reproduction of a page from the Vox with a football game (players, cheerleaders and spectators-remem-

ber the squealing piglet?) we saw and played at St. Pat's on Echo Drive in the late 1950's. Check out your local bookseller (it's on display at Shirley Leishman Books in the Westgate Mall) and have a look. If you can't find a picture of yourself, a relative or someone you know in this book. I'd be really surprised! Act now, they're going fast.

"So great to see my Dad!"

— *Jim Kerr,*

*Alumni Association President*

"It's a fascinating bit of history. I found myself reading about specific days or events and thinking, I remember that."

— *War veteran,*

*Father of Alumni Member*

## Reunion Video

Did you desperately want to see the fashion show but were too busy blowing up balloons at the Congress Centre? Did you have such an amazing time reliving your high school days that you wish you could do it all over again? Or did you miss the whole thing?

If you answered *yes* to any of these questions or you would just like to add to your video collection have we got the answer for you!

A sixteen minute video showing

highlights of the Reunion celebrations from Blue and Grey Night to the Banquet at the Congress Centre has been produced by Lisgar students and staff under the expert eye of Audio/Visual Whiz Neil Petrie. Hurry to get your orders in time for Christmas (that means we need your order ASAP!).

\$15.00 each (taxes included) plus \$2.50 shipping and handling. Make cheques out to "Lisgar 150".

## ORDERING

You can order your copy of the Lisgar History Book, the Reunion Video plus any of the other Lisgar 150th memorabilia from the order form on the last page. The membership form is inside the back cover.

## Time for Membership Renewal

The Lisgar Alumni Association would like to remind all members that your membership fees for 1994 are now due. Please fill out the enclosed membership form and sent us your cheque or money order made out to the Lisgar Fund for \$10 per membership plus any donation.

Consider a gift membership for

an old Lisgar friend. Tax receipts for donations will be issued.

We need a much greater renewal rate that the current in order to continue to mail the newsletter to all Alumni. With mailing and printing costs increasing continually, we need your help.

Please send in your renewal now!



# Lisgar History Book

Here is a sample of one of the pages in the Lisgar History Book. The book contains hundreds of pictures from 1843 to 1993.

*The glory and the ecstasy, the mud and cold of a Lisgar "Football Friday" of the Fifties. Classes were condensed for school closure at 1:30. After one of these games the Students' Council sponsored its annual Football Dance. From the Vox Lycei 1958-59.*





# 1994 Alumni Membership Form

Date

Surname

First Name

Maiden Name

Address

Telephone Number

Postal Code

Final Year at Lisgar

## Alumni Memberships

- Self \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_
- Spouse \_\_\_\_\_
- Gift Membership (please supply name, address, and final year at Lisgar below) \_\_\_\_\_

## Donations:

### *Alumni Association Projects*

- History Book \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Scholarships/ Bursaries \_\_\_\_\_
- Newsletter \_\_\_\_\_
- Other; please specify: \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

## Total Amount Enclosed

\_\_\_\_\_

*Please make your cheque or money order payable to "The Lisgar Fund" and forward with this completed page to:*

The Lisgar Alumni Association  
29 Lisgar Street, Ottawa  
K2P 0B9

*All donations except Alumni Association Membership are tax deductible and tax receipts will be issued.*

**Please see reverse for Memorabilia Form**

# Sesquicentennial *Memorabilia*

The 150th Celebrations were a smashing success from all reports. Your Alumni Executive members were delighted with the terrific turnout, the spirit of the attendees, and the many letters of appreciation received since the weekend. Thank you one and all for your support.

The History Book has been selling well. However, we have not reached our goal of selling at least 3000 copies. We are appealing to every Lisgarite who has not yet had an opportunity to purchase one to do so now! It makes a wonderful read and is guaranteed to bring back some terrific memories.

Obviously, your purchase will help to pay the Associations costs related to the publication. Joan Finnigan (class of '43) has certainly produced a book in which we all can take pride. Please purchase one for yourself or for a Lisgar friend or relative — they make a wonderful gift.

A few other items of memorabilia remain and we are selling them at a reduced cost as we cannot store them in the school much longer. Prices include applicable taxes. Breakable items such as mugs must be picked up at the school, but all other items will be shipped on request.

Please complete the order form below specifying for each item you want to order: item code number, item name, quantity, colour, and size, where applicable. Thank you.

Item No.	Description	Price	Shipping & Handling
L001	<i>History Book</i> · a 340 page history of Lisgar with over 200 photos and lots of information about Lisgar's 150 years, written by Lisgar alumna Joan Finnigan	\$25.00	\$10.00
L002	T-Shirt · white or gray, with "150" design. Sizes available: S, M, L, XL	\$8.00	\$3.00
L003	Mug · beautiful blue ironstone, with Lisgar's new official Coat of Arms	\$7.00	N/A
L004	Coasters · set of 4 metal coasters featuring Lisgar's Coat of Arms	\$12.00	\$2.00
L005	Pen · beautiful custom design high-quality Lisgar pen	\$20.00	\$1.00
L006	Colour Print · Lisgar in 1990s, limited edition	\$25.00	\$5.00
L007	Hasti-Notes · featuring pen and ink sketch of LCI	\$5.00	\$1.00
L008	"Old School Tie" · blue and gray, featuring Lisgar's traditional crest design	\$15.00	\$2.00
L009	Recording · a superb audio cassette recording of Lisgar's very best orchestral musicians of 1992-93, produced by recording engineers from McGill University. Selections vary from Vivaldi to Tchaikovsky.	\$5.00	\$2.50

## *Memorabilia Order Form*

Item #	Item Name	Quantity	Size	Colour	Price Each	Shipping & Handling	Total Price
<b>Total Price</b>							