



Alere Flammam

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Editor Retires After Almost 10 Years

Our Alumni newsletter editor, Pat Hood (Pearce, '59) has submitted her resignation. In spite of our valiant attempts to convince her not to leave, it is with great regret we say goodbye to the longest serving editor in the newsletter's history.

Since the newsletter's inception in 1984, the members have been well served by all three editors, the late Gerry Diamond ('35), Ken Medland ('77) and of course, Pat. For those of us who have received every issue since 1984, the quality of the articles, photos, and look of the semi-annual publication have improved markedly over the years. While we have had great assistance from other alumni who contributed their computer desktop publishing skills to the physical layout in recent years, the editorial content, the stories and the photos which have reflected our Association and history of our school so well are the sole accomplishment of the editor. Pat has done a magnificent job in the past years.

Her love for dear old Lisgar but especially for its alumni motivated her to create each edition with great care, respect, flair and not a little sense of humour. She often accomplished this feat while juggling her duties as a professional editor, mother, homemaker, house and ranch sitter for friends, and more recently a proud grandmother. Her great sense of humour, commitment and high energy will be what we will remember and miss the most.

We have to believe that Pat would not have resigned if it

weren't for a number of recent family and personal responsibilities which require a great deal more of her attention, time and energy. We know she will meet these new challenges with her usual high energy, sense of humour and creativity. She will continue to support the Association and its work in other ways. We wish her the very best.

We cannot let this great publication fail, so we asked Pat to write an honest job description. We are seeking another alumus or alumna to come forward and maintain the high editorial standards Pat has established. Join a team of fun-loving Lisgarites who serve the Association and have some good times doing it. If you are willing and interested, please contact phood@lisgar.net or darrand@lisgar.net. ■

Help Wanted!

If you are interested in people, history, educational innovation at your old alma mater, **have we got a job for you!** And the requirements?

- monthly Alumni Association meetings through the school year, collecting material
- concentrated work for a week or so twice a year – spring and fall to set theme or tone of issues
- choose the items and letters for publication with co-editor
- basic editing skills to maintain the newsletter style
- basic writing skills to tie bits together or flesh out an idea

It isn't hard to get enough material for issues. In fact, it's much harder to select what we print. Members send in ideas and stories, and we get letters, lots of letters – usually way too many to publish all we get.

It is a lot of fun to work with Alumni, and you reconnect with former classmates and make new friends. And sometimes you even get your lunch bought for you!

Reunion Update

Lisgar celebrates its 160th Anniversary in 2003-2004. The organizing committee of alumni needs your reactions and help **now**. If you have ideas, talents or suggestions for the event, we want to hear them. You can write us, e-mail us, telephone us or even fax us through the school. (See the address box on page 2.) If you live in the Ottawa area and want to join the organizing committee or one of the sub-committees for various planned activities, please contact us immediately. We hope to have an info page on our Web site soon and to make it interactive so members can comment or make suggestions on the plans as they are being developed.

Why hold a reunion to celebrate the 160th? The last reunion was held in 1993 (the 150th). Based on your letters and enquiries, it was clear to the executive that many of you would like to get together again.

And who knows what lies ahead for our alma mater? Under current provincial funding rules, every board of education is looking at every school under its jurisdiction with a view to closing "surplus" schools to ensure the board will receive the necessary funding to build new schools required in the growing suburbs. This has put inner city schools under some threat of closure. As an inner city school, could Lisgar be a casualty?

In the newly amalgamated board of education with its hundreds of schools, Lisgar is seen as just one of many rather

than the special school it once was. Lisgar has a great young teaching staff of whom we are proud, but few are particularly knowledgeable about the school's great history or traditions. So who is going to champion Lisgar's cause? The parents who are sending their children to Lisgar, and we the alumni who believe its 158 years of service to Ottawa students should continue may be the only supporters Lisgar has.

Who knows what lies ahead?

Following are some of the preliminary ideas being considered by the organizers currently at work. Please let us know what you think. Are we on the right track to celebrate a 160th homecoming?

The 160th Reunion will be held on the weekend of May 28-30, 2004. This is the suggested general outline:

Friday

- Student-staff organized assembly (guests to be confirmed)
- golf tournament at local course
- Registration, meet and greet (at the school)
- Reception at one of several suggested places: the new City Hall (right next door!), a hotel, the Cartier Drill Hall, with celebrity guests, speaker or entertainment

Saturday

- Registration/alumni assembly with guest(s), speaker? entertainment? Perhaps a special class (as with Walter Mann — do you have a teacher you want to hear?) [please turn to page 5]

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Sad News

It is with deep regret that we announce that our oldest former teacher, Marion Meech, has died in Toronto, at the age of 94, just as we went to press. Donations may be made to the Lisgar Fund for the Marion Meech history award. Send us your memories for the spring issue of the newsletter.

