

Special Edition Newsletter
Celebrating Humberside Collegiate
Institute's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
October 20-21, 2017



### Message from the Editor

Happy New year!

Hard to believe that five years ago we started talking about the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary and planning began and now it's come and gone. It was a fantastic weekend and from all the smiling faces and shouts of hello I witness during it, I think I can say it was a success. I know I posted on facebook after the weekend but it bears mentioning again.

THANK YOU to all of YOU who came out to celebrate Humberside's 125 Anniversary with us. The journey was long but the end was terrific! Thank you to the Alumni committee, Janet Keele, Graeme Dymond, Bob Savaryn, Anette Jewell, Symantha Rush, Zoran Vukasinovic, Karen Maguire, Donna Rasiuk Tichonchuk, Bob Walton, Barnaby Ross, Thom Norris, Doug Wighton, Caroline Tolton Paterson; it was a pleasure to work with all of you to make this weekend come together. To the pub night committee, Bob Walton, Zoran Vukasinovic, Bob Savaryn, Richard Ward, Linda Galas, Andrew Mackevicius (If I missed someone, sorry) for planning a terrific night, food was so good from Cheese Boutique, Roman Dasek and his band The Release for getting people up on the dance floor and making the night more terrific. Thank you to ALL the staff from Humberside (so many to name), who contributed their time and expertise in so many areas; front hall, gyms, cafeteria. To the Music, arts and athletic departments for all your displays and activities you did for the weekend. To Kate Dembski for all her artistic contributions over the last several years, to Tim Prior for his guidance and dedication to making the commemorative book, to those who worked long and hard on it and to those who contributed to it. To all the student volunteers and I think we had about 75 or so, for all your assistance with the celebrations. The Peer leaders, SAC, for all your support, to the Student Athletic Council for their fabulous displays in the third floor gym. To the Student Music Council and volunteers who helped with the choir rehearsals and performance. To Laura Menard and Becky Windhanger who helped make the reunion choir a magical experience for all of us who participated. We won't forget it, EVER. To Jim Drass our wonderful IT guy and webmaster, who helped get the information out there, and who was able to record the alumni choir and broadcast it live so those who couldn't join us, were able to enjoy the concert. To Daniele Stoddard for her social media help in spreading the word. To Jerry McGraw for keeping the vampires at bay. To everyone I missed, sorry I forgot to include you!

I saw so many smiling faces this weekend when old friends once again met up, and got to exchange contact information, so another 10, 20, 30 years or more won't pass until they say Hi again. When people remembered what it was like to roam the halls of dear old Humberside and realize it still smells the same! The connections, memories and stories of their time at Humberside is what a reunion is all about and I think we accomplished that this weekend!

Thank you Sarah my dear old friend for all your help and Symantha, my dear new friend, your support, and help in so many areas, and an ear to vent to, stopped me from going crazy, thank you, thank you!

And finally, last but never, ever least, *Thank You to Janet Keele*. Janet said 10 years or so ago, Humberside needs an alumni association and so it began. Her passion and dedication for her music and for Humberside rivals no one. It was her vision and passion that made me want to join the alumni committee and so I did 5 years ago. This weekend would never have happened if not for Janet Keele. She is truly an inspiration. The reunion choir was most awesome and truly a highlight for not only those of us lucky enough to sing in it, but for those who enjoyed it with us, not only just in the audience but those who watched online. I can't even write this without getting teary eyed. She means SO much to SO many of us. Janet, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I hope that everyone added a few more memories of Humberside to the ones they already had. Stay in touch, join the alumni. Choik-atee-hoik fellow Humbersiders! All the best to everyone in 2018.

Jacquie

PS. You won't have to wait another 25 years for a reunion or for a reunion choir. Details will go out when we have some. PPS. My apologies for the late arrival of the newsletter.

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### Lismer Hall Seat Sale

Many of you who attended the reunion were able to see the rejuvenation of Lismer Hall in person. It looks great, but the school could still use help in paying for the seats and what better way to support your school and have your message and name a part of it for ever! Make your history with Humberside permanent by donating \$200 and have your message a part of the school. 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.

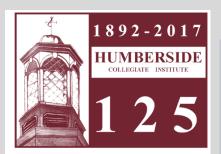
### Photograph Permission

Thank you to everyone who sent me photos to use or gave me permission to use photos they took during the reunion weekend for the newsletter.

No better way to remember the weekend than through photos.

I hope you enjoy this edition and it brings back some memories for you.

Jacquie



Welcome to Humberside's 125th Anniversary October 20-21, 2017



### 125<sup>th</sup> Anníversary Program

Welcome to Humberside Collegiate Institute's alumni celebration of our school's 125th anniversary. On behalf of Janet Keele, the Alumni Association committee, and all who helped make this event happen, we wish to thank you for being here. This event is a testament to the history of our school, and the virtues of cherishing our community and heritage which we learned in this building. It is a delight to see so many generations of alumni come together this weekend to share these values, and from all of us who have worked together to make this event happen, we hope you have a memorable reunion.

