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# HumberSide Collegiate Alumni Association





## Message from the Editor

Hello Humbersiders!

I know it's been a long while since the last newsletter! Sorry about that!

I hope that everyone is staying home if they can, washing their hands and staying safe!

Hard to believe it's been 2 plus years since the 125<sup>th</sup>! There were so many great things that came from that reunion. Reuniting with classmates and the many new memories that were made was just the beginning. One of the most memorable for those that participated was the reunion choir. Well I'm happy to say that the Humberside Alumni Choir went ahead under the direction of Janet Keele. Many alumni registered and rehearsals started in October and ended with a Christmas concert on Friday Nov 29<sup>th</sup>. The concert was a success and the committee hopes this will be just the start of many more to come! (more about the choir in the newsletter.)

I am always looking for suggestions or articles to include in the newsletter and your help is always appreciated!!

I hope you enjoy this edition and please send me your submissions!

Jacquie



# Community News

## **Bloor West Village**

### **Upcoming Events**

More information available at  
[www.bloorwestvillagebia.com](http://www.bloorwestvillagebia.com)

## **The Junction**

### **Upcoming Events**

More information available at  
[www.thejunctionbia.ca](http://www.thejunctionbia.ca)

## **Roncesvalles Village**

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# Humberside Alumni Choir

*There is no better get together than a singing one!*

I don't think anyone from the alumni choir would disagree with me!! What started out as just an idea after the 125<sup>th</sup> resulted in a committee of alumni choir enthusiasts and with our fearless leader Janet Keele, the alumni choir was born. After a year or so of planning, word went out the alumni choir was indeed a go and registration for the choir started.

116 alumni registered for the choir and this group of enthusiastic singers gathered in the music wing on October 16<sup>th</sup> to start rehearsals for the Humberside Alumni Choir's Christmas concert. It was like we never left.

Under the skilled tutelage of Janet Keele, we managed to warm up our voices and remember all that we learned oh so many years ago! We even managed to sound pretty good if you ask me!

Not only did we have a concert on Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, we also sold hoodies and tees with the logo seen on the first page under my welcome. With the profits from the registration fees, merchandise and ticket sales, we were able to raise \$5000! After asking the music department what they really needed, the funds were used to buy them a Vibraphone. They were very happy we could do this for them and are very thankful to the Alumni Choir.

Thanks to everyone who sang in the choir, bought merchandise and came to the concert. We couldn't have done it without you!



Candids from Rehearsal and the concert





# *Save the Date....*

Humberside Alumni Choir presents

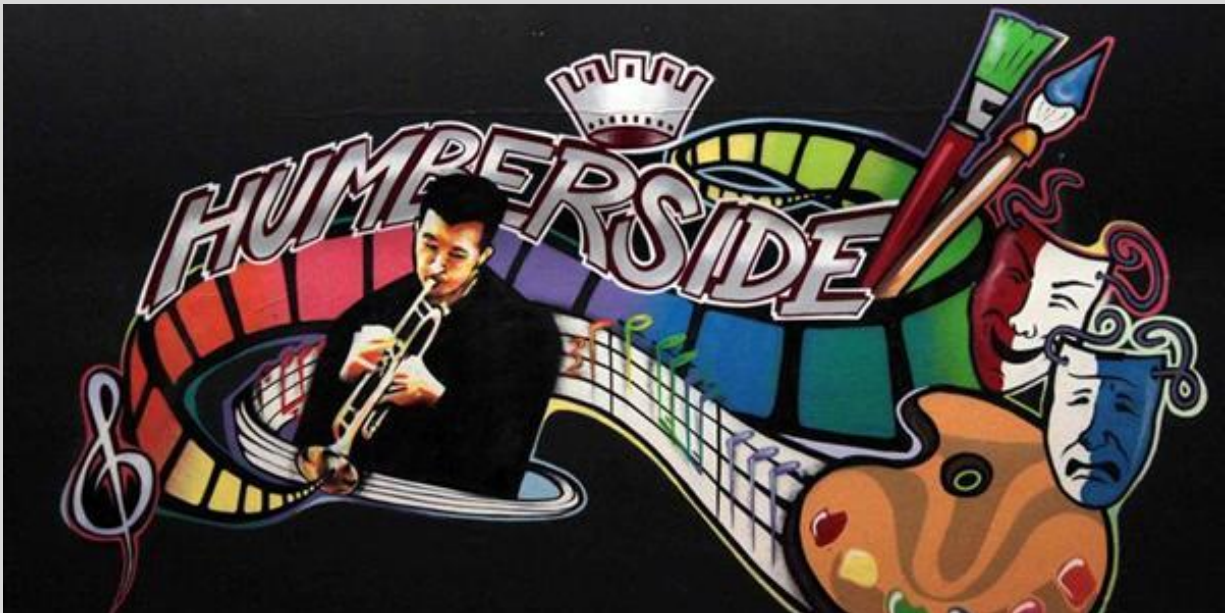
## *We Need A Little Christmas...again!*

I am happy to announce the Alumni choir will be performing a Christmas Concert on  
Friday November 27, 2020 at Humberside in Lisper Hall.