Members' Forum

E-mail received just after the Spring Newsletter was mailed.

I am writing to end the debate over who is the guy "down the hole." He was my older brother Alex Gray. That picture was taken in the fall of 1951 when I was in Grade 9 at Lisgar and Alex was Captain of the Senior football team. Alex left Lisgar after Christmas that year and joined the Canadian Army. He was killed on April 16, 1953 while serving as a Stretcher Bearer with the 3rd Battalion P.P.C.L.I. during the Korean War at the age of 21. He is buried at the United Nations Cemetery in Pusan. His name is on the Memorial Plaque in the front hall at Lisgar but for some reason is spelled "Alec" but maybe because that's how most of his friends pronounced his name including Basil Clark. Baz was Head Boy at Lisgar the previous year (1950-51) but Baz and Alex did bear a striking resemblance because they were both fair haired, with wide grins and stocky builds. They were also good friends.

My husband and I were hardly outstanding students at Lisgar but Grant did shine on the basketball court and we enjoy

scanning the newsletter to find familiar names.

Ruth (Gray) Cawsey
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E-mail received at the Alumni office over the summer:

Where Are They Now?

Arnie Schaefer ('63) is currently the VP Human Resources with the Rouge Valley Health System in Scarborough and Ajax Ontario. We both recently discovered that we had both gone to Lisgar in the 60s. He encouraged me to respond to the "Where are they now?" request. I graduated from Lisgar and was Head Boy in 1965 with Heather Buchanan who was head girl. My three other siblings were all Lisgar grads; Doug attended Lisgar from 1958 to 1960; Barbara graduated in 1968 and Susan in 1973. Having moved around in the health and social services field for the past 30 years with stints in West Africa, Churchill, Manitoba, Toronto, Calgary, Windsor, Bermuda, I am back in Toronto as President of the Rouge Valley Health System.

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Former Lisgarites as teachers

I have read, with the usual delight, the latest issue of *Alere Flammam*. It does remind me of many things concerning Lisgar and my time there. One of these reminiscences is perhaps a bit unusual but I would like to hear what your readers think about it. The principal of Lisgar during my time as a student was the admirable Wright Neil. He made it a practice (apparently it was something of a tradition) of encouraging people to go into teaching especially into teaching at Lisgar. When I graduated in 1967 he spoke to me about the possibility of teaching at Lisgar and hired me two years later as a supply teacher (and was

In Memoriam

Adelberg, Rosaline(Roz) (neé Shoihet, 1946) died in Kitchener on December 15, 2001. Wife of (late) Jack Adelberg, survived by children Mike and Marcy, and brother David. A singer at Lisgar, Roz enjoyed music throughout her life.

Barrett, Basil Henry Alexander (Baz) (1944) died March 17, 2002. He is survived by his loving wife Grace and children Kent, Dale, Scott, Susan, Greg, Larry and Marsha, and 10 grandchildren. While at Lisgar, Baz was active in Hi-Y.

Bower, Robert R. (1941) died at home in Twin Falls, Idaho, in September 2002. Following wartime service in the RCAF, he graduated from McGill in medicine, serving for nine years in Pembroke before moving to the United States in 1964. He was the husband of Eleanor, father of Jeanie, Dorothy and Judith, and grandfather of eight.

Charron, René Félix (staff 1960-89), died on November 6, 2002 in Ottawa. He was the husband of Marena Wigmore and the late Madonna McGee, father of Darlene, Alan, Chantal, Marc and Melissa, and "Papi" to Jayden-Anthony-René. *[The Spring issue will feature reminiscences of his time at Lisgar.]*

Cohen, Ruth (1941) died suddenly in Bethesda, Maryland, on September 14, 2001. She was predeceased by her husband Seymour Silverman and brother Morris (1940). She is survived by children Suzanne, Jeffrey and Katherine Jane.

Ferguson, Douglas E. (1944) died in Grimsby on August 14, 2002. He was the beloved husband of Margot (Carling-Kelly) and the late Ruth (Owen), father of Lynne, Jill, Ken and Brenda, and grandfather of six. He played on the senior hockey team at Lisgar.

Gibson, Warren (1950) in Ottawa on September 5, 2002. He leaves his brother Robert and sister Beth Anne Exham. Predeceased by his youngest son, Andrew, he was the father of Bob O'Reilly, Dan Gibson and Erin McFarlane, and grandfather of five.

Herringer, Dr Thomas M. (1941) died in Thunder Bay on July 16, 2002. He leaves his wife Connie, children Matthew, Andrew, Caroline, Philip and Claudia, brother Richard and sister Barbara.

Lay, Robert (1949) died in Ottawa on May 25, 2002. He is survived by sisters Judith and Helen (Goergia), brothers Brian and John.

Little, Christopher (1958) died April 12, 2002, of a heart attack, in Oshawa, younger brother of Fred and Rich.

