



Alere Flammam

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Alumnus Retiring After 68 Years of Lisgar

George Toller's Lisgar roots go deep. The names of his father Owen and uncle Bill can be found on the World War I plaques in our Memorial Hall. George himself enrolled at Lisgar in 1940, and preceded his brother as head boy in his final year of 1944–45. So many years later, as he retires from the Alumni Association executive, his memories of that period remain vivid.

"My first year at Lisgar was quite awesome," recalls George. "World War II had just begun, and a great sense of urgency and determination filled the school. The daily morning assembly, over which Principal Dunlop presided, started with a Bible reading and often continued with a listing of Lisgar's latest war casualties or a reading of letters from Lisgarites serving overseas. The assembly would end with a singing of God Save the King and two popular songs—We'll Meet Again and Somewhere Over the Rainbow were favourites."

The War was top of mind. The war news, read out over CBC radio by former Lisgarite Lorne Greene—known as the "Voice of Doom"—was avidly discussed in the halls. Visits by former students now in uniform were cherished. George remembers in particular a visit by Flight Lieutenant Ken Lussier, who addressed the student assembly

on his war experiences and received a thunderous ovation. "Our Lisgar 94th Cadet Corps," George recounts, "complete with Bugle Band led by Andy Kniewasser, drilled faithfully in the Cartier Square Drill Hall and Gymnasium during the five war years. In spring and fall, we often paraded down the driveway and nearby street proclaiming our patriotism to the surrounding neighbours' delight—with official inspections by the Minister of Defence. Malak Karsh took some great photos of our activities that remain in the school archives." It was a bitter-sweet moment for George and his classmates when the war ended before their chance to serve actively came.

George says that the serious times meant fewer hijinks than in earlier days, but he can recall a few: the large group who played hooky to attend the grand opening of the Elgin Theatre, only to have the principal appear on the stage to march them back to school; the student who poured a large splotch of ink out a window, turning the exterior truly Blue and Grey for a while, and whose classmates kept mum through two weeks of detentions till the miscreant voluntarily gave himself up; and the mass march to invade the campus of arch-rival Glebe during Lisgar's 100th anniversary celebrations. This last apparently included the raucous singing of the school song and

"Phi Chi Psi" chant, but otherwise was peaceful enough that the principals, who kept in touch by phone throughout the proceedings, did not intervene or even hand out detentions.

School social activities went on regardless, with dances, concerts, and plays, as well as some Gilbert and Sullivan operettas. The highlight of the social year was the Christmas at Home dinner dance, presided over by the Principal and Vice-principal, and their wives, in formal attire. George remembers as well with special fondness the winter sleigh rides from the door of Lisgar to Hog's Back and Teskey's restaurant, with Jingle Bells sung in Latin on the return trip.

Above all other things, however, George remembers the formative influence of the teachers. The faculty were deeply involved with the students, always there to help, and hugely respected. "They gave me a strong sense of the importance of higher education that led me on to University and my later career," says George.

After studying at Queen's and Toronto, George returned to Ottawa in the 1960s with wife Ruth and enjoyed a long and respected career as a financial advisor. In the 1980s, he became actively involved with the Lisgar Alumni Executive, serving through more than twenty years and two major reunions. Special highlights for George include



RETIRING: 1945 Lisgar Head Boy George Toller.

the work of Joan Finnigan, "Lisgar's Shakespeare" in putting together the Lisgar history for the 150th anniversary. He can also look back on the successful Friends of Lisgar campaign, which he chaired for the 160th, which allowed major renovations to be made to the Auditorium. Finally, George remembers the moving ceremony at the 160th dedicating the plaque that now is displayed in our Memorial Hall in memory of Alexis Helmer, the first Lisgarite to fall in WWI and the inspiration for Dr. John McCrae's poem "In Flanders Fields."

Being part of Lisgar and of all that its teachers and students have given to Canada is something of which George will always be proud. ■

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No Child Left Thinking: Testing, "Accountability," and the Threat to Canadian Democracy

Thursday, March 26, 2009, 7:30–9:30 PM, in the Lisgar Alumni Auditorium. Refreshments will be served.
Admission is free, but please RSVP to secretary@lisgar.net.

Recent changes in school policies have had dramatic effects on what is and isn't taught in Canadian schools. In particular, the increasing focus on testing and test preparation has severely constrained many students' opportunities to develop the skills of critical thinking that are so vital to democracy. The Lisgar School Council invites alumni to join in a unique opportunity to explore this interesting topic with Dr. Joel Westheimer, University Research Chair in the Sociology of Education and Professor of Education at the University of Ottawa.

