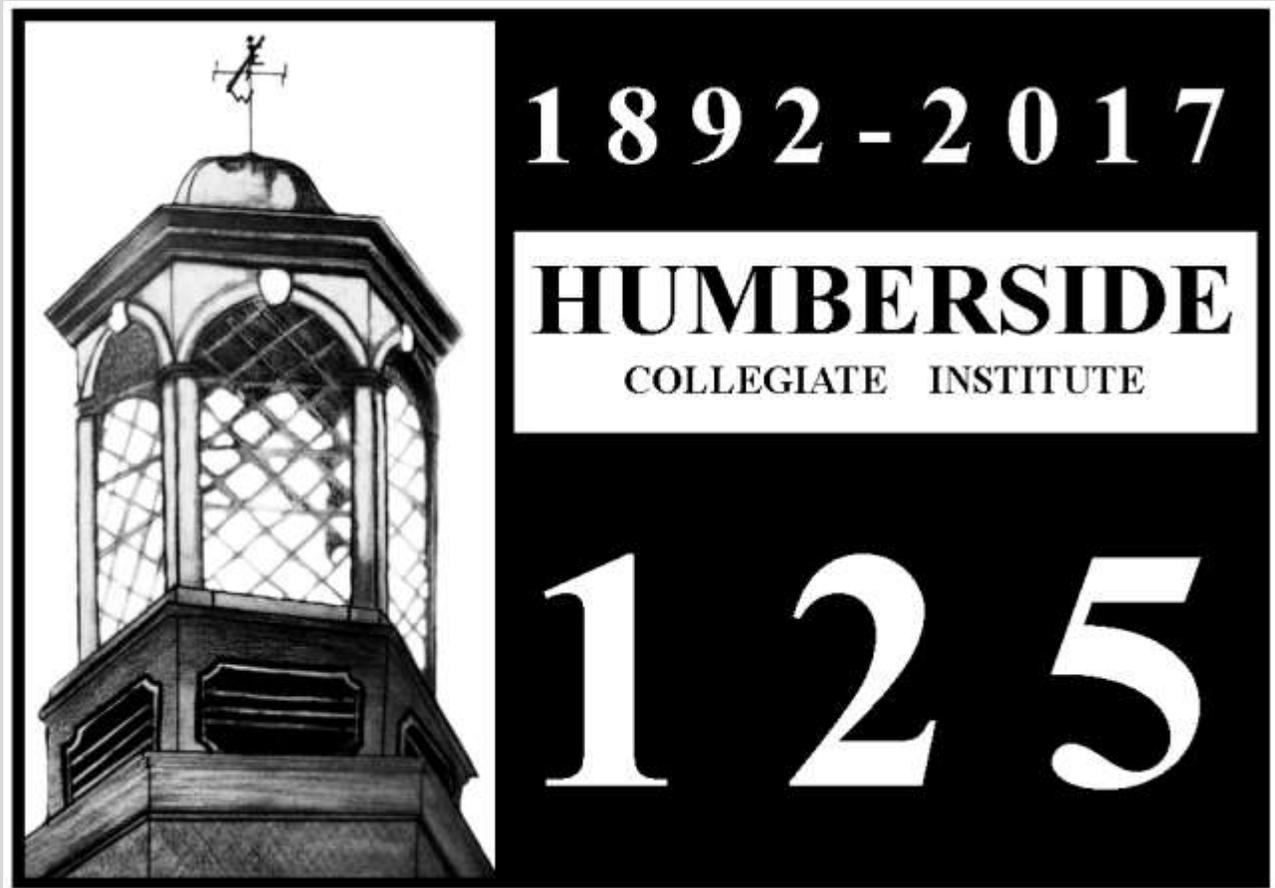


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HumberSide Collegiate Alumni Association



*The official logo
of the
125th Anniversary of HumberSide*



Message from the Editor

Welcome to Spring!

I would like to apologize to everyone for the delay in getting the newsletter out. Circumstances beyond my control prevented me from getting an issue out this last while.

On the front cover you see the official logo of Humberside's 125th Anniversary. A big thank you to visual arts teacher Kate Demski for working on this.