Time and details will be made available later this year.

If you are interested in joining the choir, or would like to be put on an email list for concert details,  
please email [hcialumni choir@gmail.com](mailto:hcialumni choir@gmail.com) and someone will get back to you.

For those of you who were in the choir last year, an update email was sent out. IF you did not receive it, please  
email the address above to be sure you are included in the updates.

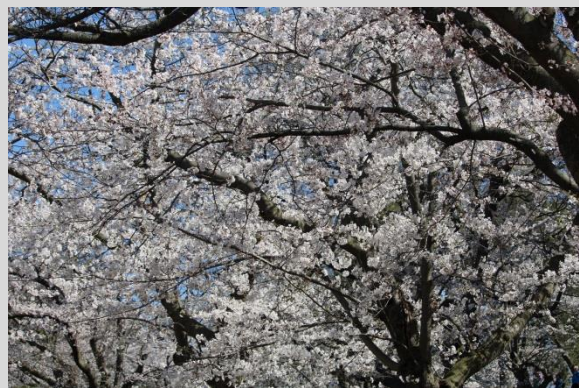


# *High Park Cherry Blossoms*



If you haven't heard by now, High Park WILL BE CLOSED during the cherry blossom season this year due to covid-19, and I don't blame officials one bit! The crowds that invade High Park during this time of year is insane and I know this for a fact because I work right across the street and watch the lineup of cars and streams of people pouring out of High Park subway station.

So, since we can't get in to the park to see the blossoms, here are some pics from my archives. I hope you enjoy them and remember they will be there next year!







## Spotlight on Humbersiders

### John Harris A Night of Music, Magic and Memories

(I know this is a couple of years late, but worth including)

Article submitted to Cashbox magazine by Don Graham and permission by John to include in the newsletter)

On November 22, 2018, Cashbox Magazine Canada presented another in its series of Cashbox Canada Legacy Awards in Toronto to a Canadian music industry builder and educator, John Harris. The presentation ceremony took place at Harris Institute in Toronto, a music industry school started by Harris in 1989.

The evening was attended by many of John's contemporaries and fellow music industry icons and was highlighted by a live solo performance by Lisa Hartt, whom John managed. Hartt performed her hit 'Old Time Movie' and a moving version of Leonard Cohen's 'Tower of Song', a perfect fit for John and the evening.

Cashbox CEO/Editor in Chief Sandy Graham presented the award to an emotional Harris who gave a heartfelt acceptance speech where he gave thanks to all who helped him on his journey with a special thanks to "two people who are unable to attend because of the distance, and it's a really far distance, so thanks Mom and Dad who are up there" as he pointed up to heaven.

The evening began with a great video highlighting John's early days with tributes to bands John managed The Creeps (who became Magic Circus), Tranquillity Base with Ian Thomas, Ocean of 'Put Your Hand in the Hand' fame, The Lisa Hartt Band and Ishan People, a reggae band produced by David Clayton Thomas, The video then showed the tale of how Harris and Bob Hahn formed Rising Records and created Rockabye Hamlet, the first Canadian written musical mounted on Broadway. It became the largest financial disaster in Broadway history but Bob and John broke even.

The video continued highlighting acts managed by John Harris: Michaela Jordana and The Poles, The Stingers, Doc Savage, Richard Raven and De Zines.

John was the sound engineer for the Pope's 1984 Papal visit to Toronto and created the Domenic Troiano Guitar Award in loving memory of one of Canada's most beloved guitarists. There was a list of where the Harris Institute for The Arts alumni are now and their impressive accomplishments. Harris graduates won or were nominated for 197 awards in the past two years, including Grammy, Emmy, Oscar, Juno and Canadian Screen Awards. The school's Arts Management Program is the only college program in North America to achieve eight 0% Student Loan Default Rates and it's Audio Production Program has achieved six.

