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Humberside Collegiate Alumni Association



125th Anniversary Survey

*Your voice,
Your choice,
Your party!*

*Have your say for this
Historic event.*

(more inside)



Message from the Editor

Welcome to summer!

Ah summer, time to relax and recoup from the winter we just had. School will be done by the time you receive this and I hope everyone has a great one.

I apologize for the delay in getting this edition out.

There are two dates I'd like to ask you to keep in mind. The first being a kick-off start to the 125th Anniversary celebrations October 2015 and the 125th celebration itself in October of 2017. There will be more information about these in the newsletter.

There were many sports activities this spring which will be highlighted, and this issue will also contain the conclusion of the history of music at Humberside as well as other interesting reads!

Getting back to the 125th celebration, a survey was sent out to the alumni to garner your opinion and comments on what you would like to see happen during the celebrations. Thank you to everyone who has already filled it out, but I know there are more of you out there that haven't had a chance to. Well, it's not too late! The survey will be available until the end of the summer. Please take a moment to click on the link given, or print out the survey from the newsletter and mail it in. Feel free to pass the survey on to alumni you know, especially those who may not be online and who may want to send in their responses. Every answer and comment helps the committee plan an event that everyone will enjoy. Thank you in advance for filling it out.

I am also excited to tell you about a 125th kick-off event that is in the works for next fall, an evening that will bring back the memories for sure! Read more about it in the newsletter.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy summer!

Cheers,
Jacquie

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

Ukrainian Festival & Sidewalk Sale

Fri, Sat, Sun Sep 12, 13, 14

Halloween Festival

Sat. Oct 25

Cavalcade of Lights

Wed, Nov 26

Visit with Santa

Sat, Dec 13 & 20

More information available at
www.bloorwestvillagebia.com

The Junction

Upcoming Events

The Junction Farmers Market

Every Sat from 9am to 1pm

Until Nov. 1st

Junction Train Platform

(2960 Dundas St W)

<http://junctionmarket.ca/>

Junction Music Festival

Sept 20th

www.thejunctionmusicfestival.com

Pumpkinfest

Oct. 25th

Santa in the village

Dec 7th

More information available at
www.thejunctionbia.ca

Roncesvalles Village

Upcoming Events

Roncesvalles Polish Festival

Sep 13 –Sep 14

More information available at
www.roncesvallesvillage.ca

Lismer Hall Seat Sale

The seat sale to refurbish the chairs 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 chairs 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 chairs.

Can't buy a chair 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.

We have to lose old friends- *My old friend*

By Bill Rhea

Brian Gilchrist was the reference archivist at the Peel Art Gallery Museum and Archives (PAMA). I would occasionally give him a call, partly to pick his brain about some historical information I needed. That was the official reason. The real reason was I wanted to touch base with an old friend.

Brian died last week. He was 58.

I had been aware that he had been having some health issues, but things were obviously a lot worse than I had realized. He was one of my oldest friends with whom I was still in touch. We went back to our high school days in Toronto.

Brian was two years ahead of me. But we were both very involved with the music department in the school (we were in the various choirs) and we hung around with the same crowd — I honed my euchre skills at the table at which we both sat, and my wife has benefitted at a lot of tables since then.

Like so many people going through that period of life known as adolescence, I did not make friends easily. Acceptance was something that was very precious to me, and Brian was part of that. For that, he has always had my gratitude.

Since we all had good friends in high school, all of you must have gone through the passage of time, as friends drift apart to explore their other interests. Brian's interest, of course, was history, with a specialty in genealogy (family trees). In one of those cases that will tell you just how small this world is, my late aunt (my father's sister) decided about 30 years ago to work on the Rea family tree, and signed up for a night course. Guess who the instructor was. Once he saw my aunt's maiden name, Brian immediately made the connection, much to her astonishment.

I required some help with a story I was working on last fall, and Brian was among those to whom I turned. He suggested a number of sources I could consult, several of them I had already used. Then I made the mistake of casually mentioning that I had also gone to Wikipedia. Oh man, did I ever get bawled out for that.

Our phone calls took place at intervals of a couple of months. There was always some talk about getting together some day for lunch. Brian and I never did, evidently figuring we'd do it next time.

There's a lesson there. If there's an old friend you've been putting off doing lunch with, stop putting it off, lest the next time never comes at all.

Next time for sure, my old friend.

Bill Rhea, class of 77, is the editor of the Caledon Citizen. This article is re-printed with permission. It first appeared in the May 8th edition.

(Alumni newsletter Editor's note: the last paragraph sums up what up what the alumni association is partially for, to help us keep in touch with old friends. Thank you to Bill for allowing us to use this article, and to Janet Keele for pointing it out)

“Friendship is the hardest thing in the world to explain. It's not something you learn in school. But if you haven't learned the meaning of friendship, you really haven't learned anything”

Muhammad Ali

Speaking of keeping in touch with “old “friends.....

Humberside Golf Grads Spring Outing June, 17, 2014

This was the 20th year of this annual tournament, which was first started by Gord Biddie, back in 1994. Over the years, 125 different golfers have played in this tourney.

