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Lisgar Math Class Takes Step into Future

The ability of Lisgar students to acquire 21st century learning skills is critical to their development as learners. Thanks to an initiative of Lisgar math teacher Robert Tang, the 21st century is being put directly into the hands of a group of lucky Lisgar math students.

Over the past few years, thanks also to Mr. Robert Tang, the Lisgar Math Department has integrated SMART Board technology into the classroom. The SMART Board allowed teachers to use interactive visuals, the Internet, and other exciting technology in the classroom.

This fall, Lisgar is going one step further by introducing iLearn @ Lisgar, a grade 11 math class pilot project. Each student in the class has received an iPod Touch to use in class. The iPod Touch is basically a mini handheld computer that students can use in class to access apps (applications) and the Internet. Apps being used by the students range from a calendar (to keep themselves organized with their school work and other commitments), to Wolfram Alpha (a computational knowledge engine), to educational games designed to encourage learning in a fun and challenging way. The goal of iLearn is to encourage a personalized learning experience that can take place at any time and anywhere.



NEW TOOLS: Lisgar math students are using iPods in the classroom in a new pilot learning initiative.

During the semester, students were given the option of keeping the iPod Touch or using it during math class time only. Perhaps not surprisingly, all the students have opted to keep their iPod Touch with them for the entire semester, and most students are using them for their other classes as well. At the end of the semester, students can either return the iPod Touch or purchase it for \$365. Mr. Tang isn't sure whether the students intend to buy their iPod Touches at the end of the semester, but believes that they are likely to so as long as they are shown

the many different ways the devices can be used for educational purposes and as long as the class keeps using them.

iLearn @ Lisgar is a collaborative effort between Lisgar, the Ottawa Carleton District School Board's Business and Learning Technology Department (B<), the Apple Store in the Rideau Centre, and Carleton University. B< has provided a wireless network and network support for the math classroom. The Apple Store is providing technical support in the deployment of the iPod Touches to the students, while Carleton University's

Department of Systems and Computer Engineering is creating math apps to support the initiative. Mr. Tang is expecting the project to grow even more once Carleton University finishes creating some additional apps over the rest of the semester.

So far the experiment is working out well for Mr. Tang and his students, as they have been able to do things that they could not previously have done, both in and out of class. Highlights include asking students to do research on a topic on the Internet, looking at different equations on Wolfram Alpha, having students help each other at home using the video conferencing app, and having students keep their math textbook at home as students store the PDF version on their iPod Touch.

Asked to describe his hopes for the pilot, Mr. Tang shares his goal of seeking Principal McMahon's agreement next year to ask that students have an iPod Touch if they plan to attend Lisgar. He expects that in two to three years, the entire OCDSB will likely have the same expectation of high school students.

[Editor's note: To watch a CBC television report on the project and see students using the technology, visit <http://bit.ly/hoNgOH> and skip ahead to the 15:30 mark.] ■

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Your Alumni Association Needs You!

The Alumni Association is run by a group of volunteers who together issue the newsletter and work on various initiatives to support the school and alumni. We are in need of new volunteers to join the executive, especially in two areas.

First, we are in need of a **Newsletter Editor**. We try to issue two newsletters a year, so the time involved would be approximately 15-20 hours in the lead-up to each newsletter, as well as two hours per month for our monthly executive meetings. (We also continue to welcome writers to develop occasional feature pieces for the newsletter).

Second, we will need a new **Treasurer** this spring to manage the finances of the Association. This position requires about two hours per month in addition to participation at the two-hour monthly executive meetings.

If you are in the Ottawa area and can help out with either of these tasks, or would like to get involved in any other capacity, please contact us at alumni@lisgar.net or leave a message on our voicemail at (866) 236-1450.

Members' Forum

Paul Ingram (1952) wrote: Enjoyed the spring issue as always. It was good to read the story by Anne Heggteit Hamilton. I have a request. Could you put a notice in the next issue, asking if there are any Lisgar alumni in London, ON? I would like to hear from them. I can be reached at 519 686-7688 or psingram@rogers.com.

Alan Bennett (1959) e-mailed to update us on his brother and missing life member Donald Bennett (1957): He graduated from Carleton University and had a lifetime career with the Bank of Canada, retiring as head of currency. He helped to bring in both the loonie and the toonie. Thanks for an interesting newsletter. I remember Anne Heggteit. She was at Lisgar during the same time period that I was there. We didn't see a lot of her as she was always away skiing.