Members' Forum

Both Ron Jacobson (1959) and Sylvia O'Brien (1974) e-mailed to ask when the next reunion was going to be held. The executive has discussed this recently and decided that there will definitely be a 175th reunion in 2018. The question remains whether we will have a 170th in 2013. Reunions take a great deal of planning and volunteer work so it is a big decision to make. We'd like to hear what you think.

Janet Fraser (1978) wrote to share news of an upcoming class reunion: There's a plan afoot to organize a 30th anniversary reunion for the class of '78 in Ottawa on the long weekend in May 2009. If you're interested in attending or in helping organize any sort of activity, let us know right away at lisgar78@gmail.com. Planning is probably underway by the time you are reading this, but as of now it still could be as simple as a pub night or as elaborate as anyone wants to make it. You may never know who dances a divine foxtrot, who drives the track like a pro, or who sings like a bird if you don't send your contact info.

Ken Curry (1968) e-mailed to suggest that we think about scanning old yearbooks in order to have them

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available for Alumni to read on-line. In fact, we are doing just this. Watch our website this summer.

Doug Burns (1951) e-mailed to let us know that he had been in touch with classmate Dave Owen (1952). He also mentioned that his sister, Margaret (Burns) Dempsey (1949), lives in Burnet, QC. His other sister, Alison (Burns) Scott (1955), now lives in Ottawa: I always get a big kick out of reading the newsletter and sometimes sadness as I note some of the In Memoriams of people I knew.

*Charlotte Snowsell (Orr, 1961) e-mailed from Victoria, BC: Just recently, I met a neighbour, Peter Saunders, who mentioned he used to teach at Lisgar. Living out west, I have rarely run into ex-students or teachers. A most interesting conversation followed. Mr. Saunders brought around the Winter 2008 *Alere Flammam* to look at (a few names look familiar to me). My brother Bob Orr was also a graduate of Lisgar, following a year behind. I am sad to report Bob died December 2004, after a short illness.*

Lois Smith (Collard, 1948) e-mailed to tell us that she enjoys reading the newsletter online now: My last visit to Ottawa was for the 160th anniversary and I thoroughly enjoyed the festivities.

Drew Love (1970) e-mailed: I just wanted to drop you a note to tell you how much I have enjoyed receiving the newsletter and reading about all things past and present at LCI. I have moved to Montreal to assume the position of Director of Athletics & Recreation at McGill University.

*Dick Foran e-mailed that he was reading his brother-in-law David Girvin's (1959) copy of *Alere Flammam* and noted that old friend Bill Thorsteinson (1953) was looking for a copy of the 1952-53 Vox Lycei. He has kindly offered his copy to Bill and comments: To refresh Bill's memory, the Student's Council*

In Memoriam

BEACH, Russell J. (1929)
BEHAN, Robert "Bob" (teacher 1965-1976) died on November 27, 2007 at the age of 87. He was very proud and happy during his teaching years at Lisgar where he was Head of the Mathematics Department. During that time he guided some of Lisgar's most gifted students to achieve success in city and provincial math competitions. He was also able to help many more students who found math a challenge, by making a difficult subject more comprehensible. While at Lisgar, her was honoured to receive the Descartes Foundation's René Descartes Medal. He also received the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario award for secondary school teachers who contributed significantly to the teaching of math and science.

BLACKBURN, Stanley (1953)
BATTS, Julian Henry Stuart (1986) died suddenly in Scotland of meningitis on February 9, 2009 at the age of 41. A memorial service will be held in Ottawa at a later date.

CAMPBELL, Ian (1946) died on October 16, 2007.

CHANCE, David G. (1942) died on April 30, 2008. David was commanding officer of the Lisgar Cadet Corps. Upon graduation, he joined the RCAF, completing a tour of operations in 1945. He married Nancy Complin and had three children and four grandchild-

dren. He is survived by his twin brother John and their older brother Peter.

DOHN, Margaret (Bussell, 1932)
DONALDSON, William "Bill" (1947) died November 27, 2007.

HAMBLY, May (Lathe, 1927) died on April 26, 2008 at the age of 97. Widow of Jack and mother of Fraser and Gordon. Grandmother of three and great grandmother of three. Survived by her brothers Gordon and Frank. Predeceased by brother Grant. May was a teacher of Latin in Windsor, Toronto, and North York. She completed her teaching career at Queen's University where she was a charter member of the Faculty of Education.

