



# Alere Flammam

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## Lisgar Graduates Returning as Teachers

Over the decades, Lisgar has had the good fortune of having some of its graduates return as teachers. As of this year, there are now two young teachers on staff of whom this is true.

Juli MacDonald (1998), who teaches Math and Science, graduated from Queen's in Math and Mechanical Engineering, with a concurrent Education degree. While at Lisgar as a student, Juli enjoyed helping other students with their homework, an inkling perhaps that a teaching career lay in her future. Having done two practicums at Lisgar during her education program, she was able to return in 2003, upon graduation, for short-term contracts and since then has become full-time at the school.

Notable changes since Juli's student days at Lisgar are the introduction of semestering and the disappearance of Grade 13, a factor which, she notes, limits the range of subjects one can choose. She also mentions with enthusiasm that the school is significantly more multicultural.

Juli was heavily involved in dance outside of school while a student, and since her return has helped with the choreography for the musical *Guys and Dolls*.

Sandra Kremer (Christie, 2000), who teaches Music, graduated from

the University of Toronto in Music. She is married to Robert Christie (2000), and they have two children. Though Sandra always wanted to be a teacher, she took a circuitous route, working in Muskoka and then in Ottawa in other careers before completing her teaching degree at the University of Ottawa in 2012. The recent retirement of Paul O'Connor (teacher 1996-2012) was a fortuitous event for Sandra and she was able to return to Lisgar as a result.

Sandra played clarinet and violin while at Lisgar, and is now teaching

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JULI MACDONALD: Math and Science teacher.



SANDRA CHRISTIE (KREMER): Teaches Music.

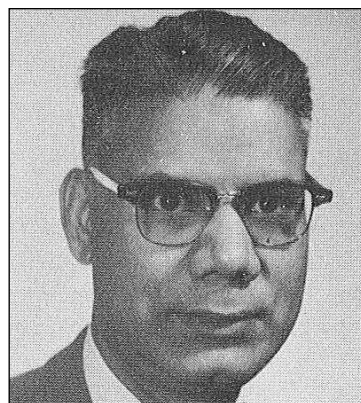
## Rifat Qadri Fondly Remembered

It was with sadness that the Lisgar community learned this past spring of the death of Rifat Qadri (teacher 1962-90). "Rif" was born in Sikandrabad, India, and earned his BA at Aligarh University, a Master's in Education from Southern Illinois University, and teaching certificate from Queen's University.

A well-respected teacher, he enjoyed a passionate and admirable career at Lisgar. Many of the entries in an online book of remembrance attest to the regard in which he was held. Arzu Dean (1993) wrote: "Mr. Qadri was a brilliant educator and an asset to Lisgar. I will always remember his Grade 9 Geography class." Other entries echo this sentiment: "A great teacher at Lisgar, fascinating stories and one of the reasons I went into Geography at Carleton University." "A wonderful teacher and a lovely man." "One of Lisgar's great teachers, and I'm sure that I am just one of many of his former students who are remembering him with great affection and a smile." "A truly memorable teacher, I

remember him fondly." "An excellent teacher who had passion for his subject and, as I recall, a pretty good sense of humour." "I remember being fascinated by the fact he had been an Olympian, while he was offhanded and modest about a feat I thought was huge."

Dave MacGougan (librarian 1959-92), stated that Rif was a truly wonderful person to know, while another colleague recalled with amusement the loud suits he wore. This practice was



RIFAT QADRI: Vox portrait from first year teaching Geography at Lisgar, 1962-63.

alluded to in two of the many comments posted on Facebook, one referring to "a sweet plaid jacket," and another to a purple suit.

Changing times in education are highlighted by Patrick Coghlan's (1977) reminiscence: "Forty years later, I remember Mr. Qadri's unique style for dealing with jean-jacket-clad teens lying in the hallways: 'Move along, you bunch of BUMS!' Worked like a charm, but probably not politically correct these days."

The final word goes to John Swettenham (1982): "We had a song that we sang to Mr. Qadri and his class at the last day of school for a few years around 1979-81. To the tune of the Mickey Mouse Club theme song, it went like this: Who is the leader of the show? Mr. Qadri. Who always tells you where to go? Mr. Qadri. Who knows every Geography book? And all the latest jokes about (name of a student that rhymes with book)? Meeesteerrrrr Qaaddrrriiiii! Who's the leader of the class that's made for you and I? M-I-S-T-E-R Q-A-D-R-I." Need we say more? ■

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## Members' Forum

*Elizabeth Culley (Nugent, 1933) wrote:* Surprise, surprise to open the latest edition of *Alere Flamman* and find my picture on the back page, along with the other members of the 1932 girls rifle team. I haven't been in touch for years but know that Elinor Alfred moved to the States, Val Barrow to Toronto, and Marg Vorles to Montreal. Some of the others, like myself, remained in Ottawa. We'd all be in the late 90s by now. My mother and uncle also attended the school, as did my sister Ruth. I always find some items of interest in the newsletter, even at this late date, and appreciate being reminded of the good days at Lisgar.