Choik-a-tee-hoik Graeme Dymond, Co-Chair, HCAA

Humberside Collegiate Institute 125<sup>th</sup> Reunion Welcome Ceremony Saturday October 21, 2017 - 11:00 a.m. Lismer Hall

Acknowledgement of Territorial Lands

O Canada - Senior Concert Band and Senior Choir Welcome - Graeme Dymond - Co-Chair - Humberside Alumni Association Kim McLaren - Principal - Humberside Collegiate Robin Pilkey - Chair of the T.D.S.B. and our Trustee June Stavropoulos

Lorraine Linton

Concert Choir - "Modimo" - trad. Sesotho - arr. Michael Barrett Ted Lea

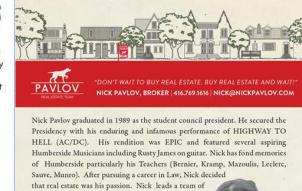
Cameron Tolton

Senior Concert Band - The Incredibles—Giacchino Janet Keele - Co-Chair - Humberside Alumni Association Hail Humberside

#### Acknowledgements

A special Thank You to the following people for their assistance with this Welcome Ceremony:

The Music Department - Karen Kress, Laura Menard The members of the Concert Band and the Senior Choir and The Humberside Stage Crew



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#### Welcome Messages

October 2017

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To the staff, students, and alumni of Humberside Collegiate Institute,

I want to extend my sincere congratulations on your 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary! For well over a century, your institution has been a beacon in our community. You lead by example – the hard work and dedication of the staff and students at Humberside is illustrated in your commitment to academic success, environmental advocacy, and multiculturalism.

I commend all of you for you 'Gold Ecoschools' accreditation, and the work of the Humberside Environmental Action Team (H.E.A.T.). It is amazing to see the work you are putting in to achieve more in your goal to achieve the Platinum certification. Knowing Humberside, I have no doubts you will achieve that goal!

As the Parliamentary Secretary responsible for Multiculturalism, I am proud to have such a diverse school in my riding – not only in the diversity of the staff and students, but also in offering of Extended French and the French Immersion Programs. Je vous félicite de votre engagement envers le bilinguisme et j'espère que votre exemple sera repliquer dans notre communauté.

Once again, congratulations on this milestone anniversary, which is especially significant given it falls during the 150th anniversary of Canadian Confederation! I look forward to many more years of success educating our next generation of leaders in our community.

Yours truly,

fin.

Arif Virani MP for Parkdale-High Park Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Heritage (Multiculturalism) Robin Pilkey, TDSB Chair & Ward 7 Trustee Humberside Collegiate Institute – 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Program Greeting

On behalf of the Toronto District School Board, I would like to congratulate the staff, students, parents, alumni and community of Humberside Collegiate Institute on the momentous occasion of your school's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. As Chair of the Toronto District School Board, Ward 7 Trustee, and a mother of two Humberside graduates, I am exceptionally proud and honoured to celebrate this very special moment in Humberside's history.

Since 1892, Humberside has been a pillar of the High Park and Bloor West community, with a strong tradition of academic excellence and student achievement. Humberside is one of the area's most architecturally significant buildings. However, it's not just the building itself that has made its mark on the neighbourhood; it's also the contributions of staff and students, both past and present, that have had an incredibly positive impact on this community and the city as a whole

As we come together this weekend to recognize this significant milestone and celebrate 125 years of accomplishments, I would like to thank the Humberside Alumni Association and everyone involved in organizing this anniversary celebration. Thank you for your hard work in making this weekend such a success.

Once again, congratulations to the entire school community, both past and present, on Humberside's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. You have all had a hand in making this school what it is today and you should be very proud of what you've accomplished together.

Robin Pilkey Chair of the Board and Ward 7 Trustee Toronto District School Board Congratulations Humberside on 125 years of excellence in academics, sporting prowess and outstanding creativity!

As a City Councillor I have had the pleasure of attending Commencement ceremonies and presenting awards to many students as they crossed the Lismer stage. Having the opportunity to speak to graduates, their family and friends at this significant time has always been a great honour.

I am a proud Humberside parent, my son graduated in 2008 and my daughter in 2013. It was my privilege to serve on the Humberside Advisory Council for 9 years and I enjoyed the opportunity to work with dedicated parents on many issues including saving the swimming pool.

To all Alumni, thank you for attending this celebratory weekend. I hope you get a chance to reconnect with old friends and faculty and enjoy all the wonderful events the Alumni Association has planned.

Sarah Doucette City Councillor Ward 13





#### 125th WEEKEND PROGRAM

#### FRIDAY OCTOBER 20TH

Registration Opens 5PM
Decade Rooms Open 5PM to 10PM
(Rooms on Second Floor See map in program)
Reunion Choir in Lismer Hall 8PM
School Closes 10PM

#### SATURDAY OCTOBER 21ST

Registration starts 8:30AM

Decade Rooms Open 9AM (second floor)

Welcome Ceremony in Lismer Hall 11AM

Sports events/displays in main gym. Time TBA

Art Displays in Cafeteria 9AM to 5PM

Refreshments in Cafeteria Time TBA

HCI items available for purchase in main foyer & Cafeteria

Library, Music Wing, Staff Room, Hallways

all open from 9AM to 5PM

Lismer Hall open for viewing AFTER the welcome ceremony School Closes at **5PM** 

#### PUB NIGHT SATURDAY OCTOBER 21ST

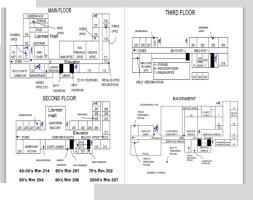
6PM to 2AM Lithuanian House 1573 Bloor St. W.

Wheelchair accessible <a href="www.lithuanianhouse.ca">www.lithuanianhouse.ca</a>
Tickets are pre-purchased. Finger food included with ticket.

Cash bar. 19+ event.

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Roman Dasek & band The Release playing hits from the 70/80's starting at 11pm.



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All hail to dear old Humberside, the school we all revere. With pride I welcome all alumni to our great school. With special greetings to the great musicians, athletes and artists of the 1970"s decade. Those were indeed the days my friend. Enjoy this 125th weekend at our great school.