Robert Cunningham (1961) e-mailed: A longtime friend of mine from Lisgar mentioned to me that according to the Spring 2010 Alumni newsletter I had passed away either last winter or early this spring. Do you have any more information? I must have gone quietly because I don't recall the event. Now I realize that to

the untrained eye I might appear dead, but I assure you that such is not the case—I just have not been very busy. Perhaps you could mention in your next newsletter that I am still around, but if any old classmates wish to send cards or fruit baskets they will be appreciated. *[Editor's note: we apologize for the error.]*

Leo Kamen (1969, formerly Leo Ilgacs), recently published a memoir entitled *Rolling the Bones*. The book is a hilarious coming-of-age tale that traces the author's life from the streets of Ottawa to midlife success as one of the leading art dealers in Canada. Alumni will recognize Sandy Hill, York Street Public School, Mr. Manning, Mr. Wade, Le Hibou Coffee House, the National Gallery and much more. For further information about the book, and to purchase a copy, please visit www.leokamenauthor.com.

Douglas Thom (1964), Head Boy in his graduating year, wrote about his mother, Edythe Thom, who recently passed away: Two Lisgar personalities that my mom was very fond of were Walter Mann (teacher) and Dave MacGougan (Librarian). In my teens, I remember my dad tutoring Rich Little and his brother at a table in our living room, and folk singer Valdy (Vladimir Horsdale)'s mother on the phone with my dad saying that they could not get Valdy to study my dad's chemistry subject because "all our son does is lock himself in his room and play his guitar." Both Rich and Valdy had plans for their lives other than school!

Emily Cothay (Thorn, 1998) responded to our article about Lisgar's gifted programme being under threat: As a former gifted Lisgar student as well as the sister of a gifted Lisgar student, I think the gifted program is an essential part of Lisgar. In brief, thanks in part to the gifted program at Lisgar, I had one of the best educations in the English language that I know of among my peers. As an engineer, being able to commu-

In Memoriam

ADE, Marion (Tripe, 1934) passed away on February 12, 2010. She was a devoted Life member of the Alumni Association.

COSH, Joscelyn Victoria Bell (1944) died on August 4, 2009 at the age of 83. Predeceased by her brother Lt. Commodore Digby Cosh, her sister Beverley Cosh McLean and her brother Peter Cosh.

DE BEAUPRE, Lois (McPhail, 1940)

ELLIS, Betty-Anne (MacLeod, 1952)

FERGUSON, John G.H. (1949) died on April 4, 2009.

HULBERT, Corinne Mary (Evans, 1979) of Port Stanley, passed away on January 19, 2010 in her 50th year. Dearly loved wife of Richard and sister of John Evans (1972), Gwilym Evans (1975), Barbara Evans (1977), Shelley Evans Hall (1979), and the late David and Meirig Evans (1989). Corinne was born in Nigeria on August 5, 1960, the daughter of the late George and Joyce (Sheffield) Evans. She formerly trained horses at Adena Springs North in Aurora, Ontario.

KIRK, Joan Ferguson died on November 6, 2005 at the age of 82. Mother to Bruce, Gordon, Howard and Kathy. Survived by her brother Ross.

KRONICK, Sol (1937)

LOGAN, Susan (1971) died on October 1, 2009. Survived by her husband John and brothers David (1973) and Peter (1968). She remained in close touch with many of her old Lisgar classmates and many of them were in attendance at her funeral.

MACDONALD, Norman (Bob) (1941) died on September 23, 2010 in Ottawa. Dearly loved husband of Kathleen and cherished father of Sandy, Jamie, Celia, Danny, Laurie, Katrina and MaryAnne, beloved brother of older predeceased sister,

Dorothy MacDonald Ducharme and younger sister Jeanne MacDonald Fuller. Bob's first great passion was sports. After Lisgar he went on to play football and study at the University of Toronto. He graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce degree on June 7, 1945. He attained his designation of Chartered Accountancy in Ottawa. Bob's deep loving kindness, his great sense of humour and his loyalty will be carried on and remembered.