HENDELMAN, Devra (1988)
JONES, Vera (Thompson, 1937)

JUST, Dr. Harold M. (1939) died on January 19, 2008 in Sarnia. He was a proud Lisgar graduate who attended Queen's University (BA, 1943) and McGill (MD, 1947). He practiced as a urologist/surgeon until retiring at the age of 81. Over the years he returned to Lisgar for several reunions and enjoyed lively debates with his minister, an unfortunate graduate of Glebe!

KAYE, Martin (1964) in July 2004.
KERR, Charles "Monty" (1944) died on February 3, 2008 at the age of 82. Loving father of Michael, Graeme and Alasdair. Grandfather of two.

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was: Honorary President, Mr. J.W. Strader; President, Bill Thorsteinson; V-P, Betty Swerdfager, Secretary, Audrey Gilchrest; Boy's Athletic Assoc., Bruce Nordquist; Gr. 11 Rep., Solly Gunner; Gr. 10 Rep., Bob McAskin; Gr. 9 Rep., Pippa Lyons; Camera Club, Michael McKay; Glee Club, Carlee Gallop; Orchestra, Evelyn Feldman; Welfare Club, Rosemary Heenan; Girl's Athletic Assoc., Joan Herbert; A-V Aids Committee, Don Bohart; Vox Lycei, Dick Foran; Advisors, Miss. Meech, Miss Forward, Mr. Neil, Mr. Lalonde, Mr. Thom.

Mary Trickey (Turner, 1950) wrote to let us know about the passing of

Guy Routliffe (1948): Although Milton and I moved from Ottawa to Victoria in 1994, Guy and his wife Shirley remained special friends.

Eleanor Bates-Dunn (1955) wrote from her home in Ottawa: Whenever I read the newsletter, it brings back fond memories of Dorothy Bishop. Any success I have achieved in my life I unhesitatingly credit to Miss Bishop. She gave me the self-confidence to pursue goals which were outside the norms decreed for women in the 1950s, when the acceptable jobs for women were nursing, teaching or becoming a secretary... I wanted to be a writer... Miss Bishop told me I

could do it if I put my mind to it. She suggested that I attend Carleton and pursue a degree in journalism and get a job on a newspaper just as other famous writers such as Charles Dickens, Upton Sinclair and F. Scott Fitzgerald had done. I took her advice, went to Carleton, studied journalism and got a job on a newspaper.

Even after I left Lisgar, our paths continued to cross. For years, Dorothy Bishop wrote a column for the now-defunct *Ottawa Journal*. I was a reporter at the *Ottawa Citizen*. We were both members of the Ottawa branch of the Canadian Women's Press Club and at the club's monthly dinner gatherings we would kid each other about working for rival newspapers ... Miss Bishop showed me that I could make something of myself; there was no project which I could not take on and there was no such thing as an insurmountable barrier provided one had grit, determination, the willingness to work hard and skin thick enough to deflect the barbs of nay-sayers.

I saw Dorothy Bishop for the last time at the Lisgar sesquicentennial in 1993. She was very frail and in a wheelchair but her mind was as sharp as ever. I was able to thank her for the positive impact her influence had on my life ... I am presently writing a memoir which, if it gets published, will be dedicated to Dorothy Bishop, who was everything a teacher should be.

Barbara Aker (Gibson, 1952) e-mailed: I really enjoy reading [the newsletter]. You people do a great job! I find it interesting to have a boy that went to Lisgar at the same time as I did become a surgeon and operate on my oldest daughter!

Bob Green (1960) e-mailed: I am always pleased to receive my copy of the Lisgar newsletter. It is great to see such long-lasting friendship among some of the gals in our class. Congratulations to Joan Sutherland (1960) for her success in the art world. It was also interesting to read the article from Bill Berry (1960) on athletics at LCI. There certainly were some terrific athletes during my five

years at Lisgar as we had championships in basketball as well as football. It is with sadness I hear of the passing of Elizabeth Dale (1945). Doug Dale was my favourite prof at Carleton while I studied mathematics there. Is it appropriate to consider a reunion for the class of 1960? The year 2010 is going to be a great year for Canada with the Winter Olympics being organized.

