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# HumberSide Collegiate Alumni Association



## Welcome to Spring!

High Park Cherry Blossoms



## 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!

This past year (20/21) has been an interesting one to say the least! It has been difficult in so many ways but especially for local businesses. In order to support them, I put a call out to businesses owned by Humberside Alumni. Those who got back to me are listed in the newsletter. Please support them if you can.

Let's hope the rest of 2021 continues to improve in terms of Covid and life will return to some semblance of normal soon!

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*

*Upcoming Events*

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

# Humberside Alumni Choir

As you are all aware, we had to postpone the Christmas concert in 2020 and at this time we cannot confirm if we will be able to have one in 2021, but fingers crossed. In the meantime, for you choir members, a little funny and surprising true! (author unknown)....

## CHOIR PRACTICE 10 COMMANDMENTS

1. Thou shalt remember the weekly practice time
2. Thou shalt bring thy music and thy water
3. Remember the vocal warm-up, to keep thy voice
4. Thou shalt look up sometimes from the music
5. Thou shalt at least glance at the director
6. Thou shalt not audibly curse the anthem choice
7. Thou shalt not chat while the basses rehearse
8. Thou shalt keep track of the current page numbers
9. Thou shalt not blame the altos
10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's pencil

The **50th** REUNION of the **1971** graduation class  
(...and to all **THE FRIENDS OF '71**)

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Although the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** has been working on our reunion since last year, this crazy **COVID** stuff has put our plans **ON INDEFINITE HOLD** until things have settled down with vaccinations and herd immunity.

We have about 130 names on our **ACTIVE** mailing list and we have recently sent out information emails. That still means we have "lost" about 150 of our grad class for whom we have **NO INFORMATION**.

If you have stayed in contact with anyone and they have not received an email from us would you please contact them.

ASK them if they are interested in receiving **REUNION** information in the future. (Also....if they are **NOT INTERESTED** please let me know and I will add that so we do not bother them again.)

If you have **ANY EMAIL ADDRESSES** please send this information **TO MY PRIVATE EMAIL: [iwndry@hotmail.com](mailto:iwndry@hotmail.com)** .....**SUBJECT: CONTACT INFO (or) REUNION**(.... so I don't delete you from my **JUNK** folder).

Many thanks for your help and I'll let you buy me a beer at the reunion.....**WHENEVER** and **WHEREVER** it will be.

Until then, stay safe and stay healthy.  
Doug Wighton (WIG)

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, haw!  
Humberside, Humberside, Rah! Rah!

From last time....







## Humberside Alumni Entrepreneurs

Let's support our fellow Alum during this unprecedented time.  
(from those sent to me and in no particular order.)

### **Stephen Smyth 1983   Owner Chief Financial Interviewer**

After several years in sales and human resources, he started *Chief Financial Interviewer, Inc.* in 2002. *CFI, Inc.* is a unique solution for companies looking to hire financial professionals. Having established a reputation as both professional and objective, *CFI, Inc.* delivers results that are in the best interests of the hiring company, which sets them apart from traditional employment agencies or search firms. They provide services that include job postings to a proprietary email network of over 15,000 CPAs across Ontario, resume screening, interviewing and reference checking.

Learn more about them at [www.financialinterviewer.com](http://www.financialinterviewer.com)

### **Phil Morrison 1984/85   Owner Jimmys Coffee**

Jimmys Coffee was established in Dec 09 in a vacant store front that I owned. As of Dec 2020 I opened the 9th location, also in a vacant store that I owned. Jimmys maintains a cheap and cheerful outlook and the shops are very warm and fun to spend time in. The focus has always been on the quality of the product and keeping our price as low as possible so our customers can keep enjoying the experience without feeling they are making a financial sacrifice. Pre Covid, Jimmys employed just shy of 100 people and that has been very rewarding as well. I'm often asked why I chose the name Jimmys. While researching other great coffee shops in TO, I met a woman who worked for Jamie Kennedy at a place called Hanks. I mentioned how much I loved the name Hanks and she told me they were going to call it Jimmys initially. I figured if it was good enough for Jamie Kennedy, it's likely good enough for me. The more I thought about the name the more I loved how easy it was to remember and that I in fact had never met a Jimmy I didn't like. Ironically that woman became my first store manager and really helped set the tone we were looking for.

Learn more about them at <http://www.jimmyscoffee.ca>

### **Jeff Edge 1987   Music Lessons**

I have been teaching Guitar, Piano, Bass, Ukulele and Mandolin for many years. I teach all ages from beginner to advanced levels in all styles of music. Learn how to play in a relaxed and fun environment.

Contact : 647 885-3601 or [edge.s@rogers.com](mailto:edge.s@rogers.com) Learn more about them at [www.jeffedge.com](http://www.jeffedge.com)

### **H. Herb Wittig 1974   DPI Graphics Group Inc**

DPI Graphics Group Inc. was founded in 1981 by Herb Wittig as a print management services operation. DPI today is a complete design, pre-media and printing operation, producing all the elements required for any print, signage or marketing project

Learn more about them at <http://dpigroup.com/>

### **Maria Giodano**

Owner of Applewood Massage Addict

Learn more about them at [www.massageaddict.ca](http://www.massageaddict.ca)

**Liz Bennett 2010 Izzie Xb Artist**

I am a freelance artist who specialize in digital illustrations. More specifically in digital portraits. I offer these portraits starting at \$40.