*Bruce Sells (1948) wrote in response to our request to identify who was in the Girl's Rifle Club photo in our Spring 2012 issue:* Although I'm not absolutely certain, the two girls missing from your description may be Shirley Cannon (middle girl with hands under the rifle) and Pat Plunkett (girl to Shirley's immediate left). They were both in the class of 1948.

*Dana Menard (2001) and John Trant (2002) were married at the end of July. John received his PhD in Chemistry from the University of Ottawa this spring, and Dana has*

*just finished her PhD in Clinical Psychology at the University of Ottawa and started a one-year residency in London, ON.*

*Sally Cleary (Lyons, 1954) wrote:* You may want this photo of a well-loved and good teacher—Walter B. Mann—for your records. My husband and I are “purging” photos.”

*Congratulations to chef Hugh Acheson (1990), who was featured in our Spring 2011 issue. Hugh has been awarded two James Beard Foundation awards—the Oscars of the cooking world. The first was for his cookbook, A New Turn in the South: Southern Flavours Reinvented for your Kitchen. The second was as Best U.S. Southeast Chef. Congratulations Hugh!*

*Syed Hassan Madni (1963) wrote about his memories of his brief two years at Lisgar:* I had just arrived from Pakistan in 1961 when Principal Neal greeted me very warmly and tried to calm my nerves by taking me to my assigned classes. I fondly remember Miss Bishop (English) and Mr. Thom. The early 60s at Lisgar were very vibrant. I remember arriving in the morning and heading to the auditorium to sing God Save the Queen and O Canada. One of my fondest memories at Lisgar was watching the visiting President Kennedy's motorcade pass by the Rideau Canal next to Lisgar. I moved to the United States in October 1963 and graduated from high school and then received my MBA. Now I am a successful computer professional in Virginia. I still have fond memories of my years at Lisgar. The two years I spent at Lisgar were perhaps the best years of my life.

*Philippe Roy (1962) wrote:* I went over the wall at the Bastille on the Driveway fifty years ago. Over the past fifty years, I have met many Lisgar alumni in many different roles. It is wonderful to see so many engaged minds and spirits who share this com-

## In Memoriam

**BRUNEL**, Ruth (Miller, 1937) died on July 19, 2012 at the age of 93. Ruth worked with her father in his book publishing business (Graphic Press) and continued running R.P. Miller's Stationers card and gift shop after his death in 1942. She was a talented pianist and singer, and shared her gift of entertaining at the women's jail as a volunteer. In her 50s, she worked as secretary to Madame Vanier at Government House, where her sister Louise was also working.

**CREED**, Sheila (Bowser, 1942) died on April 14, 2010 at her home in Duncan, BC. Survived by her husband Richard, and their children Nancy and Neil. After Lisgar, Sheila graduated as an RN from the Ottawa Civic Hospital.

**CUMMINGS**, Shirley (Stotesbury, 1946) died February 14, 2012 at the age of 84. Survived by her sister Dorothy.

**GOODHUE**, Classen (1961) died on April 20, 2010. After Lisgar, he attended Carleton University, graduating in History, then Wycliffe College in Toronto, where he received his teaching certificate. He taught History in Lindsay for many years. He is survived by his brother John (1967).

**HENRY**, David (1935) died on May 31, 2011 at the age of 94. After graduating from Lisgar, he received his BA in Economics and History from Queen's University in 1939, attended Osgoode Law School in Toronto, and was called to the Bar in 1941. That same year, he served in the 2nd Bn. with The Royal Regiment of Canada and was overseas from 1943–44 with the 1st Bn in England and Normandy. He was wounded at Falaise and was transferred to the Judge Advocate General Branch, Ottawa, with the rank of Captain, November, 1944. In 1973

he was appointed to the Supreme Court of Ontario, where he remained until his retirement in 1991. He is survived by his wife Elizabeth and daughter Janice.