Pelletier, Lana (néé Curtis, 1958) on February 5, 2001.

Pottery, Gerry (1967) died in August 2001 while hiking in Arizona. he is survived by his wife Susan, son Simon and daughter Heather.

Rivers, Albert (1932) in Ottawa on October 15, 2002. He was the husband of Goldie Schacter, father of Cynthia, Stephen and Jason, and grandfather of eight. He was also the brother of Thelma Steinman, Eileen Goldberg, Goldie Cantor and the late Eleanor Wallach and Irving Rivers.

Roles, Eric (1936) died in Edmonton AB, on March 28, 2002 at age 81, leaving behind his loving wife (60 years married), sons David, Patrick, grandson Scott, granddaughter Jean, grandson Richard, and great grandchildren Ryan, Justin and Jason. Eric had many happy childhood memories of Lisgar.

Scott, Elizabeth Anne (Betty Anne) (Brousseau, 1964) at home in Toronto on October 21, 2002 after a courageous battle with cancer. She is survived by her husband Duff, sons Michael and Jonathan, and brother Donald.

Selwyn, Shirley (néé Forrest, 1922) last year at the age of 100.

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instrumental in my hiring in 1973, even though he had retired). When I joined the English department in 1973, with me were other Lisgar grads: Bill Fraser, Jim Beall, Bob Murphy, Larry Priebe and Harry Monsour. Such a high number of graduates in one department (let alone a whole school!) did not seem unusual to me as I had been brought up on Lisgar traditions, one of which was having former Lisgarites as teachers (I seem to recall that my history teacher, Mr. Argue, had been Head Boy in the early '20s). And there were many other former Lisgarites teaching in other departments, when I was both a student and a teacher. I suspect that such a tradition is not much in fashion nowadays as school boards go to the "business" model in their attempts to define what schools are and what they do. I am not familiar with the current Lisgar staff (the only name which I recognize as a former Lisgarite is Dave Love, the current Head of Math), but I would like to hear what people think of this "Lisgar tradition" and if they have any particular memories of it.

Hugh Reid (1967)
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Teacher 1973-79, 1980-82

Martin Bisicky, who now works in London, England, was an exchange student at Lisgar 1989-90 and made a lot of friends he'd like to contact. In particular he's looking for Guy-Anne Guilbeault, and Katy Doe. He has searched Ottawa directories and inter-national inquiry services without success. If our readers can be of assistance, Martin can be reached at <martin.bisicky@csfb.com>.

Just to set the record straight: Janet Fraser (1978) is definitely, and has been since 1986, married to Christopher Shearly (1976). Tim Shearly's (1981) long-time partner is Maria Pakenham, a wonderful person but not a Lisgar grad. Ashton Green was, indeed, started by Chris and Janet. Tim joined the company shortly afterward. Janet, Chris, Maria and Tim

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I think that maybe I missed an issue of *Alere Flammam* because I didn't know about the fund in honour of Marion Meech, to which I definitely want to contribute! ...

I vividly remember one remark Miss Meech made which has influenced my whole life: "Money is only useful for what it can buy." (I'm not sure those were her exact words, but close!) Entirely sensible approach, I thought then and still think; she didn't mean that one should be spendthrift, just that there was little point in hoarding, as opposed to saving!

Judy (Plumptre) Wedderspoon (1959) Cranleigh, Surrey UK

A colleague, Chris Wells (Hunter River, PEI), has brought *Alere Flammam* to my attention. . . The "Where are People Now" column invites [my response].

I concluded a most satisfying career in the federal Public Service in 1995. Retirement is shared between Ottawa and a cottage on Nova Scotia's Atlantic Coast.

Other Lisgarites I have seen, or shared enjoyable moments with, have included Evelyn (Feldman) Greenberg, Chris Wells, Ron Begley, and Ted Loney.

Peter Lesaux (1952)

Colleen (Hill) Middleton sent this note from Edmonton:

I would like to sign up for a lifetime membership. I would also like to donate to the Marion Meech Award Fund. She was a great teacher who awakened in me a love of ancient history.

I graduated from Lisgar in 1952 and moved first to Regina and now Edmonton. I have lost touch with most of my classmates and so enjoy catching a familiar name in the newsletter. I was delighted to see my brother Bill Hill in all his can-can finery in a recent issue and then to read his newsy letter in a subsequent issue.

Now that I am no longer a

"deadbeat" but a paid-up member of the LAA, I look forward to all future publications.

I found the Spring 2002 newsletter especially interesting ... The letter from Wendy (Bruce) Dobbie of Victoria ... was inspiring. I hope she can make the 160th reunion! I have dealt with being only partially deaf from childhood, relying a great deal on lip reading. In recent years my hearing has deteriorated

what I want to be when I grow up!