MACDONALD, Sybil died on March 22, 2010 at age 92. She and her husband (who died in 1989) both valued education and sent all their children to university, an opportunity they themselves had been denied because of the depression. The Richard and Sybil MacDonald Medal for academic excellence is presented at commencement each year in their honour. Although an OCI (Glebe) girl herself, she had a close relationship with Lisgar. Her siblings, Forrest (1940), Eileen (1942) and Nadine Frappier (1946), were grads. The MacDonalds lived a short walk away from the school and from the late 50s to the mid 70s Sybil's seven children—Larry (1961), Douglas (1963), Lewis (1964), Garth (1966), Fairlie (1968), Shelley (1974), and Lelia (1977)—all attended and graduated. In the 90s two of her twelve grandchildren—Ewen (1995) and Kyla (1999)—also graduated. Over the years she attended many events, knew many teachers and principals, and saw the school evolve.

OGILVIE, Ethel Elizabeth (Dempsey, 1947) passed away on May 23, 2010 at the age of 78 after a hard-fought battle with Alzheimers. Survived by her husband John, sons Robert and David and her brother David. Active in

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nicate well has given me a huge advantage. The math and science instruction I received in the gifted program helped make my transition to systems Design Engineering at the University of

Waterloo, arguably among the most difficult programs in Canada, easier. I have gone on to do a Masters in Mechanical Engineering in Switzerland, become a Professional

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Engineer and Certified Energy Manager, all of which required a good educational foundation, which I received in the gifted program. Another very important aspect is the social aspect. Gifted children are often ostracized by their peers—it is essential that they are surrounded by other gifted children so that they can support one another. Finally, Lisgar's music program was a very important complement to my more technical education, and is critical in fostering a love of music among young people.

Sarah Bernier (2001) e-mailed: I recently read the article in the newsletter entitled "Lisgar Gifted Program Under Threat?" and would like to add my name to your mailing list so that I can keep up to date on this issue. I graduated from Lisgar's gifted program in 2001 and am now living in Ottawa once again. The gifted program truly shaped my future in a very positive way, and I am concerned that this program might be under threat today.

Phillipe Bernier (1998) wrote: I was Co-Prez back in 97-98 and I am a firm supporter of maintaining Lisgar as a gifted center in Ottawa. Although I am no longer a resident, my time at Lisgar put me in very good stead for the successes I am beginning to enjoy today.

Lois Smith (Collard, 1948) wrote: I was sorry to hear that that gifted program is threatened, and I hope that it can be saved at Lisgar.

Ian Grant (1947) e-mailed: I was just rummaging through your spring 2010 edition of *Alere Flammam* and stumbled across my brother's name among the list of missing life members. R. Murray Grant graduated in 1947, the same year as myself (the school worked diligently for five years to keep us out of the same classrooms). We did work together, however, on the *Vox Lycei* in our final year. I produced the cover and he worked internally, developing a special section that year which he modeled on *Life Magazine*. We both went

on to similar careers in the field of public relations and corporate communications.

Sue Leffler (1967) e-mailed: I have many fond memories of the school. After 26+ years at AGR Canada in animal research, I retired when CFAR was closed in 1997. From 1973 to 2003 I operated a horse boarding facility in the Richmond area (Road's End Stables), adding a small riding school to the operation in 1997. After selling the farm in the fall of 2003, I continue to teach riding locally on a freelance basis and travel extensively teaching riding clinics in Canada, USA, and across Europe. Life is indeed wonderful and exciting!

Brian Kilrea (1950), former Ottawa 67's coach, has just published his memoirs, They Call Me Killer: Tales From Junior Hockey's Legendary Hall of Fame Coach. Kilrea attended Lisgar in from 1947 to 1950 but quit in grade 11 after learning that its hockey program had been cut.

An article was published in The

Ottawa Citizen this fall on Martin John (2005), who plays football for the English Championship club in Cardiff City, Wales (one level down from the Premier League). After graduation, he won a soccer scholarship to the University of Maine, followed by the University of Buffalo. After that, he went to Buenos Aires where he played for the Argentinos Juniors. He then returned to Canada to play for the Ottawa Fury. This year he participated in the Carling Cup, playing all 120 minutes and helping his team to a 4-1 victory.