As I mentioned in the previous newsletter, there are two events to celebrate Humberside's 125th, and one of them is approaching quickly on Friday, October 23rd at the school. There is an informational flyer in the newsletter that outlines the event. Please check it out and I hope that you can all come and help kick off the celebrations towards the 125th!

If you haven't thought about the Lismer Hall seat sales (ones you have all sat in at one time or another!) I would like to encourage you to take a second look. The auditorium that houses the Lismer mural deserves to be completely refurbished and you can be a part of that. Can't donate one on your own? Get a bunch of classmates together and purchase one a group! If you are attending the Friday evening kickoff gala, you will be able to see the partially refurbished auditorium.

Wishing everyone a sunny spring!

Cheers,
Jacquie



Cherry Blossoms in High Park....coming soon!

Community News

Runnymede Public School

Runnymede Public School will officially be celebrating its centenary on February 01, 2016 and they are looking to collect any pictures, crests, newsletters, clippings, etc... or equally valuable...recollections of life at the school that people are willing to share. If anyone has any questions and /or donations, they can contact Marshall Leslie at marshall@mleslie.com or industrialarts@rogers.com.

Bloor West Village

Upcoming Events

More information available at www.bloorwestvillagebia.com

The Junction

Upcoming Events

More information available at www.thejunctionbia.ca

Roncesvalles Village

Upcoming Events

More information available at www.roncesvallesvillage.ca

Lismer Hall Seat Sale

The seat sale to refurbish the seats in Lismer Hall is still ongoing. The school needs your help to restore the seats to what they should be for this historic hall. New bottoms, redone backs and armrests are what are in store for them. Make your history with Humberside permanent by donating \$200 and have your message a part of the school. I had the opportunity to see the refurbished seats and took a photo, so those of you who have donated can see the beautiful results, and to encourage others to help the school. The engraved plaques are now attached to the seats.

Can't buy a seat on your own? Why not get some friends together and donate one in honour of your graduation year, or sports team for that year? Raise more than \$200? No worries, any additional money raised will go towards continued refurbishing.



before



after

To Make a Contribution Go To:

<http://www.canadahelps.org/CharityProfilePage.aspx?CharityID=S19211>

This will bring you to the Friends of Humberside site which has charitable foundation status. Click Donate Now. Fill in your donation amount. In the Fund Destination drop-down menu choose "Lismer Hall Rejuvenation". In the message box please write in Lismer Hall Seat Sale and, if you donate \$200 or more, write in what you want engraved on the seat plaque (up to 40 characters). Alternatively, you could make out a cheque to Friends of Humberside C.I. with Lismer Hall Seat Sale in the note line and drop it off in the Main Office of the school. Tax receipts will be issued for donations over \$25.

Humberside's History

Humberside in the Early Years

The following is a modified excerpt from the booklet edited by Ann (Kingsbury) Barrett, which commemorated the seventy-fifth anniversary of Humberside in 1968. (republished from "Humberside, The First Century 1892-1992)

In 1888, the Village of West Toronto Junction was incorporated. The following year, the villages of Carlton and Davenport were annexed and with a population increase to 3,000 the village of West Toronto Junction became incorporated as a town. In 1981, its name changed to Toronto Junction.

The rapid growth of the Town of Toronto Junction followed the decision of the Canadian Pacific Railway to create a junction point for its Ontario and Quebec Division from the east, the Credit Valley Division from the west and the Bruce Division from the north, at a spot near the old location of the West Toronto Station of the C.P.R. The erection of a station and a large round house made it clear that a railway center of importance was established.

A real estate boom was soon in progress, aided and abetted by two young lawyers and land speculators named Daniel Webster Clendenan and John Caravan. It was the former who purchased the Carlton Race Track, had it surveyed into town lots and put on the market. The judges' stand for the race track was located at what is now the north-west corner of High Park and Humberside avenues.

As population increased, agitation for a high school was begun by Mr. A. B. Rice, the editor of the Tribune, and Dr. J.T. Gilmour, Liberal M.P.P. for West York. Controversy arose concerning the site for the building, as some thought that the new school should be erected on Dundas Street. Eventually, Dr. Gilmour gained approval for his choice, the present site of Humberside Collegiate Institute, on wooded land owned by a Mr. Sproule.

