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President's Message

What a great spring and summer we had! I can't remember the last time the weather was consistently hot and dry, with the occasional bout of rain for the garden. And we can't complain about the fall so far, except that it leads into winter. I'll save my thoughts on that for another time as there are more important items to discuss.

Revenue Canada is questioning the duration of our Executive Committee, especially the President and Treasury positions. I've been President since 1994. Bruce Bagley has been Treasurer since 1998, and Karel Horsley has been doing this since forever. In short, all of us have been doing this for too many years. The C.R.A. has a mandate that states these positions should be occupied by the same people for no more than 5 years. The same goes for our Auditor as well. At this point in time we do not have an Auditor, so I assume this year we will have to pay someone to audit the books. We have been fortunate for the last 26 years in that, one of our alumni has generously offered to do this task for free. On that note, I would like to thank Harry Sutton '43 and the late James Browning '63 for their time and generosity in their support for the OCAA. For these many years. Gentlemen, thank you very, very much.

So where do we go from here?

As I see it, we need some new and younger people on the executive to hopefully attract former students from the 60's, 70's and 80's. I feel this is paramount to increasing our numbers, which have been slowly but steadily declining. The majority of our members have always been made up of alumni from the 40's, 50's and some 60's and unfortunately as people pass on they have not been replaced by the younger generations. Perhaps we are not appealing to them in a manner they are now used to. We don't Twitter or Face Book, and perhaps that is what we need to do. If so, then we need folks with the knowhow to push this further. Maybe we also need PayPal or Visa, but these also come at a cost and would have to be researched regarding same. Would our fee structure bear the additional cost or would we have to increase our two year fee?

Just for the record, we have 84 members from the 60's, 21 from the 70's and 5 from the 80's. Not very good numbers in my opinion. Surely some of the members from these three eras must know an old classmate who might be interested in coming on board the executive and helping out. All of us will still be around to assist if needed and would be glad to do so.

There was no Spring Newsletter this year and that was my fault. There was some lack of news but mostly I just could not find the energy or the time to do it. Casey Mak has generously offered to take over the Editor's position after this newsletter goes out and I thank him profoundly for taking on this responsibility.

I hate to say this, but if our numbers continue to decline we will not be in a position to produce a newsletter because of the cost. If this were to happen I think all we could do is hold a meeting of the current executive once a year to administer the donations to the school. This could be kept up for a few years until we ran out of money. After that, the OCAA would be disbanded. It would be a shame considering the letter I recently received (*see page 2*). It's food for thought.

I hope you will think about the future of the OCAA. Perhaps you, or someone you know might be interested in helping out with the OCAA. I sincerely hope so.

Best regards as always,

Charles Marmoreo '58, President, OCAA

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The Oakwood Collegiate Alumni Association's goals are:

- To establish and maintain a sense of common identity among former students, teachers and present staff.
- To share news from Oakwoodites everywhere.
- To provide funds for prizes and scholarships for deserving students.
- To encourage class reunions and to reunite old friends.

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Dear Charles -

I am a 1959 Oakwood alum, and would like to get registered as such. Can you tell me how to go about this? My name was spelled "Sauchuk" while at OCI.

I received the Fall 2009 Newsletter from Roy Fischer, and enjoyed going through it. Interesting reading, and pictures as well. Thanks for taking this on – great job, and much appreciated.

Attached are some scans- including a picture of my class that I found - maybe grade ten? This would have been around 1955? (I was at Oakwood from 1954 to 1959). I have also included the names of those in the photo, as best as I can remember... I recall their first names better than surnames, as you can see. I also have attached pages 3 and 4 from our 1959 Graduation Program, listing the Grade 13 grads (see page 12).

Thanks much, and cheers!
Ron



Names as best as I can remember...

(Left to right)

3rd Row:

Jerry Rowe, Alex L., Barry Goldblatt,
Gerry Garber?, Roy Fischer, Stan B.,
Laurence Louis, Mark Masak,
Jimmy Bogart.

2nd 1/2 Row:

?, Paul Oakley.

2nd Row:

Barry F., Jim Watling, Larry G.,
Fergus W., Carl Roitenberg, Jack Gryfe,
Ron Sawchuk, Walt G., John Murphy.

Front Row:

Alan H., Renee Hackman,
Delia M., Frances Jarrett,
Dawn-Ellen C., Barb Craik,
Norma Manzie, Miss Duff.