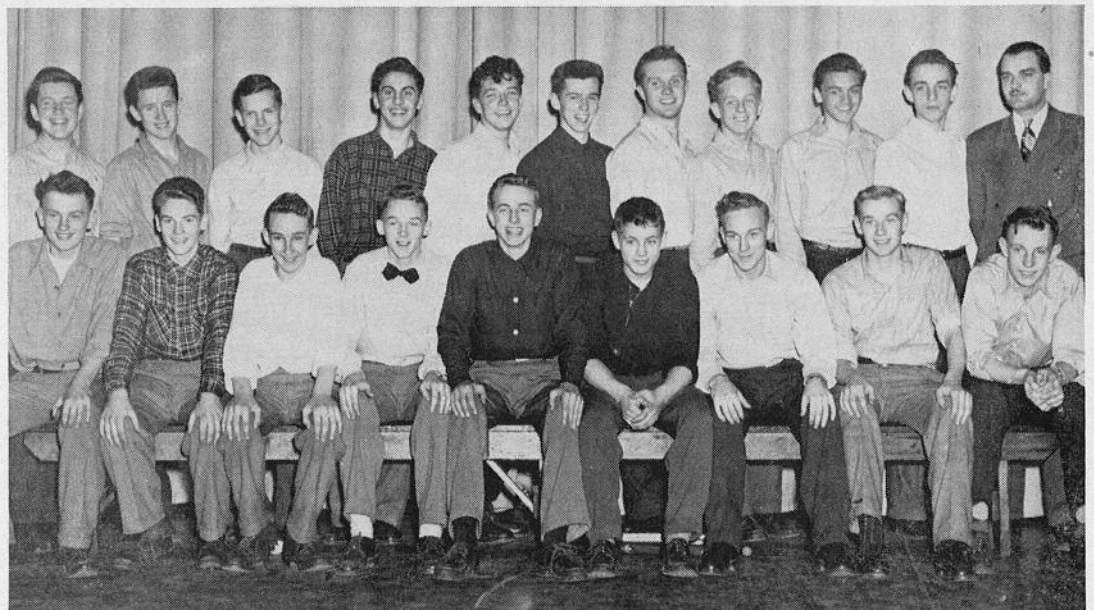
Rich Little (1958) was in Ottawa in October to reminisce and visit old haunts. He spent several hours strolling near his former homes on Argyle Avenue and on Queen Elizabeth Driveway. I walked up to Elgin Street Public School, then to the Driveway and to Lisgar, where I used to daydream looking out the window, thinking about Hollywood. It seems like a million years ago but it also seems like two minutes ago. I went up to where my house was, but an office

building is there now. I stood on the curb and looked for blood, because I fell off my bike there at least five times when I was a kid. I got emotional standing in front of where my old house was, thinking "This is where I learned to bicycle when I was ten years old."

Adrienne Clarkson (1956), former Governor General, received the Vimy Award on November 19, 2010. The Conference of Defence Associations is the sponsor of the Vimy Award. Since 1991, the Award recognizes one Canadian who has made a significant and outstanding contribution to the defence and security of our nation and the preservation of our democratic values.

The Alumni Association has received a grant from the Charitable Gifts Fund of Canada on behalf of the A. P. B. Anderson Foundation. The Alumni Association is very appreciative of this donation and will direct the funds towards projects that will benefit Lisgar students and alumni. ■

THE JUNIOR HOCKEY TEAM



Seated (left to right) — Ron Gibson, Brian Kilrea, Bob Ross, Elwood Hooper, Pete Redfern, Des Larock, Dave Weston, Dick Robertson, John Clarke.
Standing (left to right) — George Whitman, Bill Gardiner, Bruce Nordquist, Jim Kekanovich, Joe Pruner, Neil Alder, John Hamilton, Chuck de Pencier, Art Tommy, Herk Heney, Mr. Rouleau.

BRIAN KILREA: The former Ottawa 67's coach appears in a *Vox* photo of Lisgar's 1950 junior hockey team. Kilrea is seated second from left.

From the Lisgar Archives: Notes from “Down Below”

From Joy Heft

It has been a busy fall for the Lisgar archives, with numerous donations, several requests for information, and development of the annual Remembrance Day showcase.