Blanche Borkovic (1953) sent in a donation in honour of the 50th wedding anniversary of Lisgar graduates Carol Burrows (Douglas, 1953) and Ronald Burrows (1951).

Sheldon Munro (Ross, 1955) e-mailed: A note to let you know how much I enjoyed this last newsletter. It was full of interesting articles and the Members' Forum held a lot of news from friends from the time I was at Lisgar. Several classmates have expressed interest in the whereabouts of Anne (Boyd) Holman and it was good to read of her and now know her whereabouts! She, Catherine Anderson and I often rode the streetcar in from New Edinburgh. I was very saddened to learn of Ruth Gray's death. She was not in my class but was at Lisgar for many of the same years and I remember her well. In response to Marvel Miller's request for news of Hugh Hiscox—I have run into him a couple of times here in Ottawa and I see that he is listed in the Ottawa phone directory. Thank you again for such great "news-gathering"—it is a huge job and much appreciated.

James H. Graham (1935) sent in a donation, writing: In memory of my late esteemed cousin Lois Mary Miller (Tomkins, 1936). She was always very proud of her years at Lisgar and I feel that she would approve of my sending this memorial tribute.

Ida Schjelderup (Hundevad, 1946) sent in a donation for the orchestra in memory of Eric Toller (1947)

Morton Baslaw (1942) wrote to tell us about his art career: I attribute my

Margo Dewsnap (Green, 1991) and husband Peter welcomed William Jack on January 12, 2008. Big sister Charlotte (2½) seems quite happy with her little brother as well!

Proud parents Pablo Navarro (1990) and Malin Enström welcomed Zoë Evelina Navarro into the world on November 14, 2008, in St. John's, Newfoundland. Zoë is very much looking forward to meeting her cousin Sofia Estelle, born April 9, 2008, aunt Nadine and uncle Hugo (1994).

Zoë Gavsie (Davies, 1992) and husband Lorne welcomed Henry on July 24, 2008. Henry was born in London (UK) with hands like mitts and feet like skis. Uncles Paul and Simon,

also alumni, treat him like a king.

Tom Kawasaki (1990) and wife Elizabeth are very proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Claire, on September 10, 2008. Claire is looking forward to graduating in 2026.

Elaine May (1990) is the proud mother of Rosalind Amy, born January 8, 2009 in Ottawa. Rosalind is spoiled rotten by her Aunty Caroline (1986) and cousins Rebecca, Simon and Erik.

Chris MacNeil (1990) and wife Patricia Rey are thrilled first-time parents following the arrival of Julianna MacNeil-Rey, born May 30, 2008 in London (UK). Julianna has mum's gorgeous looks and dad's fascination with English history. ■

art career to the skill of my Lisgar art teacher of the day whose name I can't remember! *Morton is a graduate of the Chicago Academy of Fine Art and a nationally recognized watercolour painter. He is the founding and past President of the Ottawa Watercolour Society and past President of the Ottawa School of Art.*

Hashim Amlani (1990) married Cherie Yanke in Jamaica in 2008. Among the 60 guests was Greg Fraser (best man). Hashim recently moved to Calgary from Fort McMurray, where he is a commuter airline Captain. He spent the past four years in Fort McMurray.

Catherine Simpson (Kaye, 1962) wrote from her home in Ottawa: My sister and brother and I all attended

Lisgar in the late 1950s and early 1960s. Sheila graduated in 1961 and Martin in 1964. Sheila has recently retired from the Dept. of Agriculture and is living in Winnipeg. Martin sadly died at his home in Farnborough, Hampshire, England in July 2004.

Troy Ladd (1989) wrote: I moved to Yellowknife in May 2006 to further my career in telecommunications. In May 2007, I married the love of my life, Jennifer Kelly, in Ottawa. The ceremony was attended by several Lisgar Alumni. When I am not climbing poles, I am fulfilling my role as Deputy Watch leader for the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary. I spend my free time building sea kayaks or by simply enjoying the absolute beauty of an endless summer day paddling at 2 AM on Great Slave Lake. ■



YOUNG LADIES: Lisgar alumni Cecily (Rankin) Manore, Molly (Cock) Bonsom, Penny (Sherwood) Cowan, and Ida (Hundevad) Schjelderup meeting in Sussex, England 60 years after Lisgar days.

From the Secretary

From Elizabeth Hale

For 2008, the Alumni Association had 916 paid members. This left 3,228 who receive this newsletter but who have not paid dues. If you have been thinking about purchasing a life membership, now is the time—we have decided to raise the fee to \$120 effective fall 2009 (membership fees have not gone up for over ten years!).