Robert (Bob) Savaryn, 1975



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Friends of Humberside Barnaby Ross Humberside Staff, Peer Leaders & Students Humberside Front Office Staff Robert Rainone (1971) B&T Signs Humberside Music, Athletic, Arts Depts. Humberside Stage Band and Choir Janet Keele Stephen Wells Laura Menard Kate Dembsky Becky Windhager Matthew Skinner Former Principals Lorraine Linton & June Stavropoulos Current Principal Kim McLean Meredith Austin Tim Prior Humberside Caretaking Staff Roman Dasek and band The Release and to those whose names may have been missed

Special THANK YOU to
Cameron Tolton and Caroline Tolton Paterson
for their generous support of the Humberside
archive restoration project



Why not honour the 125th by contributing to the continued rejuvenation of Lismer Hall where the historic mural by Arthur Lismer, which was created specifically for Humberside, resides with a seat dedication. Visit Canada Helps for more information.

www.canadahelps.org search Friends of Humberside

125th Logo/art by Kate Dembsky

#### Decade Room Reps

40-50's Thom Norris(52)/Gord Nicholls (55)
60's Michael Kaczer(69)
70's Charlie Debono(71)
80's Jacquie Raidl (87)/Symantha Rush(86)
90's Caroline Tolton Paterson(91)/Monika Szopinska(91)
2000's Stephanie Claydon(03)/Emillee Boychuk(03)

#### 125th Anniversary Committee

Janet Keele, Graeme Dymond, Jacquie Raidl, Bob Savaryn, Anetta Jewell, Symantha Rush, Karen Maguire, Donna Rasiuk Tichonchuk, Bob Walton, Barnaby Ross, Thom Norris, Doug Wighton

### Additional Committee Support/Pub Night Committee Support

Caroline Tolton Paterson, Zoran Vukasinovic, Heather Pessione, Richard Ward, Linda Galas, Andrew Mackevicius, Laura Menard, Roman Dasek

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#### Friends of Humberside Mission Statement

Our mission is to encourage support of the educational needs of students, to raise funds for the provision of capital equipment not generally funded by public monies, to fund educational scholarships, and to encourage bequests, legacies, gifts and donations. Visit www.CanadaHelps.org

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### Hail Humberside

All hail to dear old Humberside, the school we all revere. Let's sing of all the happy days, spent within her walls so dear!

We'll cheer our teams endeavors, whether we win or lose, For that's the spirit of Humberside, that we'll carry through the years.

Hail Garnet, Grey and Whitel Humberside lead on.
Always with your colours high, Heads up every son
Rohl Rohl Rohl

Daughters of Humberside, whether you're far or near All cheer and sing for Humberside, Alma Mater dear!

Choik-atee-hoik, choik-atee-hoik, Chal-ama, chal-ama, chi Rickety rackerty, rickerty rackety - H.C.I. Ch-hee, Ch-ho, ch-haw, haw, hawl Humberside, Humberside, Rahl Rahl Rahl

Words & music by C.S. Patterson, 1942





### Music

What would a reunion be without it? Not as much fun and boy, did we ever have a lot of fun! Singing under Miss Janet Keele brought back so many countless memories of music at HCI. If there was any indication of how much fun we were having, it was when Miss Keele would shout, okay two minutes of chatting between songs, that's all! And she would clap her hands for us to quiet down, and we all did, just like we did in class all those years ago. She had not lost her touch in getting us to pay attention! Thanks Janet, the memories from being a part of the choir will last forever.

125th Reunion Choir

Presents

#### Hail Humberside

Friday October 20, 2017

8:00 p.m.

1. Consider Yourself At Home Bart

Those Were the Days Raskin

Excerpts from "Oklahoma" Rodgers

Many a New Day – Suzanne Ziemniak-West – Laurey (1978)

3. Ave Verum Corpus

Oklahoma - Chorus

Mozart

Ride the Chariot

arr. H. Smith

4. Excerpts from "Guys and Dolls"

Loesser

I've Never Been in Love Before – Isabelle Kiraly – Sarah Brown (1999) and Fadi Hakim – Sky Masterson (1991)

Bushel and a Peck - Chorus

5. Ave Maria Rachmaninoff

Gloria Vivaldi

6. Excerpts from "Bells Are Ringing" Styne

I'm Going Back - Sara McMillan-Stahmer - Ella Peterson (1985)

7. Scarborough Fair arr. Ehret

Play For Me a Simple Melody Berlin

8. Excerpts from "Hello Dolly" Herman

It Takes a Woman – Rob Lundeen – Horace Vandergelder (1997) Hello Dolly – Chorus 9. Richard Rodgers Medley

Rodgers

10. Excerpts from "Anything Goes"

Porter

You're the Top – Deb Worobec – Reno Sweeney (1975)

Gerald Mielke - Billy Crocker (1975)

Anything Goes - Chorus

11. Jazz Ensemble - 25 Or 6 to 4 - by Robert Lamm, arr. Paul Murtha

12. Precious Lord Take My Hand

arr. Ringwald

Hallelujah Chorus

Handel

Hail Humberside – Everyone

Patterson

Conductor – Janet Keele – Assisted by Laura Menard

Accompanist – Becky Windhager

#### Acknowledgements

A Special Thank you to the following people for their assistance in our preparations for this concert.