Learn more about them at [www.instagram.com/ izzyxb](http://www.instagram.com/izzyxb)

**Marian Boyd 1970 Author**

I have just co-authored a series of books on grief, Remember, It's OK. We have written 6 books: Loss of a Partner, Loss of a Parent, Loss for Teens, Loss of a Pet, Loss of a Sibling or Friend, and Loss of a Child. The first three books were release last May, shortly after COVID shut down everything. The next three are being released this coming may - still in COVID. It has been a huge challenge to advertise and sell our books. We would have been doing conferences, etc., but all that is unavailable for the foreseeable future.

Learn more about them at [www.rememberitisok.com](http://www.rememberitisok.com)

**Sarah Casey 1988 RMT**



**Massage Therapy, Reflexology,  
Reiki**

*By appointment only.*  
Call or text **(647) 267-6314** or e-mail  
**sarcasey7@gmail.com** for an  
appointment.

Wax Bath (Hands), Axiatonal  
Alignment Add-ons and Combination  
Treatments available.

Cash, cheque/bank draft, Credit  
Cards, E-Transfer, ApplePay,  
GooglePay accepted.

Insurance receipts provided.

**Darrell Dobey 1976 goes by Rocky Dobey Punchclock Metal**

Darrell, who goes by Rocky Dobey, owns Punchclock Metal located in the Junction. We build mostly public Art across Canada. We have a small cadre of Humberside graduates that work here. Humberside has been a school that many graffiti artists graduated from and who are now involved in public art projects.

Learn more about them at <http://punchclockmetal.com>

**Dmytriy Pereklita 1986**





# ONE PIECE A DAY



**OnePieceADay (OPAD)** is a global environmental initiative based in Toronto, Canada. Its objective is to raise awareness about the detrimental effects of litter and plastic pollution on the planet. OnePieceADay centres around a mobile app that logs every piece of litter picked up or refused with the simple but powerful concept that if everyone on the planet picked up just one piece of litter a day, we would counter the alarming rates of plastic pollution and in effect, climate change.

Our work also takes us to schools, colleges and universities, where we speak to students about issues of litter and plastic pollution and how small action steps by many can make a real impact on the planet. OPAD is a partner of the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) and York University, and has worked with Humber College, University of Toronto, and Across U-Hub.



## Trash Talk

Pollution exists primarily because of single-use plastic. Plastic production leaves a hefty carbon footprint which can be minimized through eliminating single-use plastic. Plastic is not biodegradable, so every single piece of plastic that has ever been produced still exists on planet earth! In order to reduce the amount of pollution infiltrating our cities, parks, forests and beaches, we need to stop the consumption of single-use plastic.



Shop eco-friendly essentials  
via OnePieceADay's  
e-commerce platform!





## Dmytriy Pereklita

Founder, OnePieceADay

Dmytriy Pereklita is an architect, family man and a diehard environmentalist. He started OPAD after witnessing copious amounts of pollution infiltrating the shores of the Maya Riviera and thought: "What if everybody could just pick up one piece of trash a day?"

Dmytriy believes small actions by many change the world. Since OPAD launched, over 1M pieces of trash has been picked up and responsibly disposed of or refused.

Dmytriy is a global thought leader in climate change and has been featured in a number of media outlets including: ThriveGlobal, Authority Magazine, Alternatives Journal, Waterfront Magazine, The Millennial Source and Climate Change with Scott Amyx.

Listen to Dmytriy's exclusive interview with Scott Amyx (TEDxWallStreet, Forbes Business Council) [here](#).

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Small steps by many people can change the world. — DMYTRIY PEREKLITA

AS SEEN IN →

THRIVE  
GLOBAL

TMS  
The Millennial Source

Authority Magazine

AJ  
Canadian Environmental  
Watch

TORONTO  
waterfront  
MAGAZINE

## DID YOU KNOW?



- As of 2020, disposable masks pose a new threat to the environment, they take up to 450 years to decompose due to its polypropylene liners.



- Plastic takes nearly 1000 years to decompose, but never really goes away. It breaks down into finer micro plastic particles that enter the environment & animal food chain.



- Humanity consumes 1M plastic bottles every single minute. Of these, 91% are not recycled, and 32% end up in our oceans annually.



- Styrofoam takes up to 1M years to decompose.

## Achievements

### JUNE 2017

The OnePieceADay App is launched and available on IOS and Android.

### AUGUST 2017

The David Suzuki Foundation endorses OnePieceADay through its various social media platforms.

### APRIL 2019

Over 160,000 pieces of litter cleaned up from the Don River ravine during an 800-person clean up, co-sponsored by OPAD.

### APRIL 2019

REFUSE Single Use Plastic Mode is launched, the only one of its kind available.

### JULY 2019

Sir David Attenborough personally supports OnePieceADay with a few special words.

### OCTOBER 2020

OnePieceADay's much-anticipated "Green Amazon" launches: An e-commerce platform that provides eco-friendly everyday essentials.

### DECEMBER 2020

1M pieces of litter picked up and logged on the OnePieceADay App!



### Goal for 2025

1M OPAD users picking up litter each day to reach a global shift of consciousness to eliminate single-use plastic and pollution.



OPAD Founder Dmytri Perekhita meets with Toronto Mayor John Tory, Kevin Au Yeung (right) & Karen Ng (left) of the Association of Chinese Canadian Entrepreneurs (ACCE).



OPAD team meets with the Honourable Minister of Environment and Climate Change Catherine McKenna.



Dr. David Suzuki Endorsement

5 Park Road, Richmond, Surrey BC V6X 0R1

27.7.19

Dear Dmytri Perekhita,

Thank you for your letter  
I wish you every success in all  
you are doing in the battle  
against plastic pollution.

Best wishes  
David Attenborough

from David Attenborough

Letter from Sir David Attenborough





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Download **OnePieceADay** and  
start saving the planet!

## 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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Choik-atee-hoik  
Forever