A special thank-you to all who made a donation in 2008. We received almost \$5000! Your continued support helps us fund important initiatives and programs at the school that benefit a

huge number of students and alumni.

On the subject of donations, each year Lisgar gives out various scholarships to its students in academics, arts, athletics and music. These scholarships are funded by the income on donations made by alumni, faculty and other friends of the school over the years. The income earned each year determines the amount of payouts to the awardees. Due to the recent turmoil in the financial markets, the payouts for 2009 are projected to be significantly decreased. The school is appealing to alumni to increase the capital and top up the 2009 payouts.

Finally, I am pleased to introduce

Life Members

We are delighted to report that 21 alumni have become Life Members since the Winter 2008 issue of *Alere Flammam*. They are:

Robert Boole (1959)
Douglas F. Burns (1951)
Eric Davis (1960)
Virginia Dixon (Nelson, 1983)
John R. Foran (1953)
Barclay Frost (1960)
W. David Hopper (1945)

Dr. Nelson J. Irvine (1960)
Tom Kawasaki (1990)
Julie-Francoise Kruidenier (1998)
John A.N. Lamont (1974)
Peter Lesaux (1954)
Denyse Mulvihill (Barrette, 1973)
Samantha Oswald (2006)
Fidel Palumbo (1995)
Peter Saunders (1995)
R.F. Jon Scoates (1956)
Louise Siew (1970)
R. Jennifer Skidd (1985)
Margot Toller (Winters, 1948)
Sheila Woods (Kaye, 1961)

Steve Sansom (1989) as the new Alumni Secretary. Due to the amount of work involved in the position, Tracy Finnigan (1973) will take over the

memorabilia responsibilities and I will continue with the membership and donation coordination. We can all be reached at alumni@lisgar.net. ■

In Memoriam (continued)

Survived by his sisters Eleanor, Gwen, Maureen and brother Brian. Predeceased by his sister Edna, brothers Gorman and Ainslie. Monty was a proud member of the RCAF. He graduated from St. F.X. University and had a distinguished career in the public service, serving in England, Brazil, Japan, Malawi and Mauritius. He also worked for CIDA in Canada.

KETTLES, Harold (1947) died on October 2, 2007.

KING, Brock R. (1945) died on January 31, 2008 at the age of 82. Predeceased by his first wife Louise. Husband of Francine and father of four. Grandfather to nine.

KIRBY, John S. (1944) died on August 30, 2008 at the age of 82. Husband of Evelyn, father of seven. Predeceased by his sister Elizabeth (Libe). Always proud to be a Lisgarite.

LE FEUVRE, Frank (1937) died on January 27, 2007 at the age of 91. He was a career serviceman, a Flight Lieutenant in the RCAF from 1939–1966, then with National Revenue until his retirement. He was an avid golfer and curler and had been well known in his early days as a hockey player. He spoke often of his Lisgar years with affection.

MANSFIELD, Nora (1941)

MILLER, Lois (Tomkins, 1936) died in Toronto on July 12, 2008 at the age of 91. In her graduating year, she was a member of student's council,

Vox staff, President of the drama club and Vice-President of her 5A class. Lois graduated from Queen's University and worked in Toronto. She met and married S. Dickson Miller during the war years. He died in 1982. After a few years Lois married Doug Stevens (1934), also a Queen's graduate. They attended the reunion in 1993 and after Doug's passing in 2000 she also attended the 2004 reunion.

MURTON, Beryl (1939)

MCPHAIL, George (1948) died on January 22, 2008 at the age of 78.

NASH, Nancy C. (1947) died on May 31, 2006. She was sister of Joan Nash (1945) and the late Peter Nash (1943).

NAUDIE, Mimi (Panet, 1955) died at home in Montreal on November 6, 2008 after a lengthy struggle with cancer.

NICOLL, Marion (Mansfield, 1939)

ORR, Bob (1962) in December 2004
PRINSEP, Richard (1950) of Vancouver died on April 21, 2008. Following his years at Lisgar, he attended Lakehead University and his career always included his love of books and writing.