The Humberside Music Council – especially Daria Gushchina, Sierra Philbert, Sasha Samaroo, Matt Sandler, Sedona Saverino, Isabella Thomas and Stacy Vasilenko

The Humberside Music Department – Laura Menard and Karen Kress

The Humberside Stage Crew

Joey Moore and the Humberside Caretaking Staff

#### **Choir Performers**

Amy Airhart, Jen Andreae, Irene Antonenko, Barbara Auger-Schembri, Kevin Barnes, Irene Beley-Kalyniuk, Peggy Bell-Pickering, Donna Benko, Sujata Berry, Brenda Bloberg-Holz, Josh Bowen, Stephanie Bowen-Claydon, Alexandra Bulut, Janet Butters, Lindsay Campbell -Baxter, Sarah Casey-Mandarino, Nico Cassidy, Glennis Chambers-Jones, Jennifer Cloud-Smith, Gloria Colantonio-Camilleri, Sonia Cymbaluk-Jursza, Marilyn D'Angelis-Falconi, Linda Diaferia-Racicot, Julia Dinner, Lori Ellis, Gino Falconi, Claudia Floether, Christopher Ford, Loreto Freire, Tina Gaibisels, Vytas Gataveckas, Jane Gilmour, Hagen Gocht, Roland Grants, Aldis Grants, Issac Guardino, Oksana Gural, Daria Gushchina, Fadi Hakim, Lila Hakim, Manny Haronitis, Amanda Harris, Caitie Hase, Sue Heal, Irma Hethman-Boyle, Larissa Hogan, Kristina Hogan, Jennifer Holmes-Haronitis, Kimiko Hoyland-James, Mark Jagla, Deborah Jann, Gillian (Jill) Johnson-Nichol, Heather Jonasson-Mielke, Sophia Jong, Al Kairys, Adriana Karka, Isabelle Kiraly ,Judy Knapp-Rupert, Darlene Kolodinsky, Bella Kolodinsky, rene Kowalchuk-Kairys, Lis Kowalska, Vera Kytl-Tichy, Jane Law-Chong, Rhonda Laws, Jessica Long Dzupina-Ward, Rob Lundeen, Kerri MacIntosh. Andrew Mackevicius, Donna MacLachlan, Terry Madill, Anne Maenhaut, Erin Marinangeli, Siobhan Marinangeli, Eric Mark, Luba Maryn-Howard, Jan Matejovic, Sara McMillan-Stahmer, Alrek Meipoom,

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### **Rehearsal Nights**

They were hot, they were fun, and they were second to none.











Algis Kairys, Vytas Gataveckas, Roland Grants, Aldis Grants, Andrew Mackevicius



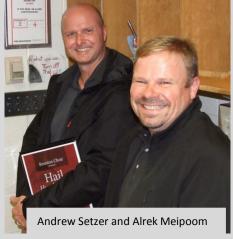
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Gino Falconi, Lydia Rychlitzky Caklos Janet Keele, Chris Ford







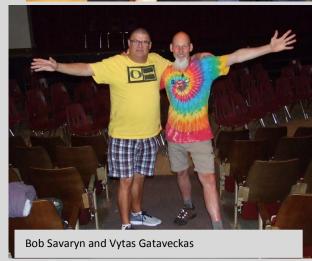


Natalie Pavlenko, Tina Gaibisels













Janet Keele, Becky Windhager, Suzanne Ziemniak-West, Bob Savaryn



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Gerald Mielke and Deb Worobec



Isabelle Kiraly and Fadi Hakim

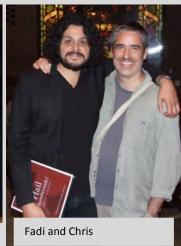




Sara McMillan-Stahmer













Front: Annie Antinenko, Irene Antinenko, Oksana Gural, Renata Rittberger Back: Erik Mark, John Matijovic











Andrew Setzer, Sue Heal, Kimi Hoyland





Sybil Clothier

### Performance Night!









Our fearless and most awesome leader!









Barbara Auger, Donna Maclaughan, Ann Serazin































Darlene Kolodinsky, Guest, Vera Kytle-Tichy, Guest, Andrea Rose-Jagla, Mark Jagla

Tina, Mark, Aldis, and Suzanne

### If you hadn't already heard.....Hear Ye! Hear Ye! The Humberside Alumni Choir is now in session!

Yes, you read it correctly. The Alumni Choir is back under the direction of Miss Janet Keele. Your commitment to the choir would be for two hours a week, on Wednesday evenings, for eight weeks. The exact date of the first rehearsal and concert is yet to be determined.

Unfortunately, presenting this Alumni Choir will have costs, including the music, permits, and the accompanist to name a few. Therefore, in order to cover these costs there will be a small fee of \$40.00 to participate. Our objective is to also raise funds for a specific project at Humberside.

At this time, our focus is to get an idea of the interest in the choir. If you are interested, please email me at jacqr@sympatico.ca and confirm. Please include your full name (maiden name if applicable in brackets), graduation year, phone number and what part you sing. If there is a different contact email address than the one use to email me, include that as well. Please do not email Janet. Her focus will be the music. The committee that has been formed to get the choir off the ground is taking care of all the administrative work. If the interest is there, the plan is to make this an annual event.

We are very excited to be able to announce that the choir is back. I remember how much fun it was to rehearse together and sing at the 125th. I am looking forward to hearing from all of you!

Jacquie Raidl Alumni Choir Membership/Communication.

### **Decade Rooms**





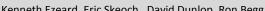






Graham Wykes, Kenneth Ezeard, David Dunlop











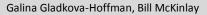


Bob Tistechok and Hazel Regan











Mary Mercouris, Galina, Stella Mercouris Derbish



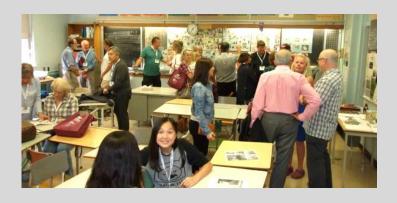
Joe, Christine, and Vytas







Christine Bilak, Vytas, Tina, Joanne Geerling -Grigoriev













Gino, Yarko Kordiuk Stella, Binka Cahute, Christine Bilak, Bob, Vytas, Tina, Mary