**HULL**, Chester (1935) died April 9, 2012 at the age of 92. After attending Lisgar, he attended RMC in Kingston and joined the RCAF in 1939. His pilot's wings were presented to him by First World War flying ace Billy Bishop. He served as a flying instructor with the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan and was sent overseas in 1943 to train as a bomber pilot. Hull flew with 420 (Snowy Owl) Squadron, and later assumed command of 428 (Ghost) Squadron. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross in 1945. “In air operations, Wing Commander Hull has displayed a high degree of skill, courage and determination,” reads the award citation. “He has led his squadron on many sorties involving attacks against such targets as Stuttgart, Duisburg, Emden and Dortmund and his fearless example and undoubted ability have contributed in good measure to the successes obtained.” At the age of 25, Hull took command of RCAF Station Leeming, in North Yorkshire, where he remained until the end of the war. He then returned to Canada where he took a job at Air Force Headquarters in Ottawa and trained to be a fighter pilot. In 1953, during the depths of the Cold War, Hull became commanding officer of the RCAF's newly formed 3 Fighter Wing in Zweibrücken, Germany. Upon his return to Canada in 1956, Hull was promoted to Lieutenant-General, then in 1972 he became Vice-Chief of the Defence staff.

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mon root. I often think of former classmates and old friends, and take this opportunity to wish them all well. I went on to the University of Ottawa, later Queen's University, and completed a Certified Management Consultant designation. I worked in Canada, the United States, Europe, Australia, and

New Zealand in management consulting, policy, enterprise competitiveness, and growth in global markets. For the past ten years I have worked in climate change and climate innovation in South Africa, China, India, and Brazil. I have bumped into a few Lisgar graduates over the years—Rick

Kohler, Mark Richardson, Tim Plumptre, John Baldwin, Hugh Ireton, Bruce Keith, Merle Hébert, Barbara French, Micki Kaminska, Stuart Langford—all doing well

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*Elaine Cavin (May, 1990) married Brenden Cavin in October 2011 and they welcomed son Henry on May 9, 2012. Elaine also has a three-year-old daughter, Rosalind, and is now step-mom to Emily and Katie. The family lives in Toronto, where Elaine is the Assistant Head of Wardrobe at the Young People's Theatre.*

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*Doug Burns (1952) e-mailed: I just received the latest issue of *Alere Flammam*, and as usual opened it first and scanned it for the names of classmates and the many others that I also knew by name, hoping not to find them in the "In Memoriam" column. I am now in the process of selling my house in Beaconsfield, QC and have moved to a condo with a fantastic view overlooking Valois Bay in Pointe Claire. As I am not far from Ottawa, I frequently drive to visit my Lisgar grad sisters, Alison Scott (Burns), wife of Ashbury-type David Scott, and Margaret Dempsey (Burns), widow of Lisgarite Murray Dempsey, as well as my old chum David Owen and his wife Elaine. May the *Alere Flammam* ever burn bright! P.S. If the Rough Riders ever make it back onto the field at*

Lansdowne, they will have at least one fan from Montreal (despite the continuing success of the Alouettes).

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*Martin Kusy (1961) wrote: I very much enjoy reading the newsletter—occasionally recognizing a name that brings back very fond memories. A big thank you to all the volunteers.*

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*Roger (1954) and Gloria Wright (Wagborn, 1954) sent a letter and some photos from the recent Doors Open Ottawa event in June: Once again we enjoyed our visit back to Lisgar. Our guides, Ryan and Henry, were fantastic. Until next year!*

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*Don Wolochow (1950) wrote to inform us of his brother Manley's death: The feature story "100 Years Ago: Fourth Floor Rifle Range" in the Spring 2012 issue of *Alere Flammam* coincided with the recent death at age 84 of my brother, in Vancouver, where he was retired. Back at Lisgar, as a 15-year-old transferee from Glebe, and with the encouragement of his Physics teacher, Mr. Louis Meng, Bud began to practice on the attic rifle range, and I remember the day he came home proudly carrying a target with a perfect "10." From that day forward he became more proficient in the shooting sports, competing in many categories, right into his 80s, when he achieved a perfect 25 in trapshooting. As a busy GP in Vancouver, and later*



DOORS OPEN OTTAWA: Barbara Mendel (1980), from your Alumni Association executive, was on hand selling Lisgar memorabilia. At right is David Lamperd (teacher 1970-99)

as an equally busy radiologist, he continued to compete. His skills enabled him to be named to the Canadian rifle team for ten years, winning a gold medal in free pistol in 1976, competing in the World Championships in Seoul, Korea, then the Pan-Am Games in 1979, where his team brought home Gold for Canada. As a member of the Canadian team at the Maccabiah Games in Israel in 1981 and 1985, Bud took home one Silver and two Gold medals. In his later years, Bud was an active member of the Richmond, BC, Gun Club as late as 2011. It is doubtful that Bud would have developed his lifelong interest in the shooting sports, achieving success at the highest level, had it not been for

that "infamous" rifle range in the Lisgar attic back in the mid-1940s. Right up until the end, Bud talked about Mr. Meng, and what an impact he had on his life!