RANA, Shagufta, long-time library assistant at Lisgar. Shagufta and her husband, Zafar, came to Canada from Pakistan as newlyweds in the early sixties, eventually settling in Ottawa where they raised two sons. Shagufta began working at Lisgar in 1968 and retired from the school in 1998. Former students will remember her diminutive stature, her ready smile and her beautiful signature saris—not to mention



SHAGUFTA RANA: 30 Years at Lisgar library.

her avant garde license plate "RANA." David MacGougan, librarian for much of Shagufta's time at Lisgar says she was an excellent librarian. "We worked together as a team until I retired in 1992—for 24 years. I could always rely on her. Everyone liked her. I shall always remember her and her family as close friends." Shagufta maintained her contact with Lisgar by attending the weekly breakfast of former Lisgar female teachers, a practice she continued when able following an illness in 2005.

ROUTLIFFE, Guy (1948) died on March 18, 2008 in Ottawa. Husband of Shirley and father of Barbara and Stephen. Two grandchildren. Brother of Rev. Ross Routliffe.

STEVENS, Doug (1934) died in 2000. He was married to Lois Tomkins (1936).

TOPOLSKI, Greg (1987) died on February 13, 2008 in Toronto at the age of 39. Graduate of the University of Western Ontario Ivey business School, Greg worked and traveled all around the world. He was witty, bright, discerning, spiritual, and full of joie de

vivre, inspiring his family and many friends by how he lived his life and dealt with cancer. Survived by his parents Aleksander and Joan as well as his siblings Alexa and Rory.

WHITE, F. Wallis (1943) died on March 31, 2008 in Ottawa. Husband of Janet (Edwards) and father to Gordon, Ann, Jocelyn, Mary and Lucy. Grandfather of five. A graduate of Royal Roads Naval College and McGill University, he was an avid skier and sailor and dedicated volunteer.

WILSON, Beverley (teacher 1987–1997) died on July 2, 2008. An English teacher at Lisgar, Bev had been a history teacher in the early part of her career and history was her first love. She organized trips to the National Gallery to inspire her English writing students, and made annual trips to Stratford to enjoy the Shakespearean festival. She was a true professional, and it disturbed her to witness what she perceived as the watering down of education. Several fellow teachers were present at her funeral to celebrate her life and pay their respects to a valued colleague. ■



BEVERLEY WILSON: Lisgar English teacher.

Lisgar Archives: Notes from Down Below

From Joy Heft

In February 20, 2008, the Ottawa Heritage Society made a presentation in Lisgar's Alumni Auditorium highlighting the architectural history of the school. Alumnus David Jeanes gave an interesting lecture aided by a Powerpoint presentation. Those who braved the cold were amply rewarded. To coincide with this presentation our Alumni Showcase featured newspaper articles and photos of the school throughout the eras, as well as of the 1974 renovations in progress; an additional display of architectural drawings was mounted outside the auditorium.

Speaking of heritage, Lisgar's City of Ottawa Heritage plaque, erected in 1976 and stolen some years ago, was replaced by a new one during the 160th celebrations. The original has been returned to the school by the Ottawa Police Services ticketed July 19, 2004, the date it turned up in a police search in Montreal. Somewhat the worse for wear, the plaque will be cleaned up and mounted on the heritage wall next to the stained glass windows in the main office.

This year's Remembrance Day display was inspired by a message from Debbie Jiang, Coordinator of the Lest We Forget Cenotaph Research Project at the National Archives who had been in touch with us to promote her project. While it is aimed at teachers of Grade 10 students, it was Debbie's sending of examples of the information available regarding Lisgar alumni that led to the highlighting of two brothers, Angus and John Morrison, who lived on nearby Cartier St. and who lost their lives in the First World War. The information available from the site included pictures and copies of their enlistment and attestation papers which were featured in the display under the caption "Two Brothers, Two Lisgarites, Two Lives." Yearbooks from 1917 to 1919 displayed the Roll of Honour naming those who had died in the war, and the beautifully illustrated book *In Flanders Fields* by Linda Granfield

provided a rotating feature revealing a new line of the poem and its accompanying picture. By coincidence, Linda came to the school to seek information about Alexis Helmer for a new book she is writing about John McCrea, whose friendship with Helmer inspired his poem "In Flanders Fields." She was thrilled to see her book featured and the archivist put her in touch with an ecstatic Debbie Jiang, a Linda Granfield fan, who was able to provide further pictures and information.

New names are being added to the plaques in Memorial Hall: to the World War I plaque, the name of Owen Chipman Toller, father of George Toller who recently retired from the alumni executive; to the World War II plaque that of Donald R. Snipper. In addition, the names of John Hallinan and Wendell J. Clark will be added to the plaque of those who died in World War II.