Binka, Christine, Bob, Tina, Mary, Joanne, Joe





Back: Paddy Scott, Kathryn Morgan, Joy Teglas, Tim Wach, Janice Dumphie

Front: Steve Dinnar , Vytas, Rick Kuraly



Joy Teglas, John Gorniak, Ellen Bailey, Tony Loparco, Diana Belasis, Helena Nycz



Christine, Tina, Joanne





Rick, Nick Bugiel, Kathryn, Tim Wach



Jane, Alex, Charlie DeBono, Barry Rich



Donna Rasiuk Tichonchuk, Joanne, Ingrid Andersen, Gino, Stella, Christine, Mary

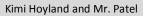








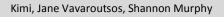












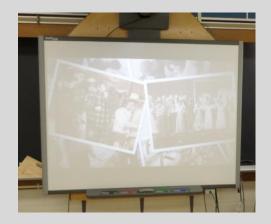






















Dominika Maz







### Candids from Friday and Saturday





Vytas, Mike Sherwood, Rob Galikowski, Mike Mitchell



Donna Tai and Alrek Meipoom



Dominika, Jerry, Kamila



Jacquie Raidl, Jane Falconi, Gino, Joanne, Fred Raidl, Galina



Joanne, Emily Eayrs Babiak, Galina, Janice Dumphie

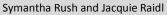


Yvonne Spiczynski, Vytas



Stella and Howard Stanfield





















Mark, Greg Rasiuk, Andrea, Darlene

Karen Maguire



Andrea Rose Jagla, Mark Jagla



Joan Leeder, Mabel Ann Waters, Donna Tai



Jim Turner and Daniel Johnston



Oksana Tymyk, Lydia Venuto (nee Glen), Barb Edwards (nee Kazimierczak) and Janice Wright (nee Kolumbus)



Wally Tanner, Paul Eckel, Ross Jarmain



Galina and Bill McKinlay





Jerry and Mike



**Ted Catton** 



Alison Hsieh-Armyros, Jane Chong, Grant Jelec, Elizabeth Spathis, Tony Loparco, Pauline Manousos....all from class of 1980

### **WELCOME CEREMONY**



Co- Chairs: Graeme Dymond and Janet Keele





### **Gerry Ball**





There was a basketball scrimmage using the Gerryball format on Saturday afternoon in the boys gym, 5 on 5, the first team that scores a certain number of baskets, stays on and a new team of 5 challenges them. Repeat. This is a game developed by our fabulous lifeguard, Gerry McGraw, in his 40 years of providing a format for ex-Humbersiders and friends to continue to play after graduation on Monday and Wednesday evenings.









Mike Jones, Art, Michael Grange, Jerry, Dan, Mike

















### History of Sports at Humberside Third Floor Gym

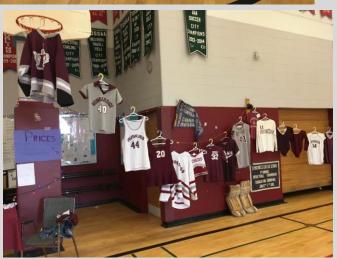
















Pat Downs, Karen Maguire, Tamara Bilen (Kure)

### Pub Night at Lithuania House



Terry Sybydlo and Mike Sherwood





Anetta Jewel and Bob Walton













Peter Rigakos, Nick Konidis, Carlos Da Gama, Fred Raidl, John Pigatsiotopoulos





Mary Miron-Hussar, Irene Magdenko, Tanya Juchymenko Gunde Kelle,.... Simon Tai





Audrey Simons, Simon, Ted Szczucki , Julie Donahue, Susan Richardson, Lori Clark, Karen Maguire





Jane, John Harris, Angela Dai, Anne Hislop







Mmmmm food, thank you Cheese Boutique!



Linda Springstead , Barb Edwards Lydia Venuto



Susan R, Lori C, Ted S, Roberta Stritzky, Julie D.



Jerry McGraw, Life guard extraordinaire



Mabel Ann, Lori, Susan



Janice Wright , Lydia Venuto, Mike Walton, Jon Clark, Barb Edwards,... (last two..)Stephen Powell,Oksana Tymyk



Kimi, Jacquie, Janet, Sue and Quita



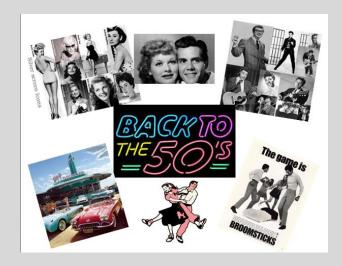
Roman Dasek and band "The Release" Had us dancing all night long





### 40 & 50's Decade Room



















Herb Tutty (guest), Thom Norris , Mary Tutty

### **MORE CANDIDS!!!!**

(Didn't want to squeeze these extras in and make pictures smaller, so please enjoy these pics from the weekend!)



Shone Joos, Adriana Karka, Vika Ross, Melissa NIgrini, Patricia Stekly, Lori Ellis



Patricia Stekly, Gloria Camilleri (Colantonio), Anne Maenhaut, Lori Ellis



Patricia Stekly, Gloria Camilleri (Colantonio), Dianne Zydbal-Gora, Wally Chau



Lori Ellis, Patricia Stekly, Kate McGibbon, Peter Ruprecht



Sandy and Chris



Linda Pausch Heel, Angela Pausch Shillum, Ms Stevenson, Anne Pausch St Jean



80's Decade HCI Uniforms and swag





Sonia, Lilian, Loreto, Marichu, Christina and Sujata.