I have had some inkling that I am not the only Lisgarite living in this neck of the woods; I don't think that I can afford to attend another reunion at this time but maybe we should get together and have a mini reunion! Could you ask around?

Thanks again for all the news of home and the wonderful memories.
[Editor's note: What about it, you Vancouver Island Alumni??]



Mini-reunion (1954-56). Front row: Marian (Ketcheson) MacDonald, Ann (Hill) McJanet, Carol (McMehen) Scott-Miller. Standing: Sheldon (Ross) Munroe, Heather (Yates) Sawyer, Evelyn (Feldman) Greenberg, Betty (Lamb) Shane, Judy Delaute

considerably, so I enjoy the written word more than ever.

My husband, a World War II veteran, particularly enjoyed "Remembrance Day at Lisgar" by Gib McElroy... Best of luck with plans for your 160th reunion.

Joy (Casey, 1936) Davies, Fredericton NB

From Life Member Beth (Jeffries 1970) Currie, Port Alberni BC:

I reread the newsletter to see if I should be specific about my donation. I would like you to put it into the traditional awards fund. I'm sorry it isn't more this year but I am saving [to] return to school to get my Child and Youth Care degree. I know that as a student of Lisgar I am doing this in reverse ... and most of my school chums are heading down the final stretch to retirement. I raised the kids first and then rediscovered the joy of learning. It has taken a long time to decide

Life Member George McPhail (1948) sends reminiscences from Vineland, Ont:

All this talk about Fuzzy Irwin in *Alere Flammam* brought to mind our most unfriendly nickname — Pruneface — after the character in the Dick Tracy cartoon. He was not averse to fermenting his own concoctions. "A little wine is good for the stomach" was his motto. My lab bench mate, Galt McDermott, later wrote the music for the Broadway show *Hair*, among other accomplishments. Galt came up with idea of using coloured pencils in our binders to try to remember the elements and results of the experiments. It didn't help much.

I knew that attending Lisgar was going to be a barrel of laughs when, on my first day in Grade 9 gym class, Mr Nicholls wouldn't believe that Napoleon Fink was really his true name. "Come on, quit kidding." It was hilarious.

Members' Forum

Not so funny was the time Mr Meng "ordered" some cadets to uncrate old rifles, supplied by the army. Surprise! The guns were coated in waxy grease to prevent rusting. What a job.

The stories we can tell. All the memories. Those were the days. Say hello to my former neighbour George Toller for me.

I was distressed to read of the financial plight of the "Ancient Awards." I was the recipient of the Isaac Couch prize in English in 1949. I enclose a donation to support the continuation of these worthy honours.

...[I]ntrigued by ophthalmology (the study of diseases of the visual system), I entered residency to become an ophthalmologist. Of particular interest to me was glaucoma.... This was (and still is) the third leading cause of legal blindness in North America and we knew so little about it. I ...[then spent] a year (1962-63) on a fellowship at Washington University in St Louis, then the world centre for glaucoma investigation.

In 2001 I retired from the UWO Medical School. However, I still work five half-days a week in continuing care of patients with glaucoma. Some of these patients have been under my treatment and surveillance since 1963. *Mirabile dictu* (as Mr Felker used to say in Chemistry class at Lisgar), most of them still see.

Donald W. Mills (1949)
London ON

Our indomitable treasurer also receives his share of mail:

Dear John Barclay:

My conscience has been stabbing since reading your Treasurer's Report, "a few words on responsibility for unresponsive" and I am enclosing a cheque to cheer you.

My brother Ian and I were evacuated to Canada from Britain in 1940 and lived with our foster family, the Careys, in Winnipeg for three years before coming with them to Ottawa in 1943. Brother Ian, Carol Carey (our foster sister) and I

all attended Lisgar Collegiate from 1943-45. I have memories of some great teachers including Wally Mann with his enormous enthusiasm for the English language, Miss Thompson always impeccably dressed as she patiently taught French, and Don Felker a commanding presence with an awesome way of unravelling the mysteries of Chemistry.

I also recall fellow students – lovely Wilhemina Dowler, brainy Susan Burgess, handsome Daryl Keating, Betty Line who wanted to become a doctor and upbeat cheery George Toller.

... [Back in England, I] worked for C. and J. Clark in Street, Somerset, as a personnel officer for four years, then to Manchester to work for Ferranti's and met Ian Thompson. We were married in 1956 and in short order had two little boys. In 1968 we emigrated to Canada where Ian had been offered a job in the Chemistry Department at McMaster in Hamilton. I was exceptionally fortunate to be hired in the university's personnel department and eventually became manager, staffing.

Fast forward and we have now been retired for 10 years. We are greatly blessed to be in excellent health, to live in the banana belt of southern Ontario and to have two beautiful grandchildren.