The Alumni Association has made an important contribution to the Canadian War Museum in the form of two prints donated to the school in 1923 by the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire (IODE). The frames were damaged and glass broken during their removal to another site at the time of the flood in the school in 2003, and they were languishing in the alumni office. It seemed appropriate to move them to a venue where they would have more prominence, and the War Museum was pleased to accept them to complete their collection of a series of eight such prints chronicling Canada's participation in the First World War. The Association was compensated with a receipt for a substantial charitable donation to the Museum. A print entitled *Landing of the 1st Canadian Division at St. Nazaire* by Edgar Bundy c. 1918 depicts the arrival of the Division in the French port of Saint-Nazaire in February 1915. The Division consisted of 18,500 men, many of whom were very young recruits. On the waterfront, the pipe band of The Black Watch (Royal

Highlanders of Canada), led by Pipe-Major David Manson, plays the troops ashore. The steamship *Novian*, which transported the troops from England, is seen in the background. To the right, officers, troops and townspeople watch the arrival. In the second print, entitled *Canadians Passing in Front of the Arc de Triomphe, Paris* by Lieutenant Alfred Theodore Joseph Bastien c. 1918, Canadians march past the Arc in Paris as a crowd is standing on the sidelines watching.

Considerable time and effort continues to be spent reorganizing and redistributing copies of *Vox*. As a result of donations from the Wright Neil estate, and from Yvonne Seiers, we are able to donate several copies to the Main Branch of the Ottawa Public Library, where an extensive collection is available. We are still looking for the following copies to complete their collection: 1922, 1928, 1931, 1936, 1941, 1951, 1973, 1974, 1968, and 1990. We are also ensuring the replacement of Lisgar library and archival copies that had missing or torn pages and are beginning to scan copies for the website.

We continue to receive donations of memorabilia. Kathy Dale Memme, daughter of Douglas Dale and Elizabeth Thackeray, both Lisgar alumni, donated three school rings belong-

ing to her parents. Ann McJanet donated pins and crests as well as personal school documents, and George Toller donated many articles from his collection, notably an old football jersey and a golf shirt along with memorabilia from reunions.

The trivia question last time was "When and why did Lisgar's name change from Ottawa Collegiate Institute to Lisgar Collegiate Institute?" Several people came close, but no cigar. The answer is to be found in the 1843-1943 history book: to paraphrase—Glebe Collegiate opened in 1922 and the schools were known officially by the names "The Ottawa Collegiate Institute, Lisgar Building" or "Glebe Building," accordingly. The architect's plan and Principal McDougall's timetable referred to the new school as "Carling Avenue." With the passage of time, students and local newspapers referred to the schools as Lisgar and Glebe Collegiate Institute. There is no official entry in Board documents renaming the schools. The cover of the 1925 *Vox* bears the initials OCI and some of the sports teams are designated as OCI teams; however, the preponderance are designated "Lisgar." The first yearbook cover to name it Lisgar Collegiate is the 1927 edition.

The question this time around is "What Lisgar teacher was a forerunner in championing women's rights and how?" ■



DONATION TO WAR MUSEUM: *Canadians Passing in Front of the Arc de Triomphe, Paris.*

New Names for Lisgar Athletics Wall of Fame

On May 29, 2009 at the Lisgar Athletic Association's annual dinner, the Lisgar Alumni Association will honour a second cohort of outstanding individuals who have brought honour to the school through athletics. Their names and biographies will join those of the ten initial inductees on plaques in the hall of Lisgar's gym building. The following thumbnail sketches only begin to describe all these Lisgar alumni have achieved.

Desmond Burke – rifle shooting. Lt. Col. Dr. Burke was nominated to the Canadian Bisley team while still attending Lisgar (then OCI). He became the youngest winner of the King's Prize at Bisley in 1924 and over a long and active career stretching through to the 1950s won many other honours. He is a member of the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame.

W.G. "Bud" Clark – skiing. A two-time cross-country Olympian in the 1930s, Mr. Clark excelled in all styles of skiing, winning national championships in nordic, alpine and cross-country classifications. He continued to promote the sport later in life, serving as President of the Canadian Ski Association. He is a member of the Canadian Ski Hall of Fame.

Blake Dunlop – hockey. A multi-sport athlete at Lisgar, Mr. Dunlop had an outstanding junior hockey career with the Ottawa 67s, setting many records. A lengthy NHL career followed, and he was awarded the 1981 Bill Masterton Trophy for perseverance, dedication and sportsmanship.