It was a magical night filled with music and memories with attendees that included legendary photographer John Rowlands, Juno Award-winning producer Chris Birkett, Bill King, Harris instructor and Toronto publicist Jane Harbury, Kathy Hahn and her mother Neva, Entertainment lawyer Paul Sanderson, Lynx Dean of Random Order, Bob Roper, VP, Harris Institute, Michael Watson, Jim Norris, Maureen Jack Sony/ATV's Dave Quillico and many more. There were letters of congrats from his siblings read aloud by Dan Broome and from luminaries who couldn't be there including industry veteran RCA retired president Ed Preston, Joey Cee, Mel Shaw and Muscle Shoals/Nashville legend Norbert Putnam.

A very special shout out to the Harris Institute Team who helped make this night happen. The amazing volunteers Samantha Albuquerque, Cameron Moss, Chris Sabo, Madonna Scott, Ceara Aikens, Tenzin Chaqyal and Olivia Mae Graham. Tricia Sabo for going above and beyond, Sam Weller for the awesome tech work and assistant tech Hannah Rae. Dan Broome, you did an amazing job on stage emceeing the event and Sarah Kelly who was always there to help when anything was needed.

A super big thank you to Pat Blythe, A Girl With A Camera 'The Picture Taker' for capturing these magic moments.

John Sebastian of the Lovin' Spoonful once asked "Do You Believe in Magic? Well if you didn't, you certainly would after a night like this. Truly a magical night filled with old friends, music and memories.

Congratulations John, well deserved.

To Watch the Video of The Career History of John Harris log on here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gi7n372xgzg&feature=share>

- For more on The Harris Institute visit [www.harrisinstitute.com](http://www.harrisinstitute.com)

*Editor's Note: 'Where minds and music matter and future leaders gather' is the slogan for The Harris Institute. It is aptly used to describe this building, the students, instructors and their leader John Harris. That feeling was in full swing on the evening of the induction of John Harris into the Cashbox Canada Legacy Award history.*

### **25th HCI Golf Grads Scramble**

On September 17, 2019, about 25 HumberSide grads and their friends teed it up for the 25th annual HCI Golf Grad Scramble. (The HCI Individual Score Tournament occurs every June). Over the 25 years of these tournaments, about 100 HCI golfers have played together at Cambridge Golf Club. The tournament was started in 1994 by Gord Biddie '51, and a bunch from that year. Gord ran the Canadian Tire store in Cambridge, thus the attachment to Cambridge. During the last few years Don Coote and Jim Wismath have taken over the organizing and have done a great job..

The weather was great again this year and there was even some good golf played!

This year's winners included

Winning Team – Norm Bell '73, Paul Bell '72, Drew Horgan '73, Rick Oskirko '73

Runners Up- Bill Duplak '73, Rick Marinangeli '70, Rick Nagai '73 , Bob Tangney '71

Longest drive – Randy Marinangeli '74      Closest to the pin – Randy Marinangeli '74

Longest Putt – Bob Tangney '71

Door Prizes – Rick Marinangeli '70, donated by Bob Cwirenko '57, Don Coote '51, donated by Gary Logan '57

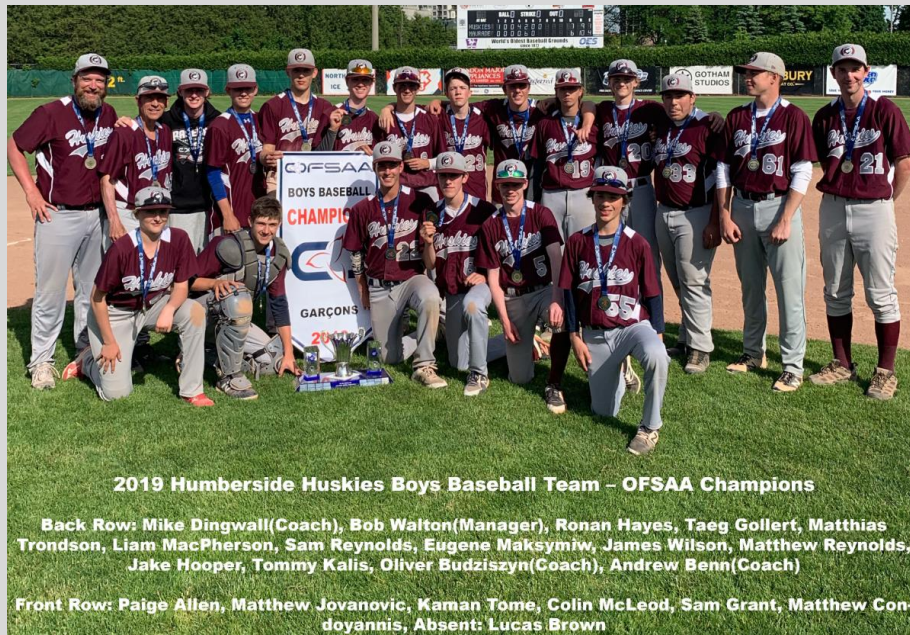
Guests - Gary Penner, Dave Reason, Roger Legon

Next tournament is on Tuesday, June 16, 2020. Contact Don Coote at [don.coote@sympatico.ca](mailto:don.coote@sympatico.ca) if you would like to join us.