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Armstrong, Peter J.	Fennell, Kenneth A.	McMullen, Michael K.
Assinger, Vivian M.	Ferris, Fred Z.	Maedel, Ronald R.
Baker, Michael A.	Fraino, M. Elena	Manning, Geraldine F.
Bannister, H. Jane	Friedland, A. Allan	Mantuani, Mark A.
Beaty, Robert B.	Frohn, Merete W.	Mason, John A.
Berenbaum, Priscilla E.	Garber, Gerald	Mason, John A.
Bernstein, M. Sharon	Goodman, Rochelle	Matjasic, Stanley A.
Bettes, Kenneth H.	Goodman, Sandra M.	Mednis, Ingrid
Bluestien, Barbara	Griffin, J. D. Anthony	Melzer, S. Ruth
Borgmann, Hartmut	Hagopian, David M.	Meretsky, Dianne
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Brewin, Martha E.	Heath, Edgar H.	Nagami, K. May
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Burkowitz, Emory	Hindley, G. Joan	Pickles, Edward C.
Clarke, John W. G.	Hirabayashi, Jeanette S.	Rintoul, E. Frances L.
Clutchey, Carl C.	Hutcheson, Jane P.	Roebuck, Rosalie
Coker, Dawn-Ellen	Jeffers, Allan W.	Rosenbaum, Sheldon J.
Corbett, Vincent R. C.	Juras, Raymond N.	Rubinoff, Brenda
Cordery, Brenda L.	Kadlecek, Dagmar J.	Seidel, George
Craig, Sheri L.	Kalbfleisch, Karol K.	Shoot, Lorraine B.
Debow, Gary	Kay, Melvyn A.	Skilling, Donald W. A.
Decyk, Taras	Kee, Norman G.	Smith, David S. B.
Diveky, George A.	Kenderdine, John R.	Stancikas, Zivile V.
Duckworth, Peter B.	King, Ellen M.	Tidy, Ashley W.
Dunne, Patrick J.	Krabi, Reet	Trubkin, Shepherd W.
Eakin, M. June	Kushnir, Victor M.	Uus, Aina
Eddy, Larry A.	Lilley, Jean I.	Vdovich, Lynn L.
Embree, Neil L.	Loisky, Stanley	Vlasinich, Vesna
Emmett, Walter R.	Luft, Alice	White, Elizabeth D.
England, Judith R.	MacLeod, Peter K.	Wiggins, Sheldon
Ertin, Calvin	Macpherson, Rosemary	Young, Charles L.



OCI 9th Annual Golf Tournament

A wonderful, sunny, final day of summer greeted the Oakwood Alumni golfers who gathered at Maples of Ballantrae for the annual tournament on September 21, 2010. We were hosted by organizers, Ted Pickles, Peter Stille and Dom Dente. We had time, before and after battling our way around the course, to visit with old friends and reminisce about our years at OCI.

After the usual heckling and charges of sand-bagging abated, presentations were made to the low gross winners, Bob McKinney, Bob Hewitt, Gordon Barry, and Wally Urbananski. Low net winners were Jim Reid, Ray Reynolds, Art Valve, and Bill McIntyre.

Maureen Taylor and I played this year and, had such a great time. We are hopeful that more women will join the fun next year.

Again thanks to our hosts and to the staff of Ballantrae for their warm hospitality.

Cheers,
Lorraine Bell



Oakwood Day at Woodbine

We had a blast! An 'Oakwood Day at Woodbine' was a tonne of funne!

Early in September, Woodbine welcomed us with their electronic signage... and made a big deal about Oakwood being present – “Welcome Oakwood Grads”! Ted Pickles embarrassed me by having them wish me Happy Birthday - my 69th!... and we had fun!

For someone who lives outside of Toronto, even outside the province, it's a BIG deal coming to the BIG smoke! It only happens once every 4 or 5 years.

Marilyn Paterson-Hillier and her husband John have been running horses at Woodbine for years, and my thought was 'let's get a gang together'. It worked. More than 25 showed up... wish you were there!

Bill Carr



Judy Morton and Don Carr.



Left to right: Clive Dunstan, Marilyn Hillier, Myrna Ellefsen and Heather Lusigan.



Marv Morton.



Charles (Chuck) Marmoreo.



Left to right: Jennifer and Fraser Code, Heather Lusigan, Marilyn Hillier and Maureen Taylor.



Bonnie Marmoreo and Shirley Campbell.



Ted Pickles and Myrna Ellefsen.

Thelma (Percival) Bayley '48

Thelma's 80th birthday was celebrated with a group of Oakwood ladies with whom she graduated in 1948 and who were reunited at our 50th in 1998. This small group participated in this celebration with family and friends.

This group now gets together 2-3 times a year in different areas of Ontario and relive the good old days. We all miss **Lorna Bayes** who is no longer able to join us as she and Bill Bayes are now permanently located in Victoria B.C.

Loreen Speers has made a generous donation to the Alumni of Oakwood to honour their special friend's 80th birthday.