While the new school was being erected, temporary quarters were obtained by renting the frame building on Pacific Avenue, south of Annette Street, which had been the Presbyterian Church. This church was situated on the site now occupied by St. Cecilia's Church. Here, in September 1892, Toronto Junction High School was opened with Mr. J.C. Robertson as principal and Miss Gertrude Eastwood, Mr. Doidge and (in 1893) Mr. Richard Gourley also on staff. When the real estate boom collapsed, the payment of salaries to the staff was delayed until the students' fees or the government grant was received. In June 1894, Mr. Robertson resigned to accept a position on the Classics staff of Victoria College, a position he held with distinction for many years.

The school's second principal was Mr. F.C. Colbeck, a distinguished Classics scholar. During his long and productive tenure of office, Toronto Junction High School, later to be known as Humberside Collegiate Institute, became recognized as one of the leading secondary school of Ontario and within its historic halls was built the spirit of Humberside, one of the most joyous and precious possessions shared by all of her sons and daughters.



The 1907 Graduation Class and Staff
Standing: Norah Belcher, Wilhelmina Colbeck, Charles Barnes, Jennie McFarlane Seated: F.J. Johnston, F.C. Colbeck, Miss H. Charles, R. Gourlay

It was in the autumn of 1894 that the doors of the new high school swung open for classes. The building then contained a staff room and library, five classrooms, a science room and assembly hall and a room later used for commercial work. In 1901, when Miss Eastwood resigned, Miss Henrietta Charles was appointed to teach Moderns and English. In 1903, when provision was made for physical training, the school attained the status of a "collegiate institute".



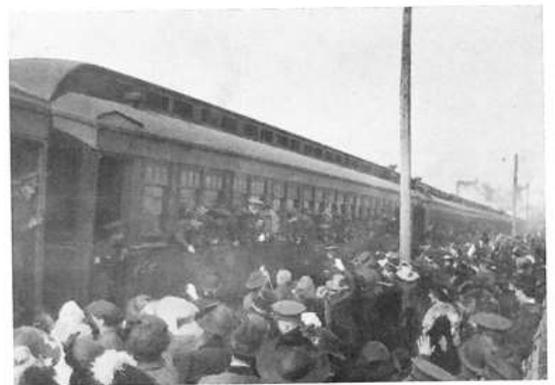
In 1909, the City of West Toronto was annexed to Toronto, and the name of the school was changed to Humberside Collegiate Institute in 1910.

In 1911, the west end of the original building was extended to provide seven classrooms, two science rooms and a gymnasium in the basement, and the school was classified as an academic institute; previously some commercial subjects were taught.

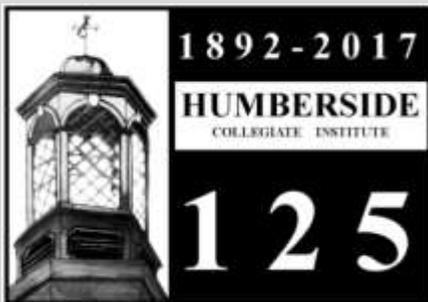
During the first Great War, many Humberside students enlisted in the Armed Forces. When hostilities ended, the staff, students and ex-students honoured those who died in the Service by placing a bronze tablet with forty-seven names of the fallen in the entrance to the collegiate. Later, when the new auditorium was completed, a beautiful stained glass window, with Sir Galahad as the central figure, was installed to honour all students who had served in the Great War.

In 1923, six new classrooms were built at the north end of the building and the following years an auditorium with a seating capacity of 900 and a gymnasium for the girl students was completed. A further extension of six classrooms built at the north end of the school in 1925.

In the same year Mr. F.C. Colbeck retired as principal after thirty-one years of distinguished service to the youth of West Toronto. He had felt very keenly the loss of his old friend and colleague, Mr. Gourley, who had died the previous September. The next principal to come to Humberside was Mr. J.S. Wren, from Riverdale Collegiate Institute where he had been the head of the Mathematics department.