Claudia with Miss Keele wearing the vest she just made for her :)



Cheryl, Jan, Loreto and Eric



Sandra, Loreto and Eric



Debbie, Linda, Natalie, Katrina



Katrina Galas, Mary Kulyk, Natalie Galas



Linda and Linda



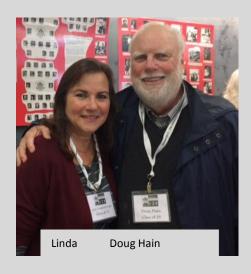
Katrina, Natalie, Linda Galas



Red Lee, Katrina Galas



Linda and Doug Wighton







Jill Johnson and Marilyn Jackson



Back: George Harris, Doug Wighton, John Umney Gray, Front: Sophia Jong, Jill Johnson and Wayne Paterson



George Harris, Doug Wighton, John Umney-Gray, Wayne Paterson



Marilyn D'Angelis, Sophia Jong, Jill Johnson Anne Hislop





### ROBERTA CHARLESWORTH RETURNS STEPPING BACK IN TIME: THE HUMBERSIDE REUNION...125 YEARS OLD

Alan Skeoch Oct. 2017

"Stepping back in time. Reunions! Not all they are cracked up to be. I think I'll go down and take a look at the Lismer mural...indelible part of my memory, particularly that cute little Mohawk girl...I just loved looking at her long ago. Wonder if she has changed?"

"Brings back memories...that first high school dance..."

WAIT! WHO IS THAT? And then the wheelchair came into the auditorium...

"That isn't...couldn't be...yes, it is ROBERTA CHARLESWORTH..."

Suddenly the place was no longer empty.



Virginia Stevenson was there...still a knock out. I realize now that she was just a few years older than we were. The young teacher along with Mr. Currie who had size13 or size 14 feet. Students note things like that. Here Virginia stands with Gord Nichols on the left and Caroline Laughlin on the right.





And Big Al Merritt expressing himself with vigor while reminiscing with one of the Smale boys. Another powerful leader and role model for all of us.

Seemed like Roberta Charlesworth and Miss Ricker had a lock on all the girls' sports teams in the school. I liked to watch the girls compete whenever I got a chance which was not often since Burford kept us in his room with endless chalk talk and special football plays that had to be memorized from his reams of mimeographed data. When free it was possible to watch Roberta Charlesworth coach her team with the same intensity Fred Burford. Blue bloomers were attractive as you can see.





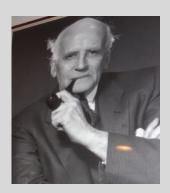
AND NELLIE McClung ... feminist extraordinaire at a time when feminism was not that popular hence her amusing comment.

"Never Retract, Never Explain, Never Apologize, Get the thing done And let them Howl."

Roberta Charlesworth had that kind of spirit...maybe she put this picture in the halls of Humberside.







"I think I will write and research the life of Arthur Lismer. Comforting to know that Humberside has resurrected this fantastic piece of Canadian history. And the girl on the wall is still attractive. Unlike the rest of us, she has not aged.

"Lismer liked teaching almost as much as he liked art." "Look at his eyes..."

And then I turned around and there she was...ROBERTA CHARLESWORTH had been wheeled into the empty auditorium...

"Roberta, is that you?" I blurted out never having called her Roberta before in my life.

And she smiled that engaging smile of a great teacher...great human being...molder of minds...shaper bodies...



"Wonderful to see you, I can hardly believe my luck." I had fled from our decade room as so few of my cronies had showed up. And here was Roberta Charlesworth, one of my favourite teachers"

"And how is your brother Eric?"...she remembered us both. Incredible!

Not that she showed favouritism. She knew students do not like that. Be objective. But there were a few occasions where there was warm recognition.

1) "Alan, would you be willing to tutor this young man. He has just arrived from Greece and needs help with his English."

And I did...quite a guy. Every lesson at his home was started with a slug of some kind of alcohol with a chunk of chocolate dissolving in it. "Helps the learning", he

insisted. Wonder if Roberta knew that?

- 2) And then there was the Posluns boy, "Alan, this young man has been in a terrible car accident and his brain has been jumbled. He can no longer read. Maybe you can help him." That call came long after I had graduated. It was quite a challenge. He could not read a word. I tried and tried to help then noticed he was struggling with the simplest words like "the" which he pronounced something like "eht". "Why not try turning the words around before you say them?" He did and we began to read together. I do not know if I discovered something. I do know the Roberta Charlesworth trusted me though.
- 3) She also disciplined me. Lifted me off the ground by my ear and made my eyes water right in front of the class.

Now this needs an explanation:

- a) Roberta gave me a detention for not doing my homework. She was right. If I could avoid Homework, I did. I tried to bluff the teachers; likely fooled no one.
- b) Roberta said in the course of one of her classes that" "I never judge people by what they say. I judge them by what they do." I have never forgotten that comment...even now 60 years later.
- c) Sitting alone in her room seemed such a waste of them. Why not serve the time in the girls gym where I can watch the girls and Mrs. Charlesworth can see me serving the detention. Sort of a Win-Win resolution ...At least so I thought.
- d) Next day Robert called me to the front of theorem. I always sat well back in my classrooms...sort of middle of the crowd...safe place tone where demands were less. "Alan, come up here." I thought I must have done something good. Then she reached out and grabbed me by the left ear and lifted. "When I give you a detention, you serve it here in my room...not staring at the girls in girls gymnasium." My Win-Win situation dissolved in the excruciating pain on my ear lobe.

The class was amused. She let go. And I went back to my seat. No ill will. In today's world that would lead to some kind of stupid court case. To me, it was deserved. To Roberta, it was bit of learning and a bit of amusement.

4) Roberta Charlesworth is one of my great teachers in life. Next spring I have been asked to give a speech to a large woman's group highlighting 20 great Canadian women over the last 150 years. Both Nellie McClung and Roberta Charlesworth are on the list. I might even slip Maida Schroeder into the list.



Alan Skeoch and Roberta Charlesworth in the auditorium at Humberside, Oct. 2017

### WHAT MAKES A GREAT TEACHER?

MY OPINION. Roberta was (is) a great teacher because she earned the respect of her students by her strengthen of character. Not all human beings display that strength. Roberta loved her students. I mean really loved them. She looked for strengths in them and expected them to measure up. She went way beyond just putting in her time teaching. After school coaching of girls' sports was done big time. Demanding. As a result she always had a clutch of girls hanging around her classroom which was duly noted by boys. Good place the meet girls...and get chased away by Roberta. She liked boys and girls...no-one sided approach. And she showed what I call collegiality with her fellow staff members. They hung around together and seemed to laugh a lot.