For the organizers,

Bob Walton, HCAA Secretary





The Humberside Boys Baseball Team celebrated its 40th year of existence by going all the way to win their second provincial high school OFSAA championship on June 12, 2019. (The team had also won the Prentice Cup in 1981 but that had only been in a 12 team TDSB league). This team was led by veterans Matthias Trondson, Liam MacPherson and Sam Reynolds and junior Taeg Gollert, and a great coaching staff of Mike Dingwall, Andrew Benn, Oliver Budziszyn and Bob Walton, who had coached the team for 38 years. The road to the final went through Ajax, Oshawa and London and although there were close games, the excellent play by all our confident players caused the team to never panic and just continue to make good baseball plays all the way to the final. Well done, HUSKIES!

Submitted by Bob Walton



# *In Memoriam*



## **William Roy McCutcheon**

**1929 - 2019**

William Roy McCutcheon July 31, 1929 - July 30th, 2019. Peacefully, after a brief illness and one day before his 90th birthday, Roy passed away. Roy married Thelma Henderson, (children Wilma, Ruth, Mary-Lynne and Brian), but lost Thelma to cancer at an early age.

Roy found happiness again and married Patricia Savage, (children Steve, Rob and Laurie). Together Roy and Pat shared 8 grandchildren, with the first great-grandchild on the way. Roy was born and raised in Toronto; the only child to Fred and Margaret McCutcheon. He attended Humberside Collegiate where he discovered his love of sports and identified his passion for education. His career started as a high school teacher, progressing to Principal, Dean of Seneca College, and peaking as the second President of Seneca College before he retired. Roy's passion, coupled with his ability to bring people together, made him a true visionary, leader & mentor. His love of nature, cottage life, boating and travel has deeply influenced his children & grandchildren. Summers were spent with family at his cottage on Drag Lake in Haliburton, giving all the family wonderful memories. Roy leaves behind a legacy of love for family, friendship, education, mentorship and community. Roy's love for animals, dogs in particular, insured that every dog that became part of his family was the luckiest dog in the world. Golf was one of Roy's great joys in life. He was fortunate to have played some of the best golf courses in the world, and was an active member at Thornhill Country Club and later The Briars. Upon retirement, Roy was a founding board member of the Georgina Trades Training Institute (GTTI) in Sutton, and Board Chair of the Briar's.

In Don Coote's words;

Some of you more senior citizens may recall that Roy participated in almost everything. Sports, music (he played sax in his own dance outfit), plus he was academically blessed, ultimately becoming Principal, dean, then President of Seneca College.

Roy was Board Chairman at The Briars Golf Club. But, to us, Roy was a good golf buddy and school friend, who will always come to mind when we think of the great personalities who surround us each time we tee off at HCI Grads Golf.

Like so many sport-loving, music-loving, academically-accomplished Humbersiders, Roy will be remembered as so dimensionally unique, but one of us.

And we were so lucky to have him with us.

**SAWICKI, JOSEPH** "JOE" HENRY Of Oxenden, and formerly of Brampton, passed away peacefully at Grey Bruce Health Services Owen Sound on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 with cherished wife, Valerie (nee Dahl) for 36 years, and beloved daughter Rachael by his side. Devoted son to Elvira (Ella) and late Kazik. Loving brother of Steve (Corinne), Jane (Murray Gilmore), Diane, Edward, and sister-in-law Barb Sawicki; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews; and will be missed by many friends and extended family.