*Left to right:
Ruth (Howlett) Livingstone,
Helen (McKay) Dool,
Thelma (Percival) Bayley,
Loreen Speers and Kathy
(Hutchison) McVicker.*

John McKennell '48

Passed away on December 14, 2009. After McMurrich Public School, John came to Oakwood where he became a star centre for the Oakwood hockey team. Year books of the time tell of five consecutive winnings of the Henders Trophy, emblematic of hockey supremacy in North Toronto and the terrific games played by the forwards, McKennell the league leading scorer, Treleaven and Graham. The story is told of Johnny McKennell who was the smallest on the squad at 5'-4" who never stopped skating and "one of the most feared when in close". He was described as small, red-haired and a fierce competitor. John attended all the various reunions including the 90th at which his photo was taken with his McMurrich buddy, Howard Ridge (*shown below*).

John continued as a star hockey player on three consecutive NCAA championship teams at the University of Michigan after playing for the Toronto Marlies. He coached Humber Valley Hockey teams in Etobicoke. Following his coaching years, John became a prominent member of the Fairfield Seniors' Golf Association.

John was an Allstate employee for 37 years, retiring in 1992.

Please mail any news of the 40's to:

John Corkill '48
19 Cherry Post Crescent,
Toronto, Ontario M9C 2J9
Or call: 416-626-7716



Karel Horsley

Velma Orok Staff 1943-75

received an Ontario Senior Achievement Award from Lt-Gov David Onley for her work with the *Let's Discuss It* program at Christie Gardens Apartments & Care. The award is considered Ontario's highest recognition for Seniors. To view the article visit <http://mytowncrier.ca/speakers-series-receives-acclaim.html>



Velma Orok, OCI Staff '43 - '75

W. Bernard Herman '28,

U of T '31, who went to Grace St. P.S. lives in Florida in the winter. He went to law school after OCI, practiced for 25 years, then went into the parking business. City Parking. He still sails, goes to practice range on golf course, and works out at a gym. He will be 99 this year.

Harry Silverwood Tidman '28

died peacefully at Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie, Ontario at the age of 99. He was a retired physicist who joined OCAA in 1985.

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Helen Hackner Wadge '32

lived in an apartment in the Beach where she could look across the street at Lake Ontario, since our newsletter began in 1984. She lived on Southwood Drive for 40 years, when it was paved with bricks, and pianist Glen Gould's parents lived next door.

Rev. Robt M. Bartlett '38

died suddenly in September 2008. He was predeceased by his wife **Audrey Helliart Bartlett '38** December 12, 2002, daughter Marilyn, grandson Michael and granddaughter Susan. After serving as a pilot during WWII, he studied at Emmanuel College and was ordained in the United Church of Canada in 1952. He served in congregations in Northern Ontario, Hamilton, Welcome and Toronto, and as a chaplain at Canadian Forces Bases in Summerside PEI, Edmonton AB and St. Jean QC.

Mrs. Bob Jones '45

wrote to tell us of her husband's death in April 2009, saying he was ill for some time, and was disappointed not to be able to attend the 100th anniversary. He joined OCAA at its beginning (1984) and was an investment consultant who lived downtown.

Joyce Goodman Lawee '49

still sees her friends since grade nine named **Marlene Rosner Ruderman**, **Mona Sky Levenstein**, **Fern Wintraub Resnick**, and **Daisy Strauch Jacobs**. Also **Tobe Herlick Blumenstein** whom they met in grade 11.

The late **Ann Coulthard Scrivener '50** was a gifted painter (OCA '54) into her final year, and Kiwanis Festival violin first prize winner. She worked as an advertising copywriter and in consumer research at Procter & Gamble where she met her husband Alan in 1954. She will be remembered for her humility, putting others first, her unflinching sense of fair play, devotion to her family, and inability to overlook grammatical errors.



Left to right: Joan Tuck Brownlow, David Brownlow and Joy Whitfield Foster.

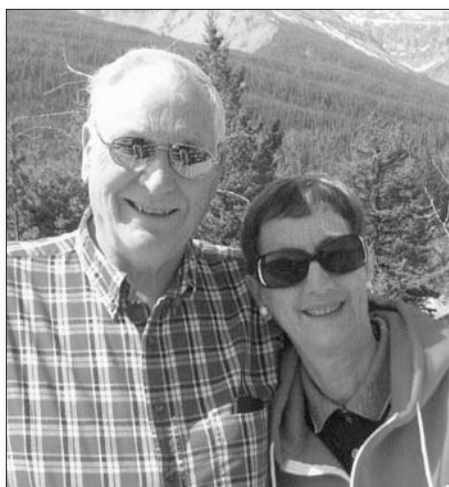
Stela Staroba Fejtek '52

has a little casita in the desert, close to **Nellie Stepaniuk Kopchinski '52** so they swam and went to dinner daily in January. Weather in the 70s.