Liked each other. Students pick that up fast. Students are always judging teachers....Watching them...quoting them...even acting them out in outlandish imitations. Teachers that go the extra mile are noticed ...admired...imitated. Quoted...followed...remembered. Young people want and need role models. Roberta Charlesworth was a great role model.

The nicest thing at our 125th celebration at Humberside was meeting Roberta Charlesworth once again and knowing that she remembered me fondly. The lift by the ear was form of endearment I like to think. Makes me smile.

### Bill Rea — This is for you, Jan

### October 27, 2017

There are those experiences in life to which we eagerly look forward.

We rejoice in our hearts as they take place, and we feel let down when they are done.

I'm feeling let down as I write these words. I don't regret the experience, but I do regret it's over.

There is a high school in the west end of Toronto called Humberside Collegiate Institute, which is marking its 125th anniversary this year. The main celebration took place over the weekend.

I attended that school; a member of the Class of '77. I therefore attended and participated in the observances, but there was more to it.

For many years, Humberside benefitted from the services of a music teacher named Janet Keele, who ran the choirs, as well as directing annual musical productions. I took part in both during my high school years. They gave me an appreciation for music that has greatly enriched my life. They also gave me the chance to do things before live audiences of which I would have previously sworn I was incapable.

There was, and still is, a quality to her that I have always revered, and I know I am not alone. I well remember the day more than 40 years ago when Jan said she could tell who the Grade 13 students were because they now addressed her by her first name.

That same teacher, who has been retired for some years, organized an alumni choir to put on a concert Friday night in honour of the anniversary. I learned late last year from my brother Michael (Class of '72) that plans were in the works for a celebration, and that a choir would be assembled for a concert. I sent my former teacher an email, assuring her I would be on deck for being pressed into such service.

Some of you may have noticed that I was absent from community events in town the last several Wednesday evenings. The explanation is simple — I was in rehearsal, along with about 140 other alumni, spanning the more than 30 years this lady taught there. Consequently, I spent those evenings with an eclectic mix of people I hadn't seen in years and a whole lot of total strangers. We were all under the command of a woman we all love very much.

The dynamic was impressive, especially when I reflected back some 40 years. I had seen this lady draw pleasing sounds from the diaphragms of a couple of hundred kids, overcoming things like changing voices, smart remarks and asides from a bunch of teens who thought they had suddenly become sophisticated, and a hell of a lot of hormones. But being a good teacher, she knew how to get around that.

For a lot of those kids, it was an easy credit. To others, myself included, it was a labour of love, never to be forgotten. That's what drew us back to the routine over the last several Wednesday evenings. But things were different. Jan was no longer dealing with a bunch of teens. Many of her charges over the last couple of weeks are in their 60s, and a whole bunch of others (like me) are looking forward to that imminent milestone with a certain amount of dread.

She frequently had to interrupt the reminiscing taking place in the ranks by barking the word "Stop" in her very distinctive voice (she's still got it). She was very gentle when it came to telling some of the women that unless their voices were well trained and practised, they simply might not be able to hit a high G any more. At one point during one of the rehearsals, she asked the assembly to stand, after we had all been sitting for more than an hour. She was rewarded with a 30-second chorus of grunts as a room full of 60-something joints creaked. She also somehow drilled into us a repertoire, that included show tunes, works by Mozart, Rachmaninoff, Simon and Garfunkel, and Vivaldi, among others. I had sung some of the pieces when I was a kid (I got through the Rachmaninoff largely on memory from the mid-70s).

And then there was the actual concert Friday night. I know I missed the last note in Scarborough Fair (I was close, but my voice wasn't where it was supposed to be), and I know I had a lot of company. But a couple of pieces later, we did a medley from Richard Rodgers, which concluded with a rather moving rendition of You'll Never Walk Alone (another one I was able to do pretty much from memory). Jan's body language at the end told us that was one we nailed.

The final work was the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah.

Most of the concert can be found at www.facebook.com/hcialumni/videos/1507460605955649 (I'm the grey-haired, bespectacled guy somewhere in the middle), and I have to say I think the Hallelujah sounded pretty good. A lot of people I talked to later agreed, including Beth and Michael.

The last couple of weeks have been a tricky time, as I had to free up my Wednesday evenings. Like about 140 other people, I did it because I wanted to. Jan led us through it all because she wanted to. Humberside marked its centennial 25 years ago, and Jan, who was still teaching at the time, had put together an alumni choir, which I joined with appropriate eagerness. I walked away from that experience happy that I had participated once again in something that had been such a special part of my youth, but sad as I realized I would probably never get a chance to do something like that again.

But I did get another chance, and am now a lot more hopeful than I was 25 years ago. Right after Friday's concert, I approached Jan, asking her when she would be forming her next alumni choir. I told her to count me in.

### In Memoriam



### **Bill Rea**

Sadly, Bill won't be able to join the alumni choir

He passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, April 8, 2018, Bill Rea, at the age of 60 years, beloved husband of Elizabeth (Beth) Early-Rea. Dear brother of Michael Rea. Dear brother-in-law of Paul Early and Michelle Bailey-Early. Cherished uncle of Jacob and Jenna.