Barclay Frost – track. An outstanding high school and college athlete,

Mr. Frost became a highly successful coach, and has served for many decades as a track and field official at the local, national and international levels, including the World Indoor Games, the World University Games and the 1976 Olympics. He was selected as official of the year in the 2003 Ottawa Sports Awards and is a member of the Goulbourn Sports Hall of Fame.

Margo Dewsnap (Green) – squash. A double winner of the North American junior squash championship, Margo followed her Lisgar years with a stellar college career in which she was selected four times as a first team all-American. She later was Pan American Games 2000 Champion and 2002 Canadian National Champion. She is a member of the Franklin and Marshall College Hall of Fame.

Leszek and Danek Nowosielski – fencing. Each an extraordinary athlete in his own right, Leszek and Danek Nowosielski have represented Canada at many levels since the 1980s. Leszek's accomplishments include first place at the 1987 Canadian Junior Championships and the 1994 Commonwealth Championships and second at the 1992 NCAA Championships; he also competed at the 1992 Olympics. Danek is a three-time Olympian (1988, 1992 and 1996) and also competed at the Pan-American Games, the Commonwealth Games, the World Cup, and the World University Games.

Ralph St. Germain – hockey and football. Mr. St. Germain was a stand-out hockey and football player, leading McGill University to champi-

onships in both sports. Rejecting an NHL offer, Mr. St. Germain continued as an amateur hockey player, winning the Quebec Senior League's most valuable player award and a silver medal with Canada's national team at the 1936 Olympics. He is a member of the McGill Sports Hall of Fame.

Alex Smith – hockey. A star defenceman with Lisgar's hockey team, Mr. Smith joined the Ottawa Senators in 1924, winning the Stanley Cup with the Senators in 1927. He continued in the NHL until 1935, and subsequently served for many years as a coach in the Ottawa area, winning the Allen Cup with the Ottawa Commandos in 1943.

Nigel Stephens – figure skating. Mr. Stephens was winner of both Canada's junior (1943) and senior (1945) figure skating championships. After retirement, he served for three

decades at the local, national and international levels, including the World Championships. He also devoted many years as an executive in the Canadian Figure Skating Association, serving as president from 1961 to 1963. He is a member of the Canadian Figure Skating Hall of Fame.

While we have been in contact with all six living inductees and the families of two of the posthumous inductees, we are asking for help contacting surviving friends or family of the late Desmond Burke or Ralph St. Germain.

In adding these names to the Athletic Wall of Fame, the Alumni Association aims not only to honour these individuals, but also to recognize the teachers and fellow students who encouraged and supported them. We hope that current and future Lisgarites will consider what these fellow students have achieved and will be inspired to excellence in whatever endeavours they pursue. ■

2008 Donors

Patrick Anderson (1940)
D. Gloria Black (1946)
Margaret Black
Blanche Borkovic (1953)
William Broughton (1953)
Brian Bruce
Elizabeth Buckingham
Diana Burnett (Corrigan, 1967)
Laleah Carscallen (1970)
John Chance (1942)
Perte G. Chance (1939)
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Jana Clarke (Stepan, 1959)
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Richard Drolet (1957)
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Barrie Laughton (teacher)
Dorothy Leith (Kropp, 1945)
Edward Litle (1957)
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Herb Meinke (1950)
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Steve Sansom (1989)
Ida Schjelderup (Hundevad, 1946)
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Colin Shaw (1942)
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Lisgar Drama Club Presents *Hay Fever*

April 3 & 4, 2009, 7:30 PM, in the Lisgar Alumni Auditorium

The Lisgar Drama Club has begun rehearsals for an entertaining production of Noel Coward's witty, sophisticated 1920s British comedy *Hay Fever*. In the play, an eccentric, artistic family bewilders and neglects a group of hapless guests who arrive at their country home for the weekend. After much melodrama, heartbreak and hilarity, the Bliss family's self-centered and outrageous behaviour eventually causes their houseguests to flee. Tickets can be purchased at the door or from the school. Production crews still require volunteers to help with set construction, costumes, props and publicity.

Anyone who is able to lend or donate furniture or clothing from the 1910s–1930s, or who is willing to contribute time to work with crews, please contact Jean Szeles at (613) 239-2696 or jean.szeles@ocdsb.ca.