At the very top, a photograph of Humberside in 1914. The middle photo, "Leaving for England", was taken in 1917. The bottom photograph was taken at the Ravina Barracks. All three pictures were donated by the Downey Family.



*Gala Countdown to the 125th
Friday October 23, 2015
7pm - 10pm
At Humberside Collegiate Institute*

Join the current Humberside community, alumni, staff and friends for an evening of wine & cheese, camaraderie and memories as we kick off the celebrations leading up to Humberside's 125th Anniversary in 2017.

See the partially refurbished auditorium seats in Lismer Hall to which many of you have so generously donated. Enjoy the recently unveiled murals in the front foyer depicting the history of our school in the community. Help support the ongoing fundraising efforts held during the evening to complete the rejuvenation of Lismer Hall, where the historic mural by Arthur Lismer, created specifically for Humberside, is on display.

*Your support helps honour the history of Humberside
Purchase a seat and become a visible, permanent part of that history.*

Tickets \$25 each Cash Bar

Tickets available via PayPal on the Humberside Alumni website

Click on the following link <http://www.hcialumni.org/?p=295>

(you don't need to be a member of PayPal to order tickets)

Or use the form below and mail in your cheque.

You can also call and leave a message with a contact number at 416-393-8122 x 20125 or email humberside125@gmail.com with any questions.

Visit the Alumni Website for more information about the Auditorium seats and how to purchase one.

For further information and to be kept up to date about all events,

be sure to join the alumni association at www.hcialumni.org

Join us on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/219791771544317/>

Link to purchase seats <http://www.canadahelps.org/CharityProfilePage.aspx?CharityID=S19211>

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Name: _____ Number of Tickets at \$25 each: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Mail form and cheque (payable to HCI Alumni) to

HCI 125 Gala

280 Quebec Ave., Toronto, ON

M6P 2V3



SPORTS at HUMBERSIDE

Choik-atee-hoik Huskies Nation! Choik-atee-hoik!

Humberside Football Wins Gold!

It was a cold but successful day for the Huskies winning the Tier 2B TDSSAA Regional Championship. The team played with focus, discipline and a lot of pride beating Lakeshore C.I 19-8, as seen in the attached photos taken by our cold but proud principal Lorraine Linton.

Dave Johnson



Boys Hockey

Congratulations to the Boys Hockey team for finishing their season as TDSSAA Area B Tier I Champions! The team played a fantastic final game offensively, defensively and in goal resulting in a 3-2 win over North Toronto.

Girls Volleyball

Both the junior and senior girls' volleyball teams went undefeated in the regular season. For the juniors, that also includes winning the U of T tournament in December.

SPRING 2015 HCI ALUMNI GOLF

the HumberSide

HCI Grads play twice a year at Cambridge Golf Club: Third Tuesday June is individual scores; third Tuesday September is Team Scramble Best Ball.
OUR 21st YEAR!



Invitation and Pre-registration for Tuesday, June 16, 2015

18 HOLES: \$62.00* – includes Green Fee, Lunch, Prizes.
Carts and Beer extra!

Send cheque to Jim Wismath, 2 Tyson Shepway, North
York ON M2J 4R9. Phone (416) 449-5329.

Tee times start at 9:30 AM.

Teams with early tee times will be telephoned 2 days
prior.

*subject to change in Spring 2015.

SHOW

Players' full
names

Take completed
cards to Pro
Shop. Callaway
system used .

LATE LUNCH

Starts about
2:00 PM

Cold cuts, salads
and coffee.

Save the Date!

HCI FALL 2015
Golf Team
Scramble

15 September
2015

Stuff to Know

GOLF CARTS

Let Jim Wimath know if you are
taking a cart. Carts are \$15.00,*
shared or single.

FOURSOMES

Will be assigned by graduation year
from HCI. 4somes can be organized
and pre-registered as a 4some. Let
Jim know names.

BE ON DECK

At least 30 minutes before your tee
time.

9-HOLE PLAYERS

Fee: \$51.00* including ½ cart and
lunch. 9 hole start time: 11:00.
Play last 9 with an 18-hole group.