Two donations received recently include five copies of *Vox* from 1950 to 1955 from Ann Hill McJanet (1955). A further donation of the 1973 *Vox* was dropped off by Victoria Freeman in response to a request in an earlier newsletter. This will be donated toward the completion of the Ottawa Public Library collection. We are still in need of the following years for this purpose: 1922, 1925, 1928, 1939, 1960, and 1990. At the same time, we are trying to locate Megan Clancy, whose *Vox* dating from 1996 to 1999 have come into our possession. Where are you Megan? Finally, a copy of the Lisgar history, *OCI-LCI 1843-1943*, was delivered by Larry Wade, former Lisgar teacher and head of science.

The Jennifer Dickson prints which were donated by the artist for fundraising purposes during Lisgar’s 150th anniversary reunion have been donated back by George Toller (1945), who won them. They have been hung in the school’s conference room, and will be labelled with a plaque. The prints enhance the decor of the new venue, the long wall of which seems a perfect home for them.

Jayne Salisbury of Bowmanville, Ontario was in touch looking for information on Catherine Knight Pinhey (1950). Jayne is the current owner of a house built by the family of Catherine’s father, who was born in the house and who she believed as a result of her research into the house had served in the First World War. She felt his name should be added to the memorial in the local Legion, but needed his regimental number. She had been unable to find a living relative to confirm the information until she came across Catherine Knight’s name. That led her to the Fall 2002 issue of *Alere Flammam*, where



MALTA MEMORIAL: Karen Ginsberg and her husband point to the names of Charles Benn Ramsay, his brother, and David Rouleau (1938). Ramsay and Rouleau shipped out on the same boat.

Catherine was listed as a life member. We were successful in putting Jayne in touch with Catherine. Her father Ezzie Knight’s name will now appear among those of the Bowmanville veterans and secure the possibility that a street in the community may eventually bear his name. Jayne and Catherine have since met up and both are very happy about the outcome of this venture.

For Remembrance Day this year, Lisgar participated, along with 155 schools across Canada, France and Belgium, in the Canada 1914-1918 Ypres Vigil. For seven days leading up until Remembrance Day, the names of 68,000 Canadians who never returned from the First World War were illuminated with pride inside Lisgar’s Memorial Hall. The names reflected all the voices of Canada—anglophone, francophone, First Nations, and those of immigrants from many lands. The vigil was both a private and public opportunity for students and members of the Ottawa community to witness and reflect upon those men and women who lost their lives in the pursuit of peace and freedom. Hundreds of individuals and families associated with Lisgar had relatives who were named in the vigil.

The Remembrance Day display in the Alumni showcase this year featured

two veterans, one from each of the World Wars, both medical doctors and authors. Dr. Norman Guoui helped implement the practice of administering blood transfusions on the battlefield during World War I. He subsequently wrote a book about his experience entitled *A Canadian Surgeon’s Story in War and in Peace*. The magazine *Legion* of 1992, which was also on display, includes an article entitled “Canadian War Art,” which features pictures taken by Dr. Guoui of original art by Arthur Elias, who had been commissioned to record the use of transfusion at the battlefield. Dr. Guoui was eventually President of the Academy of Medicine, Ottawa as well as a distinguished member of many other medical organizations.

The other veteran, this one of World War II, was Desmond T. Burke (1923), who was recently added to the Lisgar Athletic Wall of Fame. He was a champion marksman who won many honours during times of both peace and war. Dr. Burke won a place on the Canadian Team to Bisley twenty-two times, and was able to accept twelve times. *Canadian Bisley Shooting: An Art and a Science* indicates that he graduated with M.D., C.M. in 1932, having first done Arts and Engineering. He interrupted his medical practice for

five years, during which he served in the war with the Canadian Army Medical Corps. Upon his return to Canada, he was appointed Chief Radiologist of Sunnybrook Hospital and Assistant Professor of Radiology at the University of Toronto. Finally, the display is complemented by statistics of the Canadian casualties and Lisgarites who lost their lives in each war as a call to remember those who did not return.

By way of further remembrances, Dave Brown’s article in *The Ottawa Citizen* regarding David Rouleau (1938), who was honoured during last year’s Remembrance Day assembly at Lisgar, elicited a further communication that will be of interest to readers. Karen Ginsberg, mother of Erin Ramsay (1997), wrote to say that she and her husband had visited the memorial in Valetta, Malta dedicated to servicemen and women from allied countries who had lost their lives there. Her husband’s brother, Charles Benn Ramsay, a fighter pilot, killed in 1942, was one of these. Apparently, he and David Rouleau had shipped out on the same boat and likely knew one another. Charles Ramsay’s name appears just above that of David Rouleau on the memorial. She kindly included a picture of the memorial bearing the names of David Rouleau and Charles Ramsay.