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*Boudewyn Van Oort (1957) wrote: I occasionally see another old Lisgarite, Anne Woods. She was one of the elegant and worldly Grade 13 girls when I was hovering in the lower grades. We see one another at the occasional Canadian International Council meeting in town. The pianist Peter Smith I have not seen for years, though I believe he is still well and active in Victoria's musical scene. I am trying to find the time to write a sequel to my book *Tjideng Reunion*. ■*

## Missing Life Members

Do you have any contact information? Please forward it to the Alumni office.

Dr. Frank Abbott (1947)  
 E. Anne Acland (1952)  
 Claire Anfossie (Bruce, 1951)  
 Tess Ashby (Slade, 1969)  
 John G. Aylen (1941)  
 Andreea Balreanu (2002)  
 Hugh Boyce (1984)  
 Joanne Heidi Bostrom (Boyce, 1957)  
 Elizabeth Budi (Kekanovich, 1950)  
 Marilyn Burns (King, 1947)  
 Gordon H. Chamberlain (1955)  
 Hartman Chung (1990)  
 Joscelyn Cosh (1944)  
 Martha Coughlin (Dent, 1933)

Pamela Cross (McCullough, 1948)  
 Edmond Edwards (1959)  
 Myfanwy Elliott (Millward, 1939)  
 Katherine Elton (Milliken, 1944)  
 William Extence (1946)  
 Joel Feldman (1966)  
 Stuart Fenton (1940)  
 Alexandra Fotiou (1984)  
 Alfred Friedman (1952)  
 Elizabeth Fripp (Thompson, 1945)  
 Zoe Gavsie (Davies, 1992)  
 Cherilyn Golub (Nichol, 1967)  
 May Hambly (Lathe, 1928)  
 Fred Heeney (1957)  
 James Hilton (1932)  
 Ann Holman (Boyd, 1955)  
 E. Peter Hopper (1947)  
 Natalie Johnston (1998)  
 Avenel Jones (Harris, 1937)  
 Tom Kawasaki (1990)  
 Susan Keene (Warner, 1965)

Krishan Khanna (1992)  
 Joan Kirk (Duncan, 1942)  
 Andrew Kniewasser (1944)  
 Katie Lafferty (1989)  
 Ellis Lindsay (1989)  
 Stephen Lister (1978)  
 Andrea Lobo (1992)  
 Barbara Mathison (Masseaux, 1960)  
 Richard Matte (1949)  
 Robert Maudsley (1956)  
 Georgie McCuaig (1934)  
 Alasdair McKie (1995)  
 Mark Meed (1971)  
 Liam Morland (1996)  
 Derek Neal (1985)  
 May Nicholson (Shaw, 1937)  
 James Olson (1970)  
 Christine Ozarko (Cardinal, 1958)  
 Jasia Pietrzak (1993)  
 Robert Pitfield (1974)  
 Lucy Poaps (Connelly, 1947)

Judy Robinson (Johannsen, 1960)  
 Barbara Saker (Telford, 1953)  
 B. Mary Senior (Robson, 1940)  
 Louise Skabar (1970)  
 Thomas Stewart (1939)  
 Jane Struthers (Minott, 1937)  
 Inez Sunderland (Smith, 1938)  
 Joyce Taylor (1985)  
 Ketana Teav (2000)  
 Eric Theoret (2003)  
 Raimond Tullius (1992)  
 Andrew Watson (1948)  
 Shirley Weeks (Pratt, 1939)  
 Brian Wherrett (1952)  
 Sylvia Wiggins (Van Steenburgh, 1952)  
 Sylvia Wilkinson (Neal, 1954)  
 Heather Wilson (1989)  
 Jennifer Wong (1990)  
 Bill Wood (1954)  
 Frank Woodruff (1947)