TORONTO

Directions to

Cambridge Golf Club, Clyde Road, Cambridge

(519) 621-2013 (should you need to call)

FROM TORONTO OR LONDON

401 West from Toronto to Cambridge Exit 286 Townline Road.

401 East from London to Cambridge Exit 286 Townline Road.



Drive carefully...
bring an apple for
your round!



Go South on Townline Road through roundabout 2nd exit in roundabout, 4 km to STOP sign – Gore and Avenue Roads.

Turn left on Gore Road, less than 1 km to Shellard Sideroad (small sign to Cambridge Golf Club). Turn right (South) on Shellard Sideroad 1 km to STOP sign, Clyde Road (small sign to Cambridge Golf Club). Turn left (East) on to Clyde Road, 1 km to Cambridge Golf Club on left (North) side.

FROM OAKVILLE OR HAMILTON

403 West from QEW and turn North on Hwy 6 toward Guelph.

Continue North on Hwy 6 past Hwy 5 for 13 km, to Regional Road #97 (hydro tower lines cross overhead Hwy 6, just prior to Hwy 97). Turn left on Hwy 97 and continue for 18.5 km to Shellard Sideroad (#17) for 2 km to STOP sign at Clyde Road. Turn left at Clyde Road 1 km to Cambridge Golf Club entrance on left (North) side.

You are there!

Registration starts at approx. 8:15 AM. Tee times start at 9:30 AM.

Early Pre-registration to Jim Wismath (416) 449-5329 assures you of Preferred Tee Time.



Music at Humberside

The month of February and early March is festival season and all of our ensembles who have attended events, have made our school community so proud. The Senior Band performed on February 25th bringing home Silver and Gold in two different classes. The Symphony Orchestra performed on February 26th and brought back two Golds in two different classes. Lastly, we congratulate the Concert Choir and Senior Choir for their outstanding performances at Ontario Vocal Festival on February 26th, as they have been awarded two invitations to Nationals, to be held this May in Toronto. Our Intermediate Orchestra and Band will be attending festival on March 3rd and we look forward to sharing our student's wonderful successes in the near future. (Information taken from Husky Highlights-March)

In Memoriam



HELEN EDITH RICKER

Retired Humberside Collegiate teacher Passed away peacefully in her 100th year on Monday, September 29, 2014 at Christie Gardens.



ROSSI, Susan Jane Hunter

Suddenly and unexpectedly, at home in Kanata, at the age of 52. A kind, generous and beautiful soul, Susan was the proudest, most supportive and loving Mother to her three very fortunate daughters: Angela, Jennifer and Laura. Susan will be greatly missed by her husband of 25 years, Kevin Rossi, her parents John and Mary (nee Copland) Hunter, her siblings Wendy (Marin), Lynda (Kevin), John, her in-laws Doreen (nee Hale) and the late Peter Rossi, her brothers-in-law Paul (Christine) and the late Christopher, her nephews and nieces Zachary, Matthew, Mike, Elyse, John Brock, Drake, Alexander and Katrina, her extended Hunter Rossi family and her lifelong friends. So loved and appreciated for her many years with Girl Guides of Canada, Susan was happiest outdoors: camping, gardening and wandering the beach.

She attended HCI from 1976-1980 and we were high school sweethearts.

Alex Sheridan

1972-1977

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Doug Wighton.

Final Word

I hope you enjoyed this edition of the newsletter!

I hope that many of you will be able to join us at the Gala Countdown to the 125. It should a wonderful evening filled with great memories.

Please give a thought to the Lismer Hall seat sale. It would be nice to see the whole hall refurbished as it should be.

With each issue we hope to progress with more alumni involvement, whether it be in the form of written material, a photo, memory, etc. The more we get, the better the outcome. I urge you to support your alumni association by submitting items for the newsletter. With your support we can only grow!

I would also like to encourage all of you to pass the newsletter on to alumni who aren't members yet and encourage them to join.

Website: www.hcialumni.org Contact: committee@hcialumni.org

Thanks to everyone who submitted material for this edition!

Cheers, Jacquie

Email jacqr@sympatico.ca