A further call was received from Paul Hudson (1950), Head Boy in his graduating year, inquiring about a picture of Raoul Jenner, a Lisgar alumnus of the 1930s. Paul believed he had received the George Cross during World War II. According to Paul, the picture had hung in Principal Jake Dunlop’s office during his own time at the school. Paul has come to know the daughter of Raoul Jenner and thought she might be interested in the picture. Alas! There seems to be no trace of it, but the inquiry did engender some research into the award and its supposed recipient. Paul bemoaned the fact that the criteria for the George Cross were differentiated from that of

the Victoria Cross and that it ranks second in merit after the Victoria Cross. The George Cross was instituted by King George VI on September 24, 1940 to be awarded in recognition of “acts of greatest heroism in circumstances of extreme danger.” The cross is primarily a civilian award meant to recognize the many acts of bravery that were occurring away from the battlefield; however, the George Cross may be awarded to military personnel for gallant conduct which is not in the face of the enemy.

In the case of Jenner, his damaged bomber crash landed in England after the fact. *The Perth Courier* of October 1, 1942 stated the following: “A dispatch from London on Monday stated that Pilot Officer R.F. Jenner of Ottawa and formerly of Perth had rescued the trapped rear gunner of a blazing Stirling bomber after two crewmates had sacrificed their lives in the attempt. The huge plane was forced to crash land in England after being badly damaged over the Continent. Pilot Officer Raoul de Fonteny Jenner, 22, who received his commission a month ago, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Jenner of Ottawa, formerly of Perth. He enlisted in the R.C.A.F. in 1940.” Meritorious behaviour indeed!

Paul himself enjoyed reminiscing about those times, and his admiration for Jenner, who was older than Paul,

was palpable. He indicated that he and several of his friends had hoped to enlist after graduation, and that the line was so long leading to the Drill Hall next to Lisgar that they did not make it in on the first attempt; most went on to other endeavours. Interestingly, the son of the American Ambassador to Canada was among those in line hoping to sign up!

This month’s trivia question: “Who are the three persons depicted in the stained glass windows above the main doors of the school? Write in to us at alumni@lisgar.net or leave a voice-mail with your answer! ■



GEORGE CROSS WINNER: Raoul Jenner.

Lost and Found

As you may have read in the previous *Alere Flamman*, we recently emptied the entire Alumni office due to renovations. When moving our files back in, we discovered a folder containing several diplomas and certificates. If your name appears below, or you have information on these grads, please contact us.

1949 – James W. Currier

1951 – J. Allan Richens

1952 – Barbara A. Cotton, Heather M. Donald, Daniel A. Genn, Paul Mendelsohn, Gloria D. Planta

1954 – Ruth C. Day, Dorothy Welch

1955 – Roger C. Gamble, Edward G. Gillespie, Harry W. Gow, Robert J.

Walker, Danuta Christine Wierzbicka

1956 – Sandra C. Dillon, Beverley A. Purwin, Barbara E. Sherman

1957 – Heather D. Healey, Robert Curle, Ralph Davis, William Hapgood, Roy Haydon, Patricia G. Presland, Elizabeth A. Robinson, Michael de Saint Georges, Barbara A. St. Pierre

1958 – Alistair R. C. Cole, Judith G. Dunlop, Bonnie Eaton, William J. Johnston, Norman F. Mann, Barbara E. Stewart, Gary R. Woodward

1959 – Michael C. Andrews, Antony Grant, Mendel Grower, Jacqueline LeBlanc, Phillip C. MacDonald, Judith M. Mills, Phoebe Scatcherd, Maruta Voitkus

1967 – Jo-Ann Dugas

1968 – Robert W. McKinley, Elizabeth H. L. Dyer-Hurdon

Lisgar’s Gifted Program

When gifted programming became provincially mandated in the early 1980s, Lisgar was designated by Ottawa’s school board as a centre for congregated gifted programming. The school’s geographic centrality, its academic traditions, and its experience with the predecessor “accelerated” program all made this a natural fit. Through the following three decades the gifted program at Lisgar has continued to grow and thrive—a straightforward success story.