Joan Tuck Brownlow '53

and **Dave Brownlow '52** visited **Joy Whitfield Foster '53** during a visit to BC last May. Joy and her husband Tom live in Surrey BC and celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2008 (*shown above*).

Joan and David Brownlow then flew to Calgary AB to visit David's sister **Ruth Brownlow Dunsire '53** and her husband Don (*shown below*). Ruth and Don celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 26, 2009. It was great to visit BC & AB friends and relatives who have lived out west for over 50 years.



Don and Ruth (Brownlow) Dunsire.

Bill Stephenson '54

retired end of January 2007 and currently winters in Florida, instead of Wingham, Ontario.

I saw **Sylvia Jenkins Minialoff '55**

in September 2009 at a retirement dinner for Father Harold Nahabedian of St. Mary Magdalene Anglican church, at The Faculty Club.

Bill and Jane Mowat Martin '55

wrote to identify the teacher in class 13D picture from 1946, on page 3 of the last Oakwoodite. It was Miss Jessie Reade (Staff 1919-1953) who later became Mrs. C. Roy Greenaway.

I saw **Joan Robertson Routledge '56**

at the 50th anniversary of Toronto General Hospital graduates of September 1959 class of nursing.

Ivor Redgers '56

who married **Joyce Peach '57** has lived in Bramalea since it had a population of 1100. After OCI he went to Bell Tel in Construction and Engineering. For their 50th wedding anniversary they will go on a Princess Line 28 day cruise out of Beijing China, then Japan, Korea, Russia, Alaska. Joyce, who was born in England, went to OCI two years only, then Winston Churchill in Scarborough. She worked at Prudential Insurance after high school, and when their two daughters were older, worked for Bacardi in Brampton. Ivor's older brother **Cliff Redgers '47**, still lives in Islington. He was an estimator for a printing company which did the Eaton's catalogues. Ivor still sees **Don Taggart '56** (twin of Ron) who moved to Fort Erie about 5 weeks after they started OCI. They went to Regal Road P.S. together. Ivor and Joyce went to an OCI reunion (but didn't see anyone they knew) with friend **Anne Shepard Whaley '58** and her husband.

Stan Neal '57

retired on June 30 after 40 years in the investment business with RBC Dominion Securities.

Thoughts from a retiring investment advisor: Private schools have for years attracted funds from grateful alumni. Consider dividing your will into, say 1000 parts or shares. Determine how many shares each of your family will receive, and then distribute the balance amongst your favourite charities; and importantly, include OCI in your list. You received – give some back to a new generation of Canadians.

The late Ted Kakino '59

joined OCAA 25 years ago. He lived in Vancouver where he was a manufacturers' representative for several top fashion names. They would send him samples, and the retailers would go to his warehouse to fill out their orders. He was diagnosed with lung cancer mid September 2009 and died January 29, 2010.

New member Vivian Assinger

Heinmiller '60 participated in the Super Walk for Parkinson's in Peterborough, raising over \$4000 for research and support services. A lot of old friends with whom she re-connected at the 100th reunion, supported her online appeal. She wonders if golfer John Watkins taught at OCI in the 60's, and thinks she and her husband taught with him in Peterborough before he moved to Toronto. She loved OCI for the noon hour dances, the swimming pool (oh those wool tank suits), the orchestra, the wonderful teachers, and the Friday night dances followed by chips and gravy and cherry cokes at the restaurant across the street.

Florence Wise Weinstock '65

wrote in October, to identify herself as the mystery girl singer in last issue of The Oakwoodite, page 6, beside **Ivan Reitman '65**. They sang together for several years. Florence married **Joe Weinstock '64**.



Wychwood reunion attendees (left to right):

Bob Longworth, Steven Fernley, Mary Gourlay, Charlene Fernley, Rodney Groom, Bob Kerr, Sandy Gourlay, Mary Anne Bobbie, Norma Fernley, Cynthia & John Longfield, Ross Horne, David Honigsberg, and Allan Pusitz.

David Honigsberg '66

wrote to tell me about the Wychwood Reunion held on November 7, 2009 which Bob Kerr organized. Group met on St. Clair West at Arlington in a restaurant from 2 to 5 pm. **Robert Longworth '57** and **Ross Horne '65** (*shown below*) also attended.



Sandra Chiddenton Corbett '68

wrote me in November, that when she started curling at the club in Huntsville, a woman named Lynne said "so you attended Oakwood Collegiate, did you?" She was **Mrs. Bob Lawson** (Staff 1976 - 1988) who also gets this newsletter, and read about Sandra in the last issue.

Craig Freifeld '69

wrote that **Dr. Lynn Joseph Fukakusa '69** had died on Sunday June 7, 2009. They were classmates at Winona Drive P.S. when it was known as McMurrich. Craig was only at OCI a year and a half and was in the same class as 'Joey' in both grades nine and ten, before moving to Willowdale, where he attended Northview Heights S.S.