## **DOUGLAS ALEXANDER HAIN**

September 26, 1941 - March 21, 2019

Doug passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 21, 2019, surrounded by his loving family at a hospice in Etobicoke. Beloved father to children Cara (Blair), Bain and Gordon. Adored by his grandsons Luke, Dylan, Blake and Drew. Cherished by his partner for life Jill and the rock at the centre of the Hain family. Over a 50 year career as a teacher, he was always appreciated and admired by colleagues and students alike. His friendships lasted a lifetime - with many dear friends from childhood, university (McMaster '64) and the University Naval Training Divisions (UNTD). The camaraderie he cultivated throughout his teaching years in Lindsay and Lahr (Germany) as well as at Kipling Collegiate and the Etobicoke School of the Arts filled his life with joy. He had endless energy and commitment to the UNTD Association (past President and Secretary), West Toronto Junction Historical Society and as the last Clerk of Session for Victoria Royce Presbyterian Church. Known for organizing social gatherings with his friends and retired colleagues he was the man who brought people together. Whether in Toronto or at the cottage in Lake of Bays he always found time to see the joy in life. To all who knew him, he was a gentle, gracious and kind soul. He will be sorely missed.



## **RAFFERTY, John Francis "Raff"**

Peacefully passed away on December 17, 2019 at the age of 89 with his family by his side. John is survived by his loving wife Judy of 55 years; daughters, Kimberley (Michael) Lalonde and Patricia (Richard) Lade, and will be remembered by his cherished grandchildren, Abigayle, Jacob, Tara and Kristin. He is also survived by his siblings, Paddy (Sharon) Rafferty and Esther (Gary) McElwain. John was predeceased by his parents, Leo and Esther Rafferty, as well as sister, Lorraine Rafferty. In his younger years, John enjoyed spending his summers in Muskoka with friends and family. He was an avid reader and an accomplished artist. John was a proud alumni of Humberside Collegiate, where he formed many lifelong friendships. Before retiring, John was a senior auditor for Shell Canada. He enjoyed tennis, hockey, football and golf, and was a long-term member of the Toronto Boulevard Club. John was happiest surrounded by his family.



# Mary Elizabeth Alice Siemiesz (nee Poole)

**April 28, 1953 - September 24, 2019**

It is with deep sadness that we announce Mary's passing after a difficult battle with cancer on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at the age of 66 years. Mary is lovingly remembered by her husband Bruno of 37 years and fondly remembered by her brothers Bishop Philip Poole (Karen), David Poole, Sister-in-law Krystyna Steiger (Nory), nephews Michael Poole (Lisa), Christopher Poole (Carly), nieces Iris Kingston (Stuart), Megan Poole, Bridget Poole, great-nieces Verity, Remi and Irelyn Poole, Eilidh and Eefa Kingston and great-nephews Eamon Kingston and Marlon Poole.

Mary was born in Peterborough, Ontario on April 28, 1953 to loving parents who raised their family within the Anglican faith. Mary's father Maurice was an Anglican priest and her mother Barbara was active in the church leading children's sing-along sessions, Bible studies and teaching Sunday School. Growing up, Mary was exposed to the Christian teachings of the Anglican Church, and participated in organizations such as the Brownies and Girl Guides. These influences played an integral part in shaping Mary to be the loving, caring and giving person she blossomed into. With these qualities deeply instilled in her Mary lovingly and painstakingly looked after both her parents as they moved through the various stages of assisted living for seniors and beyond. Most recently, Mary was a member of the "100+ Women Who Care Oakville" contributing to local charities.

Mary absolutely adored her nephews, nieces, great-nieces and great-nephews. She loved Christmas and looked forward each year to decorating the house to the nines and hosting family Christmas parties acting as Santa handing out the gifts. She also loved spending time at the family's cottage on Browning Island on Lake Muskoka with Bruno and their Labrador Retrievers.

Mary graduated from Humberside Collegiate in 1972 before completing a three-year Diploma program in Fashion Merchandising at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute and earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree from York University. She began her working career in marketing at Carnation Company, before moving to E.D. Smith & Sons and ended her working career at Nestle Purina where, a highlight for Mary was inducting various heroic pets and service dogs into the Purina Hall of Fame. Mary had a lifelong love of pets, especially dogs and she immensely enjoyed all six of her black labs; Sable and Jessie, Indy and Oakley, and Isla and Rylie. Not surprisingly, after retiring from her working career, she joined the Board of Directors of the Oakville and Milton Humane Society.

From Jane Gilmour:



Mary and I met in high school and shared many similar interests from singing in the school choir, cheerleading, being members of the same sorority. Every year we would meet for dinner to celebrate our mutual birthdays which were just two days apart. She was happily married to Bruno, her high school sweetheart. I have many wonderful memories with you Mary. You will be so missed



## *Final Word*

*I hope you enjoyed this edition of the newsletter!*

*I apologize for the length of time it took for this edition.*

*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](http://www.hcialumni.org)

Contact: [committee@hcialumni.org](mailto:committee@hcialumni.org)

*Thanks to everyone who submitted material for this edition!*

*Cheers, Jacquie*

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