The history of gifted programming at the Board level, however, has been more problematic. Programs at other schools are smaller; some have been subject to closure, relocation or review—all of which discourage participation. The amalgamation of school boards continues to generate issues, as the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board seeks to address and balance the needs of an enormous number of students from urban, suburban and rural settings over a vast geographic area.

The future of gifted programming again reached the headlines this spring as the Board debated a staff report and a series of motions, some contradictory to others, regarding change and closure of gifted programs. Although not touched by staff recommendations, Lisgar’s program was drawn into the debate as one Board member moved that the school’s program and several others be moved to Gloucester, whose program had been recommended for closure. (Another proposal to phase out Glebe’s immersion gifted program could have led to the institution of an immersion program at Lisgar in the near future).

Families, the School Council and Alumni Association executive members attended a series of Board meetings through the spring at which the gifted programs at Lisgar and elsewhere were debated. The meetings themselves were an exercise in procedural frustration. On several occa-

sions, closed-door sessions on other issues crowded out debate until late in the evening, and twice discussion of the gifted program got underway only to be cut off abruptly as time ran out. In the end the Board decided in late June to close only the relatively small program at Gloucester and to leave all other gifted programs unchanged, at least for now.

Lisgar’s program is unique in having such a high number of gifted students, both in absolute numbers and as a percentage of the student body. About a third of Lisgar’s population is formally in the program, but this understates matters since grade 12 is not a “gifted” year. The program can be seen as not only supporting the students themselves as they interact with other gifted students, but also encouraging the academic efforts of other Lisgarites and challenging teachers to offer enriched learning experiences to all students. Further, it helps support other curriculum elements, such as Lisgar’s thriving music program, in which gifted students participate enthusiastically.

Critics can point to the population pressure as Lisgar is regularly filled to capacity. On a broader scale, some have expressed worries that schools without gifted programs may not be able to offer as wide a range of academic choices to students; the difficulty faced by rural students travelling to relatively distant congregated centres has also been raised. Some see the trend to “mainstreaming” of academically challenged students as a harbinger of the future for their gifted counterparts.

Undoubtedly, the issue of gifted programs will surface again and we will continue to see Lisgar drawn in. Your Alumni Association will continue to value the contributions that gifted students have made to Lisgar over time, and to advocate on behalf of the school and the unique, albeit perhaps intangible, gifts its rich history and traditions offer to every student who enters its doors. ■

Linking Alumni with Lisgar Present

By Rod Hagglund

In September 24, I had the opportunity to meet with "Link Crew," a student organization under the direction of Mr. Colin Findlater, to tell them about the Alumni Association and the ways in which it interacts with school life. Link Crew is a leadership and mentoring group of Grade 11 and 12 students who partner with Grade 9s to help them make the most of their high school experience. Their objective finds a strong parallel in the Alumni Association's mission.

As the meeting took place in the

Alumni Auditorium there was no difficulty in showing the students some of the work of the Association. The renovations made at the time of the school's 160th anniversary reunion continue to make the old auditorium look its best, and every student there could find a plaque on the arm of his or her seat identifying a donor to the Friends of Lisgar campaign (or a person honoured by a donor).

I brought along our three history books, from the 60th, 100th and 150th reunions, and shared with the students some details about the long history of alumni involvement with the school, dating back to the O.C.I. Ex-Pupils Association, which was formed in the 19th century and ran until it was done in by the Great Depression of the 1930s. I then told the students of how the current Alumni Association was formed in the 1980s following the 140th reunion, and outlined some of our accomplishments—ranging from the roughly \$60,000 raised for the Auditorium renovations, to the publication of our beautiful 150th anniversary history book (which is still available for purchase using the enclosed membership and memorabilia order

form!), to the ongoing activities such as making donations to purchase equipment such as skis and media carts, to the establishment of the Athletic Wall of Fame, and to the main hall showcase displays lovingly put together by our Archivist, retired teacher Joy Heft. I also emphasized the important work of honouring our alumni veterans by way of plaques in the Memorial Hall and through our participation in Remembrance Day activities.

A lively question and answer session ranged from searching questions about the long-term planning and preparations for a full-scale reunion to the Latin meaning of the word "alumnus" (I had to plead ignorance on the latter—Mr. Showman's ghost is probably glowering down at me! I read later that it means foster son or pupil). I made sure that the students knew that they will soon be Alumni Association members and that their future support and participation can keep them connected to and helping out Lisgar and Lisgarites long into the future.