E. Averil (Morrison, 1945)
Thompson

On June 15th, I attended my cousin Barbara (Roll) and Edmond Gravel's 50th wedding anniversary party in Dayton, Ohio. One of the first things I saw when I arrived at their home was the Lisgar newsletter. Sure enough, there were several friends of Barb's and mine mentioned and we chatted about old times at Lisgar. . . .

It was a great occasion with their seven children, spouses and 15 grandchildren in attendance. Barbara's brothers Robert and Stuart Roll (also a Lisgarite) and their families from Ottawa and

Toronto, sister-in-law Ann Roll and her daughters and their families from Winnipeg and London, Ont., Ed's sister and her husband from Calgary and sister from Toronto and many many friends from Dayton, rounded out the crowd of 125 happy people....

I now live in Vancouver. All of my six children live in B.C. — five here in Vancouver and one in Vernon. I also have three grandbabies. . . .

Over the years Barb and Ed have come "home" to Ottawa on summer vacations and when their children were small took them every year to the Canada Day celebrations to keep up the "Canadian Connection" and visit their Canadian relatives. They have also come to all the Lisgar reunions....

Eleanor (Crossley) Parmalee (1951), North Vancouver, BC

Evelyn (Wheeler) Schofield (1968) e-mailed us (twice!) from Coquitlam, BC

Seems like a long time ago, but I can still remember the thick malted's from the cafeteria. It's good to know that the old school is still going strong. Someday I hope to show my kids where Mom went to school. (They think that a school is "old" if it's been around for 25 years!) I still enjoy telling folks about the tours of the condemned fourth floor that the student council ran as a fundraiser in my graduating year. And the time that bats flew into our French classroom and scared the **** out of our teacher, M i s s B e a u c h a m p . Ahhh....memories....

I've just been looking over the on-line version of the chapter on the architectural history of Lisgar from the Sesquicentennial book. At the time when the school was on the verge of being demolished in the 1970s ... I must confess I didn't really give much thought to the old alma mater. Now that I am older and have seen so many lovely old buildings disappear it is heartening to hear about the successful efforts made by concerned people to save

this heritage building.

I don't believe I have been inside the doors of Lisgar since I graduated in 1968. I wonder if I walked into the school today whether it would feel familiar or not. ... Does the school still have those wonderful cast iron spiral staircases in the classrooms at either end? I hope they have been preserved. And I can remember using the "Girl's Entrance," and the wonderful warped surface of the brown linoleum on the third floor (which was not the top floor; we always called that the "fourth floor" in my day).

... As for teachers, I remember Miss Meech, and am happy to see that a fund has been established in her honour. I belonged ... to the Welfare Club, for which she was the staff mentor. I also remember very fondly Mrs. Todd, who was the best math teacher I ever had and who had a habit of asking me, when I was looking somewhat perplexed, if I understood the lesson. ... If only all teachers showed such concern for whether their students were really "getting it"!

As for the comments on the various awards whose significance has sometimes been lost in the mists of time — I was the proud recipient of the Christie-Hill Medal for Proficiency in French for 1968. I wonder if they are still awarding a medal for that. I still have mine in my "treasure" chest. I wonder what became of my French teacher in Grade 13, Mr. Charron. Most likely he has now retired. My French is now somewhat rusty, but when my two children ask for help with their French homework I am amazed at how much I do remember. Guess I got a pretty good foundation from Monsieur Charron. ...

I would love to be able to come to the 160th anniversary, but don't know if I'll be able to make it, as I now live so far away and have the usual obligations of family and work which don't always allow one to do this kind of thing. But I will see what I can do, and hope that it is a grand celebration whether I make it or not. ■

Who the heck was Marvel Miller?

Beats me. She might have been the skinny one with frizzy hair, glasses and braces on her teeth.

Imagine that this exchange may have taken place a few times when Eleanor (Bates) Dunn's evocative piece, in the *LISGAR 1843-1993* publication, mentioned me not once, but **three** times. It is 50 years last fall since I, like Eleanor, approached Lisgar with more than a little apprehension.

I had spent my early schooling at a small Catholic school in Sandy Hill, run by the Sisters of the Holy Cross, St Joseph's.

Now, a new and very scary challenge loomed up, as I parked my prized CCM bike and made my way to Mr Strader's office. Surely he would be nice to me, because he curled with my dad ... After looking at my straight As (well, except in Math), he pronounced that I could go into 10A. (Wow, I was starting to feel better already.) Things, however, were not quite as I had imagined high school...

My time at Lisgar was my "Ugly Duckling" or "Wallflower" years. Young girls usually blossom as their hormones get working. Not I. My naturally curly hair went frizzy, I lost weight, had braces on my teeth, wore glasses and my grades and self-esteem plummeted. My friends from Catholic school, already at Lisgar for Grade 9, had found secure niches in "gangs" where I was not welcome. Anne Tighe was one exception, and we remain long distance friends to this day.