## From the Lisgar Archives: Notes from “Down Below”

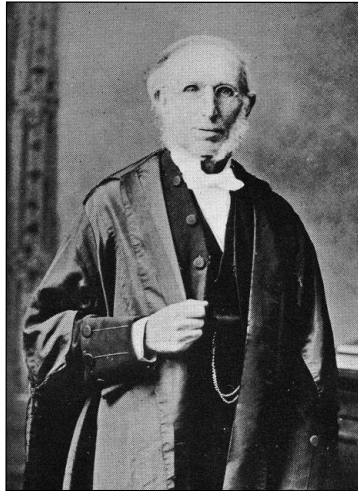
From Joy Heft

As many alumni will remember, the beautiful Lisgar library, renovated in 2003, is adorned with the portraits of former Lisgar principals and some teachers. Many of these are photographs, though some are oil paintings. Last spring, Principal David McMahon brought it to our attention that a number of former principals were not represented and it was his hope that we could complete the collection. Research was undertaken to identify those missing—there were five. Of this number, we were able to find pictures of three in the existing Lisgar history books: Judge William Aird Ross, Rev. H.J. Borthwick, and Dr. A.H. McDougall. These were cleaned up digitally by Avi Caplan (2000), and Principal McMahon had them framed in a fashion similar to the earlier ones. Bronze plates identifying the portraits and the years each had spent at Lisgar were produced to match existing ones and hung beneath.

Unfortunately, we have so far been unable to find portraits of Rev. John Robb, whose tenure was from 1845 to 1850, or of Timothy Millar, who was at Lisgar from 1856 to 1858. In order to recognize their years at Lisgar, bronze plates have been mounted and it is hoped someone may be able to provide a picture at a later time. Perhaps an enterprising alumnus would like to mount a search.

Turning to yearbooks, readers will remember from past issues that it was our desire to complete the collection of *Vox* at the main branch of the Ottawa Public Library. Readers responded generously and the list has now been reduced to two, 1922 and 1990. If you should come across either of these, we would be delighted to receive it.

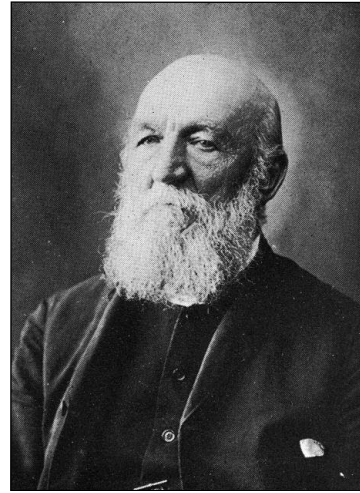
We also continue to have requests to purchase copies of *Vox* from our collection. Alfred Friedman (1952) has purchased a number for former friends and classmates. Patrick Kelly purchased three for his mother,



JUDGE WILLIAM AIRD ROSS: Head Master, 1850-1856.

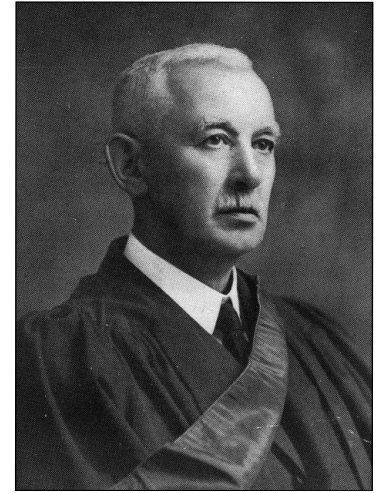
Sharon Dolores Poole Kelly (1948), and one was provided for Jean Soloway Berger (1943) when a chance exchange with Andrea Levy revealed her mother, who currently resides in Montreal, had attended Lisgar.

The list of Lisgar authors whose works have joined our collection continues to grow. *A Life on the Fringe*, by former Senator Eugene Forsey (1922), accomplished student and a member of the *Vox* executive in the early 1900s, was donated from my own library. In the spring, we received



REV. H.J. BORTHWICK: Head Master, 1858-62.