Craig went on to work in television and radio news and sports for almost 40 years, under the pseudonym of Al Craig. Now semi-retired, he is the Sports Information Officer at Mohawk College in Hamilton, and colour commentator for the Hamilton Bulldogs of the American Hockey League.

Anna Linda Dorigo Follitt '76

wrote to tell me of the death of her sister-in-law **Natalie DeRango Follitt '77**. The late Natalie had two sisters who also graduated from OCI, **Delia DeRango '76** and **Timmie DeRango '82**. On the Follitt side of the family, were Oakwoodites **Kenneth Follitt '29**, his children **Wendy Follitt '65**, **Bill Follitt '67** and **Betsy Follitt Mallany '68** (husband John Mallany OCI too). **John Mallany '68** had brothers **Hugh '67**, **Paul '69** and **Peter '74** who went to OCI. A. Linda's children **Crystal Follitt** and **Robert Follitt** graduated from Oakwood in 2000 and 2002.

Please email any news of the 50's to: kmborsley@sympatico.ca or forward by mail to: Oakwood Collegiate Alumni Association, 600 The East Mall, P.O. Box 11544, Toronto, Ontario M9B 6L1

Hooray! You do not need to endure one of my essays this issue! There is interesting news from one of our fellow Oakwoodites, and a request that might help to solve a mystery.

First, I have received a couple of emails from David Honigsberg '66, who wanted to share some interesting stories.

The first is a letter which he wrote to the Editor of the Globe and Mail in October 2009, referring, as far as I can tell, to an article previously published there. The article (and here I'll let him take over) highlights the difference between "brainy" guys and I guess what you would call and what applies to my category, "not so brainy" guys in reference to the "babes". Did you read it? I just couldn't pass up the

opportunity to comment without mentioning Oakwood, but of course in a positive light. David goes on to comment, "After reading *Why Brainiacs are Babe Magnets*, I have come to the conclusion that the adage 'opposites attract' is true. Unfortunately I have also come to the realization that I should have followed my Oakwood Collegiate teachers' advice and paid more attention to my studies instead of playing ball hockey."

Oh, isn't hindsight a wonderful thing!

And it seems that our David has been treading some boards lately – or at least, has been lending his voice to those who do (he writes that he had some voice-over lines near the end of the play). His next email sounds interesting, indeed.

It's about a play which ran (sold out) for the month of July last summer (2009) at the 4th Line Theatre in Millbrook, Ontario. Millbrook is about half way between Toronto and Peterborough. The play was called "*The Right Road to Pontypool*". Based on a true story, the play follows the life of one family of Toronto's working class Jews from the early 1900's through to the mid 1960's. Pontypool is a few kilometres from Millbrook and was at that time located in the heart of Protestant southern Ontario but was also the summer resort area for thousands of Jewish immigrants as well, including my family. We were there in the summer of 1960. I had just turned 14 at the time and met many kids there from McMurrich Public School who later went on to Oakwood with me. Two other high schools, Vaughan Road and Harbord Collegiates, were also well represented as was Mackenzie Collegiate in North York. Many illustrious Jewish alumni from all four high schools spent their summers in Pontypool. The play was reviewed on July 15, 2009 in the Globe and Mail (one third of a page) and received three out of four stars. There was also a book (2nd printing) that came out last year called *Laugh, and the world laughs with you, in Pontypool* by Grant Curtis a local historian which also chronicles this period with many pictures including a few OCI alumni plus a page and half on my family.

David writes that the play will return this coming August, and has given the name and contact information for the Director of Marketing for 4th Line Theatre. So for anyone interested in the Pontypool story, or who may have had a connection with Pontypool in their childhood or youth, the person to contact is *Mark Stainback, Director of Marketing*. His telephone number is 705-932-4448 and e-mail is marketing@4thlinetheatre.on.ca Web site is www.4thlinetheatre.on.ca

David also praises our newsletter highly. Thank you, David – it's great to know that all our work is actually read! And appreciated!

I also had a request from Robin Sears, who writes, the most important history teacher of my OCI days was a young man named Jim Baker. He only taught there for a few years I believe. I had him in grades 12 and 13 which was '67 and '68 in my case. I have never been able to track him down. Would love to say hi and thank you after all these years as my continuing love of history he gets much of the credit for. Any leads you and your colleagues can suggest much appreciated.

So does anyone in Oakwoodite-land remember Mr. Baker? I do not – I'm sure I was gone from Oakwood before Mr. Baker arrived. But it is good to hear of a teacher that affected his student in that way (the same, actually, as Dr. Hill did to me).