This year Don Coote was again the organizer and Jim Wismath the MC. Numbers were down from previous tourneys with twenty one golfers participating and another ten unable to make the event. Ted Smale won the prize for the Low Gross and Zenon Chorniewich for the Low Net. Robbie Wildman won the Long Drive contest, Dave Johnson for the Closest To The Hole, and Jim Wismath for the Longest Putt. Bob Pinkney and Zenon Chorniewich won door prizes.

Great weather and better fellowship!

Bob Walton

From Don Coote.....

FYI the HCI September Alumni Golf Scramble is Tuesday, September 16, 2014
All are welcome!

Gord Biddie always felt the Team Scramble was the most HCI-like because of the team format where anyone can win.

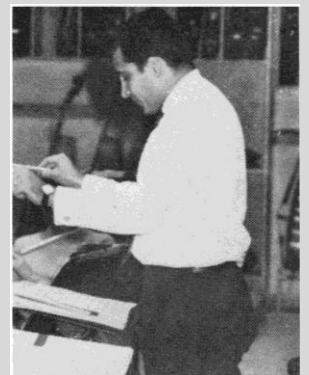


Music at Humberside

By Bruce Snell

Second instalment of this article originally published in the “Humberside, The First Century 1892-1992”

As the seventies began, a new group of music teachers was in place at Humberside- Gino Falconi, Janet Keele and Paul Marshall. This famous trio, aided by other music teachers such as Louise Aldous, David Thompson, and Rebecca Windhager spearheaded an unprecedented development in the participation in music by a large number of students of Humberside. From every nook and cranny of the school, students eagerly rushed to be a part of the exciting activities. Music Nights now included such groups as the Chamber Orchestra, Chamber Choir, Wind Ensemble, Brass Ensemble, as well as a proliferation of junior, intermediate and senior choirs, orchestras and bands. The seventies also saw the beginning of the tradition of Humberside’s annual Broadway musical productions which have so much to contribute to school spirit and to enhance the lives of those who participated in these marvellously spirited performances.



Gino Falconi



The 1982 production of “Hello Dolly”, directed by Miss Janet Keele.

And in the eighties, Janet and Paul continued these wonderful traditions with the assistance of Mary (Swerbywus) Kulyk, Bill Foley and Rose Meyer.
(seen in the picture on the right)



An examination of a Music Night programme from the mid-eighties reveals the extent to which music is a part of the lives of many, many students in the school. Performing groups include the Junior Choir, Girls' Choir, Chamber Choir, Men's Choir and Senior Choir; the Junior Band, Intermediate Band, Senior Band and Stage Band; the Chamber Orchestra, Junior Chamber Orchestra, Junior Strings, Intermediate Strings and Senior Orchestra. This truly is a wonderfully well-rounded, healthy music programme.



In keeping with tradition, Mr. Paul Marshall reads "'Twas the Night Before Christmas" to children from the audience at Humberside's annual Christmas concert.

And so, as Humberside celebrates its 100th anniversary, and as thousands of former Humbersiders return to their alma mater, it is fitting for all of us who sang or played, it is important for us to recognize that we helped music grow into what it now is at Humberside today and, because of our contribution, however big or small, we should take pride of ownership in the great tradition of music at Humberside.

*Memories,
Light the corner of my mind,
Misty watercolour memories,
Of the way we were.*

SAVE THE DATE!!

*Gala Countdown to 125
Friday October 23, 2015
at Humberside C. I.
Evening of Camaraderie
Laughter, and
Memories*

More information to come in the fall

125th Anniversary Survey

Many of you have already filled out the survey and we thank you very much for that. For those of you who haven't, you have until the end of the summer to do so. The link for the survey is,

http://esurv.org/?s=OCEMMH_b9c775f5

The survey is also available to print off from the newsletter and mailed in. You can also check off your answers and send the newsletter back to the editor. (email listed at the end of the newsletter)

Please feel free to share the survey in any of its formats with other alumni especially those who aren't online. Your participation in the survey will allow the committee to plan an event that is sure to create lasting memories.

There is also a facebook page for the 12th. The link for that is,

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/219791771544317/>

Humberside's 125th Anniversary Survey

In 2017, Humberside C.I. will be celebrating its 125th Anniversary! A weekend of events to commemorate this milestone is in the beginning stages of planning. This survey is intended to give the organizing committee a better understanding of what you, the alumni, would enjoy participating in over the weekend. The survey will also produce preliminary numbers. Your answers are confidential and only the organizing committee will see them. Your participation is appreciated.

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1. Would you be interested in attending any part of Humberside's 125th Anniversary celebrations that will take place from Friday October 20th to Sunday October 22nd, 2017? (Please note: A registration fee will apply)

☒ **Yes**

☐ **No**

☐ **Maybe**

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2. Would you be interested in attending a Welcome Wine and Cheese at the school on the evening of Friday October 20th?