I remember Maija Tiltens, whom Eleanor mentions. I wish I had been a better friend to Maija, instead of focusing so much on myself. I would like to know if Canada fulfilled her dreams of freedom in a new land.

Eleanor and I met at side-by-side lockers and I found a loyal friend, who always assured me that one day I would develop some shape, find a great hair style and the braces would come off ... and *someone* would ask me out on a date. It didn't happen ...

My despairing parents finally realized that something had to be done. It started with tutoring in Math from Mr McMichael who was then new at Lisgar. He was patient and encouraging. I'll never forget the time he wrote on my term exam: "Good for you. You can do it!" Some 23 years later when I decided to do a Nursing Degree at the University of Calgary, I was required to take Alberta's Math

30, for entry into the Faculty of Nursing. I did it and often thought of Mr McMichael as I plugged my way through and finished with a respectable mark.

Sometime over the summer of 1954, it was agreed that I would attend a girls' school in St Thomas Ontario for Grade 13. On the way there, I somehow came to realize that much of my unhappiness at Lisgar was of my own doing. In my 17-year-old mind I vowed to make the most of this new school by joining in clubs, athletics and seriously hitting the books. It worked.

Eleanor mentioned that Nursing School was the destination for many of the girls in our class. At the Ottawa Civic Hospital, I found myself in the class of '58 along with Pat Crossley, Ann Fairweather, Pat Hess, Barbara Mulholland and Gloria Waghorn. The braces were off, my hormones were doing interesting things and the frizz was bad only on rainy days.

Along with Nursing, my other passion was teaching, so after a year's post grad in Nursing Education at the University of Western Ontario, I launched on my 40-year career, with positions in Schools of Nursing at the Ottawa Civic, Toronto Sick Kids, the Calgary General and Foothills Hospital. At the Civic, I taught Neurological Nursing and a little Urology too. Who should arrive one day in the fall of 1961, with the new class of nursing students? ... my Lisgar classmate Barbara Howden. Five years after high school, she had decided to become a nurse. We never acknowledged our former friendship while she was the student and I was the instructor. When she left though, we had a good laugh about how she used to coach me in Latin. Without her help, I probably wouldn't have passed Mr Flett's class.

At Sick Kids one day I spied a new intern, Dick Charron, who I'm sure didn't remember me as a Lisgar classmate. I felt resplendent in my blue, military-looking uniform, *de rigueur* for instructors and senior administrators at HSC, but he didn't respond to the "New Me." (Good on you Dick, for establishing the French Scholarship.) I also recall an imposing A.J. Quarrington in a white suit with stethoscope. He had obviously had a growth spurt since Lisgar. ■

The picture is from the Vox, 1953-54, Class 12E. Part 2 of Marvel Miller Evelyn's "Where are they now?" will appear in the Spring issue of Alere Flamman.



Where Are They Now?



Dr James C. MacDougal (1960) received the Queen's Golden Jubilee medal. He was also inducted into the Terry Fox Hall of Fame. Congratulations and Alere Flamman! ■

Awards to Students

Congratulations also to Lisgar students Will Greaves and Michael Cheung both of whom received the prestigious Duke of Edinburgh Awards in September. Over an 18-month period participants complete self-development components including skills, academics, physical fitness/outdoor education and community service. ■

Reunion Update

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Saturday

- Lunch?

- Visit decade rooms prepared by current students and manned by alum? (Here we need **lots** of volunteers)

- Dinner dance, with entertainment? (**no** long speeches) the Drill Hall? City Hall? other?

Sunday

- Farewell brunch, at the school? City Hall? 10 am to 2 pm?

Other events might include a raffle to raise funds for school projects.

We aim to break even with any profits going toward school projects.

Give us your ideas, and volunteer now! Visit the Lisgar Web site and check your interests. You can also write to the Alumni Office (see address on page 2). Please mark it **REUNION 2004**. ■

Reminder to all Members

We issue two newsletters each year, spring and fall. Often alumni move during the six months between issues. They may even leave a forwarding address with the post office which will cover three months after they move. However, our newsletters are returned as undeliverable, and we lose contact. We would like to remind you to e-mail us at our Web site <lisgar.net> mail us a note or change of address card so we don't lose contact. It is especially important now as we will be sending out details of the 160th anniversary celebrations coming in 2004.

This list includes alumni with whom we have lost contact. Anyone who knows the current address of those listed here are asked to send it to us. The date after the name is the year of leaving Lisgar.