And now that my (oversize) tale is through... Be good to yourselves... until next time...
May Zadkin Webster '62

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Newlyweds Arthur and Marilyn, 1956.

wood Collegiate teachers' advice and paid more attention to my studies instead of playing ball hockey.
David Honigsberg, Toronto

Globe and Mail clipping from letters to the editor, October 31, 2009.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Principal, **Ellen Austrom**. We are very glad to have you aboard Ellen and look forward to a great relationship.

Congratulations to the **Senior Boys Basketball** team that ended an amazing season by winning their first OFSSA Boys Championship since 1993. The **Barons** ended the season with a 41 – 4 overall record and a Provincial Championship. Team Captain, Julian Clarke signed a NCAA Division 1 Scholarship with Santa Clara University, CA.

Congratulations are due to the **OCI Drama Department**. They won the Sears Festival Regional Competition and were invited to perform, along with other schools, at the Brantford Provincial Show.

The OCI performance of “*Never Swim Alone*” was superb and all the actors and actresses deserve a round of applause from the alumni.

OCI 100th Anniversary Pub Night

On Friday May 2, 2008, OCI alumni gathered to celebrate. In attendance:

30s

Les Curry '35
Ed Lanigan '39
(Gananoque)

40s

Audrey Whitely '46
(RR Cambridge)
Ross Brownridge '47
Wm P. McGirr '47
Howard Ridge '48
Harry Waterman '48

50s

Frank Hammond '50
(Collingwood)
Wilf Pilsworth '50
Marg Lamkin Newell '51
John F.H. McDonald '51
(Scarborough)
John Hope & Pat Bolton Hope '52
(Bobcaygeon)
David Brownlow '52
Bob Wright '52
Bruce Bagley '53
Joan Tuck Brownlow '53
Manfred Schulzke '53
Gary Sanders '53
Larry Whitehorn '53
Natalie Gromoff-Kramer '54
Norma Lamkin Nicholson '54
David Rist '54
(Bethel CT)
Bruce Nicholson '55
Ralph Marriott '55
Nancy Camm Lewis '56 Pbo
Marie Collins Goldthorpe '56
Hugh Cooke '56
Barry Firman '57
Stan Neal '57
Jane Trusler Maher '57
Dean Collins '58
Robt Longworth '58
Charles Marmoreo '58
Len Perrin '58
Wendy Sadowy '58
Hendry Beben '59
(King City)

Clive Dunstan '59
Ted Kakino '59
Bob McCulloch '59
Roy Fischer '59
Ted Pickles '59
Myrna Silk '59
Bob Woodley '59
(Stfd)

60s

Betty Boyd Kivitis '60
Tony Griffin '60
(Peter's brother)
David Smith '60
(Calgary, AB)
Dick Beamish
(Nanaimo, BC)
Bill Carr '62
(Vernon, BC)
Evelyn Newell Longworth '62
Hazel Wiseman Schulz '62
(Victoria, BC)
Maureen Taylor '62
(Niagara on the Lake)
Ted Lea '63
Lynda Longworth Chenier '64
Steve Relyea '66
Don Carr '67
(Carrying Place, Ontario)

80s

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Around the World in 128 Days

By *Stela Staroba '53 Fejtek*

On January 5, 2009 my sister Svata Staroba '56 Trossen, her husband Richard and I embarked on a trip of a lifetime. Our point of departure was Fort Lauderdale, Florida. We visited 25 countries on five continents, crossed the equator four times and covered almost 50,000 miles – the equivalent of going around the world 1.6 times! Four months later we returned to Fort Lauderdale.

Our ship was the ms Rotterdam, Holland America Cruise Line. We had 1300 passengers, a crew of 590 and luxurious beyond your wildest dreams. Daily life was very busy; so many choices to make: eating, exercise classes, yoga, swimming, sunbathing, eating, flower arranging, cooking classes, eating, lectures by prominent speakers, formal nights, shopping and gambling on board, land excursions and so much more.

Our first port-of-call was Cartagena, Colombia where we searched for the famous emeralds, we passed through the Panama Canal from the Atlantic to the Pacific through three sets of locks. It took eight hours to travel the 50 mile length of this unbelievable engineering feat! We walked on rope bridges in the rain forest of Costa Rica and wandered through coffee plantations. We sun bathed in Cabo San Lucas and spent one day in Los Angeles. Then on to Hawaii, and Australia with stops in Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth. We climbed to the top of the famous Borobudur Temple in Semarang, Indonesia and continued on to bargain in the markets of Hong Kong. We marveled at the clay soldiers in Xian, China and climbed the Great Wall. On to Beijing, Shanghai and Singapore, where we had a Singapore Sling at the famous Long Bar in the Raffles Hotel. We rode an elephant in Thailand and gazed in awe at the beautiful Taj Mahal in India. We were shocked at the poverty in Mumbai and gasped at the glitz, glitter and glamour of Dubai. We swam in the warm turquoise water of the Seychelles and were caught in the middle of the pirate attack on the Maersk Alabama in the Indian Ocean.