☐ **Yes**

☐ **No**

☐ **Maybe**

3. If you answered yes or maybe to question #2 , what do you feel is an appropriate fee?

☐ \$20

☐ \$25

☐ \$30

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4. Would you be interested in attending an Open House at the school from 10am until 5pm on Saturday October 21st?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Maybe

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5. Would you be interested in attending an off-site Pub Night on the evening of Saturday October 21st? (cash bar and finger foods)

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Maybe

6. If you answered yes or maybe to question #5, what do you think is an appropriate cover charge?

☐ \$5

☐ \$10

☐ \$15

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7. Would you be interested in attending a brunch on Sunday October 22nd?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Maybe

8. If you answered yes or maybe to question #7, would you be willing to pay up to \$40?

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Maybe

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9. Would you be interested in participating in a reunion Choir concert?

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Maybe

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10. Would you be interested in participating in a Golf tournament?

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Maybe

11. Would you be interested in purchasing any of the following commemorative and/or school spirit items? Check all that apply.

☐ T-shirt

☐ Hooded Zippered Sweatshirt

☐ Mug

☐ Baseball Hat

☐ Keychain

☐ Note Cards

☐ HumberSide 2018 Calendar

☐ Umbrella

☐ Leather Jacket

☐ Windbreaker

12. Do you have any other suggestions for commemorative or school spirit items? Please list below.

* 13. There will be a need for volunteers prior to and during the celebrations. Would you be willing to volunteer some of your time?

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Maybe

14. If you answered yes or maybe to question # 13, What areas are you interested in? Please check all that apply.

Please note the following descriptions:

Decade Room Reps: room reps would be responsible for putting together displays to be used during the open house for the years they attended Humberside. There would be a need for several from each decade. If you started in one decade and graduated in another, you may choose either one or help in both. Guidelines would be provided and access to the Humberside archives made available for material.

Hospitality: Volunteers would be needed for the registration table during the weekend, wine and cheese, guide alumni through the school, greeters in various areas and other areas yet to be determined.

☐ Fundraising

☐ Advertising/promotions/PR

☐ Decade Room Reps

☐ Hospitality

☐ Anywhere needed

15. Contact Information (this information will only be used by the organizing committee for communication purposes)

Name

Address Include postal code

Phone

Email

Student (include years attended)

Teacher (years/subject taught)

Administration/Support Staff (years and position held)

16. Please any comments or suggestions

< Finish Survey >

Thank you very much for your time and participation. The committee is looking forward to planning a memorable weekend to celebrate Humberside's 125th Anniversary.

Please free to forward this survey to any Humberside contacts you have.

If you have any questions, please email them to Janet Keele at humberside125@gmail.com

To mail in your survey, please send it to the following address...

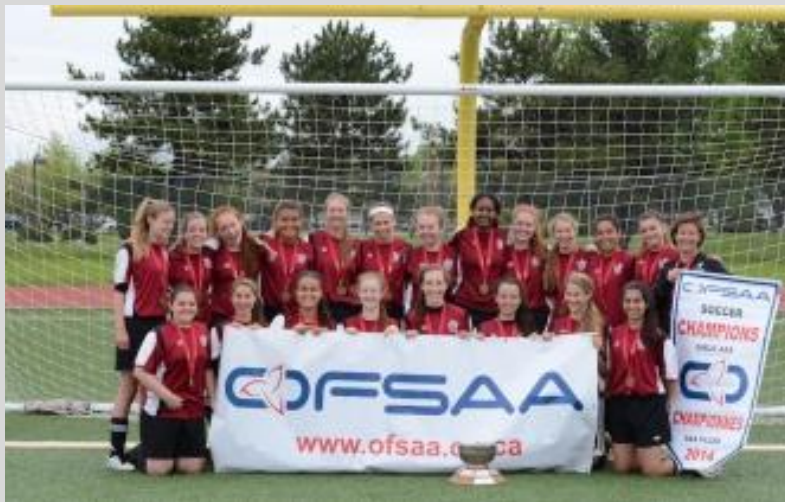
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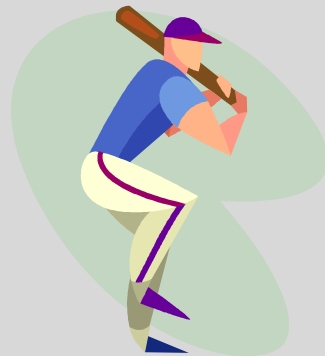
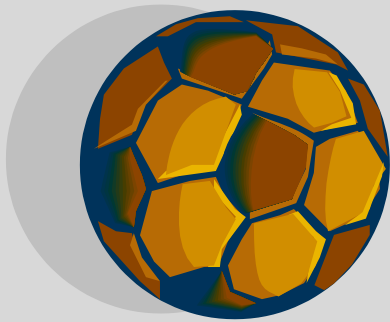
SPORTS at HUMBERSIDE

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

Congratulations to the Girls' soccer team for taking gold at the OFSSA Championships!



Congratulations also go out to the boys baseball team who were first in the East division and represented the TDSAA in the Eastern regional finals.



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Final Word

I hope you enjoyed this edition of the newsletter!

The 125th Anniversary (happening in 2017) survey that was mentioned in earlier newsletters is now out and I urge all of you to take it. It will allow you, the alumni, to give input on what you would like to see happen. Please send the survey to any alumni who you think would be interested.

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

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