Simar Akhtar (1998), Carl Armstrong (1985), Diana Barrigar, (1989), Shannon Beatty (1990), Cheryl Lynn Beatty (1992), Sara Bhatti (1994), James J. Bradford (1990), Chris Buchner (1998), Susan Cohen, Matthew Cohen (1990), Jonathan Cohen (1961), Inez Costa (1986), Eric Dewhirst (1986), Andy Douglas (1970) Paul Hanks Drielsma (1998), Gregory Dunfield (1987), Peter M.S. Dunn (1978), Maxwell K. Edwards (1991), Kemp Edwards (1993), Mike Edwards (1961), Adrian Elliot (2000), John Godsall (1985) Anthony Haines (1987), Mary Hines (1953), Lindsay Jackson (1999), Mildred Kelly (1936), M. Kiernan (1997), Ewald Kroon (1970), Monica Labarge (1994), Ruth Lande (1982), Chris Lobo (1997), Sean Locke (1989), Adam Logan (1991), M. Malahleha (1998), Alicia McCarthy, Mike McCarthy, Matthew McCarthy, William McCarthy, Anne Mirsky, Jeremy Neuringer (1991), Christopher O'Brien (1991), Donna Ostrander (2001), Virginia Ray (1985), Laura Roston (1990), John Schreuders (1992), Vlada Shilin (1996), Clarissa Yang (1993), Bo Young (1994), John Zawisza. ■

Here and There

The winner of the first Marion Meech award was Matthew Mazowita, a 2002 Lisgar graduate. His thank you to Miss Meech reads:

I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude for my receipt of your award. The money will be used to defer my tuition costs at the University of Ottawa. Your scholarship will help alleviate the cost of post-secondary education for many students to come, and I would like to thank you again on their behalf.

Sincerest thanks, Matthew Mazowita. ■

Where do retired teachers go? Why, out to breakfast!

Last July, former Lisgar Principal Steve Glavin met with other retirees for breakfast. Back row left to right: Bob Murphy, Ian Macdonald, Bob Ferguson, Steve Glavin, Rome Audet, Doug MacKenzie. Front row left to right: Bob Hursti, Lionel Rule, Vince Emond, John Parsons, Dave Armstrong.

This group enjoys breakfast together every Thursday and has been meeting for more than three years, now.



LISGAR FUND REPORT

In the last edition we reported how the Lisgar Fund used your donations to support the students and the school, through the Infocus projector, our donations to scholarships and our support to the Space Simulation program. We also appealed to our members for donations to the ancient scholarships. These provide very small amounts to winning students because the trust, originally set up in some cases at the turn of the century, no longer earns much on its original principal investment. We have received some very generous responses to this request. One donation in the \$1400 range really floored us, and we are very grateful. We thank you also for the many smaller donations. However, we need more to build up these trusts so the Issac Couch or the Thorburn Awards reflect today's monetary values. Please keep those donations coming and designate them to scholarships in general, or to a specific one you prefer.

Other donations have been designated to support the Library — in great need of financial support as its budget has been chopped by thousands. It currently requires computer upgrades and your donations have allowed the purchase of a new computer for up-to-date research through the Internet. We also have the "Honour With Books" campaign where an individual may donate amounts in multiples of \$50. For each \$50 donated a book will be purchased and a book plate inside the front cover will name the donor and the name of someone you wish to honour. We have received a number of these donations. To participate in this program, indicate Honour with Books on

the donations line in the membership form included with this newsletter.

Generous donations from our alumni to the orchestra and band music programs at Lisgar have made possible new instruments and music equipment that could not be purchased from the Board's allocation. The music teachers and students are delighted with your support.

We have also received many donations to the general Alumni Fund. From this fund your executive works with the Lisgar Fund Board to provide for various special needs.

Currently we have been asked to assist in raising money to honour the double cohort graduates. This will happen only once. Grade 13 has been abolished after this year in Ontario, so it means Lisgar will have *two* graduating classes in 2002 — the last class of Grade 13s and the first class of Grade 12s graduates from the new curriculum. Parents and teachers feel it is important that both groups be eligible to compete for all Lisgar Awards, requiring double the annual amounts. We are appealing to alumni members to designate donations to the "double cohort appeal" for this year only.

We wish to thank all alumni who have been so generous to the Lisgar Fund. We are one of the few secondary schools in the province with a registered charity and, thus, are able to issue tax receipts to our donors. It has been a great partnership and we would like to see it continue to grow. ■