We bargained for wood carvings in Mombasa, Kenya and rode a gondola to the top of Table Mountain in Cape Town, South Africa. I rode an ATV on the sand dunes of the Namib Desert in Namibia where the locals were sand-boarding down the 900 foot sand dunes. We visited Napoleon's Tomb on St. Helena and listened to the music of the pan steel drums in Trinidad.

As our incredible odyssey around the world came to a close, I couldn't help but reflect on all I had seen, experienced and learned. We saw the primitive to the exotic and places in between, we had the opportunity of meeting people and experiencing cultures and politics of many countries, giving us a better understanding of global concerns. As we docked at the pier in Fort Lauderdale where we had started four months earlier, we reflected on all we had seen and learned. The memories of this incredible journey will be with us forever.

Editor's note:

You can read details and view photos of Stela's and Svata's trip on their blogs:

stelaatsea.blogspot.com and
travellingtrossens.blogspot.com

Stela would be happy to hear from you. She can be reached at:
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Deaths

- Harry S. Tidman* '28
February 6, 2010
- Kenneth M. Foliott '29
August 14, 1998
- Rev Robert McQueen Bartlett* '38
September 29, 2008, age 89
- John Leroy Oke '43
June 26, 2010, age 87
- Robert H. (Bob) Jones* '45
April 20, 2009
- Alison Suttie Hesketh '45
January 1, 2010, age 83
- Marilyn Salter Deery* '48
July 30, 2010
- John H. McKennell* '49
December 14, 2009, age 80
- John Becker '51
September 22, 2010
- Shirley Dawson McDonald* '51
June 24, 2010
- Ken Lovegrove '52
July 12, 2010
- Irving Bloomberg '54
August 20, 2010
- Chris Christoff '54
December 13, 2009, age 75
- Dr. Arthur Gryfe* '54
January 23, 2009
- Ted Kosoy '55
April 9, 2010
- Joan Swarbrick Dobson* '55
June 4, 2010, age 74
- Ted Kakino* '59
January 29, 2010 in Vancouver BC
- Vincent Del Buono '67
April 13, 2010
- Dr. Joe Fukakusa '69
June 7, 2009
- Natalie DeRango Foliott* '77
March 13, 2008, age 50

*OCAA members.

John Leroy Oke '43

Passed away on Saturday, June 26, 2010 in his 87th year. A proud Canadian and World War II Veteran, Jack spent his career in the fire safety industry working until he was 84 years of age.

Marilyn (Salter) Deery '48

passed away on July 30, 2010. She rejoiced in the lives of her two daughters, Wendy and Maureen, their happy marriages and her only granddaughter Kelsey. Marilyn, always a passionate reader, passed her love of books and reading on to her children.

Marilyn was a long-standing member of the school choir while at Oakwood and maintained her interest in OCI as a member of the Alumni/ae Association. She attended the 90th Anniversary of Oakwood in 1998, which was also the 50th anniversary of her graduation in 1948.

John Becker '51

Graduated from OCI in 1951 and studied engineering at the University of Toronto, graduating in 1955.

He leaves his wife of 54 years, Gwenne Belsten Becker and twin brother Keith, both OCI '51, brother Dean OCI '45 and sister-in-law Lois Kelly Becker OCI '47.

Vincent Del Buono '67

It is with great sadness and regret that the OCAA learns of the passing of Vincent Del Buono on April 13, 2010 at the age of 60.

Vincent, who was Caput President, graduated from OCI in 1967, and was awarded the York University First Class Honours Scholarship. He obtained his BA from York University's Glendon College in 1972, and went on to complete his MA and LL.M from the University of Toronto in 1975 and 1976, respectively.

Vincent has made his mark in the field of criminal law, both in Canada and abroad. His career spanned various sectors, from government, the UN, academia, and NGOs. In 2008, Vincent was invested into the Order of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, where he made significant contributions to the reform of Nigeria's justice system and human rights.

In addition to his positive impact and commitment to legal and judicial reform, Vincent was also a supporter of Oakwood Collegiate Institute (OCI). He and his brother, Robert, sponsored the OCI Grade 13 Del Buono Award for General Proficiency, which was named in honour of their late brother, John Del Buono, OCI 1964 - 1967.

The OCAA extends its deepest condolences to Jennifer Pothier, wife of Vincent, and to the entire Del Buono family for their loss. A memorial service was held on May 2, 2010 at the Unitarian Congregation of Niagara.