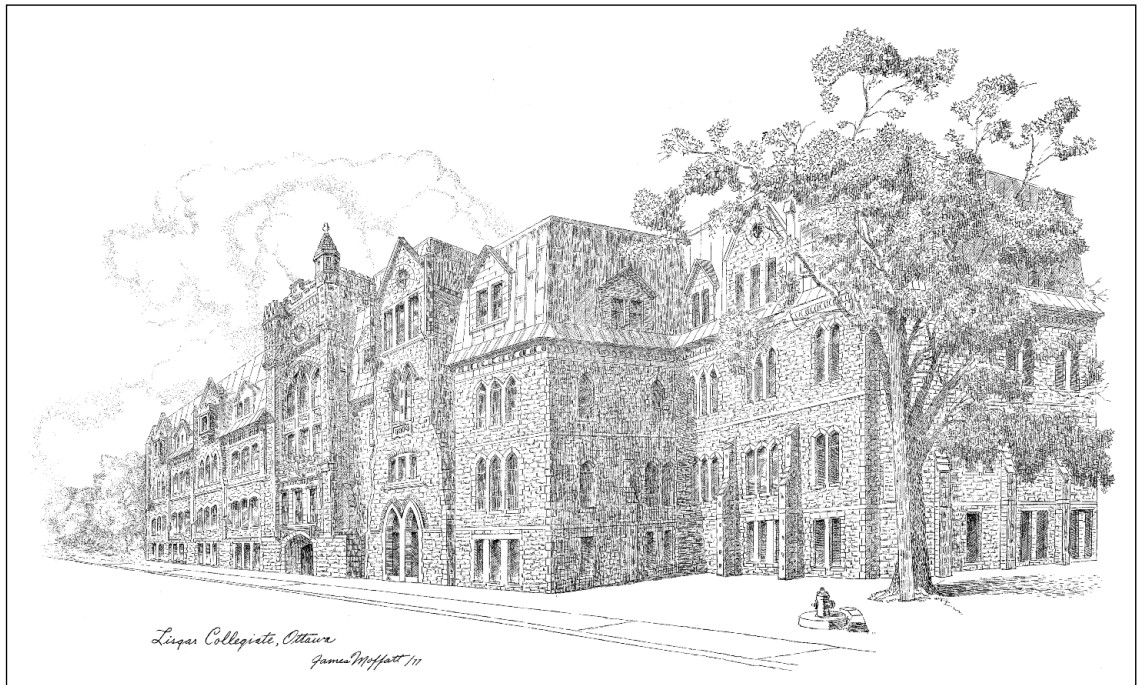
from Gordon Henderson (1949) *An Introduction to Political Parties and American Democracy, People, Politics and Policies*, the latter accompanied by a teaching manual. An entirely different genre was dropped off this summer by Alette Willis (1988). *How to Make a Golem and Terrify People* is a children's book which poses the query "You've got the power to bring a monster to life... Do you dare?" Having graduated from Pearson College, Willis now works at the University of Edinburgh. This, her



DR. A.H. MCDUGALL: Principal, 1904-1928.

first published book, won the 2011 Kelpies Prize for Scottish children's literature.

Finally, there has been an addition to our choice of memorabilia for sale. Some will recognize this as a "déjà vu," as the lovely pen and ink drawing of Lisgar by James Moffatt has been reproduced on high quality embossed note paper. For many years, this drawing adorned the cover of the day planners produced for Lisgar students. See the enclosed memorabilia order form or our website for details. ■



FAMILIAR IMAGE: James Moffatt's 1977 drawing of the school, now available on note cards, appeared for many years on the cover of Lisgar day planners.

# An Interview with Retired Diplomat Richard Kohler

*[Editor's note: This interview is the first in a series by Philippe Roy (1962), who hopes that other alumni will also step forward to interview their own contemporaries. "We, an older generation," he writes, "bequeath the witness of our own lives, university and professional education, careers, initiatives, national and international experience, accomplishments, lessons learned, and adjustments made, in order to help guide a next generation towards a wide range of potential endeavours which they may explore, where they may find their way, where they may make great contributions in their generation."]*

## What do you remember most about Lisgar?

Louis Meng—Physics teacher, veteran of WWI; every Remembrance Day he'd waive Physics and give a lecture about war and his recollections including "pressing the lice out of his pants with a hot iron." Miss Bishop's English classes, and Mr. Rentner's Math classes; he had also been my mother's Math teacher. Assembly, school concerts, Phi Chi Psi sports cheer, great spirit! Ottawa's oldest, most prestigious school, and best situated, by the canal, close to the Mayflower and Granada restaurants.

## What did you study at university?

English Literature at Carleton University (1970), and Management at York Professional Management Institute (1981).

## What roles did you fill at External Affairs in Canada and abroad?

In Canada: Director of Personnel, Trade Commissioner Service; Director of Middle-East/Africa Trade Relations; Chief Information Officer and Director General of Information Management and Technology; Chief of Protocol of Canada. Overseas: Nine different postings including Paris, Brazil, and Australia, each twice. I also served in Romania, Thailand, and the United States. I served as Minister Counsellor (Commercial and Economic) in France, Ambassador to



RETIRED DIPLOMAT: Richard Kohler (1962) keeps busy after a stimulating foreign service career.

the Federative Republic of Brazil, and Consul General of Canada based in Sydney, Australia. My favourite posting was my first—to Sydney, Australia, where I met my wife, Edwina.