### Robert "Bob" Pinkney December 16, 1933 - October 25, 2017

Passed on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at St. Joseph's Hospital, Toronto at the age of 83 years. Beloved husband of Barbara for over 62 years. Loving father to Deborah Hall, Lynda McLellan (Brian), Robert Pinkney (Sandra), Brenda Hood (George) and predeceased by daughter Pamela and an infant daughter. Dear brother to June Pinkney and Thomas Pinkney (Hermina). Cherished grandfather of twelve and great grandfather of five. Bob was a graduate of Humberside Collegiate where he and Barbara met. He was also a graduate of The University of Toronto, Engineering 1955.



### Allen Samuel Merritt November 23, 1922 - March 30, 2018

Passed away peacefully at St. Joseph's Hospital on Good Friday in his 96th year. He was predeceased by his beloved wife Betty (nee' Ross) after 69 years of marriage. Devoted father of Ann (Patrick) and Fred. Allen is survived by his brother Bill and sister-in-law Janet in British Columbia and a number of cousins

in Niagara and Kitchener.

Allen was born to Fred and Erma Merritt in Clinton Township outside of Beamsville, Ontario, on his grandparent's farm. He graduated from McMaster University in 1944 with first class standing. After serving as Lieutenant in the Canadian Infantry Corps, he completed his Master of Arts in history at the University of Toronto in 1947. His love of academia led to a long and distinguished career as an educator, starting as a teacher of history and english at Humberside Collegiate for eight years and then at Downsview Secondary School and York Mills Collegiate. Subsequently, Allen became the principal at Emery Collegiate (1960-1969) and York Mills Collegiate (1969-1972), and then Superintendent of both Academic Programs (1972-78) and Employee Relations and Chief Negotiator for the Metropolitan Toronto School Board (1978-85). Upon retirement, he set up his own consulting firm and served as the management nominee on numerous arbitration boards and as an appointee to the Grievance Settlement Board. Allen was also the co-author of two textbooks that were widely used in Ontario high schools: Canadians and their Government; and The Rise of Western Civilization.

Allen had many interests and lived life to the fullest. He had a passion for adventure and travelled extensively throughout the world with family and friends. Allen loved all sports and was an excellent athlete. He enjoyed coaching basketball as a teacher and playing golf and tennis at his beloved cottage on Pen Lake and in Florida during the winter months. Allen was also an accomplished bridge player and avid reader.

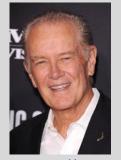
Allen felt blessed to have a wide circle of close friends, and was grateful for their love and support throughout his life. He will be remembered for his dedication to family, for his great gift of teaching, and for his pursuit of excellence in all things.

The family would like to thank the nurses and doctors at St. Joseph's Hospital for the dedicated and loving care they provided to Allen over the past six weeks. A private family burial has taken place. A Celebration of Life will be held for Allen and Betty at a subsequent date this spring.

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Garnet, Grey and White - You no doubt know by now that Al Merritt passed away on Good Friday March 30 at the great young age of 96.

He was fit as a fiddle at the October 125th reunion and we had a good old reminisce about our high-school-day crushes - his at Beamsville High and mine at HCI. How fortunate were we to have Al with us (and Dunc Green, too!) over all those years at our HCI Grads Golf outings. He will always be one of the fabulous reasons why HCI guys regard Humberside and each other with such high mutual esteem.

A great guy! Lucky us!! Don



### Bruce Gray September 7, 1936 – December 13, 2017

Bruce was a Humberside grad who went on to star on stage in Canada and the US. He was also in several television shows, most notably playing investment banker Adam Cunningham on the TV drama Traders and he also played the father to the bride in *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*. Sadly Bruce succumbed to brain cancer at the age of 81. To read the full article

https://www.hollywoodreporter.com/news/bruce-gray-dead-my-big-fat-greek-wedding-star-dies-at-81-1068443

### **Obituary for Louise Aldous (Hart-Smith)**



Aldous (nee Hart-Smith), Louise Marie

Passed away peacefully at St. Joseph's Hospital in Hamilton, on Saturday, October 14, 2017, in her 95th year. Beloved wife of the late Frank Aldous (2011), to whom she was married for 47 years. Dear sister to the late Hart and Rita Smith, the late Audrey and Joseph Lenjosek, Sheridan and Norma Smith, and Patrick and Katie Smith. Dear sister-in-law to the late Kenneth Aldous and Howard Aldous, both of England. Cherished aunt of many nieces and nephews.

During her career as a high school English teacher with the Toronto District School Board, Louise was a devoted mentor to the many students whose education she nurtured. She shared her love of music and singing through participation and guidance in the organization of musicals and plays. She and her husband loved travelling, and enjoyed time together at their cottage and home in Colgan. Louise's intelligence, sense of humor, generosity and caring dedication to family will be missed.

A special thank you the staff at St. Joseph's Hospital and the Hamilton General Hospital for their exceptional care and compassion.

### **Beverly Ann (Gates) McBride**

Former Student and Teacher at Humberside

Peacefully surrounded by the love of her family at her residence on Friday, May 11, 2018, Bev McBride of Wingham, age 72 years. Wife of Andy McBride. Dear mother of Wendy and Oliver Bukvic of Georgetown, Andrea McBride and Sean McHenry of Altoona, Pennsylvania and Cheryl McBride and Phil Major of Embrun. Nanna of Darian, Nicholas and Anna. Sister-in-law of Shirley Gates of Bracebridge and Patrick Heenan of Harriston. Predeceased by her parents Stuart and Mary (Gartshore) Gates, her brother Ron Gates and her sisters-in-law Mary Heenan and Martha Myerscough.

### Final Word

I hope you enjoyed this edition of the newsletter!

I apologize for the length of time it took for this edition, it will have been a year since the reunion when this comes out and I hope it brings back some memories for you from the 125<sup>th</sup> celebrations.

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: <u>www.hcialumni.org</u> Contact: <u>committee@hcialumni.org</u>

Thanks to everyone who submitted material for this edition!

Cheers, Jacquie

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