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

David Alexandor 1956
Erin Bell 1996
Alison Bell 2001
Karinne Chan 1996
Janet (Rivington) Clark 1944
Dale Cooney 1955
David Darling 1988
Edmond Edwards 1959
Barbara (Fenton) Fisher 1943
Nicole Fitt 1985
Ruth Flower 1973
Jeanette Fooks 1988
Sheila (Lamke) Forhan 1947
Matthew Fox 1989
Valerie (Batchelor) Gleason 1983
Pamela (Wallace) Harle 1959
Fred and Barbara (Horton) Heeny 1958
Gary Hough 1953
Patricia Hughes 1952
Leo Kamen 1969
Tom Kruidenier 2000
Rive Le Lacheur 1954
Joan (Graham) Lafontaine 1948
Scott Laurie 1987
Ellis Lindsay 1989
Geraldine (O'Brien) Long 1947
Betty Jane (Bolduc) Marsh 1960
Robert McAskin 1956
Lynne (Mayburry) McGuffin 1953
Colleen (Hill) Middleton 1952
Catherine (Knight) and Dyson Pinhey 1946
Neil Rau 1984
Robert Read 1945
Kerry Riley 1969
Joan (Eisenstadt) Sacksner 1956
Doreen (Pranschke) Scott 1944
Susan (Burgess) Shenstone 1945
Bernice (Wong) Sim 1951
Angela Spence 2002
Thomas A. Stewart 1939
David and Joan (Cruickshank 1947) Sugrue
1948
Ketana Teav 2000
Averil (Morrison) Thompson 1945
Stephen Victor 1960
Judith (Plumptre) Wedderspoon 1959
Anne (Moerel) Woodbridge 1961

Marion Meech Award Donors

[Note: These names were unwittingly omitted from the list in the previous newsletter. We apologize for the oversight.]

Eric Toller 1947
George Toller 1945
William Watts 1962
Estate of Dorothy L. Bishop
The Wesley & Mary Nicol Charitable
Foundation

Principal Retires

The Alumni Association offers best wishes to Principal Angie Spence on her retirement December 31, 2002. Ms Spence became principal at Lisgar in September 1998.



Retiring Principal Angie Spence with Robert McMichael, former Math teacher (1953-73), Vice Principal (1960-64) and Principal (1972-76) at Remembrance Day ceremonies, November 2002. See Spring issue for his stirring talk.

I was very pleased to be asked to provide a message to the alumni via this newsletter. During my four and a half years at Lisgar, I have looked forward to the monthly Alumni meetings which provide an opportunity to inform Alumni members about newsworthy events at Lisgar. Members are always interested in students' achievements, the challenges faced and the goals set. They have been more than generous in their donations to our school and the scholarship fund, and in their commitment to a strong Lisgar presence in Ottawa-Carleton education. We have always been able to count on the group to suggest speakers for our Remembrance Day assemblies. More than anything, I appreciate the support given to me personally and the humour which surrounds even the most serious discussions on those Monday evenings in the Library.

Currently, the focus centres on preparations for the 160th anniversary. This has kindled many fond memories of years past, and we hope that many alumni will come forward to help with preparations for May 2004. It seems that no matter where one goes, there will be a Lisgar graduate just around the corner. Recently, our former Vice Principal, Mrs. Marilyn Blattel, was delighted to hear fond reminiscences of student life at Lisgar at a reception in London, England, from "Costa," whose father had been a Greek diplomat, stationed in Ottawa many years ago.

Although I will remain actively involved with the preparations for the 160th, I will regrettably not be there as Principal, choosing instead, a more relaxed life style called retirement. After 30 years in education, 18 of them in the classroom, I am looking forward to pursuing the many hobbies which have taken a back seat in my life. Music, books, sailing, hiking, travelling and enjoying the company of my partner, also a Lisgar grad, are all enticements to leave this career behind.

As Vice Principal for six years and Principal for five and a half, I have overseen system and philosophical changes, initiated by the provincial government, which have marked education

profoundly. Throughout all these changes, the truly good schools have continued their traditions of pursuit of academic excellence, emphasis on responsible, global citizenship and compassionate, community-oriented service by their young people. The traditions which Lisgarites treasure include all of those goals, as well as a pride in their school, that has the longest history in the city and whose graduates have excelled in all areas of endeavour.

The Alumni play an important role in ensuring that these attitudes and goals remain the focus in the future. I look forward to seeing many of you in two years' time when we will celebrate our school's students, staff and community, past and present. ■

As of January 1, 2003, Ms Pat Irving, former Principal of Rideau High School, will take over as Principal. We wish her well.

Where Are These Life Members?

Mail has been returned to the alumni office from the addresses on file for these Life Members. If you can provide current information about any of these individuals, please get in touch with the office by e-mail or at the address given on the masthead. (Last-known locales, if not the Ottawa area, is noted in parentheses.)

Suzanne Lanouette-Carswell 1966
Margo (Proudman) Jarvis 1954 (Lennoxville QC)
Loch T. Brown 1992
Mary (Kennedy) Evans 1935
Stephen Day 1958 (Kingston)
Costa Glikofridis 1998
Cheryl (Reynolds) Golas 1967 (Nashville TN)
Cherilyn (Nichol) Golub 1967 (Orillia ON)
Jennifer M. Wong 1990 (San Francisco CA)
Elaine May 1990 (Stratford ON)
Jordan Neuringer 1984
Laura Brett 1985 (Montreal)
Bruce Sells 1948 (Guelph)