## What were some of the most interesting things that you did?

Being a consular officer and assisting distressed Canadians, including many jail visits—hard but rewarding. As Chief Information Officer, helping the Department of Foreign Affairs over the Y2K crisis. Travelling with the Canadian Navy off the coast of Brazil, acting as interpreter with Brazilian Port Authorities. Participating as a performer with one of Rio's famous Samba Schools in the Carnival Parade in 1999. Walking the fine line of international politics while working in international trade in the Middle East, in Tel Aviv in 1992. Driving from Baghdad to Kuwait during the Iran-Iraq war (1983), artillery shaking the ground.

## Who were some of the important international people you met?

As Chief of Protocol, I worked directly

for the Prime Minister and Governor General, managing their international engagements. I met the Pope, Nelson Mandela, Tony Blair, Vicente Fox, Jacques Chirac, Thabo Mbeki, George W. Bush, Gerhard Schröder, and Kofi Anan.

## Were there any particularly humorous incidents?

In Bucharest, Romania, during the Ceausescu era, we used to call the microphones, which listened to our conversations at home, "Igor." We'd say "Did you get that Igor?" One New Year's Eve, while having a party at home, the phone rang at midnight and a drunken, accented voice said "Hoppy New Year, Dees is Igor!"

Again in Bucharest, I took a VIP to the best (Communist) restaurant in town. I noticed my guest was having difficulty with his meal and asked what the problem was; he said "My chicken isn't cooked, it's raw!" I looked down at my plate and my chicken was raw too. I called the waiter over and told him our meal was uncooked and he, in the nonchalant attitude of

Communist customer service, replied, "I know, the stove's broken today!"

## Would you recommend a career in diplomacy to Lisgar graduates?

Yes, definitely, it is a challenging and rewarding field. However, diplomacy can be a big drag on personal relationships. If one is sensitive to being away from family, friends, and familiar surroundings for long periods, then diplomacy is not a viable career path. However, for me and many others in the foreign service who enjoyed it, there's nothing to compare. You represent your country internationally, travel a lot, meet fascinating people, sample a rich diversity of cultures, and face constant variety. If I had to do it all over again, I wouldn't hesitate!

## How should Lisgar graduates prepare themselves for a career in diplomacy?

The Department of Foreign Affairs has a helpful website with loads of advice on the hiring process and job opportunities. Important qualities include leadership, curiosity, flexibility, judgement, and quick-wittedness. To have a keen interest in the world around you and knowledge of Canadian values and culture is also very important.

## What did you do following retirement from External Affairs?

Upon retirement, I became Assistant Deputy Minister, International Relations, and Chief of Protocol with the Ontario Government, member of the Board of Directors of the Canada-Australia Chamber of Commerce, member of the Canada-Australia Leadership Forum 2012, and lecturer in the Road Scholar Routes to Learning program. More recently, I became a volunteer at Meals on Wheels (with my wife), a volunteer mentor to new immigrants at a Chinese Community Centre, and a volunteer international advisor to Operation Walk Canada.

*[Editor's note: In 2002, Richard Kohler received the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal in recognition of his significant contribution to Canada.]* ■

## Lisgar Bids Farewell to Linda Martin

Friends, family, colleagues and former students gathered on October 13 to honour the life of Linda Martin (teacher 1998-2012), who succumbed to ovarian cancer on September 22, 2012. A popular teacher among staff and students, Linda had been forced to take sick leave on and off for a number of years as she battled her disease. Prior to that she had a brief interlude in Regina while she accompanied her husband, Wayne, during an RCMP posting.

Linda began her career at Lisgar in 1998 as a member of the Business Department, which benefitted enormously from her vitality and expertise. In addition to teaching, she was involved in preparing students for the Sprott Business Competition and the Ontario Business Educators Association Competitions; she was recognized by

the Certified General Accountants of Ontario as Accounting Teacher of the Year in 2008. She also helped with the 2006 Business Studies curriculum documents and created a Grade 12 online Accounting course. Even while on leave Linda tutored students in accounting and international business when able. "She inspired me to go into business at university and helped me every step of the way," wrote a student.