Sympathy

Norma Trickey Darling '47

on death of her husband Ken, April 12, 2010 at Oakville Trafalgar Hospital

John Corkill '48

on the death of his daughter-in-law Jacky

Marg Parkes Sillers '48

on death of her husband John Sherman Sillers LLB, October 14, 2009

Beth Challis Clarke '50

on the death of her husband Charlie November 27, 2009

Catherine Eck Eppes '50

on death of her husband Bill, June 2007

John F McDonald '51

on the death of his wife Shirley Dawson McDonald on June 24, 2010 at home

Jack Bloomberg '52

on death of his brother Irving, August 20, 2010 at Mt Sinai Hospital

Dr. Martin Kosoy '53

on death of his brother Ted, April 2010

Michel Socha '53

on the death of his mother Bella, Holocaust Survivor, August 26, 2010

Ron Zwyer '53 & Marianne Wilson Zwyer '54

on the death of his mother Anne, August 8, 2010, age 97

Doreen Manley Gryfe '54

on death of her husband Dr. Arthur Gryfe, January 23, 2009

Jim Christoff '56

of Denman Island BC, on the death of his brother Chris December 13, 2009 at Burlington Ontario

Diana Patterson Urquhart '56

on death of her husband Ron, 2008

Aldona Pundzius Tallo '56

on the death of her husband Steve, in Oshawa on April 28, 2010, age 74

Dr. Phillip Kosoy '57

on death of his brother Ted, April 2010

Howard Bloomberg '64

on death of his brother Irving, August 20, 2010.

Moves

Helen Hackner Wadge '32

into Avondale Retirement Residence

N. Bruce Watters '36,

of Seattle WA, into retirement residence

Eileen Wells Dolan '38

into Thorne Mill on Steeles, Thornhill, Ontario

Verna Reesor Blanchard '42

from Aspen Lodge

Bev Baker Beecham Gordon '46

to Collegiate Heights Retirement Residence, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

Eva Sutherland Pawrie '46

to Christie Gardens

Marion Challis Steacy '52

from Victoria BC to Markham, Ontario, June 2008

Rene Marmoreo '57

from Don Mills to Thunder Beach, near Lafontaine, Ontario, February 2010

Esther Bialick Diamond '66

from Thornhill to Burlington, Ontario.

OCI Scholarship Donors

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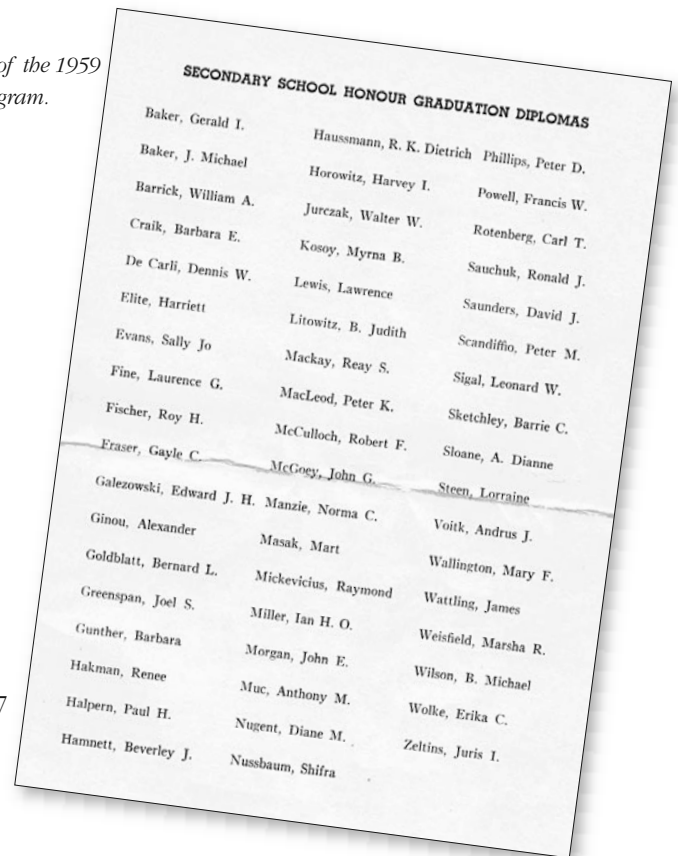
Staff

Karen Whitewood
 Doug White

New Members

Ian J. Campbell '63
 Paulla (Siraco) Lunardo '77
 Domenic Lunardo '79

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Other Business...

Moving?

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Would you like to be the OCAA's newest Auditor, Treasurer or even President?

If you would consider taking on any position, please contact:

Charles Marmoreo at 416-243-9994.

OCAA Annual General Meeting

Monday, November 29, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Oakwood Collegiate Institute
 991 St. Clair Avenue West
 2nd Floor, Teachers' Lounge

All O.C.A.A. Members are welcome.