[Editor's note: Rod Hagglund is Chair of the Alumni Association.] ■

Tax Information Regarding Charitable Donations

We would like to remind you that your membership dues and any other donations you make to your Alumni Association through the Lisgar Fund are eligible for a personal tax credit on filing of your annual personal tax return.

The Canada Revenue Agency allows a federal tax credit on charitable donations of 17% for the first \$200 each year, and 29% on amounts over \$200, up to a maximum of 75% of net income. The corresponding provincial tax credit for Ontario residents is 6.05% of the first \$200 and 11.16% of any amount over \$200.

In order to maximize your credit, spouses can pool their contributions. Furthermore, contributions need not be claimed in the tax year they were made, but can be carried forward. Donations made by either spouse can be accumulated for up to five years to claim in a larger lump sum to qualify for the higher credit allowance. ■

Life Members

We are delighted to report that 8 alumni have become Life Members since the Spring 2010 issue of *Alere Flamman*. They are:

Karen Cairns (staff)
Ann Dease (Garceau, 1968)
Shauna Duigenan 1997
Desmond Larock 1951
Diane Loeb (1962)
Ted Parson (1971)
Norma Sharp (Taylor, 1955)
Lyse Tremblay (Savard, 1969)

In Memoriam (continued)

Scouts Canada (formerly the Boy Scouts of Canada) from her late teens she went on to play many leadership and administrative roles including being an employee, a Cub leader, a service team member, and secretary of the Gilwell Club. She was awarded the Bar to her Medal of Merit in 1991 for continued especially good service to Scouting, recognized in 2000 for 45 years of service, and appointed an Honorary Life Member (Wellington District Scouts Canada) in 2002.

OVERTON, Wayne (1962)

PERKINS, Mary Ilene (Mohr, 1946) died on August 1, 2010 at the age of 82. Widow of Garnet (Gary) and loving mother of Heather and Sherry. Born and raised in the Pontiac and after living through the challenging

and difficult years of the Depression, Ilene moved to Ottawa and attended Lisgar and then worked for Bell Canada prior to starting her family. Predeceased by her sisters Ann, Helen, and Elizabeth "Betty," she will be lovingly remembered by her surviving younger sisters: Barbara "Bobbie," Eunice "Tiny," Grace, Katherine "Kay," Bertha, and Beulah.

PURDY, Isabel passed away on September 16, 2010 in Renfrew at the age of 86. Dearly beloved wife of Alan. Daughter of the late Dr. R.M. Anderson and his wife Mae Belle. Mother of Diana, Steven and Robert. Born in Ottawa, she attended Normal Model School, Lisgar Collegiate, and Montreal Royal Victoria Hospital nursing school where she earned her R.N. in 1946. She worked briefly for Dr. Fred Jeffrey in paediatrics before mar-

riage in 1948. She lived in Grand' Mere QC, North Bay, and finally Renfrew where she was active for a time promoting diabetes awareness. Isabel easily made friends wherever she lived. She spent more than 80 summers on Big Island in Blue Sea Lake.

RABBITTS, Phyllis P. (Young, 1946)

RUST-SMITH, Michael (2008) died accidentally on May 9, 2010 in British Columbia. Beloved son of Jacquie Rust and Jim Smith, and brother to Jessie and David. Michael lived a full, interesting, and joyous life. He had an endless curiosity about the natural world, and a boundless love of life. He was an artist, a scientist, a dancer, a pirate, and a ninja. He touched so many lives with his love and enthusiasm. Michael died in

Vancouver while swimming after a 10 km run.

VAN HUSEN, Miriam (Welsh, 1970)

WILSON, Robert Bob (1968) died of pancreatic cancer February 6, 2010. Brother of Shirley Wright (Wilson, 1966), Bob was in the accelerated programme at Lisgar and excelled in mathematics. Bob won a full scholarship to McGill University, becoming an actuary. He was married for 38 years to the love of his life, Eileen. Bob's many interests and extensive knowledge on almost any subject attracted many friends. He was an accomplished chef and baked bread almost every weekend. In Bob's spare time he became quite an accomplished photographer, and he was looking forward to developing this further in his retirement. ■