There were also numerous extracurricular involvements over the years. Along with her good friend Rachele Sentic, who gave the eulogy at the memorial, Linda was the teacher advisor to Students' Council for several years and engaged in other activities, such as cooking all the food for the Masquerade Murder Mystery sponsored by the Business Department in 2008. She accompanied students in

the Music department as chaperone on several overseas trips, and helped as well for many years with the organization of Commencement and the administration of the staff flower and gift fund. When her health allowed, she continued to make a contribution to the school despite her illness, most recently helping with registration and the Grade 9 orientation program.

Though Linda had to leave the school prematurely, her contribution to life at Lisgar was significant and her enthusiasm and good humour will be greatly missed. It is fitting that her memorial service included a good contingent of both staff and students—in addition to Rachele Sentic's tribute to her friend, the Lisgar string ensemble, conducted by Richard Arrigo, played a fitting selection of music, and another close friend and regular com-



POPULAR TEACHER: Linda Martin taught business and was advisor to Students' Council.

### Grad Teachers (continued)

band classes and conducting orchestras. She recognizes that Lisgar has always had a strong Music department and is happy to be back at the school after so many years away. She feels Lisgar still has the same vibe and energy as in her student days, though the change of numbering of floors caused

some amusing exchanges with students when she claimed they were forbidden to go to the fourth floor—remember the legendary fourth floor? Some of the fourth floor teachers may not have appreciated that bit of advice!

It is obvious the Lisgar legacy of teaching excellence continues as it adds to its faculty sound and gracious young teachers. A number of other returnees from former decades were Doug Arrand (1961, teacher 1967-2000), Jim Beall (1963, teacher 1968-77), John Boehmer (1964, teacher 1970-2000), Bill Fraser (1961, teacher 1965-99), Mary Kettles (1938, teacher 1968-77), Joe Leggatt (1941, teacher 1960-81), Bob Murphy (1966, teacher 1970-76), Larry Priebe (1964, teacher 1967-77), Terry Prichett (1957, teacher 1966-98), and Jack Shapiro (1962, vice-principal 1987, principal 1994-98)... Can you help complete the list? ■

### In Memoriam (continued)

He retired in 1974, having spent 41 years in the military. Hull was married to his wife Jane for 71 years. They had three children, Brian, Diana, and Sally.

**JOHNSTON**, Joyce (Erskine, 1946) died in February, 2012 in Alberta.

**LAWSON**, Judith (teacher, 1997-98) died in a tragic accident June 4, 2012. She is survived by children Hillary (1992) and Michael (1994), and by Don (teacher 1991-2000).

**MARTIN**, Linda (teacher, 1998-2012) died on September 22, 2012 at the age of 60. [See article above]

**QADRI**, Rifat (teacher, 1962-90) died on May 5, 2012 at the age of 86. [See article on p. 1]

**TAYLOR**, Irving (1948) died on March 2, 2012. Survived by his children Susan and Brent. Brother of Chick and Malca. Irving and Chick were the founding owners of several IGA/Loeb food stores, which they

operated for several years. companion, Trudy Bradley, played a touching piano version of It's a Wonderful World. Linda, who lived life to its fullest and with a generous spirit, would likely agree. ■

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**WHITTET**, Shirley (1937) died on June 29, 2012 in Montreal. She had a 39-year career with the Canadian Pacific Railway, which included writing for the public relations and marketing departments and serving as Women's Editor of the CP Rail Magazine, *Spanner*. She was a member of the Women's Press Club of Montreal and had fond memories of her days at Lisgar.

**WOLFE**, Eileen (Harris, 1940) died on August 25, 2012 in Victoria, BC. After graduating from Lisgar, Eileen received her RN in 1946 and moved to Victoria where she worked at the Royal Jubilee Hospital and at her husband's private practice.

**WOLOCHOW**, Manley "Bud" (1945) died on April 4, 2012. Survived by his wife of 64 years, Ruth (1944), and their children Eve, Peter and Janice. ■

### Life Members

We are delighted to report that 12 alumni have become Life Members since the last issue of *Alere Flammam*. They are:

Celia Blakey (Nelles, 1981)  
Joseph Chan (1995)  
Kate Gammal (Nelles, 1982)  
Robert Hawkins (1963)  
Daphne Kirk-Dain (1997)  
Martin Kusy (1961)  
Lisa Liang (2006)  
Anne MacKlem (Hardy, 1946)  
Audrey Marchant (Earle, 1945)  
Philippe Roy (1962)  
Leonard Shore (1958)  
Margo Trewin (1960)

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